

2020 Minutes of the Somerville City Council

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City Clerk**

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CITY GOVERNMENT 2020

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES:

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST: Kristen Strezo
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Katjana Ballantyne
COMMUNITY CABINET: Kristen Strezo
COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE: Katjana Ballantyne
DEDICATIONS STEERING COMMITTEE: Jesse Clingan
HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE: Mary Jo Rossetti
MINIMUM MIXED USE RATIO WORKING GROUP: William White, Katjana Ballantyne
MUNICIPAL JOB CREATION AND RETENTION TRUST FUND: Jesse Clingan
OFFICE OF HOUSING STABILITY ADVISORY BOARD: Ben Ewen-Campen
PARKING STUDY WORKING GROUP: Wilfred Mbah, Mark Niedergang
PEDESTRIAN AND TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Katjana Ballantyne
SOMERVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Ben Ewen-Campen
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STANDING COMMITTEES (Chair listed first, vice chair second):

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND INSTRUCTION: *Laura Pitone*, Sarah Phillips, Ilana Krepchin
FINANCE AND FACILITIES: *Andre Green*, Ilana Krepchin, Ellenor Barish
RULES MANAGEMENT: *Emily Ackman*, Ellenor Barish, Sarah Phillips

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

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2020, 5:00 PM
 City Council Chamber-City Hall-93 Highland Avenue

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Ward Five City Councilor Mark Niedergang.

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 209447
 (ID:22293)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

CERTIFICATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

2. Officer's Election Commissioner submitting the results of the City Election held on
 Communication November 5, 2019.
 209448
 (ID:22294)

The City Clerk read the results of the November 5 municipal election for the City Council.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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| 3. | Election
209449
(ID:22295) | Election of a President for 2020: Motion, That Matthew McLaughlin be elected President of this Council. |
| <p>City Councilor McLaughlin was nominated by City Councilor White. He was the only candidate nominated.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | | |
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| 4. | Election
209450
(ID:22296) | Election of a Vice President for 2020: Motion, That Mary Jo Rossetti be elected Vice President of this Council. |
| <p>City Councilor Rossetti was nominated by City Councilor Scott. She was the only candidate nominated.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | | |

RECESS FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The City Council recessed at 5:15 PM for the School Committee's Organizational Meeting. The Council reconvened at 5:25 PM.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

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| 5. | Order
209451
(ID:22297) | By City Councilor Davis
That this City Council adopts for 2020 the Rules of the City Council as approved on December 12, 2019. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | | |
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| 6. | Order
209452
(ID:22298) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That this City Council hereby revives all business pending before this Council or its Committees at the end of 2019 and recommits the revived items back to this City Council or its proper Committees, except items that were pending in the Committees on Senior Services, Veterans and Public Services, and Youth Services are committed instead to the Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations, as attached. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | | |
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| 7. | Order
209453
(ID:22299) | By City Councilor Scott
That the bonds of the City Treasurer be hereby accepted and approved. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | | |

8. Order 209454 (ID:22300) By City Councilor Mbah That the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to appoint Deputy Tax Collectors.

RESULT: APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

9. Election 209455 (ID:22301) Drawing of Seats.
President McLaughlin appointed City Councilors Ewen-Campen and Hirsch to draw the seat assignments.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Seat Assignments:

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

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 5:30 PM.

City of Somerville, Massachusetts
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2020, 7:00 PM
 City Council Chamber-City Hall-93 Highland Avenue

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 209456
 (ID:22370) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 209457
 (ID:22377) Councilor Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Helen Manetta.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, November 26, 2019, and the
 209458 Regular Meeting, November 26, 2019.
 (ID:22371) **RESULT: APPROVED**

CITATIONS

4. Citation 209459 (ID:22374) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen Commending Mark Howland, who has served for 15 years on the Board of Library Trustees for the betterment of Somerville's public libraries.

Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the Citation, and Mr. Howland spoke about the importance of the newly-established Library Foundation.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Location 209460 (ID:22323) Submitted by Eversource to install 43 feet of conduit in Grand Union Boulevard from manhole #26212 to a traffic light signal at the intersection of Grand Union Blvd and Revolution Drive.

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 209461 (ID:22324) Submitted by Eversource to install 21 feet of conduit in Nashua Street from utility pole 252/5 to a point of pickup at 40 Nashua Street.

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. Councilor Niedergang requested this to go to Committee to find out about the affected retaining wall, and who owns it. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

7. Grant of Location 209462 (ID:22325) Submitted by Eversource to install 23 feet of conduit in Holland Street from manhole #8247 to a point of pickup at 17-27 Holland Street.

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 209463 (ID:22326) Submitted by 86 Franklin Street LLC to install 36 feet of conduit in Franklin Street from utility pole 134/20 to a point of pickup at 84 Franklin Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Patrick Lynch, representing the property owner, discussed the work to be completed. Councilor Scott asked why Eversource was not the petitioner, and Mr. Lynch responded that the application was designed to expedite the work. Councilor Scott recommended sending this to Committee for further questioning. 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

9. Order 209464 (ID:22302) By City Councilor Davis, McLaughlin
That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of SPCD report to all Ward Councilors all properties in their respective Wards registered under the Vacant Property Ordinance, with a record of any fees or fines paid, and the dates of any compliance inspections.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. Order 209465 (ID:22303) By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide the Ward 6 Councilor with a written update, before 1/23/20, on plans to repair the brick sidewalks and crosswalks in Davis Square.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. Order 209466 (ID:22304) By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management update the Ward 6 Councilor on alternative locations for electrical equipment in the Brown School green space.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

12. Order 209467 (ID:22305) By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide the Ward 6 Councilor with a written update, before 1/23/20, on plans for the Willow Avenue to Grove Street sewer and storm drain project and how to mitigate flooding in that area in the interim.

RESULT: APPROVED

13. Resolution 209468 (ID:22306) By City Councilor Davis
That the Mayor and the Director of SPCD commence a public planning process for 45 College Avenue that includes a large accessible public meeting space with access for West Branch Library programming.

RESULT: APPROVED

14. Resolution 209469 (ID:22307) By City Councilor Davis
That the Mayor and the Director of SPCD commence a public planning process to consider designating pedestrian-only streets in Davis Square, with corresponding changes to traffic patterns.

RESULT: APPROVED

15. Resolution 209470 (ID:22308) By City Councilor Davis
That the Mayor and the Director of SPCD advise the Ward 6 Councilor on options for developing a four season market hall/small business incubator space in Davis Square, including the possible use of the parking lot at Day and Herbert Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

16. Resolution 209471 (ID:22358) By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang, Ballantyne, Clingan, Mbah
That the Administration update this Council on the plan to inform residents of the expanded eligibility for tax deferral programs.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

17. Order 209472 (ID:22359) By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Director of SPCD report back to this Council on the feasibility of piloting passive sensor mid-block pedestrian crosswalk lights that automatically flash when a person approaches the crosswalk.

RESULT: APPROVED

18. Resolution 209473 (ID:22360) By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang
That the Administration update this Council on the teen snow shoveling program, including shoveler recruitment efforts and new income eligibility restrictions for enrollees.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

19. Resolution 209474 (ID:22361) By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang
That the Administration consider undertaking a targeted mailing to prior-year violators of snow shoveling requirements.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

20. Order 209475 (ID:22362) By City Councilor Hirsch, McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD, the Director of Finance or the City Solicitor inform this Council how the City will be able to ensure that deed restrictions remain during the transfer of a property.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

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| 21. | Order
209476
(ID:22363) | <p>By City Councilor Hirsch, Mbah
That the Director of Water and Sewer and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide additional information regarding the elevated lead level notification, such as when the City learned about the results, how the results have been communicated, and where residents can find more information.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Councilor Hirsch has heard from concerned constituents regarding the elevated lead level notification and requested more information on the City’s communication plan.</p> <p>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> </div> |
| 22. | Order
209477
(ID:22364) | <p>By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD consider strategies to reduce the volume and impact of package delivery vehicles, such as encouraging smaller or electric vehicles and cargo bike parking, as has been tried in Manhattan and Seattle.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> </div> |
| 23. | Order
209478
(ID:22365) | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Hirsch, Davis, Mbah, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Scott
That the Director of SPCD present recommendations for an "Affordable Housing Overlay District" to this Council’s Committee on Land Use, to facilitate the construction of new affordable housing.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> </div> |
| 24. | Order
209479
(ID:22366) | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Clingan, Hirsch, Davis, Mbah, Niedergang
That the Committee on Housing and Community Development convene a Public Hearing on the ongoing Tufts Payment in Lieu of Taxes negotiations, and request written answers from the Administrations to the attached questions raised by the "ORS Pilot Working Group."</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Councilor Ballantyne reminded the community that two years ago a survey was conducted to create a wish list for negotiations, and the negotiating team has been moving forward with those suggestions.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> </div> |
| 25. | Order
209480
(ID:22367) | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD update this Council on when a 2020 Housing Needs Assessment study will be complete.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> </div> |

26. Order 209481 (ID:22368) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis, Hirsch, Mbah, Scott That the Director of SPCD ensure that tree removal permits aren't granted for properties currently subject to a "Stop Work" order.

RESULT: APPROVED

27. Order 209482 (ID:22369) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott That the Director of Engineering construct a pedestrian crosswalk across Washington Street in front of the Public Safety Building. (2nd request)

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

28. Grant of Location 209187 (ID:22040) Submitted by ExteNet Systems to install a small cell wireless antenna and related equipment on an existing utility pole near 59 Dartmouth Street.

City Clerk Long reported that the petitioner has asked that the item remain on the table.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

29. Resolution 209284 (ID:22154) By City Councilor Scott Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

30. Mayor's Request 209483 (ID:22373) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$6,000,000 in a bond for the renovation of the Arthur D. Healey Schoolyard.

Councilor Clingan expressed the importance of getting this project's funding in place.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

31. Mayor's Request 209484 (ID:22290) Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 grant per year for 2020, 2021 and 2022, with no new match required, from the MA Department of Health to the Health and Human Services Department for opioid overdose prevention for homeless and at-risk-for-homelessness populations in Somerville and Cambridge.

Councilor Scott requested to waive the readings of items 31 through 36 and approve them, as they were all grants. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 32. Mayor's Request 209485 (ID:22287) | Requesting acceptance of a \$83,616 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Public Safety to the Fire Department for staffing costs. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 33. Mayor's Request 209486 (ID:22244) | Requesting acceptance of a \$20,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for traffic enforcement programs. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 34. Mayor's Request 209487 (ID:22271) | Requesting acceptance of a \$7,181.10 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Public Safety to the Fire Department for the purchase of firefighting gloves. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 35. Mayor's Request 209488 (ID:22286) | Requesting acceptance of a \$2,218 grant with no new match required, from FM Global to the Fire Department to purchase a tablet and two cameras for fire investigators. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 36. Mayor's Request 209489 (ID:22285) | Requesting acceptance of a \$2,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Public Health to the Department of Health and Human Services "The 84" Middle School Pilot Chapter project. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 37. Mayor's Request 209490 (ID:22329) | Requesting approval of an annual Vacant Property Registration Fee of \$500. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 38. Mayor's Request 209491 (ID:22291) | Requesting approval of an exemption for David Gibbs pursuant to MGL c268A, s20(d). | Councilor Scott requested to waive the readings of items 38 through 66 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 |
| 39. Mayor's Request 209492 (ID:22283) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Dave Goodridge to the position of Chief Information Officer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

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| 40. Mayor's Request 209493 (ID:22328) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Angela Allen as Purchasing Agent. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 41. Mayor's Request 209494 (ID:22330) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Edward Bean as Finance Director. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 42. Mayor's Request 209495 (ID:22331) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Edward Bean as Auditor. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 43. Mayor's Request 209496 (ID:22332) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Ron Bonney as Superintendent of Fleet Management. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 44. Mayor's Request 209497 (ID:22333) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of John DeLuca as Director of Water & Sewer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 45. Mayor's Request 209498 (ID:22334) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Frank Wright as City Solicitor. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 46. Mayor's Request 209499 (ID:22335) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Candace Cooper as Director of Personnel. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

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| 47. Mayor's Request 209500 (ID:22336) | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Steve Craig as 311 Director.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 48. Mayor's Request 209501 (ID:22337) | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Suzanne Rinfret as Director of Parking.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 49. Mayor's Request 209502 (ID:22338) | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Doug Kress as Director of Health and Human Services.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 50. Mayor's Request 209503 (ID:22339) | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Jill Lathan as Director of Parks and Recreation.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 51. Mayor's Request 209504 (ID:22340) | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of William Roche as Municipal Hearing Officer.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 52. Mayor's Request 209505 (ID:22341) | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Rose Durham as Clerk of Committees.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 53. Mayor's Request 209506 (ID:22342) | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Peter Forcellese, Sr. as Legislative Clerk.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

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| 54. Mayor's Request
209507
(ID:22343) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Kimberly Wells as Assistant Clerk of Committees. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 55. Mayor's Request
209508
(ID:22344) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Fred Massaro as Director of Capital Projects. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 56. Mayor's Request
209509
(ID:22345) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Steven MacEachern as Commissioner of Public Works. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 57. Withdrawn
209510
(ID:22346) | Withdrawn. | RESULT: WITHDRAWN |
| 58. Mayor's Request
209511
(ID:22347) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Frank Golden as Chief Assessor. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 59. Mayor's Request
209512
(ID:22348) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Nick Antanavica as Director of Inspectional Services. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 60. Mayor's Request
209513
(ID:22349) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rich Raiche as Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

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| 61. | Mayor's Request
209514
(ID:22350) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jessica Fosbrook as City Engineer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 62. | Mayor's Request
209515
(ID:22351) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rachel Taylor as Animal Control Officer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 63. | Mayor's Request
209516
(ID:22269) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Julie Coen as Animal Control Officer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 64. | Mayor's Request
209517
(ID:22353) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Linda Dubuque as Treasurer/Collector of Taxes. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 65. | Mayor's Request
209518
(ID:22355) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jennifer Mancia as Executive Director of the Women's Commission. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 66. | Mayor's Request
209519
(ID:22356) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nancy Salamoun as Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 67. | Officer's Communication
209520
(ID:22289) | Assistant City Solicitor seeking approval to appear before this Council to discuss approval of the settlement of a pending claim in connection with the flood occurring at City Hall on 11/23/2018. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
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68. Officer's Communication 209521 (ID:22288) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #209048 re: the impacts of development along Alewife Brook Parkway on the Algonquin Gas Transmission Pipeline located there.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

69. Officer's Communication 209522 (ID:22292) Director of Personnel responding to #209367 re: the appointment of a Chief Information Officer.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

NEW BUSINESS

70. License/Permit 209523 (ID:22327) Public Event License, Tufts University Tuftonia's Day, Professors Row between Packard Ave and Curtis St, Apr 24, 5-9PM (raindate Apr 26).

Councilor Mbah requested to waive the readings of items 70 through 82 and approve them and Councilor Davis requested that item 74 be sent to the Licenses and Permits Committee for follow-up. There being no opposition, Councilor Mbah's motion was approved as amended.

RESULT: APPROVED

71. License/Permit 209524 (ID:22316) Renewing Garage License, Junior Auto Body, 486R Columbia St.

RESULT: APPROVED

72. License/Permit 209525 (ID:22322) Renewing Automatic Amusement Devices License, Cuisine En Locale, 156 Highland Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED

73. License/Permit 209526 (ID:22311) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Nine Bar Espresso, 11 Holland St.

RESULT: APPROVED

74. License/Permit 209527 (ID:22312) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Ball Square Cafe and Breakfast, 708 Broadway.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

75. License/Permit 209528 (ID:22313) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, MedWell Health and Wellness, 55 Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

76. License/Permit 209529 (ID:22314) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Taco Party, 711 Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 77. | License/Permit
209530
(ID:22315) | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Oat Shop, 20 College Ave.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 78. | License/Permit
209531
(ID:22317) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, 28 Motorsports, 486R Columbia St.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 79. | License/Permit
209532
(ID:22318) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Automotive Transport Service, 40 Joy St.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 80. | License/Permit
209533
(ID:22319) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor Pl.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 81. | License/Permit
209534
(ID:22320) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, James Kiley Co, 15 Linwood St.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 82. | License/Permit
209535
(ID:22321) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Real Auto Shop, 463 McGrath Hwy.
RESULT: APPROVED |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 83. | Communication
209536
(ID:22381) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
In his capacity as President, conveying this Council's Standing and Special Committee assignments and Commission appointments for 2020.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| 84. | Order
209537
(ID:22378) | By City Councilor Mbah
That the Director of SPCD and the Commissioner of Public Works convert the traffic light at Powderhouse Blvd. and Curtis Street into a 4-way STOP signal.

Councilor Ballantyne requested that she not be listed as a co-sponsor. She said the City needs to gather data before a decision can be made on this intersection.
RESULT: APPROVED |

85. Order 209538 (ID:22379) By City Councilor Mbah, Davis
That the Director of SPCD and the Commissioner of Public Works relocate the traffic signal in Davis Square on Elm Street outside the Burren to the appropriate crosswalk location.

RESULT: APPROVED

86. Order 209539 (ID:22386) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne, Davis, Clingan
That the City Solicitor inform this Council of the minimum condition that would allow the Supervisor of Inspectional Services or the Commissioner of Public Works to clear a sidewalk that is in violation of the snow shoveling ordinance, and charge or lien the property owner for the cost.

Councilor Niedergang said the City needs to be as aggressive as possible in forcing people to clean their sidewalks.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

87. Order 209540 (ID:22387) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne
That the Director of Communications discuss with this Council the possibility of a mailing or a flyer to all property owners, and/or all residents, every year or two, informing them of their responsibilities under the snow shoveling ordinance.

Councilor Niedergang said that with the large turnover of residents, we can't assume everyone knows about snow shoveling laws. People need to be informed every year or every other year.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

88. Ordinance 209541 (ID:22388) By City Councilor Scott
That the newly passed Wage Theft Ordinance be amended to have a start date of June 1, 2020.

Councilor Scott reported that this ordinance amendment was requested by the Administration.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

ABSENT: Rossetti, White Jr.

89. Ordinance 209542 (ID:22389) By City Councilor Scott
That this Council's Committee on Licenses and Permits consider several amendments to the newly passed Wage Theft Ordinance, including wage bond advisory provisions.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

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| 90. Ordinance
209543
(ID:22391) | By City Councilor Ballantyne, Niedergang
That Ordinance 1-11(b) be amended relative to Sections 12-8 and Sections 12-9 to read as set forth in the attachment. |
| | <p>Councilor Ballantyne reported that she'd like the fine bumped up to \$300 for repeat offenders.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |
| 91. Order
209544
(ID:22392) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Parks and Recreation discuss the impacts, updates and usage of Founders Rink being used for indoor soccer. |
| | <p>Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 91 through 93 and refer item 91 and 93 to the Open Space Committee, and 92 to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee</p> |
| 92. Order
209545
(ID:22393) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Directors of Finance, SomerStat and the Budget provide a comprehensive updated Capital Improvement Plan for all projects scheduled to come before this Council for funding by the end of FY20 and projected 5 years out. |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 93. Order
209546
(ID:22394) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD discuss what can be done to mitigate the flooding of Alewife Brook Parkway and Mystic Valley Parkway. |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee</p> |
| 94. Mayor's Request
209547
(ID:22375) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Daniel Roche to the position of Firefighter. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 95. Mayor's Request
209548
(ID:22376) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Randy Oliver to the position of Firefighter. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

96. Officer's Communication 209549 (ID:22383) City Solicitor requesting to appear in Executive Session to discuss Civil Service Commission Bypass Appeal No. G2-19-256.
 The Council moved to Executive Session at 7:30 PM and reconvened at 7:45 PM. No votes were taken in Executive Session.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Rossetti, White Jr., Ballantyne
97. Officer's Communication 209550 (ID:22390) School Committee Member Sarah Phillips requesting an exemption under MGL c268A s20(d).
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
98. Officer's Communication 209551 (ID:22385) Senior Planner presenting SomerVision 2040 to this Council.
 Senior Planner Melissa Woods presented the Comprehensive Plan for SomerVision 2040. She said the Plan focuses on Equity, in planning and in implementation, and Displacement, specifically for families, small businesses, and nonprofits.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee
99. Officer's Communication 209552 (ID:22398) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #206959, deeming Newport Construction and Northern Tree to be “not considered responsible bidders or offerors” for 5 years.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

LATE ITEMS

100. Order 209553 (ID:22395) By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Davis, McLaughlin, Mbah
 That the Chief of Police report to this Council on plans to assign more officers to the Traffic Enforcement Division, instruct patrol officers to make traffic enforcement a higher priority, and increase the ratio of payable to warning citations.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
101. Ordinance 209554 (ID:22396) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, Clingan, Mbah, Davis
 That the effective date of the Surveillance Oversight Ordinance be amended to be October 15, 2020.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

102. Order
209555
(ID:22402) By City Councilor Davis
That the following items be discharged from the Legislative Matters Committee and referred to the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy: 203365, 205683, 206495, 207480, 207999, 208567, and 209358.

Councilor Davis noted that Councilor Ballantyne, Chair of the Committee on Open Space, requested that items in the Committee on Legislative Matters relative to the Native Species Ordinance and the Public Space Conservation Ordinance be moved to the Committee on Open Space.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters pursuant to #209555 and referred to the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

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

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters pursuant to #209555 and referred to the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

105. Order
206495
(ID:19288) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott, Davis
That the City Solicitor consider the attached language in the drafting of a Native Tree and Plantings Ordinance, as ordered by #203365.

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters pursuant to #209555 and referred to the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

106. Order
207480
(ID:20296) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the City Solicitor review the legal standing of each site identified in Sec. 12-131 of the proposed Public Space Conservation Ordinance to identify if there are any terms by which each site was acquired, or is held, that would prevent it from being dedicated to the public.

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters pursuant to #209555 and referred to the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

107. Public Communication 207999 (ID:20799) 3 residents submitting comments re: #206495, the proposed native plant ordinance.
- Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters pursuant to #209555 and referred to the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee
108. Public Communication 208567 (ID:21343) Elizabeth Lundgren submitting comments re: #206495, the proposed native plant ordinance.
- Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters pursuant to #209555 and referred to the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee
109. Order 209358 (ID:22188) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring the City to replace green space for those public spaces already dedicated to the public.
- Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters pursuant to #209555 and referred to the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:35 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2020, 7:00 PM
 City Council Chamber-City Hall-93 Highland Avenue

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 209556
 (ID:22441)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 209557
 (ID:22442)

Councilor Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Catherine Cannan.
 Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Katherine Donovan.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, December 12, 2019.
 209558
 (ID:22443)

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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| 4. | Grant of Location 209559 (ID:22417) | Submitted by Eversource to install 10 feet of conduit in Ivaloo Street from utility pole 179/4 to a point of pickup at 25 Ivaloo Street. |
| | | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Resident Chris Dwan discussed his prior conversation with Eversource representative Jacqueline Duffy regarding this project, and said he was satisfied that the trees nearby would be protected. Jacqueline Duffy then discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

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| 5. | Resolution 209560 (ID:22397) | By City Councilor McLaughlin, and the Mayor That January 31, 2020, is proclaimed to be Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Earned Income Tax Credit Day. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 6. | Resolution 209561 (ID:22436) | By City Councilor McLaughlin, Davis, Clingan, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Rossetti, Hirsch, White Jr. That the Administration add child care services for community meetings into the FY21 budget. |
| | | <p>Councilor Davis said many residents don't participate in government and this will help them do so. He suggested that meetings should be held throughout the community. Councilors Hirsch and Mbah supported the idea, and Councilor Mbah said he would like this to be a line item in the School Committee budget.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 7. | Order 209562 (ID:22439) | By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Finance, or the appropriate department, consider raising the limit on assets seniors may claim to qualify for senior tax exemptions. |
| | | <p>President McLaughlin noted that a resident contacted him, saying \$60,000 is the current asset maximum for seniors to qualify for a tax exemption.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 8. | Order 209563 (ID:22437) | By City Councilor McLaughlin, Davis, Scott That the Director of Inspectional Services appear before this Council's Rodent Issues Committee to discuss how rodent prevention measures are enforced on construction sites. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee</p> |

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| <p>9. Order
209564
(ID:22438)</p> | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Parking place speed limit and NOT A THROUGH STREET signage on Chester Avenue during GLX construction.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>10. Order
209565
(ID:22427)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis, Clingan
That the Director of SPCD help ensure the effectiveness of the Tenant Notification Act via a citywide mailer, and by ensuring that the Director of 311 and the Director of Inspectional Services inform all city employees of the enforcement of this policy.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen said the City has been doing a great job reaching out electronically about the recently-passed Tenant Notification Act, which requires landlords to provide tenants with information about their rights. He would like a mailer sent out to the public.</p> | |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> | |
| <p>11. Resolution
209566
(ID:22426)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne
That the SomerVision 2040 Steering Committee consider adding two additional indicators to be explicitly measured as part of Commercial Development, Business & Arts: income equality, and number of worker-owned co-ops.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> | |
| <p>12. Order
209567
(ID:22428)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the City Treasurer, the Chief Assessor and the Director of Finance discuss with this Council the possibility of switching to bi-annual tax bills, and including a simple "explainer" with each bill.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Ballantyne asked whether this proposal would eliminate quarterly billing, and Councilor Ewen-Campen said it's worth discussing.</p> | |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>13. Order
209568
(ID:22429)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD update this Council on the pedestrian safety infrastructure at the new at-grade crossings of the Community Path Extension.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>14. Order
209569
(ID:22430)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott
That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry install seasonal outdoor tables and chairs on the traffic island between 69 Bow and Carlton Streets.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |

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| 15. Order
209570
(ID:22425) | By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Committee on Land Use review and prioritize its agenda items with the Administration at its January 30 meeting. |
| <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen reported that he will post the agenda on Monday; councilors should let him know which items they want to keep open for discussion.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> | |
| 16. Resolution
209571
(ID:22440) | By City Councilor Mbah
That the Administration provide this Councilor with the information described within about requests for interpretation services. |
| <p>Councilor Mbah said he wanted to determine the effectiveness of the program and how to optimize the services.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 17. Order
209572
(ID:22434) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Mbah, Ballantyne
That the Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations provide feedback on SomerVision 2040's chapter on Youth and Education with respect to metrics and key tasks. |
| <p>Councilor Hirsch reported that the draft was released and presented to the Planning Board. The comment period will be extended through February. She talked about reviewing the metrics that relate to that community and setting a meeting for that purpose.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee</p> | |
| 18. Order
209573
(ID:22435) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne
That the Committee on Housing and Community Development provide feedback on SomerVision 2040's chapter on Housing with respect to metrics and key tasks, including the questions listed within. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> | |
| 19. Communication
209574
(ID:22431) | By City Councilor Hirsch
Providing updates from the Community Cabinet, on the 2020 Census and on School-Based Family and Community Liaisons. |
| <p>Councilor Hirsch reported that there are job opportunities available right now that pay \$27.50 per hour, and the cabinet discussed reaching out to those that don't have residency status.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> | |

20. Communication By City Councilor Hirsch
209575
(ID:22432) Reporting on the SomerVision 2040 comment process, and soliciting feedback.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

21. Communication By City Councilor Hirsch
209576
(ID:22433) Providing notes on how the Broadway bus and bike lane is impacting residents with disabilities, and results from the November 12, 2019 Accessibility Forum.

Councilor Hirsch reported that if a vehicle is parked in a lane that is separated from the sidewalk, it is difficult for an individual in a wheelchair to get across that bike lane. She hopes to receive a response from the Administration on how to address this concern.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

22. Communication By City Councilor Rossetti
209577
(ID:22424) Reporting on the SHS Building Committee meetings of December 16, 2019 and January 13, 2020.

Councilor Rossetti reported that the Phase Two foundation exterior was completed, so dry-walling can begin. The furniture, fixtures and equipment bids were \$900,000 over budget, so a second round of bids is being solicited.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

23. Grant of Location
209187
(ID:22040) Submitted by ExteNet Systems to install a small cell wireless antenna and related equipment on an existing utility pole near 59 Dartmouth Street.

Extenet representative Rosanna Ferranti reported that the best Extenet can do is extend the pole or replace the pole, which will increase the antenna height by 3 feet. Councilor Clingan expressed his support if that's the best that can be done.

RESULT: APPROVED

24. Resolution
209284
(ID:22154) By City Councilor Scott
Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

FOLLOWUP: City Council

25. Order 209476 (ID:22363) By City Councilor Hirsch, Mbah That the Director of Water and Sewer and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide additional information regarding the elevated lead level notification, such as when the City learned about the results, how the results have been communicated, and where residents can find more information.

Water Superintendent John DuLuca discussed the annual water tests, how lead enters homes, and the educational material that went out to homeowners regarding lead in the water. He said most lead can be eliminated by running the tap for 30 seconds before consuming the water. Councilor White noted that the City installs lead-free pipes, which should be stated in future public mailings, and he asked how many homes have lead connections. Mr. DuLuca said the City's water mains have no lead, and a total of 449 homes have lead service lines. So far 160 homes are scheduled to be replaced. The public can view what type of service line they have on the City's website. It isn't required that homeowners replace their service line. Councilor White also questioned the responsibility of a landlord who owns a property with a lead service line to notify the tenant; he would like to see the Health Department create an effective way to notify tenants of any issues.

RESULT: APPROVED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

26. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209578 (ID:22412) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on January 22, 2020.

Committee Chair Mary Jo Rossetti said that the Committee placed 14 items that were no longer relevant on file, and interviewed and recommended approval of two firefighters. After the Council approved the Committee Report, they were both sworn in.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 204320 (ID:17044) By City Councilor Heuston That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services update this Board on the backlog of electrical inspections, the staff shortage related to it, and the plan to address it.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

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

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- D. Mayor's Request 204898 (ID:17585) Requesting the re-appointment of Steven MacEachern as Superintendent of Highways, Lines and Lights.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

E.	Mayor's Request 204901 (ID:17588)	Requesting the re-appointment of Goran Smiljic as Superintendent of Inspectional Services.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
F.	Mayor's Request 204902 (ID:17589)	Requesting the re-appointment of Robert King as Director of Capital Planning and Engineering.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
G.	Mayor's Request 204903 (ID:17590)	Requesting the re-appointment of Rich Raiche as City Engineer.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
H.	Mayor's Request 204911 (ID:17598)	Requesting the re-appointment of Charles Sillari as Assistant Clerk of Committees.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
I.	Mayor's Request 204913 (ID:17600)	Requesting the re-appointment of Bryan Bishop as Director of Veterans Services.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
J.	Resolution 205106 (ID:17865)	By City Councilor 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.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
K.	Resolution 205108 (ID:17867)	By City Councilor 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: PLACED ON FILE
L.	Mayor's Request 207398 (ID:20148)	Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Stanley Koty as Commissioner of Public Works.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
M.	Mayor's Request 207399 (ID:20149)	Requesting the confirmation of the re-appointment of Steven MacEachern as Superintendent of Highways, Lines and Lights.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

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| N. | Mayor's Request
207401
(ID:20151) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Rich Raiche as City Engineer.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| O. | Mayor's Request
207407
(ID:20157) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Bryan Bishop as Director of Veterans Services.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| P. | Mayor's Request
209547
(ID:22375) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Daniel Roche to the position of Firefighter.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| Q. | Mayor's Request
209548
(ID:22376) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Randy Oliver to the position of Firefighter.
RESULT: APPROVED |

27. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
209579
(ID:22411) | Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on January 21, 2020.
Committee Chair J.T. Scott reviewed the Committee's discussions, including current debt structure and free cash status, and a bond for the Healy School playground project, which was recommended for approval. Councilor Ballantyne said that her questions about work at Dilboy have been answered, and she recommended approval of the Dilboy items.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | Order
207665
(ID:20520) | By City Councilor White Jr.
That the City Auditor analyze the City's debt structure, including current and pending borrowing, borrowing requests that the City anticipates, and the anticipated cost of the new public safety building.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| C. | Mayor's Request
209014
(ID:21823) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$160,000 in a bond for design and improvements at Dilboy Stadium and auxiliary fields.
RESULT: WITHDRAWN |
| D. | Mayor's Request
209403
(ID:22008) | Requesting approval to extend the contract with Tom Irwin Advisors for another year to complete specialized training of the Parks and Recreation Department field laborers.
RESULT: APPROVED |

E. Mayor's Request 209312 (ID:22052)	Requesting the appropriation of \$25,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Dilbooy Field Enterprise Fund in order to fund design services for Dilbooy Field improvements.	RESULT: APPROVED
F. Mayor's Request 209314 (ID:22097)	Requesting a transfer of \$43,000 from the Engineering Salaries Account to the Parking Professional and Technical Account to provide traffic engineering consulting services while the Traffic Engineer position remains vacant.	RESULT: APPROVED
G. Mayor's Request 209317 (ID:22124)	Requesting acceptance of a \$32,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Environmental Protection for the Recycling Dividend program, under the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program.	RESULT: APPROVED
H. Mayor's Request 209313 (ID:22140)	Requesting an appropriation of \$150,000 from Dilbooy Field Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings for design services for field improvements.	RESULT: APPROVED
I. Mayor's Request 209435 (ID:22172)	Requesting acceptance of a \$25,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Environmental Protection to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for 2 public electric vehicle charging stations.	RESULT: APPROVED
J. Mayor's Request 209436 (ID:22189)	Requesting acceptance of a \$17,797.00 grant with no new match required, from the Office of Justice Programs to the Police Department for Patrol Bicycles and related accessories.	RESULT: APPROVED
K. Mayor's Request 209432 (ID:22193)	Requesting authorization to increase the Somertime Revolving Fund to \$100,000, from \$65,000, because of increased programs.	RESULT: APPROVED
L. Mayor's Request 209483 (ID:22373)	Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$6,000,000 in a bond for the renovation of the Arthur D. Healey Schoolyard.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: Niedergang

- M. Order 209545 (ID:22393) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Directors of Finance, SomerStat and the Budget provide a comprehensive updated Capital Improvement Plan for all projects scheduled to come before this Council for funding by the end of FY20 and projected 5 years out.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

28. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209580 (ID:22410) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on January 16, 2020.

Councilor Davis reported that the main discussion was about regulating noisy devices such as leaf blowers through the Noise Ordinance.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Ordinance 208333 (ID:21146) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Municipal Ordinances be amended to provide for the appointment of the Clerks of Committee by this City Council.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- C. Public Communication 208449 (ID:21264) 7 residents submitting comments re: removing the State Flag from City Hall.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Ordinance 209543 (ID:22391) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Niedergang That Ordinance 1-11(b) be amended relative to Sections 12-8 and Sections 12-9 to read as set forth in the attachment.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

ABSENT: Niedergang

- E. Ordinance 209554 (ID:22396) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, Clingan, Mbah, Davis That the effective date of the Surveillance Oversight Ordinance be amended to be October 15, 2020.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

ABSENT: Niedergang

29. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
209581
(ID:22409) | Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on January 15, 2020.

Councilor Clingan reported that the Vision Zero pedestrian plan will be finalized within the next month, detailing specific actions the City will take over the next five years to reduce vehicle crashes. Mobility Director Brad Rawson said at the meeting that the City was also working with the State on improving safety on the State's roads.

RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | Order
203592
(ID:16310) | By City Councilor Heuston
That the Chief of Police report to this Board the number of traffic violations issued to vehicles exiting Hawkins Street that need to access the far left lane, and work with the Traffic Engineer to address access issues for residents of Hawkins Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| C. | Order
203840
(ID:16594) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider expanding the required time for notifying neighborhoods of street closures from 48 to 72 hours.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| D. | Order
203952
(ID:16659) | By City Councilor Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the traffic signal at 66 Beacon Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| E. | Resolution
203953
(ID:16660) | By City Councilor Heuston
That the Traffic Commission make Merriam Street a one way street from Somerville Avenue to Charlestown Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| F. | Order
204257
(ID:16978) | By City Councilor McWatters
That the Director of SPCD consider installing a rotary at Munroe Street and Prospect Hill Avenue and schedule a neighborhood meeting with Prospect Hill residents and the Ward 3 Alderman to discuss this measure.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| G. | Order
204259
(ID:16980) | By City Councilor McWatters
That the Director of SPCD place a radar feedback sign on Vinal Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

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| H. | Order
204313
(ID:17037) | By City Councilor Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install signs to limit parking at the corners of Oak and Prospect Streets. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| I. | Order
204314
(ID:17038) | By City Councilor Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace all faded street signs on Oak Street. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| J. | Order
204316
(ID:17039) | By City Councilor Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking restrict cut through traffic on Durham Street from Beacon Street, allowing access to abutters only from 7-9AM and 4-7PM, Monday through Friday. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| K. | Order
204316
(ID:17040) | By City Councilor Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase parking enforcement in Ward 2, specifically at Oak, Houghton, Harrison, Tremont and Norfolk Streets. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| L. | Resolution
204376
(ID:17107) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Traffic Commission place a temporary speed bump on Wigglesworth Street. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| M. | Order
204385
(ID:17117) | By City Councilor Sullivan, Davis, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the no parking on sidewalks regulation and install NO PARKING ON SIDEWALKS signs on Winter St. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| N. | Order
204391
(ID:17124) | By City Councilor McWatters
That the Director of SPCD consider making Kimball Street and Ibbettson Street safety zones. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| O. | Order
204431
(ID:17158) | By City Councilor Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking remove or restrict parking at the intersection of Hammond Street and Concord Avenue. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

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| P. | Order
204532
(ID:17258) | By City Councilor White Jr.
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. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Q. | Public
Communication
204780
(ID:17512) | MA DOT Manager of Service Planning responding to #204536 re: an additional bus shelter under the Washington St overpass. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| R. | Order
206197
(ID:18987) | By City Councilor 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: WORK COMPLETED |
| S. | Resolution
206234
(ID:19063) | By City Councilor Clingan
That the Administration launch a smart traffic flow overhaul, reconsidering the direction of every street in the city. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| T. | Resolution
206270
(ID:19040) | By City Councilor Davis
That the Administration and the Traffic Commission implement an extensive 20mph Safety Zone across all of Ward 6. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| U. | Order
206438
(ID:19228) | By City Councilor 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: WORK COMPLETED |
| V. | Order
206685
(ID:19460) | By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Hirsch
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on when various necessary improvements to the Union Square traffic pattern, including an "All-Walk" cycle and left-turn arrows at certain intersections, will be implemented. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| W. | Order
206687
(ID:19461) | By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Mbah
That the Director of Engineering build a crosswalk to allow pedestrians to safely cross Washington Street at the Public Safety Building. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

X. Order 206818 (ID:19597) By City Councilor Clingan, Mbah That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO PARKING FROM HERE sign at the parking lot at 315 Broadway.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Y. Order 207280 (ID:20083) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a flexible "Yield to Pedestrians" sign in the crosswalk across Central Street at Willoughby Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Z. Order 207573 (ID:20379) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking install all signage needed to inform motorists exiting Route 16 onto Powder House Blvd. that they are entering a residential and school neighborhood.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AA. Order 208117 (ID:20928) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD immediately install flex posts at the intersection of Holland Street and Cameron Avenue to ensure pedestrian safety.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AB. Resolution 208255 (ID:21085) By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang That the Administration consider implementing a Driveway Safety Program, modeled after one implemented by the New York City DOT.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AC. Order 208257 (ID:21087) By City Councilor Hirsch, Davis, Niedergang That the Director of SPCD identify all intersections with incomplete crosswalk crossings and suggest ways to remedy them.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AD. Order 208819 (ID:21639) By City Councilor Hirsch, McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD discuss whether the opening of the casino has impacted car volume in East Somerville.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AE. Order 208834 (ID:21654) By City Councilor Scott That the Chief of Police post a traffic detail at the intersection of Webster Avenue and Prospect Street for the duration of the traffic detours in Union Square that reroute Washington Street traffic through that intersection.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| AF. | Order
208835
(ID:21655) | By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of SPCD return the intersection at Webster Avenue and Washington Street to an exclusive pedestrian crossing interval to increase safety for schoolchildren and other pedestrians. |
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| AG. | Order
208836
(ID:21656) | By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of Parking, the Director of SPCD and the Chief of Police increase traffic signage and enforcement at the intersection of Webster Avenue and Somerville Avenue to prevent northbound traffic on Webster Avenue from continuing north onto Bow Street or entering Somerville Avenue going in the wrong direction. |
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| AH. | Order
208837
(ID:21657) | By City Councilor Scott
That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately reassess the signaling at the intersection of Webster Avenue and Prospect Street due to the current unsafe and frustrating conditions there. |
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| AI. | Order
208845
(ID:21665) | By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch
That the Director of SPCD report to this Council on the safety of pedestrians at the intersection of Broadway and Norwood Avenue, following serious injury to a pedestrian there, and whether a crosswalk is needed. |
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| AJ. | Order
208888
(ID:21710) | By City Councilor Clingan, Hirsch, White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD report to this Council on the effectiveness of the Winter Hill in Motion plan and its impact on congestion. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| AK. | Order
208889
(ID:21706) | By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Parking install 4-hour maximum parking signs on Fellsway West. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| AL. | Resolution
209001
(ID:21818) | By City Councilor Clingan
That the Administration provide an update addressing the Winter Hill in Motion project, including links to the educational materials created. |
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| AM. | Resolution
209149
(ID:21973) | By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch, Davis, Clingan
That the Mayor and the Director of SPCD immediately seek the approval of this Council for 2 new Mobility Division positions, and funding for traffic calming infrastructure, to address the many dangerous areas on our streets. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| AN. | Order
209303
(ID:22143) | By City Councilor Davis
That the City Solicitor advise on how this Council can regulate by ordinance the issuance of parking permits, and prohibit such issuance to residents of new construction or renovation that doesn't provide on-site parking, |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| AO. | Mayor's
Communication
209340
(ID:22171) | Submitting draft language for residential permit parking restriction waivers. |
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| AP. | Order
209423
(ID:22262) | By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Parking move the NO TURN ON RED sign at the corner of Broadway and Temple Street to a more visible location. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| AQ. | Order
209428
(ID:22267) | By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Parking increase enforcement of the NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER regulations at the intersections of Central Street at Forster Street and Sycamore Street at Browning Road. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| AR. | Order
209553
(ID:22395) | By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Davis, McLaughlin, Mbah
That the Chief of Police report to this Council on plans to assign more officers to the Traffic Enforcement Division, instruct patrol officers to make traffic enforcement a higher priority, and increase the ratio of payable to warning citations. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 30. | Mayor's
Request
209582
(ID:22403) | Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition Authorizing the Appointment of Special Firefighters. |
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FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |

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| 31. Mayor's Request 209583 (ID:22384) | Requesting the appropriation of \$85,000 from the Capitol Stabilization Fund for the purchase of firefighter bunker gear. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 32. Mayor's Request 209584 (ID:22407) | Requesting a transfer of \$3,000 from the Economic Development Division's Salaries Account to the School Department Salaries Account to fund a Fab Lab door monitor. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 33. Mayor's Request 209585 (ID:22420) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$537.39 using available funds in the City Clerk's Service Contracts Account and Credit Card Convenience Fee Account, to pay FY19 invoices that weren't received until recently. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 34. Mayor's Request 209586 (ID:22180) | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$150 using available funds in the Communications Professional and Technical Services Account for vendor Samuel Evers who was a web content writer. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 35. Mayor's Request 209587 (ID:22382) | Requesting acceptance of a \$389,995 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to the Office of Sustainability & Environment for a Critical Regional Infrastructure and Social Vulnerability Assessment. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 36. Mayor's Request 209588 (ID:22406) | Requesting acceptance of a \$117,108 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Elder Affairs to the Council on Aging for programming, transportation, salary, equipment and other needs of the elders. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 37. Mayor's Request 209589 (ID:22421) | Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$74,400 from the MA Office of Public Safety for Police Department staffing. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

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| 38. | Mayor's Request
209590
(ID:22422) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Police Officer Wolff Berrouet to the position of Police Sergeant. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 39. | Mayor's Request
209591
(ID:22423) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Police Officer Steve St. Hilaire to the position of Police Sergeant. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 40. | Mayor's Request
209592
(ID:22453) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology General Use Policy. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |

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| 41. | Officer's Communication
209593
(ID:22408) | City Solicitor requesting to appear in Executive Session with outside legal counsel to discuss Civil Service Commission Bypass Appeal No. G2-19-256. | <p>The City Council recessed at 8:00 PM for the Executive Session. The Council recessed the Executive Session and reconvened in Open Session at 8:45 PM, in order to take up a late item, #209622. After approving that item, the Council recessed at 8:50 PM to continue the Executive Session. The Council reconvened from the Executive Session at 9:15 PM. No votes were taken in the Executive Session.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Niedergang</p> |
| 42. | Officer's Communication
209594
(ID:22405) | Director of Personnel responding to #205473 re: pension credit and health insurance for employees working less than 20 hours per week. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 43. License/Permit
209595
(ID:22419) | Public Event License, Tufts Graduate Student Council 5K Race for Charity, Tufts Campus and adjacent sidewalks, Apr 19, 7AM-12PM. | <p>Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 43 through 47, 49 and 51 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 44. License/Permit
209596
(ID:22418) | Public Event License, Dysautonomia International POTS Walk and 5K Race, Mystic River Reservation, May 2, 8AM-3PM. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 45. License/Permit
209597
(ID:22416) | New Drainlayer's License, A Vozzella & Sons. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 46. License/Permit
209598
(ID:22444) | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Forge Baking Company, 626 Somerville Ave. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 47. License/Permit
209599
(ID:22413) | Renewing Garage License, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor Pl. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 48. License/Permit
209600
(ID:22414) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St. | <p>Councilor White recommended approval, with a copy to the Licenses and Permits Committee so it could follow up on a State lemon law audit.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee</p> |
| 49. License/Permit
209601
(ID:22415) | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Real Auto Shop, 39 Webster Ave. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>AMENDED: Approved for 15 vehicles outside, Mon-Fri 9AM-7PM, Sat 9AM-3PM, Sun Closed.</p> |
| 50. License/Permit
209602
(ID:22455) | Amending Dog Kennel License, Elliots House Pet Care and More, 230 Somerville Ave, adding overnight boarding for 10 dogs. | <p>Councilor White recommended referring this item to the Licenses and Permits Committee for discussion since overnight boarding of dogs is apparently a newly-allowed use.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee</p> |

51. License/Permit 209603 (ID:22454) Sign/Awning Permit, Masala Square 23 Union Sq, LED sign installed in front of the building.

RESULT: APPROVED

52. Public Communication 209604 (ID:22456) 2 residents submitting comments re: #209551, SomerVision 2040.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

53. Order 209605 (ID:22446) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of SPCD provide this Council with the most recent updates on any plans for Foss Park.

Councilor Clingan requested to waive the readings of items 53 and 55 and refer them to the Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

54. Order 209606 (ID:22447) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of SPCD provide this Council with an update on efforts to implement North/South public transportation services.

Councilor Clingan requested to waive the reading of item 54 and refer it to the Traffic and Parking Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

55. Order 209607 (ID:22448) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of SPCD provide this Council with a report on the history of Conway Park and what contaminant testing had been completed prior to its establishment as a public park.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

56. Order 209608 (ID:22449) By City Councilor Clingan That the Election Commissioner provide this Council, in writing, an explanation of the current practices and procedures used to update voter roles with current addresses..

Councilor Clingan reported that he has questions about voter roll updates and would like to know more about the process.

RESULT: APPROVED

57. Order
209609
(ID:22450)
- By City Councilor Clingan, Ewen-Campen
That the Election Commissioner provide this Council with a written explanation of the practice of dropping voters from the voter roles for failure to complete the 2020 census and whether this practice is in line with state and federal regulations for maintaining voter roles.

Councilor Clingan requested a review of the practices now in place. Councilor Ballantyne noted that if you don't return the census you will not be turned away from voting.

RESULT: APPROVED

58. Order
209610
(ID:22457)
- By City Councilor White Jr., Niedergang
That the City Engineer and Commissioner of Public Works inspect the sidewalk on the east side of Cedar Street for all instances of spalling, and report to this Council 1) what caused it, 2) how the City will correct it, and 3) what measures the City will take against the contractor, if it was caused by improper installation.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

59. Resolution
209611
(ID:22460)
- By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Administration discuss terminating the Somerville Media Center and MAPS tenancies, including any plans to help them relocate, such as allowing them time to find a new location.

Councilor Ballantyne noted that the Somerville Media Center's tenancy is being terminated, and would like this matter to be taken up in the Housing and Community Development Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

60. Order
209612
(ID:22461)
- By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Parks and Recreation work with the Superintendent of Schools to develop a policy for "utilizing artificial turf in the heat" similar to the policy used by Burlington, MA.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

61. Order
209613
(ID:22462)
- By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment, the Director of SPCD, The Director of Communications, and the Commissioner of Public Works develop a plan for a "Resiliency Hub" when extreme weather events occur.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

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| 62. Resolution
209614
(ID:22463) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change discuss its 2020 plan with this Council’s Committee on Open Space, Energy and Environment. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee</p> | |
| 63. Order
209615
(ID:22464) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Health and Human Services consider developing, and hiring a third party for, an Equity Justice Review for the Somerville Climate Forward Plan and the SomerVision 2040 Plan. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee</p> | |
| 64. Order
209616
(ID:22465) | By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott
That the Director of Engineering install a crosswalk on Somerville Avenue at Kent Street and Spring Street. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> | |
| 65. Officer's
Communication
209617
(ID:22470) | Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management responding to #209476 re: elevated levels of lead in the city's water. |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> | |
| 66. License/Permit
209618
(ID:22471) | Public Event License, Vista Print Film Shoot, sidewalk outside 191 Washington Street, Jan 27, 6am-6pm.

Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 66 through 68 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 67. License/Permit
209619
(ID:22468) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 68. License/Permit
209620
(ID:22469) | Renewing Garage License, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |

LATE ITEMS

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| 69. Grant of Location 209461 (ID:22324) | Submitted by Eversource to install 21 feet of conduit in Nashua Street from utility pole 252/5 to a point of pickup at 40 Nashua Street. |
| | Discharged from the Committee on Licenses and Permits.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 70. Order 209621 (ID:22477) | By City Councilor White Jr. That the Superintendent of Water and Sewer consult with the Director of Health and Human Services to institute an effective method to inform tenants who may have lead in their drinking water. |
| | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 71. Officer's Communication 209622 (ID:22445) | City Solicitor requesting approval to retain outside legal counsel in the matter of Civil Service Commission Bypass Appeal #G2-19-256 |
| | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 72. Order 209623 (ID:22478) | By City Councilor White Jr. That the City Solicitor advise the Committee on Licenses and Permits on its ability to deal with car dealers that have failed a state Lemon Law audit. |
| | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 73. Order 209624 (ID:22476) | By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy provide feedback on the SomerVision 2040's chapters on 1) Public Space & Natural Environment and 2) Climate & Sustainability with respect to metrics, key tasks, and other strategies as noted within. |
| | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee |
| 74. Order 209625 (ID:22473) | By City Councilor Rossetti That items #208574 and #208703 be discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters and referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters. |
| | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 75. Order 209626 (ID:22474) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne That the Committee on Housing and Community Development provide feedback on SomerVision 2040's chapter on Commercial Development, Business and Arts with respect to metrics and key tasks. |
| | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee |

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| 76. Order
209627
(ID:22475) | By City Councilor Hirsch
That #s 203479, 208923, 207723, 208249, 208684, 208685, 209442 and 207890 be discharged from the Committee on Housing and Community Development and referred to the Committee on Traffic and Parking. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 77. Resolution
208574
(ID:21389) | By City Councilor Scott
That the Administration clarify the status of part-time employees hired as part of the proposed Police Department Cadet Program, and the role of the City Council in confirming nominees for participation. |
| Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments pursuant to #209625.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee | |
| 78. Mayor's
Request
208703
(ID:21511) | Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City to appoint Police Cadets under certain circumstances. |
| Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments pursuant to #209625.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee | |
| 79. Resolution
203479
(ID:16183) | By City Councilor Davis
That the Administration update the Ward 6 Alderman on plans to improve way-finding for the Community Path through Davis Square. |
| Discharged from the Committee on Housing and Community Development pursuant to #209627.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee | |
| 80. Resolution
207723
(ID:20525) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne
That the Administration discuss thoughts on negotiating with the MBTA for discounted or free fare for children and low-income adults by sharing or bearing the cost of the passes. |
| Discharged from the Committee on Housing and Community Development pursuant to #209627.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee | |

81. Resolution 207890 (ID:20696) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Niedergang, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr. That the Administration work with MassDOT and the GLX team to address the 3 primary safety issues with the Community Path Extension between Washington Street and Lechmere that have been identified by the Friends of the Community Path.

Discharged from the Committee on Housing and Community Development pursuant to #209627.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

82. Order 208249 (ID:21079) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah That the Director of SPCD modify the Central Hill Campus plan to include an elevator from the new Gilman Square MBTA station to the Central Hill Campus, so that people with mobility issues are able to use the new station to access City Hall, the Library, and the High School.

Discharged from the Committee on Housing and Community Development pursuant to #209627.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

83. Resolution 208684 (ID:21559) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne, McLaughlin, Mbah That the Administration report on how the City could lobby for a wider width for the proposed bridge from Everett to Draw 7 Park.

Discharged from the Committee on Housing and Community Development pursuant to #209627.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

84. Order 208685 (ID:21560) By City Councilor Hirsch, Mbah That the Director of SPCD explain how decisions are made about Blue Bike rack placement, including how the public gets informed.

Discharged from the Committee on Housing and Community Development pursuant to #209627.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

85. Order 208923 (ID:21746) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD or the Director of SomerStat develop an estimate of funding required to pay for or subsidize MBTA fares for residents of different income levels and ages.

Discharged from the Committee on Housing and Community Development pursuant to #209627.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

86. Order 209442 (ID:22279) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD add more bike racks to the West Somerville Neighborhood School.

Discharged from the Committee on Housing and Community Development pursuant to #209627.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:00 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2020, 7:00 PM
 City Council Chamber-City Hall-93 Highland Avenue

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 209628
 (ID:22570) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 209629
 (ID:22571) There were no remembrances.
 RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting, January 6, 2020, and
 209630 the Regular Meeting, January 9, 2020.
 (ID:22572) **RESULT: APPROVED**

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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| 4. | Grant of Location 209631 (ID:22515) | Submitted by Eversource to install 58 feet of conduit in Rossmore Street, from Pole 301/1 to a point of pickup at 11A Rossmore Sreet. |
| | | The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 5. | Grant of Location 209632 (ID:22516) | Submitted by Eversource to install 7 feet of conduit in Rossmore Street, from Pole 301/2 to a point of pickup at 11B Rossmore Street. |
| | | The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 6. | Grant of Location 209633 (ID:22514) | Submitted by Eversource to install 56 feet of conduit at the intersection of Montrose Street and School Street, from Pole 235/1 to a point of pickup along the GLX right-of-way. |
| | | The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 7. | Grant of Location 209634 (ID:22513) | Submitted by Eversource to install 35 feet of conduit in Franklin Street, from Pole 134/20 to a point of pickup at 84 Franklin Street. |
| | | The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED |

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

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| 8. | Communication By City Councilor Davis 209635 (ID:22499) | Conveying a request from the Cambridge Health Alliance to appear before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss the Healthy Somerville Initiatives and the conversion of the Somerville Hospital's emergency room to urgent care. |
| | | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee |

9. Order
209636
(ID:22500)
- By City Councilor Davis, Mbah
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Parking repair the flashing pedestrian crossing lights on Elm Street at Beech Street, and the AHEAD sign on Elm Street at Banks Street, and update the Ward 6 Councilor in writing when the repairs are completed.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. Order
209637
(ID:22501)
- By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor in writing on plans to improve safety at the Elm Street crossing at Beech Street, including a bump-out, an island, and additional flashing lights mid-crossing.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. Order
209638
(ID:22502)
- By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor in writing on plans to revise the signal timing in Davis Square and make other improvements such as additional light cycles to increase pedestrian and bicycle safety.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

Councilor Davis noted that revisions to the Surveillance Technology Ordinance might be needed.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

13. Resolution
209640
(ID:22504)
- By City Councilor Davis
That the Administration work with the Committee on Legislative Matters to consider revisions to the Noise Ordinance.

Councilor Davis noted that revisions to the Noise Ordinance are being considered in the Legislative Matters Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

14. Order
209641
(ID:22537)
- By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management report to the Ward 6 Councilor in writing of any plans to mitigate flooding and sewage backup in homes during heavy rains around Kingston Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

15. Order 209642 (ID:22524) By City Councilor Mbah, Niedergang
That the Director of Personnel appear before this Council to explain the failure to urge the Council to take expedited action on two Police Department promotions that would have diversified the superior officer ranks had the civil service list not expired before the Council was able to consider the promotions.

Councilor Rossetti noted that the Confirmation of Appointments Committee will be interviewing these two candidates for promotion, and the Committee will receive information on what transpired to cause the delay.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

16. Order 209643 (ID:22538) By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Director of Inspectional Services report to this Council by February 25, 2020 the policy for communicating to the Police Department special conditions imposed for city wide projects, such as working hours.

Councilor Rossetti said that the Police aren't made aware of conditions on building permits added by the Inspectional Services Department, such as hours that work is permitted. If they knew about the conditions, they could respond better to residents' complaints. She requested this item be Laid on the Table, to be discussed at the Council's next meeting.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

FOLLOWUP: City Council

17. Resolution 209644 (ID:22539) By City Councilor Rossetti, Davis, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Hirsch, White Jr., Scott
That the Administration update this Council by February 25, 2020 of any negotiated relief related to the recently-announced GLX delayed timeline and resultant impact to the city's residents and businesses.

Councilor Rossetti noted the Mayor has been negotiating with the MBTA to mitigate the impact of the delayed bridge re-openings. She requested this item be Laid on the Table, to be discussed at the Council's next meeting.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

FOLLOWUP: City Council

18. Communication 209645 (ID:22540) By City Councilor Rossetti
Reporting on the High School Building Committee Meeting of February 10, 2020.

Councilor Rossetti noted the High School project is on time and on budget. In mid-May the furniture and equipment will arrive. The City is holding a community meeting on March 15, at 6:30 PM in the High School cafeteria, so the public can ask any questions they have. The LGBT community has requested to have all-gender bathrooms, and the Superintendent has been looking into it with the Director of Health and Human Services. This could be the first high school in the State with these bathrooms. Councilor Scott expressed support for gender-neutral bathrooms at the High School.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

19. Communication By City Councilor Hirsch
209646
(ID:22541) Conveying the results of the pilot rodent study, as summarized in the Rodent Study Report.
- Councilor Hirsch said rodents are supported by available food and active construction sites. The next Rodent Control Committee meeting will consider changes to the Demolition Ordinance to better suppress rodents.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee
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20. Resolution By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Clingan, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Rossetti, Hirsch, Ballantyne, White Jr.
209647
(ID:22523) Calling on the State to pass the Act Relative to Work and Family Mobility (S.2061 and H.3012), that would allow qualified residents to obtain a standard Driver's License regardless of their immigration status.
- Councilor Niedergang noted this legislation would allow undocumented immigrants to get Driver Licenses.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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21. Order By City Councilor Niedergang
209648
(ID:22542) That the Director of SPCD use the \$220,000 in traffic mitigation funds paid by Maxwell's Green in 2011 for a traffic-calming table on Lowell Street at the Albion Street crosswalk. (3rd request)
- Councilor Niedergang noted he has been working on getting this calming table installed for years, and he has the support of residents.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
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22. Order By City Councilor Niedergang
209649
(ID:22543) That the Director of SPCD provide this Council with a prioritized list of the various neighborhood plans that the Administration has committed to or has proposed, with a timeline and work plan.
- Councilor Niedergang noted there are no plans or timelines for the implementation of the various neighborhood plans. Priorities and time frames are needed.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
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23. Order By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis
209650
(ID:22544) That the Director of SPCD discuss with the Ward 5 and Ward 6 Councilors the development of a Ball Square Neighborhood Plan, and put that Plan on the timeline and work plan of all of the neighborhood plans.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

24. Order 209651 (ID:22545) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD enable owner-occupants who build 3rd units in Neighborhood Residential zones to select their own tenants, as long as they are income-qualified, instead of tenants from the City inclusionary housing list, and verify to this Council that this option is in place.

Councilor Niedergang requested to waive the readings of items 24 to 27, which are all about inclusionary housing zoning, and refer them to the Land Use Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

25. Order 209652 (ID:22546) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD review the income qualification and rent levels for affordable 3rd units in Neighborhood Residential zones, and recommend any necessary modifications for fairness and facilitating their production.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

26. Order 209653 (ID:22547) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD propose revised inclusionary housing standards and requirements that include providing rental units for very low income families and individuals with incomes below 50% of the Annual Median Income.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

27. Order 209654 (ID:22548) By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch
That the Director of SPCD discuss with this Council options for extending inclusionary housing requirements (payments) to two-unit developments.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

28. Order 209655 (ID:22549) By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch, Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Inspectional Services report to this Council how they plan to monitor and enforce green roof, tree planting and other green zoning requirements that require watering and maintenance, beyond issuing certificates of occupancy.

Councilor Niedergang expressed interest in ensuring the maintenance of new green infrastructure.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

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| 29. | Order
209656
(ID:22550) | By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Directors of the Water and Sewer and Engineering Departments provide to the Ward 5 Councilor an assessment of steps that can be taken to mitigate flooding on the side streets near the Lowell Street bridge, particularly Alpine, Vernon, and Hudson Streets. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 30. | Order
209657
(ID:22551) | By City Councilor Niedergang
That this Council's Committee on Traffic and Parking provide feedback on SomerVision 2040's chapter on Mobility. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee |
| 31. | Order
209658
(ID:22552) | By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD update this Council on plans shared with the Ward 5 and Ward 4 Councilors in November for "expansions in the network of 20 MPH safety zones in December, January and February until all local streets are covered." |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee |
| 32. | Order
209659
(ID:22553) | By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of Parking report to this Council how the City addresses residents who do not pay automobile excise taxes because they maintain out-of-state license plates on their vehicles. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee |
| 33. | Resolution
209660
(ID:22554) | By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Administration discuss with this Council the 2014 decision to accept the "Mutual Aid" provisions of MGL c40 s4J, including the advantages and disadvantages of this agreement going forward. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee |
| 34. | Resolution
209661
(ID:22555) | By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott
Thanking the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry for their prompt assistance installing pedestrian safety lighting, and agreeing to install public furniture, on the traffic island in front of 75 Bow Street. |
| | | Councilor Ewen-Campen expressed gratitude for the new lighting at this intersection.
RESULT: APPROVED |

35. Resolution 209662 (ID:22556) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen Commemorating the installation of the first Bicycle Traffic Signal, located at Bow Street and Somerville Avenue.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted this is the first bicycle traffic signal, and reduces the conflict for bikes when merging into automobile traffic.

RESULT: APPROVED

36. Order 209663 (ID:22557) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, White Jr. That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring pollution mitigation for new housing built along high transit roads and highways.

President McLaughlin noted the air pollution problem along I-93 and wants to draft an ordinance to require pollution mitigation for new projects along the corridor.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

37. Order 209664 (ID:22558) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, Niedergang, Hirsch, White Jr. That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss using city policies to address pollution mitigation for new developments along high transit roads and highways.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

38. Resolution 209665 (ID:22559) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, White Jr. That the Administration consider eliminating bus fares, particularly along Broadway.

President McLaughlin noted that other cities are offering free bus fares for residents, and he would like to look into it along Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

39. Order 209666 (ID:22560) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Somerville Cares About Prevention update this Council's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety on their priorities for the year.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

40. Order 209667 (ID:22561) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Directors of Health and Human Services and Somerville Cares About Prevention appear before this Council’s Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss their roles regarding recreational marijuana applications.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

41. Withdrawn 209668 (ID:22562) Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

42. Order 209669 (ID:22563) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Parking repair the bent sign at 15 Otis Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

43. Order 209670 (ID:22564) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works address the sinking manhole on Franklin and Pearl Streets.

President McLaughlin requested to waive the readings of items 43 through 47 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

44. Order 209671 (ID:22565) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Parking investigate the parking policy on Cross Street, by the Edgerly School, and consider changes to accommodate parking issues.

RESULT: APPROVED

45. Order 209672 (ID:22567) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Parking place a ONE WAY sign on Otis Street, by the Edgerly School parking lot, so people parking in the lot are aware they are on a one way street.

RESULT: APPROVED

46. Resolution 209673 (ID:22568) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Traffic Commission place a blinking STOP sign on the corner of Tufts and Washington Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

47. Order 209674 (ID:22569) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works place signs on the entrance of the boxing club and batting cages at the Edgerly School reminding people to not park on public streets without a permit.

RESULT: APPROVED

48. Order 209675 (ID:22517) By City Councilor McLaughlin That John Heymann be re-appointed as this Council's representative on the Ethics Commission.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

49. Resolution 209284 (ID:22154) By City Councilor Scott Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

50. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209676 (ID:22491) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on February 5, 2020.

Councilor Rossetti noted that the Committee interviewed and recommended the appointment of Frank Golden as Chief Assessor, Angela Allen as Purchasing Agent, and Linda Dubuque as City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes. The Committee also discussed designating every board and commission member as a Special Municipal Employee, and decided not to move forward, partly to support as much diversity among the members as possible. The Committee also decided not to move forward with such designation for the Urban Forestry Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Mayor's Request 204521 (ID:17234) Requesting the appointment of Francis J. Golden as Chief Assessor and Chairman of the Board of Assessors.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. Mayor's Request 204906 (ID:17593) Requesting the re-appointment of Angela Allen as Purchasing Agent.

RESULT: APPROVED

D.	Order 205473 (ID:18443)	By City Councilor 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: WORK COMPLETED
E.	Order 205937 (ID:18704)	By City Councilor 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.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
F.	Mayor's Request 206978 (ID:19711)	Requesting the appointment of Linda Dubuque to the position of City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.	RESULT: APPROVED
G.	Mayor's Request 207404 (ID:20154)	Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Angela Allen as Purchasing Agent.	RESULT: APPROVED
H.	Resolution 207511 (ID:20386)	By City Councilor Rossetti That the Administration meet with the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters to discuss the implications of designating every commission's members as Special Municipal Employees.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
I.	Mayor's Request 208666 (ID:21406)	Requesting that Urban Forestry Committee members be designated as Special Municipal Employees.	RESULT: NOT APPROVED
J.	Mayor's Request 209493 (ID:22328)	Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Angela Allen as Purchasing Agent.	RESULT: APPROVED
K.	Mayor's Request 209511 (ID:22347)	Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Frank Golden as Chief Assessor.	RESULT: APPROVED
L.	Mayor's Request 209517 (ID:22353)	Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Linda Dubuque as Treasurer/Collector of Taxes.	RESULT: APPROVED

- M. Officer's Communication 209594 (ID:22405) Director of Personnel responding to #205473 re: pension credit and health insurance for employees working less than 20 hours per week.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

51. EQUITY, GENDER, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209677 (ID:22487) Report of the Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations, meeting on January 30, 2020.

Councilor Ballantyne noted that the Committee tried to review everything in Committee, and found that many of the items related to the Kennedy Pool. She said it's now open to the community 7 days a week and the Committee requested that the schedule be posted on the Parks website. The Committee also talked about re-forming the city's Dedications Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Resolution 196154 (ID:8677) By City Councilor Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., McWatters That the Dedication Committee update this Board on the park dedication in honor of Joseph Mackey.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Resolution 201787 (ID:14445) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Administration consider honoring Somerville Youth League Basketball founder Fran Ferrarro with a plaque at the High School basketball court.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 202206 (ID:14894) By City Councilor Connolly That the Director of Veterans Services obtain the names of all Somerville veterans from the Korean War on, for inclusion on the Veterans Memorial wall.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 205198 (ID:17971) By City Councilor 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: WORK COMPLETED

- F. Resolution 205284 (ID:18058) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G.	Public Communication 205895 (ID:18622)	185 citizens submitting a petition to expand access to the Kennedy School swimming pools.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
H.	Resolution 206699 (ID:19473)	By City Councilor Hirsch That the Administration provide information regarding the transfer of some Kennedy Pool functions to the Parks and Recreation Department.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
I.	Order 206858 (ID:19658)	By City Councilor Hirsch That the Director of Personnel work with the School District to advertise open City or School positions to families of Public School students.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
J.	Order 208816 (ID:21636)	By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang That the Director of Parks and Recreation provide an update on maintenance activities for the Kennedy School Pool, as well as anticipated staffing and capital spending needs related to aquatics.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
K.	Officer's Communication 208961 (ID:21730)	Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #208816 re: maintenance and staffing at the Kennedy School Pool.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
L.	Resolution 209471 (ID:22358)	By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang, Ballantyne, Clingan, Mbah That the Administration update this Council on the plan to inform residents of the expanded eligibility for tax deferral programs.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
M.	Resolution 209678 (ID:22482)	By City Councilor Mbah That the Planning Board extend its review of the SomerVision 2040 document to allow for input by the City Council prior to its adoption by the beginning of May.	RESULT: APPROVED

52. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 209679 (ID:22494)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on February 11, 2020.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Councilor Scott said the Committee addressed several routine items. He noted that the Administration presented a modified budget process that will change the schedule for creating departmental budgets and program improvement requests. The PIRs will be shared with the City Council, allowing Councilors to provide their input.</p> <p>The Committee Report was then severed in order to separately address #209311, a \$250,000 funding request for design services to plan the remediation of the contaminated soil at Conway Park. The balance of the Report was Approved as submitted.</p> <p>The Council discussed whether to support the design services funding. Councilors described the conflict between the environmental and health benefits of a natural grass surface vs. the additional use an artificial turf field can sustain. Councilors put Conway Park in context with the city's other athletic fields, both natural and artificial. Public space Director Luisa Oliveira and design consultant George Nauslus spoke about the depth of excavation needed for natural grass (36") vs. artificial turf (18"). Mayor's Legislative Liaison Annie Connor said that the Administration would be willing to explore clearing the contaminated soil to 36", not just 18". Councilors noted that the funding request did not limit the city to an artificial turf option.</p> <p>With respect to the severed portion of the Report, the Committee Report was NOT Approved on a Roll Call Vote: Councilors Ballantyne, Scott and Rossetti voted in favor of approval; Councilors Clingan, White, Hirsch, Niedergang, Davis, Ewen-Campen and McLaughlin voted against approval; Councilor Mbah was absent. #209311 was subsequently Approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED</p> <p>AMENDED: #209311 was severed from the Committee Report and Approved by the City Council.</p> </div> |
| <p>B. Public Communication 206737 (ID:19514)</p> | <p>SMEA President Ed Halloran submitting comments re: #205501, an Administrative Order for the appointment of school physicians and nurses by the School Committee.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> </div> |
| <p>C. Resolution 207080 (ID:19899)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Scott</p> <p>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.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> </div> |

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| D. | Order
207172
(ID:20005) | By City Councilor 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: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee |
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| E. | Order
207650
(ID:20472) | By City Councilor Mbah, Niedergang
That the Director of Water and Sewer take the steps described within regarding lead service lines. |
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| F. | Order
207664
(ID:20483) | By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Director of Purchasing report to this Council's Committee on Finance on the City's ability to separate out bid items to detail labor and material costs. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
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| G. | Order
207902
(ID:20706) | By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Director of Finance discuss with this Council's Finance Committee the monetary split with the State for the City's traffic enforcement citations. |
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| H. | Order
208049
(ID:20946) | By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Finance Committee be made aware of the punch list associated with Contract #MADoT-90025 for construction services for the Beacon Streetscape project, as it is updated. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
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| I. | Mayor's
Request
209311
(ID:22053) | Requesting the appropriation of \$250,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Conway Park Construction Special Revenue Account in order to fund Conway Park fields design services. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED. [7 TO 3]
AYES: Hirsch, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan,
Niedergang, Davis
NAYS: Rossetti, Scott, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Mbah |
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| J. | Mayor's
Request
209433
(ID:22246) | Requesting approval of a transfer of \$21,000 from the Police Holidays Account to the Animal Control Kennel Account, to cover FY20 costs. |
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| K. | Mayor's Request
209434
(ID:21914) | Requesting approval of a transfer of \$11,900 in the Police Animal Control Division, from the Personal Services Salary Account to the Kennel Account, to cover FY20 costs. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| L. | Officer's Communication
209520
(ID:22289) | Assistant City Solicitor seeking approval to appear before this Council to discuss approval of the settlement of a pending claim in connection with the flood occurring at City Hall on 11/23/2018. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| M. | Mayor's Request
209583
(ID:22384) | Requesting the appropriation of \$85,000 from the Capitol Stabilization Fund for the purchase of firefighter bunker gear. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Mbah |
| N. | Mayor's Request
209584
(ID:22407) | Requesting a transfer of \$3,000 from the Economic Development Division's Salaries Account to the School Department Salaries Account to fund a Fab Lab door monitor. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| O. | Mayor's Request
209589
(ID:22421) | Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$74,400 from the MA Office of Public Safety for Police Department staffing. | RESULT: APPROVED |

53. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
209680
(ID:22490) | Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on February 5, 2020. | Councilor Hirsch noted there are extensive deficiencies in the city-owned former Union Square Firehouse that houses the Somerville Media Center and MAPS. City repairs will take 2-3 years, and require the tenants to move out. The Media Center is requesting more time to find another home. The Committee will monitor the situation. The Committee also discussed SomerVision 2040's housing goals with respect to affordable housing. Since SomerVision 2030, about 1000 new units have been built, with a net increase of 132 affordable units; about 10% of units are deed-restricted. The Committee urged increasing the target for deed-restricted units to 30%.
RESULT: APPROVED |
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- B. Order 196221 (ID:8749) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD provide SomerVision updates twice a year, broken down by ward, showing progress made in residential, affordable units, jobs, public space, trips via transit, bike and walking, and development in transformative areas.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Public Communication 203190 (ID:15870) Publishers Circulation Fulfillment responding to #203057 re: Globe Direct distribution.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 205334 (ID:18084) By City Councilor 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 205670 (ID:18422) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD provide a progress report on the 100 Homes Program since its inception.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. Order 206820 (ID:19599) By City Councilor Clingan, Hirsch, Niedergang That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the Healy schoolyard redesign and consider making it a top priority.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- G. Order 207164 (ID:20001) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of SPCD work with the Housing Authority to enable wheelchair access from the Mystic View apartments to the Healey School.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- H. Resolution 208613 (ID:21422) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Administration provide options for how the City Council and/or members of the public may formally approve or revise the SomerVision 2040 plan.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- I. Order 208811 (ID:21632) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD consider less dust-producing surfaces for the Nunziato Dog Park, and present alternatives, in writing, to the Ward 3 City Councilor.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- J. Order 208987 (ID:21812) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works commence regular sidewalk cleaning outside the Nunziato Dog Park, and provide the Ward 3 City Councilor with a written policy for scheduled sidewalk cleaning.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- K. Communication 209370 (ID:22210) By City Councilor Hirsch
Relaying information about the SomerVision 2040 draft revision, comment, and endorsement process and timeline.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- L. Order 209475 (ID:22362) By City Councilor Hirsch, McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD, the Director of Finance or the City Solicitor inform this Council how the City will be able to ensure that deed restrictions remain during the transfer of a property.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- M. Order 209573 (ID:22435) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne
That the Committee on Housing and Community Development provide feedback on SomerVision 2040's chapter on Housing with respect to metrics and key tasks, including the questions listed within.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- N. Resolution 209681 (ID:22593) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Administration develop with this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development a plan to achieve 30% deed restricted units as a percent of all housing.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

54. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209682 (ID:22486) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on January 30, 2020.

