

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2018, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
205798
(ID:18608)

Ald. Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Tony Matarazzo.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, March 30, 2018, and the
205799 Regular Meeting, April 12, 2018.
(ID:18609)

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. Withdrawn Withdrawn.
205800
(ID:18611)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Order 205801 (ID:18576) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to require voter registration forms to be displayed and available at Libraries, Public Schools, and the Traffic and Parking Department, and to allow high school students to arrive late to school on any election day if they present proof of voting.

Alderman Ewen-Campen said the city should be pushing for 100% voter turnout. Election day should be a holiday, with online voter registration, and everyone who lives here should be allowed to vote. Voter registration forms should be visible at all public places, such as schools, T&P, libraries, etc.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

5. Order 205802 (ID:18575) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Scott
That the Director of SPCD report to the Wards 1, 2 and 3 Aldermen and this Board on the plans for any GLX-related closures of Washington Street, near the McGrath Highway underpass.

Alderman Ewen-Campen requested a report from the Director of SPCD on the plans for any GLX-related closures of Washington Street near the underpass. Alderman McLaughlin said the City put up a blinking sign to simply expect delays in the future, which caused concern and confusion. Alderman Niedergang said he submitted an Order about the Broadway Ball Square Bridge which is going to be closed for 12 months. The Traffic and Parking Committee will take up this matter on June 4, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

6. Order 205803 (ID:18577) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Commission of Public Works contact the appropriate utility to replace the dangerously curving telephone pole on Belmont Street across from 125 Lowell Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. Order 205804 (ID:18578) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Commission of Public Works refill the potholes along Bow Street, west of Summer Street. (2nd request.)

RESULT: APPROVED

8. Order 205805 (ID:18579) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a sign at the mouth of Warren Avenue informing drivers of large trucks that access to Highland Avenue is limited to smaller vehicles due to the turning radius at its intersection with Columbus Avenue. (2nd request)

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

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9. Order 205806 (ID:18580) By Ald. Ewen-Campen That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the bag from the top of the tree at Properzi Manor.
- Alderman Ewen-Campen stated that he saw the bag being removed this morning and he thanked the DPW.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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10. Resolution 205807 (ID:18584) By Ald. Ballantyne That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to establish the city's current green space as a minimum allowed amount, as described within.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
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11. Order 205808 (ID:18582) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Chief Fire Engineer provide this Board with a list of Fire Department calls in Wards 6 and 7 for the last 5 years.
- Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 11 approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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12. Order 205809 (ID:18583) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works install a bench in front of the empty lot at the corner of Broadway and Holland Street.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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13. Order 205810 (ID:18585) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees on Claremon, Mead and Moore Streets.
- Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 13 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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14. Order 205811 (ID:18586) By Ald. Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, Ballantyne, Scott, Mbah That the Director of Engineering and Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on the registration of paving contractors pursuant to Ordinance 11-33.
- Alderman Niedergang stated that the existing paving contractor registration program is not being implemented by the Administration.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
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| 15. | Order 205812 (ID:18587) | <p>By Ald. Niedergang, Rossetti, Ballantyne That the Director of Engineering and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services explain to this Board in writing, and produce a clear FAQ for, the requirements to expand driveways or increase impervious surfaces on private property.</p> |
| <p>Alderman Niedergang requested clarification on the regulations for paving over a driveway.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | | |
| 16. | Order 205813 (ID:18588) | <p>By Ald. Niedergang, Rossetti That the Director of Engineering and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on enforcement of the ordinance on driveway construction and paving over front, back or side yards, with a list of violations and fines levied in 2016 and 2017.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p> | | |
| 17. | Order 205814 (ID:18589) | <p>By Ald. Niedergang, Ewen-Campen That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes at 32 and 36 Brastow Avenue.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | | |
| 18. | Order 205815 (ID:18590) | <p>By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD, the Director of Engineering, and the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing a crosswalk on Lowell Street between the bridge and Magoun Square, and report to the Ward 5 Alderman on whether and when it could be done.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> | | |
| 19. | Order 205816 (ID:18591) | <p>By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD provide to this Board before the submission of the FY19 budget, a description and status of each major commercial development that has applied to, or been permitted by, the Planning Board in FY17 and FY18.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | | |
| 20. | Resolution 205817 (ID:18592) | <p>By Ald. Mbah That the Administration hire an independent auditor to periodically audit the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | | |

21. Resolution 205818 (ID:18593) By Ald. Mbah
That the Administration have periodic meetings in the wards to educate constituents about the Demolition Review Ordinance.
- Alderman Mbah requested that the Administration have periodic meetings in each Ward to educate constituents about the Demolition Review Ordinance. Alderman Niedergang said the Demolition Review Ordinance is in the Legislative Matters Committee which has had two or three substantial discussions already. There are issues still outstanding to be resolved, but the Planning Department held three public meetings and there wasn't a lot of public interest.
- RESULT: NOT APPROVED. [1 TO 10]**
AYES: Mbah
NAYS: Hirsch, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
22. Resolution 205819 (ID:18594) By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board
That the Administration allocate additional FY19 General Fund resources to affordable housing.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
23. Resolution 205820 (ID:18595) By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board
That the Administration allocate funding for independent counsel for this Board in the FY19 budget.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
24. Resolution 205821 (ID:18596) By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board
That the Administration allocate funding in the FY19 budget to waive field fees for all local youth sports groups.
- Alderman McLaughlin asked that the Administration allocate funds to waive the fees for local youth sports groups.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
25. Resolution 205822 (ID:18597) By Ald. McLaughlin
Encouraging the State Board of Building Regulations and Standards to issue a detailed interpretation on how short-term rentals (30 days or less) are regulated by the State Building Code.
- Alderman McLaughlin said that if the city were to regulate AirBnB's, sprinkler systems would possibly be required in every AirBnB home.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

26. Order
205823
(ID:18598)
- By Ald. Scott
That the Commissioner of Public Works apply mulch and perform maintenance at Osgood Park to accommodate increased usage in light of the closure of Conway Park.

Alderman Scott stated that with the indefinite closure of Conway Park, Osgood Park will be seeing increased usage and could use maintenance.

RESULT: APPROVED

27. Resolution
205824
(ID:18599)
- By Ald. Hirsch, and the Entire Board
That the Administration implement the 2015 Sustainable Neighborhood Working Group recommendation to include as a preference for inclusionary housing “Families with children in Somerville Public Schools classified as homeless and in temporary out-of-district placements.”

Alderman Hirsch would like to see children who are homeless not be excluded from affordable housing.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

28. Resolution
205825
(ID:18600)
- By Ald. Hirsch
That the Administration provide an update on the range of projected revenue from recreational marijuana facilities how these funds may be used.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

29. Resolution
205826
(ID:18601)
- By Ald. Hirsch
That the Administration consider, as part of its facilities planning process and its ongoing development of programs like 311, libraries, recreation and neighborhood policing, ways to establish multi-purpose neighborhood-based service centers.

Alderman Hirsch would like the City to think about how it can shift customer service functions to neighborhood service centers.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

30. Resolution
205827
(ID:18602)
- By Ald. Hirsch
That the Administration update this Board on Styrofoam recycling options for residents.

RESULT: APPROVED

31. Resolution
205828
(ID:18603)
- By Ald. Hirsch, McLaughlin
That the Administration update this Board on maintaining bus shelters or installing new shelters, such as the #90 bus stop at Assembly Square.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

32. Order 205829 (ID:18604) By Ald. Hirsch
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and other enforcing departments report to this Board on enforcing business signage laws, especially for alcohol, tobacco or marijuana advertisements.

Alderman Hirsch would like clarity on how signage for alcohol, tobacco, etc. gets enforced.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

33. Order 205830 (ID:18605) By Ald. Hirsch
That the Chief of Police share how decisions are made to notify the public about public safety events, using 311, CTY, ConnectEd calls and emails, or other means.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

34. Order 205831 (ID:18606) By Ald. Hirsch, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Mbah
That the Director of Engineering share with this Board the feasibility of creating a pedestrian crossing on Somerville Avenue, between Belmont and Spring Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

35. Order 205832 (ID:18607) By Ald. Hirsch, Scott
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the plantings along the Elmer Bumpus Bridge next to the Argenziano School.

RESULT: APPROVED

36. Order 205833 (ID:18610) By Ald