<p>Councilor Ewen-Campen said the Committee had an organizational meeting, to plan the year's legislative activity. Goals include an affordable housing overlay district and a small business protection strategy.</p>
RESULT: APPROVED

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| B. Ordinance
193063
(ID:5535) | By City Councilor White Jr., Taylor
That Section 7.2 of the Zoning Ordinance be amended by deleting Section 7.2.a. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| C. Order
194295
(ID:6747) | By City Councilor Gewirtz
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance preventing the construction of occupancy dwellings attached to existing structures in RA and RB Zones without a Special Permit and neighborhood involvement. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| D. Order
194463
(ID:6922) | By City Councilor White Jr., Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD (Planning) review Zoning Ordinance 4.4.1 and recommend changes to address substantial increases in square footage in projects that can bypass the special permit requirements so developers can build large structures as of right that adversely impact neighbors. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| E. Ordinance
195247
(ID:7741) | By City Councilor Lafuente, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by changing all CCD45 and CCD55 zoning districts in Ward 4 to RC zoning districts. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| F. Order
196757
(ID:9296) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD provide an opportunity for public input to the proposed new zoning code overhaul prior to submission to this Board. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| G. Order
198219
(ID:10858) | By City Councilor Sullivan
That the City Solicitor review ordinances from other communities that are similar to the zoning ordinance proposed in #197941 and provide the findings to the Committee on Land Use and the Planning Board. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| H. Public
Communication
198275
(ID:10807) | Thirteen registered voters submitting a Zoning Ordinance amendment to require certain findings by the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals before granting Special Permits. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| I. Public
Communication
198276
(ID:10808) | Thirteen registered voters submitting a Zoning Ordinance amendment to limit the gross floor area increase to 15% for 1- and 2-family dwelling conversions requiring a Special Permit. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |

J. Order 198412 (ID:10985) By City Councilor White Jr., Rossetti That the Director of Traffic and Parking provide this Board with a breakdown of registered vehicles and residential parking permits in the city over the last 10 years.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. Order 198413 (ID:10986) By City Councilor White Jr., Rossetti That the City Solicitor advise this Board whether the zoning code can restrict the issuance of residential parking permits for residents of those developments where less than 1 parking space per unit is required in the zoning code.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

L. Mayor's Request 198429 (ID:10997) Requesting the adoption of a New Zoning Ordinance (updated) to supersede the current Zoning Ordinance as originally adopted on March 23, 1990.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

M. Order 198472 (ID:11045) By City Councilor White Jr., Rossetti, Ballantyne, Sullivan That the Land Use Committee, during the upcoming zoning overhaul review, examine whether a provision should be added for universities to obtain a special permit before operating housing outside a University District.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

N. Officer's Communication 198526 (ID:10880) Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #197941, a zoning ordinance amendment to prohibit the damage or destruction of any shade or fruit trees during the conversion of a single- or two-family dwelling.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

O. Order 198542 (ID:11125) By City Councilor Niedergang, Heuston, Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD apply an economic modeling construct to the proposed zoning ordinance to demonstrate the likely economic impacts on commercial development, jobs, housing, and other factors.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

P. Officer's Communication 198554 (ID:11004) Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders submitted 1/22/15.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Q. Order 198638 (ID:11223) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD (Planning) inform this Board in writing by March 30 of the number of additional dwelling units allowed under the proposed zoning ordinance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| R. | Order
198639
(ID:11225) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD (Planning) submit a plan by March 30 that identifies how the proposed zoning ordinance will affect the zoning of city owned buildings. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| S. | Order
198640
(ID:11226) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD (Planning) submit by March 30 an implementation plan for how the new proposed zoning ordinance relates to water and sewer, other infrastructure changes, police and fire personnel capacity, and public safety buildings. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| T. | Order
198642
(ID:11228) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD (Planning) discuss with this Board by April 15 a requirement for Institutional Master Plans as part of the proposed zoning ordinance. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| U. | Public
Communication
198694
(ID:11256) | Rep. Provost submitting comments re: the proposed zoning ordinance. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| V. | Public
Communication
198695
(ID:11210) | Nancy Donahue submitting comments re: the proposed zoning ordinance. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| W. | Public
Communication
198696
(ID:11211) | Kimberly Rego submitting comments re: the proposed zoning ordinance. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| X. | Public
Communication
198697
(ID:11214) | Bill Valletta submitting comments re: the proposed zoning ordinance. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Y. | Public
Communication
198698
(ID:11257) | Cecil Cummings submitting comments re: the proposed zoning ordinance. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Z. | Order
198704
(ID:11281) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD (Planning) advise by zoning district (i.e. NR, UR, 3MU) the increase in housing density (e.g. RA & RB change into NR), what is the increase in housing units in the proposed new zoning districts. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

AA. Officer's Communication 198712 (ID:11287)	Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #198429, requesting adoption of a new Zoning Ordinance to supersede the current Zoning Ordinance as originally adopted on March 23, 1990.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE	
AB. Officer's Communication 198713 (ID:11290)	Planning Board conveying its recommendation re: #198275, a proposed zoning amendment to require certain findings by the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals before granting Special Permits.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE	
AC. Officer's Communication 198714 (ID:11291)	Planning Board conveying its recommendation re: #198276, a proposed zoning amendment to limit the gross floor area increase to 15% for 1 and 2 family dwelling conversions requiring a Special Permit.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE	
AD. Public Communication 198715 (ID:11285)	Ellin Reisner submitting comments re: the proposed zoning ordinance.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	
AE. Communication 198745 (ID:11317)	By City Councilor Niedergang Conveying comments on the proposed zoning ordinance.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	
AF. Order 198748 (ID:11506)	By City Councilor Rossetti That the Director of SPCD report to the Committee on Land Use a comparison of permits issued from October 2013 to April 2014 vs. October 2014 to April 2015, prior to the Committee's next meeting on 4/15/15.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	
AG. Public Communication 198906 (ID:11323)	State Representative Denise Provost submitting comments re: the proposed zoning ordinance.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	
AH. Public Communication 198907 (ID:11314)	Aron Qasba submitting comments re: the proposed zoning ordinance.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	
AI. Public Communication 198908 (ID:11315)	The Innovative Housing Institute submitting comments re: the proposed zoning ordinance.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	

AJ.	Public Communication 198909 (ID:11316)	Jill Maio submitting comments re: the proposed zoning ordinance. RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
AK.	Public Communication 198910 (ID:11318)	Andrew Walker submitting comments re: the proposed zoning ordinance. RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
AL.	Public Communication 198911 (ID:11319)	Charles McKenzie submitting comments re: the proposed zoning ordinance. RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
AM.	Public Communication 198912 (ID:11320)	Claudia Murrow submitting comments re: the proposed zoning ordinance. RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
AN.	Public Communication 198913 (ID:11321)	Lucas Rogers and Mathieu Gagne submitting comments re: the proposed zoning ordinance. RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
AO.	Public Communication 198914 (ID:11322)	Fred Berman submitting comments re: the proposed zoning ordinance. RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
AP.	Public Communication 198915 (ID:11324)	Alan Moore submitting comments re: the proposed zoning ordinance. RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
AQ.	Public Communication 198916 (ID:11325)	The Affordable Housing Organizing Committee submitting comments re: the proposed zoning ordinance. RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
AR.	Order 198922 (ID:11505)	By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Directors of SPCD and Traffic and Parking conduct a transportation and parking analysis of the proposed zoning ordinance and explain the impact of parking changes to residents. RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
AS.	Order 199123 (ID:11757)	By City Councilor Heuston That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on applying the hotel tax to short-term rentals such as Airbnb, and provide advice on whether zoning ordinances would then need to be changed. RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AT.	Officer's Communication 199532 (ID:12023)	Assistant City Solicitor responding to #199123 re: short-term rental room occupancy excise taxes and possible zoning implications.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
AU.	Officer's Communication 200689 (ID:13304)	Planning Director submitting the response to comments to #198429, the January, 2015 version of the Somervision zoning overhaul.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
AV.	Order 200750 (ID:13387)	By City Councilor White Jr. That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with a written breakdown of all special permit and variance applications for the last 3 years, broken out by building type, application type, and purpose.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
AW.	Ordinance 200787 (ID:13453)	By City Councilor White Jr., and the Entire Board Proposing a new Article 16B in the city's Zoning Ordinances, with attendant Zoning Map changes, to establish a minimum mixed use ratio in designated areas.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
AX.	Order 201854 (ID:14516)	By City Councilor Heuston, McWatters, and the Entire Board That the Director of SPCD advise this Board on regulating Air BnB rentals through zoning regulation.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
AY.	Officer's Communication 202409 (ID:15095)	Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #200787, a Zoning Amendment to establish a minimum mixed use ratio.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
AZ.	Order 202781 (ID:15486)	By City Councilor Niedergang, McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD and the City Solicitor consider limiting vehicle parking stickers for properties that request parking relief from the Zoning Board of Appeals or Planning Board, and opine on the Traffic and Parking Department's authority to limit parking stickers in such developments.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
BA.	Public Communication 203191 (ID:15871)	Rod Laurenz submitting comments re: the Community Bike Path.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BB.	Officer's Communication 203235 (ID:15927)	Assistant City Solicitor responding to #202781 re: whether resident parking stickers may be limited for properties that request off-street parking relief from the Special Permit Granting Authority.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
BC.	Order 203258 (ID:15962)	By City Councilor Rossetti, Heuston, Niedergang That the City Solicitor consult with the Attorney General on recreational marijuana and prepare a draft ordinance.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
BD.	Order 204125 (ID:16838)	By City Councilor Heuston That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the zoning of Boynton Yards.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
BE.	Public Communication 204159 (ID:16847)	Property owner of 125 Lowell Somerville LLC submitting a proposed zoning map amendment for certain parcels on Lowell Street, Belmont Street, Summer Street, and Highland Avenue.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
BF.	Officer's Communication 204331 (ID:17001)	Assistant City Solicitor providing a legal opinion regarding #204159, a proposal by a property owner to amend the zoning map for certain parcels, including one owned by that owner.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
BG.	Mayor's Request 204399 (ID:17127)	Requesting the adoption of an amendment to Zoning Ordinance Article 15 to establish a Project Mitigation Fee for Job Creation and Retention.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
BH.	Mayor's Request 204400 (ID:17128)	Requesting the adoption of an amendment to Zoning Ordinance Section 15.5 to update the Project Mitigation Contribution for Affordable Housing.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
BI.	Order 204428 (ID:17155)	By City Councilor Rossetti, Niedergang, McLaughlin, McWatters That the City Solicitor submit a draft amendment to Zoning Ordinance Section 16.10.2, assuring no future option of a waiver from inclusionary affordable housing requirements.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
BJ.	Public Communication 204524 (ID:17256)	18 registered voters submitting a proposed amendment to Zoning Ordinance Article 15 to update the housing linkage fee.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

BK. Officer's Communication 204708 (ID:17451) Planning Board submitting recommendations re: #204399, #204400, #204524, and #204525, four zoning ordinance proposals for affordable housing linkage fees and/or jobs creation and retention linkage fees.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BL. 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.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

BM. 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.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

BN. Order 205055 (ID:17795) By City Councilor Ballantyne 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: WORK COMPLETED

BO. Public Communication 205150 (ID:17890) Green and Open Somerville submitting comments re: a Somerville Green Standard in the proposed zoning overhaul.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BP. Officer's Communication 205229 (ID:17944) Planning Board submitting recommendations re: #204893, a zoning amendment regarding PUD waivers.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

BQ. Public Communication 205330 (ID:18078) Kevin Walford submitting comments re: #204953, the proposed zoning ordinance overhaul.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BR. Officer's Communication 206285 (ID:19047) City Solicitor submitting Zoning Ordinance Amendments regarding Adult Use Marijuana Establishments.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

BS.	Public Communication 206481 (ID:19237)	18 registered voters submitting a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to add a new Section 17.8 re: open space requirements for mid-rise and high-rise buildings.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
BT.	Order 206492 (ID:19291)	By City Councilor Ballantyne, and the Entire Board That the Director of SPCD prioritize zoning, planning and ordinance work for the "transformative districts."	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
BU.	Officer's Communication 206508 (ID:19165)	Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #204953, requesting adoption of a new Zoning Ordinance to supersede the current Zoning Ordinance as originally adopted on March 23, 1990.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
BV.	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.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
BW.	Officer's Communication 206838 (ID:19616)	Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #206285, zoning ordinance amendments regarding adult use marijuana establishments.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
BX.	Public Communication 206891 (ID:19674)	Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #206489, a Zoning Ordinance amendment for slope protection.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
BY.	Public Communication 206915 (ID:19686)	Representative Provost submitting comments re: #206481, a proposed zoning amendment for open space requirements for mid-rise and high-rise buildings.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
BZ.	Officer's Communication 207245 (ID:19966)	Planning Director submitting public comments received re: #206747, the proposed zoning overhaul.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
CA.	Public Communication 207246 (ID:19967)	Public comments received re: #206747, the proposed zoning overhaul, since the conclusion of the Planning Board's comment period.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

<p>CB. Order 207273 (ID:20072)</p>	<p>By City Councilor Mbah That the Director of Inspectional Services request an environmental impact statement from any contractor applying for a permit to do a project of any kind.</p>
<p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p>	
<p>CC. Officer's Communication 207306 (ID:20092)</p>	<p>Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #206747, requesting adoption of a new Zoning Ordinance to supersede the current Zoning Ordinance as originally adopted on March 23, 1990.</p>
<p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p>	
<p>CD. Mayor's Request 207332 (ID:20128)</p>	<p>Submitting proposed amendments the Zoning Ordinance to establish new open space requirements in the Assembly Sq Mixed Use District, Transit Oriented Districts, and Planned Unit Developments.</p>
<p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p>	
<p>CE. Order 207366 (ID:20188)</p>	<p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the City Assessor and the Director of SPCD report to this Board in writing, the range and average cost of adding an Accessory Dwelling Unit, and the expected monthly costs to a homeowner of financing such construction.</p>
<p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p>	
<p>CF. Order 207367 (ID:20189)</p>	<p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of Inspectional Services report to this Board the number of un-permitted dwelling units that are known to exist.</p>
<p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p>	
<p>CG. Order 207371 (ID:20194)</p>	<p>By City Councilor Mbah, McLaughlin That the City Solicitor work with the Director of Sustainability and Environment to draft an ordinance requiring solar renewable energy installation in new commercial development.</p>
<p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p>	
<p>CH. Public Communication 207460 (ID:20244)</p>	<p>18 registered voters submitting a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to add a new Section 17.8 re: open space requirements for mid-rise and high-rise buildings.</p>
<p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p>	
<p>CI. Ordinance 207461 (ID:20252)</p>	<p>By City Councilor Niedergang, Scott, Ballantyne Submitting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for the Protection of Significant Trees, by amending Article 2-Definitions and Article 10-Landscaping.</p>
<p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p>	

CJ.	Public Communication 207564 (ID:20369)	Sonia Lipson submitting comments re: #206747, the proposed zoning overhaul, with respect to accessory dwelling units.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
CK.	Public Communication 207699 (ID:20497)	Andrew Greenspon submitting comments re: #206481, a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to add a new Section 17.8 re: open space requirements for mid-rise and high-rise buildings.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
CL.	Public Communication 207866 (ID:20673)	Peter and Lai Ying Chan submitting comments re: #206747, the proposed zoning overhaul.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
CM.	Public Communication 207870 (ID:20677)	Bill Valletta submitting comments re: #206481 and #207460, proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments re: open space.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
CN.	Order 207937 (ID:20730)	By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD update the zoning overhaul draft to reflect a 3-year term for Planning Board members.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
CO.	Officer's Communication 208134 (ID:20941)	Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: open space zoning ordinance amendments #206481, #207460, #205054, and #207332.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
CP.	Ordinance 208135 (ID:20942)	By City Councilor Scott Amending the Zoning Ordinance map to assign 453 Somerville Avenue to the Business-A zoning district.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
CQ.	Resolution 208156 (ID:20953)	By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Administration provide the Land Use Committee with a timeline for when changes could be made within Traffic and Parking and whether a retroactive implementation could be made as well.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
CR.	Order 208577 (ID:21392)	By City Councilor Scott That the Director of SPCD provide a quarterly update regarding development of a neighborhood plan for Brickbottom.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

CS.	Mayor's Request 208702 (ID:21576)	Requesting the adoption of a New Zoning Ordinance (v4.0 update) to supersede the current Zoning Ordinance as originally adopted on March 23, 1990.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
CT.	Order 208831 (ID:21651)	By City Councilor Scott, Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD update this Council regarding the ongoing planning for Boynton Yards.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
CU.	Order 208832 (ID:21652)	By City Councilor Scott, Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD update this Council regarding specific timelines of planning processes for Brickbottom and Union Square East.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
CV.	Public Communication 208877 (ID:21695)	Hampshire LLC proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property at 22 Murdock St to UR.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
CW.	Public Communication 208878 (ID:21696)	Dean Matarazzo proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property at 13 Garfield Ave to UR.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
CX.	Public Communication 208879 (ID:21697)	Joy St LTD Partnership proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property at 86 Joy St to MR4.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
CY.	Public Communication 208880 (ID:21698)	Sciucco Family Trust proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property at 379 Alewife Brook Pkwy to MR4 or MR5.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
CZ.	Public Communication 208899 (ID:21715)	Jack Saade proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property at 453 Somerville Ave to UR.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
DA.	Officer's Communication 209269 (ID:22105)	Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #208702, requesting adoption of a new Zoning Ordinance to supersede the current Zoning Ordinance as originally adopted on March 23, 1990.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

DB. Resolution 209293 (ID:22126) By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Administration advise this Council on what policy would be necessary to enforce green roof and related requirements in the future.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

DC. Order 209295 (ID:22168) By City Councilor Scott
That the City Solicitor advise the Committee on Land Use whether the regulation of bedrooms through the zoning ordinance would be allowable by law.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

DD. Order 209570 (ID:22425) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Committee on Land Use review and prioritize its agenda items with the Administration at its January 30 meeting.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

55. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 209683 (ID:22489) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on February 4, 2020.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said the Committee discussed an affordable housing overlay district with Planner Dan Bartman, and his presentation is posted online.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order 207727 (ID:20648) By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD discuss the 100% Affordable Zoning Overlay District proposal now being considered by the Cambridge City Council.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

56. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 209684 (ID:22484) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on January 28, 2020.

Councilor Davis said that the Committee discussed the draft general use policy under the surveillance technologies ordinance. It's possible the ordinance will need some minor amendments to address reporting. The Committee also discussed a Home Rule Petition for the appointment of Special Firefighters and a proposed Police Department Cadet Program. The Committee Report was severed in order to address #208703, the Home Rule Petition for a Police Cadet Program, separately. The balance of the Report was Approved as Amended: the original Special Firefighters Home Rule Petition (#209582) was Placed on File, replaced with an updated draft prepared by the city's Labor Counsel (#209712), which was Approved. With respect to the severed portion of the Report, it was amended to return the Police Cadet Home Rule Petition, to the Committee for follow-up.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED
AMENDED: #209582 was Placed on File, replaced by substitution with #209712, which was Approved. #208703 was returned to the Committee on Legislative Matters.

B. Resolution 208574 (ID:21389) By City Councilor Scott That the Administration clarify the status of part-time employees hired as part of the proposed Police Department Cadet Program, and the role of the City Council in confirming nominees for participation.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Mayor's Request 208703 (ID:21511) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City to appoint Police Cadets under certain circumstances.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

D. Mayor's Request 209582 (ID:22403) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition Authorizing the Appointment of Special Firefighters.

For the Adopted Text of this item see #209712.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

E. Order 209685 (ID:22483) By City Councilor Scott That the City Solicitor advise the City Council in writing, before its next regularly scheduled meeting, what options the Council has to modify or repeal the Home Rule Petition to authorize the City to appoint Police Cadets.

RESULT: APPROVED

57. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
209686
(ID:22496) | Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on February 12, 2020. |
| | | <p>Councilor White said the Committee discussed last year's State Audit of used car dealers' compliance with the Lemon Law. The Committee informed those dealers who failed the inspection that if they did not comply they would be subject to a Show Cause hearing to revoke their licenses. The Committee also discussed "dead drops," which are abandoned low-voltage (communications) cables on utility poles. It's difficult to determine which cables are "dead", but the city does have the ability to request that cable companies remove them. Finally, the Committee approved amendments to the Wage Theft Ordinance, to establish a system to determine the amount of any required wage bond.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| B. | Resolution
206864
(ID:19664) | By City Councilor 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. |
| | | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| C. | License/Permit
208791
(ID:21615) | New Extended Operating Hours License, Dakzen, 195 Elm St, opening Wed-Sun until 2 AM for delivery service only. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| D. | License/Permit
208792
(ID:21616) | New Extended Operating Hours License, Lemon Thai Cuisine, 215 Highland Ave, opening Sun-Sat until 2AM for in-store, take-out, and delivery services. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| E. | Order
208932
(ID:21782) | By City Councilor Scott
That the City Solicitor advise this Council's Committee on Licenses and Permits about regulating utility/communication dead drops, with background on the low voltage court cases initiated by the City of Boston. |
| | | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| F. | License/Permit
209120
(ID:21893) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St. |
| | | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| G. | License/Permit
209256
(ID:22085) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, John's Auto Sales, 181 Somerville Ave. |
| | | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |

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| H. | Grant of Location
209463
(ID:22326) | Submitted by 86 Franklin Street LLC to install 36 feet of conduit in Franklin Street from utility pole 134/20 to a point of pickup at 84 Franklin Street. |
| | | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| I. | License/Permit
209527
(ID:22312) | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Ball Square Cafe and Breakfast, 708 Broadway. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |
| J. | Ordinance
209542
(ID:22389) | By City Councilor Scott
That this Council’s Committee on Licenses and Permits consider several amendments to the newly passed Wage Theft Ordinance, including wage bond advisory provisions. |
| | | RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Mbah |
| K. | License/Permit
209600
(ID:22414) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| L. | Order
209623
(ID:22478) | By City Councilor White Jr.
That the City Solicitor advise the Committee on Licenses and Permits on its ability to deal with car dealers that have failed a state Lemon Law audit. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

58. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
209687
(ID:22493) | Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on February 10, 2020. |
| | | Councilor Ballantyne said the Committee had its organizational meeting, touching on priorities such as ordinances to ban plastic flatware, support native species, and encourage public space conservation. The Committee was also interested in led lights, open space and field use, and brownfields.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | Order
204436
(ID:17163) | By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment arrange a meeting with this Board's Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, members of the School Committee, the Superintendent of Schools, the Administration, and the Commissioner of Public Works, to plan recycling efforts in the Public Schools. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

- C. Order 204869 (ID:17636) By City Councilor 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 205437 (ID:18200) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Director of Parks and Open Space update this Board on all current parks projects.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Resolution 205665 (ID:18412) By City Councilor Mbah That the Administration collaborate with MIT to build a robust biking infrastructure.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. Resolution 205666 (ID:18413) By City Councilor Mbah That the Administration investigate partnering with MIT to provide advice on renewable energy sources.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- G. Resolution 205710 (ID:18542) By City Councilor 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- H. Order 207031 (ID:19817) By City Councilor 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- I. Resolution 207173 (ID:19993) By City Councilor 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| J. | Resolution
208614
(ID:21423) | By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Administration inform this City Council whether the new High School, and eventually other municipal buildings, will have dishwashing capacity, to reduce or eliminate reliance on single-use flatware and dishes. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| K. | Resolution
208808
(ID:21618) | By City Councilor Mbah
That the Administration update this Council on the Climate Preparedness Week Resolution (#208611) that was submitted in July. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| L. | Public
Communication
209139
(ID:21866) | Sasha Chanoff submitting comments re: re-turfing Dilboy Field. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| M. | Officer's
Communication
209270
(ID:22099) | Parks and Recreation Director responding to #209152 re: Lincoln Park athletic field use, warranty, and quality control. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| N. | Order
209364
(ID:22206) | By City Councilor Ballantyne, Rossetti
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Sustainability and Environment discuss the safety uses and environmental impacts of the street salt used on the city's streets. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| O. | Order
209366
(ID:22214) | By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment work with the School District to provide any plans for shifting to compostable flatware. |
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59. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee
Report
209688
(ID:22485) | Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on January 29, 2020. |
| | | Councilor Davis noted the video of the Committee meeting is available online, including a discussion with the Chief of Police.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | Order
207441
(ID:20234) | By City Councilor Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Scott, Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Board on the feasibility of situating a Safe Injection Facility here. |
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| C. Order
207730
(ID:20548) | By City Councilor Mbah, Scott, Clingan, Davis, Niedergang, McLaughlin, White Jr., Hirsch, Rossetti, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen
That the Chief of Police create a restorative justice program similar to that used in Cambridge, Arlington and Boston. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| D. Resolution
208162
(ID:21038) | By City Councilor Davis
That the Administration advise the City Council in writing not later than May 23, what specifically is being studied and what specifically is preventing installation of port-a-potties in City parks and playgrounds. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| E. Order
208681
(ID:21508) | By City Councilor Mbah, Ballantyne
That the Chief of Police update this Council quarterly on high risk domestic violence and sexual assault cases. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| F. Order
208683
(ID:21558) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Mbah
That the Director of SPCD facilitate a community meeting about airplane noise and include information about how flight path decisions get made, what (if any) local leverage we have, and how different neighborhoods are currently or potentially affected by noise. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| G. Order
208886
(ID:21705) | By City Councilor Clingan
That the Chief of Police report to this Council on the state of gang activity in the City. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| H. Resolution
208906
(ID:21723) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Licensing Commission investigate the serving of alcohol to inebriated customers from liquor stores along East Broadway and propose solutions to address over-serving and littering. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| I. Order
208956
(ID:21777) | By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council, any implications for Somerville as a result of the Governor's newly announced four-month ban on the sale of vaping products. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |

- J. Officer's Communication 209021 (ID:21797) Director of Health and Human Services responding to #208956 with information on the implications for Somerville of the statewide vaping ban.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
- K. Officer's Communication 209098 (ID:21956) Police Sgt. responding to #208906 re: overserving alcohol to inebriated customers along East Broadway.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
- L. Order 209368 (ID:22212) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Police Chief inform this Council how enforcement of the new hands-free driving law will be implemented.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

60. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209689 (ID:22495) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on February 11, 2020.

Councilor Davis said the Committee discussed a number of matters, including improving snow shoveling citywide and addressing substance abuse and safe consumption facilities. He encouraged interested persons to read the minutes online.

RESULT: APPROVED
- B. Order 205684 (ID:18437) By City Councilor 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: WORK COMPLETED
- C. Order 207879 (ID:20685) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of Inspectional Services consider making dumping snow on vacant lots a punishable offense.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
- D. Order 208262 (ID:21096) By City Councilor Clingan, McLaughlin That the Director of Health and Human Services, with this Council's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety and regional substance abuse service providers, prepare an Opioid Response Report similar to one published by Cambridge.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Order 208385 (ID:21224) By City Councilor Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, McLaughlin That the Director of the Personnel provide the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety with state Core Competency training certifications, and any other training documents, for all Animal Control Officers.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 208386 (ID:21225) By City Councilor Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, McLaughlin That the Chief of Police provide the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety with all animal control calls logged over the last 6 months.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Resolution 208474 (ID:21294) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr. That the Administration and the Director of Health and Human Services use revenue from recreational and medical marijuana for substance abuse treatment resources.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Order 208617 (ID:21424) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Directors of Health and Human Services, Parks and Recreation, Economic Development, or SomerPromise report on the possibility of establishing a transitional jobs program, modeled after programs in Cambridge and other communities.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Order 208693 (ID:21568) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan, Ballantyne, Hirsch That the Director of SomerStat provide this Council with a citywide heat map of areas where overdoses and improperly disposed needles are reported to identify a location for a safe injection facility.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Order 208821 (ID:21641) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss ways to avoid children’s contacts with syringes in parks and public spaces.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. Public Communication 208952 (ID:21773) 15 residents submitting comments re: airplane noise.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| L. | Resolution
208998
(ID:21820) | By City Councilor Clingan
That the Administration perform an ADA accessibility audit of the entire city, including state property, and devise a compliance plan complete with a timeline for implementation. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| M. | Order
209058
(ID:21904) | By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Council the plan for an emergency response to the increased risk of disruption to the potable water supply due to water contamination from strong storms caused by climate change. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| N. | Order
209080
(ID:21939) | By City Councilor Clingan, Mbah
That the Director of Health and Human Services reach out to the numerous homeless people camping out in Foss Park and work to address their needs. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| O. | Officer's
Communication
209241
(ID:21998) | Director of SomerStat responding to #208693 with a citywide heat map of overdoses and improperly disposed needles. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| P. | Officer's
Communication
209321
(ID:22092) | Director of Health and Human Services conveying the Somerville Opioid Overdose Data Report for 2018. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Q. | Officer's
Communication
209410
(ID:22190) | Director of Health and Human Services conveying a memo re: the small bottle survey results and recommendations. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| R. | Resolution
209474
(ID:22361) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang
That the Administration consider undertaking a targeted mailing to prior-year violators of snow shoveling requirements. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| S. | Order
209540
(ID:22387) | By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne
That the Director of Communications discuss with this Council the possibility of a mailing or a flyer to all property owners, and/or all residents, every year or two, informing them of their responsibilities under the snow shoveling ordinance. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

61. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
209690
(ID:22488)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on February 3, 2020.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Clingan noted that the Committee discussed a number of matters and closed out some old business. He directed interested persons to the meeting video online.</p> | |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>B. Public Communication
208963
(ID:21783)</p> | <p>28 residents commenting on the completion of the reconstruction of Beacon Street, and next steps.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>C. Order
209079
(ID:21936)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management or another representative of the Administration report to each Councilor by November 1, 2019, on the placement of concrete for electrical equipment at the Brown School, and what alternate locations could be less impactful on the school's limited physical space.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>D. Order
209286
(ID:22149)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of Engineering and the Commissioner of Public Works repave the crosswalk on Aberdeen Road at Highland Avenue, as it remains a tripping hazard for pedestrians.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>E. Order
209345
(ID:22176)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works repaint the "No-Cycling" decals on business district sidewalks.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>F. Public Communication
209349
(ID:22184)</p> | <p>18 residents requesting that the MBTA bus stop that was at 95 Beacon St and has been moved to 97 Beacon St, be returned to 95 Beacon St.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>G. Order
209386
(ID:22229)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Mbah
The the Director of Inspectional services enforce current snow clearance regulations on business and residential properties, with follow-through as snow melts and re-freezes during each snow event.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |

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| H. | Order
209387
(ID:22230) | By City Councilor Mbah
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the gaps in snow removal at corners and intersections. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |
| I. | Order
209388
(ID:22231) | By City Councilor Mbah
That the Commissioner of Public Works clear snow from sidewalks and crosswalks in at least the squares, arterial roads, and bus routes. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |
| J. | Order
209389
(ID:22232) | By City Councilor Mbah
That the Director of SPCD and the Commissioner of Public Works commit to provide a year-round safe pedestrian environment. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |
| K. | Order
209390
(ID:22234) | By City Councilor Mbah
That the Director of SPCD replace the missing street signs off North Street, and replace the smaller signs with clearly visible signs on poles. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |
| L. | Order
209422
(ID:22261) | By City Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works move the right turn arrow signal at the corner of Broadway and Temple Street to a more visible location. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |
| M. | Order
209425
(ID:22264) | By City Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works place a trash receptacle in front of the Winter Hill Post Office. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |
| N. | Order
209427
(ID:22266) | By City Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 116 Sycamore Street. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |
| O. | Order
209443
(ID:22280) | By City Councilor Ballantyne, Rossetti
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Health and Human Services discuss the city's road salting policy and residents' concerns about environmental impacts, health impacts and the expense of "over-salting." |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |

- P. Order 209691 (ID:22498) By City Councilor White Jr. That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inform the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works whether the newspaper boxes throughout the city are permitted.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

62. Mayor's Request 209692 (ID:22521) Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 2-309.5 to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Veterans Commission on Monuments, Memorials and Dedications.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

63. Mayor's Request 209693 (ID:22522) Requesting acceptance of two easements over DCR land in Assembly Square.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

64. Mayor's Request 209694 (ID:22007) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$12,068.60 using available funds in various Information Technology accounts for postage machines, copier leases, software, and hardware.

RESULT: APPROVED

65. Mayor's Request 209695 (ID:22480) Requesting acceptance of a \$200,000 grant with no new match required from the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department to purchase portable radios.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

66. Mayor's Request 209696 (ID:22479) Requesting acceptance of a \$45,000 grant with no new match required, from the Urban Areas Security Initiative to the Fire Department to purchase maritime equipment.

RESULT: APPROVED

67. Mayor's Request 209697 (ID:22466) Requesting acceptance of a \$41,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for the EOC upgrades.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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| 68. Mayor's Request 209698 (ID:22481) | Requesting acceptance of a \$20,279.78 grant that requires a match, from the Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership to the Police Department for bulletproof vests. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 69. Mayor's Request 209699 (ID:22458) | Requesting acceptance of a \$6,963 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety & Security to the Fire Department for fire and life safety lessons for school students. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 70. Mayor's Request 209700 (ID:22459) | Requesting acceptance of a \$2,930 grant with no new match required from the MA Office of Public Safety & Security to the Fire Department for fire and life safety lessons to older adults. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 71. Mayor's Request 209701 (ID:22528) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jahan Habib to the Planning Board. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 72. Mayor's Request 209702 (ID:22529) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ella Samson to the Planning Board. | <p>Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the readings of items 72 through 76 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 73. Mayor's Request 209703 (ID:22530) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sam Dinning to the Planning Board. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 74. Mayor's Request 209704 (ID:22531) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rob Buchanan as an Alternate to the Planning Board. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

75. Mayor's Request 209705 (ID:22533) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Orsola Susan Fontano to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

76. Mayor's Request 209706 (ID:22532) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Katherine Garavaglia as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

77. Mayor's Request 209707 (ID:22534) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Frank Valdez to the Urban Design Commission.

Councilor Rossetti asked Planning Director Sarah Lewis to describe the term length for each of the 3 appointees to the Interim Urban Design Commission. Ms. Lewis noted that Mr. Arbaugh's term would be for 3 years, Ms. Fennick's, 2 years, and Mr. Valdez, 1 year.
 For background on the Interim Urban Design Commission, see #209745.
RESULT: APPROVED

78. Mayor's Request 209708 (ID:22535) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Andrew Arbaugh to the Urban Design Commission.

For discussion of this item see #209707.
RESULT: APPROVED

79. Mayor's Request 209709 (ID:22536) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Deborah Fennick to the Urban Design Commission.

For discussion of this item see #209707.
RESULT: APPROVED

80. Mayor's Request 209710 (ID:22452) Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Browne as Constable.

Councilor Rossetti moved 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

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| 81. Officer's Communication 209711 (ID:22525) | Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management submitting a draft Ordinance to establish a Memorialization Committee. | | | | | | | | |
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| 82. Officer's Communication 209712 (ID:22573) | Chief Labor Counsel submitting an update to #209582, a proposed Home Rule Petition to authorize the appointment of Special Firefighters, as approved by the Legislative Matters Committee on 1/28/20. | | | | | | | | |
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| For discussion of this item see #209582. | | | | | | | | | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Hirsch, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | | | |
| ABSENT: | Mbah | | | | | | | | |
| 83. Officer's Communication 209713 (ID:22574) | Chief Labor Counsel submitting a communication regarding a mechanism for revoking or nullifying a Home Rule Petition, pursuant to a request of the Legislative Matters Committee on 1/28/20. | | | | | | | | |
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| 84. Officer's Communication 209714 (ID:22497) | Assistant City Solicitor responding to #206959, deeming Newport Construction and Northern Tree to be “not considered responsible bidders or offerors” for 5 years. | | | | | | | | |
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| FOLLOWUP: | Public Utilities and Public Works Committee | | | | | | | | |
| 85. Officer's Communication 209715 (ID:22585) | Director of SPCD responding to #207746 re: FRIT covenant payments. | | | | | | | | |
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| 86. Officer's Communication 209716 (ID:22586) | Director of Transportation & Infrastructure responding to #208049 re: the punch list for the Beacon Streetscape project. | | | | | | | | |
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87. Officer's Communication 209717 (ID:22472) Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #209152 re: Lincoln Park athletic field data.

Councilor Ballantyne moved to waive the readings of items 87 and 88 and refer them 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

88. Officer's Communication 209718 (ID:22467) Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #209544 re: using Founders Rink for indoor soccer.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

89. Officer's Communication 209719 (ID:22518) Election Commissioner responding to #209608 re: procedures used to update voter roles with current addresses.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

90. Officer's Communication 209720 (ID:22519) Election Commissioner responding to #209609 re: removing voters from the voter roles for failure to complete the 2020 census.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

NEW BUSINESS

91. License/Permit 209721 (ID:22508) Public Event License, HomeWork Energy Pop Up, various locations: Statue Park, Lincoln Park, or Nathan Tufts Park, Mar 1,2,4,6,7,8,9,11,13,14,15,16,18, 20,21,22,23,25,27,28,29,30, 9:30pm-6:15pm.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading of item 91 and refer it to the Licenses and Permits Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

92. License/Permit 209722 (ID:22509) Public Event License, Somerville Maple Boil Down, Community Growing Center, Mar 6-7, 8am-2pm (raindate Mar 13-14).

Councilor White moved to waive the readings of items 92 through 103, except 101, and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

93. License/Permit 209723 (ID:22583) Public Event License, Unity Somerville Palm Sunday Donkey Walk, College Ave sidewalk from Powderhouse Park to Davis Sq, Apr 5, 8:30-9:45AM.

RESULT: APPROVED

94.	License/Permit 209724 (ID:22584)	Public Event License, Unity Somerville Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, Powderhouse Park, Apr 12, 6:15-7:15AM.	RESULT: APPROVED
95.	License/Permit 209725 (ID:22510)	Public Event License, MOM's 5K Run and Walk for Cancer, Davis Sq area and surrounding streets, May 10, 7am-3pm.	RESULT: APPROVED
96.	License/Permit 209726 (ID:22581)	Public Event License, MSPCA Fast and Furriest Run-Walk-Wag, Assembly Row and area streets, May 17, 6AM-3PM.	RESULT: APPROVED
97.	License/Permit 209727 (ID:22582)	Public Event License, Ryan Harrington Foundation Just One Run, Blessing of the Bay Boathouse and Mystic River area, May 31, 7:30AM-3PM.	RESULT: APPROVED
98.	License/Permit 209728 (ID:22511)	Public Event License, Somerville Homeless Coalition Save Our Homes Walk, City Hall-East Somerville sidewalks, Jun 14, Noon-4:30PM.	RESULT: APPROVED
99.	License/Permit 209729 (ID:22512)	Public Event License, East Somerville Main Street Dancing in the Streets, Chuckie Harris Park, June 25, July 30, & Aug 27, 4pm-8:30pm (raindate June 26, July 31, & Aug 28).	RESULT: APPROVED
100.	License/Permit 209730 (ID:22505)	New Drainlayer's License, W.L. French Excavating.	RESULT: APPROVED
101.	Withdrawn 209731 (ID:22506)	Withdrawn.	RESULT: WITHDRAWN
102.	License/Permit 209732 (ID:22507)	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Maya Sol Mexican Grill, 179 Broadway.	RESULT: APPROVED
103.	License/Permit 209733 (ID:22520)	Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Elysse Corp, Med #48.	RESULT: APPROVED

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| 104. | Public
Communication
209734
(ID:22577) | 62 College Ave Trust LLC proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property at 60-62 College Ave to UR. | Also referred to the Planning Board.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee |
| 105. | Public
Communication
209735
(ID:22578) | George and Maria Hatzis proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property at 248 Somerville Ave to MR5. | Also referred to the Planning Board.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee |
| 106. | Public
Communication
209736
(ID:22579) | 10 residents submitting comments re: the use of artificial turf at Conway Park and all parks. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| 107. | Public
Communication
209737
(ID:22580) | The Water Supply Citizens Advisory Committee of the MWRA submitting comments re: water conservation. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 108. | Citation
209738
(ID:22594) | By City Councilor McLaughlin, and the Mayor Commending the creators of the Full Circle "Gentrification in Somerville" Photography Exhibit. | President McLaughlin commented on the outstanding photography exhibit created by the students. Principal Margaret Green said the Next Wave and Full Circle programs incorporate project based learning.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 109. | Resolution
209739
(ID:22592) | By City Councilor Davis
That the Administration include in the upcoming Brown School Schoolyard renovation a requirement that any design proposals include relocation of the electrical equipment currently to be placed in the former location of the garden beds. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 110. | Mayor's
Request
209740
(ID:22404) | Requesting approval of an ordinance authorizing participation in the MA Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |

111. Mayor's Request 209741 (ID:22590) Requesting the appropriation of \$418,472 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to various Departmental Other Lump Sum Payments Accounts to fund prior-year salary and benefit provisions in the Agreement with SMEA Unit D.

Councilor Scott noted that a settlement with SMEA Unit D had been reached, and urged approval of this item so the members could be paid.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

ABSENT: Mbah

112. Mayor's Request 209742 (ID:22587) Requesting a transfer of \$49,431 from the E-911 Salaries Account to the Department of Transportation Salaries Account, to establish new positions in the Department.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

113. Mayor's Request 209743 (ID:22589) Requesting a transfer of \$30,000 from the E-911 Salaries Account to Department of Transportation Office Equipment and Professional and Technical Services Accounts.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

114. Mayor's Request 209744 (ID:22588) Requesting a transfer of \$10,592 from the E-911 Salaries Account to the Constituent Services Salaries Account to establish the position of Quality Assurance and Improvement Manager.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

115. Officer's Communication 209745 (ID:22591) Assistant City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance to establish an Interim Urban Design Commission.

Councilor Rossetti noted that the zoning overhaul adopted in December eliminated the old Design Review Committee. The replacement that was created in the overhaul needs amending, so, in the interim, the Administration recommends creating an Interim Urban Design Commission, and appointing 3 members to it who served on the old Design Review Committee. Councilors expressed confusion about this body's purpose and lifespan. Planning Director Sarah Lewis responded that a functioning Commission is needed to review ongoing development proposals in the city. She said that once the roster of the zoning overhaul's replacement Commission is filled, the Interim Commission will cease. Assistant City Solicitor David Shapiro noted that the Commission's authority is set forth in the ordinance itself.

For the appointment of the 3 members, see #209707 through #209709.

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

116. License/Permit 209746 (ID:22599) Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell equipment on an existing pole at 8 Howe St.

Councilor White requested to waive the reading of items 116 through 120 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

117. License/Permit 209747 (ID:22600) Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell equipment on an existing pole at 64 Temple St.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

118. License/Permit 209748 (ID:22601) Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell equipment on an existing pole at 107 Perkins St.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

119. License/Permit 209749 (ID:22602) Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell equipment on an existing pole at 418 Washington St.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

120. License/Permit 209750 (ID:22603) Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell equipment on an existing pole at 154 Walnut St.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

LATE ITEMS

121. Mayor's Request 209751 (ID:22595) Requesting that the subterranean rights below Kensington Avenue and 0 Middlesex Avenue be declared surplus and available for disposition.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

122. Public Communication 209752 (ID:22606) 4 residents submitting comments re: the use of artificial turf at Conway Park and all parks.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

123. Order 209753 (ID:22604) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Communications and the Director of Finance discuss all telecom contracts, their renewal, and how they affect the city budget, PEG, and the Somerville Media Center.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

124. Order 209754 (ID:22605) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Health and Human Services, along with Shape Up Somerville, and the Somerville Food Security Coalition, recommend ways to improve food access.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:40 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2020, 7:00 PM
 City Council Chamber-City Hall-93 Highland Avenue

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 209755
 (ID:22619) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 209756
 (ID:22620) Councilor Mbah sponsored a moment of silence for the 22 people, including 14 children, who were recently killed in a massacre in Camaroon.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 23, 2020.
 209757
 (ID:22621) **RESULT: APPROVED**

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Order 209758 (ID:22615) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD update this Council on creating a Bicycle Master Plan, and requiring that future road work adhere to this plan.

Councilor Ewen-Campen expressed happiness that the City is initiating a Bicycle Master Plan, to reduce traffic, increase walkability and bike-ability, and enhance ADA accessibility. He would like the Plan enshrined in local law. Councilor Niedergang said the Traffic and Parking Committee would take up the Plan in March or April.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

5. Order 209759 (ID:22618) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD update the City Council on the status of the Union Square D4.3 block.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted the passive-house apartment building on the Union Square D4.3 block should coincide with the first phase of construction in Union Square, and he requested an update on this affordable-housing component of the project.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

6. Order 209760 (ID:22616) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 3 Councilor on plans to paint "bump-outs" on the northeast corner of Vinal Avenue and Summer Street, and on the southeast corner of Quincy and Summer Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. Resolution 209761 (ID:22617) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, Niedergang, Ballantyne, Scott
That the Administration routinely distribute the Redevelopment Authority's meeting agendas to all City Councilors via email, and submit regular written updates to this Council.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that a benefit of serving on the Redevelopment Authority is that he receives regular updates on major projects in the City, and, while this information is available to the public, he'd like these updates sent to all Councilors.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. Order 209762 (ID:22626) By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch
That the City Solicitor draft language to amend the Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance to require full disclosure of all ownership interests, including names and percentage interest of all owners or shareholders.
- Councilor Niedergang said that the Licensing Commission is often unable to identify the actual applicants applying for marijuana licenses, as the applications are submitted by LLCs or corporations. He said it's important to know exactly who owns these licenses.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
9. Order 209763 (ID:22628) By City Councilor Niedergang
That this Council consider amending the Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance to remove Somerville residency as a qualifier for being a priority applicant in Group A, in order to prioritize Economic Empowerment applicants.
- Councilor Niedergang noted that this Council's priority was to enable economic empowerment applicants to apply for marijuana licenses. But the first three local applications approved by the Mayor's Advisory Committee have all had connections to local businessmen, which was not the intention. He recommended removing the local preference in the Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
10. Order 209764 (ID:22627) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD list the members of the Marijuana Advisory Committee on the city's website.
- Councilor Niedergang noted this request is in the interest of transparency.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
11. Order 209765 (ID:22629) By City Councilor Niedergang
That #207449 be discharged from this Council's Traffic and Parking Committee and referred to a committee which the Director of Inspectional Services attends.
- Councilor Niedergang said this item, to waive the permit fees when people depave their driveways, should be taken up by a committee that meets with the Director of Inspectional Services.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
12. Communication 209766 (ID:22631) By City Councilor McLaughlin
In his capacity as President, rescheduling to Tuesday, April 28, 2020 the regular meeting of this Council that had been scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2020.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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| 13. | Resolution
209284
(ID:22154) | By City Councilor Scott
Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee. | <p>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
| 14. | Order
209643
(ID:22538) | By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Director of Inspectional Services report to this Council by February 25, 2020 the policy for communicating to the Police Department special conditions imposed for city wide projects, such as working hours. | <p>Councilor Rossetti said she called the Police last weekend to report a Special Permit violation and was told they don't have a way to know what the Permit allows. She sponsored Inspectional Services Director Nick Antanavica, who said his department doesn't give the Police a copy of Special Permit conditions; they already have too much paperwork. However, going forward, contractors will be required to post allowed work hours on the work site. And when he receives a second complaint about work hours for existing projects, he is requiring these contractors to post their hours onsite, too.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 15. | Resolution
209644
(ID:22539) | By City Councilor Rossetti, Davis, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Hirsch, White Jr., Scott
That the Administration update this Council by February 25, 2020 of any negotiated relief related to the recently-announced GLX delayed timeline and resultant impact to the city's residents and businesses. | <p>Councilor Rossetti noted that the response has been submitted as #309787, and the City is currently waiting for a response from the MBTA.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> |

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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| 16. | <u>CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE</u> | |
| A. | Committee
Report
209767
(ID:22610) | Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on February 19, 2020. |
| | | <p>Councilor Rossetti noted that the Committee took up several items. They reviewed School Committee Member Sarah Phillip's request for an exemption under MGL c268A s20D. Ms. Phillip's informed the Committee she works for Mass Insight Education and Research, which contracts with the City. Many requests of this nature have not been approved by this Committee, but with 2 in favor and 1 opposed, this one was approved. Next was David Gibbs' request for an exemption under MGL c268A s20D. He is a member of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the Director of the Community Action Agency of Somerville. Councilor</p> |

Rossetti noted that he is not paid from this contract, and Councilor Scott expressed confidence in his understanding of the need to disclose any potential conflict. This request was unanimously approved. The Committee also reviewed 3 appointments to various commissions, and all were approved. Finally, the Committee considered requests to promote Police Officers Wolff Berrouet and Steve St. Hilaire to the position of Sergeant. Councilor Rossetti noted the Police Officers' strengths are detailed in the report. The Committee approved both promotions, because in Executive Session, they were urged to take expedited action on them.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 209404 (ID:22019) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Titania Ng to the Conservation Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

C. Mayor's Request 209405 (ID:22194) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Henry Ayanna to the Urban Forestry Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

D. Mayor's Request 209406 (ID:22195) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Conor Guidarelli to the Urban Forestry Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

E. Mayor's Request 209491 (ID:22291) Requesting approval of an exemption for David Gibbs pursuant to MGL c268A, s20(d).

RESULT: APPROVED

F. Officer's Communication 209550 (ID:22390) School Committee Member Sarah Phillips requesting an exemption under MGL c268A s20(d).

RESULT: APPROVED

G. Mayor's Request 209590 (ID:22422) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Police Officer Wolff Berrouet to the position of Police Sergeant.

RESULT: APPROVED

H. Mayor's Request 209591 (ID:22423) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Police Officer Steve St. Hilaire to the position of Police Sergeant.

RESULT: APPROVED

- I. Order 209642 (ID:22524) By City Councilor Mbah, Niedergang That the Director of Personnel appear before this Council to explain the failure to urge the Council to take expedited action on two Police Department promotions that would have diversified the superior officer ranks had the civil service list not expired before the Council was able to consider the promotions.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

17. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209768 (ID:22612) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on February 25, 2020.

Councilor Rossetti noted that in the Executive Session held on February 19, 2020, the Committee asked to review the professional standards folders for the two candidates for Police promotion. They were told the folders were unavailable, but one of them was empty. Councilor Scott was granted permission from the Committee to review the Police Department files the next day, and he reported that the folder was not empty. He then worked with the City Solicitor's Office to draft a FOIA request, and that Office forwarded the redacted results to Councilors Scott and Rossetti. As Chair, Councilor Rossetti called another meeting, with an Executive Session, to review the candidates' professional standards folders. The Committee agreed to stand by their recommendation to approve the two promotions.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Mayor's Request 209590 (ID:22422) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Police Officer Wolff Berrouet to the position of Police Sergeant.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. Mayor's Request 209591 (ID:22423) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Police Officer Steve St. Hilaire to the position of Police Sergeant.

RESULT: APPROVED

18. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209769 (ID:22611) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on February 20, 2020.

Councilor Niedergang noted that all items are available in the Committee report. He said 3 items were discussed. First were stormwater and pervious surface issues. He said the Administration was drafting a Storm Water Ordinance, with an EPA deadline of June 30, 2020 for enactment. Next was the city's General Use Policy required by the Surveillance Technology Ordinance. The Committee reviewed the regulations on how the ordinance would be implemented, and kept the item in Committee for further work. Finally, the Committee discussed a revision to the Noise Ordinance to ban gas powered leaf blowers. The City Solicitor said it's impossible to regulate pollution from leaf blowers, but the Noise Ordinance can regulate them. Staff from the Parks and Recreation Department shared how they use leaf

blowers and their concerns with the proposed ordinance. The Committee will continue working on this.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order
198398
(ID:11000)

By City Councilor White Jr.
That this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters review the current pervious surfaces ordinances for their effectiveness and sufficiency.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

19. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

A. Committee
Report
209770
(ID:22609)

Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on February 19, 2020.

Councilor Niedergang noted there are 7 pages of completed orders in the minutes. The first item discussed was the intersection of McGrath Highway, Mystic Avenue and I-93. The MA DOT presented \$5M in improvements to be made in 2022, including new striping and signage, improved ADA ramps, and improved crosswalks. The major concern is the right hand turn off McGrath Highway onto I-93, which, unfortunately, the project will not address. The Mobility Division is looking for funding to address it instead. The second item discussed was the intersection of Lowell and Albion Streets, which has frequent car accidents. Residents, worried that someone will be seriously injured or killed, discussed with the Committee how to address the dangers. The third item discussed was Central Street in Ward 5, which has become a commuting corridor for people who don't live in the City. Daily vehicle trips have increased from 5,500 in 2017 to 7,500 in 2020. The Mobility Division informed the Committee that when the School Street Bridge is closed, the Washington Street Bridge will be open to help mitigate traffic and soon after the Broadway Bridge will be re-opened as well. The Mobility Division informed the Committee that there are no plans for the community path extension crossing on Central Street. Councilor Niedergang noted that Mobility Director Brad Rawson will roll out 20 mph safety zones this year.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order
197981
(ID:10588)

By City Councilor McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works determine if it is feasible to place a bump out at the corner of Bonner and Columbus Avenues.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order
199456
(ID:12047)

By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking conduct a traffic study on Lincoln and Perkins Streets and propose traffic calming measures.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| D. | Resolution
199700
(ID:12408) | By City Councilor White Jr., Lafuente, Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti
That the Traffic Commission consider installing a temporary speed bump on Governor Winthrop Road near Grimmons Park to protect children from speeding vehicles. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| E. | Resolution
199846
(ID:12472) | By City Councilor McWatters, McLaughlin
That MASS DOT consider placing a pedestrian signal at Chester Street and McGrath Highway. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| F. | Order
200223
(ID:12850) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works create clearly defined lines along Walnut Street, by Pearl Street and Broadway, to eliminate two lane traffic problems. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| G. | Order
200240
(ID:12933) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a sign on Cross Street East prohibiting cutoff traffic onto I-93. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| H. | Order
200290
(ID:12945) | By City Councilor Gewirtz, Rossetti
That the Director of Traffic and Parking add an additional stop sign on Meacham Road facing Buena Vista Road to clarify that Buena Vista Road drivers must stop before turning onto Meacham Road. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| I. | Order
200746
(ID:13378) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a SLOW sign on the Cross Street bridge. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| J. | Order
200856
(ID:13503) | By City Councilor Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install signs at appropriate sections of Osgood Street indicating that it is not a through way. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| K. | Order
201135
(ID:13792) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking investigate making Brook Street a one way street, going away from Cross Street. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

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| L. | Order
201142
(ID:13830) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install parking meters in front of 161 Broadway. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| M. | Order
201377
(ID:14033) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking remove the NO TURN ON RED sign on the corner of Broadway and Franklin Street. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| N. | Order
201406
(ID:14039) | By City Councilor Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a DEAD END or NO THRU WAY sign at the entrance to Kent Court. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| O. | Order
201407
(ID:14040) | By City Councilor Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a PRIVATE WAY sign at the entrance to Kent Court. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| P. | Order
201487
(ID:14141) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking devise a strategy to more forcefully implement the DO NOT ENTER restriction on Perkins Street, by the Boston line. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Q. | Order
201615
(ID:14278) | By City Councilor Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the absence of parking regulations and signage on large portions of Somerville Avenue. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| R. | Order
201694
(ID:14362) | By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a flashing STOP sign on Buena Vista Road, where it meets Meacham Road. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| S. | Order
201780
(ID:14438) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider adding an "except Perkins Street abutters" note to the Do Not Enter sign on Perkins Street, on the Boston line. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

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| T. | Order
201783
(ID:14441) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a blinking SLOW - CHILDREN sign on Lincoln Avenue. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| U. | Order
201785
(ID:14443) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install YIELD signs along the rotary in Assembly Row, by Legal Seafood, as well as signage indicating who has the right of way. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| V. | Order
201786
(ID:14444) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking address traffic issues at the intersection of Bonair, Dana and Edmands Streets. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| W. | Order
201829
(ID:14468) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain the reason for the NO PARKING – DRIVEWAY sign at the West Branch Police sub-station. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| X. | Order
202173
(ID:14889) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking put a DO NOT ENTER sign on the corner of Walnut Street and Medford street to stop cars from going the wrong way on Walnut Street. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Y. | Order
202351
(ID:15057) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a blinking SLOW sign at 240 Pearl Street. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Z. | Order
202791
(ID:15495) | By City Councilor Sullivan, Lafuente, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install reflective material on the STOP sign post at Governor Winthrop and Ten Hills Roads. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| AA. | Order
202799
(ID:15505) | By City Councilor McLaughlin, Sullivan, Rossetti
That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider placing warning signs at the entrance of East Broadway, at McGrath Highway, to let drivers know the street will merge to one lane. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

AB. Order 202860 (ID:15559) By City Councilor Rossetti, McLaughlin, Sullivan That the Chief of Police send a directed patrol to monitor Mount Vernon Street for wrong-way traffic 5-6PM.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AC. Order 202861 (ID:15560) By City Councilor Rossetti, McLaughlin, Sullivan That the Chief of Police monitor lower Broadway regularly for illegal u-turns.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AD. Order 203054 (ID:15750) By City Councilor Heuston That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the line of site for traffic turning from Summer Street onto Preston Road and recommend changes to parking and signage.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AE. Order 203055 (ID:15749) By City Councilor Heuston That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider a resident petition for a change to Merriam Street from 2-way to 1-way and provide residents with related information.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AF. Order 203067 (ID:15783) By City Councilor Rossetti That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of Information Technology provide Parking Control Officers with the ability to review local infraction history by license plate.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AG. Order 203070 (ID:15874) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with data on car ownership and parking issues at developments permitted in the past five years.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AH. Order 203074 (ID:15878) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider prohibiting car traffic around Artisan Way and Assembly Row to allow for increased pedestrian accessibility.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AI. Order 203274 (ID:15995) By City Councilor McWatters, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr. That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider placing a raised crosswalk at the intersection of Summer and Lowell Streets.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AJ. Resolution 203363 (ID:16065) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Administration advise why speed dampening options were denied for Fairfax Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AK. Order 203372 (ID:16078) By City Councilor Heuston That the Directors of SPCD and Traffic and Parking place appropriate signs and signals for safety zones in Ward 2, especially around the Argenziano School.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AL. Order 203396 (ID:16139) By City Councilor Sullivan, McLaughlin, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr. That the Director of Traffic and Parking determine whether fire trucks and ambulances can safely access Maine, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Rhode Island Avenues from Pennsylvania Avenue, and make appropriate recommendations to this Board.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AM. Resolution 203397 (ID:16140) By City Councilor Sullivan The Traffic Commission consider making Mt. Vernon Street an ABUTTERS ONLY roadway, from Pearl Street to Broadway, during peak travelling hours.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AN. Resolution 203488 (ID:16216) By City Councilor Heuston That the Traffic Commission consider changing Merriam Street to a one way street, from Charlestown Street to Somerville Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AO. Order 203490 (ID:16219) By City Councilor Heuston The Director of Traffic and Parking place a second DO NOT ENTER sign at the corner of Bolton and Oak Streets, and a one way arrow sign on top of the DO NOT ENTER signs.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AP. Order 203578 (ID:16287) By City Councilor Heuston That the Director of SPCD work with MA DOT to place a DO NOT BLOCK THE INTERSECTION sign and related street markings at the intersection of Linwood Street and McGrath Highway.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AQ. Order 203591 (ID:16309) By City Councilor Heuston That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a sign at the entrance of Prentiss Street to indicate its Private Way status.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AR. Order 203993 (ID:16809) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a NO PARKING sign between 129 and 133 Cross Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AS. Order 204228 (ID:16936) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the speed signs on Florence Street with 20 MPH signs.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AT. Order 206695 (ID:19470) By City Councilor 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AU. Order 207165 (ID:20002) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a STOP sign at the intersection of Temple Road and Governor Winthrop Road.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AV. Order 207368 (ID:20190) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the contribution of ride-hailing services, including Uber and Lyft, to traffic congestion, and suggest policies to reduce this impact.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AW. Order 207449 (ID:20246) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Traffic and Parking waive parking dumpster fees for property owners who are de-paving their driveways.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

AX. Resolution 207490 (ID:20327) By City Councilor Davis, Hirsch, Mbah, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, White Jr. That the Administration update this Council on any agreements with ride share companies, including their designated drop-off/pick-up areas in Davis Square, and advise on any efforts to contract with additional companies or introduce additional designated areas, and discuss with this Council the enforcement of illegal parking in those areas.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AY. Resolution 207491 (ID:20328) By City Councilor Davis That the Administration consider signage in high-usage areas directing ride share users to the existence and location of designated drop-off/pick-up areas.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AZ. Order 207713 (ID:20519) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a NO OUTLET TO WASHINGTON STREET sign on the corner of George Street and Broadway to prevent cut through traffic due to the GLX bridge closures.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BA. Resolution 207890 (ID:20696) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Niedergang, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr. That the Administration work with MassDOT and the GLX team to address the 3 primary safety issues with the Community Path Extension between Washington Street and Lechmere that have been identified by the Friends of the Community Path.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BB. Order 208249 (ID:21079) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah That the Director of SPCD modify the Central Hill Campus plan to include an elevator from the new Gilman Square MBTA station to the Central Hill Campus, so that people with mobility issues are able to use the new station to access City Hall, the Library, and the High School.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BC. Order 208256 (ID:21086) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD identify both a temporary and longer-term Lyft/Uber pick-up point in Union Square.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BD. Order 208378 (ID:21217) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD install traffic calming infrastructure on Morrison Avenue, such as a speed bump between Cedar Street and Willow Avenue, as soon as possible to protect pedestrians crossing Morrison Avenue, especially at Highland Road near Lexington Park and the Community Path.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BE. Order 208483 (ID:21325) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Director of Traffic and Parking provide an update on progress regarding processing residential permits.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BF. Order 209445 (ID:22282) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD adjust the light signal timing at Central and Medford Streets so pedestrians have enough time to cross safely.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BG. Order 209658 (ID:22552) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD update this Council on plans shared with the Ward 5 and Ward 4 Councilors in November for “expansions in the network of 20 MPH safety zones in December, January and February until all local streets are covered.”

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

20. Mayor's Request 209771 (ID:22608) Requesting approval of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to correct procedural requirements, unintended conflicts between regulations, numerical errors, or inadvertent omissions.

Also referred to the Planning Board.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

21. Mayor's Request 209772 (ID:22630) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Katharine Milton to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

22. Mayor's Request 209773 (ID:22622) Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Santangelo as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 23. | Officer's
Communication
209774
(ID:22576) | Director of SomerStat responding to #204874 re: publishing de-identified parking permit data. | | | | |
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| 24. | Officer's
Communication
209775
(ID:22607) | Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry responding to #207167 re: updated Capital Investment Plan progress reports for parks and open space projects. | | | | |
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| 25. | License/Permit
209776
(ID:22613) | Public Event License, Independent Film Festival, Davis Sq near the Somerville Theater, Apr 22-27, various times. | | |
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| 26. | Public
Communication
209777
(ID:22623) | Nikhilesh Gorukanti proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property at 365-369 Somerville Ave to remove the Pedestrian Street designation. | | | | | | |
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| 27. | Public
Communication
209778
(ID:22624) | 4 residents submitting comments re: the removal of Foss Park trees. | | |
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| 28. | Order
209779
(ID:22633) | By City Councilor Rossetti
That this Council review with the Administration, Cambridge's recent Home Rule Petition to improve the safety of transportation network company vehicles operating there. | | | | | | |
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| RESULT: | APPROVED | | | | | | | |
| FOLLOWUP: | Legislative Matters Committee | | | | | | | |

29. Mayor's Request 209780 (ID:22596) Requesting a transfer of \$20,279.78 from the Police Public Safety Account to the Grant Match Account to cover the bulletproof vest grant match requirement.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

30. Officer's Communication 209781 (ID:22632) Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management responding to #s 209656, 209641, 209546, 209348 & 209174 re: flooding in various locations.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

31. License/Permit 209782 (ID:22635) Public Event License, Race of Ireland, Davis Sq and surrounding area, Mar 22, 7am-1pm.

RESULT: APPROVED

LATE ITEMS

32. Order 209783 (ID:22638) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott That the Director of SPCD and the Chief of Police discuss what can be done to mitigate delivery trucks' use of bike lanes and cycling tracks as parking when making deliveries.

Councilor Ballantyne noted she is a member of the Bicycle Advisory Committee, and wants a plan developed to stop delivery trucks from obstructing cycle tracks and bike lanes.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

33. Order 209784 (ID:22639) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Environmental Health Coordinator work with the Ward 7 Councilor to arrange a community meeting to discuss methods to reduce the increase in rats in the neighborhoods.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

34. Order 209785 (ID:22640) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Director of SPCD inform the Ward 7 Councilor of the location and width of the Algonquin gas line easement under Route 16, Stop & Shop and any other locations which are not state-owned.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

35. Resolution 209786 (ID:22641) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Somerville Education Foundation share their organizational priorities with this Council’s Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

36. Mayor's Communication 209787 (ID:22642) Responding to #209644 re: GLX mitigation requests.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

37. Order 209788 (ID:22637) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Director of SPCD produce quarterly updates on affordable housing to increase predictability and coherence of discussions.

Councilor Hirsch asked the City to provide quarterly updates on topics related to affordable housing and projects in the pipeline.
RESULT: APPROVED

38. Order 209789 (ID:22643) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Scott That this Council's Committee on Finance discuss the peoples' budget and priorities for FY21.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

39. Order 209790 (ID:22644) By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen That this Council modify or eliminate the Zoning Ordinance's Use Limitations for parcels that front a Pedestrian Street in various locations such as 4.1.13.b, 4.3.13.b, 5.1.15.b, etc.

Councilor Scott said the Land Use Committee will discuss zoning provisions that are impacting people who want to open businesses.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2020, 7:00 PM
City Council Chamber-City Hall-93 Highland Avenue

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
209791
(ID:22740) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
209792
(ID:22741) Councilor Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Carol Taylor, Earl Smith and Carl Carey. Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Alice Janian.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 13, 2020.
209793
(ID:22742) **RESULT: APPROVED**

CITATIONS

4. Citation 209794 (ID:22765) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, and the Mayor Commending Erica Jones, who is leaving the Somerville Media Center after 7 years of distinguished service and advocacy for community media.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen noted Erica Jones was unable to attend the meeting, but will make sure she receives the citation. Councilor Ballantyne shared a thankful email she received from Ms. Jones.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Location 209795 (ID:22714) Submitted by Eversource to install 41.5 feet of conduit in Broadway from manhole 25296 to a point of pickup at 419 Broadway.
- The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described 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 209796 (ID:22646) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Parks and Recreation arrange to have port-a-potties available at the public parks for the 2020 summer months.
- Councilor Ballantyne noted the public would really like to have port-a-potties in all of the parks.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee
7. Order 209797 (ID:22723) By City Councilor Rossetti, Hirsch, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of Health and Human Services consider implementing a pilot program in a section of the City to deal with rat infestations and increased monitoring of properties.
- Councilor Rossetti said the Rodent Committee meeting will be presented to the public this evening. The meeting was attended by residents and a rodent control inspector, who discussed great things Boston is doing. She expressed the need for Somerville to take note of what Boston has accomplished.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

8. Order
209798
(ID:22727)

By City Councilor Hirsch, McLaughlin
That the Director of Health and Human Services appear before this Council with an update on measures to reduce the spread of the coronavirus and to support anyone who may become infected.

The Mayor provided an update on the rapidly increasing Coronavirus outbreak. There are three presumptive positive Coronavirus cases in Somerville. He anticipates the number will increase based on data from CBC and WHO. He discussed the City's response: all city buildings and schools have been closed for two weeks, and the City's Emergency Response Team has been activated, led by former Legislative Liaison Omar Boukili. The city is working on ways to feed 2/3 of the children who receive free lunches, and ways to eliminate the burden on the health care system. Nationally there are over one million ICU beds, with a shortage of 100,000. A panel of Somerville medical experts determined we don't have the capacity to meet the coming surge. A vaccine won't be available for at least a year. Steps to help control the virus include washing hands, social distancing, and checking on the elderly. School closures may last 4 to 8 weeks or longer. Key services in the community will continue, such as Police and Fire. Councilor Rossetti expressed how important it is for the public to receive updates.

Councilor Rossetti asked if discussion have been held with union leadership, and if employees will be paid during the outbreak. The Mayor responded that everyone will be paid, and stipend employees will not be sent home without pay. Councilor Clingan asked if the city is working with community health partners such as the Cambridge Health Alliance, and if the emergency room will still be closed in April. Health Director Doug Kress responded that the CHA is reviewing the closure, and is not turning anyone away. But if you are experiencing symptoms call your doctor before going to the emergency room. Councilor Mbah asked what people should do if they don't have health insurance. The Mayor responded everyone, including undocumented persons, should seek treatment.

Councilor Ballantyne asked if all community and school meetings will be cancelled, and the Mayor responded that they will be. Councilor Ballantyne asked for details on providing food to students. School Department Chief of Staff Jeff Curly said the district has been purchasing food and has 2,000 meals ready to go. On Monday, the district's food service trucks will deliver meals around the city. The schedule will be shared over the weekend. Some of the partners include Food for Free, Save up Somerville, the Somerville Backpack program, the Connection Church, and family liaisons.

The Mayor expressed the need for more Coronavirus tests for the public. Some people who have the virus do not show symptoms. Experts estimate that 40%-60% of the nation will be infected by the virus.

Councilor Hirsch asked how the public help can. Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that the public needs to practice social distancing and follow safety guidelines. Councilor Scott said there are many groups delivering needed items to high risk individuals; those interested should visit tinyurl.com/mutualaidsomerville. Councilor Scott asked if all enforcement actions will be suspended, and the Mayor responded that the city is working to help relieve expenses for residents. Councilor Scott asked if food service or grocery stores will continue to be inspected and was told there are protocols in place for emergency inspections but not regular inspections. Councilor Davis asked if there is a plan for remote learning and the technology gap. Mr. Curly responded that on Monday, learning activities

will be online for all grades and Chromebooks will be available for students who need them.

Councilor Ballantyne asked how they can help people facing eviction from their homes. Housing Stability Director Ellen Shachter said the city is working on encouraging moratoriums for evictions, and waiting for a response from the Somerville Housing Authority.

Councilor Davis discussed cancelling meetings, including City Council meetings. Councilor Hirsch expressed concern with cancelling meetings. Councilor Ewen-Campen suggested hosting City Council meetings online for the public. Councilor Rossetti requested that Mr. Curly keep the Councilors informed on School communications going out to families. Councilor McLaughlin said he hasn't been advised to cancel meetings and will leave this decision to Committee Chairs. The Mayor has granted approval to work remotely, but city staff might not be able to attend these meetings.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

9. Order
209799
(ID:22728)

By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Director of Inspectional Services explain the procedures for monitoring problem properties for rodent activity, as compared to waiting until more complaints are filed.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

10. Order
209800
(ID:22729)

By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Director of Inspectional Services discuss how many resources would be required for proactive monitoring, tracking, and escalation of enforcement for all properties in known rodent outbreak areas.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

11. Order
209801
(ID:22730)

By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Director of Inspectional Services provide a de-identified case study of a problem property in terms of how many complaints the City received, via what channel, and with what response, so as to explain what current protocols exist and what new resources may be needed.

Councilor Hirsch requested to waive the readings of items 11 to 13 and refer them to the Rodent Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

12. Order 209802 (ID:22731) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of Health and Human Services report on progress regarding planned internal rodent control meetings and regular joint departmental meetings.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

13. Order 209803 (ID:22732) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of Health and Human Services report on how the new sign-off administrative procedure for demolitions is progressing.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

14. Order 209804 (ID:22733) By City Councilor Hirsch That the City Council consider creating a coordinated list of Council-sponsored community meetings to complement the City's or MinuteTraq calendars.

Councilor Hirsch said she would like to see one calendar with all of the neighborhood meetings and City events.
RESULT: APPROVED

15. Order 209805 (ID:22734) By City Councilor Niedergang, Scott, Ballantyne That the Administration present to this Council a more-detailed estimate of the cost of remediating Conway Field down to 36" rather than 18", with a timeline for the additional digging and any other relevant information.

Councilor Niedergang noted there are still discussions taking place on costs and timelines.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

16. Order 209806 (ID:22735) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD inform this Council about who is planning the traffic management for the GLX stations at Lowell Street and at Ball Square, and the timeline for any infrastructure and streetscape work that may be necessary.

Councilor Niedergang noted that it's not too soon to be looking into this.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

17. Resolution 209807 (ID:22736) By City Councilor Mbah That the Administration mandate that all public gathering places, including institutions, have hand sanitizers available at entrances to limit the spread of coronavirus.

Councilor Mbah expressed the importance of hand sanitizers during the Coronavirus outbreak.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

18. Order 209808 (ID:22737) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Clingan That the Director of SPCD develop a plan to create parking-separated bike lanes on East Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

19. Order 209809 (ID:22738) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the City Council and relevant departments consider revising their licensing procedures for A-Frame signs to make the process less complicated.

RESULT: APPROVED

20. Order 209810 (ID:22739) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD consider revising the city's zoning to include universal ADA accessible design standards in new developments.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

21. Resolution 209284 (ID:22154) By City Councilor Scott Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

FOLLOWUP: City Council

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

22. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
209811
(ID:22651) | Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on March 4, 2020. |
| | | Councilor Rossetti noted that the Committee approved two commission members, and recommended the reappointment of Edward Bean as City Auditor and Finance Director. They discussed age friendly communities and will be receiving a full report from the Council on Aging.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | Mayor's Request
204131
(ID:16853) | Requesting the appointment of Peter Kaplan as an Alternate Member of the Historic Preservation Commission. |
| | | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| C. | Mayor's Request
204656
(ID:17345) | Requesting the re-appointment of Ryan Falvey to the Historic Preservation Commission. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |
| D. | Mayor's Request
204657
(ID:17346) | Requesting the re-appointment of Eric Parkes to the Historic Preservation Commission. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |
| E. | Mayor's Request
204658
(ID:17347) | Requesting the re-appointment of Abby Freedman to the Historic Preservation Commission. |
| | | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| F. | Mayor's Request
204661
(ID:17351) | Requesting the re-appointment of Heather Davies as an Alternate Member of the Historic Preservation Commission. |
| | | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| G. | Resolution
204850
(ID:17613) | By City Councilor 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. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| H. | Mayor's Request
204909
(ID:17596) | Requesting the re-appointment of Edward Bean as Finance Director. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |

I. Mayor's Request 207036 (ID:19813) Requesting that the members of the Somerville Women's Commission be designated as Special Municipal Employees.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

J. Mayor's Request 207096 (ID:19828) Requesting the re-appointment of Edward Bean to the position of City Auditor.
RESULT: APPROVED

23. EQUITY, GENDER, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 209812 (ID:22649) Report of the Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations, meeting on March 2, 2020.
 Councilor Mbah noted the Committee discussed food security and other matters; details can be found in the Committee report online.
RESULT: APPROVED

B. Resolution 202116 (ID:14801) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Administration update this Board on the future of Veterans Memorial Park.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 207119 (ID:19905) By City Councilor McLaughlin 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.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 207724 (ID:20645) By City Councilor Hirsch, Davis That the Director of SomerPromise discuss with this Council, the anticipated closure of Freedom School this summer.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Resolution 207913 (ID:20767) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Administration have Port-a-Potties available at the public parks for the 2019 summer months.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. Order 209754 (ID:22605) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Health and Human Services, along with Shape Up Somerville, and the Somerville Food Security Coalition, recommend ways to improve food access.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

24. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209813 (ID:22655) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on March 10, 2020.

Councilor Scott said the Committee discussed several long-standing items and several new items. The Committee learned that all funds from the FRIT Covenant have been received. It looked at multiple requests for new positions, and noted that the City Council has requested the creation of a lawyer position. The Committee also discussed some easements, and access to an underground area in the public way. The Committee also looked at ways to make the budget process more interactive and responsive, and at the next meeting will review 91 program improvement requests, totaling \$10 million, which will be prioritized by the Mayor.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 207746 (ID:20701) By City Councilor White Jr. That the Director of Finance provide a financial update on all funds that FRIT paid to the City pursuant to the covenant, any funds expended by the City from those payments and the amount remaining and the accounts in which these funds remain.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Resolution 209395 (ID:22257) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Administration provide the timeline for re-paving Highland Avenue, including any planned projects.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Mayor's Request 209693 (ID:22522) Requesting acceptance of two easements over DCR land in Assembly Square.

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

- E. Mayor's Request 209695 (ID:22480) Requesting acceptance of a \$200,000 grant with no new match required from the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department to purchase portable radios.

RESULT: APPROVED

<p>F. Mayor's Request 209697 (ID:22466)</p>	<p>Requesting acceptance of a \$41,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for the EOC upgrades.</p>	<p>RESULT: APPROVED</p>
<p>G. Mayor's Request 209698 (ID:22481)</p>	<p>Requesting acceptance of a \$20,279.78 grant that requires a match, from the Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership to the Police Department for bulletproof vests.</p>	<p>RESULT: APPROVED</p>
<p>H. Officer's Communication 209715 (ID:22585)</p>	<p>Director of SPCD responding to #207746 re: FRIT covenant payments.</p>	<p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p>
<p>I. Mayor's Request 209780 (ID:22596)</p>	<p>Requesting a transfer of \$20,279.78 from the Police Public Safety Account to the Grant Match Account to cover the bulletproof vest grant match requirement.</p>	<p>RESULT: APPROVED</p>
<p>J. Order 209814 (ID:22769)</p>	<p>By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Finance and the Director of Parks and Recreation advise this Council on the disposition of funds for the boat house.</p>	<p>RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p>
<p>K. Order 209815 (ID:22770)</p>	<p>By City Councilor Scott That the Director of SPCD provide a comprehensive description of DIF funds and uses on projects in Assembly Square and independently by FRIT.</p>	<p>RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p>
<p>L. Order 209816 (ID:22771)</p>	<p>By City Councilor White Jr. That the Director of SPCD provide this Council with the terms of the recent approval of the State's I-Cubed bonds at Assembly Square to FRIT, including any changes from what the Board of Aldermen approved.</p>	<p>RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p>

25. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
209817
(ID:22654) | Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on March 10, 2020. |
| | | Councilor Hirsch noted the Committee focused on commercial development, business, jobs, and art. She discussed developers wanting to bring more commercial development to the City, with its attendant infrastructure and neighborhood planning issues. In 2030, they estimate 6,000 housing units and 30,000 new job opportunities. The 2040 revision estimates 1 resident per job; right now there are 2 residents per job. The goal is to add more jobs relative to housing.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | Order
196368
(ID:8899) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD submit a plan on the use of city owned properties as it relates to projected growth identified in the SomerVision Plan. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| C. | Order
203563
(ID:16274) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD provide bi-annual progress reports on Assembly Square, Gilman Square, Lowell Street, Winter Hill, and future planned neighborhoods as they are completed. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| D. | Order
204322
(ID:17046) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Finance and the Director of SPCD report on the financial and planning progress in the planned neighborhoods referenced in #203563. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| E. | Order
206746
(ID:19522) | By City Councilor 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: WORK COMPLETED |
| F. | Order
208817
(ID:21637) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD provide any take-aways on the process of achieving permitting for a large commercial development in Union Square, including zoning, master planning, neighborhood council formation, SRA involvement, use of DIFs, and bonding for infrastructure investments. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

- G. Order 209626 (ID:22474) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne That the Committee on Housing and Community Development provide feedback on SomerVision 2040’s chapter on Commercial Development, Business and Arts with respect to metrics and key tasks.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

26. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209818 (ID:22652) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on March 5, 2020.

Councilor Davis noted that the Committee discussed speed limits and adjusted the Commissions that name things, charging the Veterans Commission with naming hero squares, and charging a new Memorials Commission with naming buildings and streets, with prohibitions on corporate names.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 208806 (ID:21628) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Rossetti, Davis, White Jr., Clingan That the City Solicitor draft a Home Rule Petition to establish Broadway as a 25 mph roadway, and include any other municipal roadways within the city which currently exceed 25 mph.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 208909 (ID:21726) By City Councilor Clingan, Davis That the City Solicitor advise this Council on the process to request the lowering of speed limits on state roadways within the city.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Mayor's Request 209692 (ID:22521) Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 2-309.5 to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Veterans Commission on Monuments, Memorials and Dedications.

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

- E. Officer's Communication 209711 (ID:22525) Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management submitting a draft Ordinance to establish a Memorialization Committee.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: White Jr.
AMENDED: A new paragraph was added: "Nothing named pursuant to this ordinance shall be the trade name or other trade mark of any business or other commercial entity."

- F. Resolution 209819 (ID:22716) By City Councilor Davis That the Administration, without delay, enact speed limit changes pursuant to #208806 and #208909, including replacing the 30 mph signs on those roads and updating the navigation companies.

RESULT: APPROVED

27. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209820 (ID:22656) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on March 11, 2020.

Councilor Mbah noted the Committee conducted a public hearing on a dog kennel's request to board dogs overnight. There were complaints from the public about lighting, soundproofing, and repairs on the property. They granted the applicant a 90-day license only, to insure they complete the improvements. The Committee also discussed a Lemon Law complaint about a used car dealer, and some grants of location and small wireless facilities. With respect to dead drops, the Committee approved Councilor White's motion to add a condition to communications companies' grants of location so when their customers' accounts are de-activated they remove the inactive cables and notify the City of the de-activation within 30 days.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Public Communication 208446 (ID:21261) MA Office of Consumer Affairs reporting on a recent audit of used car dealers' compliance with the Lemon Law posting requirements.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 208984 (ID:21803) By City Councilor Davis, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Scott, Hirsch, Rossetti, Niedergang, Ballantyne, McLaughlin That the City Solicitor take all actions available to enforce any applicable law or regulation requiring utilities to remove wires that are no longer in use.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. License/Permit 209128 (ID:21946) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Somerville Motors, 182 Washington St.

RESULT: APPROVED

NOTE: The item was Approved by the Council on 10/24/19, but reconsideration was moved by Councilor Rossetti on 10/25/19. Reconsideration was approved, and the item was approved with a copy to the Licenses and Permits Committee for follow-up.

- E. Order 209297 (ID:22178) By City Councilor Scott That the Commissioner of Public Works communicate with Comcast and report back to the Committee on Licenses and Permits with results of the request for removal of all dead drops.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. License/Permit 209602 (ID:22455) Amending Dog Kennel License, Elliots House Pet Care and More, 230 Somerville Ave, adding overnight boarding for 10 dogs.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
CONDITIONS: 1. Repairs must be made to the rear of the building, including the emergency lights and the exposed pipe (remove it and patch the wall).
 2. Additional internal soundproofing must be installed to insure that overnight noise doesn't disturb the comfort, repose and peace of the neighbors, or otherwise create a noise disturbance.
 3. This license expires on June 19, 2020.

- G. License/Permit 209721 (ID:22508) Public Event License, HomeWork Energy Pop Up, various locations: Statue Park, Lincoln Park, or Nathan Tufts Park, Mar 1,2,4,6,7,8,9,11,13,14,15,16,18, 20,21,22,23,25,27,28,29,30, 9:30pm-6:15pm.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- H. License/Permit 209746 (ID:22599) Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell equipment on an existing pole at 8 Howe St.

RESULT: APPROVED

- I. License/Permit 209747 (ID:22600) Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell equipment on an existing pole at 64 Temple St.

RESULT: APPROVED

- J. License/Permit 209748 (ID:22601) Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell equipment on an existing pole at 107 Perkins St.

RESULT: APPROVED

- K. License/Permit 209749 (ID:22602) Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell equipment on an existing pole at 418 Washington St.

RESULT: APPROVED

- L. License/Permit 209750 (ID:22603) Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell equipment on an existing pole at 154 Walnut St.

RESULT: APPROVED

- M. Order 209821 (ID:22772) By City Councilor White Jr. That the City Clerk add a condition to any Grant of Location issued to a communications company for a low-voltage connection to a customer so that whenever that customer’s account is de-activated, the company must, within 30 days, remove the cable and notify the city.

RESULT: APPROVED

28. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209822 (ID:22657) Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on February 26, 2020.

Councilor Ballantyne noted the Committee discussed the SomerVision 2040 chapters on public space & the natural environment and climate & sustainability. The climate & sustainability group outlined strengths, goals and potential tasks, pushing for green leasing and aligning incentives between landlords and tenants to retro-fit older two and three family houses. The Committee created goals around access to and exclusivity of public spaces, and mitigating flooding in the Alewife Brook Parkway area.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 209544 (ID:22392) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Parks and Recreation discuss the impacts, updates and usage of Founders Rink being used for indoor soccer.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 209546 (ID:22394) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD discuss what can be done to mitigate the flooding of Alewife Brook Parkway and Mystic Valley Parkway.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 209605 (ID:22446) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of SPCD provide this Council with the most recent updates on any plans for Foss Park.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 209607 (ID:22448) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of SPCD provide this Council with a report on the history of Conway Park and what contaminant testing had been completed prior to its establishment as a public park.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Officer's Communication 209717 (ID:22472) Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #209152 re: Lincoln Park athletic field data.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Officer's Communication 209718 (ID:22467) Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #209544 re: using Founders Rink for indoor soccer.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

29. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 209823 (ID:22650) Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on March 3, 2020.

Councilor Hirsch said the Committee discussed the many problems in the community that are the source of rodent issues, and how to educate the public to help. The city will start monitoring high-rodent properties, but have limited staff. They intend to rewrite the demolition ordinance, to include stronger rodent control measures prior to demolition. Inspectional Services staff and Health & Human Services staff plan on meeting more frequently to implement stronger rodent control measures.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Resolution 207380 (ID:20205) By City Councilor Hirsch, McLaughlin That the Administration work with this Board to consider strengthening rodent eradication as part of building demolition, potentially using as an example the ordinance of Nassau County, Long Island, which requires proof of eradication before allowing demolition to proceed.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 207944 (ID:20811) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of Health and Human Services provide the Special Committee on Rodent Issues with an update of the Department's rodent survey.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 209050 (ID:21871) By City Councilor Hirsch, McLaughlin That the City Solicitor and the Director of Health and Human Services provide options to increase the City's authority to address rodent issues on private property.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| E. | Resolution
209210
(ID:22078) | By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Administration report on whether the Neighborhood Impact Team continues to operate, and, if it does not, how its goals are pursued in other ways. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |
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| F. | Officer's
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209243
(ID:22048) | Director of Health and Human Services submitting the Rodent Control Report and its Executive Summary, re: rodent activity in East Somerville. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |
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| G. | Order
209824
(ID:22715) | By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Director of Communications utilize the CTY system, in April, to send out a high-alert to remind residents not to put out water or food for birds, as a method to help combat the rodent issue. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | | |
| FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee | | |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 30. | Mayor's
Request
209825
(ID:22743) | Requesting approval of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to extend the validity time frame of previously issued permits, clarify how lot coverage is calculated, correct the threshold for employment linkage, and streamline the language concerning landscape buffers. |
| Also referred to the Planning Board. | | |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION | | |
| FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee | | |
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| 31. | Mayor's
Request
209826
(ID:22722) | Requesting the appropriation of \$486,805 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for heavy equipment/vehicles for the Parks and Recreation Department to manage the city's athletic fields and facilities. |
| Councilor Scott requested to waive the readings of items 31 to 42, except items 33 and 35, and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. | | |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION | | |
| FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | | |
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| 32. | Mayor's
Request
209827
(ID:22726) | Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Division Capital Outlay Engineering/Architectural Services Account to design an elevator from the High School field level to the Community Path being constructed by the MBTA GLX project. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION | | |
| FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | | |

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| 33. | Mayor's Request
209828
(ID:22724) | Requesting the transfer of \$71,138 from the E-911 Salaries Account to various Departmental Personal Services Accounts to fund the SMEA Unit A Collective Bargaining Agreement. |
| Councilor Scott noted this is a routine transfer and is not coming out of stabilization funds. However, he is concerned with the amount of transfer activity on the E911 Salaries Account, and while he requests this item be approved tonight, he will also request a year-to-date update on that account.
RESULT: APPROVED | | |
| 34. | Mayor's Request
209829
(ID:22575) | Requesting the transfer of \$60,000 within the Inspectional Services Department, from its Salaries Account to its Professional and Technical Services Account, to continue using contract health inspectors for required food service inspections. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | | |
| 35. | Mayor's Request
209830
(ID:22625) | Requesting acceptance of a \$4,400,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Housing and Economic Development for Clarendon Hill Project infrastructure improvements. |
| Councilor Ballantyne noted the city was awarded a \$4.4M grant from the State's Office of Housing and Economic Development to redesign the intersection of Powder House Blvd and Alewife Brook Parkway.
RESULT: APPROVED | | |
| 36. | Mayor's Request
209831
(ID:22721) | Requesting acceptance of a \$250,000 annual payment from Wynn MA LLC in accordance with its Surrounding Community Agreement. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | | |
| 37. | Mayor's Request
209832
(ID:22647) | Requesting acceptance of a \$208,734 grant that requires a match, from MA DOT to SPCD's Mobility Division to expand the Blue Bike program. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | | |
| 38. | Mayor's Request
209833
(ID:22645) | Requesting acceptance of a \$59,151.53 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for the purchase of a security camera system to enhance physical security at Police Headquarters. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | | |

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| 39. Mayor's Request 209834 (ID:22400) | Requesting approval to create the 259 McGrath Highway Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$3,500 from Divine Signs for tree replacement and signage. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| 40. Mayor's Request 209835 (ID:22401) | Requesting approval to create the 378 Highland Ave Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$3,000 from C. Poutahidis for the establishment of a parklet. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| 41. Mayor's Request 209836 (ID:22719) | Requesting approval to create the Small Business Assistance Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$150,000 from Wynn MA LLC to develop initiatives so local businesses can take advantage of the opportunities provided by the Encore Casino. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| 42. Mayor's Request 209837 (ID:22720) | Requesting approval to create the Water Transportation/Riverway Public Safety Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$150,000 from Wynn MA LLC for the purpose of funding improvements to facilitate water transportation. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| 43. Mayor's Communication 209838 (ID:22718) | <p>Requesting that several Department representatives appear before this Council on March 12 to present the water and sewer owner-occupancy exemption analysis.</p> <p>Water Superintendent John Deluca noted that on November 2018 the City received approval for a Home Rule Petition for owner-occupied exemptions for water and sewer. The Water and Sewer Department hired Sandtech Engineering's financial services team to analyze the impacts on residents. Kyle Stevens with Sandtech Engineering presented the analysis. The Assessor's database needs to be merged with the Utility Billing database to properly identify the parcels. Then a financial analysis must be conducted to analyze the revenues of owner-occupied and non-owner-occupied utility accounts. For single family homes, there are 2,300 utility accounts, 80% are owner-occupied; of 5,000 two family homes, 55% are owner-occupied; of 2,200 three family homes, 33% are owner-occupied; of 2,500 condos, 78% are owner-occupied. An owner-occupied discount of 30% means a \$2.5M reduction in revenue. This requires an increase of 11% or \$2.5M to be recovered from non-owner accounts. So for single-family owner-occupied customers, there is a reduction of \$231; for non-owner-occupied customers, there is an increase of \$84. Two-family owner-occupied customers save \$413; non-owner-occupied customers pay an additional \$151. Three-family owner-occupied customers save \$595; non-owner-occupied customers pay</p> |

an additional \$217. Condo owner-occupied customers save \$168; non-owner-occupied customers pay an additional \$62.

Mr. Stevens discussed implementations to consider, such as significant billing system changes needed to administer an owner-occupied discount. Certain individuals share one meter, which will need two different discounts applied.

Councilor Scott noted that this is huge for seniors on fixed incomes. Owner-occupied properties have made a huge impact in offering affordable housing to the public and this project will offer relief. It will have very little impact on renters, and there is an opportunity to create subsidy programs to help with the general cost of living. Councilor Ewen-Campen asked if the analysis would be different if it was a fixed dollar value reduction in price. Mr. Stevens responded it would be limited at 30% and scaled by usage.

Housing Stability Director Ellen Shachter said this policy should not be implemented because the cost shifts from homeowners to tenants. New buildings in the City have systems where the tenants pay for water and sewer. She has seen water and sewer charges added on to rent bills, which some tenants cannot afford and puts them at risk for eviction. In Somerville, there are 3,364 cost-burdened renter households paying 50% or more of household income on rent. Owner-occupant status is a poor proxy for financial hardship. The cost shifts from owners to renters regardless of the owners' income and assets. She is opposed to the owner occupancy exemption, but she sees an opportunity to increase affordability for water and sewer for low-income homeowners. The Administration should make water and sewer more affordable.

Councilor White asked if there is anywhere you can get your water and sewer adjusted and how can changes be made to affordable housing regulations. Ms. Allen responded she does not know of any agencies that adjust water and sewer. Within affordable housing regulations, there is a utility allowance, which is subtracted from rent. The Housing Authority and City have used the utility allowance. It's done periodically over several years and is set across the City. She believes there should be rate relief for a portion of the owner-occupied community. Councilor Niedergang would like to see alternatives to the owner-occupant exemption. The data shows many people own single-family homes, which are worth a lot of money. He would like to see more targeted initiatives to help households hurt by high water and sewer bills.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 44. Officer's Director of Planning and Zoning responding to #203563 & #204322 re: Communication planned neighborhoods.

209839
(ID:22717)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

45. Officer's Communication 209840 (ID:22648) Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry responding to #209444 re: the field at Lincoln Park.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

NEW BUSINESS

46. Withdrawn 209841 (ID:22710) Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

47. Withdrawn 209842 (ID:22711) Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

48. License/Permit 209843 (ID:22713) Public Event License, Arts Council Spring Cleanup, Citywide and Blessing of the Bay Boathouse, April 25, 9:30AM-12PM.

Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 48 to 120 and approve them, except for 120 which should be sent to the Committee on Licenses and Permits. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED

49. License/Permit 209844 (ID:22758) Public Event License, Taza Chocolate Spring Block Party, Windsor Pl from Windsor St to Columbia St, May 2, 9AM-6PM (raindate May 3).

RESULT: APPROVED

50. License/Permit 209845 (ID:22755) Public Event License, Arts Council Porchfest, Citywide, May 9 11AM-7PM (raindate May 10).

RESULT: APPROVED

51. License/Permit 209846 (ID:22614) Public Event License, Charnwood Rd Porchfest Block Party, from Willow Ave to Hancock St, May 9, 1:30pm-4:30pm (raindate May 10).

RESULT: APPROVED

52. License/Permit 209847 (ID:22756) Public Event License, Hancock St Porchfest Block Party, May 9, 1-4:30pm (raindate May 10).

RESULT: APPROVED

53. License/Permit 209848 (ID:22757) Public Event License, Banks St Porchfest Block Party, May 9, Noon-6PM (raindate May 10).

RESULT: APPROVED

54.	License/Permit 209849 (ID:22709)	Public Event License, Lupus Research Alliance Walk with Us to Cure Lupus, Assembly Row and Mystic River Reservation, Jun 6, 6AM-1PM.	RESULT: APPROVED
55.	License/Permit 209850 (ID:22759)	Public Event License, Arts Council SomerStreets Carnival, Broadway from McGrath Hwy to Pennsylvania Ave, Jun 7, Noon-8PM (raindate Jun 14).	RESULT: APPROVED
56.	License/Permit 209851 (ID:22760)	Public Event License, Arts Council Joe's Jazz and Blues Fest, Powderhouse Park, Jun 20, 10AM-6:30PM (raindate Jun 21).	RESULT: APPROVED
57.	License/Permit 209852 (ID:22712)	Public Event License, Independence Day Fireworks, Trum Field and Broadway from Medford St to Cedar St, Jul 1, 3-11pm (raindate Jul 2).	RESULT: APPROVED
58.	License/Permit 209853 (ID:22761)	New Drainlayer's License, D'Allessandro Corp.	RESULT: APPROVED
59.	License/Permit 209854 (ID:22671)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Hercules C & G Drain.	RESULT: APPROVED
60.	License/Permit 209855 (ID:22672)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tufts Construction.	RESULT: APPROVED
61.	License/Permit 209856 (ID:22673)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Sean Farrell Excavation.	RESULT: APPROVED
62.	License/Permit 209857 (ID:22674)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, NCCL Enterprises.	RESULT: APPROVED
63.	License/Permit 209858 (ID:22675)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, AP Flowers and Son.	RESULT: APPROVED
64.	License/Permit 209859 (ID:22676)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, New England Style.	RESULT: APPROVED

65.	License/Permit 209860 (ID:22677)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, NELM. RESULT: APPROVED
66.	License/Permit 209861 (ID:22678)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tim Zanelli Excavating. RESULT: APPROVED
67.	License/Permit 209862 (ID:22679)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, J Derenzo. RESULT: APPROVED
68.	License/Permit 209863 (ID:22680)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tri Construction. RESULT: APPROVED
69.	License/Permit 209864 (ID:22681)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Super Service Today. RESULT: APPROVED
70.	License/Permit 209865 (ID:22682)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Ferrante Construction. RESULT: APPROVED
71.	License/Permit 209866 (ID:22745)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, MT Mayo. RESULT: APPROVED
72.	License/Permit 209867 (ID:22747)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Caruso and McGovern Construction. RESULT: APPROVED
73.	License/Permit 209868 (ID:22748)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, The Dow Company, for the High School construction project only. RESULT: APPROVED
74.	License/Permit 209869 (ID:22749)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, D Muzzioli Associates. RESULT: APPROVED
75.	License/Permit 209870 (ID:22762)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Hydra Tech. RESULT: APPROVED
76.	License/Permit 209871 (ID:22746)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Capitol Services. RESULT: APPROVED

77.	License/Permit 209872 (ID:22683)	Renewing Garage License, Modern Floors, 22 Marshall St. RESULT: APPROVED
78.	License/Permit 209873 (ID:22684)	Renewing Garage License, DM Auto Body, 48 Joy St. RESULT: APPROVED
79.	License/Permit 209874 (ID:22685)	Renewing Garage License, Sullivan Tire, 263 Beacon St. RESULT: APPROVED
80.	License/Permit 209875 (ID:22686)	Renewing Garage License, Tracer Technologies, 20 Assembly Sq Dr. RESULT: APPROVED
81.	License/Permit 209876 (ID:22687)	Renewing Garage License, Gasper Ostuni, 195 Highland Ave. RESULT: APPROVED
82.	License/Permit 209877 (ID:22688)	Renewing Garage License, DM Auto Services, 45 Webster Ave. RESULT: APPROVED
83.	License/Permit 209878 (ID:22689)	Renewing Garage License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St. RESULT: APPROVED
84.	License/Permit 209879 (ID:22690)	Renewing Garage License, U-Haul, 151 Linwood St. RESULT: APPROVED
85.	License/Permit 209880 (ID:22691)	Renewing Garage License, Auto Plus, 229 Lowell St. RESULT: APPROVED
86.	License/Permit 209881 (ID:22692)	Renewing Garage License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St. RESULT: APPROVED
87.	License/Permit 209882 (ID:22693)	Renewing Garage License, Four Wheels Auto, 83 Albion St. RESULT: APPROVED
88.	License/Permit 209883 (ID:22694)	Renewing Garage License, Somerville Auto Center, 193 Somerville Ave. RESULT: APPROVED

89.	License/Permit 209884 (ID:22695)	Renewing Garage License, Fred Susan Auto Body, 269 Somerville Ave. RESULT: APPROVED
90.	License/Permit 209885 (ID:22696)	Renewing Garage License, Mac's Auto Body, 53 Russell St. RESULT: APPROVED
91.	License/Permit 209886 (ID:22697)	Renewing Garage License, Cataldo Ambulance Service, 4 Joy St. RESULT: APPROVED
92.	License/Permit 209887 (ID:22698)	Renewing Garage License, Teele Sq Auto, 1284 Broadway. RESULT: APPROVED
93.	License/Permit 209888 (ID:22699)	Renewing Garage License, Hillside Service Center, 45 Mystic Ave. RESULT: APPROVED
94.	License/Permit 209889 (ID:22701)	Renewing Flammables License, Boston Closet, 229 Lowell St. RESULT: APPROVED
95.	License/Permit 209890 (ID:22702)	Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul, 151 Linwood St. RESULT: APPROVED
96.	License/Permit 209891 (ID:22704)	Renewing Flammables License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St. RESULT: APPROVED
97.	License/Permit 209892 (ID:22706)	Renewing Flammables License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St. RESULT: APPROVED
98.	License/Permit 209893 (ID:22707)	Renewing Flammables License, Internap Corp, 50 Innerbelt Rd. RESULT: APPROVED
99.	License/Permit 209894 (ID:22753)	Renewing Flammables License, Somerville Mobil, 360 Medford St. RESULT: APPROVED
100.	License/Permit 209895 (ID:22754)	Renewing Flammables License, Speedway, 709 McGrath Hwy. RESULT: APPROVED

101.	License/Permit 209896 (ID:22700)	Renewing Flammables License, Teele Square Auto, 1284 Broadway. RESULT: APPROVED
102.	License/Permit 209897 (ID:22703)	Renewing Flammables License, Cumberland Farms, 701 Somerville Ave. RESULT: APPROVED
103.	License/Permit 209898 (ID:22705)	Renewing Flammables License, Metropolitan Pipe and Supply, 30 Innerbelt Rd. RESULT: APPROVED
104.	License/Permit 209899 (ID:22669)	Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Urban Equity Development, 55 Day St. RESULT: APPROVED
105.	License/Permit 209900 (ID:22670)	Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Martha Lee Trust, 147 Highland Ave. RESULT: APPROVED
106.	License/Permit 209901 (ID:22750)	Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Star Market, 275 Beacon St. RESULT: APPROVED
107.	License/Permit 209902 (ID:22751)	Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Tosh Enterprises, 260 Elm St. RESULT: APPROVED
108.	License/Permit 209903 (ID:22665)	Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Buffalo Exchange, 238 Elm St. RESULT: APPROVED
109.	License/Permit 209904 (ID:22666)	Renewing Junk Dealer's License, All Checks Cashed, 12 Union Sq. RESULT: APPROVED
110.	License/Permit 209905 (ID:22752)	Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St. RESULT: APPROVED
111.	License/Permit 209906 (ID:22763)	Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Talewsky Enterprises, 508 Columbia St. RESULT: APPROVED
112.	License/Permit 209907 (ID:22664)	Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Atlas Metals, 475 Columbia St. RESULT: APPROVED

113.	License/Permit 209908 (ID:22659)	Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Papa Johns Pizza, 622 Somerville Ave.	RESULT: APPROVED
114.	License/Permit 209909 (ID:22660)	Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dumpling Kitchen, 217 Highland Ave.	RESULT: APPROVED
115.	License/Permit 209910 (ID:22661)	Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 504 Broadway.	RESULT: APPROVED
116.	License/Permit 209911 (ID:22663)	Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, McDonalds, 14 McGrath Hwy.	RESULT: APPROVED
117.	License/Permit 209912 (ID:22662)	Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Cataldo Ambulance Service, 137 Washington St.	RESULT: APPROVED
118.	License/Permit 209913 (ID:22658)	Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Dr.	RESULT: APPROVED
119.	License/Permit 209914 (ID:22708)	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Rincon Mexicano, 99 Broadway.	RESULT: APPROVED
120.	License/Permit 209915 (ID:22764)	New Garage License, Car Zone LLC, 486 Columbia St, 2 autos inside, 2 outside, for mechanical repairs only.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

121.	Order 209916 (ID:22744)	By City Councilor Mbah, Hirsch, Niedergang, Ballantyne That this Council collaborate with the Administration to apply racial and gender equity lenses to all decisions, including resource decisions and new programs or laws.	RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee
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122. Order 209917 (ID:22767) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Census Complete Count Coordinator and Community Representative appear before this Council on March 12 to discuss census-count strategy, outreach, and messaging.

Councilor Ballantyne announced that today is the first day of the 2020 Census. She sponsored Complete Count Coordinator Meredith Campbell to speak. Ms. Campbell noted she encourages every household to complete the Census by the end of April. Residents can also submit the Census online or call until the end of July. Census workers will be door knocking between April and July. All residents will receive an invitation from the US Census Bureau, starting now until March 20. Due to the Coronavirus outbreak she encourages the public to complete the Census online at www.my2020census.gov. Online and phone service is available in 13 different languages. The phone lines will operate 7am to 2pm EST, 7 days a week. Starting April 8, 2020, paper forms will be mailed to residents. She requested that City Councilors use their social media platform to spread the word. If the public has questions, they can visit www.my2020census.gov. Residents can use the code received in the mail or their address to complete the survey online.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

123. Mayor's Request 209918 (ID:22766) Requesting a transfer of \$155,000 from the Public Schools Ordinary Maintenance Account to the city's Information Technology Ordinary Maintenance Account.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

124. Mayor's Request 209919 (ID:22768) Requesting approval of an amendment to the Community Benefits Ordinance to create a Community Benefits Committee for the distribution of community benefits funds.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

125. Mayor's Request 209920 (ID:22725) Requesting approval of an exemption for David Gibbs pursuant to MGL c268A s20(d).

Councilor Rossetti noted this is a request for the year 2020-2021, following up on the recent exemption approved for the year 2019-2020.

RESULT: APPROVED

LATE ITEMS

126. Communication 209921 (ID:22773) By City Councilor Hirsch Submitting a compilation of residents' questions regarding coronavirus.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

127. Order 209922 (ID:22778) By City Councilor Scott That the Director of Finance prepare for this Council a year-to-date update on the E-911 Salaries Account.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

128. Resolution 209923 (ID:22775) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Administration consider hiring a third party for an Equity Justice Review for the SomerVision 2040 and Somerville Climate Forward plans pursuant to #209615.

Councilor Ballantyne noted that there are organizations designed to handle this matter.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

129. Order 209924 (ID:22777) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 1 Councilor on parking plans for Tufts Street after the GLX construction is complete.

RESULT: APPROVED

130. Resolution 209925 (ID:22776) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr. Supporting a moratorium on eviction proceedings during the coronavirus State of Emergency.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted there is work on legislation for a moratorium on evictions.

RESULT: APPROVED

131. Communication 209926 (ID:22774) By City Councilor Hirsch Submitting her letter of resignation from the Somerville City Council, effective April 30, 2020 and expressing gratitude to her colleagues.

Councilor Hirsch noted she will miss everyone and all the amazing work that's done in Somerville.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:45 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2020, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 209927
 (ID:22824) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 209928
 (ID:22825) Councilor Niedergang sponsored a moment of silence for Catherine D’Andrea. Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Deanna Cremin, who was senselessly murdered 25 years ago and would today be celebrating her 42nd birthday.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 25, 2020.
 209929
 (ID:22826) **RESULT: APPROVED**

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

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

Councilor Mbah expressed the need for single-payer health insurance due to the rapid spread of the Coronavirus. Councilor Niedergang agreed in principal, but said that changing the insurance system during a crisis is not a good idea.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

5. Resolution 209931 (ID:22805) By City Councilor Mbah
That, in the event of a shelter in place order, this Council urges Governor Baker to activate all means necessary to support residents, such as no rent payments, no evictions, no tickets, and no loan repayments, until the order is lifted.

Councilor Mbah said this item is self-explanatory. Councilor Niedergang said he does not support it because the public should continue to pay rent if they can. There are many residents who are not unemployed, and have good income. Councilor Ballantyne concurred with Councilor Niedergang, saying appropriate actions have already been taken by the Governor. Councilor Hirsch expressed gratitude for the Governor's actions to support residents during this time.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

FOLLOWUP: City Council

6. Resolution 209932 (ID:22806) By City Councilor Mbah, White Jr.
That this Council urges the President of the United States to invoke the Defense Production Act with respect to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Councilor Mbah expressed the need for medical supplies, such as masks. Councilor White agreed that the President should invoke the Defense Production Act, which was passed to insure the United States could access adequate supplies in an emergency.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 7. | Resolution
209933
(ID:22807) | <p>By City Councilor Mbah
That the Mayor mandate that grocery stores allocate special hours for seniors and vulnerable populations during this pandemic and implement 6-foot social distancing guidelines.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <p>Councilor Mbah noted some grocery stores are already implementing special shopping hours for seniors, and urged all grocery stores to allocate special hours for seniors and vulnerable populations during this pandemic. Councilor Scott and Councilor Rossetti reported this has already been enacted by the Governor.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> </div> |
| 8. | Resolution
209934
(ID:22808) | <p>By City Councilor Mbah
That the Administration update this Council on the City’s disaster preparedness assessment for emergencies during this pandemic and how this reduces our first responders' workforce.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <p>Councilor Mbah urged the protection of the workforce during this pandemic.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> </div> |
| 9. | Resolution
209935
(ID:22809) | <p>By City Councilor Mbah
That this Council supports Senator Ron Wyden’s bill to delay Real ID for a year due to the coronavirus outbreak.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <p>Councilor Mbah noted the bipartisan bill passed, postponing for a year the requirement to have a Real ID in order to travel.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> </div> |
| 10. | Resolution
209936
(ID:22810) | <p>By City Councilor Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Clingan
That this Council calls on landlords and real estate agents to avoid showing occupied units to avoid the spread of coronavirus.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <p>Councilor Mbah said he would like residents to stay home and practice social distancing. Councilor Ewen-Campen noted several reports that landlords are insisting on performing appraisals and showings, and agreed that this behavior should be prohibited.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> </div> |
| 11. | Resolution
209937
(ID:22811) | <p>By City Councilor Mbah
That the Administration provide financial relief to small businesses as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <p>Councilor Mbah noted he would like to add non-profit organizations to the list, saying many have been impacted by the pandemic.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> </div> |

12. Resolution 209938 (ID:22812) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., Rossetti
That this Council calls on the State and Federal government to enact a coronavirus relief response that is equitable in its approach to housing, work, financial assistance, voting rights, and incarcerated people.

Councilor Ewen-Campen has received many calls from residents and small businesses who need financial assistance, and urged the State and Federal government to enact a Coronavirus relief response that is equitable in its approach to housing, work, financial assistance, businesses, voting rights, and incarcerated people.

RESULT: APPROVED

13. Resolution 209939 (ID:22813) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Administration create a task force to begin mid- to long-term logistical planning for a possible reduced workforce, in case this State of Emergency continues for an extended period.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said he is working with the Administration to create an infrastructure to keep the economy growing. The task force infrastructure will consist of cleaning schedules, quarantine areas, shelters and local Coronavirus testing. He discussed how everyone is using the internet to access services and few residents do not have internet access.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

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

Councilor Ewen-Campen said a COVID-19 information sheet could answer general questions during this outbreak.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

15. Resolution 209941 (ID:22815) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Clingan, Scott
That the Administration coordinate with local charitable organizations to create a centralized fund to provide direct support to front line workers, residents, and local businesses most in need.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted this was submitted on behalf of constituents, to support to front line workers, residents, and local businesses most in need.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

16. Order 209942 (ID:22816) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Scott, Mbah, Davis, Ballantyne That the Director SPCD consider temporarily "pedestrianizing" several streets across the City to allow people out for daily walks to more effectively maintain safe physical distances.

Councilor Ewen-Campen requested to waive the readings of items 16 and 17 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

17. Resolution 209943 (ID:22817) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Davis, Mbah, Clingan That the Administration work directly with private landlords to cease all activities that require landlords, inspectors, or assessors to enter apartments for the duration of the crisis, to cease any threat of eviction or utility shut offs, and to freeze rent payments.

RESULT: APPROVED

18. Order 209944 (ID:22818) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Rossetti, Ballantyne, Davis, Hirsch, White Jr., Clingan That the Director of SPCD, the Commissioner of Public Works, and the Director of Parks and Recreation consider turning some or all Neighborways into modified pedestrian-only areas (allowing cars only for residents and their essential visitors), to relieve the current congestion on the Community Path and some sidewalks.

Councilor Niedergang noted this was discussed at the Public Health and Safety Committee meeting with the Mayor, and the Administration is reviewing it.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

19. Resolution 209284 (ID:22154) By City Councilor Scott Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

FOLLOWUP: City Council

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

20. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 209945 (ID:22803)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on March 25, 2020.</p> |
| | <p>Councilor Scott noted the Committee discussed many routine matters, and accepted a variety of grants. The Committee considered an equipment request of the Fields Department, for lawn mowers, turf cutting tools, and trucks, but due to the financial impact of the Coronavirus outbreak they decided to hold off for now. The Committee is reviewing a number of FY21 program improvement requests submitted by city departments, but the Coronavirus pandemic is reducing projected revenues. Finance Director Ed Bean reported that the City can make it thru FY20 without any debt or layoffs, but there will be less revenue in FY21. The Administration has already announced 0% salary increases for non-union employees, and it will be difficult to maintain a level services budget. The City is waiting for the Governor to make regulatory changes to allow the amortization of emergency spending over multiple years. Finally, Councilor Scott noted that the pandemic is causing the Committee to reassess the process of creating a people’s budget.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>B. Mayor's Request 209829 (ID:22575)</p> | <p>Requesting the transfer of \$60,000 within the Inspectional Services Department, from its Salaries Account to its Professional and Technical Services Account, to continue using contract health inspectors for required food service inspections.</p> |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>C. Mayor's Request 209831 (ID:22721)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$250,000 annual payment from Wynn MA LLC in accordance with its Surrounding Community Agreement.</p> |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>D. Mayor's Request 209832 (ID:22647)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$208,734 grant that requires a match, from MA DOT to SPCD's Mobility Division to expand the Blue Bike program.</p> |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request 209833 (ID:22645)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$59,151.53 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for the purchase of a security camera system to enhance physical security at Police Headquarters.</p> |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |

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| F. | Mayor's Request
209834
(ID:22400) | Requesting approval to create the 259 McGrath Highway Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$3,500 from Divine Signs for tree replacement and signage. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| G. | Mayor's Request
209835
(ID:22401) | Requesting approval to create the 378 Highland Ave Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$3,000 from C. Poutahidis for the establishment of a parklet. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| H. | Mayor's Request
209836
(ID:22719) | Requesting approval to create the Small Business Assistance Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$150,000 from Wynn MA LLC to develop initiatives so local businesses can take advantage of the opportunities provided by the Encore Casino. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| I. | Mayor's Request
209837
(ID:22720) | Requesting approval to create the Water Transportation/Riverway Public Safety Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$150,000 from Wynn MA LLC for the purpose of funding improvements to facilitate water transportation. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| J. | Mayor's Request
209918
(ID:22766) | Requesting a transfer of \$155,000 from the Public Schools Ordinary Maintenance Account to the city's Information Technology Ordinary Maintenance Account. | RESULT: APPROVED |

21. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
209946
(ID:22802)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 24, 2020.</p> | <p>Councilor Davis noted that all members attended the city’s first virtual meeting, along with the Mayor and members of the Administration. They discussed the COVID-19 response with staff from the Cambridge Health Alliance. The minutes for this meeting are very detailed and the recording is online. Two epidemiologists said that in 2-3 weeks there will be a peak in cases and it will take several weeks before there is a decrease. Individuals who are exposed to the virus show symptoms within 5 to 14 days, and can spread it to others before showing symptoms. They expressed the need for everyone to practice social distancing and staying home to prevent spreading the virus. A drive-thru testing station has been installed at the Somerville Hospital and on Tuesday they performed over 450 tests. Test results can take several days. They are following the guidance of the World Health Organization. The City currently has a good stockpile of protective equipment but needs other medical equipment, and could use face masks and face shields made by the public. A website in the meeting minutes shows how to make a face mask or shield. Cambridge Health Alliance staff also discussed their plans to close the emergency room and convert the hospital to an urgent care facility, opening on April 30, 2020.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>B. Communication
209635
(ID:22499)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Davis
Conveying a request from the Cambridge Health Alliance to appear before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss the Healthy Somerville Initiatives and the conversion of the Somerville Hospital's emergency room to urgent care.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>C. Resolution
209807
(ID:22736)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Mbah
That the Administration mandate that all public gathering places, including institutions, have hand sanitizers available at entrances to limit the spread of coronavirus.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>D. Communication
209921
(ID:22773)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Hirsch
Submitting a compilation of residents' questions regarding coronavirus.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 22. | Mayor's Request
209947
(ID:22779) | Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Dept of Health to the Health and Human Services Department for COVID-19 public health emergency responses. | Councilor Rossetti requested a report from the Health and Human Services Department of how the money is being spent.
RESULT: APPROVED |
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COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

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| 23. | License/Permit
209948
(ID:22784) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Barletta Heavy Division. | Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 23 to 47 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 24. | License/Permit
209949
(ID:22790) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Suffolk Engineering. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 25. | License/Permit
209950
(ID:22791) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, CM Conway Construction. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 26. | License/Permit
209951
(ID:22792) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, GLX Constructors. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 27. | License/Permit
209952
(ID:22819) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, EB Rotondi and Sons. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 28. | License/Permit
209953
(ID:22820) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, McGue Excavating. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 29. | License/Permit
209954
(ID:22822) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Galway Excavation. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 30. | License/Permit
209955
(ID:22786) | Renewing Flammables License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St. | RESULT: APPROVED |

31.	License/Permit 209956 (ID:22785)	Renewing Flammables License, BBS Services, 45 Broadway.	RESULT: APPROVED
32.	License/Permit 209957 (ID:22821)	Renewing Flammables License, DW Propco JK LLC, 0 Dawes Street.	RESULT: APPROVED
33.	License/Permit 209958 (ID:22781)	Renewing Garage License, Broadway Brake, 45 Broadway.	RESULT: APPROVED
34.	License/Permit 209959 (ID:22782)	Renewing Garage License, Drain Doctor, 612 Broadway.	RESULT: APPROVED
35.	License/Permit 209960 (ID:22783)	Renewing Garage License, DW Propco JK LLC, 0 Dawes Street.	RESULT: APPROVED
36.	License/Permit 209961 (ID:22795)	Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St.	RESULT: APPROVED
37.	License/Permit 209962 (ID:22796)	Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 381 Washington St.	RESULT: APPROVED
38.	License/Permit 209963 (ID:22797)	Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 141 Beacon St.	RESULT: APPROVED
39.	License/Permit 209964 (ID:22798)	Renewing Garage License, Dino's Auto Center, 308 McGrath.	RESULT: APPROVED
40.	License/Permit 209965 (ID:22799)	Renewing Garage License, William Doucette Auto Sales, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy.	RESULT: APPROVED
41.	License/Permit 209966 (ID:22800)	Renewing Garage License, Brazil Auto Repair, 621 Somerville Ave.	RESULT: APPROVED
42.	License/Permit 209967 (ID:22801)	Renewing Garage License, FW Russell and Sons Disposal, 120 McGrath Hwy.	RESULT: APPROVED

43.	License/Permit 209968 (ID:22793)	Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Pat's Towing, 160 McGrath Hwy. RESULT: APPROVED
44.	License/Permit 209969 (ID:22794)	Renewing Outdoor Parking License, FW Russell and Sons Disposal, 120 McGrath Hwy. RESULT: APPROVED
45.	License/Permit 209970 (ID:22788)	Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Oath Craft Pizza, 278 Elm Street. RESULT: APPROVED
46.	License/Permit 209971 (ID:22789)	Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Mr. B's, 142 Cross St. RESULT: APPROVED
47.	License/Permit 209972 (ID:22780)	Renewing Mobile Food Vendor License, Wizard Catering. RESULT: APPROVED
48.	License/Permit 209973 (ID:22787)	New Extended Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 282 Somerville Avenue, for 24/7 operation for in-store and take-out service only. Councilor White noted the Council can request a public hearing or approve the request. Councilor Scott noted there has been a change in ownership and issues with adhering to City regulations. He would like to schedule a conversation with the owner before approving the request. RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council
49.	Public Communication 209974 (ID:22827)	Tufts University submitting its Spring 2020 University Accountability report. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
50.	Public Communication 209975 (ID:22828)	Harvard University submitting its Spring 2020 University Accountability report. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 51. | Order
209976
(ID:22830) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD discuss highlighting equity for seniors in SomerVision 2040 in the areas discussed in the attached document. |
| | | <p>Councilor Ballantyne noted that seniors make up 10% of the population.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee</p> |
| 52. | Resolution
209977
(ID:22831) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne, Davis, Mbah
That the Administration update this Council on planning underway to provide housing for people who are likely to be exposed to the Covid-19 virus and need isolation, or are recovering from the virus and don't need a hospital setting. |
| | | <p>Councilor Hirsch noted items 52, 53 and 54 are questions she received that were not discussed in the Public Health and Safety meeting. She questioned what first responders should do to protect their families from being exposed to the Coronavirus, what they should do if they are still recovering in isolation, whether there's a contingency staffing plan for firefighters, and how trash and recycling collectors are being supported.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> |
| 53. | Resolution
209978
(ID:22832) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne, Davis, Mbah
That the Administration update this Council on contingency staffing plans in case a large number of front-line employees are unable to work due to illness or self-isolation. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> |
| 54. | Resolution
209979
(ID:22833) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne, Davis, Mbah
That the Administration update this Council on any efforts to ensure that city trash and recycling contractors are protected from coronavirus exposure and supported if exposed. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> |
| 55. | Mayor's
Request
209980
(ID:22829) | Requesting the acceptance of the First Amendment to the Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreement with the City of Cambridge for work in Medford Street. |
| | | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |

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| 56. | Mayor's Request
209981
(ID:22823) | Requesting acceptance of a second \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Health to the Health and Human Services Department for COVID 19 expenses. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 57. | License/Permit
209982
(ID:22834) | Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell equipment on an existing pole at 44 Crescent Street. | Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 57 to 63 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 58. | License/Permit
209983
(ID:22835) | Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell equipment on an existing pole at 61 Concord Avenue. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 59. | License/Permit
209984
(ID:22836) | Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell equipment on an existing pole at 17 Otis Street. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 60. | License/Permit
209985
(ID:22837) | Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell equipment on an existing pole at 12 Dartmouth Street. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 61. | License/Permit
209986
(ID:22838) | Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell equipment on an existing pole at 75 Heath Street. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 62. | License/Permit
209987
(ID:22839) | Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell equipment on an existing pole at 17 Aldrich Street. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 63. | License/Permit
209988
(ID:22840) | Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell equipment on an existing pole at 9 Austin Street. | RESULT: APPROVED |

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:25 PM.

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Mark Niedergang	Ward Five City Councilor	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six City Councilor	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven City Councilor	Present	

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 209989
 (ID:22879) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 209990
 (ID:22880) Councilor Niedergang sponsored a moment of silence for Julio Quintanilla.
 Councilor White sponsored a moment of silence for John McKenna.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 12, 2020.
 209991
 (ID:22881) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
 AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
 Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location 209992 (ID:22858)

Submitted by Eversource to install 56 feet of conduit in the intersection of Linden Avenue and Elm Street from Pole 112/6A to a point of pickup at 36 Elm Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Katie Flaherty presented herself. Michael Clark, a resident in the neighborhood, opposed the application, explaining that a fence was installed on his property without his permission by Eversource. Several tenants have complained to him that the fence doesn't allow them access to the main driveway, and he requested that Eversource repair the damages and remove the illegal fence immediately. Councilor Niedergang, the Ward Councilor, offered to work with Mr. Clark and Eversource to remedy the situation. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until April 24, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

5. Grant of Location 209993 (ID:22859)

Submitted by Eversource to install 72 feet of conduit in Oak Street from utility pole 258/2 to a point of pickup at 5 Oak Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Katie Flaherty presented herself. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until April 24, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

6. Grant of Location 209994 (ID:22860)

Submitted by Eversource to install 21 feet of conduit in Clyde Street from utility pole 74/4 to a point of pickup at 28 Clyde Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Katie Flaherty presented herself. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until April 24, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

7. Grant of Location 209995 (ID:22861)

Submitted by Eversource to install 35 feet of conduit in Garfield Avenue from pole 139/2 to a point of pickup at 6 Garfield Avenue.

The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Katie Flaherty presented herself. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until April 24, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

8. Grant of Location 209996 (ID:22862) Submitted by Eversource to install 138 feet of conduit in Somerville Avenue and Laurel Street from Manhole #8639 to a new Manhole #30989 on Laurel Street, then install 36 feet of conduit from that manhole to a point of pickup at the rear of 515 Somerville Avenue.

The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Katie Flaherty presented herself. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until April 24, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

FOLLOWUP: City Council

9. Grant of Location 209997 (ID:22863) Submitted by Eversource to install 70 feet of conduit in Broadway from manhole #2572 to a new handhole in front of Trum Field.

The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Katie Flaherty presented herself and, in response to a question, explained that a handhole is an underground link where conduit attaches to a property. She said she didn't know if the power was for a 5G antenna, but would provide more information next week. Councilor Scott noted the site is familiar to the Council, and the antenna has raised concerns. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until April 24, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

FOLLOWUP: City Council

10. Grant of Location 209998 (ID:22864) Submitted by Eversource to install 80 feet of conduit in Broadway from manhole #2569 to a new handhole at the intersection of Broadway and Dexter Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Katie Flaherty presented herself. Councilor Niedergang asked if a permit was required from the City of Medford, because the conduit crosses the border into that City, and he asked about the antenna being powered there. Ms. Flaherty said she would get answers to the Council. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until April 24, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

FOLLOWUP: City Council

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

11. Order 209999 (ID:22870) By City Councilor Mbah, Niedergang, Ballantyne, Clingan
That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer appear before this Council’s Committee on Public Health and Public Safety with an update on their plans to keep first responders safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Councilor Mbah expressed the need to keep the first responders safe. He noted that in New York City, 477 Firefighters and 1,000 Police Officers have tested positive for the Coronavirus. Councilor Niedergang commented that the Director of Health and Human Services has stated that there's one person responsible to train each department on Coronavirus safety, and he asked that the Fire and Police Chiefs provide the contact information for their trainer.
- Councilor McLaughlin discussed a similar item on the agenda (#13), and stressed the importance of testing first responders to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. He noted that the State has stations in the City where the public can get tested. Councilor Niedergang confirmed that the Cambridge Health Alliance facility will test first responders.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
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12. Order 210000 (ID:22871) By City Councilor Mbah
That Director of Health and Human services provide this Council with evidence-based research on handling postal mail without protective equipment with respect to the spread of the coronavirus.
- Councilor Mbah said he reached out to the Director of Health & Human Services for an answer, and hasn't received one. Councilor Ballantyne said that mail is handled at the federal level, and asked if he wanted the Director to contact the federal government. Councilor Mbah responded that it didn't matter where the information comes from. Councilor White expressed how important safe mail handling is for constituents.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
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13. Resolution 210001 (ID:22875) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Administration take measures to ensure that first responders and essential personnel are prioritized for COVID-19 testing for personal and public safety purposes.
- For discussion of this item see #209999.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

14. Order 210002 (ID:22876) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Communications broadcast remote meetings of this Council and its Committees on cable access television and coordinate with the Somerville Media Center to ensure all three channels are broadcasting remote meetings and COVID-19 related items.

Councilor Scott said he was excited to see the public watching this meeting and testifying at a public hearing. He said the City's level of communication with the public about the Coronavirus is amazing. Councilor Clingan said this meeting should stream on the existing broadcast system, and noted that some residents don't have local cable and can't watch the City Council meetings without streaming. Councilor McLaughlin added that live streaming is very useful.

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

15. Order 210003 (ID:22877) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan, Davis, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Scott, White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance formally recognizing domestic partnerships.

Councilor McLaughlin learned from a constituent that the City doesn't acknowledge domestic partnerships. He said this problem is Coronavirus-related because it can prevent an individual from being added to their partner's health insurance. He noted that both Cambridge and Boston recognize domestic partnerships. Councilor Ballantyne asked about the legality of domestic partnerships, and City Clerk John Long responded the public should consult an attorney to learn more, and that domestic partnerships are not recognized by the State or Federal Government but are recognized by some private companies for health insurance. Councilor Scott said that without the recognition of a domestic partnership, many legal processes can be difficult, such as estate planning and health coverage.

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

16. Resolution 210004 (ID:22869) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Scott, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr. That the Administration update this Council on opportunities to provide universal broadband internet access in Somerville.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted the United Nations recognized the internet as a human right. The internet holds valuable public health information, safety resources and Government updates. However, many residents don't have internet access. He said the City Council was working to create a task force for internet accessibility and has requested more information on municipal broadband. Councilor Niedergang noted this project has been discussed among the Council for several years, and said internet access for residents is a top priority for the City.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

17. Resolution 209284 (ID:22154) By City Councilor Scott Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

18. Resolution 209931 (ID:22805) By City Councilor Mbah, Clingan That, in the event of a shelter in place order, this Council urges Governor Baker to activate all means necessary to support residents, such as no rent payments, no evictions, no tickets, and no loan repayments, until the order is lifted.

Councilor Mbah expressed how important it is to support to the most vulnerable residents during the Coronavirus outbreak. Councilor Niedergang said he doesn't know how to amend this item so he could support it. He said "no evictions for the vulnerable population" should simply be "no evictions," applying to every population. He also said the House has passed a No Evictions order, which is now waiting for Senate and Governor approval. Councilor Rossetti noted evictions have been discussed during the Public Health and Public Safety meetings, and said that landlords are still responsible for paying taxes and utilities, so she could not support this. Councilor Mbah discussed finding a solution, such as making an amendment to include landlords. Councilor Scott noted that a prior resolution offered by Councilor Ewen-Campen addressed evictions in an eloquent manner, and offered to work with Councilor Mbah to re-draft the resolution.

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

19. License/Permit 209973 (ID:22787) New Extended Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 282 Somerville Avenue, for 24/7 operation for in-store and take-out service only.

Councilor White noted this item had been Laid on the Table for the Ward Councilor to reach out to the owner. Councilor Scott said he had a meeting with the new owner and discussed issues that need to be corrected, and would like this to remain on the table until the owner has resolved them.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

FOLLOWUP: City Council

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

20. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210005 (ID:22867) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on March 31, 2020.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted the Committee will only work on items the City has capacity to complete. The zoning amendments that would not require a public hearing are being completed, and the Committee is working on legislation for affordable housing. A public hearing has been scheduled for minor amendments to the zoning overhaul, and the public should view the report online for further details.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

21. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210006 (ID:22866) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 30, 2020.

Councilor Davis noted all members were present and encouraged the public to view the city website for Coronavirus updates. The public should stay home, practice social distancing and wear masks when going outside. A task force is working with businesses to implement safety guidelines such as social distancing. The Committee received a request to close public streets to provide wider walking paths for the public, but the Administration did not want to move forward.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

- B. Resolution 209939 (ID:22813) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr. That the Administration create a task force to begin mid- to long-term logistical planning for a possible reduced workforce, in case this State of Emergency continues for an extended period.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Resolution 209941 (ID:22815) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Clingan, Scott That the Administration coordinate with local charitable organizations to create a centralized fund to provide direct support to front line workers, residents, and local businesses most in need.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 209944 (ID:22818) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Rossetti, Ballantyne, Davis, Hirsch, White Jr., Clingan That the Director of SPCD, the Commissioner of Public Works, and the Director of Parks and Recreation consider turning some or all Neighborways into modified pedestrian-only areas (allowing cars only for residents and their essential visitors), to relieve the current congestion on the Community Path and some sidewalks.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

22. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210007 (ID:22868) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on April 6, 2020.

Councilor Davis said weekly Committee meetings will continue. He mentioned a presentation by SomerStat Analyst Christine Koh about the Coronavirus crisis globally and locally, which is available online. Health and Human Services Director Doug Kress reported that the City is working with Cambridge to provide housing for individuals who are homeless, need quarantining, or are first responders. He asked the public to call 311 to report businesses that fail to comply with social distancing. He discussed the importance of wearing a mask when leaving home, and said the city website has instructions to make face masks and other COVID-19 safety information. City street sweeping begins April 15, and the Administration is considering not issuing tickets due to the stay-at-home order. Councilor Scott discussed city spending on the pandemic for personal protective equipment for city staff and organizations. The \$200,000 the City Council approved last meeting was expended in the last two weeks. He noted that all public gatherings have been canceled, including the July 4th fireworks.

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

- B. Resolution 209936 (ID:22810) By City Councilor Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Clingan That this Council calls on landlords and real estate agents to avoid showing occupied units to avoid the spread of coronavirus.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 23. | Mayor's Request 210008 (ID:22872) | Requesting the appropriation of \$109,453 from the Receipts Reserved-Insurance Reimbursement Account to the Information Technology Ordinary Maintenance Account to pay for water damage to equipment. |
| Councilor Scott noted #s 210008 and 210009 are both clerical items, as the Council accepted similar amounts from an insurance settlement a month ago.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | |
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| 24. | Mayor's Request 210009 (ID:22873) | Requesting the appropriation of \$53,570 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Insurance Reimbursement Account to the DPW Admin Repairs and Maintenance Account to pay for water damage in the IT Department. |
| RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | |
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| 25. | Mayor's Request 210010 (ID:22841) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Eliza Johnston 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

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| 26. | Officer's Communication 210011 (ID:22874) | Retirement Board notifying this City Council of a vote at the Retirement Board's May 28, 2020 meeting regarding a 2020 Cost of Living Adjustment for eligible retirees. |
| RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 27. | License/Permit 210012 (ID:22845) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Your Space Landscape and Construction. |
| Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 27 to 45 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | |

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| 28. | License/Permit
210013
(ID:22846) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, RM Pacella. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 29. | License/Permit
210014
(ID:22847) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, FE French Construction. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 30. | License/Permit
210015
(ID:22842) | Renewing Flammables License, Hillside Auto Repair, 583 Broadway. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 31. | License/Permit
210016
(ID:22848) | Renewing Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 19 Joy St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 32. | License/Permit
210017
(ID:22849) | Renewing Garage License, Herb Chambers I-93, 259 McGrath Hwy. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 33. | License/Permit
210018
(ID:22850) | Renewing Garage License, Herb Chambers I-93, 71 Linwood St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 34. | License/Permit
210019
(ID:22851) | Renewing Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 35. | License/Permit
210020
(ID:22852) | Renewing Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston Commercial Vans, 161 Linwood St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 36. | License/Permit
210021
(ID:22853) | Renewing Garage License, Triumvirate Environmental, 191 Inner Belt Rd.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 37. | License/Permit
210022
(ID:22854) | Renewing Garage License, Chicken and Shakes Automotive, 6 Beach Ave.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 38. | License/Permit
210023
(ID:22843) | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood St.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 39. | License/Permit
210024
(ID:22844) | Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Parise's Cafe, 97 Washington St.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 40. | License/Permit
210025
(ID:22865) | Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet installing small wireless facilities on a replacement pole at 10 Radcliffe Road.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 41. | License/Permit
210026
(ID:22668) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Edelle Cab, Med #20.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 42. | License/Permit
210027
(ID:22855) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, 32 Summer St Corp, Med #29.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 43. | License/Permit
210028
(ID:22667) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, SJP Taxi, Med #45.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

44. License/Permit 210029 (ID:22857) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Silva Cab, Med #83.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
45. License/Permit 210030 (ID:22856) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Michael Cab, Med #88.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

46. Order 210031 (ID:22884) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott, Rossetti, Davis, McLaughlin, Niedergang, White Jr., Hirsch, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Mbah That the Election Commissioner discuss mailing absentee applications to registered voters for the upcoming primary and general elections.
- Councilor Ballantyne discussed making sure a high number of registered voters could vote. The Secretary of State stated he wouldn't allow municipalities to mail ballots to voters. She would like the city's Elections Commissioner to discuss mailing out absentee ballot applications to voters. Councilor Scott discussed a recent conversation with the Elections Commissioner, and said the State's guidance wasn't very helpful. He encouraged Councilors to contact the State Delegation and the Secretary of State for permission to mail out absentee ballots.
- RESULT:** LAID ON THE TABLE
47. Order 210032 (ID:22885) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin That the Chief of Police discuss what may be done to curb domestic and partner violence especially during the COVID-19 crisis, as victims are quarantined with their abusers.
- Councilor Ballantyne discussed her concern for increased domestic violence due to the stay-at-home order. The Chief of Police anticipated the domestic violence cases will increase this year. Somerville data shows that there has been an increase in domestic violence over the years. She requested that first responders make the safety of women their number one priority when responding to domestic violence calls, and urged the city to use social media to share domestic violence information with the public.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

48. Order 210033 (ID:22886) By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Director of Health and Human Services explain the current protocol for notifying residents of positive COVID-19 tests and contacts and how services may be offered that allow them to receive treatment, maintain household stability, and isolate themselves as needed.

Councilor Hirsch discussed how individuals who tested positive for the Coronavirus will need support for the next steps, such as notifying people they encountered, maintaining employment, keeping housing, and separating from their children. She said the Health Department and School District are working together on creating a support system.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

49. Order 210034 (ID:22887) By City Councilor Hirsch, Scott
That the Board of Assessors extend the deadline for applications for Residential and/or Statutory Exemptions beyond the current April 1 deadline.

Councilor Hirsch noted the exemptions are based on age and income, and allow residents to pay less in taxes. Councilor White noted the April 1, deadline was established by state statute and there may be no local discretion.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

LATE ITEMS

50. Order 210035 (ID:22889) By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Director of Finance update this Council on all money received to date related to the COVID-19 situation.

Councilor Rossetti requested an update on all money received for COVID-19. Councilor Scott would like to convene a Finance Committee meeting before the next City Council meeting to discuss this item further.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

51. Order 210036 (ID:22890) By City Councilor Rossetti That the Director of Finance update this Council on all expenditures, encumbrances and anticipated expenses to date related to the COVID-19 situation.

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

52. Mayor's Request 209751 (ID:22595) Requesting that the subterranean rights below Kensington Avenue and 0 Middlesex Avenue be declared surplus and available for disposition.

Discharged from the Committee on Finance.
Councilor Scott discussed the Finance Committee's concerns about this request for underground rights to subterranean property under a city street and an open space parcel. The intent is for the property to be declared surplus and available for bidding. There is an individual who hopes to build an underground parking garage. The conditions of the sale will include restoring a public park. Councilor White noted he was initially concerned, but has been assured that the request is only for underground development rights, and he now supports the item. For future surplus properties, a Declaration of Surplus should be conditioned on final approval by the Council. Councilor McLaughlin noted that a new development by Edge Technologies will be built. It's an environmentally friendly company based in Holland, and he expressed support for this request.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2020, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 210037
 (ID:22957)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 210038
 (ID:22958)

Councilor Niedergang sponsored a moment of silence for Marie DelVendo. Councilor Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for Kessener Junior Lubin and Stan Klein. Councilor Mbah sponsored a moment of silence for Jean Parker and George Berry. Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Kathy Harrington and Jennifer Delaney. Councilor White sponsored a moment of silence for Mary Fantasia. Councilor Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Margaret Waller, Charles Bucca, Anna Campbell, Arthur Sullivan, Lillian Cabral, Robert Regan, Mary Mallahan, Sabotini Salani, Maria Theresa Cordoso, Lyman Curly Ericksmoen, Alfred D'Artangelo, Bernard Mandra, Michael McDonough, Louise McCune, Julianne Zuck and everyone experiencing losses during the pandemic.

RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes 210039 (ID:22960) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 26, 2020.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

CITATIONS

4. Citation 210040 (ID:22894) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne Commending Stephanie Hirsch for her exemplary service to the City, in response to her resignation from the City Council.
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| <p>Councilor Hirsch discussed her 16 years with the City and thanked her colleagues for their support. She thanked city staff for their hard work during the pandemic and expressed gratitude for the chance to serve as councilor. Councilor Ewen-Campen thanked her for her commitment to communities. Councilor Rossetti noted her passion for helping others. Councilor Mbah commented on her kindness. Councilor Davis appreciated her commitment to the council. Councilor Niedergang discussed her accomplishments. Councilor Ballantyne said she will truly be missed. Councilor Scott said she instilled trust in people. Councilor Clingan said she made people feel heard. Councilor White thanked her for her service to the public. Councilor McLaughlin discussed her passion to create affordable housing.</p> | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED |

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Location 210041 (ID:22959) Submitted by Comcast to install 6 feet of conduit in the intersection of Linwood and Poplar Streets, from an existing Comcast manhole to a new manhole, then continuing with another 46 feet of conduit to a point of pickup at 135 Linwood Street.
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| <p>The President opened the public hearing. Comcast representative Dave Flewelling described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until May 8, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.</p> | |
| RESULT: | LAI D ON THE TABLE |
| FOLLOWUP: | City Council |
6. Grant of Location 210042 (ID:22961) Submitted by Verizon to install 10 feet of conduit in Medford Street, from existing conduit near Ward Street to pole 228/8-1 near the rear of 39R Medford Street.
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| <p>The President opened the public hearing. Verizon representative Richard Forman described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until May 8, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.</p> | |
| RESULT: | LAI D ON THE TABLE |
| FOLLOWUP: | City Council |

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| 7. | Grant of Location 210043 (ID:22962) | Submitted by Verizon to install 10 feet of conduit in Medford Street, from Manhole #101 to existing conduit at the intersection of Medford Street and Bartlett Street. |
| | | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Verizon representative Richard Forman described the work to be completed. Councilor Niedergang said he did not receive the letter that goes to the abutters, and wants to make sure it was sent out. City Clerk John Long said his office mails out the notices, and that if they weren't mailed, he would re-schedule the public hearing. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until May 8, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.</p> <p>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
| 8. | Grant of Location 210044 (ID:22963) | Submitted by Verizon to install 63 feet of conduit in Broadway, from Manhole #437 to an existing handhole near 546 Broadway. |
| | | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Verizon representative Richard Forman described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until May 8, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.</p> <p>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
| 9. | Withdrawn 210045 (ID:22965) | Withdrawn. |
| | | <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN</p> |

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

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| 10. | Resolution 210046 (ID:22943) | By City Councilor Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Davis, White Jr., Clingan, Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, McLaughlin Supporting House bill 5036 and Senate bill 2916, An Act to Provide Equal Stimulus Checks to Immigrant Taxpayers. |
| | | <p>Councilor Mbah thanked everyone for supporting House bill 5036 and Senate bill 2916.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 11. | Resolution 210047 (ID:22906) | By City Councilor Mbah That the Administration update this Council on what is being done to help communities of color during this COVID-19 pandemic. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> |

12. Resolution 210048 (ID:22907) By City Councilor Mbah, Ballantyne
That the Administration update this Council on what is being done to help the homeless, who are most at risk during this COVID-19 pandemic.

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

13. Resolution 210049 (ID:22905) By City Councilor Rossetti, Niedergang, Ballantyne
That the Administration implement mandatory wearing of facial masks when in a public setting.

Councilor Rossetti thanked the Administration for its executive order to wear masks at all times in public.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

14. Communication 210050 (ID:22897) By City Councilor Rossetti
Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of April 13, 2020.

Councilor Rossetti stated the High School was identified as an essential infrastructure site by the City. Still, the timeline for this project is unknown, and interior work on the building was abandoned due to COVID-19. The number of tradesmen working dropped to 87 in April. The site has a fulltime nurse to check temperatures before employees start work, and employees work different shifts to enhance social distancing. A COVID-19 cost factor of \$90,000 has been added to the project.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

15. Order 210051 (ID:22952) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne
That the Director of Mobility update this Council on that Division's work over the past few months and plans for the rest of the spring and summer.

Councilor Niedergang requested an update from the Mobility Division and would like to know the plan moving forward.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

16. Resolution 210052 (ID:22953) By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah, Ballantyne, Scott That the Administration nominate Robert Buchanan for the open Planning Board seat, to elevate him from an Alternate to a full voting member.

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

17. Communication 210053 (ID:22951) By City Councilor Niedergang Reporting on the discussions and decisions of the Traffic Commission during the first four months of 2020.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

18. Resolution 210054 (ID:22954) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Scott, Hirsch, Niedergang, Mbah, Ballantyne That the Administration appropriate funds from the dedicated Union Square Community Benefits Contributions to support two outside staff positions, one for job placement/workforce development services and one for local small business services, similar to the Community Benefits Agreement recommendations and now particularly urgent due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that in the agreement with the Union Square Master Developer there are a series of payments coming to the city for the Green Line, infrastructure, job linkage, housing linkage and community benefits. The Council discussed the best ways to spend the funds, and he would like the recommendations expedited.

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

19. Order 210055 (ID:22955) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Scott That the Director of SPCD and US2 appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss progress towards an affordable housing project on Block D4.3.

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

20. Order 210056 (ID:22956) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan, McLaughlin, Scott That the Administration work with the GLX contractors to increase and improve abutter notifications regarding particularly disruptive work, given that residents are required to be in their homes all day.

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

21. Order 210057 (ID:22942) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Scott, Hirsch, Rossetti, Clingan, Mbah That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Communications increase awareness of public hearings for Land Use, Zoning Board and Planning Board meetings, to increase transparency.

Councilor McLaughlin commented that if the City is going to move forward with important projects there has to be great communication with the public.

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

22. Communication 210058 (ID:22967) By City Councilor McLaughlin In his capacity as President, conveying updated Standing and Special Committee assignments and Commission appointments as of May 1, 2020.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

23. Resolution 209284 (ID:22154) By City Councilor Scott Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

24. License/Permit 209973 (ID:22787) New Extended Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 282 Somerville Avenue, for 24/7 operation for in-store and take-out service only.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

25. Grant of Location 209992 (ID:22858) Submitted by Eversource to install 56 feet of conduit in the intersection of Linden Avenue and Elm Street from Pole 112/6A to a point of pickup at 36 Elm Street.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

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| 26. Grant of Location 209993 (ID:22859) | Submitted by Eversource to install 72 feet of conduit in Oak Street from utility pole 258/2 to a point of pickup at 5 Oak Street. |
| | <p>Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 26 to 29 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 27. Grant of Location 209994 (ID:22860) | Submitted by Eversource to install 21 feet of conduit in Clyde Street from utility pole 74/4 to a point of pickup at 28 Clyde Street. |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 28. Grant of Location 209995 (ID:22861) | Submitted by Eversource to install 35 feet of conduit in Garfield Avenue from pole 139/2 to a point of pickup at 6 Garfield Avenue. |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 29. Grant of Location 209996 (ID:22862) | Submitted by Eversource to install 138 feet of conduit in Somerville Avenue and Laurel Street from Manhole #8639 to a new Manhole #30989 on Laurel Street, then install 36 feet of conduit from that manhole to a point of pickup at the rear of 515 Somerville Avenue. |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 30. Grant of Location 209997 (ID:22863) | Submitted by Eversource to install 70 feet of conduit in Broadway from manhole #2572 to a new handhole in front of Trum Field. |
| | <p>RESULT: LAI D ON THE TABLE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
| 31. Grant of Location 209998 (ID:22864) | Submitted by Eversource to install 80 feet of conduit in Broadway from manhole #2569 to a new handhole at the intersection of Broadway and Dexter Street. |
| | <p>RESULT: LAI D ON THE TABLE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |

32. Order 210031 (ID:22884) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott, Rossetti, Davis, McLaughlin, Niedergang, White Jr., Hirsch, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Mbah That the Election Commissioner discuss mailing absentee applications to registered voters for the upcoming primary and general elections.

Councilor Ballantyne wants to insure everyone can safely vote during the elections. She discussed state legislation for mail-in voting during the COVID-19 pandemic. Election Commissioner Nick Salerno said that Secretary of State Galvin is creating a plan. Councilor Rossetti asked about the cost of the elections. Mr. Salerno responded that the Federal CARE bill has been enacted, with an estimated \$400M allocated to the state for the Fall election. Councilor Niedergang discussed proposed Senate legislation and said Secretary Galvin might not agree with several of its provisions. He asked if the legislation does not pass, whether Mr. Salerno would be able to mail absentee ballots to all voters this fall. Mr. Salerno responded that the Secretary of State sets the terms for elections. Councilor Ballantyne stated that the State Delegation is flooded with unemployment assistance requests and it might take longer to attend to mail-in voting. She asked if the City can mail registered voters absentee ballot applications, and Mr. Salerno said he would need to get authorization from the Secretary of State. The cost would be about \$39,000. Councilor Ballantyne requested an update on the State Legislature’s activities in the coming weeks.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

33. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210059 (ID:22900) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on April 15, 2020.

Councilor Rossetti discussed the Committee’s recommendations, including the approval of Jahan Habib, Sam Dinning and Rob Buchanan. The report is available online. Councilor Rossetti then added an addendum. The Committee had requested an explanation on why the Planning Board candidates were placed in certain slots, and she has been told the Interview Committee made the decision, with no explanation available. She said the Committee could discuss it further with the Interview Committee in executive session. Councilor Ballantyne asked her why the Mayor supported the decision of the Interview Committee, and she responded the Mayor did not want to undermine its work. Councilor Ballantyne encouraged the President to meet with the Interview Committee, to ask them to share their reasoning. Councilor Niedergang stated that the Committee shouldn’t be making decisions without the Mayor’s review, and he suggested such review going forward.

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

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| B. | Resolution
209158
(ID:21981) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Mayor appoint a member from the Commission of Energy Use and Climate Change to the Planning Board and Design Review Committee, to provide their expertise on these bodies. | | | | |
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| RESULT: | WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | |
| AYES: | Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | |
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| C. | Mayor's
Request
209701
(ID:22528) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jahan Habib to the Planning Board. | | | | |
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | |
| AYES: | Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | |
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| D. | Mayor's
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209702
(ID:22529) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ella Samson to the Planning Board. | | | | |
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| RESULT: | NOT APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | |
| AYES: | Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | |
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| E. | Mayor's
Request
209703
(ID:22530) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sam Dinning to the Planning Board. | | | | |
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | |
| AYES: | Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | |
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| F. | Mayor's
Request
209704
(ID:22531) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rob Buchanan as an Alternate to the Planning Board. | | | | |
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | |
| AYES: | Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | |
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| G. | Resolution
210060
(ID:22941) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Administration advise this Council at its April 28, 2020 meeting, why the four candidates for the Planning Board were placed into those particular slots. | | | | |
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | |
| AYES: | Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | |

34. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 210061 (ID:22902)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on April 22, 2020.</p> <hr/> <p>Councilor Scott stated the Committee met on April 22, 2020 and all members were present. They placed several items on file; the Administration wasn't ready to move forward because of financial uncertainty due to COVID-19. The Mayor discussed funds received for COVID-19 and how they were expended. They anticipate that FY21 is going to be very challenging due to the long-term impacts on revenue and the uncertainty of State funding.</p> <p>The request for an appropriation of \$200,000 for the Capital Projects Division to design an elevator from the new Community Path to the High School field level was discussed and placed on file. It is considered an accessibility request, and the primary issue is the location of the retaining wall. A modified proposal is being submitted to the Council.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <hr/> |
| <p>B. Mayor's Request 208709 (ID:21500)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$36,000 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation- Parking Meter Receipts Account to the Parking Department Rentals Account, to lease temporary parking spaces resulting from the High School construction project.</p> <hr/> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <hr/> |
| <p>C. Mayor's Request 209742 (ID:22587)</p> | <p>Requesting a transfer of \$49,431 from the E-911 Salaries Account to the Department of Transportation Salaries Account, to establish new positions in the Department.</p> <hr/> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <hr/> |
| <p>D. Mayor's Request 209743 (ID:22589)</p> | <p>Requesting a transfer of \$30,000 from the E-911 Salaries Account to Department of Transportation Office Equipment and Professional and Technical Services Accounts.</p> <hr/> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <hr/> |

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| E. | Mayor's Request
209744
(ID:22588) | Requesting a transfer of \$10,592 from the E-911 Salaries Account to the Constituent Services Salaries Account to establish the position of Quality Assurance and Improvement Manager. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| F. | Mayor's Request
209827
(ID:22726) | Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Division Capital Outlay Engineering/Architectural Services Account to design an elevator from the High School field level to the Community Path being constructed by the MBTA GLX project. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| G. | Mayor's Request
209980
(ID:22829) | Requesting the acceptance of the First Amendment to the Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreement with the City of Cambridge for work in Medford Street. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

35. LAND USE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
210062
(ID:22899) | Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on April 14, 2020. | Councilor Ewen-Campen discussed the proposed amendments to the pedestrian street use limitations zoning ordinance. He continued the discussion in #210062, the Committee's report of its April 23 meeting.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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36. LAND USE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 210063 (ID:22903)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on April 23, 2020.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen said the Committee held a joint public hearing with the Planning Board to discuss several amendments to the zoning code. There were two batches of amendments making minor corrections and adjustments to the recent zoning overhaul. There was also a separate amendment involving allowable uses on pedestrian streets. There was public testimony and the Planning Board recommended approval of the proposed amendments. The Committee voted unanimously on each of the amendments, except the allowable uses on pedestrian streets.</p> <p>The concept for pedestrian streets includes regulating first floor commercial spaces to promote active uses in business districts, promoting retail and restaurants. The zoning overhaul limited allowable uses, but erred by disallowing cannabis dispensaries. The city proposed adding them back. The Committee discussed adding other uses back, such as health and personal services, fitness, entertainment and more. The Committee referred this item back to the Council without a recommendation.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |
| <p>B. Mayor's Request 209771 (ID:22608)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to correct procedural requirements, unintended conflicts between regulations, numerical errors, or inadvertent omissions.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Rossetti</p> <p>AMENDED: Items 2-8, 13, and 16 were struck from the Amendment and NOT approved.</p> </div> |
| <p>C. Order 209790 (ID:22644)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen
That this Council modify or eliminate the Zoning Ordinance's Use Limitations for parcels that front a Pedestrian Street in various locations such as 4.1.13.b, 4.3.13.b, 5.1.15.b, etc.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>This item was replaced by #210123, which was Approved, Enrolled and Ordained. Councilors Davis and Rossetti opposed replacing #209790 with #210123, but voted to Approve, Enroll and Ordain it once that replacement was approved by a 9-2 vote. For discussion of this item see #210123.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [9 TO 2]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>NAYS: Rossetti, Davis</p> </div> |

- D. Mayor's Request 209825 (ID:22743) Requesting approval of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to extend the validity time frame of previously issued permits, clarify how lot coverage is calculated, correct the threshold for employment linkage, and streamline the language concerning landscape buffers.

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

37. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210064 (ID:22898) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on April 13, 2020.

Councilor Davis said a detailed committee report is available online.

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

- B. Order 210000 (ID:22871) By City Councilor Mbah That Director of Health and Human services provide this Council with evidence-based research on handling postal mail without protective equipment with respect to the spread of the coronavirus.

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

- C. Order 210032 (ID:22885) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin That the Chief of Police discuss what may be done to curb domestic and partner violence especially during the COVID-19 crisis, as victims are quarantined with their abusers.

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

- D. Order 210033 (ID:22886) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Director of Health and Human Services explain the current protocol for notifying residents of positive COVID-19 tests and contacts and how services may be offered that allow them to receive treatment, maintain household stability, and isolate themselves as needed.

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

- E. Order 210034 (ID:22887) By City Councilor Hirsch, Scott
That the Board of Assessors extend the deadline for applications for Residential and/or Statutory Exemptions beyond the current April 1 deadline.

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

38. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210065 (ID:22901) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on April 21, 2020.

Councilor Davis said a detailed committee report is available online.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

39. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210066 (ID:22904) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on April 27, 2020.

Councilor Davis said a detailed committee report is available online.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

40. Mayor's Request 210067 (ID:22634) Requesting approval of amendments to the Condominium/Cooperative Conversion Ordinance with the specific amended language attached.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

41. Mayor's Request 210068 (ID:22893) Requesting approval of the attached Order of Taking of 31 Tufts Street.

Councilor Scott said this is an Order of Taking that costs nothing. This item is required only to clear a title on an affordable housing project. The transfer has already taken place.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

42. Mayor's Request 210069 (ID:22949) Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to design an elevator from the High School field level to the Community Path at Medford Street.

Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management Rich Raiche noted the city is building the high school and the MBTA is building the green line and community path. The MA Architectural Access Board granted approval for a 950-foot ADA path from the high school to the community path. Modifications to the retaining wall and stairwell will be needed in order to offer an elevator there. The estimated budget for the elevator is \$1.5M-\$2M . Councilor Ewen-Campen said he supported the request. Councilor Davis asked about additional parking. Director Raiche responded they have not discussed additional parking, and Councilor Davis expressed concern with not taking parking into consideration.

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

43. Mayor's Request 210070 (ID:22950) Requesting the transfer of \$94,015 from the Parking Department Repairs to Highway Account to the IAM Engineering Division Repairs to Highway Account, to provide pavement marking services.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

44. Mayor's Request 210071 (ID:22892) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christine Lindgren to the Licensing Commission.

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

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

45. License/Permit 210072 (ID:22908) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Caruso Corp.

Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 45 to 82, except item 71, and approve them. Item 71 should be referred to the Committee on Licenses and Permits. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

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

46. License/Permit 210073 (ID:22909) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Legacy Building and Development.

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

47.	License/Permit 210074 (ID:22910)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Jason Anthony.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
48.	License/Permit 210075 (ID:22911)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Mirra.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
49.	License/Permit 210076 (ID:22912)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, JR and Sons Construction.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
50.	License/Permit 210077 (ID:22939)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Brennan Construction.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
51.	License/Permit 210078 (ID:22940)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, LaMountain Brothers.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
52.	License/Permit 210079 (ID:22964)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Celiberti Realty.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
53.	License/Permit 210080 (ID:22966)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, McCourt Construction.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
54.	License/Permit 210081 (ID:22913)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Kealey Excavation.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| 55. | License/Permit
210082
(ID:22914) | Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, 132 Washington St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 56. | License/Permit
210083
(ID:22915) | Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, 23R Inner Belt Rd. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 57. | License/Permit
210084
(ID:22916) | Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, 70R Third Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 58. | License/Permit
210085
(ID:22917) | Renewing Flammables License, Lub-O-Line #529, 9 Florence St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 59. | License/Permit
210086
(ID:22918) | Renewing Flammables License, Lub-O-Line #849, 9 Florence St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 60. | License/Permit
210087
(ID:22919) | Renewing Flammables License, Cubby Oil, 20 Medford St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 61. | License/Permit
210088
(ID:22920) | Renewing Flammables License, Somerville Gas and Service, 16 Medford St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 62. | License/Permit
210089
(ID:22921) | Renewing Flammables License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 63. | License/Permit
210090
(ID:22938) | Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Gulf, 212 Broadway. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 64. | License/Permit
210091
(ID:22922) | Renewing Flammables License, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 65. | License/Permit
210092
(ID:22924) | Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 445 Artisan Way. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 66. | License/Permit
210093
(ID:22925) | Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 355 Artisan Way. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 67. | License/Permit
210094
(ID:22926) | Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 333 Great River Rd. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 68. | License/Permit
210095
(ID:22927) | Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 479 Canal St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 69. | License/Permit
210096
(ID:22923) | Renewing Garage License, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 70. | License/Permit
210097
(ID:22928) | Renewing Garage License, Tech Auto Body, 9 Union Sq. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

71.	License/Permit 210098 (ID:22929)	Renewing Garage License, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
72.	License/Permit 210099 (ID:22930)	Renewing Garage License, Somerville Housing Group Trust III, 481 Columbia St. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
73.	License/Permit 210100 (ID:22931)	Renewing Garage License, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
74.	License/Permit 210101 (ID:22932)	Renewing Garage License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
75.	License/Permit 210102 (ID:22933)	Renewing Garage License, Webster Auto Body, 69 Webster Ave. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
76.	License/Permit 210103 (ID:22934)	Renewing Garage License, Webster Auto Body, 64 Webster Ave. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
77.	License/Permit 210104 (ID:22935)	Renewing Garage License, Original Auto Body and Mechanic, 12 Joy St. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
78.	License/Permit 210105 (ID:22946)	Renewing Garage License, Fellsway Auto Repair, 693 McGrath Hwy. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| 79. | License/Permit
210106
(ID:22947) | Renewing Garage License, Gene Automotive Repair, 56 Joy St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 80. | License/Permit
210107
(ID:22936) | Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Kay Jewelers, 360 Artisan Way. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 81. | License/Permit
210108
(ID:22937) | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 82. | License/Permit
210109
(ID:22945) | Renewing Hawker and Peddler License, Chiki Galvez. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 83. | Order
210110
(ID:22968) | By City Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the pothole on Thurston Street by Broadway. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 84. | Order
210111
(ID:22969) | By City Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works consider placing receptacles for discarded latex gloves and masks. | Councilor Clingan expressed concern for discarded gloves and masks on the streets, and is working with the DPW to help resolve the matter.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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

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

86. Order 210113 (ID:22971) By City Councilor Hirsch, Mbah
That the Director of Health and Human Services explain how the pandemic and related closures may be affecting rodent activity or any planned eradication strategies.

Councilor Hirsch noted rodents are changing their behavior now that businesses are closed due to COVID-19. There has been an increase in residential trash, which can increase rodent problems in neighborhoods.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

87. Order 210114 (ID:22972) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD make the changes listed within to SomerVision 2040.

Councilor Hirsch noted the public comment period is closed, but Councilor Ewen-Campen plans to hold a public hearing regarding SomerVision 2040. She discussed how open space, infrastructure and housing are the most expensive components. Affordable housing should be kept as a high priority when evaluating the budget.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

88. Order 210115 (ID:22974) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Administration's weekly update on COVID-19 include a dedicated update from the Police Department on the implementation of the mandatory mask policy, and what steps are being taken to ensure that enforcement is fair and unbiased.

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

89. Resolution 210116 (ID:22975) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., and the Mayor Urging adoption of Senate Bill 2654 (formerly S.2912/H.5026), “An Act establishing vote by mail in 2020,” which would implement comprehensive voting by mail for all statewide elections in 2020.

Councilor Niedergang stated Senate Bill 2654 will expand early voting by mailing ballots to registered voters for the September 1 primary election and November 3 general election. For the primary, every voter registered with a political party will get that party’s primary ballot and unenrolled voters can request any ballot. For the general election, every registered voter will get a ballot in the mail. For in-person voting, the State must provide adequate personal protection equipment for poll workers if the Governors COVID-19 State of Emergency order is still in effect. The vote by mail provisions will sunset at the close of 2020 and will not apply to future elections, although some provisions, such as making Election Day a State holiday, will be permanent. Election Commissioner Nick Salerno agreed with implementing mail-in voting. The application will take only three minutes to complete and will help determine if a person is qualified to receive a ballot. He encourages mail-in voting only for elections this year. Councilor Rossetti made a motion to amend the language to insure the Governor and Secretary of State consult with local election commissioners when drafting the policy.

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

90. Order 210117 (ID:22976) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Finance provide a written rolling cash flow analysis every 2 weeks during this COVID-19 emergency and include forecasts to ensure sufficient operating liquidity by estimating the available cash deposits, expected inflows, and required disbursements.

Councilor Rossetti stated she requested a cash flow analysis every two weeks during the COVID-19 emergency. Councilor Ballantyne apologized for not hearing that in the meeting, but said finance reports are generally generated on a monthly basis. Councilor Rossetti still requested this item be amended to every two weeks, and Councilor Ballantyne concurred.

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

91. Order 210118 (ID:22977) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD add the attached changes into the SomerVision 2040 draft.

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

92. Mayor's Request 210119 (ID:22973) Requesting the appropriation of \$247,242 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to various Departmental Accounts to fund the FY20 salary and benefit provisions in the Agreement with SMEA Unit D.

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

93. License/Permit 210120 (ID:22978) Public Event License, Davis Sq Farmers Market, Day St-Herbert St Parking Lot, Wednesdays May 20 - Nov 25, 8AM-7PM.

Councilor White noted the farmers market has been around for several years, and stated that the applicant must work with the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division to create a safety plan for the Inspectional Service Department's approval.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: Applicant must create with the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division a COVID-19 safety plan that is approved by the Inspectional Services Department.

94. License/Permit 210121 (ID:22979) Public Event License, Union Sq Farmers Market, Union Sq Plaza and Parking Lot, Saturdays May 16-Nov 21, 7AM-2PM.

Councilor White noted the farmers market has been around for several years, and stated that the applicant must work with the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division to create a safety plan for the Inspectional Service Department's approval.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: Applicant must create with the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division a COVID-19 safety plan that is approved by the Inspectional Services Department.

LATE ITEMS

95. Officer's Communication 210122 (ID:22983) Planning Board conveying its recommendation re: #209771 and #209825, two recently-proposed amendments to correct errors and clarify text with respect to the Zoning overhaul passed in December.

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

96. Ordinance
210123
(ID:22984)

By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
Proposing an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance with respect to Pedestrian
Street Use Limitations.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said the current allowable uses for pedestrian streets were narrowly defined. He proposed amending #209790 with the attached text, to allow more uses on pedestrian streets.

Councilor Davis opposed the motion because the city is facing challenges retaining small businesses. The current allowable uses create an environment where small businesses can thrive. Existing uses are grandfathered and zoning encourages development. He said he would like to give the public the opportunity to provide input.

City Planner Dan Bartman discussed the original proposal, which adds retail cannabis as an eligible use. He said the Council can always make modifications and remove language as necessary. Councilor Davis stated the original proposal makes sense, and the significant expansions purposed by Councilor Ewen-Campen are contrary to the core concepts of the zoning. He said the Council is only discussing this because of a dentist that was unable to open on a pedestrian street.

Councilor Niedergang spoke in favor of the amendment, saying it would increase diversity and flexibility in business districts. Councilor Hirsch discussed how important it is for communities to have certain amenities and different uses. Mr. Bartman noted that there is a standard in the code regarding 4 feet of unobstructed area behind the window, and it does not prohibit any type of blinds. If the amendment is approved, another amendment would have to address shop fronts. Councilor Hirsch wanted clarification on limiting the size of first-floor spaces, and Mr. Bartman said they are working on creating standards to address the use mix to develop floor area limitations. Councilor Scott spoke in favor of the amendment and said the personal services category helps protect small businesses. Councilor Scott noted that the Planning Board would be deciding if businesses are suitable for chosen locations, and would take public comment into consideration. Councilor Clingan said he likes the idea of smart zoning and is in favor of the amendment, saying that businesses could then apply for special permits. Councilor Ballantyne discussed daytime traffic, noting the smaller squares don't have daytime activity and businesses there are suffering. Councilor White spoke in favor of the amendment, as it provides the special permit granting authority the ability to evaluate each application. Councilor Rossetti opposed the amendment, saying the Council just adopted new zoning a couple of months ago and should give it a chance. Councilor McLaughlin discussed how businesses are leaving and COVID-19 could change the future of retail. He wants to give every business owner the opportunity to make money and supports the amendment.

Councilors Davis and Rossetti opposed replacing #209790 with this amendment, but voted to Approve, Enroll and Ordain it once that replacement was approved by a 9-2 vote. This item replaced #209790.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

97. Grant of Location 208601 (ID:21443) Submitted by Eversource to install 135 feet of conduit in Medford St from Manhole 12138 to a point of pickup at 340 Medford St.
- Discharged from the Committee on Licenses and Permits.
 Councilor Ewen-Campen stated this item was sent to the Committee last fall to give NStar an opportunity to first resolve an unrelated issue with an abutter. Now this item has become time sensitive for the GLX project, and he supports approval.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
98. Order 210124 (ID:22980) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of the Council on Aging provide this Council with updates and ways to help seniors living in our community.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
99. Order 210125 (ID:22981) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Superintendent of Schools update this Council on how the school year is faring, best practices, projected changes, any ways to help, etc.
- Councilor Ballantyne noted she has received many questions from parents regarding the upcoming school year and requested the Superintendent provide an update.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
100. Resolution 210126 (ID:22982) By City Councilor Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Niedergang That the Mayor consider increasing the minimum age for mandatory wearing of face masks to children over 5 years of age.
- Councilor Mbah expressed how important this is for the safety of children during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:55 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2020, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 210127
 (ID:23015) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 210128
 (ID:23016) Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Tanya Schuman and Elizabeth Simione. Councilor McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for Norrinne Forster and for all persons who have passed away from COVID-19 and the families who have been affected by COVID-19.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 7, 2020.
 210129
 (ID:23017) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location 210130 (ID:22998)

Submitted by Eversource to install 25 feet of conduit in Smith Avenue from pole 525/1 to a point of pickup at 5 Smith Avenue.

The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until May 22, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

5. Grant of Location 210131 (ID:22999)

Submitted by Eversource to install 46 feet of conduit in Prospect Street from pole 291/15 to a point of pickup at 109 Prospect Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until May 22, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

6. Grant of Location 210132 (ID:23000)

Submitted by Verizon to install 130 feet of conduit in Broadway from existing manhole 333 to a new handhole at the intersection of Broadway and Boston Avenue.

The President opened the public hearing. Verizon representative Ross Bilodeau described the work to be completed. Councilor White discussed concerns with dead drops from disconnected communications services that remain connected to houses. He asked if Verizon is aware of these concerns and how they plan to address them. Mr. Bilodeau said he is unaware of these concerns and will follow up. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until May 22, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

7. Grant of Location 210133 (ID:23001)

Submitted by Verizon to install 291 feet of conduit in South Street and Earle Street, from existing manhole 464 to a new manhole 44/464A, then to a point of pickup at the rear of 111 South Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Verizon representative Ross Bilodeau described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until May 22, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

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

Councilor Strezo requested that the Communications Department create a public campaign to address the littering of PPE (disposable masks, gloves and wipes) using community signage and social media platforms. If this material isn't cleaned up before rainfall it could affect the city's water. Councilor Clingan noted that he had requested that the DPW set out designated receptacles, but the DPW Commissioner had said it was a union issue. He expressed the need for the public to properly discard these items. Councilor Strezo said the litter is present around grocery stores and parking lots, and Councilor White suggested the Health Department ask businesses to install designated receptacles.

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

9. Order 210135 (ID:23005) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD and a representative from the MBTA discuss with the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, the plan to recapture the trees and green space lost after the decimation of the GLX forested corridor.

Councilor Ballantyne noted that trees and plants are very effective in fighting global warming. She will work with residents to recapture lost GLX trees and green space. Councilor Niedergang discussed areas where trees have been cut down, and Councilors Clingan and Mbah thanked her for addressing the problem.

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

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

Councilor Ewen-Campen said many businesses are dependent on third-party delivery services like GrubHub, UberEats and Doordash, which charge outrageous fees, up to 25%-30% per order. Many communities have capped such fees to protect local businesses that are already suffering due to COVID-19, but Somerville doesn't have the legal authority to do so, so he urged supporting HD.5054 to cap the fees statewide for the duration of the pandemic. He also encouraged ordering directly from restaurants instead of third-party services. Councilors Clingan and Davis said business owners are in favor of capping these fees. Councilor Ballantyne said she would file a late Order that the Communications Department urge residents to order directly from businesses. Councilor Davis noted that some third-party delivery services websites mimic the local business websites to draw traffic.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. Resolution 209284 (ID:22154) By City Councilor Scott Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

12. License/Permit 209973 (ID:22787) New Extended Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 282 Somerville Avenue, for 24/7 operation for in-store and take-out service only.

Councilor Scott said he has been unsuccessful in speaking with the owner, and recommended the item be referred to Committee for follow-up.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

13. Grant of Location 209992 (ID:22858) Submitted by Eversource to install 56 feet of conduit in the intersection of Linden Avenue and Elm Street from Pole 112/6A to a point of pickup at 36 Elm Street.

Councilor White asked the City Clerk if any public comments had been received on this item, and was told none were. Councilor Niedergang said he had been in touch with the applicant, and this item was ready for approval.

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

14. Grant of Location 209997 (ID:22863) Submitted by Eversource to install 70 feet of conduit in Broadway from manhole #2572 to a new handhole in front of Trum Field.
- Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 14 and 15 and leave them on the table. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE**
FOLLOWUP: City Council
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15. Grant of Location 209998 (ID:22864) Submitted by Eversource to install 80 feet of conduit in Broadway from manhole #2569 to a new handhole at the intersection of Broadway and Dexter Street.
- RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE**
FOLLOWUP: City Council
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16. Order 210031 (ID:22884) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott, Rossetti, Davis, McLaughlin, Niedergang, White Jr., Hirsch, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Strezo That the Election Commissioner discuss mailing absentee applications to registered voters for the upcoming primary and general elections.
- Councilor Niedergang discussed Bill HD.5075, which addresses voting by mail. Three members of the City's state delegation have signed onto the bill, but many of the provisions in previous legislation have been removed, such as making Election Day a holiday. He encouraged the public to read the bill.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan
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17. Grant of Location 210041 (ID:22959) Submitted by Comcast to install 6 feet of conduit in the intersection of Linwood and Poplar Streets, from an existing Comcast manhole to a new manhole, then continuing with another 46 feet of conduit to a point of pickup at 135 Linwood Street.
- Councilor White asked the City Clerk if any public comments had been received on items 17 to 20, and was told none were. He then requested to waive the readings and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan

18. Grant of Location 210042 (ID:22961) Submitted by Verizon to install 10 feet of conduit in Medford Street, from existing conduit near Ward Street to pole 228/8-1 near the rear of 39R Medford Street.

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

19. Grant of Location 210043 (ID:22962) Submitted by Verizon to install 10 feet of conduit in Medford Street, from Manhole #101 to existing conduit at the intersection of Medford Street and Bartlett Street.

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

20. Grant of Location 210044 (ID:22963) Submitted by Verizon to install 63 feet of conduit in Broadway, from Manhole #437 to an existing handhole near 546 Broadway.

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

21. Communication 210053 (ID:22951) By City Councilor Niedergang Reporting on the discussions and decisions of the Traffic Commission during the first four months of 2020.

Councilor Niedergang said the Commission revised the Residential Parking Permit rules, voted to reduce speed limits on Broadway, Cameron Avenue, Middlesex Avenue and Washington Street to 25 miles per hour, and designated 20 mile per hour safety zones in Union Square, Prospect Hill and Gilman Square. The Commission also removed parking spaces to enhance traffic safety, designated handicap parking and loading zones, extended school pickup zones, and made many more changes.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

22. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 210137 (ID:23009)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 6, 2020.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <p>Councilor Scott said the Committee reviewed and took action on several items. The Mayor joined the meeting, and will join the next meeting to discuss the relief the City will receive resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee discussed this year’s budget review, and its plans to streamline the process. The public hearing for feedback regarding the budget will come early. The Committee will provide a summary of policy-driven issues and receive public feedback. The goal will be to agree on a collaborative budget with the Administration before the end of June deadline. Councilor Scott hopes to provide a detailed budget schedule in 10 days to the Councilors. Councilor Rossetti mentioned that she supports holding the public hearing before the Committee reviews the budget, but opposed an item funding design work at City Hall because it included no provisions for more parking.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |
| <p>B. Mayor's Request 208856 (ID:21577)</p> | <p>Requesting the repurposing of \$200,000 in CPA funds awarded to the City's Capital Project Division for the rehabilitation of City Hall.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |
| <p>C. Order 209922 (ID:22778)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Scott
 That the Director of Finance prepare for this Council a year-to-date update on the E-911 Salaries Account.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |
| <p>D. Resolution 209937 (ID:22811)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Mbah
 That the Administration provide financial relief to small businesses as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |

- E. Resolution 210054 (ID:22954) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Scott, Hirsch, Niedergang, Mbah, Ballantyne
That the Administration appropriate funds from the dedicated Union Square Community Benefits Contributions to support two outside staff positions, one for job placement/workforce development services and one for local small business services, similar to the Community Benefits Agreement recommendations and now particularly urgent due to the COVID-19 crisis.

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

- F. Mayor's Request 210068 (ID:22893) Requesting approval of the attached Order of Taking of 31 Tufts Street.

Councilor Strezo requested more information. Councilor McLaughlin responded this is regarding vacant land next to the affordable housing development. The plan is to build more affordable housing on the vacant land the City is acquiring.

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

- G. Mayor's Request 210070 (ID:22950) Requesting the transfer of \$94,015 from the Parking Department Repairs to Highway Account to the IAM Engineering Division Repairs to Highway Account, to provide pavement marking services.

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

23. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210138 (ID:23007) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on April 30, 2020.

Councilor Davis noted the Committee made revisions to the Stormwater and Engineering Ordinances. The goal is to create a robust Stormwater Ordinance that is good for the environment and compliant with the EPA. The Committee looked at an ordinance for pollution mitigation in new housing built along transit roads and highways, and is waiting on a response from the City Solicitors Office on possible regulations for certain require pollution control measures.

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

24. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 210139 (ID:23010)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 7, 2020.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Councilor Davis said the Committee has begun work on a backlog of legislative matters. The Committee passed amendments to the city’s Stormwater and Engineering Ordinances, as well as its Condominium Conversion Ordinance. It reviewed but took no action on the Demolition Ordinance and the Adult Use Cannabis Ordinance. He encouraged the public to view the minutes online.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>AMENDED: #205833 was replaced by #210146, which was Ordained.
#210067 was replaced by #210166, which was Ordained.</p> </div> |
| <p>B. Order 205833 (ID:18610)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Directors of Capital Projects and Engineering work with the City Solicitor to craft a DEP-required Storm Water Ordinance as discussed at the April 16, 2015 meeting of the Legislative Matters Committee.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>This item was replaced by #210146, which was Ordained.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |
| <p>C. Mayor's Request 210067 (ID:22634)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of amendments to the Condominium/Cooperative Conversion Ordinance with the specific amended language attached.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>This item was replaced by #210166, which was Ordained.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |

25. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 210140 (ID:23008)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 4, 2020.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Councilor Davis noted that the Covid-19 slides viewed by the Committee are available online for the public. The Committee discussed the impacts of enforcing the Mask Requirements Order with possible fines, and the Administration said they would continue following the CDC’s advice and encourage the public to comply with all safety precautions.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |
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26. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
210141
(ID:23011)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 11, 2020.</p> | <p>Councilor Davis noted the Committee report is available online. The city is making tests available to everyone and there is no shortage of available tests. Residents must schedule an appointment to get tested.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>B. Resolution
210001
(ID:22875)</p> | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Administration take measures to ensure that first responders and essential personnel are prioritized for COVID-19 testing for personal and public safety purposes.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>C. Resolution
210047
(ID:22906)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Mbah
That the Administration update this Council on what is being done to help communities of color during this COVID-19 pandemic.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>D. Resolution
210048
(ID:22907)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Mbah, Ballantyne
That the Administration update this Council on what is being done to help the homeless, who are most at risk during this COVID-19 pandemic.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>E. Order
210115
(ID:22974)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Administration's weekly update on COVID-19 include a dedicated update from the Police Department on the implementation of the mandatory mask policy, and what steps are being taken to ensure that enforcement is fair and unbiased.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

- F. Order 210124 (ID:22980) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of the Council on Aging provide this Council with updates and ways to help seniors living in our community.

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

27. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210142 (ID:23012) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on May 13, 2020.

Councilor Niedergang noted the Committee heard an update from the Director of Mobility on that Division’s activities. Traffic and parking issues have disappeared since the COVID-19 outbreak, but the Division’s design and construction work continues. Most construction projects are small due to impending budget restraints and the main priorities are quick build solutions. The Division is reviewing the Powderhouse Boulevard Protected Bicycle Lane project concept.

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

- B. Order 204874 (ID:17641) By City Councilor 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.

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

- C. Order 204965 (ID:17709) By City Councilor Mbah, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr., Hirsch That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a crosswalk at Woods Avenue and Route 16.

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

- D. Resolution 205700 (ID:18530) By City Councilor 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: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- E. Resolution 205936 (ID:18703) By City Councilor 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.

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

- F. Order 206778 (ID:19564) By City Councilor 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: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- G. Order 207660 (ID:20482) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean or replace the right turn signal at the corner of Broadway, turning onto Temple Street, as it is not visible during the day.

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

- H. Resolution 208334 (ID:21147) By City Councilor Scott
That the Vision Zero Task Force provide the City Council with an update on its activities.

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

- I. Order 209372 (ID:22216) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah
That the Director of SPCD prepare a plan for congestion pricing tolls to address traffic and air pollution.

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

- J. Resolution 209644 (ID:22539) By City Councilor Rossetti, Davis, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Hirsch, White Jr., Scott
That the Administration update this Council by February 25, 2020 of any negotiated relief related to the recently-announced GLX delayed timeline and resultant impact to the city's residents and businesses.

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

- K. Order 209657 (ID:22551) By City Councilor Niedergang
That this Council's Committee on Traffic and Parking provide feedback on SomerVision 2040's chapter on Mobility.

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

- L. Officer's Communication 209774 (ID:22576) Director of SomerStat responding to #204874 re: publishing de-identified parking permit data.

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

- M. Mayor's Communication 209787 (ID:22642) Responding to #209644 re: GLX mitigation requests.

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

- N. Order 209806 (ID:22735) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD inform this Council about who is planning the traffic management for the GLX stations at Lowell Street and at Ball Square, and the timeline for any infrastructure and streetscape work that may be necessary.

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

- O. Order 210051 (ID:22952) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne
That the Director of Mobility update this Council on that Division's work over the past few months and plans for the rest of the spring and summer.

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

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 28. Mayor's Request 210143 (ID:22944) Requesting approval to appropriate \$76,000 from the Wynn/Encore Small business Assistance Stabilization fund to pay for technical assistance for small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP:	Finance Committee
- 29. Mayor's Request 210144 (ID:22399) Requesting approval to create the Alpine Street Stabilization fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$10,000 from 2-13 Alpine St. LLC for Open Space improvements.

RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP:	Finance Committee
- 30. Mayor's Request 210145 (ID:23013) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Joseph P. Lynch, Jr., to the Licensing Commission.

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

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 31. Officer's Communication 210146 (ID:23018) Assistant City Solicitor submitting amendments to the ordinances in Chapter 11, Articles VI-Engineering and VII-Sewers, pursuant to the Legislative Matters Committee's recommendations on 5/7/20.

For discussion of this item see #205833.	
RESULT:	ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- 32. Officer's Communication 210147 (ID:22985) City Clerk informing this Council that Councilor at Large Kristen E. Strezo was administered the oath of office on May 4, replacing former Councilor at Large Stephanie Hirsch, who resigned on April 30.

Councilor McLaughlin welcomed Councilor Strezo to her first City Council meeting.	
RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- 33. Officer's Communication 210148 (ID:23004) Director of the Council on Aging submitting a response to #210124 with an update on assistance to senior residents in this time of COVID-19.

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

NEW BUSINESS

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| 34. License/Permit
210149
(ID:22990) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Milltown Plumbing and Heating.

Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 34 to 45 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 35. License/Permit
210150
(ID:22988) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Borges Sewer and Drain.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 36. License/Permit
210151
(ID:22989) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, LVMJ Corporation.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 37. License/Permit
210152
(ID:22995) | Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 38. License/Permit
210153
(ID:22993) | Renewing Garage License, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 39. License/Permit
210154
(ID:22991) | Renewing Garage License, Boston Sand and Gravel, 492 Rutherford Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 40. License/Permit
210155
(ID:22992) | Renewing Garage License, M. Korson and Company, 91 Washington St.

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

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| 41. License/Permit
210156
(ID:22994) | Renewing Garage License, BBC Auto Repair, 42 Joy St.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 42. License/Permit
210157
(ID:22996) | Renewing Garage License, Partners HealthCare System, 399 Revolution Dr.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 43. License/Permit
210158
(ID:23002) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Domino's Pizza, 201 Elm St.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 44. License/Permit
210159
(ID:22997) | Renewing Livery License, Mass Cab, 45 Endicott Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 45. License/Permit
210160
(ID:22987) | Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Flatbread Company at Sacco's Bowl Haven, 45 Day St.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 46. Public
Communication
210161
(ID:23014) | Chamber of Commerce submitting comments re: #204278, the Demolition Review ordinance.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

47. Order 210162 (ID:23020) By City Councilor Rossetti, Niedergang, Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Inspectional Services explain why Stop Work Orders are not accompanied by a fine.

Councilor Rossetti discussed a case that started in 2017. She learned that fines were only assessed in the last few months, and multiple stop-work orders were issued with no fines assessed. Councilor Niedergang noted he spent a lot of time dealing with developers and there are many issues with inspectional services. He thanked Councilor Rossetti for bringing this item before the Council.

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

48. Communication 210163 (ID:23023) By City Councilor McLaughlin In his capacity as President, conveying information regarding appointments.

Councilor McLaughlin said he spoke to a member of the Appointments Advisory Committee on how it screens applicants for recommendation to the Mayor. He said they use a good process, better than what was done before. The details are in this communication. With respect to the Planning Board, he asked the Mayor to re-open the application process, and he encouraged the public to submit applications. Councilor Scott asked if an alternate Planning Board member could apply for a full membership, and Councilor McLaughlin replied that it would be possible, on the Mayor's recommendation.

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

49. Communication 210164 (ID:23022) By City Councilor McLaughlin In his capacity as President, conveying information regarding the reopening of schools.

Councilor McLaughlin stated there is a lot of uncertainty regarding the re-opening of the schools at this time due to COVID-19. The School Department has drafted its own guidance policies, and is waiting for State guidance. He encouraged the public to read the Communication.

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

50. Communication By City Councilor McLaughlin
210165
(ID:23021) In his capacity as President, conveying an update on the School Committee's negotiations with Somerville Teachers Association Unit C Paraprofessionals.
- Councilor McLaughlin noted that the School Committee decided to withdraw the offer made to the Teachers Union Paraprofessionals, due to budget uncertainties caused by COVID-19. He encouraged the public to read the Communication.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
51. Mayor's Request
210166
(ID:23019) Submitting amendments to the Condominium/Cooperative Conversion Ordinance as approved by the Legislative Matters Committee on 5/7/20.
- For discussion of this item see #210067.
- RESULT:** ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
52. Mayor's Request
210167
(ID:23003) Requesting approval to create the Union Square Community Benefits Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$214,000 from the US2 Master Developer escrow account for Covid-19 pandemic-related economic relief efforts.
- Councilor Scott noted this was a payment placed in escrow which will be used to create two RFPs for Community Partner positions.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
53. Mayor's Request
210168
(ID:22891) Requesting acceptance of a \$325,000 grant with no new match required, from the MBTA for public safety emergency first responder costs.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

LATE ITEMS

54. Ordinance
210169
(ID:23024) By City Councilor McLaughlin
Proposing an amendment to the Zoning Map, to rezone 31 Tufts Street to the Urban Residence District.
- Also referred to the Planning Board.
- Councilor McLaughlin noted this item is related to a Tufts Street development. Councilor Ewen-Campen commented that it will appear on the agenda for a joint public hearing with the Planning Board next Tuesday, along with map amendments that were submitted by property owners.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

55. Order 210170 (ID:23025) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Communications and the Director of Economic Development publicize that one of the best ways to support small businesses offering take-out service is to call them directly to place an order, and pick it up instead of using third party delivery services, to help save them unwanted costs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For discussion of this item, see #210136.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 28, 2020, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 210171
 (ID:23050) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 210172
 (ID:23051) Councilor Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for 25 residents who have died from COVID-19, and for George Floyd.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 28, 2020.
 210173
 (ID:23052) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location 210174 (ID:23046)

Submitted by Eversource to install 452 feet of conduit in Washington St from manhole 15059 at the intersection of Washington and Franklin Sts, to a point of pickup at 130 Washington St. (Interim approval granted.)

The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. Councilor McLaughlin noted this project has been approved and is very important to the community. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until June 5, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

5. Grant of Location 210175 (ID:23047)

Submitted by Eversource to install a total of 804 feet of conduit as follows: Starting from manhole 25391 at the intersection of Prospect St and Webster Ave and running 363 feet to manhole 4118 on Webster Ave, then 276 feet to a new manhole 30846 on Columbia St, and then another 165 feet to manhole 26723 on Windsor Pl.

The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. Councilor Scott noted there will be an online neighborhood meeting on June 6, 2020 at 2 p.m. to review a master plan special permit and proposal from the developer. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until June 5, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

6. Grant of Location 210176 (ID:23048)

Submitted by Eversource to install a total of 207 feet of conduit in Earle St, with 69 feet running from manhole 26730 in Earle St to a point of pickup at the rear of 153 South St, and 138 feet running from that same manhole to a point of pickup at the intersection of Earle St and Windsor Pl.

The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until June 5, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

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| <p>7. Grant of Location 210177 (ID:23027)</p> | <p>Submitted by Eversource to install 70 feet of conduit in Irving St, from pole 178/8 to a point of pickup at 39 Irving St.</p> |
| | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until June 5, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.
 RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
 FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
| <p>8. Grant of Location 210178 (ID:23026)</p> | <p>Submitted by Eversource to install 25 feet of conduit in Broadway, from Manhole 12854 to a point of pickup at 112 Broadway.</p> |
| | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until June 5, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.
 RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
 FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
| <p>9. Grant of Location 210179 (ID:23028)</p> | <p>Submitted by Level 3 Communications to install 22 feet of conduit in Holland St from existing Level 3 manhole #0515-3107 to a new handhole, then continuing another 43 feet from that handhole to existing manhole #8247 near 37 Holland St.</p> |
| | <p>Councilor White recused.
 The President opened the public hearing. Axis Engineering representative Shelly Cullen described the work to be completed. Councilor Davis asked how it relates to the 403 Highland Avenue petition and how it will take place. Mr. Cullen responded there are 8 electric manholes between this petition and the 403 Highland Avenue petition. Level 3 Communications will be leasing the conduit and connecting their network to the two locations. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until June 5, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.
 RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
 FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
| <p>10. Grant of Location 210180 (ID:23029)</p> | <p>Submitted by Level 3 Communications to install 15 feet of conduit in Highland Ave from manhole #8237 to a new handhole, then another 5 feet of conduit from that handhole to a point of pickup at 403 Highland Ave.</p> |
| | <p>Councilor White recused.
 The President opened the public hearing. For discussion of this item, see #210179. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until June 5, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.
 RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
 FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

11. Resolution 210181 (ID:23035) By City Councilor Mbah, White Jr., Clingan, Ballantyne, Rossetti, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, McLaughlin Supporting a National Day of Mourning and Prayer on Flag Day, June 14.

Councilor Mbah discussed the violence this country is experiencing and requested the Council support a National Day of Mourning & Prayer on June 14, 2020. Councilor White recommended the public read a Boston Globe editorial on the need for such a day.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

12. Resolution 210182 (ID:23032) By City Councilor Strezo That the Postmaster provide any contingency plans to be implemented in the event of a forced shut-down or suspension of service due to a lack of funding or the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councilor Strezo reported that seniors in the community are concerned about the lack of funding for the US Post Office and would like to know of any plan if funding is lost.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

13. Communication 210183 (ID:23033) By City Councilor Strezo Reporting on the Affordable Housing Trust meeting of May 14, 2020.

Councilor Strezo provided the Council with a summary of commitments from January to April 2020. She directed viewers to #210217, which has funding details. Rental assistance programs at the Homeless Coalition, the Community Action Agency of Somerville, and the Just A Start Corporation have seen an increase in applications. The Office of Housing Stability is overwhelmed by the number of people seeking assistance. The COVID-19 pandemic has made it very difficult for applicants, but once they're approved, they will receive a \$3,000 grant to help pay their rent. The data shows increasing need.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

14. Communication By City Councilor Rossetti
210184 Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of May 18, 2020.
(ID:23036)

Councilor Rossetti noted about \$1 Million remains for the project. COVID-19 expenses (\$193,000) will be reimbursed by the CARES Act. On May 18, 2020, the project re-opened, and 210 laborers are working onsite, working different shifts and practicing social distancing. The date of occupancy is undetermined. The High School Building Committee is formalizing a plan for school education in the Fall, and the next meeting is June 15, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

15. Ordinance By City Councilor Niedergang
210185 Proposing an amendment to the zoning map to change 56 Murdock Street from
(ID:23037) the Neighborhood Residence to the Urban Residence district.

Also referred to the Planning Board.

Councilor Niedergang noted this lot is uniquely shaped next to UR Properties. The owner would like to add the affordable unit that is required under the new zoning and redevelop the property for his family to remain living on the residence.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

16. Resolution 210186 (ID:23038) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Rossetti, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Inspectional Services, the City Solicitor, and the Mayor appear before this Council to explain why a development at 21 Cherry Street was deemed essential and granted a temporary Certificate of Occupancy despite a history of building code violations and physical violations of the Special Permit granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Councilor Rossetti discussed the problems with the residential project at 21 Cherry Street and how they were allowed to work during COVID-19 despite multiple documented violations of the building code. Neighbors disagreed with the project being granted a temporary Certificate of Occupancy despite a history of building code violations and physical violations of the ZBA Special Permit. She said the garage on the lot is not being built to the approved plan, and many other conditions have been violated. She suggested the Council review the Inspectional Services Department's operations. Councilor Davis agreed. This problem occurs frequently in the City and the City's rules are being ignored. 21 Cherry Street should never have been deemed essential, and the developer should reconstruct the project to conform with what the ZBA approved. Councilor Niedergang also agreed that this problem occurs frequently. The Administration, Inspectional Services Department, and Law Office need to respond to the public and resolve this issue immediately. He requested a public hearing for residents to share their feedback on the lack of enforcement in the community. Councilor White discussed many problems with Inspectional Services and said inspectors need to make sure developer are in compliance with all conditions. He said the Council should review all of the inspection reports to verify compliance. Councilor Clingan said the Public Utilities and Public Works Committee would conduct a public hearing.

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

17. Resolution 210187 (ID:23039) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Rossetti, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Administration explain in writing to this Council, upon granting a permanent Certificate of Occupancy or extending a temporary Certificate of Occupancy to the 21 Cherry Street development, why het COO was granted given the many built violations of the Special Permit granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

For discussion of this item see #210186.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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| 18. | Resolution
209284
(ID:22154) | By City Councilor Scott
Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee. | <p>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
| 19. | Grant of
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209997
(ID:22863) | Submitted by Eversource to install 70 feet of conduit in Broadway from manhole #2572 to a new handhole in front of Trum Field. | <p>Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 19 to 24 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 20. | Grant of
Location
209998
(ID:22864) | Submitted by Eversource to install 80 feet of conduit in Broadway from manhole #2569 to a new handhole at the intersection of Broadway and Dexter Street. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 21. | Grant of
Location
210130
(ID:22998) | Submitted by Eversource to install 25 feet of conduit in Smith Avenue from pole 525/1 to a point of pickup at 5 Smith Avenue. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 22. | Grant of
Location
210131
(ID:22999) | Submitted by Eversource to install 46 feet of conduit in Prospect Street from pole 291/15 to a point of pickup at 109 Prospect Street. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 23. | Grant of
Location
210132
(ID:23000) | Submitted by Verizon to install 130 feet of conduit in Broadway from existing manhole 333 to a new handhole at the intersection of Broadway and Boston Avenue. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| 24. | Grant of Location 210133 (ID:23001) | Submitted by Verizon to install 291 feet of conduit in South Street and Earle Street, from existing manhole 464 to a new manhole 44/464A, then to a point of pickup at the rear of 111 South Street. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

25. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report 210188 (ID:23041) | Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 18, 2020. |
| | | <p>Councilor Scott noted the Committee discussed several routine items. City staff distributed a detailed budget report of funds spent on COVID-19, which will be reimbursed by the CARES Act. The City will seek other ways to pay expenses that did not qualify for the CARES Act. Finances for FY20 look good. The Administration has not submitted the FY21 budget yet. It is projected to be received the second week of June, and the Committee will then issue a schedule with a public hearing. The Committee will continue conservative budget practices, and the Council might be asked to vote to approve salary, services and jobs cuts.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

26. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report 210189 (ID:23045) | Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 26, 2020. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| B. | Mayor's Request 210143 (ID:22944) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$76,000 from the Wynn/Encore Small business Assistance Stabilization fund to pay for technical assistance for small businesses impacted by COVID-19. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| C. | Mayor's Request 210144 (ID:22399) | Requesting approval to create the Alpine Street Stabilization fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$10,000 from 2-13 Alpine St. LLC for Open Space improvements. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

- D. Mayor's Request 210168 (ID:22891) Requesting acceptance of a \$325,000 grant with no new match required, from the MBTA for public safety emergency first responder costs.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

27. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210190 (ID:23042) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on May 19, 2020.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen noted the Committee held a public hearing for several zoning map changes requested by property owners. One of the changes was withdrawn, and two were recommended for approval. The Committee received several requests for the Union Square area, which is undergoing a proposed overlay district and needs to be addressed with the neighborhood strategic planning process. Councilor Scott discussed how Union Square end cap properties were up-zoned to three stories. Providing a master plan for this region will enable the end caps to a moderate build and increase green space, affordable housing, density and revenue for businesses.

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

- B. Public Communication 209734 (ID:22577) 62 College Ave Trust LLC proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property at 60-62 College Ave to UR.

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

- C. Public Communication 209777 (ID:22623) Nikhilesh Gorukanti proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property at 365-369 Somerville Ave to remove the Pedestrian Street designation.

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

- D. Ordinance 210169 (ID:23024) By City Councilor McLaughlin Proposing an amendment to the Zoning Map, to rezone 31 Tufts Street to the Urban Residence District.

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

28. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 210191 (ID:23043)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 21, 2020.</p> |
| | <p>Councilor Davis noted the Committee discussed capping fees charged by third-party restaurant delivery services, and is working with the Statehouse on a cap. The Committee also discussed two proposed amendments for the Adult-Use Marijuana Ordinance and an ordinance to recognize domestic partnerships. The Committee considered an ordinance to mitigate pollution for new housing built along high-transit roadways, but the Law Office said the Council doesn't have authority in this area, and it should be referred to the Board of Health. The Committee is reviewing the Community Benefits Ordinance and seeks public feedback. The Administration is collecting information for the Surveillance Technology Ordinance and will provide an update.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

29. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 210192 (ID:23040)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as s Committee of the Whole on May 18, 2020.</p> |
| | <p>Councilor Davis noted the Committee meeting minutes contain an update from the Director of Public Health & Safety and a discussion of a reopening plan for the City. He said the Committee heard an update on the City Shared Streets Plan, which will be rolled out in stages. The Shared Curb Program will help expand sidewalks, which can be used as retail and restaurant space.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>B. Order 210125 (ID:22981)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ballantyne
 That the Superintendent of Schools update this Council on how the school year is faring, best practices, projected changes, any ways to help, etc.</p> |
| | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |

30. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 210193 (ID:23044)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as s Committee of the Whole on May 26, 2020.</p> |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

- B. Order 210194 (ID:23068) By City Councilor Strezo That the Chief of Police provide weekly updates on mask citations issued and any non-compliance incidents.

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

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

31. Ordinance 210195 (ID:23034) City Solicitor submitting an amendment to the Municipal Ordinances to provide for the appointment of the Clerk and Assistant Clerks of Committees by this Council.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

32. Officer's Communication 210196 (ID:23031) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #209663, requesting an ordinance requiring pollution mitigation for new housing built along high transit roadways.

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

NEW BUSINESS

33. License/Permit 210197 (ID:23053) Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul, 600 Mystic Valley Pkwy.

Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 33 to 40 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

34. License/Permit 210198 (ID:23054) Renewing Flammables License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy.

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

35. License/Permit 210199 (ID:23055) Renewing Garage License, Goodyear Auto Service Center, 1 Bow St.

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

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| 36. | License/Permit
210200
(ID:23056) | Renewing Garage License, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor Pl. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 37. | License/Permit
210201
(ID:23057) | 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. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 38. | License/Permit
210202
(ID:23059) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Country Club Transportation, Med #3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,46. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 39. | License/Permit
210203
(ID:23058) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, God's Blessing Cab, Med #60. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 40. | License/Permit
210204
(ID:23049) | Small Wireless Facility License, Extenet Systems installing small wireless facilities on a replacement pole at the intersection of Broadway and Boston Avenue. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 41. | License/Permit
210205
(ID:23060) | Renewing Dog Kennel License, Elliots House Pet Care and More, 230 Somerville Avenue, to board 10 dogs overnight only. | Councilor White deferred to Councilor Scott, who noted this is the first overnight boarding license in the City. He requested time to investigate the licensee's planned repairs and enhancements.
RESULT: LAI D ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 42. | Withdrawn
210206
(ID:23061) | Withdrawn. | RESULT: WITHDRAWN |
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43. Order 210207 (ID:23062) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of SPCD and the Commissioner of Public Works work with MA DOT to install a temporary protected pedestrian lane on the Rt. 28/Fellsway Mystic River Bridge.

Councilor Clingan said that this bridge is very narrow for public biking and walking.

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

44. Order 210208 (ID:23063) By City Councilor Clingan, Ballantyne That the Director of Parks and Recreation report to this Council’s Public Health and Public Safety Committee the plan to re-open the Dilboy Pool on July 1.

Councilor Clingan noted the public has great concerns about reopening the Dilboy Pool due to COVID-19 and would like to know the Parks and Recreation Department's plan.

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

45. Order 210209 (ID:23064) By City Councilor Clingan, Ballantyne That the Director of Parks and Recreation report to this Council’s Public Health and Public Safety Committee with the plan for re-opening the department’s Summer Camp.

Councilor Clingan noted the public has great concerns about reopening summer camps due to COVID-19 and would like to know the Parks and Recreation Department's plan.

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

46. Order 210210 (ID:23065) By City Councilor Clingan, Strezo, Ballantyne That the Chief of Police report to this Council’s Public Health and Public Safety Committee the protocols for domestic violence calls, such as asking the children if they are okay, making sure that victims have access to a phone, and obtaining that phone number.

Councilor Clingan requested the Police Department report the protocol for domestic violence calls to insure the public is protected.

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

47. Order 210211 (ID:23066) By City Councilor Clingan, Scott
That the Director of Health and Human Services work with all community partners in contact with parents to make sure those parents identify someone to care for their children should they need to be hospitalized, and make that information is accessible, with contact information, in case it is needed.

Councilor Clingan noted he reached out to social workers to discuss having parents identify a person to care for their child should they become ill and need hospitalization. Currently the State struggles to find placements for children in this situation.

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

48. Order 210212 (ID:23067) By City Councilor Clingan, Strezo
That the Director of Health and Human Services work with the appropriate state agencies to identify all state funded group and foster homes to ensure they have enough PPEs and to examine their plans to keep facilities clean.

Councilor Clingan said private entities are not meeting the State's cleaning standards, and suggested enforcing those standards to protect the public.

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

49. Order 210213 (ID:23069) By City Councilor Strezo, Scott, Davis, Ewen-Campen, Clingan
That this Council discuss the need for Rent Control in light of the global COVID-19 pandemic, as illustrated by dramatic rent increases displacing residents.

Councilor Strezo discussed the importance of rent control during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many residents are concerned with paying their rent should they become unemployed, and unemployment today is similar to the Great Depression. Rent control can help residents maintain housing. Councilor Scott noted the Eviction Moratorium does not fully protect tenants. The City has passed an endorsement for a rent freeze for individuals experiencing unemployment and hardship, and it's saddening to see landlords increasing rents during the crisis. Councilor Ewen-Campen discussed the Tenant Protection Act, which will allow municipalities to institute rent control, and said he supports rent control measures during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

50. Mayor's Request 210214 (ID:23071) Requesting the appropriation of \$88,588 from the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund to the Fire Alarm Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to fund retroactive payments pursuant to the Agreement with the Firefighters Local 76, Fire Alarm Unit.
- Councilor Scott noted this a settlement for back pay for a multiyear contract with the Fire Alarm Unit.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
51. Officer's Communication 210215 (ID:23070) Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #s 208951, 209034, 209419, 209734, 209735, and 210169, requesting map amendments.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
52. Officer's Communication 210216 (ID:23072) Director of Water and Sewer submitting proposed water and sewer volumetric rates for FY21.
- Councilor Scott noted this item was just submitted by the Administration. They had stated they would not be pursuing any rate increases this year, and he recommended that Councilors review the memo carefully. It proposes a 7.5% and 2.5% rate increase, and the Administration has scheduled a public hearing and he will be in attendance. Councilor Rossetti encouraged Councilors to send the memo to their constituents so the public can voice their opinions at the public hearing.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
53. Officer's Communication 210217 (ID:23073) Housing Programs Coordinator reporting on the Affordable Housing Trust meeting of May 14, 2020.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
54. License/Permit 210218 (ID:23074) Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell equipment on a new, updated pole replacing an existing pole at Trum Playground, 546 Broadway.
- Councilor White said this item had previously been submitted and there was a concern regarding the style of the pole. That issue has now been addressed and he supported approving this request. City Clerk John Long noted that the new design was reviewed by the City Engineer and Planning staff who said it is consistent with the existing poles.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

LATE ITEMS

55. Order 210219 (ID:23080) By City Councilor White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah That the Director of Inspectional Services provide the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works with the building jacket for the development project at 21 Cherry Street, prior to the Committee’s June meeting.

For discussion of this item see #210186.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

56. Order 210220 (ID:23076) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezo That the Director of Finance and the Budget Director provide funding equity for girls in the FY21 budget with respect to Parks and Recreation Department sports and activities as well as High School varsity sports and activities.

Councilor Ballantyne said the FY21 budget must provide gender equity in its appropriations. She said she wouldn't support any new budget that does not provide gender equitable appropriations among youth under 18 years of age, and Councilor Strezo concurred.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

57. Order 210221 (ID:23077) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Finance discuss providing small businesses the option to pay the Licensing Commission's annual license renewal fees in installments instead of all at once.

Councilor Ballantyne said this request is important to help the community recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. She discussed the process for renewing licenses and said they are very expensive. She expressed concern that business owners could be unable to pay the fees and have to close their businesses. Councilor Clingan concurred and suggested creating an establishment plan for businesses.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:35 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2020, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 210222
 (ID:23152) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 210223
 (ID:23153) Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored a moment of silence for George Pierce. Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Carol Atherton. Councilor Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for 29 residents who have died from COVID-19. Councilor Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Warren Fencl.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 14, 2020.
 210224
 (ID:23154) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

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| 4. | Grant of Location
210225
(ID:23090) | Submitted by Eversource to install 64 feet of conduit in Heath Street, from utility pole 165/15 to a point of pickup at 128 Heath Street. |
| | | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until June 19, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.</p> <p>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
| 5. | Grant of Location
210226
(ID:23091) | Submitted by Eversource to install 42 feet of conduit in Heath Street, from utility pole 165/15 to a point of pickup at 126 Heath Street. |
| | | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until June 19, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.</p> <p>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
| 6. | Grant of Location
210227
(ID:23089) | Submitted by Eversource to install 43 feet of conduit in Murdock Street, from utility pole 246/4 to a point of pickup at 32 Murdock Street. |
| | | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until June 19, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.</p> <p>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

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| 7. | Resolution
210228
(ID:23109) | By City Councilor McLaughlin, Rossetti, Mbah, Strezo, Niedergang, White Jr., and the Mayor
Supporting full implementation of body worn cameras by sworn personnel in the Police Department. |
| | | <p>Councilor McLaughlin noted this Resolution was submitted with the Mayor. Councilor Scott sponsored resident Willie Burnley Jr. to speak. Mr. Burnley said he is one of the protest organizers demanding justice for George Floyd and other victims of police brutality. He spoke against the resolution, stating that body cameras for Police Officers is not justice for victims, and requires the public to give more money to Police. He noted that the Officers involved in the George Floyd murder were wearing body cameras. The city allocated more than \$17 Million to the Police Department and only 1/24 of that to help housing stability. The City needs to protect the public, restore safety and end poverty. Data shows the safest communities have the most resources</p> |

available to the public. He requested that the Council defund the Police Department and reallocate the budget to help the community during the pandemic.

Councilor Strezo said she appreciates Mr. Burnley's testimony, but believes that body cameras can be a great resource if accompanied by an independent review board to review the footage. She noted that the Council should establish penalties for Officers who turn their body cameras off.

Councilor Scott said he supports the needs of the community and is not in favor of body cameras. Councilor Ballantyne expressed concern with the storage of data and said the use of body cameras could conflict with the Facial Recognition Ordinance. Councilor Mbah said he supports the resolution, and that the structure of the Police Department needs to be evaluated, with a system created to manage body camera footage.

Councilor Davis opposed the resolution, arguing that the funds should be used to help support the community. Councilor Niedergang supported the resolution as a step forward in helping protect the public, and increasing transparency and accountability. Councilor McLaughlin appreciated Mr. Burnley's testimony, but said the use of body cameras will decrease violence, and this Council will continue to find ways to help protect the public.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

8. Order
210229
(ID:23140)

By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Scott, Mbah, White Jr., Rossetti, Strezo, Niedergang

That the Chief of Police prohibit the purchase and use of military technology and eliminate any military stockpiles the department currently has.

Councilor McLaughlin supported the resolution. He has seen positive changes in the Police Department and expressed concern about military equipment being used among the public. Councilor Scott urged an accounting of all military hardware, such as tear gas launchers. He noted that there is military equipment that is not owned by the city, but accessible through the regional law enforcement collective. Councilor Mbah said this is one step in supporting community needs. Councilor Niedergang noted that he worked in the Police Department from 1995 to 1998 and he has seen great improvements within the Police Department since then.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

9. Resolution 210230 (ID:23081) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr. Supporting an application to create a state-authorized Cultural District in East Somerville.

Councilor McLaughlin noted that there are grant opportunities for a Cultural District in East Somerville.

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

10. Order 210231 (ID:23141) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD utilize short-term traffic safety measures at the corner of Washington and Tufts Streets until the GLX construction is finalized.

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

11. Order 210232 (ID:23142) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD expand the Safer Streets initiative to the Ward 1 side of Washington, Myrtle and Mt. Vernon Streets, and Assembly Row, to increase pedestrian safety and reduce through traffic.

Councilor McLaughlin said he has become passionate about expanding the Safer Streets initiative to protect the public.

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

12. Order 210233 (ID:23128) By City Councilor Davis, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Strezo, Rossetti, Mbah, Ballantyne, Clingan, White Jr., McLaughlin That this Council draft an ordinance to establish a Use of Force Policy applicable to municipal law enforcement agencies.

Councilor Davis noted that data shows a Use of Force Policy reduces violence, and can improve the safety of the community.

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

13. Withdrawn 210234 (ID:23082) Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

14. Resolution 210235 (ID:23129) By City Councilor Mbah, Scott, Davis, Ewen-Campen, Strezo, Rossetti, Ballantyne, Clingan, White Jr. Calling upon this Council to create a Police Commission and a Community Police Review Agency.

Councilor Mbah noted there have been several acts of police brutality against people of color. The Council will evaluate the Police Department budget to support the needs of the community. Councilor Davis thanked Councilor Mbah for his leadership, and supported a Civilian Review Board. Councilor Scott also thanked Councilor Mbah and said the Council will set an example for all communities, letting the voices of the people be heard. Councilor Strezo said the resolution supports the community. Councilor Niedergang requested the Council not vote on the item tonight because it is challenging and controversial. He requested information on how the two Boards would be structured, and urged discussions with the Police Department and the Mayor. Councilor Strezo supported voting on the resolution. Councilor Davis expressed disappointment with Councilor Niedergang, who responded he would vote no if a vote were taken.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 1]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis, Ballantyne
NAYS: Niedergang
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

15. Resolution 210236 (ID:23137) By City Councilor Mbah, McLaughlin, Clingan, Strezo, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Scott That this Council supports the Just Us Somerville organization of local residents of color and considers their demands regarding policing.

Councilor Scott commented he looks forward to bringing the public's demands to the table, while Councilor McLaughlin noted the group has not formalized its demands yet.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

16. Resolution 210237 (ID:23146) By City Councilor Mbah, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, White Jr. That the Administration re-assess its hiring policies to include people of color in leadership positions and update this Council on efforts to promote equity across all departments.

Councilor Mbah commented it is important to promote equality in the workplace. Councilor Clingan said he wanted to improve the hiring process to give people of color career opportunities. Councilor Scott said the Council would evaluate hiring policies to promote diversity, and Councilor Strezo suggested improving the hiring process for women as well.

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

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

Councilor Mbah noted this an ongoing program and requested an update.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

18. Resolution 210239 (ID:23138) By City Councilor Clingan, McLaughlin, Davis, Niedergang, Scott
That the Mayor work with the Director of the Somerville Housing Authority to abolish the Housing Authority Police Department and reallocate the funds for social services for Housing Authority residents.

Councilor Clingan noted confusion regarding the authority of the Housing Authority Police Department, and said it should be abolished with the funds re-allocated to help residents. Councilor Scott supported the resolution, saying there are many issues with the Housing Authority Police. Councilor Strezo asked about the process, and President McLaughlin responded it would require cooperation from the Housing Authority and the Police. Once abolished, the Council could discuss ways to re-purpose the federal funds. He noted the Housing Authority Police are held to the same level of accountability as City Police, but are not able to provide emergency services. He supported the resolution.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

19. Resolution 210240 (ID:23139) By City Councilor Clingan, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Scott, Strezo, Davis
That the Director of the Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) develop a formal process for SHA residents to report SHA Police misconduct, in lieu of an outright abolition.

Councilor Clingan said the goal is to establish accountability in the Housing Authority Police Department if it can't be abolished. He said the City could revoke their ability to carry firearms.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

20. Order 210241 (ID:23148) By City Councilor Clingan, Rossetti, Mbah, Ballantyne, Strezo That the Chief of Police expand the Community Outreach, Help and Recovery program.

Councilor Clingan discussed the importance of expanding the COHR program, which is known for helping individuals who have overdosed. Councilor Scott said the program should be separate from the Police Department, and Councilor Clingan agreed.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

21. Order 210242 (ID:23149) By City Councilor Clingan, Davis, Ballantyne That the Chief of Police convene a summit to discuss any changes in policies and procedures that have been enacted to improve policing by taking on more of a harm-reduction approach to policing.

Councilor Clingan noted that the Police Department has been in the forefront in addressing drug abuse, and has greatly improved its level of service. He noted that layoffs in the Department would reduce the number of newer, younger police officers. Councilor Scott said that methods like buyouts could help manage a force reduction. He said he had filed a FOIA request for the number of vacant Police Officer positions, but believed there were about 16 such positions, which he said could be cut from the budget.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

22. Order 210243 (ID:23150) By City Councilor Clingan That the Chief of Police and the Director of Personnel establish an Officer Wellness Program for physical fitness and other mental wellness programs, that most importantly includes a mandatory annual mental wellness evaluation by a mental health professional to address any potential mental health issues.

Councilor Clingan noted there is a stigma regarding mental health, and this program could be very beneficial for Police Officers' well-being. Councilor White expressed concern with the item, saying mental health evaluations would have to be collectively bargained.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

23. Order 210244 (ID:23151) By City Councilor Clingan That the Chief of Police establish a Superior Officer Training Program to ensure that superior officers communicate clear expectations of performance and conduct of those officers under their command and include a system of accountability when expectations are not met.

Councilor Clingan noted that Police Officers can rise through the ranks without acquiring management skills. He urged the establishment of guidelines and accountability among the Superior Officers. Councilor White noted that this Council's Committee on Appointments does an amazing job of evaluating candidates for promotion, but supported additional training to teach command skills to officers who are promoted.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

24. Resolution 210245 (ID:23131) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Ballantyne, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, White Jr., Scott Supporting Congresswoman Pressley's Congressional Resolution against "police brutality, racial profiling, and the use of excessive and militarized force throughout the country."

Councilor Ewen-Campen said changes are taking place at the Federal and State level, and this resolution supports the city's Congressional and State delegations.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

25. Order 210246 (ID:23132) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Scott, Strezo, Mbah, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Rossetti That the Director of Health and Human Services work with City Council to create and fund an unarmed agency that responds to mental health emergencies, addiction and substance-abuse emergencies, and other non-violent crises.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that the Police receives many calls (90%) that aren't crime-related, and the public is dependent on them for non-criminal issues. He would like a public process to help create an unarmed agency to handle these situations. Councilors Strezo and Mbah thanked Councilor Ewen-Campen for this resolution and his efforts in this regard.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

26. Resolution 210247 (ID:23133) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Administration provide an update on the Disparity Study regarding racial equity in city spending submitted as #208809 on September 12, 2019.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
27. Resolution 210248 (ID:23134) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Strezo, Ballantyne, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr., Clingan, McLaughlin That this City support the "Stop The Money Pipeline" movement by calling on the insurance industry to end its insurance for and investments in fossil fuels.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen requested the Council support the "Stop The Money Pipeline" movement to support climate change. The city is a leader in the municipal investments movement, and the Mayor supports moving pension funds from fossil fuel companies. This resolution's goal is to end insurance companies' support of fossil fuels with both insurance and investment. He urged the city to screen insurance companies to verify they don't invest in fossil fuels. He noted that the Mayor will bring this issue forward at the Metro Mayors Coalition.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
28. Order 210249 (ID:23135) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the public recycling bins at the locations specified within.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen said public recycling bins in Ward 3 have been removed.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
29. Order 210250 (ID:23136) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That this Council's Special Committee on Rodent Issues discuss ways for renters to address rodent issues at their residences without fear of retribution from their landlords.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

30. Resolution 210251 (ID:23145) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Mayor, the Chief of Police and the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council, at its June 11, 2020 meeting, their declaration of Systemic Racism as a Public Safety and Health Emergency.
- Councilor Ballantyne said the Mayor made this declaration, but unfortunately was unable to discuss it with the Council tonight. Legislative Liaison Khushbu Webber said the Administration would discuss it when the Mayor, Chief of Police and Director of Health and Human Services are all able to attend.
- RESULT:** LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council
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31. Order 210252 (ID:23143) By City Councilor Ballantyne, McLaughlin
That the Director of Finance submit to this Council by June 17, 2020, an updated FY21 Capital Projects Plan, taking into account the Administration’s freeze on all capital projects during the COVID-19 health emergency.
- Councilor Ballantyne said the Council is waiting to hear back from the Administration regarding capital projects.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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32. Order 210253 (ID:23144) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott, McLaughlin
That the Director of Finance submit to this Council, a list of all anticipated new and renewal contracts to be signed in July 2020.
- Councilor Ballantyne said the Administration is reluctant to offer a 1/12 budget, partly because of its inability to sign year-long contracts, so she asked for a list of anticipated contracts.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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33. Resolution 210254 (ID:23130) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Administration provide this Council with an updated list of all Home Rule Petitions before the State Legislature and a brief summary of their status.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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| 34. Resolution
209284
(ID:22154) | By City Councilor Scott
Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee. |
| <p>RESULT: LAI D ON THE TABLE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> | |
| 35. Grant of
Location
210174
(ID:23046) | Submitted by Eversource to install 452 feet of conduit in Washington St from manhole 15059 at the intersection of Washington and Franklin Sts, to a point of pickup at 130 Washington St. (Interim approval granted.) |
| <p>Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 35 to 41 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| 36. Grant of
Location
210175
(ID:23047) | Submitted by Eversource to install a total of 804 feet of conduit as follows: Starting from manhole 25391 at the intersection of Prospect St and Webster Ave and running 363 feet to manhole 4118 on Webster Ave, then 276 feet to a new manhole 30846 on Columbia St, and then another 165 feet to manhole 26723 on Windsor Pl. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| 37. Grant of
Location
210176
(ID:23048) | Submitted by Eversource to install a total of 207 feet of conduit in Earle St, with 69 feet running from manhole 26730 in Earle St to a point of pickup at the rear of 153 South St, and 138 feet running from that same manhole to a point of pickup at the intersection of Earle St and Windsor Pl. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| 38. Grant of
Location
210177
(ID:23027) | Submitted by Eversource to install 70 feet of conduit in Irving St, from pole 178/8 to a point of pickup at 39 Irving St. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| 39. Grant of
Location
210178
(ID:23026) | Submitted by Eversource to install 25 feet of conduit in Broadway, from Manhole 12854 to a point of pickup at 112 Broadway. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

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| 40. Grant of Location 210179 (ID:23028) | Submitted by Level 3 Communications to install 22 feet of conduit in Holland St from existing Level 3 manhole #0515-3107 to a new handhole, then continuing another 43 feet from that handhole to existing manhole #8247 near 37 Holland St. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| 41. Grant of Location 210180 (ID:23029) | Submitted by Level 3 Communications to install 15 feet of conduit in Highland Ave from manhole #8237 to a new handhole, then another 5 feet of conduit from that handhole to a point of pickup at 403 Highland Ave. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| 42. License/Permit 210205 (ID:23060) | Renewing Dog Kennel License, Elliots House Pet Care and More, 230 Somerville Avenue, to board 10 dogs overnight only. |
| <p>Councilor Scott asked if postcards were mailed to abutters recently, and City Clerk John Long said the abutters had not been recently notified. Councilor Scott explained that this business has suffered from the all of the re-construction in Union Square, and the pandemic, and requested that the Council approve the license.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

43. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| A. Committee Report 210255 (ID:23084) | Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 1, 2020. |
| <p>Councilor Scott noted that it was a short meeting. The Committee discussed timelines and fiscal issues with respect to the FY21 budget review.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

44. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 210256 (ID:23088)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 4, 2020.</p> |
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- Councilor Scott said the Committee discussed water and sewer rates. The Council had previously been informed there would not be an increase in such rates in the coming year, but a proposal was made to increase them by 4% and a public hearing was held on the matter. He noted that there are outstanding infrastructure issues, and said increasing the rates by 2.5%-7.5% would affect the city's funds. The Committee also discussed gender equity in spending on programs offered by the Recreation Department and the High School Athletic Department. They also discussed the Police Department budget and other spending priorities.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**

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

45. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 210257 (ID:23113)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 10, 2020.</p> |
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- Councilor Scott noted the Committee had a training session on the new "Open Gov" platform to view the FY21 budget online. The School budget is not online, but the preliminary proposal from the Mayor is. The Committee discussed the logistics for budget review, and the Council will receive the budget on June 19. The Mayor could propose a 1/12 continuing resolution to allow city services to continue while the Council does its review. The public hearing on the budget will be on June 24.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**

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

46. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 210258 (ID:23086)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on June 3, 2020.</p> |
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- Councilor Strezo said the Committee discussed the purchase of the Little Sisters of Poor by the Visiting Nurses Association. The Committee requested that the Administration establish a Fair Housing Enforcement Program, and noted that Suffolk University has secured funds for such a program. The Committee also discussed rent controls during the COVID-19 pandemic and a bill that would lift the Statewide ban on rent control to allow municipalities to enact protections for renters. She said a Home Rule Petition would allow tenants to purchase their property if it were for sale. The Committee reviewed the effectiveness of the Tenant Notification Act and noted a city-wide mailing would cost \$15,000. Finally, the Committee reviewed the plan for an Affordable Housing Universal Wait List.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**

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

- B. Resolution 208986 (ID:21811) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, Mbah, Clingan That the Administration update this Council on plans to preserve onsite affordable senior housing and care for the current and future residents of the Little Sisters of the Poor facility.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

47. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210259 (ID:23085) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on June 2, 2020.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said the Committee reviewed the first draft of the Affordable Housing Overlay District, which the public can view online. He encouraged everyone to watch the video to review the proposed concepts. The Committee will further review the draft, which is designed to encourage affordable housing construction.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

48. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210260 (ID:23087) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on June 4, 2020.

Councilor Davis said the Committee discussed an ordinance to formally recognize domestic partnerships, and he requested feedback from the public. The Committee also discussed an amendment to the Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance, to make applications available online for public review, further support economic empowerment applicants, and remove priority status for Somerville residents.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]

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

RECUSED: McLaughlin

- B. Order 209762 (ID:22626) By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch That the City Solicitor draft language to amend the Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance to require full disclosure of all ownership interests, including names and percentage interest of all owners or shareholders.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 209763 (ID:22628) By City Councilor Niedergang That this Council consider amending the Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance to remove Somerville residency as a qualifier for being a priority applicant in Group A, in order to prioritize Economic Empowerment applicants.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

49. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210261 (ID:23083) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 1, 2020.

Councilor Clingan noted that the minutes are extensive and referred interested persons to review them online.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

50. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210262 (ID:23099) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 8, 2020.

Councilor Clingan noted that the minutes are extensive and referred interested persons to review them online.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

51. Mayor's Request 210263 (ID:23117) Requesting the adoption of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54, to exempt small personal property accounts from taxation.

Councilor Ballantyne noted the City has over \$250 Million in revenue, and the proposed exemption would return \$16,000 to small businesses by exempting personal property totaling less than \$5,000 from taxation. City Assessor Frank Golden reported the Board of Assessors' support for the exemption limit of \$5,000, saying it would significantly reduce administrative expenses and collection costs. Councilor Rossetti proposed an exemption limit of \$10,000 to further support small businesses. Mr. Golden noted that \$40,000 in tax revenues would be lost at that level of exemption. Councilor Rossetti's motion was approved as #210304.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]

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

RECUSED: Scott

52. Mayor's Request 210264 (ID:23114) Requesting approval of an Order to not require this Council's authorization pursuant to Ordinance 12-14 for businesses seeking outdoor food and beverage service on the public way through November 1, 2020.

Councilor White said the Council currently approved outdoor seating on public ways, and if a business serves alcohol, they must also gain approval from the Licensing Commission. The Administration now requests a temporary waiver of Ordinance 12-14 to allow the Licensing Commission to authorize outdoor seating on public ways for restaurants that wish to serve food and drink outdoors during the pandemic. This would simplify and speed the approval process. Councilor Ewen-Campen supported the request, as did Councilor Rossetti. She said she'd like the proposed limit of November 1 to be extended to December 31, 2020. Licensing Commission Chairman Joe Lynch testified that the Governor set his temporary order to expire on November 1, when authority would revert to the Council. He noted that the Commission would not issue alcohol licenses to businesses that do not currently have an alcoholic beverage license. Mr. Lynch said the Commission would work with the Council to help the restaurant industry and protect the public, and would issue violations to businesses who violate their license.

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

53. Mayor's Request 210265 (ID:23105) Requesting a transfer of \$500,000 from the Engineering Capital Outlay Street Repairs Account to the Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing Stabilization Fund to preserve funds for needed street repairs.

Councilor Scott requested to waive the readings of items 53 to 59, 65 and 66 and refer the items to the Committee on Finance. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

54. Mayor's Request 210266 (ID:23108) Requesting the appropriation of \$80,000 from the Snow Removal Account to the Sanitation Recycling Account to fund the May/June recycling invoice.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

55. Mayor's Request 210267 (ID:23112) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$40,000 from the DPW Snow Removal Account to the Sanitation Rubbish Removal Account to fund the June Waste Management rubbish removal invoice.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

56. Mayor's Request 210268 (ID:23103) Requesting a transfer of \$3,900 from various City Clerk's Office Accounts to the Clerk of Committees Salaries Monthly Account to fund an FY20 deficit.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

57. Mayor's Request 210269 (ID:23110) Requesting a transfer of \$1,000 from the Economic Development Personal Services Account to the Redevelopment Authority Personal Services Account to cover a year-end deficit.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

58. Mayor's Request 210270 (ID:22896) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$31,291.50 using available funds in the DPW's Lights and Lines Account.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

59. Mayor's Request 210271 (ID:22895) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$10,975.06 using available funds in various DPW General Fund Accounts.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

60. Mayor's Request 210272 (ID:23116) Requesting acceptance of a \$54,538 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Justice to the Fire Department for overtime costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councilor Scott requested to waive the readings of items 60, 61, 63 and 64 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

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

61. Mayor's Request 210273 (ID:22878) Requesting acceptance of a \$43,700 grant with no new match required, from Commonwealth Corporation (formerly Metro North Regional Employment Board) to the Health and Human Services Department for summer youth employment.

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

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| 62. Mayor's Request 210274 (ID:23075) | Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$3,110 with no new match required from the MA Council on Aging to the Council of Aging for Care Givers and Memory Cafe support. | <p>Councilor McLaughlin noted that the Administration requested the Council vote on this item tonight to support the Council on Aging's programming.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 63. Mayor's Request 210275 (ID:23078) | Requesting acceptance of a \$2,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Public Health - The 84 Movement to the Health and Human Services Department for youth substance use prevention effort. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 64. Mayor's Request 210276 (ID:23079) | Requesting acceptance of a \$730.60 grant with no new match required, from the MA Dept of Health to the Health and Human Services Department for a youth photo voice gallery on gambling prevention. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 65. Mayor's Request 210277 (ID:22888) | Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for the street resurfacing contract with D&R General Contracting Inc. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 66. Mayor's Request 210278 (ID:23107) | Requesting the approval of FY21 expenditure limitations for departmental Revolving Funds. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 67. Mayor's Request 210279 (ID:23100) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Carla Lillvik as a Trustee for the Board of Library Trustees. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

68. Officer's Assistant City Solicitor submitting an amendment to Ordinance 2-221 Communication regarding Adult Use Marijuana Establishments, as approved by the Legislative 210280 Matters Committee on 6/4/20. (ID:23102)

Councilor Davis pointed out that this is the proposed amendment that was approved by the Legislative Matters Committee, primarily to make applications available online for public review, further support economic empowerment applicants, and remove priority status for Somerville residents. Councilor Niedergang noted there were other provisions regarding ownership and property owner interest.

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

69. Officer's Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #209814 with the disposition Communication of funds for the Boat House. 210281 (ID:23104)

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

70. Officer's Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #210208 and #210209 on plans Communication to re-open Dilboy Pool and Summer Camps. 210282 (ID:23115)

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

NEW BUSINESS

71. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Home Depot, 75 Mystic Ave. 210283 (ID:23097)

Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 71 to 77 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

72. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St. 210284 (ID:23096)

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

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| 73. License/Permit
210285
(ID:23094) | Renewing Garage License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 74. License/Permit
210286
(ID:23095) | Renewing Garage License, Mike's Auto Services, 6 Beach Ave.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 75. License/Permit
210287
(ID:23092) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Mayer Campus Center, 44 Professors Row.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 76. License/Permit
210288
(ID:23093) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Tisch Library Cafe, 35 Professors Row.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 77. License/Permit
210289
(ID:23155) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, J and J Transportation, Med #74.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 78. Public
Communication
210290
(ID:23156) | 3,380 citizens (approx.) submitting comments re: redistributing Police Department funding.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that since the death of George Floyd the public has increased its calls for racial equality. The Council has received numerous emails and calls to defund the Police Department, including a petition with over 3,000 signatures. He sponsored resident Kathryn Anderson, who said the petition demands fundamental changes in support of the "Black Lives Matter" movement. She discussed Police brutality last Fall at Boston's Pride event, which resulted in a letter with 117 signatures. This petition has 3,800 signatures and the goal is to gain more social supports to the community. Resident Matthew Kennedy spoke next, saying the Police are antagonizing the working class and protecting the property of the wealthy, and defunding them is the first step in making a difference. He said body cameras and other technology have not helped protect the public, and he requested the Council reject any proposed increase in Police funding. He said Police contract negotiations should be made public and Police Officers should be held |

liable for misconduct and violence. He argued that the funds saved should be invested in the community. Councilor Mbah said the Police Department's structure needs to change, while Councilor Rossetti noted that the Council can only cut the budget, but not re-allocate the savings. Councilor Davis requested the Administration look for programs that can reduce Police interventions. Councilor Scott said the Mayor has the opportunity to make a change in his FY21 budget. Councilor Ballantyne noted that even if the Council cuts a departmental budget, the department can often find ways to re-appropriate the money.

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

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

FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

79. Order 210291 (ID:23157) By City Councilor Mbah That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance, prior to this Council's June 25 meeting, banning racial profiling.

Councilor Mbah noted the public's many calls reporting racial profiling and said this ordinance would make a difference.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**

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

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

80. Order 210292 (ID:23163) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Chief of Police or the Director of Personnel report to this Council, no later than June 18, the number and rank of all sworn officers and civilian employees (including job titles) in the Police Department, yearly from 1987 to 2020.

Councilor Niedergang noted that crime has decreased 60% in the city and requested the number of Police Officers since 1987 for a data comparison.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**

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

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

81. Order 210293 (ID:23165) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne That the Chief of Police verify whether the Marshall Project website's report that the Police Department received 26 5.56 millimeter rifles worth \$4,257 from the federal government is accurate, whether those rifles are currently in the Department's possession, and what their purpose and potential use is.

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

82. Order 210294 (ID:23166) By City Councilor White Jr., Ballantyne, Strezo, Rossetti, Mbah, Davis That the Land Use Committee review the proposed amendment to Zoning Ordinance 15.4.2.b.iii when developing its own proposal to amend that ordinance.

Councilor White noted that several Councilors have expressed concerns with construction projects that were approved that weren't in compliance Special Permit conditions. He proposed drafting an ordinance to address this issue and protect neighborhoods.

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

83. Mayor's Request 210295 (ID:23160) Requesting an appropriation of \$26,004,509 to fund the FY21 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget.

Councilor Scott requested to waive the readings of items 83 to 89 and refer them to the Committee on Finance. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

84. Mayor's Request 210296 (ID:23159) Requesting the appropriation of \$15,914,535 to fund the FY21 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

85. Mayor's Request 210297 (ID:23158) Requesting the appropriation of \$699,725 from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY21 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

86. Mayor's Request 210298 (ID:23168) Requesting the repurposing of \$300,000 in CPA funds awarded to the City's Public Space and Urban Forestry Division for the rehabilitation of the Central Hill Campus.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

87. Mayor's Request 210299 (ID:23169) Requesting the appropriation of \$206,080 from the CPA Fund Open Space/Recreational Land Reserve to the Public Space/Urban Forestry Division for the rehabilitation of the Central Hill Playground.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

88. Mayor's Request 210300 (ID:23167) Requesting approval to extend the contract for the Somerville Museum's FY16 CPA grant for an additional three years.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

89. Mayor's Request 210301 (ID:23127) Requesting the appropriation of \$91,324 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to the Fire Alarm Personal Services Account to fund the FY20 Agreement with the Firefighters Local 76 Fire Alarm Unit.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

LATE ITEMS

90. Order 210302 (ID:23174) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne That the Chief of Police report to this Council, no later than June 18, 2020 a description of any military equipment purchased or received as a federal grant, currently in the possession of the Police Department.

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

91. Order 210303 (ID:23173) By City Councilor Rossetti That the Commissioner of Public Works contact Eversource for an explanation of its reasoning for not having to notify homeowners when randomly installing bollards on private property.

Councilor Rossetti reported that two bollards were installed on private property--her property and a neighbor's property--without their consent. She said the city didn't know why this was done, and Eversource is supposed to notify property owners before trespassing on their property. She expressed concern with Eversource not following the rules. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy said this isn't normal company practice, and that bollards are only installed for public safety. She will investigate why they were installed without notifying the property owners.

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

92. Order 210304 (ID:23177) By City Councilor Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang That the Board of Assessors set the exemption amount under MGL c59 s5 Clause 54 at \$10,000.

For discussion of this item see #210263.

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

93. Order 210305 (ID:23175) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Finance and Director of Budgeting update and submit the 10-year budget forecast in preparation for the FY21 budget review.

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

94. Resolution 210306 (ID:23176) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezo That the Administration move away from a policy to turn all Parks and Recreation programming to co-ed programming and equitably and equally invest in girls programming.

Councilor Ballantyne said she is opposed to the Administration turning all Parks and Recreation programming into co-ed programming, and she urged gender equity funding for girls' recreation programming.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:20 PM.

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

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2020, 6:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin.

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

- Roll Call Call of the Roll.

210307
 (ID:23183)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$246,471,192 to fund the FY21 General Fund Operating Budget.

210308
 (ID:23178)

Councilor McLaughlin recused from all Police Department deliberations. The Mayor noting this is Juneteenth, and should be a federal holiday. He then led a brief moment of silence for Somerville's 32 victims of Covid-19.

He noted that the City is facing unprecedented challenges with the devastating impacts of Covid-19 and systemic racism. Creating the FY21 budget has been difficult, and he thanked city staff for their efforts. He said projected revenue is down. State revenues, fines and forfeits, license and permit payments, parking meter receipts, and excise tax revenues are all down. In response, the FY21 budget features reduced Ordinary Maintenance funding, a halt in new investments, a hiring freeze, and the elimination of non-union salary increases. But the budget includes no furloughs and no layoffs, and it honors all wage increases mandated by union contracts. He said new growth, \$5+M in free cash, and a new Construction Safety Fee all helped fill the gap. He cited new investments in a High School HS Green Building Manager, IT cyber security services, a Stormwater Program Manager, planning for a new supervised consumption site, and, especially, the Racial and Social Justice Project. This comprehensive project features a \$1M commitment (partly funded by a \$750K reduction in the Police budget), with civilian oversight, re-imagined policing, and significant new funding for youth services in the School Department.

Councilor Ewen-Campen asked about the Police Department budget cut, and the Mayor said funding was \$750k less than level-service funding.

Councilor Davis supported the new Department of Racial and Social Justice, but said the city must move forward as quickly as possible with whatever can be done; we can't just wait for the new department. Councilor Mbah said that Department must to be entirely community-based. Councilor Strezzo wondered how we could measure its impact, and the Mayor said we would rely on the community's voices.

Councilor Scott asked if there would be a continuing appropriation for July, 2020, and if it would include all services, and the Mayor answered yes to both questions. He asked why school spending is going up just 2.2% if the overall budget is going up by 3%, and the Mayor noted that the School Committee reviewed and approved their budget. Councilor Ballantyne asked who would address strategic and financial planning. The Mayor said Budget Director Mike Mastrobuoni and CFO Ed Bean would. She noted there's currently substantial inequity in girls v. boys sports funding (35% for girls), and asked if this was addressed in the budget. The Mayor said the School Department budget funds interscholastic athletics and the Parks and Recreation Department funds recreational programs. He said Parks and Recreation Director Jill Lathan would address how best to meet the city's needs. Councilor Rossetti asked about fees, and Finance Committee Chair Scott agreed that the revenue side needs to be examined in Committee. He said a budget schedule would be released soon.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 3. Mayor's Request 210309 (ID:23172)

Requesting to appropriate or reserve \$2,192,190 in estimated FY21 CPA revenue for CPA projects and expenses.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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| 4. | Mayor's Request
210310
(ID:23180) | Requesting an appropriation of \$813,707 to fund the FY21 Veterans Memorial & Founders Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 5. | Mayor's Request
210311
(ID:23161) | Requesting the appropriation of \$560,628 to fund the FY21 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund Budget. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 6. | Mayor's Request
210312
(ID:23171) | Requesting the appropriation of \$348,791 for the FY21 Cable Television PEG Access Fund Budget. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 7. | Mayor's Request
210313
(ID:23181) | Requesting the appropriation of \$155,692 to fund the FY21 Dilboy Enterprise Fund Budget. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 8. | Mayor's Request
210314
(ID:23182) | Requesting the appropriation of \$17,500 from the Dilboy Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY21 Dilboy Enterprise Fund Budget. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 9. | Mayor's Request
210315
(ID:23179) | Requesting acceptance of the Federal Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act grant of \$7,191,135. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

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NEW BUSINESS

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 10. | Mayor's Request
210316
(ID:23184) | Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinances 2-322 and 2-323 re: non-union salary ranges and position titles. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
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| 11. Mayor's Request 210317 (ID:23188) | Requesting an appropriation of \$5,253,206 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to reduce the FY2021 Tax Levy. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 12. Mayor's Request 210318 (ID:23193) | Requesting the appropriation of \$3,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 13. Mayor's Request 210319 (ID:23191) | Requesting the appropriation of \$1,500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 14. Mayor's Request 210320 (ID:23195) | 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 |
| 15. Mayor's Request 210321 (ID:23194) | 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 |
| 16. Mayor's Request 210322 (ID:23192) | Requesting an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 17. Mayor's Request 210323 (ID:23187) | Requesting the appropriation of \$250,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Racial & Social Justice Fund. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 18. Mayor's Request 210324 (ID:23189) | Requesting acceptance of CARES Act supplemental grants of \$1,493,384 in CDBG funds and \$750,831 in ESG funds, with no new match required, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to SPCD to prepare for, prevent, and respond to the impacts of Covid-19. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

19. Mayor's Request 210325 (ID:23186) Requesting approval to create the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund.
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| RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION |
| FOLLOWUP: | Finance Committee |

20. Mayor's Request 210326 (ID:23185) Requesting approval to create the Racial & Social Justice Fund.
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| RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION |
| FOLLOWUP: | Finance Committee |

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 7:45 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2020, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 210327
 (ID:23214) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 210328
 (ID:23215) Councilor Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for 30 residents who have died from Covid-19. Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for John Marks and Aubri Esters. Councilor White sponsored a moment of silence for Marjorie Tomeo. Councilor McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for Richard LeBlanc.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 28, 2020.
 210329
 (ID:23216) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Resolution 210330 (ID:23196) By City Councilor Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, White Jr. That this Council and the Administration work together to consider replacing the Bunker Hill Day (June 17) with Juneteenth (June 19), and consult with any collective bargaining units that have Bunker Hill Day as a holiday.

Councilor Mbah said that Juneteenth (June 19) is a very important holiday that represents the end of slavery, and has been celebrated for over 150 years. Councilor Davis supported the Resolution. Councilor McLaughlin commented that rather than replace Bunker Hill Day we should celebrate all holidays that recognize the diverse history of our country.

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

5. Order 210331 (ID:23197) By City Councilor White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah That fines for code violations assessed pursuant to MGL c148A for violations of the state building code and the state fire safety code shall be subject to collection as a municipal charges lien, pursuant to Chapter 252 of the Acts of 1996.

Councilor White noted that Chapter 252 of the Acts of 1996 allows the City to place liens on real estate for unpaid fines, but violations of the state building and fire codes are not currently included. Instead, the City must go to district court to collect these unpaid fines. He would like the City to be able to assess liens.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

6. Order 210332 (ID:23206) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Clingan, Rossetti, Scott, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the City Solicitor explain in writing prior to July 1, how Chapter 589 of the Acts of 1987, "An Act Relative to Dispute Resolution" may provide this Council with the ability to modify or reject components of collective bargaining agreements that reached an impasse and entered arbitration.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said a Boston Global editorial noted that the Council can reject or modify arbitration awards issued when union contract negotiations fail. He would like to learn more about this authority. Councilor Scott expressed how important this could be for the City.

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

7. Order 210333 (ID:23208) By City Councilor Niedergang, Clingan, Ballantyne, Mbah, Strezo
That this Council consider the joint recommendations of the Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Pedestrian & Transit Advisory Committee with respect to a transportation response to COVID-19.

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

8. Order 210334 (ID:23209) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Chief of Police report to this Council, no later than June 26, the patrol car deployment schedule, including the number of patrol cars deployed hourly on weekdays, weekends, and holidays.

Councilor Niedergang noted that items 8 through 12 are requests for information from the Police Department, and he has recently heard that they are working to provide that information.

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

9. Order 210335 (ID:23210) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Chief of Police report to this Council, no later than June 26, the average number of calls for service in each hour of each day of the week as well as each hour on holidays.

Councilor Niedergang requested to waive the readings of items 9 to 12 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

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

10. Order 210336 (ID:23211) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Chief of Police or the Director of Personnel report to this Council, no later than June 26, the number of retirements of Police Officers, and their ranks, from FY16-FY20.

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

11. Order 210337 (ID:23212) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Chief of Police or the Director of Personnel report to this Council, no later than June 18, the number and rank of all Police Officers, and the number and job title of all civilians, annually from 1987 to 2020. (2nd request)

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

12. Order 210338 (ID:23213) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Chief of Police report to this Council, no later than June 18, a description of any military equipment purchased or received as a federal grant currently in the possession of the Police Department. (2nd request)

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

13. Communication 210339 (ID:23207) By City Councilor Rossetti Report of the High School Building Committee Meeting of June 15, 2020.

Councilor Rossetti reported a shortage of tradesmen working on the High School, because there is a lot of construction taking place statewide. The project completion timeline is currently unknown, and they discussed continuing the rental of the modular classrooms (at \$20,000/month). The Contingency Account has just \$123,145.38 left. She sent a letter to the Governor requesting additional funding for the School Building Assistance Authority due to unforeseen Covid-19 expenses, and hoped other School Districts would join in.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. Resolution 209284 (ID:22154) By City Councilor Scott, Ballantyne, Clingan, Davis Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.

Councilor Scott noted that House Resolution 702 is related to many of the policing issues discussed tonight. It urges eliminating qualified immunity, eliminating militarization, creating non-violent first responder networks, and creating civilian review boards. He encouraged Councilors to read the House Resolution and join him in drafting this resolution.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

15. Grant of Location 210227 (ID:23089) Submitted by Eversource to install 43 feet of conduit in Murdock Street, from utility pole 246/4 to a point of pickup at 32 Murdock Street.

Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 15 to 17 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

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

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| 16. | Grant of Location 210225 (ID:23090) | Submitted by Eversource to install 64 feet of conduit in Heath Street, from utility pole 165/15 to a point of pickup at 128 Heath Street. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 17. | Grant of Location 210226 (ID:23091) | Submitted by Eversource to install 42 feet of conduit in Heath Street, from utility pole 165/15 to a point of pickup at 126 Heath Street. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 18. | Resolution 210236 (ID:23137) | By City Councilor Mbah, McLaughlin, Clingan, Strezo, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Scott, Davis, White Jr., Niedergang, Rossetti
That this Council supports the Just Us Somerville organization of local residents of color and considers their demands regarding policing. |
| | | <p>Councilor McLaughlin noted while the demands of Just Us Somerville have not yet been made public, he supported the group's efforts.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 19. | Resolution 210251 (ID:23145) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Mayor, the Chief of Police and the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council, at its June 11, 2020 meeting, their declaration of Systemic Racism as a Public Safety and Health Emergency. |
| | | <p>Councilor McLaughlin said the Mayor was unable to attend tonight's meeting but will be present at the next Council meeting.</p> <p>RESULT: LAI D ON THE TABLE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

20. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report 210340 (ID:23205) | Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 16, 2020. |
| | | <p>Councilor Scott said the Committee discussed the need for a 1/12 budget, to give it more time to review the FY21 budget submission. The Committee received training in the OpenGov budget platform, and discussed water & sewer funding.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

- B. Mayor's Request 210278 (ID:23107) Requesting the approval of FY21 expenditure limitations for departmental Revolving Funds.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| FOLLOWUP: | Finance Committee |

21. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210341 (ID:23204) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 18, 2020.
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| Councilor Scott noted the Committee discussed and recommended many items for approval, including transfers and contract extensions. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
- B. Mayor's Request 210265 (ID:23105) Requesting a transfer of \$500,000 from the Engineering Capital Outlay Street Repairs Account to the Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing Stabilization Fund to preserve funds for needed street repairs.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
- C. Mayor's Request 210266 (ID:23108) Requesting the appropriation of \$80,000 from the Snow Removal Account to the Sanitation Recycling Account to fund the May/June recycling invoice.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
- D. Mayor's Request 210267 (ID:23112) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$40,000 from the DPW Snow Removal Account to the Sanitation Rubbish Removal Account to fund the June Waste Management rubbish removal invoice.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
- E. Mayor's Request 210268 (ID:23103) Requesting a transfer of \$3,900 from various City Clerk's Office Accounts to the Clerk of Committees Salaries Monthly Account to fund an FY20 deficit.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

F. Mayor's Request 210269 (ID:23110) Requesting a transfer of \$1,000 from the Economic Development Personal Services Account to the Redevelopment Authority Personal Services Account to cover a year-end deficit.

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

G. Mayor's Request 210270 (ID:22896) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$31,291.50 using available funds in the DPW's Lights and Lines Account.

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

H. Mayor's Request 210271 (ID:22895) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$10,975.06 using available funds in various DPW General Fund Accounts.

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

I. Mayor's Request 210277 (ID:22888) Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for the street resurfacing contract with D&R General Contracting Inc.

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

J. Mayor's Request 210298 (ID:23168) Requesting the repurposing of \$300,000 in CPA funds awarded to the City's Public Space and Urban Forestry Division for the rehabilitation of the Central Hill Campus.

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

K. Mayor's Request 210299 (ID:23169) Requesting the appropriation of \$206,080 from the CPA Fund Open Space/Recreational Land Reserve to the Public Space/Urban Forestry Division for the rehabilitation of the Central Hill Playground.

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

L. Mayor's Request 210300 (ID:23167) Requesting approval to extend the contract for the Somerville Museum's FY16 CPA grant for an additional three years.

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

M. Mayor's Request 210301 (ID:23127) Requesting the appropriation of \$91,324 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to the Fire Alarm Personal Services Account to fund the FY20 Agreement with the Firefighters Local 76 Fire Alarm Unit.

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

N. Order 210342 (ID:23198) By City Councilor White Jr. That the Director of Finance address the Finance Committee on the status of the Central Hill bond appropriation, and whether it should be reduced by \$206,000 as a result of applying CPA funds to the project.

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

22. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 210343 (ID:23201) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 22, 2020.

Councilor Scott said the Committee discussed the FY21 budget's projected revenues and reviewed the proposed expenditures in several departments with the departments' heads during the 5-hour meeting. He noted that so far the Administration hasn't submitted any budget modifications.

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

23. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 210344 (ID:23200) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 23, 2020.

Councilor Scott said the Committee reviewed the School Department budget and received the State Guidance Plan. The Committee also reviewed infrastructure and asset management, and approved FY21 funding for the Water and Sewer Department. He said the rates would increase 7.5% for water and 2.5% for sewer.

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

- B. Officer's Communication 210216 (ID:23072) Director of Water and Sewer submitting proposed water and sewer volumetric rates for FY21.

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

- C. Mayor's Request 210295 (ID:23160) Requesting an appropriation of \$26,004,509 to fund the FY21 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget.

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

- D. Mayor's Request 210296 (ID:23159) Requesting the appropriation of \$15,914,535 to fund the FY21 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.

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

- E. Mayor's Request 210297 (ID:23158) Requesting the appropriation of \$699,725 from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY21 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.

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

24. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210345 (ID:23199) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 24, 2020.

Councilor Scott said that the FY21 budget public hearing drew 151 members of the public who offered testimony. They commented on the Police Department budget, housing stability, schooling, transportation and many other topics. 138 public speakers requested defunding the Police Department while 3 opposed that defunding.

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

25. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
210346
(ID:23203)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on June 18, 2020.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Councilor Davis said the Committee discussed Police Department reforms, a Civilian Review Commission and an ordinance to address racial profiling. He said the Administration would hire a consultant to work with the community to create a Civilian Review Commission. The Committee also discussed pollution mitigation in new construction, and approved the Domestic Partnership Ordinance after removing the address requirement.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |
| <p>B. Order
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(ID:22877)</p> | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan, Davis, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Scott, White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah, Strezo</p> <p>That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance formally recognizing domestic partnerships.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>For ordainment of this item see #210361.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> </div> |
| <p>C. Ordinance
210195
(ID:23034)</p> | <p>City Solicitor submitting an amendment to the Municipal Ordinances to provide for the appointment of the Clerk and Assistant Clerks of Committees by this Council.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>For ordainment of this item see #210362.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> </div> |

26. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
210347
(ID:23202)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 22, 2020.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Councilor Davis said the Committee heard a Covid-19 data update and encouraged the public to review the report online.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |
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| <p>27. Mayor's Request
210348
(ID:23101)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of April Kuehnhoff to the position of Trustee for the Board of Library Trustees.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> </div> |
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| <p>28. License/Permit
210349
(ID:23223)</p> | <p>Renewing Drainlayer's License, Atlantic Excavation and Utility.</p> | <p>Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 28 to 34 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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| <p>29. License/Permit
210350
(ID:23224)</p> | <p>Renewing Drainlayer's License, Insite Contracting.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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| <p>30. License/Permit
210351
(ID:23219)</p> | <p>Renewing Garage License, GE Auto Repair, 631 Somerville Ave.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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| <p>31. License/Permit
210352
(ID:23220)</p> | <p>Renewing Garage License, K Professional Auto Detailing, 682 Mystic Ave.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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| <p>32. License/Permit
210353
(ID:23221)</p> | <p>Renewing Garage License, Real Auto Shop, 463 McGrath Hwy.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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| <p>33. License/Permit
210354
(ID:23222)</p> | <p>Renewing Garage License, Teddy's Foreign Motors, 68 Joy St.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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| <p>34. License/Permit
210355
(ID:23225)</p> | <p>Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Pepi's Pizzeria, 516B Medford St.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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35. Public Communication 210356 (ID:23218) US Postal Service Manager of Governmental Relations responding to #210182 re: Postal Service operations during the pandemic.

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

36. Withdrawn 210357 (ID:23217) Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

37. Resolution 210358 (ID:23227) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr. That the Mayor move the Rodent Home Assistance Program from the Department of Inspectional Services to the Department of Health and Human Services to streamline rodent assistance for neighbors.

Councilor McLaughlin noted that the City hired a Rodent Control Officer, but baiting funds were never fully spent. He said ISD isn't skilled in rodent control and it should move to the Health and Human Services Department.

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

38. Resolution 210359 (ID:23228) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr. That the Administration remove the 911 system from the Police Department and place it under civilian control to separate criminal complaints from mental health emergencies, substance abuse emergencies, housing emergencies and other nonviolent offenses.

Councilor McLaughlin said many residents refuse to call 911 because a Police Officer is not needed for their emergency. He proposed putting the 911 system under civilian control, with non-Police response options. Councilors Ewen-Campen, Clingan and Strezo supported the request.

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

39. Mayor's Request 210360 (ID:23226) Requesting acceptance of a \$209,000 grant with no new match required, from the Commonwealth Children's Fund to the Health and Human Services Department's SomerPromise Account for the continuation and expansion of the SomerBaby program.

Councilor McLaughlin urged approval of this grant, and noted that Health and Human Services Director Doug Kress wasn't present to answer questions. Councilor Strezo asked if SomerBaby funding was at risk, and Mayor's Aide Annie Connor said she would report back. Councilor Ewen-Campen supported accepting the grant, and Councilor Strezo agreed. The Administration reported that the City had enough funds to continue the program until the end of July if the grant was not accepted. Councilor Scott commented that many important programs depend on grants and the City should include them in the municipal budget.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

40. Officer's Communication 210361 (ID:23232) Assistant City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance to recognize Domestic Partnerships, as recommended by the Legislative Matters Committee on 6/18/20.

Councilor Davis reviewed this Ordinance, and proposed several amendments to broaden Domestic Partnerships to more than two persons. He said government shouldn't be defining what a family is, and in fact has done a poor job of it in the past. Councilor Scott urged that the Ordinance be voted on tonight. Councilor McLaughlin expressed concern about voting on the item when the amendments were not "on paper." Following Ordainment of the item, Reconsideration was moved, and Reconsideration failed on a unanimous roll call vote.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

AMENDED:

- In Section 6-89 Subsection C change "two persons" to "people";
- In Section 6-89 Subsection C delete Paragraph 5;
- In Section 6-89 Subsection E change "she or he" to "they";
- In Section 6-90 Subsection A change "both" to "all";
- In Section 6-90 Subsection B Paragraph 2 change "other domestic partner" to "other domestic partners"; and
- In Section 6-90 Subsection B Paragraph 2 change both occurrences of "his or her" to "their".

41. Officer's Communication 210362 (ID:23190) Assistant City Solicitor submitting an amendment to Ordinances 2-24 and 2-141 regarding the appointment of Clerks Of Committees by the City Council, as recommended by the Legislative Matters Committee on 6/18/20.

For discussion of this item see #210195.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

42. License/Permit 210363 (ID:23231) New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Four Wheels Auto, 83 Albion St, 0 autos inside, 0 outside, Mo-Fr 8am-6pm, Sa-Su by appointment.

Councilor White requested to waive the reading of item 42 and refer it to the Licenses and Permits Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

43. Public Communication 210364 (ID:23230) 15 registered voters requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning map to re-zone six parcels along Medford Street between School Street and Marshall Street.

Councilor White requested to waive the reading of item 43 and refer it to the Land Use Committee and the Planning Board. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

44. Public Communication 210365 (ID:23233) 172 citizens (approx.) submitting comments re: the FY21 budget.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

LATE ITEMS

45. Order 210366 (ID:23234) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis, Clingan That the Police Department post its weekly crime log on social media every week.

Councilor Ballantyne requested posting the Police Department's weekly crime log for the public's review. Councilor Clingan asked what would be included, and Councilor Ballantyne responded she was unsure.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

46. Mayor's Request 210319 (ID:23191) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund.

Discharged from the Committee on Finance.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

47. License/Permit 210098 (ID:22929) Renewing Garage License, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St.

Discharged from the Committee on Licenses and Permits. Councilor Scott said this business has had several issues addressed by the Council, but the license should no longer be held in Committee because it impairs the business' ability to function.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

48. License/Permit 209973 (ID:22787) New Extended Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 282 Somerville Avenue, for 24/7 operation for in-store and take-out service only.

Discharged from the Committee on Licenses and Permits. Councilor Scott said multiple violations have been resolved and he recommend approval.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:20 PM.

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

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 30, 2020, 6:00 PM
Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin.

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
210367
(ID:23241)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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| <p>2. Mayor's Request 210368 (ID:23235)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$21,057,375 in order to fund the July 2020 General Fund Continuing Appropriations Budget.</p> <hr/> <p>Finance Director Ed Bean described the budget being submitted as a one-month continuing appropriation for the month of July, which is required by State law whenever an annual budget is not in place by July 1. The State has recognized that the Covid-19 pandemic has made it difficult for municipalities to develop this year's budgets in a timely manner. Without this appropriation, the City has no authority to spend funds. This budget has been developed with sufficient funds to meet all current payroll expenses with no new positions funded except for one week of a new Racial and Social Justice Director. Ordinary Maintenance accounts are based on the departments' anticipated expenditures. Once the City Council adopts a full-year FY21 budget, that budget will supersede this one. Mr. Bean noted that Department Heads were in attendance remotely to answer any questions. Councilor Scott asked for details of the Police Department's budget, and Budget Director Michael Mastrobuoni directed him to a separate file in the OpenGov platform that displays a department's detailed budget.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>3. Mayor's Request 210369 (ID:23240)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$6,026 in order to fund the July 2020 Community Preservation Act Continuing Appropriations Budget.</p> <hr/> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>4. Mayor's Request 210370 (ID:23238)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$64,070 in order to fund the July 2020 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund Continuing Appropriations Budget.</p> <hr/> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>5. Mayor's Request 210371 (ID:23237)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$14,700 in order to fund the July 2020 Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Continuing Appropriations Budget.</p> <hr/> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>6. Mayor's Request 210372 (ID:23236)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$ 99,005 in order to fund the July 2020 Veterans Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Continuing Appropriations Budget.</p> <hr/> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

7. Mayor's Request 210373 (ID:23239) Requesting the appropriation of \$24,167 in order to fund the July 2020 PEG Access Fund Continuing Appropriations Budget.

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

8. Mayor's Request 210374 (ID:23229) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Robert McCarthy to the position of Deputy Fire Chief.

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

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 6:30 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 210375
 (ID:23280) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 210376
 (ID:23281) Councilors White and Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Antonio Grossi.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 11, 2020.
 210377
 (ID:23282) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location 210378 (ID:23269) Submitted by TC Systems to install 78 feet of conduit in Washington St from Pole 358/58 at the corner of Magnus Ave to a proposed handhole across the street in the sidewalk in front of Perry Park, then to adjacent Pole 58X.

The President opened the public hearing. Sienna Engineering Group representative Adam Heller described the work to be completed. Councilor Scott expressed concern with the trench that cuts across the ADA sidewalk ramp, and asked Sienna to resolve the issue. Mr. Heller said he would prepare a new plan that avoids the ramp, and that he hopes to start construction in July or August. Councilor Scott said that if a new plan was satisfactory, the city could issue an interim approval before the August meeting. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

FOLLOWUP: City Council

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Order 210379 (ID:23251) By City Councilor Strezo That the Director of Inspectional Services report to the Housing and Community Development Committee its implementation plans for the 2019 Tenant Notification Act.

Councilor Strezo noted that under the Tenant Notification Act, landlords and foreclosing owners serving eviction notices must also provide tenants a document about their rights and resources. The eviction moratorium is expiring next month and she requested that the Director of Inspectional Services update the Council on their plans.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

6. Order 210380 (ID:23252) By City Councilor Strezo That the Directors of SPCD, Housing Stability, and Inspectional Services discuss with the Housing and Community Development Committee the anticipated impact and possible responses when the MA Eviction Moratorium expires on August 18.

Councilor Strezo expressed concern for many residents being evicted from their homes. 60% of residents evicted have children.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

7. Order 210381 (ID:23250) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Inspectional Services communicate with the community via mail, email and/or other means, its 2020 plan for combating rat infestations, including monthly updates during peak infestation periods and quarterly updates otherwise.

Councilor Strezo asked that the Director of Inspectional Services provide regular updates to the public on their plans to combat rats in the community. Many residents have expressed concern with not knowing what actions are being taken in their neighborhood to combat rats.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

8. Order 210382 (ID:23255) By City Councilor Strezo, Niedergang, Ballantyne
That the Director of Personnel provide a demographic breakdown of employees in the E-911, Fire Alarm, and Constituent Services Departments.

Councilor Strezo noted there is a discrepancy in pay to E-911 dispatchers (annual salary \$50,000-\$56,000) and Fire Alarm dispatchers (annual salary \$75,000-\$85,000). She requested that the Director of Personnel provide a demographic breakdown of those positions. She noted Councilor Niedergang's observation that many E-911 dispatchers were female and many Fire Alarm dispatchers were male. She wanted to see if there is a gender issue. Councilor Niedergang thanked her for her leadership, and Councilor Scott noted this item had been part of last year's budget resolutions.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

9. Communication 210383 (ID:23254) By City Councilor Strezo
Reporting on the Children's Cabinet Meeting held on June 9, 2020.

Councilor Strezo reported that the Children's Cabinet heard that State regulations for reopening child care centers created a budget deficit for business owners. One facility faced a \$12,000 loss over 3 months of operation. The Cabinet also learned that the Tuition Assistance Program provided aid for 20 families in Somerville. Finally, the Cabinet discussed reopening plans for schools and social distancing guidelines for classrooms.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

10. Communication By City Councilor Rossetti
210384
(ID:23253) Reporting on the High School Building Committee held on July 13, 2020.
- Councilor Rossetti reported that Phase 2 will be completed by the end of November, with plans to occupy the building in December or January. She expressed concern that Eversource delays are threatening the timeline. She said there will be a filmed tour of the building for the public. She said the contingency account is back up to \$436,185 due to multiple change orders. She said she reached out to the State Delegation to request School Building Assistance Authority funding for Covid-19 expenses, estimated at \$40,000 a month. Finally, she said the School Superintendent is preparing a plan for education in the fall. Councilor White noted that if Eversource isn't cooperating, the Council could withhold licenses until the issues are resolved.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. Resolution By City Councilor Scott, Ballantyne, Clingan, Davis, Strezo
209284
(ID:22154) Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.
- Councilor Scott said he hopes to receive suggestions to strengthen the resolution when the Council returns to regular meetings in the fall.
- RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE**
FOLLOWUP: City Council
12. Resolution By City Councilor Ballantyne
210251
(ID:23145) That the Mayor, the Chief of Police and the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council, at its June 11, 2020 meeting, their declaration of Systemic Racism as a Public Safety and Health Emergency.
- RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE**
FOLLOWUP: City Council

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

13. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210385 (ID:23277) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on July 9, 2020.

Councilor Rossetti reported that the Committee reviewed the appointment of Christine Lindgren to the Licensing Commission. Councilor Scott expressed concern with her responses to their questions, but the appointment was approved. The Committee also recommended approval of the appointment of Carla Lillvik to the Board of Library Trustees. Finally, the Committee considered the promotion of Robert McCarthy to Deputy Fire Chief. Councilor Scott expressed concern that the Administration's policies for promotions aren't consistent. Several more Fire promotions will be submitted in August. Mr. McCarthy's promotion was approved.

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

- B. Mayor's Request 210071 (ID:22892) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christine Lindgren to the Licensing Commission.

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

- C. Mayor's Request 210279 (ID:23100) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Carla Lillvik as a Trustee for the Board of Library Trustees.

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

- D. Mayor's Request 210374 (ID:23229) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Robert McCarthy to the position of Deputy Fire Chief.

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

14. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210386 (ID:23270) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 29, 2020.

Councilor Scott discussed the several Finance Committee budget meetings and said 1,400 people watched them online. This was the first year the hearings were conducted by just the 5 Committee members. He noted that the 2017 budget review took 225 Councilor-hours, 2018 took 315 Councilor-hours, 2019 took 524 Councilor-hours, and this year took 301 Councilor-hours. He thanked City staff for their hard work during the hearings. The Committee did not take action on the budget, knowing the Administration would submit a revised version. Councilor Scott then requested to approve all of the Finance Committee reports. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

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

- B. Resolution 210387 (ID:23243) By City Councilor Scott That the Mayor return to the Finance Committee with an amended budget reflecting an allocation of the cut funds to the Racial and Social Justice Program or to other badly needed city services.

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

- C. Resolution 210388 (ID:23244) By City Councilor Davis That the Administration work collaboratively with this Council on substantial reforms to law enforcement including a Civilian Review Board and an approach to policing that involves civilian responses to matters that are currently addressed by the Police.

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

15. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210389 (ID:23271) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on July 1, 2020.

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

- B. Resolution 210390 (ID:23245) By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Administration fund the additional Float Nurse position in the Health and Human Services Department for 11 months in the FY21 budget.

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

- C. Resolution 210391 (ID:23246) By City Councilor Scott
That the Administration increase the Salaries Account in the Library's FY21 budget by \$43,500, to fully staff the Deputy Director position.

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

16. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210392 (ID:23272) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on July 2, 2020.

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

- B. Resolution 210393 (ID:23247) By City Councilor Scott
That the Mayor allocate full funding for the Talent Acquisition/Asset Manager position in the FY21 budget.

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

17. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210394 (ID:23273) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on July 6, 2020.

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

- B. Resolution 210395 (ID:23248) By City Councilor Scott
That the Mayor increase the Professional and Technical Services Account in the Arts Council by \$35,000 in the FY21 budget.

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

- C. Resolution 210396 (ID:23249) By City Councilor Scott That the Mayor increase the Salaries Account in the Arts Council by \$12,300 to fully fund the Nibble Kitchen Cultural Culinary Coordinator position.

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

18. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210397 (ID:23274) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on July 7, 2020.

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

19. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210398 (ID:23276) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on July 8, 2020.

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

20. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210399 (ID:23278) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on July 9, 2020.

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

- B. Resolution 210400 (ID:23290) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Mayor's Office allocate funds to the City Council for anti-racism training and education.

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

- C. Resolution 210401 (ID:23291) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Mayor hire a research institute and/or individual expert in gender studies and women studies to implement equitable investments in girls in the Fall of 2020, conduct a Pilot/Praxis in the Spring of 2021, and develop an implementation plan by May, 2021.

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

- D. Resolution 210402 (ID:23292) By City Councilor Rossetti That the Administration consider reallocating any funds cut from the DPW Fleet Management budget to the Office of Housing Stability during these COVID times.

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

- E. Resolution 210403 (ID:23293) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Administration increase the Community Engagement Specialist - Nepali interpreter position in the Communications and Community Engagement budget to full-time.

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

- F. Resolution 210404 (ID:23294) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Administration add an additional 10-hour Community Engagement Specialist - Spanish position in the Communications and Community Engagement Department.

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

21. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210405 (ID:23275) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on July 8, 2020.

Councilor White said the Committee report was available online. He noted that the Licensing Commission's authority to license outdoor seating expired November 1, and in response to Councilor Rossetti's concern with outdoor seating after that date, he ordered the City Clerk to notify licensees to apply to the City Council if they wanted to extend those licenses through December and then into 2021.

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

- B. Grant of Location 204351 (ID:17132) Submitted by Eversource to install 7 feet of conduit in Summer St, from Pole 325/4 to a point of pickup at Nunziato Field.

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

- C. Grant of Location 208798 (ID:21688) Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell equipment on a new pole replacing an existing pole at Trum Playground, 546 Broadway.

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

- D. License/Permit 209915 (ID:22764) New Garage License, Car Zone LLC, 486 Columbia St, 2 autos inside, 2 outside, for mechanical repairs only.

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

- E. Mayor's Request 210264 (ID:23114) Requesting approval of an Order to not require this Council's authorization pursuant to Ordinance 12-14 for businesses seeking outdoor food and beverage service on the public way through November 1, 2020.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. License/Permit 210363 (ID:23231) New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Four Wheels Auto, 83 Albion St, 0 autos inside, 0 outside, Mo-Fr 8am-6pm, Sa-Su by appointment.

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

22. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210406 (ID:23279) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on July 13, 2020.

Councilor Davis reported that the City will be entering phase 3 of the State's reopening plan next week, and issuing additional safety guidelines. The volume of the CHA's free Covid-19 testing for residents has increased, and it now takes 1-2 weeks to get an appointment. He encouraged the public to view the minutes online.

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

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 23. | Mayor's Request
210407
(ID:23284) | Requesting the appropriation of \$246,457,214 to fund the FY2021 General Fund Operating Budget. |
| | | <p>Councilor Scott discussed the revised FY21 Budget, which is smaller than the initial budget proposed by the Mayor. The Council made over \$1,000,000 in cuts, which are now being re-invested in several City initiatives. Councilor Rossetti requested clarification of a discrepancy in the FY20 Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Services Account balance. Budget Manager Mike Mastrobuoni explained the discrepancy, and Councilor Rossetti moved to cut \$50,000 from that FY21 Account. Councilor Scott supported the cut, suggesting that the funds be transferred to a salary account. Councilor Ewen-Campen opposed the cut, as did Councilor White, who noted that the department had already received a reduction in funding, and their programs need support during the pandemic. Councilors Niedergang, Mbah and Ballantyne also spoke against the cut, while Councilor McLaughlin supported it. The motion failed, 3 Councilors in favor and 8 opposed.</p> <p>Councilor Niedergang then thanked Chairman Scott and the Finance Committee for their hard work, and he thanked the Administration for providing the Council with detailed documents and quick responses. He expressed gratitude for the Administration's implementation of several Council initiatives. Councilor Davis noted that the Council will have its own legislative budget, with \$250,000 dedicated to the Civilian Review Board process. Other Councilors commended Councilor Scott, the Committee, and the Administration for their hard work and collaboration.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 24. | Mayor's Request
210408
(ID:23285) | Requesting the appropriation of \$521,242 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to the School Department Personal Services Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to fund the first year of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Paraprofessionals. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 25. | Mayor's Request
210409
(ID:23286) | Requesting the appropriation of \$70,200 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to reconstruct the City Hall Fire Escape. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 26. | Withdrawn
210410
(ID:23287) | Withdrawn. |
| | | <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN</p> |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 27. | License/Permit
210411
(ID:23256) | New Drainlayer's License Meninno Construction Corp. |
| | | Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 27 to 39 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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| 28. | License/Permit
210412
(ID:23257) | New Drainlayer's License Kiely Excavation LLC. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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| 29. | License/Permit
210413
(ID:23258) | New Drainlayer's License O'Donoghue Construction Inc. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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| 30. | License/Permit
210414
(ID:23259) | New Drainlayer's License, Atomic Ant Construction Inc. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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| 31. | License/Permit
210415
(ID:23260) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, KB Aruda Construction. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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| 32. | License/Permit
210416
(ID:23262) | Renewing Flammables License, Mobil Mart Plus, 379 Alewife Brook Pkwy. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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| 33. | License/Permit
210417
(ID:23263) | Renewing Garage License, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, 37 Mystic Ave. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 34. License/Permit
210418
(ID:23264) | Renewing Garage License, A Plus Auto Body, 297 Medford St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 35. License/Permit
210419
(ID:23265) | Renewing Garage License, Top Car Auto Repair, 497 Columbia St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 36. License/Permit
210420
(ID:23261) | Extended Operating Hours License, Sam's Falafel and Shawarma, 215 Highland Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 37. License/Permit
210421
(ID:23266) | New Outdoor Seating License, Curry Express, 147b Highland Ave, 1 A-Frame sign. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 38. License/Permit
210422
(ID:23267) | Sign/Awning Permit, Niche Plant Shop, 259 Elm Street, 1 flat sign. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 39. License/Permit
210423
(ID:23268) | Sign/Awning Permit, Innova Beauty Salon, 89 Elm Street, 2 flat signs. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 40. Public
Communication
210424
(ID:23283) | 113 citizens (approx.) submitting comments re: the FY21 budget. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

41. Resolution 210425 (ID:23295) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Administration ensure that all genders have options to self identify in applications, data collection and any other information from the City and School Departments.

Councilor Ballantyne noted research showing that City departments made the necessary changes and the Parks and Recreation application issues were resolved. Applicants can now identify their gender in multiple ways. She has begun working with the School Department to resolve any issues.

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

LATE ITEMS

42. Mayor's Request 210317 (ID:23188) Requesting an appropriation of \$5,253,206 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to reduce the FY2021 Tax Levy.

On a motion by Councilor Scott, items 42 through 59 were all discharged from the Committee on Finance to be acted on as part of the FY21 budget approval process.

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

43. Mayor's Request 210316 (ID:23184) Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinances 2-322 and 2-323 re: non-union salary ranges and position titles.

Discharged from the Committee on Finance.
 Councilor Rossetti noted this item was never considered in Committee. City Clerk John Long said it did not implement a general wage increase. Budget Manager Mike Mastrobuoni said no non-union employees will receive any merit increases in FY21, and no one will be moving up any steps.

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

44. Mayor's Request 210310 (ID:23180) Requesting an appropriation of \$813,707 to fund the FY21 Veterans Memorial & Founders Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget.

Discharged from the Committee on Finance.

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

45. Mayor's Request 210313 (ID:23181) Requesting the appropriation of \$155,692 to fund the FY21 Dilboy Enterprise Fund Budget.

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

46. Mayor's Request 210314 (ID:23182) Requesting the appropriation of \$17,500 from the Dilboy Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY21 Dilboy Enterprise Fund Budget.

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

47. Mayor's Request 210311 (ID:23161) Requesting the appropriation of \$560,628 to fund the FY21 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund Budget.

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

48. Mayor's Request 210312 (ID:23171) Requesting the appropriation of \$348,791 for the FY21 Cable Television PEG Access Fund Budget.

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

49. Mayor's Request 210309 (ID:23172) Requesting to appropriate or reserve \$2,192,190 in estimated FY21 CPA revenue for CPA projects and expenses.

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

50. Mayor's Request 210326 (ID:23185) Requesting approval to create the Racial & Social Justice Fund.

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

51. Mayor's Request 210323 (ID:23187) Requesting the appropriation of \$250,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Racial & Social Justice Fund.

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

52. Mayor's Request 210325 (ID:23186) Requesting approval to create the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund.

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

53. Mayor's Request 210318 (ID:23193) Requesting the appropriation of \$3,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund.

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

54. Mayor's Request 210320 (ID:23195) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund.

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

55. Mayor's Request 210321 (ID:23194) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Green Line Extension Stabilization Fund.

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

56. Mayor's Request 210322 (ID:23192) Requesting an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund.

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

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| 57. Mayor's Request 210315 (ID:23179) | Requesting acceptance of the Federal Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act grant of \$7,191,135. |
| | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Finance.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 58. Mayor's Request 210324 (ID:23189) | Requesting acceptance of CARES Act supplemental grants of \$1,493,384 in CDBG funds and \$750,831 in ESG funds, with no new match required, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to SPCD to prepare for, prevent, and respond to the impacts of Covid-19. |
| | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Finance.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 59. Mayor's Request 210308 (ID:23178) | Requesting the appropriation of \$246,471,192 to fund the FY21 General Fund Operating Budget. |
| | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Finance.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 60. Grant of Location 208976 (ID:21832) | Submitted by Eversource to install 57 feet of conduit in Cedar St from Pole 238/1 to a point of pickup at 171 Cedar St. |
| | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Licenses and Permits.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 61. Order 210426 (ID:23297) | <p>By City Councilor Clingan</p> <p>That the City Engineer and the Director of Water and Sewer appear discuss with this Council's Committee on Public Utilities and Works plans to address multiple drainage issues, including the broken drain on Medford Street at School Street and the insufficient drainage on Richdale Avenue.</p> |
| | <p>Councilor Clingan noted requested that the drainage issues be addressed as soon as possible.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p> |

62. Resolution 210427 (ID:23298) By City Councilor Clingan That Administration and this Council draft a joint letter to urge the city's constables to turn down any requests for eviction assistance for the remainder of 2020.

Councilor Clingan urged drafting a joint Council-Administration letter urging City constables to refuse requests to evict families during the pandemic crisis. Councilor Strezo asked what he anticipated the response would be, and he said he hoped it would encourage them to refuse eviction requests.

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

63. Resolution 210428 (ID:23299) By City Councilor Ballantyne, McLaughlin, Davis, Scott That the Administration advise this Council as soon as possible, what oversight it will implement with Tufts University, following Tufts' decision to invite all undergraduate students back to campus for the fall 2020 semester.

Councilor Ballantyne requested that the Administration advise the Council on the protocols of Tufts' fall semester reopening plan. Councilor Scott commented that Tufts plans to bring back students from around the world.

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

64. Communication 210429 (ID:23301) By City Councilor McLaughlin Acting as President, cancelling the Special meetings of this Council that were scheduled for July 15 and July 16, and the Regular meetings that were scheduled for July 23 and August 13.

Councilor McLaughlin thanked the Finance Committee, Council and staff for their hard work to date, and hoped everyone enjoys their Summer break.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:25 PM.

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

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2020, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
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 (ID:23317) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 210431
 (ID:23318) There were no remembrances.
 RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Public 19 residents requesting a Public Hearing on Tufts University's plans to re-open
 Communication its campus in the fall.
 210432
 (ID:23324) The President opened the public hearing.
 Daisy Monsalve expressed concern for students coming from another
 country to attend Tufts, as she is 78 years old and her daughter has
 underlying health issues. Marcy Nash asked how the school will insure that

students are wearing face masks and following social distancing guidelines. Marianne Walles expressed concern for community exposure to Covid-19, asking how Tufts will meet the sanitation guidelines since they laid off custodians. Ann Camara said many students are walking around campus without a face mask and requested the city enforce fines for not wearing a mask. Tori Antonino asked what safety measures are in place to protect employees and students, how often employees will be tested, if health insurance will be provided to uninsured employees, if workers will be required to quarantine before returning to work, and how the Police Department will work with Tufts. Connor Blanck said that Tufts' reopening might spread Covid-19, and noted that with Somerville schools offering remote learning this year, why isn't Tufts? Miles Donovan said Tufts isn't communicating effectively with its employees, who have great concerns about reopening. Ian Adelman was concerned for the employees and the overcrowded libraries, and said Tufts' President doesn't believe the country is in a pandemic. Anna Leslie was disappointed that a Tufts representative didn't attend tonight's meeting, and said Tufts hasn't financially contributed to the community's recovery, and hasn't acknowledged the public's concerns. Melissa Spatz said the re-opening will impact elderly residents' health, and asked that the city protect the public and monitor the re-opening. Lindsey Patterson asked about testing plans to prevent virus spread. Colleen Flaherty expressed concern with testing students only twice a week and monitoring off-campus students. Jim Bossi asked if the third-party testing vendor hired by Tufts will be able to handle the volume of tests. Susan Murphy was also concerned that the third-party testing vendor wouldn't be able to process the volume of tests, saying the testing protocol is invalid if the vendor can't return results in 24 hours. Kristen Gurdin noted Tufts has set up special housing for ill students on campus, and asked what happens if that housing fills, and if off-campus students would quarantine in their homes. Donna Adams said that as Covid-19 is very contagious, the number of cases will increase. Andrew Franks was concerned that Tufts is relying on off-campus students to self-report for contact tracing, and urged the City to create ways to report off-campus students who aren't following safety guidelines. Fred Berman asked Tufts to present a safety plan to the public, and establish a way for the public to address major concerns to the university. Kate Douglas said that Tufts has refused to pay employees hazard pay or hire needed staff, and that the reopening plan lacks enforcement, mental health resources and a strong testing protocol. Joyce Shortt wanted information on the PILOT tax agreement between Tufts and the City. Monica Holland said many students aren't wearing face masks, and questioned the testing method and timeframe. Joe Kislo said the Broad test they plan to use isn't very accurate and requires the students to self-swab their nose. To get accurate results, a nurse should administer the test and swab the back of the throat. Kathy MacLaughlan said Tufts didn't present a strong reopening plan, with many students traveling from other states with high Covid-19 rates. Frank Lee requested that the Council shut down Tufts. Beverly Schwartz asked how Tufts will insure students are self-administering correctly.

With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until August 21, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely could still testify.

Councilor Rossetti said she's working with the Attorney General to find out if the Council has the authority to shut down Tufts. She noted that there's no

disciplinary protocol in place for students who don't perform the self-administered Covid-19 test. Councilors Niedergang shared his concern. Councilor Strezo added that students traveling here might be unaware of our face mask requirement. Councilor Davis said he will follow up in the Public Health and Public Safety Committee. Councilor Scott requested that the Mayor speak on this matter at the next Council meeting. Councilor Clingan expressed concern, especially since the City's schools have decided not to reopen. Councilor Mbah thanked the public for speaking, and argued that Tufts' campus should remain closed. Councilor White noted that Tufts hasn't applied to renew their Lodging House Licenses yet, and said he would inform the City Solicitor that the campus is housing students with expired licenses. Councilor Ballantyne noted Tufts' lack of communication about its reopening plan, and said that since the public schools are opening remotely, Tufts should follow suit. Councilor Rossetti asked for next steps, and Councilor McLaughlin noted that the Public Health and Public Safety Committee will further discuss the matter. He said the City has restricted the re-opening of many business to protect the public, and the Mayor should do the same with Tufts.

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

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4. Order 210433 (ID:23310) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis That the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Council the feasibility of using weekly pooled Covid-19 testing and/or relatively affordable "test strips" for school children, public employees, and workers at public-facing businesses.

Councilor Ewen-Campen discussed supply chain shortages for Covid-19 testing and suggested pooled testing conducted with groups of students at the same time. If one student comes back with a positive result, all students quarantine. The goal is to offer surveillance testing to combat the spread of the virus.

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

5. Order 210434 (ID:23311) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Finance inform this Council how the recent announcement of a 3-month level funding of State aid will affect the FY21 budget.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that the State will provide level funding for 3-months. Finance Director Ed Bean reported the State is suffering significant revenue shortages (\$6 Billion) and having difficulty projecting both collections and Covid-19 expenses. The City’s final budget for FY21 will be based on revenue projections and supplemental appropriations. He is evaluating municipal revenues and will have revenue projections on September 30. The schools will be the biggest expense this year, including investments in technology, upgrades to ventilation systems, virus testing, sanitation and personal protective equipment.

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

6. Order 210435 (ID:23312) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Strezo, Scott, Mbah, Davis
That the Director of Communications send a city-wide mailer informing residents of the Tenant Notification Act and the ongoing Eviction Moratorium, in light of ongoing unlawful Notices to Quit being distributed to tenants.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that the Council passed the Tenant Notification Act last year, which requires landlords to provide tenants with written documentation of their rights before eviction. Still, many tenants are being evicted who are unaware of those rights. And landlords are illegally increasing rents during the pandemic. He wants the city to inform the public about the Tenant Notification Act on social media. Councilor Strezo expressed how important the Act is and would like the information sent out as soon as possible.

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

7. Order 210436 (ID:23313) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne
That the Chief of Police provide a breakdown of how 911 emergency calls are triaged, coded, and dispatched under our current system.

Councilor Ewen-Campen asked to know how the current 911 system works.

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

8. Order 210437 (ID:23316) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan, Davis, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Scott, White Jr., Rossetti, Ballantyne, Strezo, Mbah That the City Solicitor appear before this Council’s Committee on Legislative Matters with draft language to repeal Ordinance 9-120, the so-called Anti-Gang Loitering Ordinance.

Councilor McLaughlin reported that in the early 2000s the City was experiencing a lot of gang violence. In response, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen passed an Anti-Gang Ordinance. But since the Police never used it, and it deprived individuals of their rights, and he urged that it be repealed. Councilor White said he was on the Board then, and disputed that it took away individuals’ rights. He said the Board took great care to make sure it withstood constitutional scrutiny. He also discussed the gang violence happening then, with gangs taking over neighborhoods, recruiting in the high school, and trafficking drugs. The ordinance applied to neighborhoods with high levels of gang activity, and to individuals with criminal gang-related charges. But he said he now supports its repeal. Councilor Clingan also supported its repeal. Councilor McLaughlin noted it didn’t help combat gang violence and the gang task force was never convened. Councilor Niedergang said it was perceived by the public as anti-Latino, giving authority to the Police to harass young Latino men. He said there was a lot of racial tension in the city then because immigrants of color were moving in, and he supported repealing the ordinance now. Councilor White said the ordinance wasn’t created to harass Hispanic youth; it was created to combat MS-13 gang violence.

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

9. Order 210438 (ID:23315) By City Councilor Rossetti That the Director of Finance report to this Council, all actual state aid appropriations versus budgeted (anticipated) state aid.

For discussion of this item see #210434.

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

10. Communication 210439 (ID:23314) By City Councilor Rossetti Reporting on an additional State appropriation of \$250,000 for High School Construction Project Covid-19 costs.

Councilor Rossetti reported the City received \$250,000 for High School construction costs related to Covid-19. The money is from FY20 and is not part of the FY21 State budget. She thanked Senator Jehlen and the State delegation for their support.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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| 11. | Resolution
209284
(ID:22154) | By City Councilor Scott, Ballantyne, Clingan, Davis, Strezo
Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee. |
| | | <p>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
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| 12. | Resolution
210251
(ID:23145) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Mayor, the Chief of Police and the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council, at its June 11, 2020 meeting, their declaration of Systemic Racism as a Public Safety and Health Emergency. |
| | | <p>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
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| 13. | Grant of
Location
210378
(ID:23269) | Submitted by TC Systems to install 78 feet of conduit in Washington St from Pole 358/58 at the corner of Magnus Ave to a proposed handhole across the street in the sidewalk at Perry Park, then to adjacent Pole 58X. |
| | | <p>Councilor Scott said he communicated with the applicant and engineering team, and the revised plan is satisfactory.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 14. | Mayor's
Request
210440
(ID:23300) | Requesting the change of 5 voting locations: W3 P1 from Properzi Manor to the Central Library Community Room, W3 P3 from the Dante Club to the St. Catherine's Church Gym, W6 P1 from the Kennedy School to the Dilboy VFW Post, W6 P3 from the Holy Bible Baptist Church to the West Somerville Neighborhood School, and W7 P3 from the VNA Alewife Brook Facility to the West Somerville Neighborhood School. |
| | | <p>Councilor Davis expressed concern about moving the W6 P3 polling location to the West Somerville Neighborhood School, as it's unsafe during the pandemic because the windows don't open. He suggested it be moved to the TAB building in Ward 7, but said Tufts hasn't responded to the City's request. Mayor's Aide Khushbu Webber said she reached out to Tufts, which was determining whether the space could be made available all day on September 1. Due to the school year, they were unsure that it would be available on November 3. Councilor Davis expressed disappointment. Councilor Strezo asked if there were any other resources available to the City. Election Commissioner Nick Salerno said he was actively looking for a site, but had mandatory time constraints. Councilor Strezo asked if the City could supply shuttle buses to voters. Mr. Salerno said he would check, but he anticipates many residents will mail in their ballots. Councilor Mbah commented that residents are already stressed. Councilor Scott argued that</p> |

- Tufts should be willing to help during the pandemic. Councilor Clingan said many residents will vote by mail this year, and he supported the Mayor's request.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
15. Mayor's Request 210441 (ID:23302) Requesting approval to appropriate \$170,000 from the Union Sq Community Benefits Stabilization Fund to fund a Main Streets Small Business Liaison and job placement and career navigation services for residents.
- Councilor Scott noted the funds will be used for job training and the community. Mayor's Aide Khushbu Webber said the appropriation is time-sensitive. SPCD Financial Manager Alan Inacio noted the account is a stabilization fund and the appropriation requires a Council vote. Councilor McLaughlin said Union Square activists want to know why the money was disbursed in separate funds, instead of one lump sum. Mr. Inacio noted the account balance is \$214,000 and \$170,000 would be appropriated. Councilor Ewen-Campen noted the Community Benefits Agreement specified multi-year contracts for the positions, but the City is unable to fund multiple years in the contract at this time.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
16. Mayor's Request 210442 (ID:23308) Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Health to the Health and Human Services Department to fund expanded substance use prevention programming.
- Councilor Scott requested to waive the readings of items 16 to 20 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
17. Mayor's Request 210443 (ID:23309) Requesting acceptance of a \$95,000 grant with no new match required, from MA DoT to the SPCD Mobility Division for Shared Streets programming Implementation.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| 18. | Mayor's Request
210444
(ID:23242) | Requesting acceptance of a \$75,000 Taxi Grant with no new match required, from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to the Council on Aging for taxi rides for elders. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 19. | Mayor's Request
210445
(ID:23307) | Requesting acceptance of a \$11,894.30 grant with no new match required, from the Cambridge Health Alliance to the Health and Human Services Department for the Photovoice Gambling Prevention program. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 20. | Mayor's Request
210446
(ID:23303) | Requesting acceptance of a \$6,000 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. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 21. | Officer's Communication
210447
(ID:23325) | Licensing Commission conveying a letter to Tufts University to reinforce outdoor dining guidelines. | <p>Licensing Commission Chair Joseph Lynch noted that Tufts plans to re-open its campus, so he sent to the President the Covid-19 guidelines to be followed at the city's restaurants. He was assured by Government & Community Relations Director Rocco Dirico that they'll be communicated to students and staff. Councilor Ballantyne asked about enforcement, and Mr. Lynch responded that enforcement will be on the restaurants. So far, the restaurants that have been allowed to re-open have been following the safety guidelines, which require the public to wear a face mask and not congregate in groups. Councilor Scott asked what enforcement could be taken against Tufts, and Mr. Lynch responded that Tufts' lodging houses are licensed by the City Council.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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NEW BUSINESS

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| 22. License/Permit
210448
(ID:23321) | New Drainlayer's License, Heimlich Landscaping & Constrution Corp.

Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 22 to 25 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 23. License/Permit
210449
(ID:23319) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, JNJ Sacca.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 24. License/Permit
210450
(ID:23320) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Marchi Paving.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 25. License/Permit
210451
(ID:23322) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Eastern Transportation, Med #73,87.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 26. Public
Communication
210452
(ID:23323) | LaCourt Foundation LLC proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property at 34-36 Merriam St to UR.

Also referred to the Planning Board.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee |
| 27. Public
Communication
210453
(ID:23326) | 13 citizens submitting comments re: Tufts plans to re-open its campus in the fall.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

28. Order 210454 (ID:23328) By City Councilor Scott, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Strezo, Clingan
That the City Solicitor draft language to prohibit the use of prison labor of any kind for city projects, including the Middlesex Sheriff's Community Work Program.

Councilor Scott said the Sheriff's Community Work Program allows incarcerated individuals onto city property to perform work that could be done by city employees, and the city doesn't pay for it. He supported a prohibition on using prison labor in municipal properties. Councilors Strezo, McLaughlin and Clingan concurred.

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

29. Order 210455 (ID:23329) By City Councilor Scott
That the Chief of Police provide to this Council an itemized statement of all materials, tools, and property owned or leased by the City for use of the Police Department.

Councilor Scott requested an itemized list of all equipment used by the Police Department, and said he'd file a Public Records Request if necessary. He also wanted to find out what durable equipment might be acquired by the Department then given to individual Police Officers, and how that equipment was determined to be surplus.

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

30. Order 210456 (ID:23330) By City Councilor Scott
That the Chief of Police provide to this Council an itemized statement of any equipment purchased on behalf of employees of the Police Department which became the individual employee's property.

For discussion of this item see #210455.

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

31. Order 210457 (ID:23327) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Finance update this Council on Aug. 5, 2020 with an overview of municipal trends and the City's finances.

For discussion of this item see #210434.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

32. Order 210458 (ID:23332) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang
That the Director of Finance and the Director of the Arts Council discuss with this Council's Finance Committee several suggestions for assistance proposed by a group of Somerville arts and cultural organizations.

Councilor Ballantyne reported that 17 local art organizations have asked for assistance, and she requested that the Finance Committee review the ideas outlined in the request.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

33. Communication 210459 (ID:23331) By City Councilor Ballantyne
Conveying her correspondence with Tufts University President Monaco regarding Tufts' Fall re-opening plans.

Councilor Ballantyne noted that a letter she sent to Tufts President Monaco is attached for the Council's review.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

LATE ITEMS

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

Councilor Ballantyne thanked Councilor Davis for this item, especially as the shuttle operates in Davis Square and students queue there. She recommended the shuttle be moved to private property.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

35. Public Communication 210461 (ID:23334) Tufts Director of Government & Community Relations responding to the Licensing Commission Chair's request (#210447) to convey the Commission's guidelines for outdoor dining to students, faculty and staff.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:25 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 210462
 (ID:23378) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 210463
 (ID:23379) Councilor Scott and Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored a moment of silence for Kenneth Thomas.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting on June 19, 2020, and the Regular Meeting on June 25, 2020.
 210464
 (ID:23380) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4. Grant of Location 210465 (ID:23348) Submitted by TC Systems to install 490 feet of conduit from existing Metro Media manhole #SOM6A in New Washington Street to a proposed manhole in Inner Belt Road, then branching 97 feet to two proposed handholes in the Innerbelt Road sidewalk and 15 feet to an existing Cable TV manhole in Inner Belt Road.

The President opened the public hearing. Siena Engineer Group representative Adam Heller described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 5. Withdrawn 210466 (ID:23340) Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

- 6. Communication 210467 (ID:23339) By City Councilor Strezo Reporting on the number of rape kits administered in the past 5 years and how many of them were included as evidence in cases that went to court.

Councilor Strezo thanked the Police Department for supplying data on the number of rape kits administered in the past 5 years, and she requested that this information be publicly available. She said many locations don't process rape kits, although they can help convict serial rapists, and there is a backlog of unprocessed rape kits across the nation. In Somerville, the data shows 7 rape kits performed in 2015, 21 in 2016, 6 in 2017, 10 in 2018, 4 in 2019 and 6 so far in 2020. The District Attorney's Office can provide information on the number used in trials.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

- 7. Communication 210468 (ID:23341) By City Councilor Strezo Reporting on the Affordable Housing Trust Fund meeting of August 13, 2020.

Councilor Strezo asked to delay this report to the next meeting.

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FOLLOWUP: City Council

8. Resolution 210469 (ID:23360) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne, Clingan That the Administration update this Council on any discussions regarding a regional E-911 call center, and how such a center would impact the re-imagining of how emergency dispatch is done in Somerville.

Councilor Niedergang said there have previously been discussions about creating a regional E-911 call center, and he requested an update. Councilor Clingan noted 96% of 911 calls are routed to the Police, and creating an alternate phone number will insure calls are routed to the correct department.

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

9. Resolution 210470 (ID:23361) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne That the Administration inform this Council about any proposals to integrate police and fire emergency dispatch operations, and, if there are no proposals, share its position on a centralized emergency dispatch system.

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

10. Order 210471 (ID:23362) By City Councilor White Jr., Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services, the City Treasurer and the City Solicitor appear before this Council, or appropriate committee, to discuss the implementation of Ordinance 8.3 as to the denial of building permits to those who have failed to pay City-imposed fines.

Councilor White questioned if the Inspectional Services Department is enforcing Ordinance 8.3. The ordinance can be used to deny building permits and allow unpaid fines to be levied against real estate as a lien. Councilor Niedergang thanked him for his hard work, saying it could help stop developers who are breaking the law from receiving building permits.

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

11. Ordinance 210472 (ID:23365) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen Proposing zoning map changes to 8 properties on McGrath Hwy between 368 and 414 McGrath Hwy, as listed within.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted a joint public hearing will be held on September 15 to discuss all pending map amendments, including a Gilman Square resident petition.

This item was also referred to the Planning Board.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

12. Order 210473 (ID:23364) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Clingan, Scott, Mbah That the Director of SPCD report to this Council the status and timeline-to-opening of the 3 cannabis dispensaries that have received licenses, and the status of subsequent rounds of applicants to the Marijuana Advisory Committee.

Councilor Ewen-Campen reported many residents have expressed interest in adult use recreational cannabis dispensaries and he would like to know when the three dispensaries that were granted licenses plan to open. Councilor Scott noted that many residents have contacted him as well, and he looks forward to an update.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

13. Communication 210474 (ID:23363) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan Updating this Council on community working group discussions on "re-imagining" Somerville's response to non-violent emergencies.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that during the budget process the Council made a commitment to three major initiatives to reimagine policing: 1) a Director of Racial and Social Justice to coordinate programs, 2) a Council-led process to create civilian oversight, and 3) alternate responses for non-violent emergencies. The Administration provided some proposed timelines, including a six-month community process initiative starting October 2020. He encouraged the public to contact their Ward Councilor to get involved. Councilor Scott thanked Councilor Ewen-Campen for his efforts, and said he looks forward to the end result next year.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

14. Order 210475 (ID:23366) By City Councilor Mbah, Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken street light on Woods Avenue.
- Councilor Mbah noted the broken streetlight on Woods Avenue was reported to the DPW over a month ago.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
15. Order 210476 (ID:23367) By City Councilor Clingan, Scott, Davis, Mbah, Strezo That the Chief of Police provide to this Council the number of confirmed shootings since January 2018, including the dates, times, locations, number of rounds fired, and what or who those rounds hit.
- Councilor Clingan reported there have been many shootings in the community and increased gang activity. He asked the Chief of Police provide confirmed shooting data for the Council to review. Councilor Ballantyne thanked Councilor Clingan for this item, and noted a similar order she submitted requesting the Police Department to use social media platforms to post crime log information. Councilor Clingan said the City of Boston provides shooting data to the public and he looks forward to establishing the same protocol here. He asked that the readings of #210477 and #210478 be waived and the items approved.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
16. Order 210477 (ID:23368) By City Councilor Clingan, Scott, Davis, Strezo, Mbah That the Chief of Police provide to this Council the number of times and locations that shot spotter has been triggered since January 2018.
- For discussion of this item, see #210476.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
17. Order 210478 (ID:23369) By City Councilor Clingan, Scott, Ballantyne, Mbah, Davis, Strezo That the Chief of Police utilize social media, including Twitter, to let residents know when there have been shots fired or when the Police make a firearm arrest.
- For discussion of this item, see #210476.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

18. Order 210479 (ID:23370) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of SPCD deploy traffic calming measures to reduce speeding vehicles on Heath Street from Moreland to Temple Streets, on Sycamore Street from Medford Street to Broadway, and on Shore Drive from Rts 16 to 38.

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

19. Order 210480 (ID:23376) By City Councilor McLaughlin
Proposing the re-appointment of John Long to the position of City Clerk for a three-year term.

Councilor McLaughlin recommended re-appointing John Long as City Clerk. Councilor Ballantyne supported the re-appointment, saying he has worked with her for 6 years and is a great support to the city. Councilor Rossetti expressed gratitude for his service but noted that appointments are usually referred to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. Councilor Scott also expressed concern about changing the regular process and encouraged the Council to refer the item to Committee. Councilor Strezo requested clarification, and Councilor McLaughlin said the Council could approve the re-appointment or refer it to Committee. Councilor Strezo thanked Mr. Long for his support. Councilor White noted that the Council has few direct appointments, and a Committee meeting isn't necessary and doesn't establish a precedent. Councilor Ballantyne, Clingan and Strezo concurred. Councilor Davis said he understands Councilor Rossetti's position but is in favor of approving Mr. Long's re-appointment tonight. Councilor Mbah added his support. Councilor Scott commented that while referring the item to Committee allows the Council to investigate any concerns they may have, he is in favor of approving this re-appointment. Councilor Rossetti said she will insure that future City Council re-appointments are approved at City Council meetings. Councilor McLaughlin said the Council can choose whether or not this item is precedent-setting.

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

20. Communication 210481 (ID:23359) By City Councilor Rossetti
Reporting on the August 17, 2020 meeting of the High School Building Committee.

Councilor Rossetti noted the High School completion date is mid-November and schools will conduct virtual learning this year. The Superintendent and School Committee will evaluate opening the schools to students during the pandemic. She expressed concern for the project's contingency account and anticipates \$88 million in cost savings for bonding due to low interest rates. A video tour of the new facility for the public is being produced.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 21. Resolution 209284 (ID:22154) By City Councilor Scott, Ballantyne, Clingan, Davis, Strezo Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.

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FOLLOWUP:	City Council

- 22. Resolution 210251 (ID:23145) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Mayor, the Chief of Police and the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council, at its June 11, 2020 meeting, their declaration of Systemic Racism as a Public Safety and Health Emergency.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 23. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
 - A. Committee Report 210482 (ID:23338) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on August 17, 2020 as a Committee of the Whole.

	Councilor Davis reported the Committee discussed the Tufts reopening plan with the Mayor, and the meeting minutes are available online. Councilors discussed Covid-19 testing for remote students participating in virtual learning. Councilor Ballantyne commented that 113 students will be residing in the community and learning remotely, and she said Tufts can't require remote students to participate in testing. Councilor Rossetti said the Board of Health can take control during pandemics and, since remote students still need to use campus resources like the library, they should be required to participate in testing. She moved that the Director of Health and Human Services report on his Department's authority to order testing for Tufts students living off-campus in Somerville. Health and Human Services Director Doug Kress said he would work with the legal team to provide the requested information within 7 days.
RESULT:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

 - B. Resolution 210483 (ID:23344) By City Councilor Rossetti That the Administration consider relief for local small businesses as it relates to their annual renewal of licenses and associated fees.

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

- C. Resolution 210484 (ID:23345) By City Councilor White Jr. That the Administration work with this Council for a smooth transition of outdoor seating permits when they reach the Council for renewal beyond November 1.

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

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

24. Mayor's Request 210485 (ID:23305) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$47,572.46 using available funds in the Law Department's Legal Services Account for outside legal counsel services.

Councilor Scott recommended approval of all prior-year invoice payment requests presented tonight.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

25. Mayor's Request 210486 (ID:23347) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$130 using available funds in the Health and Human Services Professional & Technical Services Account for sign language interpreter services.

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

26. Mayor's Request 210487 (ID:23356) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice for \$31.75 using available funds in the Inspectional Services Department's Credit Card Convenience Fee Account for online payment processing services.

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

27. Mayor's Request 210488 (ID:23335) Requesting acceptance of a \$254,840 grant that requires a match, from the Dept. of Homeland Security to the Fire Department for hazardous materials training.

Councilor Scott noted the grant funds have been appropriated in the budget.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| 28. Mayor's Request 210489 (ID:23306) | Requesting acceptance of a \$3,418 grant with no new match required, from the MA Board of Library Commissioners to the Public Library to provide "Virtual Programming for Distance Learning" workshops and kits. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 29. Mayor's Request 210490 (ID:23337) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Hayley Bermel to the Commission for Women. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 30. Mayor's Request 210491 (ID:23350) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kerri Connolly to the Memorialization Committee. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 31. Mayor's Request 210492 (ID:23351) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sara Marx to the Memorialization Committee. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

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| 32. Officer's Communication 210493 (ID:23346) | Police Chief responding to #210436 re: 911 emergency call policies and procedures. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
 FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> |
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NEW BUSINESS

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| 33. License/Permit 210494 (ID:23357) | New Drainlayer's License, JBC Utility LLC. | <p>Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 33 to 35 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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| 34. | License/Permit
210495
(ID:23349) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Environic Solutions. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 35. | License/Permit
210496
(ID:23352) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Baystate Engineering. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 36. | Public
Communication
210497
(ID:23377) | 11 citizens submitting comments re: Tufts plans to re-open its campus in the fall. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 37. | Order
210498
(ID:23422) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
In his capacity as President, Recommending the appointment of Councilor Wilfred Mbah to the Memorialization Committee. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 38. | Communication
210499
(ID:23381) | By City Councilor Scott, Davis, Mbah, Ewen-Campen
Updating this Council on the status of the creation of a Police Commission and Community Police Review Agency. | <p>Councilor Scott reported the goal of a group he's working with is to create a Civilian Police Commission with the authority to review police policies and participate in disciplinary action of police officers. The group also wants to create an Independent Review Agency for independent investigations of police complaints. They plan to fill two positions, for community outreach and for policy development. Councilor Davis said job descriptions for the two positions have been drafted. Councilor Mbah encouraged the public to contact their Ward Councilor to get involved in the process.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

39. Order 210500 (ID:23383) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott, Strezo, Mbah That the Chief of Police, the Director of Parking and the Director of SPCD discuss enforcement to eliminate delivery and other vehicles from parking on the Beacon Street cycle track, in order to provide a safe biking route for bicyclists.
- Councilor Ballantyne said the Bike Committee wants to protect the bike lane on Beacon Street. Cyclists report that delivery trucks park illegally on the lane, creating a safety hazard. Councilor Scott agreed that the Beacon Street cycle track is a safety hazard, and said the city must enforce the laws to protect the public. Councilor Niedergang noted that blocking bike lanes is a problem in Ward 5, and Councilor Ballantyne agreed to submit an order to protect bike lanes citywide.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
40. Resolution 210501 (ID:23384) By City Councilor Strezo, Clingan, Ballantyne, Scott, White Jr. That the Middlesex County District Attorney provide this Council with the number of rape kits tested and the number used as evidence in Somerville court cases over the past 5 years, and explain how they are handled once received by the District Attorney’s Office.
- For discussion of this item see #210467.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
41. Order 210502 (ID:23423) By City Councilor Davis That #210331 be discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters for action by this Council.
- Councilor Davis said that per the City Solicitor, no re-drafting is needed for this item, so he requested it be discharged from the Legislative Matters Committee and approved. The goal is to protect residents from unscrupulous developers. Councilor Rossetti questioned why the Administration never brought this to her attention and thanked Councilors Davis and White for taking the initiative. Councilor McLaughlin expressed concern that the Inspectional Services Department doesn’t enforce the ordinances when developers are breaking the law.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
42. Withdrawn 210503 (ID:23382) Withdrawn.
- RESULT:** WITHDRAWN

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| 43. | License/Permit
210504
(ID:23385) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 136 Curtis St.

Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 43 to 79 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 |
| 44. | License/Permit
210505
(ID:23386) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 176 Curtis St.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 45. | License/Permit
210506
(ID:23387) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 90-92-94 Curtis St.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 46. | License/Permit
210507
(ID:23388) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 12 Dearborn Rd.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 47. | License/Permit
210508
(ID:23389) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 32 Dearborn Rd.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 48. | License/Permit
210509
(ID:23390) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 98 Packard Ave.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 49. | License/Permit
210510
(ID:23391) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 125 Powderhouse Blvd.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 50. | License/Permit
210511
(ID:23392) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Professors Row.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 51. | License/Permit
210512
(ID:23393) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 14 Professors Row.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |

52.	License/Permit 210513 (ID:23394)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 28 Professors Row. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
53.	License/Permit 210514 (ID:23395)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 92 Professors Row. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
54.	License/Permit 210515 (ID:23396)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 106 Professors Row. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
55.	License/Permit 210516 (ID:23397)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 56-64 Professors Row. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
56.	License/Permit 210517 (ID:23398)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13 Sawyer Ave. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
57.	License/Permit 210518 (ID:23399)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 37 Sawyer Ave. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
58.	License/Permit 210519 (ID:23400)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Sawyer Ave. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
59.	License/Permit 210520 (ID:23401)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 9-11 Sunset Rd. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
60.	License/Permit 210521 (ID:23402)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 101 Talbot Ave. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
61.	License/Permit 210522 (ID:23403)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13-15 Talbot Ave. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

62.	License/Permit 210523 (ID:23404)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Whitfield Rd. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
63.	License/Permit 210524 (ID:23405)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 21 Whitfield Rd. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
64.	License/Permit 210525 (ID:23410)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 15 Whitfield Rd. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
65.	License/Permit 210526 (ID:23411)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 100 Talbot Ave. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
66.	License/Permit 210527 (ID:23412)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Talbot Ave. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
67.	License/Permit 210528 (ID:23413)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 40A-F Latin Way. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
68.	License/Permit 210529 (ID:23414)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 73 Powderhouse Blvd. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
69.	License/Permit 210530 (ID:23415)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 29 Latin Way. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
70.	License/Permit 210531 (ID:23416)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 43 Latin Way. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

71.	License/Permit 210532 (ID:23417)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 39R Latin Way. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
72.	License/Permit 210533 (ID:23418)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 75-85 Packard Ave. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
73.	License/Permit 210534 (ID:23421)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 123 Packard Ave. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
74.	License/Permit 210535 (ID:23406)	Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Theta Chi, 100 Packard Ave. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
75.	License/Permit 210536 (ID:23407)	Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Alpha Phi, 14 Sawyer Ave. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
76.	License/Permit 210537 (ID:23408)	Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Alpha Omicron Pi, 25 Whitfield Rd. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
77.	License/Permit 210538 (ID:23419)	Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Zeta Beta Tau, 126 Packard Ave. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
78.	License/Permit 210539 (ID:23409)	Renewing Lodging House License, Alpha Tau Omega, 134 Professors Row. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
79.	License/Permit 210540 (ID:23420)	Renewing Lodging House License, Delta Tau Delta, 98 Professors Row. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

LATE ITEMS

80. Order 210331 (ID:23197) By City Councilor White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah That fines for code violations assessed pursuant to MGL c148A for violations of the state building code and the state fire safety code shall be subject to collection as a municipal charges lien, pursuant to Chapter 252 of the Acts of 1996.

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters. For discussion of this item see #210502.

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

81. Order 210541 (ID:23428) By City Councilor Rossetti That the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Council, within 7 days, the ability of the Health Department or the Administration to order Covid-19 testing of all Tufts college students living in Somerville, whether attending classes virtually or in hybrid mode.

For discussion of this item see #210482.

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

82. Order 210542 (ID:23425) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne, Mbah That the Director of SPCD update this Council on the plans and process for the Holland Street and College Avenue mobility improvements.

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

83. Order 210543 (ID:23427) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the President update this Council on when its Racism training will be, and advise what criteria was used to select a trainer.

Councilor McLaughlin noted he spoke with the Mayor's Aide and will provide an update soon.

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

84. Order 210544 (ID:23429) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Chief of Police, the Director of Parking and the Director of SPCD discuss enforcement to eliminate delivery and other vehicles from parking on protected bike lanes throughout the city.

For discussion of this item see #210500.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2020, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 210545
 (ID:23461) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 210546
 (ID:23462) Councilor Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Julia DiPasquale and Robert McNary. Councilor Niedergang sponsored a moment of silence for Robert Regan.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, June 30, 2020, and the Regular Meeting, July 14, 2020.
 210547
 (ID:23463) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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| 4. | Grant of Location 210548 (ID:23435) | Submitted by Eversource to install 26 feet of conduit in Indiana Avenue, from manhole 4712 to a point of pickup at 26-28 Indiana Avenue. |
| | | <p>President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

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| 5. | Order 210549 (ID:23441) | By City Councilor Strezo, Clingan
That the Chief of Police increase traffic monitoring of the Ward 4 bus lanes on Broadway for the next 6 weeks, especially at high traffic times, to educate the public on the purpose and use of these lanes. |
| | | <p>Councilor Clingan said monitoring of the bus lanes is ongoing and a decision will be made on their utility.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 6. | Order 210550 (ID:23455) | By City Councilor Strezo, Niedergang, Ballantyne
That the Director of Personnel provide a written demographic breakdown of employees in the E-911, Fire Alarm, and Constituent Services Departments. (2nd request) |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> |
| 7. | Order 210551 (ID:23450) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Finance update the City Council at its September 10, 2020 meeting regarding the municipal financial trends and overview of the city's finances. |
| | | <p>For discussion of this item see #210592.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

8. Order 210552 (ID:23465) By City Councilor Rossetti, Ballantyne
That the appointments of Clerks of Committees Rose Durham, Peter Forcellese, and Kim Wells (#s 207414, 207415, 209505, 209506, 209507) be discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters and approved.

Councilor Rossetti said that following the re-appointment of City Clerk John Long, she wanted to do the same with the Clerks of Committee. Their rapid shift to new technologies in the wake of Covid-19 and remote meetings has been great.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

9. Resolution 210553 (ID:23456) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Davis
That the Administration and this Council create safe guidelines for this year's Halloween so kids can have a safe and spooky holiday.

Councilor Ewen-Campen urged the creation of safe guidelines to make sure that Halloween this year is safe and spooky.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

10. Order 210554 (ID:23457) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Mbah
That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parking work with the Ward 3 City Councilor, Riverside Community Care, and residents on mitigating the parking and traffic issues associated with the new Riverside facility at 117 Summer Street.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said the neighborhood is concerned about parking, with the recent opening of the Riverside Community Care facility.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

11. Order 210555 (ID:23459) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to require municipal licensing of rental car businesses, to address the issue of these businesses illegally parking their rental fleet on residential streets.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said a specific car rental agency is basically parking its fleet on public streets. He'd like to make sure that car rental agencies are regulated. Councilor White expressed his support.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

12. Order 210556 (ID:23460) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of Inspectional Services ensure the fencing around the former gas station at 73 Summer Street is secure, and take enforcement actions if it is not.

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

13. Resolution 210557 (ID:23458) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Davis, Ballantyne Congratulating the Administration on a very successful rehabilitation and re-opening of Prospect Hill Park, and requesting a reduction in the excessively bright lighting from the new lamp posts.

Councilor Ewen-Campen commended the city for the beautiful new Prospect Hill Park, but said that the lighting is very bright. Councilor Scott said that inappropriately bright and blue lighting continues to be a problem, and he said a resident who is a lighting expert has urged adoption of an ordinance to restrict the light tones that can be used. Councilor Davis noted that past attempts to change lighting tones have failed, and he moved that the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to do just that (see #210605). Councilor Clingan noted past Council actions on a dark-sky ordinance, and Councilor Ballantyne said that such language is embedded in the new zoning ordinance.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. Resolution 209284 (ID:22154) By City Councilor Scott, Ballantyne, Clingan, Davis, Strezo Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.

Councilor Scott noted that Congresswoman Pressley proved to be prescient when she proposed the People’s Justice Guarantee in November, 2019. He recommended approval of the updated text he submitted today. Councilor Rossetti supported the aims of the resolution, but objected to Clause 6 calling for the removal of Police Officers from schools. Councilor Niedergang also objected to Clause 6, arguing that the School Department isn’t criminalizing Black and brown students. Councilor Ballantyne agreed that Clause 6 was problematic, and said students should have a chance to provide input. Councilors Mbah and Ewen-Campen and supported the entirety of the resolution. Councilor Clingan opposed Clause 6. Councilor Strezo said that criminalization of Black and brown students does happen, and she’d like to hear from students. Councilor White urged that Clause 6 not be adopted without hearings or evidence, and said that the School Committee should be left to address school matters. He did urge support for the last part of Clause 6, to increase funding for trauma support, comprehensive mental health, and restorative services. Councilor Davis said a vote for the resolution is an act of support for the School Committee’s ongoing work. President McLaughlin said that the School Committee is working on these issues, and supported amending Clause 6.

During debate, Councilor Niedergang moved to amend the Resolution. The amendment was approved with 7 members in favor (Clingan, Mbah, White Jr., Ballantyne, Niedergang, Rossetti and McLaughlin) and 4 members opposed (Strezo, Davis, Scott and Ewen-Campen).

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

AMENDED: In the next-to-last Resolution, the original text ". . . the City Council calls upon the Somerville School Committee and School Department to end the criminalization of Black and brown students in school, including ending any zero-tolerance school discipline policies, the removal of police and school resource officers, the decriminalization of truancy, and requesting increased funds . . ." was replaced by the phrase ". . . the City Council calls for increased funds . . .".

15. Communication By City Councilor Strezo
210468
(ID:23341) Reporting on the Affordable Housing Trust Fund meeting of August 13, 2020.

Councilor Strezo said the Covid-19 relief fund has been exhausted. It can take up to two months between application and the receipt of assistance. Applications have largely come from households who aren't eligible for government benefits. Of the 1,200 applications for funds, 2/3 were for rental assistance, totaling \$1,500,000.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

16. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
210558
(ID:23433) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on September 8, 2020.

Councilor Scott reported that the Committee's discussed the remediation of Conway Park, and the funding differential between 18" remediation and 36" remediation. The Committee discussed the vacant property registration fee, and the Mayor's recommendation of a \$500 fee. The Committee considered a range of fees between \$0 and \$1,000, and is awaiting further information. The Director of ISD updated the Committee on rodent control, saying the city is preparing a new pest management plan. The Committee also discussed a request from arts organizations for governmental assistance during the pandemic. Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that the Labor Counsel's opinion on the Council's role in collective bargaining agreements (#210582) indicates that the Council can only vote to approve or deny the funding.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

- B. Order 209753 (ID:22604) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Communications and the Director of Finance discuss all telecom contracts, their renewal, and how they affect the city budget, PEG, and the Somerville Media Center.

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

- C. Order 209805 (ID:22734) By City Councilor Niedergang, Scott, Ballantyne
That the Administration present to this Council a more-detailed estimate of the cost of remediating Conway Field down to 36” rather than 18”, with a timeline for the additional digging and any other relevant information.

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

- D. Order 209814 (ID:22769) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Finance and the Director of Parks and Recreation advise this Council on the disposition of funds for the boat house.

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

- E. Order 209815 (ID:22770) By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of SPCD provide a comprehensive description of DIF funds and uses on projects in Assembly Square and independently by FRIT.

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

- F. Order 209816 (ID:22771) By City Councilor White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD provide this Council with the terms of the recent approval of the State's I-Cubed bonds at Assembly Square to FRIT, including any changes from what the Board of Aldermen approved.

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

- G. Order 210220 (ID:23076) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezo
That the Director of Finance and the Budget Director provide funding equity for girls in the FY21 budget with respect to Parks and Recreation Department sports and activities as well as High School varsity sports and activities.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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- H. Order 210252 (ID:23143) By City Councilor Ballantyne, McLaughlin
That the Director of Finance submit to this Council by June 17, 2020, an updated FY21 Capital Projects Plan, taking into account the Administration's freeze on all capital projects during the COVID-19 health emergency.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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- I. Order 210253 (ID:23144) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott, McLaughlin
That the Director of Finance submit to this Council, a list of all anticipated new and renewal contracts to be signed in July 2020.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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- J. Order 210292 (ID:23163) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Chief of Police or the Director of Personnel report to this Council, no later than June 18, the number and rank of all sworn officers and civilian employees (including job titles) in the Police Department, yearly from 1987 to 2020.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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- K. Order 210293 (ID:23165) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne
That the Chief of Police verify whether the Marshall Project website's report that the Police Department received 26 5.56 millimeter rifles worth \$4,257 from the federal government is accurate, whether those rifles are currently in the Department's possession, and what their purpose and potential use is.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- L. Order 210305 (ID:23175) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Finance and Director of Budgeting update and submit the 10-year budget forecast in preparation for the FY21 budget review.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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- M. Order 210332 (ID:23206) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Clingan, Rossetti, Scott, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the City Solicitor explain in writing prior to July 1, how Chapter 589 of the Acts of 1987, "An Act Relative to Dispute Resolution" may provide this Council with the ability to modify or reject components of collective bargaining agreements that reached an impasse and entered arbitration.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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- N. Order 210342 (ID:23198) By City Councilor White Jr. That the Director of Finance address the Finance Committee on the status of the Central Hill bond appropriation, and whether it should be reduced by \$206,000 as a result of applying CPA funds to the project.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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- O. Resolution 210358 (ID:23227) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr. That the Mayor move the Rodent Home Assistance Program from the Department of Inspectional Services to the Department of Health and Human Services to streamline rodent assistance for neighbors.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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- P. Mayor's Request 210441 (ID:23302) Requesting approval to appropriate \$170,000 from the Union Sq Community Benefits Stabilization Fund to fund a Main Streets Small Business Liaison and job placement and career navigation services for residents.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- Q. Order 210458 (ID:23332) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang That the Director of Finance and the Director of the Arts Council discuss with this Council’s Finance Committee several suggestions for assistance proposed by a group of Somerville arts and cultural organizations.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

17. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210559 (ID:23431) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on September 1, 2020.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen said the Committee focused on a proposed affordable housing overlay district. A panel of housing developers addressed the Committee about affordable housing development in the city. The panel’s consensus was that 100% affordable projects should be made “by-right.” Otherwise as much clarity as possible is needed so projects are not easily appealable. They said requirements for site plan review, to mitigate site-specific issues, could ensure high-quality construction. Current market funding prefers projects in the 25-50 unit range in a 7-story building, but 7-story buildings aren’t allowed in any district in the city. They said ground floor retail is also an issue.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Officer's Communication 200688 (ID:13303) Planning Director submitting the Housing Needs Assessment required by Zoning Ordinance 13.8 as a pre-requisite to the completion of any amendments to the Inclusionary Zoning requirements.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

18. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210560 (ID:23432) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on September 3, 2020.
- Councilor Davis said the Committee took up the revision to the demolition review ordinance. The language was ready to go, but a demolition review delay period of 18 to 24 months was discussed. The Committee will await a final draft from the Administration. The Committee also discussed repealing the so-called anti-gang loitering ordinance, and moved to approve #210581. The Committee will await a Law Office draft of a Home Rule Petition to repeal the State’s Special Act on anti-gang loitering.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Order 210437 (ID:23316) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan, Davis, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Scott, White Jr., Rossetti, Ballantyne, Strezo, Mbah That the City Solicitor appear before this Council’s Committee on Legislative Matters with draft language to repeal Ordinance 9-120, the so-called Anti-Gang Loitering Ordinance.

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

- C. Order 210561 (ID:23443) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the City Solicitor prepare a Home Rule Petition to repeal Chapter 327 of the Acts of 2004, which follows up on the so-called anti-gang loitering ordinance.

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

19. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210562 (ID:23434) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on September 9, 2020.

Councilor White said the Committee discussed outdoor seating, with the Licensing Commission’s authority to regulate it ending on November 1. He said he would propose extending that authority, for discussion at the next Committee meeting. The Committee then addressed Tufts lodging house license renewals. Tufts representatives reviewed the precautions they’re taking to control the pandemic on campus. Councilor Scott asked about disciplinary actions, and the Committee asked for information from the Tufts and Somerville police for review at the next meeting. Councilor White asked the City Solicitor and Health Director to draft a condition giving the city the ability to conduct a show-cause hearing to repeal a lodging house license if safety conditions were not met. The Council discussed possible fines for safety violations.

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

20. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
210563
(ID:23430) | Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on August 31, 2020. |
| | | <p>Councilor Davis reported that the Committee met mostly with respect to Tufts re-opening its campus, and learned that compliance with Tufts protocols is voluntary for the 130 students living off-campus in Somerville.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 21. | Mayor's Request
210564
(ID:23449) | Requesting the appropriation of \$240,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the FY21 Tree planting program. |
| | | <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of #s 21-27 and refer them to the Finance Committee.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 22. | Mayor's Request
210565
(ID:23445) | Requesting a transfer of \$13,228 from the Fire Department Ordinary Maintenance Account to the Fire Alarm Ordinary Maintenance Account to fund a technical service agreement for a 911 line into Fire Alarm. |
| | | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 23. | Mayor's Request
210566
(ID:23374) | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$2,332.89 unencumbered using available funds in the DPW Lights and Lines budget. |
| | | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 24. | Mayor's Request
210567
(ID:23353) | 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. |
| | | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 25. | Mayor's Request
210568
(ID:23438) | Requesting acceptance of a \$99,605 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Energy Resources Green Communities program to the Office of Sustainability & Environment for energy efficiency projects. |
| | | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |

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| 26. Mayor's Request 210569 (ID:23355) | Requesting acceptance of a \$25,602 grant that requires a match, from the Metro Mayors Shannon Initiative to the Police Department for youth violence prevention. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 27. Mayor's Request 210570 (ID:23439) | Requesting acceptance of a \$2,250 grant with no new match required, from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for operational and programming support. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 28. Mayor's Request 210571 (ID:23118) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Giovanna Lorenzet Marin to the position of Reserve Police Officer.

Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the readings of #s 28-36 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 29. Mayor's Request 210572 (ID:23119) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jamey Thompson to the position of Reserve Police Officer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 30. Mayor's Request 210573 (ID:23120) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jose DaCosta to the position of Reserve Police Officer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 31. Mayor's Request 210574 (ID:23121) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kelsey Malloy-Ripley to the position of Reserve Police Officer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 32. Mayor's Request 210575 (ID:23122) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kevin Henriquez to the position of Reserve Police Officer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

33. Mayor's Request 210576 (ID:23123) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kyle Lentini to the position of Reserve Police Officer.

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

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

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

35. Mayor's Request 210578 (ID:23125) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Richard Lavey III to the position of Reserve Police Officer.

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

36. Mayor's Request 210579 (ID:23126) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of William Wood to the position of Reserve Police Officer.

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

37. Mayor's Communication 210580 (ID:23447) Conveying the executed Memorandum of Agreement with DCR for the Dilboy Complex.

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

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

38. Officer's Communication 210581 (ID:23444) Assistant City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance to repeal Ordinance 9-120, the "Criminal Street Gang Activity as Public Nuisance" ordinance.

For discussion of this item see #210560.
RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

39. Officer's Communication 210582 (ID:23464) City Solicitor responding to #210332 re: this Council's ability to modify or reject components of collective bargaining agreements that have reached an impasse and entered arbitration (pursuant to Ch. 589, Acts of 1987).

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

40. Officer's Communication 210583 (ID:23448) Arts Council Director responding to #210458 re: support for arts and cultural organizations.

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

NEW BUSINESS

41. License/Permit 210584 (ID:23437) Small Wireless Facility License, Extenet Systems attaching small wireless facilities on an existing pole at 76 Jaques Street.

Councilor White moved approval, saying that the City Clerk had assured him that all departmental approvals have been made.

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

42. License/Permit 210585 (ID:23436) New Garage License, Arco Tire Auto Service Repair LLC, 18 Clarendon Avenue, 3 autos inside, 3 outside, for mechanical repair only.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading of #42 and refer it to the Licenses and Permits Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

43. Resolution 210586 (ID:23470) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Mayor update this Council, in Executive Session, on alleged suspicious activity in the DPW Fleet yard in March of 2020.

Councilor McLaughlin said that since the mayor wasn't here to address this item, it would be left on the table.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

44. Order 210587 (ID:23471) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan, Mbah That the Commissioner of Public Works submit a recycling plan for all buildings that do not receive city solid waste collection services, pursuant to Ordinance 11-40.
- Councilor McLaughlin said that common belief is that the city can't require large developments, houses, and commercial buildings to recycle. But upon further inspection, there's an ordinance to do exactly that. So this order is for the Commissioner of Public Work to enforce the law.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
45. Order 210588 (ID:23472) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on the implementation of the Short-Term Rental Ordinance.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
46. Order 210589 (ID:23473) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on the implementation of the Vacant Properties Ordinance.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
47. Order 210590 (ID:23474) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD install curb cuts on the ends of Edward Leathers Park to enable bike and ADA accessibility.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
48. Order 210591 (ID:23475) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis That the Director of Finance and the City Assessor consider a property tax abatement for landlords who lease to artists and arts and cultural organizations, tying the property tax reductions to rental relief for those tenants.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

49. Order 210592 (ID:23476) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Finance share financial updates for YTD revenues and expenditures for all Covid-related line items.
- Councilor Ballantyne sponsored Finance Director Ed Bean, who briefly reported on Covid-19 related finances. Mr. Bean said that not much has changed since July. The State passed an interim budget, but the Federal government has not committed any fiscal relief. He said the city is waiting for DOR to determine the city’s property valuations and new growth. Projected revenues will become clearer in the next few months. The city has access to CARES Act money, and the biggest expense for reimbursement will be the cost of reopening schools. He noted that the city will soon issue bonds for the High School project, and current low interest rates will be beneficial.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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50. Order 210593 (ID:23468) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezo
That the Director of Constituent Services and the Chief of Police discuss tracking bicycle crashes and how 311 and 911 staff are trained to handle such calls.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
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51. Order 210594 (ID:23469) By City Councilor White Jr., Rossetti, Ballantyne
That the City Solicitor work with the Director of Inspectional Services with regard to violations of the Building Code and the Zoning Ordinance to ensure compliance with a recent court decision (Michael J Moroney Trustee v Planning Board of Haverhill et al).
- Councilor White said it was important to make sure that the city adheres to the requirements of this court decision, which lays out clear requirements for the issuance of building code violations.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

52. Order 210595 (ID:23477) By City Councilor Clingan, Niedergang, White Jr., Rossetti, Ballantyne, Davis, Scott
That the Director of Inspectional Services appear before the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to discuss ensuring that all conditions of a special permit are met prior to the final signoff by the Inspectional Services Department and the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

Councilor Clingan commented on how developers run roughshod over neighborhoods when they develop properties. There is little follow-up or enforcement by the city. He said that while ISD is overtaxed, residents want developers to be reined in. The conditions on a Planning Board or Zoning Board decision need to be enforced. He said the Public Utilities and Public Works Committee would hold a public hearing on these matters on September 30. Councilor Niedergang urged attendance at this public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

53. Order 210596 (ID:23478) By City Councilor Clingan, Niedergang, White Jr., Rossetti, Davis, Scott
That the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works hold a public hearing on developers' compliance with the conditions of special permits and the Inspectional Services Department's enforcement of those conditions.

See #210595 for discussion of this item.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

54. Mayor's Request 210597 (ID:23426) Submitted by Acting Mayor McLaughlin, requesting approval of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to the standards of Subsection 9.2.4.d for Cannabis Retail Sales uses.

Also referred to the Planning Board.

President McLaughlin announced that as acting Mayor, he had to step down from the Chair during the deliberation of this item. Vice President Rossetti assumed the Chair. SPCD Director George Proakis reported that this item corrected an error made in the zoning overhaul. In drafting the new code, the term “pre-primary” was added to the definition of schools, which dramatically and unintentionally extended the school zone buffer around adult-use marijuana establishments.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

55. Mayor's Request 210598 (ID:23442) Requesting acceptance of a \$111,500 grant with no new match required, from MADot to the SPCD Mobility Division for Mystic Avenue Shared Streets improvements.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

56. Mayor's Request 210599 (ID:23451) Requesting approval of a time-only extension for the FY17 Morse Kelley Playground CPA Grant for an additional 3 years.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of #s 57-59 and refer #s 55-59 to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

57. Mayor's Request 210600 (ID:23452) Requesting approval of a time-only extension for the FY17 Healey Schoolyard Design CPA contract for an additional 3 years.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

58. Mayor's Request 210601 (ID:23453) Requesting approval of a time-only extension for the FY17 CPA grant contract for the Henry Hansen Park Design for an additional 3 years.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

59. Mayor's Request 210602 (ID:23454) Requesting approval for a time-only extension of the FY17 Milk Row Cemetery Open Space Master Plan CPA contract through October 2021.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

60. License/Permit 210603 (ID:23480) Public Event License, Oak St Block Party to design and paint a Black Lives Matter banner between Prospect and Bolton Sts, Sept. 27, 1pm-5pm.
- Councilor Scott moved to approve this item, as a resident had his house sprayed with racist graffiti, and the neighborhood wants to paint a Black Lives Matter mural on the street. Councilor Davis expressed concern that there is a ban on public events in the city. He said he supports Black Lives Matter, but this event isn't consistent with city policy. Legislative Liaison Khushbu Webber said the Mayor supports the application, saying it is not a large public event. Councilor Rossetti said that this was establishing a precedent, and supported Councilor Davis' position. Councilor Mbah supported the item. Councilor Davis said the next application will be to paint "Let's Go Trump" on the street and there will be no basis to deny it. Councilor Scott said these matters are in the Council's purview. Councilor Niedergang said he thinks the event is well thought out in terms of public health and safety, and he isn't concerned with the free speech issues. Councilor Ballantyne wondered how other street-painting applications would be considered. Ms. Webber said they would receive the same consideration and ultimately be up to the Council. Councilor McLaughlin pointed out that a Hudson Street mural painted a few years ago led to a process for street painting, and he wondered if it had been followed. Councilor Mbah called the question, but the President recognized Councilor Clingan, who said that allowing these words would amount to allowing any words. Councilors White and Scott discussed the type of paint to be applied. Councilor Davis pointed out that the question was called. The President then called for a vote on ending debate. The motion failed, with 5 members in favor (Mbah, Strezo, Niedergang, Scott and Ewen-Campen) and 6 members opposed (Clingan, White Jr., Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti and McLaughlin). Councilor Strezo said the "event" is not truly a block party. Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that Black Lives Matter is not political speech, but a statement of fact.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [7 TO 4]**
AYES: Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Ballantyne
NAYS: Rossetti, McLaughlin, Clingan, Davis

61. License/Permit 210604 (ID:23481) Renewing Garage License, Automotive Transport Service, 40 Joy St.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

LATE ITEMS

62. Mayor's Request 207414 (ID:20164) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Rose Durham as Clerk of Committees.
- Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters pursuant to #210552.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| 63. Mayor's Request
207415
(ID:20165) | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Peter Forcellese, Sr. as Legislative Clerk.</p> <p>Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters pursuant to #210552.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 64. Mayor's Request
209505
(ID:22341) | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Rose Durham as Clerk of Committees.</p> <p>Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters pursuant to #210552.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 65. Mayor's Request
209506
(ID:22342) | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Peter Forcellese, Sr. as Legislative Clerk.</p> <p>Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters pursuant to #210552.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 66. Mayor's Request
209507
(ID:22343) | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Kimberly Wells as Assistant Clerk of Committees.</p> <p>Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters pursuant to #210552.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 67. Order
210605
(ID:23483) | <p>By City Councilor Davis</p> <p>That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance prohibiting the installation of public lighting in excess of a temperature level to be determined.</p> <p>For discussion of this item see #210557.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |

68. Resolution 210606 (ID:23482) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti That the Director of Health and Human Services and Tufts University provide this Council with weekly updates on the number of unique COVID-19 tests administered to Tufts undergraduate and graduate students until all students have been tested.

Councilor Ballantyne noted that from the Tufts Covid-19 dashboard it appears that to date 2,600 students have been tested, but the dashboard hasn't been updated daily. It isn't clear whether the dashboard refers to the number of test results or unduplicated individuals tested. Councilor Ewen-Campen said it would be discussed at Monday's Public Health and Safety Committee meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:55 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2020, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 210607
 (ID:23525) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 210608
 (ID:23526) Councilor White sponsored a moment of silence for Bernard Chaille.
 Councilor Niedergang sponsored a moment of silence for Ed Severino.
 Councilor White sponsored a moment of silence for Ruth Bader Ginsburg.
 Councilor McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for Brian Buckley
 and Lauren Marie Lopez.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes 210609 (ID:23527) Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, August 5, 2020, and the Regular Meeting, August 27, 2020.

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

CITATIONS

4. Citation 210610 (ID:23530) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Rossetti, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Mbah, White Jr. Commending Annie Connor, who is resigning after 4 years of dedicated service as the Mayor's liaison to this Council.

Councilor McLaughlin commended Annie Connor for her dedicated service. Ms. Connor spoke fondly about her four years on the job, urging that the Council and staff maintain a mutual respect as public servants working in the same city for the same goal every day. Councilors shared their good wishes and thanked her for her outstanding efforts.

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

5. Citation 210611 (ID:23532) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr., and the Mayor Commending Ann Cassesso for celebrating 50 years--and counting--of dedicated service to the Somerville Public Library.

Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the citation. Library Director Cathy Piantigini spoke about Ms. Cassesso's influence on her own career. Ms. Cassesso thanked the Council and said she's not retiring: she's looking forward to the next 50 years.

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

6. Citation 210612 (ID:23533) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr., and the Mayor Commending Wendy Wood as she retires after 40 years of dedicated service to the Somerville Public Library.

Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the citation. Library Director Cathy Piantigini spoke about Ms. Wood's dedication, especially with respect to the Library networking. She thanked the Council on behalf of Ms. Woods, who could not attend this evening.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. Grant of Location 210613 (ID:23497) Submitted by Eversource to install 180 feet of conduit in Somerville Ave from manhole #8652 to a point of pickup at 258 Somerville Ave.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

8. Grant of Location 210614 (ID:23498) Submitted by TC Systems to install 295 feet of conduit from utility pole 68/4 at the intersection of Church St and Somerville Ave, through two new handholes in Somerville Ave, and ending at a proposed Extenet handhole near 411 Somerville Ave at Quincy St.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Sienna Engineering's Adam Heller, representing TC Systems, described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. Councilor Scott noted that this item's abutter list was considerably more extensive than Extenet's (#210618), which is at about the same location, and he wanted to make sure residents were being notified.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

9. Grant of Location 210615 (ID:23495) Submitted by Comcast to install 32 feet of conduit in Alpine St from utility pole 7/2 to a point of pickup at 13 Alpine St.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Comcast representative Dave Flewelling described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

10. Grant of Location 210616 (ID:23496) Submitted by Comcast to install a total of 294 feet of conduit, starting from utility pole 316/8, traveling 17 feet to a proposed manhole at the intersection of South and Earle Sts, then continuing 182 feet to another proposed manhole in Earle St, then splitting with 18 feet going to property on Earle St and 77 feet going to the rear of 101 South St.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Comcast representative Dave Flewelling described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

11. Grant of Location 210617 (ID:23489) Submitted by Extenet to install 374 feet of conduit in Great River Road, from manhole #29469 to a proposed handhole, then continuing to a small wireless facility near 479 Canal St.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Extenet representative Rosanna Ferrante described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

12. Grant of Location 210618 (ID:23490) Submitted by Extenet to install 103 feet of conduit in Somerville Ave from manhole #20650 to a proposed handhole, then continuing to a small wireless facility near 411 Somerville Ave at Quincy St.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Extenet representative Rosanna Ferrante described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

13. Grant of Location 210619 (ID:23491) Submitted by Extenet to install 94 feet of conduit in Broadway from manhole #2633 to a proposed handhole, then continuing to a small wireless facility at the intersection of Broadway and Boston Ave.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Extenet representative Rosanna Ferrante described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

14. Grant of Location 210620 (ID:23492) Submitted by Extenet to install 86 feet of conduit in Broadway from manhole #2569 to a proposed handole, then continuing to a small wireless facility near 497 Broadway.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Extenet representative Rosanna Ferrante described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

15. Grant of Location 210621 (ID:23493) Submitted by Extenet to install 102 feet of conduit in Broadway from manhole #2572 to a proposed handhole, then continuing to a small wireless facility near 546 Broadway.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Extenet representative Rosanna Ferrante described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

16. Grant of Location 210622 (ID:23494) Submitted by Extenet to install 38 feet of conduit in Revolution Dr from manhole #26211 to a proposed handhole, then continuing to a small wireless facility near 75 Mystic Ave.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Extenet representative Rosanna Ferrante described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

17. Resolution 210623 (ID:23506) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Strezo, Mbah, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, White Jr. Supporting Tufts University students and Tufts Labor Coalition in their advocacy efforts promoting a healthy and supportive working environment for Tufts Dining workers during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Councilor Ballantyne introduced Patricia O'Brien, a Tufts Dining Hall worker, who thanked the Council for all of its support over the years. She described a Covid-19 scare at a dining hall, and said that Tufts didn't want to follow its own cleaning protocols. Instead, she and a co-worker allowed workers who wanted to clean the room to do so, and those who wanted to leave to do so. She and her co-worker were then placed on administrative leave. Councilors expressed outrage at the situation, and urged Ms. O'Brien to keep the Council informed going forward.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

18. Order 210624 (ID:23507) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen That the Director of Finance, the Director of Parking and the Director of SPCD discuss scaling parking permit fees with automobile size and efficiency.

Councilor Ballantyne said she wanted to explore alternative uses of our public pathways and different priorities for our parking spaces. Councilor Niedergang said this could dovetail with the work of the parking task force. He said \$40 is way too little to charge for on-street parking, and he would support a more equitable and progressive parking permit system. Councilor Strezo urged that lower income families and delivery drivers not be penalized.

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

19. Order 210625 (ID:23508) By City Councilor Ballantyne That all Department Heads share their FY21 missions and goals and FY20 achievements at this Council's next meeting on October 8, 2020.

Councilor Ballantyne said that in the past, the annual budget contained departmental narratives. This year, it didn't, so she wanted departments to submit FY21 workplans separately.

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

20. Order 210626 (ID:23509) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Finance and the Budget Director discuss ways to improve the user experience for OpenGov.

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

21. Order 210627 (ID:23510) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD update this Council on the Missatuck/Mystic River bike and pedestrian bridge project.

Councilor Ballantyne asked for an update. Councilor McLaughlin said this bridge is in his ward, and nothing new is happening. He said there was an assumption that the casino's commitment was wavering due to Covid-19, but in fact there are no changes in the project.

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

22. Order 210628 (ID:23511) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Finance and the Director of SPCD discuss potential appropriations for requests from Somerville Cares (see attachment), restaurants and bars, arts and cultural organizations, and other groups.

Councilor Ballantyne wanted to hear how the Administration was prioritizing a variety of requests.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

23. Order 210629 (ID:23512) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD provide an update on the goal data for SomerVision 2030 by this Council's next meeting on October 8, 2020.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

24. Order 210630 (ID:23523) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD inspect the trees along Broadway from Veterans Cemetery to Route 16, and replace the dead and dying trees.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

25. Order 210631 (ID:23520) By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, McLaughlin, Davis, Clingan, Scott, Strezo, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Council on assertions that most plastic is no longer being recycled and that it costs more to process as recycling than as trash, and report whether updated guidance should be provided to residents.

Councilor Mbah said that recent reports have indicated that plastics aren't really recycled, and he urged an in-depth discussion in Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

26. Resolution 210632 (ID:23521) By City Councilor Niedergang
That this Council and the Administration consider the policy recommendations conveyed in the Somerville Cares Fund update report of August 25, 2020, attached.

Councilor Niedergang urged consideration of the policy recommendations in the report, and Councilor Ewen-Campen talked about its findings related the impact of the pandemic on local families. Councilor Niedergang mentioned some of the notable recommendations: canceling accrued rental debt, extending the eviction ban, reviving anti-hunger efforts, negotiating utility payments, and creating institutional support for the Somerville Cares fund.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

27. Communication 210633 (ID:23522) By City Councilor Niedergang
Reporting on the Traffic Commission's activities from May to September, 2020.

Councilor Niedergang summarized recent Traffic Commission activities, including the expansion of 20 mile per hour safety zones.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

28. Resolution 210586 (ID:23470) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Mayor update this Council, in Executive Session, on alleged suspicious activity in the DPW Fleet yard in March of 2020.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

FOLLOWUP: City Council

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

29. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
210634
(ID:23517) | Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on September 17, 2020. |
| | | <p>Councilor Rossetti reported that the Committee took up a variety of appointments. The Committee considered and denied the confirmation of Nancy Salamoun as Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission. The Committee stressed that this was no reflection on Ms. Salamoun, but was a statement that the Human Rights Commission needs its own staffing and resources, and she already has full-time duties.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| B. | Mayor's Request
204904
(ID:17591) | Requesting the re-appointment of John DeLuca as Director of Water & Sewer. |
| | | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| C. | Mayor's Request
204921
(ID:17610) | Requesting the re-appointment of Candace Cooper as Director of Personnel. |
| | | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| D. | Mayor's Request
204922
(ID:17629) | Requesting the appointment of Rachel Taylor as Animal Control Officer. |
| | | <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>NOTE: The Mayor withdrew his request to confirm this re-appointment on February 12, 2019.</p> |
| E. | Mayor's Request
207402
(ID:20152) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of John DeLuca as Director of Water & Sewer. |
| | | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| F. | Mayor's Request
207408
(ID:20158) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Edward Bean as Finance Director. |
| | | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| G. Mayor's Request 207412 (ID:20162) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Candace Cooper as Director of Personnel. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| H. Mayor's Request 209494 (ID:22330) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Edward Bean as Finance Director. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| I. Mayor's Request 209495 (ID:22331) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Edward Bean as Auditor. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| J. Mayor's Request 209497 (ID:22333) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of John DeLuca as Director of Water & Sewer. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| K. Mayor's Request 209515 (ID:22351) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rachel Taylor as Animal Control Officer. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| L. Mayor's Request 209516 (ID:22269) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Julie Coen as Animal Control Officer. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| M. Mayor's Request 209519 (ID:22356) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nancy Salamoun as Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission. | <p>RESULT: NOT APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

- N. Mayor's Request 210145 (ID:23013) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Joseph P. Lynch, Jr., to the Licensing Commission.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- O. Mayor's Request 210348 (ID:23101) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of April Kuehnhoff to the position of Trustee for the Board of Library Trustees.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- P. Mayor's Request 210491 (ID:23350) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kerri Connolly to the Memorialization Committee.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- Q. Mayor's Request 210492 (ID:23351) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sara Marx to the Memorialization Committee.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

30. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210635 (ID:23515) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on September 16, 2020.
- Councilor Strezo reported that the Committee discussed the ending of the eviction moratorium and getting notifications to tenants pursuant to the tenant notification act, as well as making sure departments like Inspectional Services are prepared to provide assistance when needed. The Committee also talked about liening properties for the nonpayment of fines, and learned that since the State recently removed a requirement that fines be unpaid for 12 months before being liened, the city could now amend its own requirement. The Committee also talked about increasing city contracting with minority and women owned businesses. Councilor Strezo added that in a follow-up conversation with Housing Stability Director Ellen Shachter, she learned that there's a backlog of 2,600 rental assistance applications.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Order 209565 (ID:22427) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis, Clingan That the Director of SPCD help ensure the effectiveness of the Tenant Notification Act via a citywide mailer, and by ensuring that the Director of 311 and the Director of Inspectional Services inform all city employees of the enforcement of this policy.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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

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

- D. Resolution 210637 (ID:23542) By City Councilor Strezo That the Administration commit to setting goals for contracting with minority and women-owned businesses.

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

31. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210638 (ID:23514) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on September 15, 2020.

Councilor Ewen-Campen reported that the Committee met for a joint public hearing with the Planning Board on 5 zoning amendments. Two amendments were recommended for approval this evening, to re-zone 56 Murdock Street, and to make a text correction in the cannabis zoning ordinance. However, as the Council hasn't yet received a recommendation from the Planning Board as required by law, they'll have to be left on the table for the next meeting.

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

- B. Ordinance 210185 (ID:23037) By City Councilor Niedergang Proposing an amendment to the zoning map to change 56 Murdock Street from the Neighborhood Residence to the Urban Residence district.

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

- C. Mayor's Request 210597 (ID:23426) Submitted by Acting Mayor McLaughlin, requesting approval of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to the standards of Subsection 9.2.4.d for Cannabis Retail Sales uses.

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

- D. Order 210639 (ID:23486) By City Councilor Niedergang That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on whether issues of tenancy, affordable housing, and displacement can be a factor on a decision of a zoning change proposal.

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

32. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210640 (ID:23516) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on September 17, 2020.

Councilor Ewen-Campen was recused from the discussion of #204278, the Demolition Review Ordinance. Councilor Davis reported that the Committee discussed the Demolition Review Ordinance, as well as a number of other items, including the PACE clean energy program, controlling the invasive black swallow-wort plant, prohibiting prison labor for city jobs, and licensing car rental agencies. The Committee Report was severed in order to take up #204278 separately. The balance of the report was unanimously approved. On a motion by Councilor Scott, #204278, the Demolition Review Ordinance was amended, to replace "18 months" in Section 7.1(a) with "12 months". The amendment passed with 6 Councilors in favor (Councilors Clingan, Mbah, White, Ballantyne, Scott and McLaughlin), 4 Councilors opposed (Councilors Strezo, Niedergang, Davis and Rossetti), and Councilor Ewen-Campen recused.

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

- B. Mayor's Request 204278 (ID:16947) Requesting the replacement of Ordinance 7-28 with a new Demolition Review Ordinance with relevant updates to Ordinance 1-11 for violations.

On a motion by Councilor Scott, #204278, the Demolition Review Ordinance was amended, to replace "18 months" in Section 7.1(a) with "12 months". The amendment passed with 6 Councilors in favor (Councilors Clingan, Mbah, White, Ballantyne, Scott and McLaughlin), 4 Councilors opposed (Councilors Strezo, Niedergang, Davis and Rossetti), and Councilor Ewen-Campen recused.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED AS AMENDED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: Ewen-Campen
AMENDED: Replace "18 months" in Section 7.1(a) with "12 months".

- C. Officer's Communication 209020 (ID:21796) Historic Preservation Planner responding to #204278 with a presentation regarding the draft Demolition Review Ordinance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Mayor's Request 209740 (ID:22404) Requesting authorization to participate in the MA Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program.

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

33. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210641 (ID:23519) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on September 23, 2020.

Councilor White reported that the Committee voted to recommend that the Licensing Commission be given continuing authority, through 2021, to license restaurants' use of public property for outdoor seating. The Committee also recommended renewing the lodging house licenses at Tufts, with a condition allowing those licenses to be revoked if they violate Tufts Covid-19 protocols.

Following approval, Councilor White moved to reconsider this item, in the hope that reconsideration would fail. Reconsideration was unanimously approved, and on reconsideration, the item was again unanimously approved, with no Councilors changing their vote.

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

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| B. | Resolution
210484
(ID:23345) | By City Councilor White Jr.
That the Administration work with this Council for a smooth transition of outdoor seating permits when they reach the Council for renewal beyond November 1. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| C. | Public
Communication
210497
(ID:23377) | 11 citizens submitting comments re: Tufts plans to re-open its campus in the fall. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| D. | License/Permit
210504
(ID:23385) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 136 Curtis St. | RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
| E. | License/Permit
210505
(ID:23386) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 176 Curtis St. | RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
| F. | License/Permit
210506
(ID:23387) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 90-92-94 Curtis St. | RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |

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| G. | License/Permit
210507
(ID:23388) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 12 Dearborn Rd. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.</p> |
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| H. | License/Permit
210508
(ID:23389) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 32 Dearborn Rd. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.</p> |
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| I. | License/Permit
210509
(ID:23390) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 98 Packard Ave. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.</p> |
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| J. | License/Permit
210510
(ID:23391) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 125 Powderhouse Blvd. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.</p> |

- K. License/Permit 210511 (ID:23392) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Professors Row.
- RESULT:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.
- L. License/Permit 210512 (ID:23393) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 14 Professors Row.
- RESULT:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.
- M. License/Permit 210513 (ID:23394) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 28 Professors Row.
- RESULT:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.
- N. License/Permit 210514 (ID:23395) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 92 Professors Row.
- RESULT:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.

- O. License/Permit 210515 (ID:23396) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 106 Professors Row.
- RESULT:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.
- P. License/Permit 210516 (ID:23397) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 56-64 Professors Row.
- RESULT:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.
- Q. License/Permit 210517 (ID:23398) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13 Sawyer Ave.
- RESULT:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.
- R. License/Permit 210518 (ID:23399) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 37 Sawyer Ave.
- RESULT:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.

- S. License/Permit 210519 (ID:23400) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Sawyer Ave.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University's own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
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- T. License/Permit 210520 (ID:23401) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 9-11 Sunset Rd.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University's own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
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- U. License/Permit 210521 (ID:23402) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 101 Talbot Ave.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University's own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
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- V. License/Permit 210522 (ID:23403) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13-15 Talbot Ave.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University's own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |

- W. License/Permit 210523 (ID:23404) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Whitfield Rd.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University's own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
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- X. License/Permit 210524 (ID:23405) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 21 Whitfield Rd.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University's own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
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- Y. License/Permit 210525 (ID:23410) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 15 Whitfield Rd.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University's own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
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- Z. License/Permit 210526 (ID:23411) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 100 Talbot Ave.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University's own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |

AA. License/Permit 210527 (ID:23412) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Talbot Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.

AB. License/Permit 210528 (ID:23413) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 40A-F Latin Way.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.

AC. License/Permit 210529 (ID:23414) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 73 Powderhouse Blvd.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.

AD. License/Permit 210530 (ID:23415) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 29 Latin Way.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.

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| AE. License/Permit
210531
(ID:23416) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 43 Latin Way. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.</p> |
| AF. License/Permit
210532
(ID:23417) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 39R Latin Way. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.</p> |
| AG. License/Permit
210533
(ID:23418) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 75-85 Packard Ave. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.</p> |
| AH. License/Permit
210534
(ID:23421) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 123 Packard Ave. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.</p> |

- AI. License/Permit 210535 (ID:23406) Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Theta Chi, 100 Packard Ave.
- RESULT:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.
- AJ. License/Permit 210536 (ID:23407) Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Alpha Phi, 14 Sawyer Ave.
- RESULT:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.
- AK. License/Permit 210537 (ID:23408) Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Alpha Omicron Pi, 25 Whitfield Rd.
- RESULT:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.
- AL. License/Permit 210538 (ID:23419) Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Zeta Beta Tau, 126 Packard Ave.
- RESULT:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.

AM. License/Permit 210539 (ID:23409) Renewing Lodging House License, Alpha Tau Omega, 134 Professors Row.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.

AN. License/Permit 210540 (ID:23420) Renewing Lodging House License, Delta Tau Delta, 98 Professors Row.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.

AO. Order 210642 (ID:23544) By City Councilor White Jr. That through December 31, 2021, any business with a license from the Licensing Commission for outdoor food and/or beverage service for outdoor seating shall not require further authorization from this Council pursuant to Ordinance 12-14.

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

34. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 210643 (ID:23513) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on September 14, 2020, as a Committee of the Whole.

Councilor Davis, in the interest of time, reported that the minutes that are posted online are very detailed and speak for themselves, so he recommended folks take a look if interested.

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

35. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 210644 (ID:23518) Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on September 23, 2020.

Councilor Ewen-Campen reported that the Committee reviewed the city's new integrated pest management plan with "rat czar" Georgiana Silveira. Renters should know that their identity will be protected if they complain about rats in their building.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

B. Order 209799 (ID:22728) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Inspectional Services explain the procedures for monitoring problem properties for rodent activity, as compared to waiting until more complaints are filed.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 210113 (ID:22971) By City Councilor Hirsch, Mbah That the Director of Health and Human Services explain how the pandemic and related closures may be affecting rodent activity or any planned eradication strategies.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 210250 (ID:23136) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That this Council's Special Committee on Rodent Issues discuss ways for renters to address rodent issues at their residences without fear of retribution from their landlords.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

36. Mayor's Request 210645 (ID:23440) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$6,086,250 in a bond for the remediation and renovation of Conway Park.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 36 to 51 and send them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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| 37. Mayor's Request 210646 (ID:23371) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$106,292.07 unencumbered using available funds in the DPW Building and Grounds budget. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 38. Mayor's Request 210647 (ID:23372) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$30,210.49 unencumbered using available funds in the DPW Highway budget. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 39. Mayor's Request 210648 (ID:23358) | Requesting approval to pay a variety of prior year invoices totaling \$17,214.11 using available funds in the DPW Administration budget. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 40. Mayor's Request 210649 (ID:23373) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$4,014.19 unencumbered using available funds in the DPW Fleet budget. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 41. Mayor's Request 210650 (ID:23505) | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice for \$220 using available funds in the Inspectional Services Department's Staff Development Account for staff training. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 42. Mayor's Request 210651 (ID:23466) | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$96 using available funds in the Health and Human Services Professional & Technical Account for interpreter services. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 43. Mayor's Request 210652 (ID:23467) | Requesting acceptance of a \$46,800 grant with no new match required, from Metropolitan Area Planning Council to the Health and Human Services Department to reduce transportation barriers to food access. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

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| 44. Mayor's Request 210653 (ID:23354) | 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: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 45. Mayor's Request 210654 (ID:23485) | Requesting acceptance of a \$5,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Emergency Management Agency to the Fire Department for emergency management equipment. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 46. Mayor's Request 210655 (ID:23500) | Requesting approval to enter into a power purchase agreement with Solect Energy Development for a solar system at the East Somerville Community School. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 47. Mayor's Request 210656 (ID:23501) | Requesting approval to enter into a power purchase agreement with Solect Energy Development for a solar system at the High School. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 48. Mayor's Request 210657 (ID:23502) | Requesting approval of an easement to Solect Energy Development for installation, maintenance, and operation of a roof-top solar energy system at the East Somerville Community School. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 49. Mayor's Request 210658 (ID:23503) | Requesting approval of an easement to Solect Energy Development for installation, maintenance, and operation of a roof-top solar energy system at the High School. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 50. Mayor's Request 210659 (ID:23488) | Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for the 2017 street resurfacing contract with D&R General Contracting Inc. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

51. Mayor's Request 210660 (ID:23487) Requesting approval of the 2020-2021 HUD One Year Action Plan, for CDBG, HOME, and ESG programming.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

52. Officer's Communication 210661 (ID:23479) City Solicitor seeking approval of the settlement of a pending claim for \$249,713.69, for damages to the City Hall Annex in 2018.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

53. Officer's Communication 210662 (ID:23535) Urban Forestry Committee conveying a statement on the planned remediation of Conway Park.

Councilor Scott noted that this statement has a lot to say with respect to the \$6M bond for Conway Park remediation (#210645), and all Councilors should read it.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

NEW BUSINESS

54. License/Permit 210663 (ID:23499) Renewing Drainlayer's License, CJ Doherty.

Councilor White moved to waive the readings of item 54 to 60 and approval them all except for item 57 which should be referred to the Committee on Licenses and Permits for a public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

55. License/Permit 210664 (ID:23484) Renewing Garage License, Mass Inspection, 712 Mystic Ave.

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

56. License/Permit 210665 (ID:23536) Renewing Garage License, ONF Auto Body, 627 Somerville Ave.

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

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| 57. License/Permit
210666
(ID:23504) | New Garage License, Nick's Foreign Car Center LLC, 64 Webster Ave, 3 vehicles inside, 5 outside, for mechanical repairs only, operating Mon-Fri 7:30AM-6PM, Sat-Sun Closed. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee</p> |
| 58. License/Permit
210667
(ID:23528) | Small Wireless Facility License, Extenet Systems attaching small cell equipment on a replacement pole at the intersection of Langmaid Avenue and Broadway. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 59. License/Permit
210668
(ID:23529) | Small Wireless Facility License, Extenet Systems attaching small cell equipment on a replacement pole at the intersection of Vermont and Pennsylvania Avenues. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 60. License/Permit
210669
(ID:23531) | Small Wireless Facility License, Extenet Systems attaching small cell equipment on a replacement pole at the intersection of Pinckney and Pearl Streets. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 61. Public
Communication
210670
(ID:23534) | Tufts President responding to #210606 re: Tufts' Covid-19 testing program. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 62. Communication
210671
(ID:23538) | By City Councilor Rossetti
Report of the High School Building Committee meeting of September 14, 2020. | <p>Councilor Rossetti reported that there is now a 44-minute video tour of the new High School on Youtube which is very informative. She said the building would be substantially completed by the end of January, and the last project, the outdoor field, would be completed by next September.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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63. Communication By City Councilor McLaughlin
210672
(ID:23545) Reporting on the September 21, 2020 School Department Town Hall Meeting.

Councilor McLaughlin said that the decision for reopening the schools for the spring semester will be made in December.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

64. Order By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
210673
(ID:23539) That the Director of SPCD update this Council on the citywide parking study that began last year.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

65. Resolution By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
210674
(ID:23540) That the Administration update this Council on the recommendations of the Internet Access Task Force that was convened in 2018, and what the city is doing to ensure that everyone has reliable access to the internet.

Councilor Ewen-Campen asked for a copy of the Internet Access Task Force's 2018 report. Especially with the pandemic, the digital divide has become a matter of life and death, with many resources, benefits and schools only available online.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

66. Mayor's Request
210675
(ID:23543) Requesting acceptance of an \$8,529 grant with no new match required, from the Secretary of State's CARES Act funding to the Elections Department for the purchase of 10 ballot boxes for mail-in voting.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

LATE ITEMS

67. Order 210676 (ID:23547) By City Councilor Scott That the City Clerk, in consultation with other departments as needed, discuss with this Council the discrepancies in abutter notifications in applications from various utilities for Grants of Location, and propose mechanisms to resolve those discrepancies.

Councilor Scott said this item came out of tonight's review of grants of location applications and the discrepancy in abutter lists between #210614 and #210618, and he wants assurance that abutters are being properly notified.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

68. Public Communication 210677 (ID:23548) Burak Gokmen submitting comments re: #210364, to re-zone six parcels along Medford Street between School Street and Marshall Street.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:30 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2020, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 210678
 (ID:23574) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 210679
 (ID:23577) Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Kathryn Rodrigues.
 Councilor Davis sponsored a moment of silence for Louis Schneider.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 10, 2020.
 210680
 (ID:23576) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen,
 Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location 210681 (ID:23586)

Submitted by Eversource to install 89 feet of conduit in Mossland Street, from Pole 241/4 to a point of pickup st 15 Mossland Street (interim approval granted).

Jacqui Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of the item. Stephen Huff asked about the traffic impact and Ms. Duffy said the work would take no more than 2 days. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. Councilor Niedergang expressed concern about traffic during rush hour and moved approval of a condition that work not begin before 10:00 AM. The condition was unanimously approved.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: Work may not begin before 10:00 AM.

5. Grant of Location 210682 (ID:23588)

Submitted by Eversource to install new Manhole 30893 near 56 Webster Avenue.

Jacqui Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of the item. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

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

6. Grant of Location 210683 (ID:23590)

Submitted by Eversource to install 41 feet of conduit in Prospect Street from Manhole 25406 to a point of pickup at 50 Prospect Street.

Jacqui Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of the item. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

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

7. Grant of Location 210684 (ID:23583)

Submitted by Extenet to install 256 feet of conduit on Inner Belt Road from Manhole 24106 to a proposed handhole, then continuing 3 feet to a replacement pole near the intersection of Washington Street and Inner Belt Road.

Rosanna Ferranti from Extenet spoke in favor of the item. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

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

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| 8. | Grant of Location 210685 (ID:23584) | <p>Submitted by Extenet to install 31 feet of conduit in Pearl Street from Manhole 4550 to a proposed handhole, then continuing 4 feet to a replacment pole near the intersection of Florence and Pearl Streets.</p> <p>No one spoke in favor of the item. The President closed the public hearing. Rosanna Ferranti from Extenet later explained that she was experiencing technical difficulties.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 9. | Grant of Location 210686 (ID:23585) | <p>Submitted by Extenet to install 101 feet of conduit in Broadway from Manhole 1905 to a proposed handhole, then continuing 3 feet to a replacement pole near 332 Broadway.</p> <p>Rosanna Ferranti from Extenet spoke in favor of the item. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

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| 10. | Order 210687 (ID:23552) | <p>By City Councilor Davis, Strezo, Ballantyne, Scott</p> <p>That the Director of Health and Human Services advise this Council what services are available to our neighbors experiencing homelessness, mental illness, and addiction, and where additional funding could improve those services or enable new services.</p> <p>Councilor Davis explained that this was not an indictment of the Police Department and wants a conversation with the Administration about how to best assist those in need.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
 FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> |
| 11. | Order 210688 (ID:23571) | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen</p> <p>That the Director of Communications or the appropriate department remove the electronic Soofa signs from sidewalks in Ward 3.</p> <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen said he doesn't think the signs are being widely used, and they serve advertisers rather than residents. Councilor Scott agreed and urged removal of the signs.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
 FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> |

12. Order 210689 (ID:23572) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry work with the Ward 3 Councilor to facilitate a community meeting to plan a replacement tree(s) for the large Elm tree in Prospect Hill Park that appears to be succumbing to Dutch Elm disease.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee
13. Order 210690 (ID:23551) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management prioritize Conwell Avenue for paving as soon as possible.
- Councilor Ballantyne said the street was in poor repair. Councilor Davis asked if Council requests for street paving are back on the table. Councilor Scott said more focus is needed on the entire street paving program, with only 1 of the city's 100 miles of streets being resurfaced annually, and he will not support this item. Councilor McLaughlin said this isn't how street repaving should be handled, but given the system in place, he supports it.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 1]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
NAYS: Scott
14. Order 210691 (ID:23573) By City Councilor Strezo That the Election Commissioner and the Chief of Police inform this Council what is being done to address possible voter intimidation at the polls and elsewhere during the month-long election process.
- Councilor Strezo sponsored Election Commissioner Nick Salerno to address this item, and he explained that there is a Police Officer at each polling location for the duration of voting. He said he's working with the Police Department on a comprehensive plan.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
15. Communication 210692 (ID:23549) By City Councilor Strezo Reporting on the demographic breakdown of employees in the E-911 dispatch, Fire Alarm dispatch, and Constituent Services Departments.
- Councilor Strezo asked that this item be tabled for the next Council meeting.
- RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE**
FOLLOWUP: City Council

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16. Ordinance 210185 (ID:23037) By City Councilor Niedergang Proposing an amendment to the zoning map to change 56 Murdock Street from the Neighborhood Residence to the Urban Residence district.
- Councilor Niedergang urged adoption of this ordinance.
RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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17. Mayor's Request 210597 (ID:23426) Submitted by Acting Mayor McLaughlin, requesting approval of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to the standards of Subsection 9.2.4.d for Cannabis Retail Sales uses.
- Councilor McLaughlin explained that this wording change, if not approved, would prevent cannabis retail sales from taking place in the city.
RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

18. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210693 (ID:23567) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on October 6, 2020.
- Councilor Scott summarized the Committee's activities and encouraged interested individuals to view the meeting video. He reviewed pandemic funding from the CARES Act, and said he anticipated a joint meeting with the School Committee's Finance Committee about School Department funding in the near future. The Committee discussed business license fees, which the administration is not prepared to waive, and vacant property ordinance fees, which after much discussion the Committee reduced from a proposed \$500 to \$50. The Committee heard the Police Department explain that they hadn't responded to requests for information about military hardware and equipment transfers to employees because of Covid and because the requests were either too broad or too specific or both. Councilor Rossetti explained her stance against the new fee for vacant buildings and for reduced licensing fees. Councilor Mbah urged an increase in internet access.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| <p>B. Mayor's Request
209490
(ID:22329)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of an annual Vacant Property Registration Fee of \$500.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
 AMENDED: The Registration Fee is set at \$50.00.</p> |
| <p>C. Order
209562
(ID:22439)</p> | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.
 That the Director of Finance, or the appropriate department, consider raising the limit on assets seniors may claim to qualify for senior tax exemptions.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>D. Order
209567
(ID:22428)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
 That the City Treasurer, the Chief Assessor and the Director of Finance discuss with this Council the possibility of switching to bi-annual tax bills, and including a simple "explainer" with each bill.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>E. Order
210035
(ID:22889)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Rossetti
 That the Director of Finance update this Council on all money received to date related to the COVID-19 situation.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>F. Order
210036
(ID:22890)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Rossetti
 That the Director of Finance update this Council on all expenditures, encumbrances and anticipated expenses to date related to the COVID-19 situation.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>G. Order
210117
(ID:22976)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ballantyne
 That the Director of Finance provide a written rolling cash flow analysis every 2 weeks during this COVID-19 emergency and include forecasts to ensure sufficient operating liquidity by estimating the available cash deposits, expected inflows, and required disbursements.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>H. Order
210438
(ID:23315)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Rossetti
 That the Director of Finance report to this Council, all actual state aid appropriations versus budgeted (anticipated) state aid.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |

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| I. | Mayor's Request
210564
(ID:23449) | Requesting the appropriation of \$240,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the FY21 Tree planting program. |
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AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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| J. | Mayor's Request
210565
(ID:23445) | Requesting a transfer of \$13,228 from the Fire Department Ordinary Maintenance Account to the Fire Alarm Ordinary Maintenance Account to fund a technical service agreement for a 911 line into Fire Alarm. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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| K. | Mayor's Request
210566
(ID:23374) | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$2,332.89 unencumbered using available funds in the DPW Lights and Lines budget. |
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AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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| L. | Mayor's Request
210567
(ID:23353) | Requesting acceptance of a \$298,280 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Mental Health to the Police Department, for Crisis Intervention Team training. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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| M. | Mayor's Request
210568
(ID:23438) | Requesting acceptance of a \$99,605 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Energy Resources Green Communities program to the Office of Sustainability & Environment for energy efficiency projects. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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| N. | Mayor's Request
210569
(ID:23355) | Requesting acceptance of a \$25,602 grant that requires a match, from the Metro Mayors Shannon Initiative to the Police Department for youth violence prevention. |
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AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| O. | Mayor's Request
210570
(ID:23439) | Requesting acceptance of a \$2,250 grant with no new match required, from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for operational and programming support. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| P. | Mayor's Communication
210580
(ID:23447) | Conveying the executed Memorandum of Agreement with DCR for the Dilboy Complex. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Q. | Order
210591
(ID:23475) | By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis
That the Director of Finance and the City Assessor consider a property tax abatement for landlords who lease to artists and arts and cultural organizations, tying the property tax reductions to rental relief for those tenants. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| R. | Order
210592
(ID:23476) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Finance share financial updates for YTD revenues and expenditures for all Covid-related line items. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| S. | Mayor's Request
210598
(ID:23442) | Requesting acceptance of a \$111,500 grant with no new match required, from MADot to the SPCD Mobility Division for Mystic Avenue Shared Streets improvements. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| T. | Mayor's Request
210599
(ID:23451) | Requesting approval of a time-only extension for the FY17 Morse Kelley Playground CPA Grant for an additional 3 years. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| U. | Mayor's Request
210600
(ID:23452) | Requesting approval of a time-only extension for the FY17 Healey Schoolyard Design CPA contract for an additional 3 years. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| V. | Mayor's Request
210601
(ID:23453) | Requesting approval of a time-only extension for the FY17 CPA grant contract for the Henry Hansen Park Design for an additional 3 years.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| W. | Mayor's Request
210602
(ID:23454) | Requesting approval for a time-only extension of the FY17 Milk Row Cemetery Open Space Master Plan CPA contract through October 2021.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| X. | Order
210625
(ID:23508) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That all Department Heads share their FY21 missions and goals and FY20 achievements at this Council's next meeting on October 8, 2020.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Y. | Order
210626
(ID:23509) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Finance and the Budget Director discuss ways to improve the user experience for OpenGov.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Z. | Order
210628
(ID:23511) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Finance and the Director of SPCD discuss potential appropriations for requests from Somerville Cares (see attachment), restaurants and bars, arts and cultural organizations, and other groups.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| AA. | Mayor's Request
210646
(ID:23371) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$106,292.07 unencumbered using available funds in the DPW Building and Grounds budget.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| AB. | Mayor's Request
210647
(ID:23372) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$30,210.49 unencumbered using available funds in the DPW Highway budget.

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

- AC. Mayor's Request 210648 (ID:23358) Requesting approval to pay a variety of prior year invoices totaling \$17,214.11 using available funds in the DPW Administration budget.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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- AD. Mayor's Request 210649 (ID:23373) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$4,014.19 unencumbered using available funds in the DPW Fleet budget.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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- AE. Mayor's Request 210650 (ID:23505) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice for \$220 using available funds in the Inspectional Services Department's Staff Development Account for staff training.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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- AF. Mayor's Request 210651 (ID:23466) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$96 using available funds in the Health and Human Services Professional & Technical Account for interpreter services.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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- AG. Mayor's Request 210652 (ID:23467) Requesting acceptance of a \$46,800 grant with no new match required, from Metropolitan Area Planning Council to the Health and Human Services Department to reduce transportation barriers to food access.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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- AH. Mayor's Request 210653 (ID:23354) Requesting acceptance of a \$37,315 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Mental Health to the Police Department for the Jail Diversion Program.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| <p>AI. Mayor's Request 210654 (ID:23485)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$5,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Emergency Management Agency to the Fire Department for emergency management equipment.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>AJ. Mayor's Request 210655 (ID:23500)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to enter into a power purchase agreement with Solect Energy Development for a solar system at the East Somerville Community School.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>AK. Mayor's Request 210656 (ID:23501)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to enter into a power purchase agreement with Solect Energy Development for a solar system at the High School.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>AL. Mayor's Request 210657 (ID:23502)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of an easement to Solect Energy Development for installation, maintenance, and operation of a roof-top solar energy system at the East Somerville Community School.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>AM. Mayor's Request 210658 (ID:23503)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of an easement to Solect Energy Development for installation, maintenance, and operation of a roof-top solar energy system at the High School.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>AN. Mayor's Request 210659 (ID:23488)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for the 2017 street resurfacing contract with D&R General Contracting Inc.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

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| <p>AO. Mayor's Request
210660
(ID:23487)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the 2020-2021 HUD One Year Action Plan, for CDBG, HOME, and ESG programming.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>AP. Officer's Communication
210661
(ID:23479)</p> | <p>City Solicitor seeking approval of the settlement of a pending claim for \$249,713.69, for damages to the City Hall Annex in 2018.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

19. LAND USE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
210694
(ID:23563)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on September 29, 2020.</p> | <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen said the Committee deliberated an affordable housing overlay district, which would only apply to 100% affordable-housing buildings. It would authorize them by right and allow for larger buildings, depending on the underlying zoning. The proposal was kept in committee. The Committee also recommended approval of a citizens petition to upzone certain parcels in Gilman Square. The Homans property was changed to civic, and an adjoining property was left unchanged, so with the new GLX station, there is a rare opportunity to do something above and beyond what the private real estate market would deliver.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>B. Public Communication
210364
(ID:23230)</p> | <p>15 registered voters requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning map to re-zone six parcels along Medford Street between School Street and Marshall Street.</p> | <p>RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
 AMENDED: - 360 Medford Street (61-G-1) is NOT re-zoned.
 - 350 Medford Street (61-G-2) is re-zoned Civic.</p> |

20. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
210695
(ID:23565) | Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on October 1, 2020.

Councilor Davis said the Committee reviewed a number of items. First was a home rule petition to repeal so-called antigang loitering state legislation, to complete the Council’s work after last meeting’s repeal of a similar ordinance. Next was a proposed ordinance to prohibit the use of prison labor for city projects. The Committee couldn’t identify any good programs that employ incarcerated folks, and agreed they should be banned. The Committee also took action on amending the tree ordinance, to effectively protect the invasive Norway Maple species. The Council discussed prison labor, and considered defining "good" programs that could be used, but decided to leave the ordinance unchanged.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| B. | Public Communication
204422
(ID:17147) | Alan Bingham submitting comments re: #204278, the Demolition Review ordinance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| C. | Public Communication
205151
(ID:17891) | Alan Bingham submitting comments re: the draft Demolition Review Ordinance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| D. | Public Communication
205791
(ID:18552) | Chamber of Commerce submitting comments re: #204278, the proposed demolition review ordinance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| E. | Public Communication
206483
(ID:19262) | Somerville YIMBY Committee submitting comments re: #204278, the Demolition Review ordinance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| F. | Public Communication
206484
(ID:19263) | Justin Rank submitting comments re: #204278, the Demolition Review ordinance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

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| G. | Ordinance
209190
(ID:22058) | <p>By City Councilor Niedergang
Proposing an amendment to Tree Preservation Ordinance 12-102 - Definitions, to add to the definition of Invasive Plant the following sentence: "However, Norway Maples and other trees larger than 24" diameter at breast height shall not be considered Invasive Plants."</p> <hr/> <p>For the approved Ordinance see #210724.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| H. | Public
Communication
210161
(ID:23014) | <p>Chamber of Commerce submitting comments re: #204278, the Demolition Review ordinance.</p> <hr/> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| I. | Order
210454
(ID:23328) | <p>By City Councilor Scott, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Strezo, Clingan
That the City Solicitor draft language to prohibit the use of prison labor of any kind for city projects, including the Middlesex Sheriff's Community Work Program.</p> <hr/> <p>For the approved Ordinance see #210711.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| J. | Order
210555
(ID:23459) | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to require municipal licensing of rental car businesses, to address the issue of these businesses illegally parking their rental fleet on residential streets.</p> <hr/> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| K. | Order
210561
(ID:23443) | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the City Solicitor prepare a Home Rule Petition to repeal Chapter 327 of the Acts of 2004, which follows up on the so-called anti-gang loitering ordinance.</p> <hr/> <p>For the approved Home Rule Petition see #210710.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |

21. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
210696
(ID:23566)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on October 5, 2020.</p> <hr/> <p>Councilor Davis reported that the Committee discussed the status of Covid-19 in the city. Somerville had just moved back into the Green category, but Public Health Director Doug Kress pointed out that there are significant concerns, with more and more activities moving indoors, and the city could easily slip into the Red category. Just yesterday, Councilor Davis said, it appears we moved to the Yellow category. So we need to continue following best practices: maintain distances, wear masks, wash hands, and be smart with our choices.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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22. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
210697
(ID:23564)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on September 30, 2020.</p> <hr/> <p>Councilor Clingan reported that the meeting started with a public hearing on two items related to the enforcement of conditions on special permits to control developers. 13 residents spoke about their concerns regarding different developments, and a lack of compliance and enforcement. The Committee learned that there are 4 vacancies in the Inspectional Services Department, so that creates a deficiency. Councilor White referenced Ordinance 8.3, which enables the city to deny a permit, with a 12-month wait, and he said he would proposed a reduced timeframe.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>B. Order
210162
(ID:23020)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Rossetti, Niedergang, Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
 That the Director of Inspectional Services explain why Stop Work Orders are not accompanied by a fine.</p> <hr/> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>C. Resolution
210186
(ID:23038)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Rossetti, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
 That the Director of Inspectional Services, the City Solicitor, and the Mayor appear before this Council to explain why a development at 21 Cherry Street was deemed essential and granted a temporary Certificate of Occupancy despite a history of building code violations and physical violations of the Special Permit granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals.</p> <hr/> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |

- D. Resolution 210187 (ID:23039) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Rossetti, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Administration explain in writing to this Council, upon granting a permanent Certificate of Occupancy or extending a temporary Certificate of Occupancy to the 21 Cherry Street development, why het COO was granted given the many built violations of the Special Permit granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 210219 (ID:23080) By City Councilor White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah That the Director of Inspectional Services provide the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works with the building jacket for the development project at 21 Cherry Street, prior to the Committee’s June meeting.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. Order 210595 (ID:23477) By City Councilor Clingan, Niedergang, White Jr., Rossetti, Ballantyne, Davis, Scott That the Director of Inspectional Services appear before the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to discuss ensuring that all conditions of a special permit are met prior to the final signoff by the Inspectional Services Department and the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- G. Order 210596 (ID:23478) By City Councilor Clingan, Niedergang, White Jr., Rossetti, Davis, Scott That the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works hold a public hearing on developers' compliance with the conditions of special permits and the Inspectional Services Department's enforcement of those conditions.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

23. Mayor's Request 210698 (ID:23557) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,440,000 in a bond for the renovation and construction of the West Branch Library.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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| <p>24. Mayor's Request 210699 (ID:23561)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$36,000 using available funds in the DPW Fleet Division Professional and Technical Maintenance Account for Stoneham Motor Company, for the rental of plow trucks.</p> |
| | <p>Councilor Scott recommended approval. Councilor McLaughlin expressed concern in light of the recent investigation into the city's Fleet Department and referred the item to the Finance Committee for further consideration.
 RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| <p>25. Mayor's Request 210700 (ID:23524)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$421.65 using available funds in the Parking Department Meter Repair Account, for parking meter batteries.</p> |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>26. Mayor's Request 210701 (ID:23537)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$126 using available funds in the Health and Human Services Department's Professional and Technical Services Account for interpreting services.</p> |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>27. Mayor's Request 210702 (ID:23568)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$53,437.50 grant with no new match required, from the Center for Tech and Civic Life Cares Act to the Elections Department for postage to cover mailing out voting ballots.</p> |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>28. Mayor's Request 210703 (ID:23550)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$6,744.50 grant with no new match required from the MA Department of Public Health (through the Cambridge Health Alliance) to the Health and Human Services Department for 2020 Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinic support.</p> |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

29. Mayor's Request 210704 (ID:23570) Requesting approval of a 5-year Lease to procure equipment for IT network upgrades.
 Councilor Scott asked that this item be referred to the Finance Committee, noting that the lease wasn't attached to the request.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
30. Mayor's Request 210705 (ID:23554) Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for Design Technique for construction administration at the West Branch Library through 4/30/21.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
31. Mayor's Request 210706 (ID:23555) Requesting approval of a time-only extension for Designlab for construction administration at the West Branch Library until 4/30/21.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
32. Mayor's Request 210707 (ID:23578) Requesting the change of 3 voting locations: W5 P2 from the Brown School to the Kennedy School Gym, W5 P3 from the Highland Ave Fire Station to the Kennedy School Gym, and W2 P3 from Lowell St Fire Station to the Argenziano School.
 Councilor Niedergang approved of the change, and asked about signage in advance of election day to inform residents of the polling location change. Election Commissioner Nick Salerno said that signage will be posted at both the old and new locations on election day, and the city will also inform residents via CTY calls.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

33. Officer's Communication 210708 (ID:23559) City Solicitor requesting to appear in Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy and a negotiating position in the matter of 9-11 Aldersey Street.
 The President sponsored Assistant City Solicitor David Shapiro, who said the item was appropriate for Executive Session. The Council moved to Executive Session at 7:30 PM, and reconvened at 8:05 PM. The President reported that no votes were taken in Executive Session.
RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: Ewen-Campen

34. Officer's Communication 210709 (ID:23558) City Solicitor requesting approval to retain outside legal counsel to represent the City in the matter of 9-11 Aldersey Street.
Following the Executive Session (see #210708), the Council took up this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: Ewen-Campen
35. Officer's Communication 210710 (ID:23560) Assistant City Solicitor submitting a Home Rule Petition to repeal Chapter 327 of the Acts of 2004, relative to gang loitering.
For discussion of this item see #210561.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
36. Officer's Communication 210711 (ID:23592) Chief Labor Counsel submitting an ordinance prohibiting the use of prison labor, as approved by the Committee on Legislative Matters on 10/1/20.
For discussion of this item see #210454.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
37. Officer's Communication 210712 (ID:23556) Acting Director of Personnel responding to #210382 re: staffing in the E-911, Fire Alarm, and Constituent Services Departments.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
38. Officer's Communication 210713 (ID:23424) DPW Commissioner responding to #210475 re: the broken street light on Woods Ave.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
39. Officer's Communication 210714 (ID:23579) Director of Economic Development conveying the Notice of Environmental Notification Form Submission for the Winter Hill Urban Renewal Plan.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

40. Officer's Communication 210715 (ID:23589) Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #s 210185, 210364, and 210597, 3 requests for zoning amendments.
 Councilor McLaughlin recused himself from the portion of this item dealing with marijuana issues.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

NEW BUSINESS

41. License/Permit 210716 (ID:23580) Renewing Drainlayer's License, BSI Engineering Inc.
 Councilor White moved to waive the readings and approve items 41 and 42.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

42. License/Permit 210717 (ID:23581) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, 130 Broadway LLC for Fat Hen and Perfect Dental.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

43. Public Communication 210718 (ID:23587) Anthony Martignetti proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone his property at 360 Medford St to High Rise.
 Also referred to the Planning Board.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

44. Ordinance 210719 (ID:23593) By City Councilor White Jr., Clingan, Strezo
 That the provisions of Sec. 8-3(1) be amended by changing "for not less than a twelve month period" to "not less than a one month period"
 Councilor White explained that this proposal came out of the public hearing held by the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Health on developer noncompliance with the conditions on special permits (210697). He wanted to reduce the timeframe for enforcement under Ordinance 8-3.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

45. Order 210720 (ID:23594) By City Councilor Scott, Rossetti, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Inspectional Services review Zoning Ordinance 1.7 and act accordingly.

Councilor Rossetti explained that the intent of this item was to bolster the enforcement of Stop Work Orders.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

46. Order 210721 (ID:23598) By City Councilor Rossetti That this Council prepare for interviews of applicants to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.

Councilor Rossetti said no city staff would be assigned to this committee, so it will be under the purview of this Council. She said she expects members to be appointed by the Mayor and the various organizations with appointing authority, and she'll set up a meeting of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters to consider them.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

47. Mayor's Request 210722 (ID:23553) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$40,000 in the City Council's budget, from the Professional and Technical Services Account to the Salaries and Wages Temporary Account, to fund staff to develop a civilian oversight process for the Police Department.

Councilor Scott said this was a straightforward transfer to fund the Council's positions to develop a policy for civilian review of the Police Department. Councilor Davis explained that this was an estimate of the cost needed to accomplish the task.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

48. Mayor's Request 210723 (ID:23596) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kenneth Silva to the position of District Fire Chief.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

49. Officer's Communication 210724 (ID:23601) City Clerk submitting an ordinance to amend the definition of invasive plants in Ordinance 12-102 of the Tree Preservation Ordinance, as approved by the Committee on Legislative Matters on 10/1/20.
 For discussion of this item see #209190.
RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
50. Officer's Communication 210725 (ID:23591) Planning Division requesting to present a SomerVision 2040 update.
 Planner Melissa Woods said an updated SomerVision 2040 plan would be provided to the Council in the next 30 days and would include a spotlight on senior issues. She said the Council would have an opportunity to comment prior to its submission to the Planning Board.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
51. Officer's Communication 210726 (ID:23595) Chief Assessor responding to #209562 re: senior tax exemptions and #210591 re: tax abatements for arts organizations.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
52. Public Communication 210727 (ID:23600) Tufts President responding to #210623 re: Tufts' Dining Workers.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
53. Public Communication 210728 (ID:23599) 2 residents submitting comments re: #210645, Conway Park remediation and renovation.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

LATE ITEMS

54. Order 210729 (ID:23603) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Parking place NO PARKING signs on the corner of Cross St and Chester Ave.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

55. Order 210730 (ID:23602) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Public Works trim the tree at 21 Mt. Vernon St.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
56. Public Communication 210731 (ID:23604) 2 residents submitting comments re: #210364, a residents' petition to rezone 6 parcels in the Gilman Sq area.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:00 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 22, 2020, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 210732
 (ID:23631) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 210733
 (ID:23632) Councilor Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for John Corcoran.
 Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Sybil Falk Sermos.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 24, 2020.
 210734
 (ID:23633) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
 Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Resolution 210735 (ID:23610) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Strezo, Niedergang, Clingan, Rossetti, Ballantyne, Mbah, White Jr., Davis, Scott Supporting the Guaranteed Housing Stability Act (H.5018/S.2918), to prevent a wave of evictions in Massachusetts in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Councilor Ewen-Campen explained that the Governor has decided to end the eviction moratorium that has been in place since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, although the severity of the situation has not subsided. Up to 80,000 households will have trouble meeting their financial needs. These bills would provide safeguards to prevent the eviction of those faced with hardships. Two speakers, Nicole Eigbrett and Cecilia Morales, related their personal experiences regarding housing. Councilor Clingan commended them for exposing some of the techniques used to force people from their apartments. Councilor Strezo said this will be addressed in the Housing and Community Development Committee. Councilor Scott urged support of this resolution and the city’s efforts to assist in housing stability. Councilor Mbah underscored that residents should reach out to Council members for assistance.

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

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

Councilor Ewen-Campen said he has asked the Administration for the city’s policy on this subject and has yet to receive it.

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

6. Resolution 210737 (ID:23612) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Davis, Mbah, Scott, Clingan That the Administration submit to this Council the Surveillance Technology Impact Reports that are required by the Surveillance Oversight Ordinance, which went into effect on Oct 15, 2020, and which gives this Council 60 days to review and vote on proposed surveillance technologies.

Councilor Ewen-Campen stated that even after delaying the reporting due date, only 4 reports have been received. He noted that the COVID-19 excuse is wearing thin.

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

7. Order 210738 (ID:23621) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD report to this Council, no later than December 22, 2020, the Administration’s response to the traffic calming petition submitted by 10 residents of Rogers Avenue between Kidder Avenue and Boston Avenue/Broadway.

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

8. Order 210739 (ID:23620) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Strezo That the Director of Engineering and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management urge Eversource to fix gas leaks at 721 Somerville Avenue and nearby, as identified by HEET, and appear with Eversource staff at the next meeting of the Council’s Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to discuss this matter.

Councilor Niedergang explained that the escaping methane is harming trees. The Administration has assured him they would do what they could.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

9. Resolution 210740 (ID:23622) By City Councilor Strezo, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. Supporting passage of the ROE Act (S.1209/H.3320) and committing to the protection of abortion rights, access to reproductive health care, and an individual’s right to make reproductive decisions about one’s own body.

Councilor Strezo said this resolution recognizes health care as a fundamental human right and it should be validated that it’s up to families and individuals to do what they want with their bodies. Massachusetts does not allow late term abortions for abnormalities and Councilor Strezo believes that to be a serious concern.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

10. Resolution 210741 (ID:23623) By City Councilor Mbah, Ballantyne, Clingan, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen That the Administration appear before this Council to give a report on the Public School building reopening plans.

Councilor Mbah asked why Somerville’s plan to re-open school buildings is different from our neighboring cities. He sponsored Dr. Elizabeth Pinsky, who said Mayor Curtatone’s decision to keep schools closed into December was not in line with any recognized data. He also sponsored Dr. Lauren Hanley, who spoke about the harm being done to students by keeping the schools closed, which may become irreversible. Councilor Niedergang spoke about the number of parents who share the speakers’ concerns, and said the School Committee should control when the school buildings open. Councilor Scott said while stricter protocols are not necessarily a bad thing, the Mayor is somewhat cavalier with his engagement with the population and his regard for public process. Councilor Davis said that he has faith in the School Committee to deal with school matters. Councilor Rossetti asked for an Administration comment on this item tonight. President McLaughlin said that the Administration will be requesting funding to make the schools safe for students. This concerned Councilor Rossetti because of the time it takes to address financial matters. Councilor Ballantyne said that Incident Commander Omar Boukili told her that numbers would be made available as soon as possible.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
AMENDED: Insert "Public School" to specify which building re-opening plans are requested.
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

11. Order 210742 (ID:23624) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Scott, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr. That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance similar to Boston's PILOT ordinance, formalizing payments in lieu of taxes to create a fair and transparent system of taxation for large tax-exempt non-profit organizations.

Councilor McLaughlin spoke about PILOT agreements and the one-to-one negotiations involved. He sponsored Marianne Walles, who spoke about the lack of a system to calculate the payment amount, and asked that the City Council adopt a transparent plan to make payments more realistic.

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

12. Resolution 210743 (ID:23625) By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Mbah
Proposing a process to create the Somerville Community Safety Coalition.
- Councilor Scott explained that this discussion began during the recent budget sessions and it can't wait for someone else to re-imagine policing, so he is proposing a method to begin the process for change. He sponsored Sarah Courtney, a licensed social worker, who advocated for quality mental health and asked the city to utilize the Sequential Intercept Model to divert certain groups of people out of the criminal justice system and into a mental healthcare system. Councilor Scott asked councilors to review the documents submitted along with this item. Councilor Strezo asked about a possible timeline and Ms. Courtney replied that it could take about a year to get to the RFP stage. Councilor Ballantyne asked how the CORE program differs, and Ms. Courtney elaborated on the differences.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
13. Order 210744 (ID:23626) By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of Parking address this Council regarding enforcement policies on Resident Permit Parking and other regulations during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Councilor Scott requested some clarity on parking enforcement policies.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
14. Order 210745 (ID:23627) By City Councilor Scott, McLaughlin, Clingan, Mbah
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the fragility of the trash collection bins in relation to the rat population and inform this Council as to the duration and nature of the contract providing said bins to the City.
- Councilor Scott stated that there has been a resurgence of rats and he has received numerous inquiries about how to replace the trash bins. He would like to know how long the trash bin contract was for.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

15. Communication By City Councilor Rossetti
210746
(ID:23609) Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of October 19, 2020.

Councilor Rossetti reported that the project is on target with an expected occupancy of December 1 for the new wing. COVID-19 related expenses amounted to \$500,000 and there is about \$500,000 available for contingencies.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16. Resolution By City Councilor McLaughlin
210586
(ID:23470) That the Mayor update this Council, in Executive Session, on alleged suspicious activity in the DPW Fleet yard in March of 2020.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

17. Communication By City Councilor Strezo
210692
(ID:23549) Reporting on the demographic breakdown of employees in the E-911 dispatch, Fire Alarm dispatch, and Constituent Services Departments.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

18. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
210747
(ID:23630) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on October 20, 2020.

Councilor Scott reported on the meeting. Councilor Ballantyne commented on statements made by Finance Director Ed Bean that the city’s cash flow was good, and expressed her opposition to artificial turf at Conway Park. Votes were taken to approve 2 bonds and a 5-year lease for IT upgrades. Councilor White moved for reconsideration of the 2 bond votes in the hope that it does not prevail. Reconsideration was approved with 9 Councilors in favor, Councilor Strezo opposed, and Councilor Mbah recused. The bonds were then reconsidered individually with no Councilor changing his or her vote and Councilor Mbah remaining recused on the Conway Park bond.

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

B. Mayor's Request 210645 (ID:23440) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$6,086,250 in a bond for the remediation and renovation of Conway Park.

RESULT: APPROVED. [8 TO 2]
AYES: Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
NAYS: Scott, Ballantyne
RECUSED: Mbah

C. Officer's Communication 210662 (ID:23535) Urban Forestry Committee conveying a statement on the planned remediation of Conway Park.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Mayor's Request 210698 (ID:23557) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,440,000 in a bond for the renovation and construction of the West Branch Library.

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

E. Mayor's Request 210699 (ID:23561) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$36,000 using available funds in the DPW Fleet Division Professional and Technical Maintenance Account for Stoneham Motor Company, for the rental of plow trucks.

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

F. Mayor's Request 210704 (ID:23570) Requesting approval of a 5-year Lease to procure equipment for IT network upgrades.

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

G. Mayor's Request 210705 (ID:23554) Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for Design Technique for construction administration at the West Branch Library through 4/30/21.

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

H. Mayor's Request 210706 (ID:23555) Requesting approval of a time-only extension for Designlab for construction administration at the West Branch Library until 4/30/21.

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

I. Public Communication 210728 (ID:23599) 2 residents submitting comments re: #210645, Conway Park remediation and renovation.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Order 210748 (ID:23666) By City Councilor Rossetti That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Council with a report of total known expenses for FY19, FY20 and FY21 to date.

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

19. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 210749 (ID:23628) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on October 13, 2020.

Councilor Ewen-Campen reported on the Committee meeting and spoke briefly about the Affordable Housing Overlay District, for which there will be a public hearing on November 19.

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

B. Order 207172 (ID:20005) By City Councilor 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: WORK COMPLETED

C. Resolution 209222 (ID:22005) By City Councilor Rossetti That the Administration advise the Committee on Land Use how compliance with zoning is and will be monitored and enforced post-certificate of occupancy.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 210294 (ID:23166) By City Councilor White Jr., Ballantyne, Strezo, Rossetti, Mbah, Davis That the Land Use Committee review the proposed amendment to Zoning Ordinance 15.4.2.b.iii when developing its own proposal to amend that ordinance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Public Communication 210677 (ID:23548) Burak Gokmen submitting comments re: #210364, to re-zone six parcels along Medford Street between School Street and Marshall Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

20. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
210750
(ID:23629) | Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on October 14, 2020.

Councilor Niedergang reported on the Committee meeting and spoke about the parking task force, ‘Don’t Block the Box’, interim crosswalk painting, bike lanes and accident reporting, blocked bike lanes and the Holland Street/College Avenue improvement project.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| B. | Order
201993
(ID:14663) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Traffic and Parking stripe street arrows for Teele Square, in all directions, and on Broadway, at the intersection of Broadway and Route 16.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| C. | Resolution
202105
(ID:14792) | By City Councilor Davis, Niedergang
That the Administration develop a process for interim crosswalk painting and/or other measures to protect pedestrians when road work or other conditions prevent the immediate re-striping of road markings.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| D. | Order
204791
(ID:17515) | By City Councilor Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works and/or the Director of Traffic and Parking install a second crosswalk at the intersection of College Avenue with Kidder Avenue and Summit Street, with additional pedestrian safety measures.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| E. | Order
204890
(ID:17658) | By City Councilor 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: WORK COMPLETED |
| F. | Order
205197
(ID:17970) | By City Councilor 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: WORK COMPLETED |

G. Order 206178 (ID:18945) By City Councilor 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: WORK COMPLETED

H. Order 206202 (ID:18992) By City Councilor 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: WORK COMPLETED

I. Order 206693 (ID:19468) By City Councilor 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: WORK COMPLETED

J. Order 206776 (ID:19562) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of Engineering consider using colored asphalt rather than paint, for bike lanes.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. Order 207279 (ID:20082) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Chief of Police enforce the speed limit on Sycamore Street, between Highland Avenue and Medford Street, and inform the Ward 3 Alderman on the outcome.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

L. Order 207281 (ID:20084) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD work with the Ward 3 Alderman to address long-standing congestion at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Hamlet Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

M. Order 207463 (ID:20254) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Hirsch That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain the recent addition of NO PARKING signs on Glen Street and remove them if there is no practical reason for them.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

N. Order 207894 (ID:20700) By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor on the timeframe for acquiring new signal switching equipment to allow additional traffic/pedestrian cycles in Davis Square.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

O. Order 207917 (ID:20774) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Traffic and Parking implement traffic calming measures on Avon Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

P. Order 208031 (ID:20835) By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch, Rossetti
That the Director of SPCD use the \$220,000 in traffic mitigation funds paid by Maxwell's Green in 2011 for traffic calming on Lowell Street, between Highland Avenue and Albion Street, by constructing a traffic-calming table at the Albion Street crosswalk.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Q. Order 208252 (ID:21083) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD perform traffic volume and speed studies on Summit Avenue and Boston Street during morning and evening rush hours and report the findings to the Ward 3 City Councilor.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

R. Order 208823 (ID:21643) By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD provide information about ensuring that pedestrians on the Community Path can travel safely given the sometimes high speeds and volume of bicycles or scooters.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

S. Order 208826 (ID:21646) By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD provide an update on progress made on the 2017 Bicycle Friendly Community report card, including plans for actions steps on metrics where Somerville lags other communities.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

T. Order 208891 (ID:21708) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of SPCD deploy traffic calming measures on Jacques Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

U. Order 208921 (ID:21744) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD schedule a meeting with the residents of Partridge Avenue who filed a traffic calming petition, or respond to them with a written communication.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

V. Order 209189 (ID:22047) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Parking install the respective missing street signs at the intersection of North Street and Powderhouse Blvd.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

W. Order 209421 (ID:22260) By City Councilor Niedergang, Clingan That the Director of SPCD implement traffic-calming measures for Central Street between Highland Avenue and Broadway as soon as possible, since traffic has increased dramatically with the Broadway reconfiguration, and will increase even more with the coming School Street closure.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

X. Order 209648 (ID:22542) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD use the \$220,000 in traffic mitigation funds paid by Maxwell's Green in 2011 for a traffic-calming table on Lowell Street at the Albion Street crosswalk. (3rd request)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Y. Order 209783 (ID:22638) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott That the Director of SPCD and the Chief of Police discuss what can be done to mitigate delivery trucks' use of bike lanes and cycling tracks as parking when making deliveries.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Z. Order 210479 (ID:23370) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of SPCD deploy traffic calming measures to reduce speeding vehicles on Heath Street from Moreland to Temple Streets, on Sycamore Street from Medford Street to Broadway, and on Shore Drive from Rts 16 to 38.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AA. Order 210500 (ID:23383) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott, Strezo, Mbah That the Chief of Police, the Director of Parking and the Director of SPCD discuss enforcement to eliminate delivery and other vehicles from parking on the Beacon Street cycle track, in order to provide a safe biking route for bicyclists.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- AB. Order 210542 (ID:23425) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne, Mbah That the Director of SPCD update this Council on the plans and process for the Holland Street and College Avenue mobility improvements.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- AC. Order 210673 (ID:23539) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD update this Council on the citywide parking study that began last year.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

21. Mayor's Request 210751 (ID:23597) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$473.54 using available funds in the Health & Human Services Supply Account for Somerville Farmers Market bags and folders for a training.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

22. Mayor's Request 210752 (ID:23569) Requesting the approval for a change in the scope of the CPA FY16 and FY19 award to the Somerville Museum.

Councilor White recused.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

24. Officer's Communication 210754 (ID:23605) Special Counsel submitting a Home Rule Petition to permit Cambridge to provide, at no cost to Somerville, snow plowing and removal, water, storm water drainage, sanitary sewer, police, fire, and other emergency services to the Somerville building in the development known as Cambridge Crossing.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

25. Officer's Communication 210755 (ID:23651) City Clerk requesting approval of his Public Official's Bond.

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

26. Officer's Communication 210756 (ID:23607) Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #s 210452 and 210472, 2 requests for zoning map amendments.
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| FOLLOWUP: | Land Use Committee |
27. Officer's Communication 210757 (ID:23656) Licensing Commission conveying its policy for outdoor seating for restaurants in the coming year.
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

NEW BUSINESS

28. License/Permit 210758 (ID:23649) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tascon Corp.
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| Councilor White moved to waive the readings and approve items 28 through 48. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
29. License/Permit 210759 (ID:23645) Renewing Flammables License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
30. License/Permit 210760 (ID:23644) Renewing Flammables License, Trum Field Sunoco, 541 Broadway.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
31. License/Permit 210761 (ID:23653) Renewing Garage License, Barnes and Walsh, 224 Somerville Ave.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
32. License/Permit 210762 (ID:23655) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Somerville Transportation, Med #69,71.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 33. License/Permit
210763
(ID:23634) | Small Wireless Facility License, Extenet Systems attaching small cell equipment on a replacement pole near 278 Broadway. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 34. License/Permit
210764
(ID:23646) | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Thai Massage, 55 Union Sq. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 35. License/Permit
210765
(ID:23647) | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, When Pigs Fly, 241 Elm St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 36. License/Permit
210766
(ID:23582) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, DM Auto Body, 48 Joy St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 37. License/Permit
210767
(ID:23637) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Teele Sq Auto, 1284 Broadway. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 38. License/Permit
210768
(ID:23638) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 39. License/Permit
210769
(ID:23639) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, United Motors, 188 Broadway. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

40. License/Permit 210770 (ID:23640) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Enterprises, 308 McGrath Hwy.

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

41. License/Permit 210771 (ID:23641) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Enterprises, 182 Washington St.

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

42. License/Permit 210772 (ID:23642) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Towing, 160 McGrath Hwy.

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

43. License/Permit 210773 (ID:23643) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St.

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

44. License/Permit 210774 (ID:23650) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Somerville Motors, 182 Washington St.

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

45. License/Permit 210775 (ID:23652) Renewing Used Car Dealer's Class 2 License, Barnes and Walsh, 224 Somerville Ave.

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

46. License/Permit 210776 (ID:23635) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.

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

47. License/Permit 210777 (ID:23636) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 0 Windsor St.

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

48. License/Permit 210778 (ID:23648) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Ed's Used Auto Parts, 516 Columbia St.

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

49. Public Communication 210779 (ID:23654) 2 residents submitting comments re: #210645, Conway Park remediation and renovation.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

50. Communication 210780 (ID:23657) By City Councilor Strezo Reporting on the Children's Cabinet.

Councilor Strezo reported on a recent meeting of the Children’s Cabinet. Reopening protocols were discussed as well as COVID-19 matters and YMCA programs for youths. The Head Start program is open with a hybrid model. Councilor Strezo noted that there has been difficulty acquiring Chromebooks for students’ use.

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

51. Order 210781 (ID:23667) By City Councilor Strezo That the Director of Health and Human Services appear before this Council’s Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss the Teen Snow Shoveling Program for the 2020-2021 winter season.

Councilor Strezo commented that this program was downgraded last winter due to lack of teen interest. She would like to know what plans are in place to keep it active.

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

52. Order 210782 (ID:23668) By City Councilor Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan That the Director of SPCD present zoning recommendations addressing the size of ground floor commercial spaces produced by development, to ensure that street level development in certain areas maintains multiple smaller-sized commercial spaces to enhance the pedestrian experience.

Councilor Davis said he has been working with Planner Dan Bartman to draft a proposal on this matter for the Land Use Committee’s consideration.

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

53. Order 210783 (ID:23669) By City Councilor Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan That the Director of SPCD present zoning recommendations to establish density bonuses in certain areas, including increased building height, in exchange for additional community benefits.

For discussion of this item see #210782.

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

54. Order 210784 (ID:23670) By City Councilor Davis That the Director of SPCD work with the Ward Six Councilor to prioritize pedestrian uses of public space in Davis Square, including on-street dining and/or retail as a permanent feature in 2021 and beyond.

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

55. Mayor's Request 210785 (ID:23659) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 to the Executive Administration Special Items Charter Reform Study Account, to contract with a technical expert on charter reform.

President McLaughlin asked for approval this evening. Councilor Niedergang asked for an explanation of the \$100,000 price tag. Mayor’s Aide Khushbu Webber replied that it’s an estimate of the amount needed to retain a qualified expert for a review of 9 to 12 months. The Administration will put out a call for residents to participate, and if the item is approved tonight, the needed personnel could be in place by December. President McLaughlin pointed out that the City Council, the Mayor and the State House must approve charter changes. Councilor Ballantyne asked if the charter review meetings would be public and Ms. Webber said she would check to see that access to the community is provided.

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

56. Mayor's Request 210786 (ID:23660) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$24,000 to the Executive Administration Salaries and Wages Temporary Account, to hire part-time staff to manage the Charter Reform Study effort.

For discussion of this item see #210785. After a unanimous vote to approve this item, Councilor Scott called for reconsideration, saying that he couldn't stand by his previous vote to approve. He said the Council was "talked down" months ago when it requested additional staff. Councilor Davis explained that when the Council sought to hire staff at a specific salary to work on a police reform policy, the Mayor reduced that salary to less than what is being requested here. Reconsideration passed unanimously. On reconsideration, the item remained approved with Councilors Scott and Rossetti changing their votes to "opposed."

RESULT: APPROVED. [9 TO 2]
AYES: Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
NAYS: Rossetti, Scott

57. Mayor's Request 210787 (ID:23613) Requesting approval of the Winter Hill Urban Renewal Plan.

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

58. Mayor's Request 210788 (ID:23672) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Homeland Security Cameras.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading of items 58 through 61 and refer them to the Committee on Legislative Matters.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

59. Mayor's Request 210789 (ID:23673) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GLX Cameras.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

60. Mayor's Request 210790 (ID:23674) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for 911.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

61. Mayor's Request 210791 (ID:23675) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for ShotSpotter.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

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| 62. Mayor's Request 210792 (ID:23614) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Justin Bonner to the position of Fire Captain. | <p>Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the reading of items 62 through 67 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 63. Mayor's Request 210793 (ID:23615) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Khoury to the position of Fire Captain. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 64. Mayor's Request 210794 (ID:23616) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Dennis Sullivan to the position of Fire Captain. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 65. Mayor's Request 210795 (ID:23617) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Thomas Bellini to the position of Fire Lieutenant. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 66. Mayor's Request 210796 (ID:23618) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Eric Saulnier to the position of Fire Lieutenant. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 67. Mayor's Request 210797 (ID:23619) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Danielle O'Hearn to the position of Fire Lieutenant. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

68. Mayor's Communication 210798 (ID:23671) Responding to #210586, a Resolution that the Mayor update this Council on the DPW Fleet Division.

President McLaughlin said the Law Office told him that a discussion of alleged suspicious activity in the DPW Fleet yard (#210586) was not appropriate for Executive Session. Councilor Scott suggested the matter be discussed in open session then. The President noted that Administrative staff had left the meeting, leaving the Council with unanswered questions again. He said the Council was told that it would be apprised of the situation in June, and now, 4 months later, there is still no information. Councilors Clingan and Davis expressed their displeasure with the Administration, and Councilor Davis reminded the Council that it has subpoena power and could look into the matter on its own. Councilor Niedergang commented that maybe there was something to the rumors of malfeasance in the DPW Fleet Division. Councilor Rossetti wondered if the Inspector General would provide information. Councilor White said the item was appropriate for Executive Session. Councilor Clingan said it appears that there has been mishandling of funds and invoices. Councilor Scott said it was a question of job performance, not character. He moved that the City Council convene in Executive Session to discuss the reputation, discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, Ron Bonney, who was last known as the Director of Fleet (see #210805). City Solicitor Frank Wright then joined the meeting. Councilor White said it was imperative for the Administration to provide pertinent staff at the Executive Session, and asked Mr. Wright how it would not be in the power of the City Council to convene the Executive Session. Mr. Wright said that there were apparent contract and procurement irregularities and that the documents were turned over to the Inspector General's Office. Councilor White asked if the Council should have been informed and Mr. Wright said that question should be addressed to the Administration. Councilor Davis said that is exactly what the Council is trying to do. He moved that the City Council invoke its right to obtain outside counsel pursuant to Ordinance 2-121 (see #210806).

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

69. Officer's Communication 210799 (ID:23658) Interim Director of Water and Sewer submitting a draft Scope of Services for the long-term Water and Sewer Rate Study and Affordability Analysis.

Councilor Scott said there were tense discussions about a Home Rule petition that was worked on by the Council and approved by the State, which the Mayor has now refused to implement. He said while it's a recurring theme of the Administration ignoring the will of the Council, this item is a step in the right direction, with the Council given the chance to provide input.

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

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| 70. Public Communication 210800 (ID:23661) | The Somerville Community Corp nominating Bill Dovhan to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee. | <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading of items 70 through 74 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. He then moved for adjournment citing the Administration’s lack of cooperation with the Council. The motion failed with Councilor Scott in favor and 10 Councilors opposed.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 71. Public Communication 210801 (ID:23662) | The Carpenters Union nominating Juan Novoa to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 72. Public Communication 210802 (ID:23663) | MassCOSH nominating Mirna Morales to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 73. Public Communication 210803 (ID:23664) | The Building and Construction Trades Council nominating Jorge Rivera to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 74. Public Communication 210804 (ID:23665) | The Brazilian Worker Center nominating José Venancio to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

LATE ITEMS

75. Order 210805 (ID:23677) By City Councilor Scott
That this Council meet in Executive Session to discuss the reputation, discipline, or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, Ron Bonney, who was last known as the Director of Fleet.

For discussion of this item see #210798.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: City Council

76. Order 210806 (ID:23678) By City Councilor Davis
That this Council invoke its right to engage outside counsel to compel the Administration to update this Council in Executive Session on alleged suspicious activity in the DPW Fleet Yard in March, 2020.

For discussion of this item see #210798.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: City Council

77. Order 210807 (ID:23676) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Director of the Arts Council and the Director of SPCD appear before this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss adapting how the city celebrates the 2020 holiday season, with the emphasis on neighborhood connections and local businesses.

Councilor Strezo said that many people want to support local businesses and she would like to explore ways to do that.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:30 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2020, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 210808
 (ID:23757) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 210809
 (ID:23758) Councilor Davis sponsored a moment of silence for Leah Zallman. Councilor Niedergang sponsored a moment of silence for Mario Davila. Councilor Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for Frank DiFonzo, and for the 47 Somerville residents who have passed away from the Covid-19 pandemic. Councilor Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Tony McDaid. Councilor McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for the nation's veterans who have been killed in service.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 8, 2020.
 210810
 (ID:23759) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

- 4. Citation 210811 (ID:23761) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. Commending the staff of the Elections Department for their tireless efforts to insure for every registered voter the opportunity to vote safely and securely in the recent presidential election.

Councilor Ballantyne spoke briefly, commending the Elections Department.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 5. Grant of Location 210812 (ID:23714) Submitted by TC Systems Inc to install 65 feet of conduit in Florence Street, from utility pole 127/8 to a proposed handhole at the intersection of Pearl and Florence Streets.

There were no speakers in favor of or against this item. The public hearing will remain open until November 20, 2020.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

- 6. Grant of Location 210813 (ID:23715) Submitted by TC Systems Inc to install 132 feet of conduit from a Comcast manhole at 77 Middlesex Ave to a proposed manhole at the intersection of Middlesex Ave and Foley St, then branching, with 7 feet going to Verizon Manhole #447 and 45 feet going to Pole 213/6, both at the same intersection.

There were no speakers in favor of or against this item. The public hearing will remain open until November 20, 2020.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

- 7. Grant of Location 210814 (ID:23709) Submitted by Eversource to install 138 feet of conduit in Professors Row, from utility pole 289/12 to a point of pickup at 91 Professors Row.

Jacqui Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of the item. The public hearing will remain open until November 20, 2020.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

- 8. Grant of Location 210815 (ID:23710) Submitted by Eversource to install 76 feet of conduit in Joy Street, from manhole 22832 to a point of pickup at the rear of 135 Linwood Street.

Jacqui Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of the item. The public hearing will remain open until November 20, 2020.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

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| 9. | Grant of Location
210816
(ID:23711) | Submitted by Eversource to install 31 feet of conduit in Woodbine Street, from utility pole 632/2 to a point of pickup at 15 Woodbine Street. |
| | | <p>Jacqui Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of the item. The public hearing will remain open until November 20, 2020.</p> <p>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
| 10. | Grant of Location
210817
(ID:23712) | Submitted by Eversource to install 337 feet of conduit in Grand Union Boulevard, from manhole 29310 to manhole 29175. |
| | | <p>Jacqui Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of the item. The public hearing will remain open until November 20, 2020.</p> <p>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
| 11. | Grant of Location
210818
(ID:23713) | Submitted by Eversource to install 5 feet of conduit in Curtis Street, from utility pole 289/16 to a point of pickup at 131 Curtis Street. |
| | | <p>Jacqui Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of the item. The public hearing will remain open until November 20, 2020.</p> <p>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

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| 12. | Resolution
210819
(ID:23685) | By City Councilor McLaughlin, and the Mayor, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr. Proclaiming this 12th day of November, 2020 to be a day to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and rededicating ourselves to make Somerville accessible and inclusive for all who live here. |
| | | <p>Councilor McLaughlin confirmed the Council's support for the ADA's goals.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 13. | Resolution
210820
(ID:23730) | By City Councilor McLaughlin, Strezo, Ballantyne Calling on Governor Baker to implement a streamlined process for MassHealth applicants to simultaneously file for SNAP benefits. |
| | | <p>Councilor McLaughlin said too many people don't receive SNAP benefits even though they are eligible for them.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

14. Order 210821 (ID:23720) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Clingan
That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on the processes used to better manage and enforce conditions identified in building permits.

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

15. Order 210822 (ID:23728) By City Councilor Strezo, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Rossetti, Davis, Clingan, White Jr., Mbah
That this Council undergo diversity, gender, racial and cultural sensitivity training, once per term, beginning in January 2021, which may be administered by the Personnel Department or a consultant.

Councilors Strezo and Mbah urged support of this item. President McLaughlin commented that no responses were received for an RFP that was sent out, and allowing city staff to conduct the training will move this initiative forward.

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

16. Order 210823 (ID:23750) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Parks and Recreation discuss with this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development whether public playground sandbox coverings are an option when the parks are closed.

Councilor Strezo said she was told earlier today that it's not possible to cover the sandboxes.

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

17. Order 210824 (ID:23734) By City Councilor Clingan, Strezo
That the Director of Engineering appear before this Council's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to discuss the Medford Street sidewalk repaving "book job" and the subsequent usage conditions left as a result of bringing the sidewalks to ADA compliance.

Councilor Clingan explained that the repaving project created a dangerous situation for some residents because of the ADA slope of the sidewalk. Some were also concerned with possible liability issues.

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

18. Order 210825 (ID:23735) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Engineering address residents' concerns regarding possible property owner liability relating to the conditions created by the City in its efforts to bring sidewalks to ADA compliance.

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

19. Order 210826 (ID:23736) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of SPCD prioritize painting the crosswalk on Sycamore Street near Evergreen Avenue.

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

20. Order 210827 (ID:23737) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Parking install a NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign on Forster Street at the Central Street end of the roadway.

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

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

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

22. Order 210829 (ID:23739) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the streetlight outage on the entire length of Fellsway West, resulting from the work being done by DCR at Foss Park.

Councilor Clingan has been informed by residents that the lights are out. DCR has said that they will be turned back on in a couple of weeks.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

23. Resolution 210586 (ID:23470) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Mayor update this Council, in Executive Session, on alleged suspicious activity in the DPW Fleet yard in March of 2020.
- Labor Counsel Julie McKenzie advised the Council that this item meets the requirements for discussion in Executive Session. The Council moved to Executive Session at 10:15 PM, and returned to regular session at 11:00 PM. No votes were taken in Executive Session.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
24. Communication 210692 (ID:23549) By City Councilor Strezo
Reporting on the demographic breakdown of employees in the E-911 dispatch, Fire Alarm dispatch, and Constituent Services Departments.
- Councilor Strezo said she would discuss this item later in the meeting as part of the Housing and Community Development Committee report for the October 28 meeting (#210835).
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
25. Order 210805 (ID:23677) By City Councilor Scott
That this Council meet in Executive Session to discuss the reputation, discipline, or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, Ron Bonney, who was last known as the Director of Fleet.
- Assistant City Solicitor David Shapiro advised the Council that this item meets the requirements for discussion in Executive Session. The Council moved to Executive Session at 9:05 PM, and returned to regular session at 10:15 PM. No votes were taken in Executive Session.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
26. Order 210806 (ID:23678) By City Councilor Davis
That this Council invoke its right to engage outside counsel to compel the Administration to update this Council in Executive Session on alleged suspicious activity in the DPW Fleet Yard in March, 2020.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES27. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| A. Committee Report
210830
(ID:23745) | Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on November 2, 2020. |
| | <p>Councilor Rossetti presented the report and highlighted some of the accomplishments of the candidates recommended for promotion.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| B. Order
208511
(ID:21380) | By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Director of Personnel provide the City Council with a monthly vacancy report. |
| | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| C. Mayor's Request
210723
(ID:23596) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kenneth Silva to the position of District Fire Chief. |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| D. Mayor's Request
210792
(ID:23614) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Justin Bonner to the position of Fire Captain. |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| E. Mayor's Request
210793
(ID:23615) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Khoury to the position of Fire Captain. |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| F. Mayor's Request
210794
(ID:23616) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Dennis Sullivan to the position of Fire Captain. |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| G. Mayor's Request 210795 (ID:23617) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Thomas Bellini to the position of Fire Lieutenant. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| H. Mayor's Request 210796 (ID:23618) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Eric Saulnier to the position of Fire Lieutenant. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| I. Mayor's Request 210797 (ID:23619) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Danielle O'Hearn to the position of Fire Lieutenant. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

28. EQUITY, GENDER, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS COMMITTEE

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| A. Committee Report 210831 (ID:23746) | Report of the Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations, meeting on November 4, 2020. | <p>Councilor Mbah presented the report and gave a brief summary. The Committee recommended that items #210239 and #210240 be discharged from the Equity Committee and referred to the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| B. Order 205289 (ID:18063) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne, Davis, Clingan
That the Director of Purchasing share the process for procuring food, food packaging and flatware for the school cafeterias. | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| C. Order 205290 (ID:18064) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne, Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works share the process of handling different types of cafeteria waste, including recyclables and food waste. | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |

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| D. | Order
205361
(ID:18126) | By City Councilor 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. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| E. | Officer's
Communication
205531
(ID:18194) | Parks and Recreation Director responding to #205361 re: the allocation of indoor and outdoor spaces. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| F. | Officer's
Communication
205532
(ID:18176) | Parks and Recreation Director submitting the Department's Fall, 2017 youth participation statistics. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| G. | Resolution
206188
(ID:18960) | By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Hirsch, Mbah, Ballantyne, and the Entire Board
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: WORK COMPLETED |
| H. | Resolution
206232
(ID:19061) | By City Councilor 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. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| I. | Resolution
206643
(ID:19417) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne
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. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| J. | Public
Communication
210290
(ID:23156) | 3,380 citizens (approx.) submitting comments re: redistributing Police Department funding. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

- K. Order 210832 (ID:23729) By City Councilor Mbah, Ballantyne, Strezo That #210239 and #210240 be discharged from the Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations and referred to the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety.

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

29. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210833 (ID:23749) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on November 10, 2020.

Councilor White recused with respect to #210752. Councilor Scott gave a brief summary of the report and said he requested a copy of every FY21 invoice of the DPW's Fleet Maintenance Division to date.

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

- B. Order 208132 (ID:20939) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Water and Sewer discuss the option for property owners to add a second water meter to use for irrigation and other outdoor uses.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 210221 (ID:23077) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Finance discuss providing small businesses the option to pay the Licensing Commission's annual license renewal fees in installments instead of all at once.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Resolution 210483 (ID:23344) By City Councilor Rossetti That the Administration consider relief for local small businesses as it relates to their annual renewal of licenses and associated fees.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 210748 (ID:23666) By City Councilor Rossetti That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Council with a report of total known expenses for FY19, FY20 and FY21 to date.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. Mayor's Request 210751 (ID:23597) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$473.54 using available funds in the Health & Human Services Supply Account for Somerville Farmers Market bags and folders for a training.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- G. Mayor's Request 210752 (ID:23569) Requesting the approval for a change in the scope of the CPA FY16 and FY19 award to the Somerville Museum.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: White Jr.
- H. Officer's Communication 210799 (ID:23658) Interim Director of Water and Sewer submitting a draft Scope of Services for the long-term Water and Sewer Rate Study and Affordability Analysis.
- RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED
- I. Order 210834 (ID:23784) By City Councilor Scott That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Council's Finance Committee with every invoice from the Fleet Division's Ordinary Maintenance budget for FY21 year to date, including documentation supporting encumbrance figures listed in the current Munis report.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

30. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210835 (ID:23743) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on October 28, 2020.
- Councilor Strezo presented the report and spoke about the snow shoveling program for senior citizens and ways to assist local businesses during the holiday season.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- B. Order 210781 (ID:23667) By City Councilor Strezo That the Director of Health and Human Services appear before this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss the Teen Snow Shoveling Program for the 2020-2021 winter season.
- RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

31. LAND USE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
210836
(ID:23742)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on October 27, 2020.</p> | <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the report.
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>B. Public Communication
210718
(ID:23587)</p> | <p>Anthony Martignetti proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone his property at 360 Medford St to High Rise.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>C. Public Communication
210731
(ID:23604)</p> | <p>2 residents submitting comments re: #210364, a residents' petition to rezone 6 parcels in the Gilman Sq area.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |

32. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
210837
(ID:23744)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on October 29, 2020.</p> | <p>Councilor Davis presented the report and noted that the first set of Surveillance Technology Impact reports were discussed at the meeting.
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>B. Mayor's Request
208703
(ID:21511)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City to appoint Police Cadets under certain circumstances.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>C. Order
209377
(ID:22221)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Niedergang
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to ban the sale of alcohol in containers up to 100 milliliters, including "nips," to enhance public health and reduce litter, plastic use, and public drunkenness.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |

33. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 210838 (ID:23747) Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on November 9, 2020.

Councilor Ballantyne presented the report and noted that SPCD is still accepting comments for SomerVision 2040.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

B. Order 201857 (ID:14510) By City Councilor Ballantyne, McWatters, Niedergang, Davis That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Sustainability and Environment inform the Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy which elements of the AMA's 2016 guidelines on LED lighting could be or have been used to minimize potential harmful effects.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 202992 (ID:15699) By City Councilor Davis That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and the City Solicitor advise this Board on the feasibility requiring certain commercial and multi-family buildings to require composting as a part of regular waste disposal.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Resolution 204434 (ID:17161) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang That the Administration provide this Board's Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy with an analysis of the attached communication regarding LED street lights.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Resolution 205711 (ID:18543) By City Councilor 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 207376 (ID:20199) By City Councilor Mbah That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and the Director of SPCD formalize and implement a modern urban forestry management plan, including best practices and a resilient species list.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Resolution 208590 (ID:21403) By City Councilor Davis, Mbah That the Administration revisit the proposal to institute citywide curbside composting.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Order 208920 (ID:21751) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD develop a plan to plant a native species pollinator garden along the Community Path.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Order 209624 (ID:22476) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy provide feedback on the SomerVision 2040's chapters on 1) Public Space & Natural Environment and 2) Climate & Sustainability with respect to metrics, key tasks, and other strategies as noted within.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Order 210689 (ID:23572) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry work with the Ward 3 Councilor to facilitate a community meeting to plan a replacement tree(s) for the large Elm tree in Prospect Hill Park that appears to be succumbing to Dutch Elm disease.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

34. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 210839 (ID:23740) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on October 26, 2020.

Councilor Davis presented the report.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

B. Order 209664 (ID:22558) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, Niedergang, Hirsch, White Jr. That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss using city policies to address pollution mitigation for new developments along high transit roads and highways.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 209667 (ID:22561) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Directors of Health and Human Services and Somerville Cares About Prevention appear before this Council's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss their roles regarding recreational marijuana applications.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Resolution 210182 (ID:23032) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Postmaster provide any contingency plans to be implemented in the event of a forced shut-down or suspension of service due to a lack of funding or the COVID-19 pandemic.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 210208 (ID:23063) By City Councilor Clingan, Ballantyne
That the Director of Parks and Recreation report to this Council’s Public Health and Public Safety Committee the plan to re-open the Dilboy Pool on July 1.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. Order 210209 (ID:23064) By City Councilor Clingan, Ballantyne
That the Director of Parks and Recreation report to this Council’s Public Health and Public Safety Committee with the plan for re-opening the department’s Summer Camp.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- G. Order 210211 (ID:23066) By City Councilor Clingan, Scott
That the Director of Health and Human Services work with all community partners in contact with parents to make sure those parents identify someone to care for their children should they need to be hospitalized, and make that information is accessible, with contact information, in case it is needed.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- H. Officer's Communication 210282 (ID:23115) Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #210208 and #210209 on plans to re-open Dilboy Pool and Summer Camps.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- I. Public Communication 210356 (ID:23218) US Postal Service Manager of Governmental Relations responding to #210182 re: Postal Service operations during the pandemic.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- J. Order 210433 (ID:23310) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
That the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Council the feasibility of using weekly pooled Covid-19 testing and/or relatively affordable "test strips" for school children, public employees, and workers at public-facing businesses.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

35. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
210840
(ID:23741)</p> | <p>Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on October 27, 2020.</p> | <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the report.
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>B. Order
209803
(ID:22732)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of Health and Human Services report on how the new sign-off administrative procedure for demolitions is progressing.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| <p>36. Mayor's Request
210841
(ID:23694)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the attached amendments to the Zoning Ordinances to establish an Affordable Housing Overlay District.</p> | <p>Also referred to the Planning Board.
 RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> |
| <p>37. Mayor's Request
210842
(ID:23765)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$7,129,550 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund to provide resources to fight the pandemic.</p> | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| <p>38. Mayor's Request
210843
(ID:23755)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to appropriate \$3,000,000 from the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund for Building Renovations and HVAC System Improvements to reopen the public schools.</p> | <p>The Council took up this item following the Mayor's presentation of the city's school re-opening plan (see #210902).
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| 39. Mayor's Request 210844 (ID:23756) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,500,000 from the Facility Construction & Renovation Stabilization Fund for Building Renovations and HVAC System Improvements to reopen the public schools. |
| | <p>The Council took up this item following the Mayor's presentation of the city's school re-opening plan (see #210902).</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 40. Mayor's Request 210845 (ID:23731) | Requesting the appropriation of \$1,672,769 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Parking Meter Receipts Account in order to reduce the FY21 Tax Rate. |
| | <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of Agenda items 40 through 60 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 41. Mayor's Request 210846 (ID:23732) | Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$600,000 to the School Lunch Revolving Fund to fund a projected budget deficit in FY21. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 42. Mayor's Request 210847 (ID:23752) | Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$259,492 to the Veterans Ice Rink Enterprise Fund. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 43. Mayor's Request 210848 (ID:23683) | Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$209,280 to the Fire Department Repair & Maintenance Vehicles Account to repair Ladder Two's aerial ladder. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 44. Mayor's Request 210849 (ID:23753) | Requesting the appropriation of \$51,712 from the Dilboy Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to balance the FY21 Dilboy Enterprise Fund Budget. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 45. Mayor's Request 210850 (ID:23688) | Requesting the supplemental appropriation of \$11,907 to the Public Library's Digital Subscription Account to meet the FY21 appropriation requirement outlined by the MA Board of Library Commissioners. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |

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| 46. Mayor's Request 210851 (ID:23762) | Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$10,704 to the City Clerk Software Repair and Maintenance Account to develop new domestic partnership software and extend the city's MinuteTraq contract. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 47. Mayor's Request 210852 (ID:23733) | Requesting the rescission of the prior appropriation of \$5,253,206 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to reduce the FY21 Tax Levy, as approved on July 14 in #210317. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 48. Mayor's Request 210853 (ID:23760) | Requesting the reduction of the FY21 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Budget by \$65,000 to balance the budget. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 49. Mayor's Request 210854 (ID:23754) | Requesting the reduction of \$8,848 from the appropriated FY21 Dilboy Enterprise Fund Budget to balance the budget. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 50. Mayor's Request 210855 (ID:23691) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,872.50 using available funds in the Communications Professional and Technical Services Account. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 51. Mayor's Request 210856 (ID:23695) | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$200 using available funds in the Fire Department Dues and Memberships Account for CHAMP membership. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 52. Mayor's Request 210857 (ID:23608) | Requesting acceptance of a \$1,400,000 payment from the MBTA/MA DoT to the SPCD Mobility Division for required GLX traffic and pedestrian environmental commitments. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

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| 53. Mayor's Request 210858 (ID:23679) | Requesting acceptance of \$878,051 in CDBG CARES Act funds and \$632,359 in ESG CARES grant funds with no new match required, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to prepare for, prevent, and respond to the impacts of Covid-19. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | |
| 54. Mayor's Request 210859 (ID:23686) | Requesting acceptance of a \$295,463 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 | |
| 55. Mayor's Request 210860 (ID:23721) | Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Health to the Health and Human Services Department for its Covid-19 response. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | |
| 56. Mayor's Request 210861 (ID:23687) | Requesting acceptance of a \$89,234.57 grant with no new match required, from the State E911 Office to the Police Department for 911 training and the certification of 911 telecommunicators. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | |
| 57. Mayor's Request 210862 (ID:23722) | Requesting acceptance of a gift of \$88,140 with no new match required, from Ginkgo Bioworks to supply and process COVID 19 PCR tests for schools and other essential city personnel. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | |
| 58. Mayor's Request 210863 (ID:23684) | Requesting acceptance of a \$25,600 grant with no new match required, from the MA Emergency Management Agency to the Fire Department for the purchase of safety equipment. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | |
| 59. Mayor's Request 210864 (ID:23681) | Requesting acceptance of a \$13,305 grant with no new match required, from the MA Board of Library Commissioners to the Public Library to create a 2-year program to train immigrants via an ESOL civics awareness class, provide USCIS citizenship workshops, create a Citizenship Corner at each branch, and create a mechanism to sustain the program past the 2-year award. . |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | |

60. Mayor's Request 210865 (ID:23693) Requesting acceptance of an \$6,233.33 grant with no new match required, from the MA Dept of Public Health to the Police Department to purchase and provide training for Naxalone.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

61. Mayor's Request 210866 (ID:23692) Requesting approval of a waiver in annual license fees for certain business licenses.

Councilor Rossetti thanked the Administration for this proposal and urged its approval.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

62. Mayor's Request 210867 (ID:23717) Requesting approval of a contract extension for the KZLA Architects construction administration contract for services at Prospect Hill Park.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of Agenda items 62 and 63 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

63. Mayor's Request 210868 (ID:23718) Requesting approval of a contract extension for the NELM Corp construction contract for services at Prospect Hill Park.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

64. Mayor's Request 210869 (ID:23690) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Lian Guertin to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the readings of Agenda items 64 through 66 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

65. Mayor's Request 210870 (ID:23697) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Zachary Zasloff to the Condominium Review Board.

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

66. Mayor's Request 210871 (ID:23699) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Elizabeth Janiak to the Condominium Review Board.
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| RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION |
| FOLLOWUP: | Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

67. Officer's Communication 210872 (ID:23696) Condominium Review Board submitting its FY20 Annual Report.
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

68. Officer's Communication 210873 (ID:23751) City Clerk responding to #210676 re: discrepancies in abutter notifications in applications from various utilities for Grants of Location.
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| FOLLOWUP: | Public Utilities and Public Works Committee |

69. Officer's Communication 210874 (ID:23682) Director of Health and Human Services responding to #210687 re: current and potential services available to neighbors experiencing homelessness, mental illness, and addiction.
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| FOLLOWUP: | Public Health and Public Safety Committee |

NEW BUSINESS

70. License/Permit 210875 (ID:23716) New Drainlayer's License, Manafort Transit LLC.
- Councilor White moved to waive the readings of Agenda items 70 through 82, refer 72 through 74 to the Committee on Licenses and Permits, and approve the remainder.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

71. License/Permit 210876 (ID:23724) New Drainlayer's License, JET Holding Corp.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 72. License/Permit
210877
(ID:23704) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 1, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 73. License/Permit
210878
(ID:23705) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 1, Smart Center Boston, 257 McGrath Hwy. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 74. License/Permit
210879
(ID:23706) | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 1, Herb Chambers Mercedes Benz of Boston Commercial Vans, 161 Linwood St. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 75. License/Permit
210880
(ID:23703) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Brake, 45 Broadway. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 76. License/Permit
210881
(ID:23707) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Hillside Service Center, 45 Mystic Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 77. License/Permit
210882
(ID:23708) | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Valente Enterprise, 154 Glen St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 78. License/Permit
210883
(ID:23725) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Auto Sales, 525 Broadway. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

79. License/Permit 210884 (ID:23726) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Top Gear Motor Group, 24 Joy St.

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

80. License/Permit 210885 (ID:23727) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, William Doucette Auto Sales, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy.

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

81. License/Permit 210886 (ID:23702) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Tech Auto Body, 9 Union Sq.

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

82. License/Permit 210887 (ID:23701) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Joseph Talewsky and Son, 512 Columbia St.

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

83. Public Communication 210888 (ID:23763) Tufts University submitting its Fall 2020 University Accountability report.

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

84. Public Communication 210889 (ID:23764) Harvard University submitting its Fall 2020 University Accountability report.

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

85. Public Communication 210890 (ID:23766) 5 citizens submitting comments re: #210595, Conditions for Special Permits with respect to LaCourt Realty.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

86. Order 210891 (ID:23769) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Parks and Recreation appear before this Council’s Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss installing playground communication boards in all parks to expand park accessibility for children who are nonverbal or have other communication challenges.

Councilor Strezo explained that these boards could be helpful in communicating with nonverbal children or those with communication problems.

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

87. Order 210892 (ID:23774) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis
That the Director of SPCD change the language and photo on page 66 in SomerVision2040, to what is attached within.

Councilor Ballantyne explained that this language change is more friendly to native species plantings.

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

88. Resolution 210893 (ID:23775) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Clingan, Strezo, Mbah, Scott, Rossetti, McLaughlin, White Jr.
That the Mayor submit a supplemental budget request to immediately add staff and funding to the Mobility Division for traffic calming, and increase its staff and funding by at least 50% in FY22.

Councilor Davis asked that Items 89 through 96 be taken up in conjunction with this item. Councilor Niedergang said the city needs to devote more resources to traffic calming, pointing out that there have been 4 traffic fatalities in the city in recent years. He reported that the Mayor has committed to request an appropriation in January to help the situation and to request additional funds for calming measures in the FY22 budget. Councilor Davis stated that the Council is optically reacting to a recent situation, and the city is failing to put into practice adequate measures to calm traffic, with problem areas throughout the city. Councilor Ballantyne suggested looking at infrastructure when making improvements.

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

89. Resolution 210894 (ID:23785) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Administration expand and maintain the use of bollards and other pedestrian safety measures citywide so they are replaced immediately as needed.

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

90. Order 210895 (ID:23786) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Capital Projects revise the College Avenue reconstruction plan to include additional safety measures for pedestrians at both perpendicular and parallel crossings.

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

91. Order 210896 (ID:23787) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor on the overdue new equipment necessary to improve signal timing in Davis Square.

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

92. Order 210897 (ID:23788) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD implement a traffic calming plan on Morrison Avenue including alternating parking to create chicanes.

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

93. Order 210898 (ID:23789) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor on any plans to further improve pedestrian safety at the intersection of Willow Avenue, Elm Street and Beech Street, possibly with a center island and bump outs.

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

94. Order 210899 (ID:23790) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parking implement traffic calming measures on Powder House Terrace.

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

95. Order 210900 (ID:23791) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor on previously discussed plans to reconfigure the Powder House Traffic Circle.

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

96. Order 210901 (ID:23792) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Parking make sure a DO NOT ENTER sign prohibiting left turns from College Avenue onto Kidder Avenue is visible to drivers on College Avenue who might be considering such a turn. (3rd request)

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

97. Mayor's Request 210902 (ID:23783) Requesting to appear before this Council on November 12, 2020 to discuss the Public School COVID-19 Response and Reopening Plan.

Mayor Curtatone updated the Council on the reopening of schools. He said things are getting worse as increased cases of COVID-19 are being seen, with data showing that some areas of the city are being impacted more than others. He said the city's decisions rely on a science-based approach. He commented that the school guidelines issued by the State last week were unreliable and do not provide the tools needed to do the job safely. He said he wants to ensure that all available safety measures are utilized to make it safe to reopen the schools, and improving ventilation, along with other protocols like masks and social distancing, will help mitigate the risk of contracting the virus. He outlined a plan to test students and staff, saying 23 different options were reviewed. A policy recommendation is now before the School Committee. Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management Rich Raiche presented a school building assessment and estimated that the cost of remediating the buildings would be approximately \$7.5 million, \$3 million of which would come from the CARES Act. Several councilors gave their thoughts on the matter and expressed support for the additional appropriation of \$4.5 million.

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

98. Mayor's Request 210903 (ID:23793) Requesting a transfer of \$15,000 from the Executive Administration Personal Services Account to the Grants Development Personal Services Account to cover an increase in hours for the part-time grant writer.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of Agenda items 98 through 100 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

99. Mayor's Request 210904 (ID:23723) Requesting acceptance of a \$50,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for the purchase of maritime equipment to enhance responses to marine incidents.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

100. Mayor's Request 210905 (ID:23689) Requesting acceptance of a \$24,500 grant with no new match required, from the State 911 Office to the Police Department to fund E911 emergency medical dispatch services.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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| 101. Mayor's Request 210906 (ID:23776) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for BriefCam. | <p>Councilor Davis moved to waive the readings of Agenda items 101 through 107 and refer them to the Committee on Legislative Matters.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |
| 102. Mayor's Request 210907 (ID:23777) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Covert Device Cameras. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |
| 103. Mayor's Request 210908 (ID:23778) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GPS and Monitor. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |
| 104. Mayor's Request 210909 (ID:23779) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GreyKey. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |
| 105. Mayor's Request 210910 (ID:23780) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for License Plate Readers. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |
| 106. Mayor's Request 210911 (ID:23781) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Pole Cameras. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |
| 107. Mayor's Request 210912 (ID:23782) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for the SPCD Drone Camera. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |

108. Mayor's Request 210913 (ID:23698) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Patrisha Paul to the Condominium Review Board.

Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the readings of Agenda items 108 and 109 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

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

109. Mayor's Request 210914 (ID:23700) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of William Medeiros to the Condominium Review Board.

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

110. Officer's Communication 210915 (ID:23768) DPW Director of Administration and Finance responding to #210748 with DPW expenses since FY19.

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

111. Officer's Communication 210916 (ID:23794) Director of SPCD responding to #205709 re: public fields in the Inner Belt District.

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

LATE ITEMS

112. Resolution 210239 (ID:23138) By City Councilor Clingan, McLaughlin, Davis, Niedergang, Scott That the Mayor work with the Director of the Somerville Housing Authority to abolish the Housing Authority Police Department and reallocate the funds for social services for Housing Authority residents.

Discharged from the Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations pursuant to #210832.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

113. Resolution 210240 (ID:23139) By City Councilor Clingan, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Scott, Strezo, Davis That the Director of the Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) develop a formal process for SHA residents to report SHA Police misconduct, in lieu of an outright abolition.

Discharged from the Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations pursuant to #210832.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

114. Public Communication 210917 (ID:23795) Kenneth Waterman submitting a complaint against Mercedes Benz of Boston.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 12:50 AM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 24, 2020, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 210921
 (ID:23837) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 210922
 (ID:23838) Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored a moment of silence for Kenneth Van Buskirk. Councilor McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for Howard Winter.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 22, 2020.
 210923
 (ID:23839) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location 210924 (ID:23804)

Submitted by Cambridge Network Solutions to install 60 feet of conduit in Holland Street from a Level 3 manhole to utility pole 171/13 at 162 Holland Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Jeffrey Harrington from Cambridge Network Solutions spoke in favor of the item. There were no speakers against the item, and the President closed the public hearing.

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

5. Grant of Location 210925 (ID:23805)

Submitted by RCN Telecom Services to install 20 feet of conduit in Broadway from RCN manhole 3 to CATV manhole 0 at 1060 Broadway.

The President opened the public hearing. Jeffrey Harrington from Cambridge Network Solutions spoke in favor of the item. There were no speakers against the item, and the President closed the public hearing.

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

6. Officer's Communication 210926 (ID:23823)

Chief Assessor requesting to appear at this Council's November 24 meeting for the Classification Public Hearing and the determination and adoption of tax levy percentages for FY21, and requesting: 1) the adoption of a residential factor of 86.7935, the minimum allowable for the City for FY21; and 2) the acceptance of MGL c59 s5C, approving a residential exemption of 35% of average assessed value for owner occupied properties for FY21.

The President opened the public hearing and, with no speakers, closed it. Chief Assessor Frank Golden presented the FY21 tax classifications and explained the 2 motions before the Council; 1) adopt the residential factor of 86.7935 and 2) accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, section 5C approving a residential exemption of 35%. He asked resident-owners to file paperwork promptly so their residential exemptions don't come out of the overlay. He made several FY20 vs. FY21 comparisons for various types of properties. Commercial value increased 18%, and residential value increased by almost 6%. The commercial levy is over \$48 million and the residential levy is under \$136 million. Councilor Ewen-Campen asked about the increase in condo conversions and Mr. Golden replied that it's smaller than in previous years due to the condo conversion ordinance. Finance Director Ed Bean said the real tax impact of the new high school will be felt next year as principal payments become due. Councilor Rossetti asked for an insert in the tax bills explaining how much of their tax is due to the high school. She also asked about personal property audits, and Mr. Golden said that while forms are filled out annually by property owners, random audits are not performed. She urged such audits.

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

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

7. Resolution 210927 (ID:23812) By City Councilor Strezo, Niedergang
That the Administration update this Council on the hiring process for the soon-to-be-vacated position of Chief of Police.

Mayor's Aide Khushbu Webber said an announcement was sent out last week to the public and the Council explaining the process for filling the position. It could take up to a year but the expectation is that it won't take that long.

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

8. Resolution 210928 (ID:23813) By City Councilor Strezo
That representatives of the Community Land Trust discuss with this Council's Housing and Community Development Committee how the Council can help implement the Trust's goals.

Councilor Ewen-Campen recused. Councilor Strezo asked for more information on this topic.

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

9. Order 210929 (ID:23815) By City Councilor Mbah, Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works install lights at all playgrounds.

Councilor Mbah said it's important to be able to access all parks. Councilor Strezo asked how many parks or playgrounds don't have lights, and he said he's asking the DPW to make that determination. Councilor Ewen-Campen mentioned some playgrounds that don't have lights. Councilor Niedergang commented that he has communicated with Parks and Recreation Director Jill Lathan, who told him that the Administration does not want to add lights in playgrounds during the pandemic.

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

10. Order 210930 (ID:23817) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Strezo
That the Director of SPCD commission independent Community Impact Studies for each upcoming Neighborhood Plan and large-scale redevelopment effort, to quantify possible displacement, rent increase, and other negative outcomes, and to propose mitigation strategies.

Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke about opportunity zones. He seeks a truthful analysis of the negative impacts of development to allow neighborhoods to make better informed decisions.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

11. Order 210931 (ID:23818) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan, McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD initiate a community process for the Homans Building site as soon as possible.

Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke about up-zoning parcels in Gilman Square, adding that the Homans Building site is a prime location for development.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

12. Order 210932 (ID:23819) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Mbah, Strezo, Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD replace the NO BICYCLES ON SIDEWALK decals in the city's business districts and work with the Pedestrian and Transit Advocacy Committee to reduce conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians on sidewalks.

Councilor Mbah spoke on the item and asked that the decals be repainted to make them more visible. Councilors Ballantyne, Niedergang and Scott spoke in favor of the item.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

13. Communication 210933 (ID:23814) By City Councilor Rossetti
Reporting of the High School Building Committee meeting of November 16, 2020.

Councilor Rossetti said most of the school will be ready for opening in January of 2021. The modular units will be kept in use for the time being. The deficit for the High School project is now at \$600,000 and that is before the last phase of the project.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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| 14. | Grant of Location 210814 (ID:23709) | Submitted by Eversource to install 138 feet of conduit in Professors Row, from utility pole 289/12 to a point of pickup at 91 Professors Row. |
| | | <p>The City Clerk reported that no additional public comments have been received on items 14-18, the five NStar Grant of Location applications received by the Council at its last meeting.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 15. | Grant of Location 210815 (ID:23710) | Submitted by Eversource to install 76 feet of conduit in Joy Street, from manhole 22832 to a point of pickup at the rear of 135 Linwood Street. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 16. | Grant of Location 210816 (ID:23711) | Submitted by Eversource to install 31 feet of conduit in Woodbine Street, from utility pole 632/2 to a point of pickup at 15 Woodbine Street. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 17. | Grant of Location 210817 (ID:23712) | Submitted by Eversource to install 337 feet of conduit in Grand Union Boulevard, from manhole 29310 to manhole 29175. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 18. | Grant of Location 210818 (ID:23713) | Submitted by Eversource to install 5 feet of conduit in Curtis Street, from utility pole 289/16 to a point of pickup at 131 Curtis Street. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 19. | Grant of Location 210812 (ID:23714) | Submitted by TC Systems Inc to install 65 feet of conduit in Florence Street, from utility pole 127/8 to a proposed handhole at the intersection of Pearl and Florence Streets. |
| | | <p>The President re-opened the public hearing from the previous Council meeting. Adam Heller from TC Systems spoke in favor of the item. There were no other speakers, and the President closed the public hearing.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

20. Grant of Location 210813 (ID:23715) Submitted by TC Systems Inc to install 132 feet of conduit from a Comcast manhole at 77 Middlesex Ave to a proposed manhole at the intersection of Middlesex Ave and Foley St, then branching, with 7 feet going to Verizon Manhole #447 and 45 feet going to Pole 213/6, both at the same intersection.

The President re-opened the public hearing from the previous Council meeting. Adam Heller from TC Systems spoke in favor of the item. There were no other speakers, and the President closed the public hearing.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

21. CAUCUS OF THE 2021 CITY COUNCIL

- A. Committee Report 210934 (ID:23799) Report of the Caucus of the 2021 City Council, meeting on November 24, 2020.

The President announced that the Caucus had elected Councilor McLaughlin as President, and Councilor Rossetti as Vice President, in 2021.

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

22. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210935 (ID:23832) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on November 23, 2020.

Councilor Scott reported that the Committee approved a number of requests to move money around, 5 months into the new budget, to better align it with the reality we find ourselves in. Chief among them was the Mayor's request to rescind the \$5.5 million appropriation of FY20 free cash into this year's budget, and instead combine it with other projected revenue to create a \$7 million appropriation into the Covid-19 Stabilization Fund.

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

- B. Mayor's Request 210842 (ID:23765) Requesting the appropriation of \$7,129,550 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund to provide resources to fight the pandemic.

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

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| C. Mayor's Request 210845 (ID:23731) | Requesting the appropriation of \$1,672,769 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Parking Meter Receipts Account in order to reduce the FY21 Tax Rate. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| D. Mayor's Request 210846 (ID:23732) | Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$600,000 to the School Lunch Revolving Fund to fund a projected budget deficit in FY21. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| E. Mayor's Request 210847 (ID:23752) | Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$259,492 to the Veterans Ice Rink Enterprise Fund. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| F. Mayor's Request 210848 (ID:23683) | Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$209,280 to the Fire Department Repair & Maintenance Vehicles Account to repair Ladder Two's aerial ladder. | <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| G. Mayor's Request 210849 (ID:23753) | Requesting the appropriation of \$51,712 from the Dilboy Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to balance the FY21 Dilboy Enterprise Fund Budget. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| H. Mayor's Request 210850 (ID:23688) | Requesting the supplemental appropriation of \$11,907 to the Public Library's Digital Subscription Account to meet the FY21 appropriation requirement outlined by the MA Board of Library Commissioners. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| I. Mayor's Request 210851 (ID:23762) | Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$10,704 to the City Clerk Software Repair and Maintenance Account to develop new domestic partnership software and extend the city's MinuteTraq contract. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| J. Mayor's Request 210852 (ID:23733) | Requesting the rescission of the prior appropriation of \$5,253,206 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to reduce the FY21 Tax Levy, as approved on July 14 in #210317. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| K. Mayor's Request 210853 (ID:23760) | Requesting the reduction of the FY21 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Budget by \$65,000 to balance the budget. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| L. Mayor's Request 210854 (ID:23754) | Requesting the reduction of \$8,848 from the appropriated FY21 Dilboy Enterprise Fund Budget to balance the budget. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| M. Mayor's Request 210855 (ID:23691) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,872.50 using available funds in the Communications Professional and Technical Services Account. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| N. Mayor's Request 210856 (ID:23695) | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$200 using available funds in the Fire Department Dues and Memberships Account for CHAMP membership. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

- O. Mayor's Request 210857 (ID:23608) Requesting acceptance of a \$1,400,000 payment from the MBTA/MA DoT to the SPCD Mobility Division for required GLX traffic and pedestrian environmental commitments.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- P. Mayor's Request 210858 (ID:23679) Requesting acceptance of \$878,051 in CDBG CARES Act funds and \$632,359 in ESG CARES grant funds with no new match required, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to prepare for, prevent, and respond to the impacts of Covid-19.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- Q. Mayor's Request 210860 (ID:23721) Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Health to the Health and Human Services Department for its Covid-19 response.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- R. Mayor's Request 210862 (ID:23722) Requesting acceptance of a gift of \$88,140 with no new match required, from Ginkgo Bioworks to supply and process COVID 19 PCR tests for schools and other essential city personnel.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- S. Mayor's Request 210863 (ID:23684) Requesting acceptance of a \$25,600 grant with no new match required, from the MA Emergency Management Agency to the Fire Department for the purchase of safety equipment.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- T. Mayor's Request 210864 (ID:23681) Requesting acceptance of a \$13,305 grant with no new match required, from the MA Board of Library Commissioners to the Public Library to create a 2-year program to train immigrants via an ESOL civics awareness class, provide USCIS citizenship workshops, create a Citizenship Corner at each branch, and create a mechanism to sustain the program past the 2-year award. .
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- U. Mayor's Request 210903 (ID:23793) Requesting a transfer of \$15,000 from the Executive Administration Personal Services Account to the Grants Development Personal Services Account to cover an increase in hours for the part-time grant writer.

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

23. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210936 (ID:23828) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on November 16, 2020.

Councilor Strezo said the Committee discussed communication boards for the city's parks to enhance all children's ability to communicate. The Committee also discussed the eviction moratorium, and support for a second Bow Market-style facility as an incubator for small businesses. Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that the Administration will not remove the Soofa signs now but will consider doing so when the contract expires.

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

- B. Order 210688 (ID:23571) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of Communications or the appropriate department remove the electronic Soofa signs from sidewalks in Ward 3.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

24. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210937 (ID:23830) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on November 18, 2020.

Councilor Strezo reported that the Committee conducted a public hearing on the Winter Hill Urban Renewal Plan, and a detailed report is online.

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

25. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210938 (ID:23831) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on November 19, 2020.

Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the committee report and noted that he has since learned that the so-called ‘5%’ rule, allowing a 5% variance for certain standards for 100% affordable housing developments in the affordable housing overlay district, is legally permissible.

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

- B. Ordinance 210472 (ID:23365) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen Proposing zoning map changes to 8 properties on McGrath Hwy between 368 and 414 McGrath Hwy, as listed within.

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

26. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210939 (ID:23829) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on November 17, 2020.

Councilor Davis presented the committee report, saying members were concerned that there wasn't enough detail in the Administration's surveillance technology impact reports for the Committee to properly review them.

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

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

Also referred to the Planning Board.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

28. Mayor's Request 210941 (ID:23827) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,591,206 in a bond for Dilboy Stadium improvements.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

29. Mayor's Request 210942 (ID:23833) Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from the Covid 19 Stablization Fund to provide Covid relief grants to the arts and cultural community.
- Arts Council Director Gregory Jenkins urged approval to support the local cultural community. Councilor Ballantyne noted that cultural organizations are in dire straits. On a question from Councilor Rossetti, Finance Director Ed Bean said the city has until the end of the fiscal year to expend the money.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
30. Mayor's Request 210943 (ID:23810) Requesting the appropriation of \$249,713 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Insurance Settlements Account to reduce the FY21 tax rate.
- Finance Director Ed Bean explained that the tax levy approved this evening depends on the approval of this item to remain in balance.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
31. Mayor's Request 210944 (ID:23811) Requesting an appropriation of \$209,280 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to repair Ladder Two's aerial ladder.
- Councilor Scott noted that this appropriation replaced one considered by the Finance Committee (#210848), which was withdrawn by the Administration.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
32. Mayor's Request 210945 (ID:23767) Requesting acceptance of a \$400,000 PARC grant that requires a match, from MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to the Parks and Urban Forestry Division for Prospect Hill.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
33. Mayor's Request 210946 (ID:23809) Requesting acceptance of a \$75,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for expenditures and backfill/overtime for the Special Response Team.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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| 34. Mayor's Request 210947 (ID:23770) | <p>Requesting the re-appointment of Alan Bishop as Constable.</p> <p>Councilor Rossetti noted that there are several individuals waiting to appear before the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments. Since all of the paperwork is in order, she moved to approve renewing the licenses of the 3 constables in items 34 to 36. Councilor Ewen-Campen asked if they would serve eviction notices during the city's eviction moratorium, and Mayor's Aide Khushbu Webber said she would find out if a communication sent to constables by the Law Department addressed evictions. Councilor Clingan pointed out that he previously submitted a resolution prohibiting such service. Due to the uncertainty, Councilor Rossetti suggested the items be tabled but President McLaughlin referred them to her Committee.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 35. Mayor's Request 210948 (ID:23771) | <p>Requesting the re-appointment of Catello Battinelli II as Constable.</p> <p>For discussion of this item see #210947.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 36. Mayor's Request 210949 (ID:23772) | <p>Requesting the re-appointment of Mary Battinelli as Constable.</p> <p>For discussion of this item see #210947.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 37. Withdrawn 210950 (ID:23773) | <p>Withdrawn.</p> <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN</p> |
| 38. Mayor's Request 210951 (ID:23822) | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ami Feldman to the position of Library Trustee.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 39. Mayor's Request 210952 (ID:23824) | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Georgania Toussaint to the position of Library Trustee.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

40. Mayor's Request 210953 (ID:23807) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christopher Spicer Hankle to the position of Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission.
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| RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION |
| FOLLOWUP: | Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

41. Officer's Communication 210954 (ID:23834) City Clerk submitting for approval the appointment of Ayerim Decena to the position of Legislative and Policy Analyst.
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| Councilor Davis introduced Ayerim Decena as a candidate for one of two support positions for the Council. Ms. Decena presented her background. She is waiting for the results of her recent bar exam, so this position will have her entire focus. She is looking forward to taking on the job and working to develop a Police Civilian Oversight model. Discussion on the position followed from Councilors Rossetti, Ballantyne and McLaughlin, and Councilor Davis noted that policies from other parts of the country will be leveraged to create Somerville's policy under her lead. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

42. Officer's Communication 210955 (ID:23835) City Clerk submitting for approval the appointment of R. Mason to the position of Public Outreach Coordinator.
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| Councilor Ewen-Campen introduced Randall Mason as a candidate for one of two support positions for the Council. He described Mr. Mason's experience in community outreach and designing and facilitating educational programs. Mr. Mason said that this position seems like a logical next step in his professional development. Discussion on the position followed from Councilors Ballantyne, Strezo and McLaughlin. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

NEW BUSINESS

43. License/Permit 210956 (ID:23800) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Reliable Market, 45 Union Sq.
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| Councilor White moved to waive the reading of items 43 to 49 and approve them. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 44. License/Permit
210957
(ID:23801) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Real Auto Shop, 463 McGrath Hwy. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 45. License/Permit
210958
(ID:23802) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pearl St Auto Sales, 182 Pearl St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 46. License/Permit
210959
(ID:23803) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Automotive Transport Service, 40 Joy St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 47. License/Permit
210960
(ID:23806) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 48. License/Permit
210961
(ID:23808) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Executive Auto Leasing and Sales, 30 Medford St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 49. License/Permit
210962
(ID:23820) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Motorcycles and More, 109 Bailey Rd. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 50. Public
Communication
210963
(ID:23836) | Digital Fourth submitting comments re: the 4 Surveillance Technology Impact Reports submitted on October 22 and the 7 STIRs submitted on November 12. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 51. Communication By City Councilor Strezo
210964 Reporting on a meeting of the Children’s Cabinet.
(ID:23840)

Councilor Strezo gave a brief report on the meeting and said that 90% of students are home and not in class at schools. Child-care has become a burden for working parents and many services are needed to assist families.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- 52. Order By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah, Strezo, Davis
210965 That the Director of SPCD report to this Council in writing by December 4,
(ID:23841) and discuss with the Traffic and Parking Committee at its next meeting on December 7, what the plan is for replacing flex posts when they are knocked over or displaced.

Councilor Niedergang commented that he would like the plan discussed in Committee so members could learn how it fits into the city's traffic calming.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
- 53. Order By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne,
210966 Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
(ID:23842) That the Director of SPCD report to this Council why there are still so few speed bumps in the city, especially since the ones deployed on Powder House Boulevard seem to be making a dangerous area safer for pedestrians.

Councilor Niedergang took up this item and item 54 together and said he wants to see more speed bumps installed as the quickest, cheapest and easiest way to calm traffic.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
- 54. Order By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne,
210967 Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
(ID:23843) That the Director of SPCD explain to this Council in writing the Administration's opposition to deploying speed bumps, with less than a half-dozen installed citywide.

For discussion of this item see #210966.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

55. Order 210968 (ID:23844) By City Councilor Niedergang, Scott That the Director of SPCD brief the Traffic and Parking Committee on the work that will be done on our streets and Community Path pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement with the MBTA and MaDOT, which will provide the city with a \$1,400,000 payment.

Councilor Niedergang asked for an explanation of the role this document plays in the city's traffic calming work. Councilor Scott said that Mobility Director Brad Rawson committed during last night's Finance Committee meeting that Washington and Webster, Washington and Prospect, and Prospect and Webster would all be returned to scrambled crossing pedestrian intervals.

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

56. Order 210969 (ID:23851) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management or the Director of Engineering inform the Ward 5 City Councilor about any plans to mitigate flooding on Vernon Street near Lowell Street and on Alpine Street near Lowell Street.

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

57. Public Communication 210970 (ID:23846) The Greater Boston Labor Council nominating Darlene Lombos to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.

Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the reading of items 57 to 59, referring them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

58. Public Communication 210971 (ID:23848) The Welcome Project nominating Francisca Sepulveda to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.

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

59. Public Communication 210972 (ID:23849) Our Revolution Somerville nominating Colleen Fitzpatrick to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.

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

60. Public Communication 210973 (ID:23845) Ulysses Lateiner submitting comments re: Digital Fourth's comments on the Surveillance Technology Impact Reports.

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

61. Public Communication 210974 (ID:23850) Jeff Rosenberg submitting comments re: redistributing Police Department funding.

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

LATE ITEMS

62. Resolution 210975 (ID:23856) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Niedergang That the Administration and the Commissioner of Public Works discuss the vehicle training process for all DPW employees and contractors whose job requires them to drive city vehicles.

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

63. Order 210976 (ID:23857) By City Councilor Davis That the City Clerk requests that all candidates for re-appointment to the position of Constable appear at this Council's next meeting to address questions regarding their candidacy for re-appointment.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:10 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2020, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 210977
 (ID:23887) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 210978
 (ID:23888) Councilor Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Michael Foster.
 Councilor Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for the 48 residents
 who passed away from COVID-19.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 12, 2020.
 210979
 (ID:23889) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
 Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
 ABSENT: Ewen-Campen

CITATIONS

4. Citation 210980 (ID:23896) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Mbah, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, White Jr., and the Mayor Commending Police Chief David Fallon, on the auspicious occasion of his retirement after 25 years of dedicated service to the City in the Police Department.

President McLaughlin praised Chief Fallon for his progressive leadership. Mayor Curtatone remembered then Patrolman Fallon telling him that the police need to serve the community. Councilors Mbah, White, Strezo, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan, Rossetti and Scott offered their thanks and best wishes. Chief Fallon thanked the Mayor and the Councilors for their support.

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

5. Citation 210981 (ID:23897) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Mbah, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, White Jr., and the Mayor Commending Deputy Police Chief Stephen Carrabino, on the auspicious occasion of his retirement after 28 years of dedicated service to the City in the Police Department.

President McLaughlin reflected on growing up in the Lexington Park area and his positive interactions with now Deputy Chief Carrabino. Mayor Curtatone said that both Chief Fallon and Deputy Chief Carrabino rose through the ranks and set the tone for what policing should be, and he noted that Deputy Chief Carrabino is also an attorney and a nurse. Councilors Mbah, White, Strezo, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan, Rossetti and Scott offered their thanks and best wishes. Deputy Chief Carrabino thanked Mayors Capuano, Gay and Curtatone for their confidence in him over his tenure.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Grant of Location 210982 (ID:23898) Submitted by TC Systems to install 456 feet of conduit from an existing FRIT manhole in Grand Union Boulevard to a proposed handhole in Revolution Drive, then continuing 2 feet to an existing Extenet handhole near 5 Middlesex Avenue.

The President opened the public hearing and Adam Heller spoke in favor of the item on behalf of TC Systems. There were no other speakers, and the President closed the public hearing.

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

7. Grant of Location 210983 (ID:23900) Submitted by TC Systems to install 324 feet of conduit in Broadway and Marshall Street from an existing utility pole in Marshall Street to a proposed handhole in Broadway, then continuing 5 feet to an existing Extenet handhole near 326-328 Broadway.

The President opened the public hearing and Adam Heller spoke in favor of the item on behalf of TC Systems. There were no other speakers, and the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

ABSENT: Ewen-Campen

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

8. Resolution 210984 (ID:23858) By City Councilor Strezo, Clingan, Scott, Ballantyne, Davis That this Council opposes the planned reduction and/or elimination of MBTA bus routes in Somerville, as it could damage the residents most in need of public transportation.

Councilor Strezo said the proposed service cuts will be disastrous to many individuals. Councilor Ballantyne's amendment to add "MBTA" before "bus routes" and to send the Resolution to the Governor and MBTA General Manager was approved 10-0, with Councilor Ewen-Campen absent.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

ABSENT: Ewen-Campen

9. Order 210985 (ID:23864) By City Councilor Strezo That the Director of Parking discuss with the appropriate committee, implementing income-based parking ticket fines for residents, as well as "day-fine" scales to set ticket penalties according to an individual's daily income.

Councilor Strezo said she wants to explore this concept in light of the financial difficulty being experienced by many families.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

ABSENT: Ewen-Campen

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

10. Resolution 210986 (ID:23865) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Director of the Somerville Media Center appear before this Council’s Committee on Housing and Community Development to consider out-of-school programming and funding to help address the lack of accessible childcare options during this pandemic.

Councilor Strezo spoke about the hardships being felt due to the lack of out of school programs for children. Councilor Ballantyne noted that the Media Center is already doing out of school programming. Councilor Strezo said that she would like to explore all possibilities for partner organizations to provide such programming.

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

11. Order 210987 (ID:23866) By City Councilor Strezo, McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD update this Council’s Committee on Housing and Community Development on the Encore Casino's efforts to support Somerville small businesses per their Community Agreement.

Councilor Strezo noted that the casino is required to spend \$10 million dollars per year to support small businesses.

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

12. Order 210988 (ID:23876) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezo
That the Directors of Finance, Infrastructure and Asset Management, and SPCD provide a progress report for the Vision Zero Action Plan 2020 as outlined in the attached spreadsheet.

Councilor Ballantyne commented that the city has not made known which parts of the plan have been completed.

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

13. Order 210989 (ID:23877) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD advise the Ward 7 Councilor when they will implement the Mobility Plan for West Broadway (from Route 16 to Holland Street), to create a dedicated bus lane.

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

14. Order 210990 (ID:23879) By City Councilor Davis, Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD meet directly with the business owners along Holland Street and College Avenue to discuss all aspects of the plan.

Councilor Davis' motion to amend the item by replacing the phrase “ensure that there will be access to those businesses throughout the project” with “discuss all aspects of the plan” was approved 10-0 with Councilor Ewen-Campen absent.

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

15. Order 210991 (ID:23880) By City Councilor Davis, Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on any recent changes to what is or is not permitted in city recycling, and how communication of such changes has been or could be made.

Councilor Davis said that he submitted this order to get some clarity on what items may be recycled.

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

16. Order 210992 (ID:23881) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Mayor and the Chief of Police discuss with this Council why there is so little traffic enforcement conducted by the Police Department, why its Traffic Division has so few officers, and how it plans to address the public safety crisis made obvious with 4 pedestrians killed by motor vehicles in the past 2 years.

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

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

Councilor Niedergang urged all interested persons to view the presentation.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

ABSENT: Ewen-Campen

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

18. Resolution 210994 (ID:23883) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne, Strezo That the Mayor and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management report to this Council no later than January 28, 2021 on the future of the Brown School and plans to use it in the 2021-2022 school year.

Councilor Niedergang noted there are questions from parents about the future of the Brown School. President McLaughlin reported that the city is waiting for HVAC systems to be delivered and installed, and said that school buildings will not re-open until March 2021 at the earliest. Councilor Niedergang added that the Brown School will not open this school year.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

FOLLOWUP: City Council

19. Order 210995 (ID:23884) By City Councilor Niedergang, Strezo, Ballantyne, Davis, Scott, Mbah That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment, or other Administration representative, discuss with this Council increasing the number of electric vehicle charging stations.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

ABSENT: Ewen-Campen

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

20. Order 210996 (ID:23885) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD, the Director of Parks and Recreation, or the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Council the installation of electrical outlets in parks, playgrounds and other public places to charge cell phones, computers, and other such equipment.

Councilor Niedergang said this seemed like an interesting idea to consider.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

ABSENT: Ewen-Campen

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

21. Communication By City Councilor Rossetti, Mbah
210997
(ID:23878) Reporting on the newly formed Memorialization Committee.

Councilor Rossetti asked that all Councilors include the link attached to this item in communications with their constituents. Councilor Mbah commented that the Memorialization Committee is committed to equity. Councilor Niedergang asked when the Committee's rules will be developed and Councilor Rossetti responded that work is underway. Councilor Scott put forth the name of Francis Moore, Somerville's first black police officer.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

ABSENT: Ewen-Campen

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee Report
210998
(ID:23870) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on December 3, 2020.

Councilor Rossetti briefly presented the report, and moved to sever #209706. The motion was approved 10-0 with Councilor Ewen-Campen absent. Councilor Mbah moved to amend the balance of the report to reflect his questions and a candidate's answers re: different modalities, and that motion was approved 10-0 with Councilor Ewen-Campen absent. The amended Committee report was then approved and the Council turned to #209706, the appointment of Katherine Garavaglia as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Councilor Niedergang listed his reasons for opposing her appointment. Councilor Ballantyne supported her appointment, noting other appointees who had little knowledge of the city. Councilor Clingan also supported her appointment. Councilor Mbah said her resume was stellar, but he stood with his committee vote opposing her appointment. Councilor Rossetti spoke about her evident passion for the position. Councilor Davis said she was unprepared for the questions asked of her during the committee meeting, but he noted the value of having someone with title experience on the ZBA and supported her appointment. Councilor Scott said his line of questioning in the committee meeting speaks for itself, and he continued to oppose her appointment. Councilor White said that seeing nothing about her community involvement, he would not support her appointment. Ms. Garavaglia then spoke, presenting herself not just as a title attorney but as a whole person, discussing her work with indigent people and the Chelsea Collaborative as examples of her community work. Councilor White said her comments assuaged his concerns and he supported her appointment. Councilor Strezo said that large corporations are not known to stand with the people and her work with the two largest title companies raised concerns. President McLaughlin said he did not hear a reason to oppose her appointment. #209706 was approved 6-4, with Councilors Clingan, White, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti and McLaughlin in favor and Councilors Mbah, Strezo, Niedergang and Scott opposed, with Councilor Ewen-Campen absent.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Ewen-Campen
AMENDED: #209706 was Approved.

- B. Mayor's Request 209706 (ID:22532) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Katherine Garavaglia as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

RESULT: APPROVED. [6 TO 4]
AYES: Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Clingan, Davis, Ballantyne
NAYS: Mbah, Strezo, Scott, Niedergang
ABSENT: Ewen-Campen

- C. Mayor's Request 209772 (ID:22630) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Katharine Milton to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

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

- D. Mayor's Request 210869 (ID:23690) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Lian Guertin to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

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

- E. Mayor's Request 210947 (ID:23770) Requesting the re-appointment of Alan Bishop as Constable.

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

- F. Mayor's Request 210948 (ID:23771) Requesting the re-appointment of Catello Battinelli II as Constable.

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

G.	Mayor's Request 210949 (ID:23772)	Requesting the re-appointment of Mary Battinelli as Constable.
		RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: Ewen-Campen

23. FLOOD FORUM SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A.	Committee Report 210999 (ID:23868)	Report of the Flood Forum Special Committee, meeting on December 2, 2020.
		Councilor Ballantyne reported that the Committee noted improvement in the city's approach to flooding and urged the public to view the presentation that was made during the meeting. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: Ewen-Campen

B.	Order 200031 (ID:12659)	By City Councilor Heuston That the City Engineer evaluate the flooding and sewer conditions at the Ames Business Park on Properzi Way and Park Street, and provide the findings of flooding in the area.
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C.	Order 200105 (ID:12693)	By City Councilor Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., Gewirtz That the Commissioner of Public Works, the Director of Capital Projects and the City Engineer meet with the Mix-It Studios Co-op at 32 Clifton Street to discuss flooding from adjacent city storm drains on September 30, 2015.
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D.	Order 200278 (ID:12904)	By City Councilor Heuston That the City Engineer provide information on the recent water and sewer problem in the Joseph Street and Adrian Street area and whether the problem is permanently resolved.
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E.	Order 200279 (ID:12905)	By City Councilor Heuston That the City Engineer contact the owners of the Ames Complex to identify and resolve flooding issues related to that property.
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F.	Officer's Communication 200491 (ID:12812)	Commissioner of Public Works responding to various Board Orders submitted 10/8/15.
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| G. | Officer's
Communication
200558
(ID:13118) | DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 11/24/15.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| H. | Order
209174
(ID:21997) | By City Councilor Scott, Rossetti, Mbah
That the City Engineer provide information on the flooding problems in the
Dane Street/Duck Village area and whether the problem has been permanently
resolved.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| I. | Order
209206
(ID:22074) | By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan
That the Director of Engineering keep the Ward 3 and Ward 4 City Councilors
apprised of progress on constructing a "Weir Wall" to help alleviate flooding
on Richdale Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| J. | Order
210969
(ID:23851) | By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management or the Director of
Engineering inform the Ward 5 City Councilor about any plans to mitigate
flooding on Vernon Street near Lowell Street and on Alpine Street near Lowell
Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

24. LAND USE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee
Report
211000
(ID:23872) | Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on December 8, 2020.

Councilor Davis said that the Committee focused on the Affordable Housing
Overlay District. Councilor Ewen-Campen thanked Councilor Davis for
chairing the committee meeting in his absence. Councilor Scott spoke about
the urgency and importance of affordable housing initiatives and mentioned
a 9-story 100% affordable development being negotiated in Cambridge now.
Councilor Mbah expressed his satisfaction with the ordinance, which was
submitted in its final form at #211031.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| B. | Order
209478
(ID:22365) | By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Hirsch, Davis, Mbah,
McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Scott
That the Director of SPCD present recommendations for an "Affordable
Housing Overlay District" to this Council's Committee on Land Use, to
facilitate the construction of new affordable housing.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

- C. Mayor's Request 210841 (ID:23694) Requesting approval of the attached amendments to the Zoning Ordinances to establish an Affordable Housing Overlay District.
- For the text of the approved Ordinance see #211031.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
- AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

25. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211001 (ID:23869) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on December 3, 2020.
- Councilor Davis explained that the surveillance technology impact reports will be withdrawn from the Committee by the Administration (see #211026) and new reports will be submitted in their place. Councilor Scott asked if a surveillance technology impact report has been filed for the thermal imaging cameras described in #211011, and Councilor Davis said it has not, but he will follow up with Legislative Liaison Khushbu Webber. Councilor Davis also presented for ordainment an ordinance banning racial profiling, which was submitted in its final form at #211032. He discussed pretextual stops and the collection of demographic data reported yearly. Councilor Mbah expressed his gratitude for the Committee's work. Councilor Scott said it is appropriate to legislate around motive, and he applauded the effort to get this on the books now.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
- AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- ABSENT:** Ewen-Campen

- B. Order 210291 (ID:23157) By City Councilor Mbah That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance, prior to this Council's June 25 meeting, banning racial profiling.
- For the text of the approved Ordinance see #211032.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- C. Order 211002 (ID:23916) By City Councilor Davis That the Chief of Police and the Administration discuss with the Legislative Matters Committee, potential revisions to the citation form for violations of City ordinances, to include demographic data.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
- AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- ABSENT:** Ewen-Campen
- FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

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

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

26. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211004 (ID:23873) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on December 9, 2020.

Councilor White presented the Committee report for approval.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Ewen-Campen

- B. License/Permit 210585 (ID:23436) New Garage License, Arco Tire Auto Service Repair LLC, 18 Clarendon Avenue, 3 autos inside, 3 outside, for mechanical repair only.

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

- C. License/Permit 210666 (ID:23504) New Garage License, Nick's Foreign Car Center LLC, 64 Webster Ave, 3 vehicles inside, 5 outside, for mechanical repairs only, operating Mon-Fri 7:30AM-6PM, Sat-Sun Closed.

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

- D. License/Permit 210877 (ID:23704) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 1, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy.

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

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| E. | License/Permit
210878
(ID:23705) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 1, Smart Center Boston, 257 McGrath Hwy. | | | | | | |
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | | |
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| F. | License/Permit
210879
(ID:23706) | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 1, Herb Chambers Mercedes Benz of Boston Commercial Vans, 161 Linwood St. | | | | | | |
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | | |
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| ABSENT: | Ewen-Campen | | | | | | | |
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| G. | Public
Communication
210917
(ID:23795) | Kenneth Waterman submitting a complaint against Mercedes Benz of Boston. | | |
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27. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee
Report
211005
(ID:23867) | Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on December 1, 2020. | | | | | | |
| | | <p>Councilor Clingan said the bulk of the meeting addressed gas leaks at 721 Somerville Avenue with representatives of Eversource, and the Committee will continue to monitor the situation.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">RESULT:</td> <td>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AYES:</td> <td>Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ABSENT:</td> <td>Ewen-Campen</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | ABSENT: | Ewen-Campen |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | | |
| ABSENT: | Ewen-Campen | | | | | | | |
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| B. | Order
209610
(ID:22457) | By City Councilor White Jr., Niedergang
That the City Engineer and Commissioner of Public Works inspect the sidewalk on the east side of Cedar Street for all instances of spalling, and report to this Council 1) what caused it, 2) how the City will correct it, and 3) what measures the City will take against the contractor, if it was caused by improper installation. | | |
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| C. | Officer's
Communication
209714
(ID:22497) | Assistant City Solicitor responding to #206959, deeming Newport Construction and Northern Tree to be “not considered responsible bidders or offerors” for 5 years. | | |
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D. Order 209785 (ID:22640) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Director of SPCD inform the Ward 7 Councilor of the location and width of the Algonquin gas line easement under Route 16, Stop & Shop and any other locations which are not state-owned.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Order 210207 (ID:23062) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of SPCD and the Commissioner of Public Works work with MA DOT to install a temporary protected pedestrian lane on the Rt. 28/Fellsway Mystic River Bridge.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 210426 (ID:23297) By City Councilor Clingan That the City Engineer and the Director of Water and Sewer appear discuss with this Council’s Committee on Public Utilities and Works plans to address multiple drainage issues, including the broken drain on Medford Street at School Street and the insufficient drainage on Richdale Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order 210588 (ID:23472) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on the implementation of the Short-Term Rental Ordinance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Order 210589 (ID:23473) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on the implementation of the Vacant Properties Ordinance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Order 210676 (ID:23547) By City Councilor Scott That the City Clerk, in consultation with other departments as needed, discuss with this Council the discrepancies in abutter notifications in applications from various utilities for Grants of Location, and propose mechanisms to resolve those discrepancies.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Order 210821 (ID:23720) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Clingan That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on the processes used to better manage and enforce conditions identified in building permits.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- K. Order 210824 (ID:23734) By City Councilor Clingan, Strezo That the Director of Engineering appear before this Council’s Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to discuss the Medford Street sidewalk repaving “book job” and the subsequent usage conditions left as a result of bringing the sidewalks to ADA compliance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- L. Order 210825 (ID:23735) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of Engineering address residents’ concerns regarding possible property owner liability relating to the conditions created by the City in its efforts to bring sidewalks to ADA compliance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- M. Officer's Communication 210873 (ID:23751) City Clerk responding to #210676 re: discrepancies in abutter notifications in applications from various utilities for Grants of Location.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

28. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211006 (ID:23871) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on December 7, 2020.

Councilor Niedergang said the Committee focused on College Ave-Holland St mobility improvements, noting that planners are still considering community feedback. The Committee also considered dangerous intersections, including Powderhouse Circle, the Willow-Elm-Beech St intersection, Mystic Ave at I93, and Temple St. Finally, the Committee learned that DPW takes driver training seriously and has plans, and will pursue what training takes place in other city departments.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

ABSENT: Ewen-Campen

- B. Order 201663 (ID:14318) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO PARKING – FOR FIRE EMERGENCY VEHICLES ONLY sign at the dead end of Fairmount Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 201782 (ID:14440) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic and Parking slow traffic on Franklin Street at the Prospect Hill Academy, including installing new crosswalks, fixing the broken SLOW driving light, installing blinking SLOW signs, and providing a crossing guard during the school year.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| D. | Order
202792
(ID:15497) | By City Councilor Sullivan, McLaughlin, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a flashing cross walk sign on Broadway at the East Branch Library. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| E. | Order
204369
(ID:17098) | By City Councilor Heuston
That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate the crosswalk area from Joseph Street to Lincoln Parkway and make necessary accommodations to allow the sidewalk to be used for children walking to the Argenziano School. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| F. | Order
204672
(ID:17427) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking accelerate the timeline for the new walkway along the former Powderhouse School. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| G. | Order
205795
(ID:18554) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
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: WORK COMPLETED |
| H. | Order
205919
(ID:18684) | By City Councilor McLaughlin, The Entire City Council
That the Director of SPCD promote bicycle-safe infrastructures on all future Assembly Square development. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| I. | Order
205920
(ID:18685) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works install a street light on the corner of Grand Union Boulevard and Artisan Way. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| J. | Order
206267
(ID:19028) | By City Councilor 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. |
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| K. | Order
206390
(ID:19178) | By City Councilor 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: WORK COMPLETED |
| L. | Resolution
206942
(ID:19748) | By City Councilor 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: WORK COMPLETED |
| M. | Order
207161
(ID:19998) | By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking address the cut-through traffic in Ten Hills caused by online traffic apps like Waze. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| N. | Order
207488
(ID:20325) | By City Councilor Davis, Hirsch, Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor on requests for improved vehicle and pedestrian signal timing and design in and around Davis Square. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| O. | Order
207659
(ID:20481) | By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install NO PARKING signs near 48 Bradley Street, to prevent parking along the short curb at the row housing complex. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| P. | Order
207893
(ID:20699) | By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the NO TURN ON RED sign at the intersection of Day and Elm Streets with a sign allowing RIGHT TURN ON RED AFTER STOP – YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS, or similar wording. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Q. | Order
208111
(ID:20919) | By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of SPCD paint the newer red markings at the corner of Pearl and James Streets to ensure ample clearance at 225 Pearl Street for vehicles turning onto Pearl Street. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

R. Resolution 208475 (ID:21321) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Traffic Commission consider making Mt. Pleasant Street a 2 or 4-hour parking zone during work hours to discourage motorists from parking there to take the Orange Line.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

S. Resolution 208698 (ID:21573) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Traffic Commission approve the installation of a stop light at the intersection of Grand Union Boulevard and Canal Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

T. Order 208813 (ID:21634) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD regularly update the Ward 3 City Councilor on efforts to reduce speeding and congestion on Hamlet Street, including opposite-side parking, street trees, a new Stop Line on the southern end of the street, and planters at the northeast corner by Highland Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

U. Order 209208 (ID:22076) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Commissioner of Public Works repaint the STOP HERE line on Central Street on the northern side of the intersection with Somerville Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

V. Order 209209 (ID:22077) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the damaged curb ramp mats at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Central Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

W. Order 209659 (ID:22553) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of Parking report to this Council how the City addresses residents who do not pay automobile excise taxes because they maintain out-of-state license plates on their vehicles.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

X. Order 210333 (ID:23208) By City Councilor Niedergang, Clingan, Ballantyne, Mbah, Strezo That this Council consider the joint recommendations of the Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Pedestrian & Transit Advisory Committee with respect to a transportation response to COVID-19.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| Y. | Order
210554
(ID:23457) | By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Mbah
That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parking work with the Ward 3 City Councilor, Riverside Community Care, and residents on mitigating the parking and traffic issues associated with the new Riverside facility at 117 Summer Street. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Z. | Order
210729
(ID:23603) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Parking place NO PARKING signs on the corner of Cross St and Chester Ave. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| AA. | Order
210744
(ID:23626) | By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of Parking address this Council regarding enforcement policies on Resident Permit Parking and other regulations during the Covid-19 pandemic. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| AB. | Order
210901
(ID:23792) | By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Director of Parking make sure a DO NOT ENTER sign prohibiting left turns from College Avenue onto Kidder Avenue is visible to drivers on College Avenue who might be considering such a turn. (3rd request) |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 29. | Mayor's
Request
211007
(ID:23875) | Requesting that Special Counsel appear before this Council in Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy with respect to 9-11 Aldersey Street. |
| | | Special Counsel Eileen McGettigan recommended that this item be discussed in Executive Session. The Council moved to Executive Session at 8:45 PM and reconvened in open session at 9:20 PM. No votes were taken in Executive Session.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Ewen-Campen |
| 30. | Mayor's
Request
211008
(ID:23855) | Requesting the appropriation of \$143,766 from the Receipts Reserved Insurance Reimbursement Account to the DPW Highway Capital Vehicle Account, to replace the bucket truck that caught fire in 2018. |
| | | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

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| 31. Mayor's Request 211009 (ID:23886) | Requesting the transfer of \$9,900 in the Sewer Enterprise Fund, from its Sewer Repairs Account to its Judgments and Settlements Account, to settle a pending claim. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 32. Mayor's Request 211010 (ID:23862) | Requesting acceptance of a \$52,250 grant with no new match required, from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to the Office of Sustainability & Environment for a climate change heat resilience project. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Ewen-Campen</p> |
| 33. Mayor's Request 211011 (ID:23861) | Requesting acceptance of a \$25,495.51 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration to the Fire Department for the purchase of thermal imaging cameras. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 34. Mayor's Request 211012 (ID:23825) | Requesting acceptance of a \$7,816 grant with no new match required, from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging for the Senior Fit-4-Life Health and Wellness Program. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Ewen-Campen</p> |
| 35. Mayor's Request 211013 (ID:23821) | Requesting acceptance of a \$3,000 grant with no new match required, from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging for support of their transportation program. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Ewen-Campen</p> |
| 36. Mayor's Request 211014 (ID:23874) | Requesting acceptance of an \$800 gift with no new match required, from Tufts University to the Council on Aging for 80 box lunches. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Ewen-Campen</p> |

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| 37. Mayor's Request 211015 (ID:23853) | Requesting approval of a time-only extension for Barletta Heavy Division for general contractor services on Somerville Avenue Utility and Streetscape Improvements until 3/8/2023. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Ewen-Campen</p> |
| 38. Mayor's Request 211016 (ID:23854) | Requesting approval of a time-only extension for WSP USA for construction administration services on Somerville Avenue Utility and Streetscape Improvements until 1/29/2024. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Ewen-Campen</p> |
| 39. Mayor's Communication 211017 (ID:23863) | Conveying the appointment of Nancy Macias-Smith as the Mayor's designee to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Ewen-Campen</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

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| 40. License/Permit 211018 (ID:23902) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave. | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the readings of agenda items 40-43 and approve them.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Ewen-Campen</p> |
| 41. License/Permit 211019 (ID:23903) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, John's Auto Sales, 181 Somerville Ave. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Ewen-Campen</p> |

42. License/Permit 211020 (ID:23904) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Ewen-Campen |
43. License/Permit 211021 (ID:23905) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Elzira and Luc Inc, Med #6.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Ewen-Campen |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

44. Order 211022 (ID:23909) By City Councilor Scott That the Commissioner of Public Works install a CITY LINE sign on Norfolk Street at the Cambridge city line.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Ewen-Campen |
45. Order 211023 (ID:23910) By City Councilor Scott That the Director of Parking install a NO PARKING sign at 420 Norfolk Street, where the driveway spacing is apparently too close to allow a parking space.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Ewen-Campen |
46. Resolution 211024 (ID:23911) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Mayor appear before this Council at its December 17, 2020 meeting to update the Council on the status of school buildings and when they will be ready for in-person learning.
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| RESULT: | LAI D ON THE TABLE |
| FOLLOWUP: | City Council |

47. Resolution 211025 (ID:23912) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Mayor appear before this Council at its December 17, 2020 meeting to update the Council regarding Covid-19 restrictions and policies in light of the increased spread of the virus.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

48. Mayor's Communication 211026 (ID:23913) Communicating a notice of withdrawal of previously submitted surveillance technology impact reports.

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

49. Mayor's Request 211027 (ID:23914) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for 911.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

50. Mayor's Request 211028 (ID:23915) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for ShotSpotter.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

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

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

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

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

53. Officer's Communication 211031 (ID:23919) Planning Director submitting amendments to the Zoning Ordinances to establish an Affordable Housing Overlay District as approved by the Land Use Committee on 12/8/20.

For discussion of this item see #210841.
RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

54. Officer's Communication 211032 (ID:23901) Assistant City Solicitor submitting an ordinance to prohibit biased based policing and racial profiling, as approved by the Legislative Matters Committee on 12/3/20.

For discussion of this item see #210291.
RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Ewen-Campen

55. Officer's Communication 211033 (ID:23899) City Solicitor requesting approval to settle a claim in connection with expenses incurred by the owner of 80 Irving Street.

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

56. Officer's Communication 211034 (ID:23917) DPW Commissioner responding to #210834 re: Fleet Division invoices.

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

LATE ITEMS

57. Order 211035 (ID:23920) By City Councilor Rossetti That the City Solicitor advise this Council if an amendment to the Mayor's Emergency Order Establishing a Moratorium on Eviction Enforcement is indicated, as it relates to our Constables being allowed to deliver Notice of Levying on Eviction.

Councilor Rossetti explained that there may be a loophole in the Mayor's Emergency Order that allows Somerville constables to deliver Notice of Levying on Eviction, since the moratorium doesn't mention such Notice.
RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Ewen-Campen

58. Mayor's Request 209407 (ID:22204) Requesting the re-appointment of Darcy Haynes as Constable.
- The motion to discharge this item from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters was approved 10-0 with Councilor Ewen-Campen absent.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Ewen-Campen
59. Mayor's Request 209773 (ID:22622) Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Santangelo as Constable.
- The motion to discharge this item from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters was approved 10-0 with Councilor Ewen-Campen absent.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Ewen-Campen
60. Officer's Communication 211036 (ID:23921) Planning Board conveying its recommendations regarding an Affordable Housing Overlay.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Ewen-Campen
61. Public Communication 211037 (ID:23922) The Somerville Chamber of Commerce nominating Andrew Lynn to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:25 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2020, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 211038
 (ID:23951) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 211039
 (ID:23952) Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored a moment of silence for Brian Flynn.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 24, 2020.
 211040
 (ID:23953) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

4. Citation 211041 (ID:23944) By City Councilor Rossetti
Commending City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin for his distinguished service as President of this Council in 2020.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
5. Citation 211042 (ID:23945) By City Councilor McLaughlin
Commending City Councilor Mary Jo Rossetti for her distinguished service as Vice President of this Council in 2020.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
6. Citation 211043 (ID:23946) By City Councilor McLaughlin
Commending Clerk of Committees Rositha Durham for her outstanding service to this Council and its Committees in 2020.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
7. Citation 211044 (ID:23947) By City Councilor McLaughlin
Commending Legislative Clerk Peter Forcellese for his outstanding service to this Council and its Committees in 2020.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
8. Citation 211045 (ID:23948) By City Councilor McLaughlin
Commending Assistant Clerk of Committees Kimberly Wells for her outstanding service to this Council and its Committees in 2020.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
9. Citation 211046 (ID:23950) By City Councilor McLaughlin
Commending City Clerk John Long for his outstanding work on behalf of this Council in 2020.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. Grant of Location 211047 (ID:23927) Submitted by Verizon to install 25 feet of conduit in Washington Street, from existing conduit to a point of pickup at the rear of 4 Joy Street.
- President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. There were no speakers, and he closed the public hearing.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

11. Order 211048 (ID:23923) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Finance update this Council at its meeting on December 17, 2020 on the financial health of the city, including CARES funds updates.
- For discussion of this item see #211089.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
12. Order 211049 (ID:23924) By City Councilor Mbah That the Administration provide clear guidelines on how and when creatives and freelancers are able to start working again.
- For discussion of this item see #211050.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
13. Order 211050 (ID:23925) By City Councilor Mbah That the Administration provide a more uniform and justifiable decision on the banning of activities due to Covid-19.
- Councilor Mbah said the pandemic hit freelancers and creatives hard. He sponsored resident Sam Epstein, who said outdoor music venues were banned, yet ice hockey was allowed. While the Administration provided clear guidelines for business re-openings, musicians were discriminated against for fear they would attract troublesome groups. Another resident, the author of these items, was unable to attend tonight as she's at work as an essential worker, but she told Mr. Epstein that some of the indoor places she's worked at are more dangerous than an outdoor music venue would be.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

14. Resolution 211051 (ID:23926) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. Calling on the State's House of Representatives to pass 3 transparency amendments to the House Rules for the 2021-22 legislative session.

Councilor Niedergang explained that the Open Meeting Law does not apply to the State Legislature, and this Resolution promotes transparency within the House of Representatives.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

15. Order 211052 (ID:23939) By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen That the Director of SomerStat, the Director of SPCD, and the Director of Parking re-convene the Parking Study Task Force in January 2021.

Councilor Niedergang said that parking affects everything in the city and it's time to examine parking in an effort to use our streets more effectively and safely.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

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

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

17. Communication 211054 (ID:23941) By City Councilor Rossetti Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of December 14, 2020.

Councilor Rossetti reported that the new High School's certificate of occupancy might be issued on January 4. She reported that the High School's contingency expenses continue to grow. Covid-19 costs total about \$700,000 and overall the project is currently \$1.4 million over budget.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

18. Resolution 210994 (ID:23883) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne, Strezo That the Mayor and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management report to this Council no later than January 28, 2021 on the future of the Brown School and plans to use it in the 2021-2022 school year.

Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management Rich Raiche said the Brown School requires a great amount of work to make it safe for in-person learning, so the Administration is looking at the feasibility of a fuller renovation of the school. Councilor Davis asked if the School will be usable at some time in the future and Mr. Raiche and the Mayor said it's possible, but more information will become available in the spring.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

19. Resolution 211024 (ID:23911) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Mayor appear before this Council at its December 17, 2020 meeting to update this Council on the status of school buildings and when they will be ready for in-person learning.

Mayor Curtatone said that HVAC contracts have been awarded to 2 companies and work on the schools has begun. Delivery times for critical components has been reduced to 2-3 weeks, and the contractors will present a new timeline to the School Committee next week. The work includes filtration, ventilation, disinfection and humidification. The city has set high standards on filtration and has implemented a Covid-19 testing program. A School Advisory Committee will use external factors and internal data to determine the safety of in-person learning and make recommendations to the Mayor and School Committee. That data will be available online. The return of special needs students is the highest priority and a timeline should be ready to present at the School Committee meeting on Monday. Councilor Strezo asked if extra space would be available at the high school for out of school time programming, and the Mayor said all space in city buildings is being considered. President McLaughlin asked why there is an appropriation requested for HVAC work and was told that not all of the work met CARES Act timelines.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

20. Resolution 211025 (ID:23912) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Mayor appear before this Council at its December 17, 2020 meeting to update the Council regarding Covid-19 restrictions and policies in light of the increased spread of the virus.

Mayor Curtatone explained that the city has rolled back to a modified version of phase 2.2 of the state’s reopening plan and will remain there for a minimum of 3 weeks. Several business activities have been paused and the reopening of others has been rolled back. Financial support from the federal government is desperately needed to support our businesses. Councilor Ballantyne asked why some activities were being rolled back for persons over 18 years of age only, and the mayor said the cutoff was based on the state’s adjusted guidelines: indoor basketball is not allowed and the number of people on fields and rinks is limited to 25. Councilor Ballantyne asked why fitness centers couldn’t open and the Mayor said that adult activity at those facilities is riskier than indoor activities for those under 18. Councilor Ballantyne asked what metrics were used to make that decision and Incident Commander Omar Boukili said that, on the whole, youth activities tend to show lower incidences of virus transmission. Councilor Ballantyne stated that she is not convinced and the metrics have not been made clear. Councilor Scott, who runs a gym, said gyms should be closed, but he is not swayed by the youth transmission numbers: unless reasons are given on a case-by-case basis, treatment should be uniform. Councilor Mbah agreed that the closures are not equitable. The Mayor said that what is knocking businesses down is the pandemic, not the city’s actions.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

21. EQUITY, GENDER, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211055 (ID:23936) Report of the Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations, meeting on December 14, 2020.

Councilor Mbah reported that several topics were discussed and that detailed information is in the report.

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

- B. Order 206647 (ID:19427) By City Councilor 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: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 206854 (ID:19654) By City Councilor 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Resolution 208163 (ID:21039) By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Administration report to the Youth Services Committee the feasibility of adding a budget line to make school facilities more affordable for use by community groups by helping to cover custodial fees.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 208229 (ID:21040) By City Councilor Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
That the Director of Parks and Recreation address the security breach at the Kennedy School pool by either assigning a door monitor or locking the door and installing another system to monitor who comes and goes through the Sartwell Avenue door that leads directly to the pool area and into the school.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. Order 208375 (ID:21214) By City Councilor Mbah
That the Director of Communications create an online and paper sign-up for any citywide event, to make it easy to email them the bus schedule and any other last-minute details.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- G. Resolution 209473 (ID:22360) By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang
That the Administration update this Council on the teen snow shoveling program, including shoveler recruitment efforts and new income eligibility restrictions for enrollees.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- H. Order 209796 (ID:22646) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Parks and Recreation arrange to have port-a-potties available at the public parks for the 2020 summer months.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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

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

22. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211057 (ID:23935) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on December 14, 2020.

Councilor Scott reported that the outsourcing of emergency services for a Somerville building in Cambridge's Cambridge Crossing development was discussed, as well as several grants, DPW invoices and expenses, and the \$1.6 million appropriation for Dilboy Field.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Officer's Communication 210754 (ID:23605) Special Counsel submitting a Home Rule Petition to permit Cambridge to provide, at no cost to Somerville, snow plowing and removal, water, storm water drainage, sanitary sewer, police, fire, and other emergency services to the Somerville building in the development known as Cambridge Crossing.

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

- C. Mayor's Request 210859 (ID:23686) Requesting acceptance of a \$295,463 grant with no new match required, from the State 911 Office to the Police Department to fund E911 personnel costs.

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

- D. Mayor's Request 210861 (ID:23687) Requesting acceptance of a \$89,234.57 grant with no new match required, from the State E911 Office to the Police Department for 911 training and the certification of 911 telecommunicators.

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

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| <p>E. Mayor's Request 210865 (ID:23693)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of an \$6,233.33 grant with no new match required, from the MA Dept of Public Health to the Police Department to purchase and provide training for Naxalone.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>F. Mayor's Request 210867 (ID:23717)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a contract extension for the KZLA Architects construction administration contract for services at Prospect Hill Park.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>G. Mayor's Request 210868 (ID:23718)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a contract extension for the NELM Corp construction contract for services at Prospect Hill Park.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>H. Mayor's Request 210904 (ID:23723)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$50,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for the purchase of maritime equipment to enhance responses to marine incidents.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>I. Mayor's Request 210905 (ID:23689)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$24,500 grant with no new match required, from the State 911 Office to the Police Department to fund E911 emergency medical dispatch services.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>J. Mayor's Request 210941 (ID:23827)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,591,206 in a bond for Dilboy Stadium improvements.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

K. Mayor's Request 210945 (ID:23767) Requesting acceptance of a \$400,000 PARC grant that requires a match, from MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to the Parks and Urban Forestry Division for Prospect Hill.

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

L. Mayor's Request 210946 (ID:23809) Requesting acceptance of a \$75,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for expenditures and backfill/overtime for the Special Response Team.

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

M. Mayor's Request 211008 (ID:23855) Requesting the appropriation of \$143,766 from the Receipts Reserved Insurance Reimbursement Account to the DPW Highway Capital Vehicle Account, to replace the bucket truck that caught fire in 2018.

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

N. Mayor's Request 211009 (ID:23886) Requesting the transfer of \$9,900 in the Sewer Enterprise Fund, from its Sewer Repairs Account to its Judgments and Settlements Account, to settle a pending claim.

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

23. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211058 (ID:23937) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on December 16, 2020.

Councilor Strezo reported that the Winter Hill Urban Renewal Plan was discussed, as well as the Community Land Trust and the Somerville Media Center's out of school programming.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

B. Order 206200 (ID:18990) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Commissioner of Public Works share the policy for removing items that are blocking sidewalks.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 206233 (ID:19062) By City Councilor 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: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 211059 (ID:23991) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Economic Development work with this Council on a Memorandum of Understanding for the Winter Hill Urban Renewal Plan.

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

24. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211060 (ID:23938) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on December 17, 2020.

Councilor Davis reported that the committee met to deal with 2 surveillance technology impact reports. The 911 report was approved, but the shot spotter report was discharged without a recommendation. He then reported that new information from the Administration satisfied his concerns, and the shot spotter report was approved by the Council separately.

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

- B. Mayor's Communication 211026 (ID:23913) Communicating a notice of withdrawal of previously submitted surveillance technology impact reports.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Mayor's Request 211027 (ID:23914) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for 911.

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

- D. Mayor's Request 211028 (ID:23915) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for ShotSpotter.

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

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

25. Mayor's Request 211061 (ID:23932) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,500,000 in a bond for HVAC improvements to school and municipal buildings due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This item was part of the package presented at #211089.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

26. Mayor's Request 211062 (ID:23847) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Aladdine Joroff to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.

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

27. Mayor's Request 211063 (ID:23890) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Tim Talun to the Urban Design Commission.

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

28. Mayor's Request 211064 (ID:23891) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Heidi Cron to the Urban Design Commission.

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

29. Mayor's Request 211065 (ID:23892) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kerri Connolly to the Urban Design Commission.

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

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

30. License/Permit 211066 (ID:23931) Renewing Garage License, Partners Healthcare System, 21 Third Ave.

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

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| 31. License/Permit
211067
(ID:23928) | Renewing Garage License, Junior Auto Body, 486R Columbia St.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 32. License/Permit
211068
(ID:23929) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, 28 Motorsports, 486R Columbia St.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 33. License/Permit
211069
(ID:23930) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 34. License/Permit
211070
(ID:23933) | Renewing Automatic Amusement Devices License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Dr.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 35. License/Permit
211071
(ID:23934) | Renewing Fortune Teller License, Sean Tene dba Astrology Studio, 3 Holland St.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 36. Public
Communication
211072
(ID:23954) | PERAC submitting the required FY22 retirement system appropriation.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

37. Order 211073 (ID:23967) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Health and Human Services and the Director of Inspectional Services inspect 49 Chetwynd Road and abutting properties for rat burrows and rid the area of rats.

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

38. Order 211074 (ID:23983) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Health and Human Services advise this Council at its December 17, 2020 meeting what metrics are being used to determine closure of the 'recreation' sector and advise which sectors are allowed to be open.

For discussion of this item see #211025.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

39. Resolution 211075 (ID:23990) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That a Representative from Eversource appear before this Council to address reports about an October 16, 2020 incident at 20 Berkeley St.

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

40. Mayor's Communication 211076 (ID:23970) Conveying a summary to accompany "repurpose and transfer" requests which seek to provide critical temporary financial assistance to local businesses and artists in light of Covid-19 impacts on the local economy.

SPCD Director George Proakis explained that funds are needed so the city can provide substantial assistance to our small businesses, artist, non-profits and residents in need. The goal is to transfer \$5 million to a new Covid-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund and an additional \$600,000 to the Artist Community Support Program.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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41. Mayor's Request 211077 (ID:23949) Requesting approval to create the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211076.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
42. Mayor's Request 211078 (ID:23961) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,843,117 from the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund to the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211076.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
43. Mayor's Request 211079 (ID:23960) Requesting the repurpose and transfer of \$1 million from the Capital Stabilization Fund to the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211076.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
44. Mayor's Request 211080 (ID:23958) Requesting the repurpose and transfer of \$1,500,000 from the Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing Stabilization Fund to the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211076.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
45. Mayor's Request 211081 (ID:23955) Requesting approval to accept and repurpose a payment of \$300,000 from the Wynn Casino Surrounding Community Agreement to the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211076.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

46. Mayor's Request 211082 (ID:23956) Requesting the repurpose and transfer of \$150,306 from the Water Transportation Public Safety Stabilization Fund to the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211076.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
47. Mayor's Request 211083 (ID:23959) Requesting the repurpose and transfer of \$132,359 from the Algonquin Mitigation Stabilization Fund to the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211076.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
48. Mayor's Request 211084 (ID:23957) Requesting the repurpose and transfer of \$74,218 from the Small Business Assistance Stabilization Fund to the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211076.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
49. Mayor's Request 211085 (ID:23966) Requesting the appropriation of \$5,000,000 from the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund to provide temporary support to businesses experiencing substantial decline as a result of the pandemic.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211076.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
50. Mayor's Request 211086 (ID:23964) Requesting approval to accept a payment of \$200,000 from the Wynn Casino Surrounding Community Agreement to the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund to provide Covid Relief grants to the artist and cultural community.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211076.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

51. Mayor's Request 211087 (ID:23963) Requesting the repurpose and transfer of \$400,000 from the Parks Stabilization Fund to the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund to provide COVID relief grants to the artist and cultural community.

This item was part of the package presented at #211076.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

52. Mayor's Request 211088 (ID:23965) Requesting the appropriation of \$600,000 from the Covid 19 Stablization Fund to provide Covid relief grants to the arts and cultural community.

This item was part of the package presented at #211076.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

53. Mayor's Communication 211089 (ID:23976) Communicating information to accompany requests for consideration of items necessary to continue City services related to its response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Curtatone said the state needs to do more financially to help cities. Finance Director Ed Bean reviewed several Covid-19 Stabilization Fund transactions necessary to continue the city's Covid-19 efforts. Councilor Rossetti noted that based on information received today, several stabilization funds are being zeroed out. Mr. Bean explained that these funds are a bridge until the city's next tranche of free cash becomes available, probably in February, at which time the major accounts will be replenished. Councilor Strezo asked about Wynn Casino funding and Mr. Bean explained that those funds will be used to support the arts per the Surrounding Community Agreement. Economic Development Director Tom Galligani said the agreement calls for Wynn to contribute \$10,000 per year in the city. Councilor Ballantyne asked what non-Covid items will come before the Council for bonding by June, and Mr. Bean said an answer should be available next month.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

54. Mayor's Request 211090 (ID:23971) Requesting approval to appropriate \$121,090 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for Resident Outreach & Communications.

This item was part of the package presented at #211089.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

55. Mayor's Request 211091 (ID:23972) Requesting approval to appropriate \$39,493 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for 311 Call Center resources.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211089.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
56. Mayor's Request 211092 (ID:23973) Requesting approval to appropriate \$291,000 from the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund for Testing and Contract Tracing.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211089.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
57. Mayor's Request 211093 (ID:23974) Requesting approval to appropriate \$170,000 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for Personal Protective Equipment and supplies.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211089.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
58. Mayor's Request 211094 (ID:23975) Requesting approval to appropriate \$120,000 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for Out of School Time programming.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211089.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
59. Mayor's Request 211095 (ID:23977) Requesting approval to appropriate \$45,000 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for health and safety compliance activities.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211089.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
60. Mayor's Request 211096 (ID:23978) Requesting approval to appropriate \$180,000 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for school resources.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211089.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| 61. Mayor's Request 211097 (ID:23979) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$37,760 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for school wellness staffing. | <p>This item was part of the package presented at #211089.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 62. Mayor's Request 211098 (ID:23980) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$142,500 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for Public Safety Overtime. | <p>This item was part of the package presented at #211089.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 63. Mayor's Request 211099 (ID:23981) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$170,477 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for DPW Overtime for school re-opening purposes. | <p>This item was part of the package presented at #211089.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 64. Mayor's Request 211100 (ID:23982) | Requesting the appropriation of \$100,000 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for the purpose of the 25% FEMA Cost Share Match. | <p>This item was part of the package presented at #211089.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 65. Mayor's Request 211101 (ID:23906) | Requesting acceptance of a \$42,335 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Public Health to the Health & Human Services Department for COVID 19 expenses. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 66. Mayor's Request 211102 (ID:23969) | Requesting acceptance of a \$16,150 grant that requires a match, from FEMA to the Fire Department for updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| 67. Mayor's Request
211103
(ID:23984) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Pole Cameras. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
| 68. Mayor's Request
211104
(ID:23985) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Homeland Security Cameras. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
| 69. Mayor's Request
211105
(ID:23986) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GLX Cameras. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
| 70. Mayor's Request
211106
(ID:23987) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Covert Device Cameras. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
| 71. Mayor's Request
211107
(ID:23988) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GPS and Monitor. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
| 72. Mayor's Request
211108
(ID:23989) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GreyKey. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
| 73. Officer's Communication
211109
(ID:23943) | City Solicitor submitting an ordinance to amend the membership of the Police Chief Selection Committee, replacing the Director of Multicultural Affairs with the Director of Racial and Social Justice. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |

LATE ITEMS

74. Resolution 211110 (ID:23992) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That this Council hereby welcomes Simon Ewen-Campen into our great City, extends its best wishes to Simon and his proud parents, and looks forward to Simon's participation in our community.

The President welcomed Simon Ewen-Campen to Somerville.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:05 PM.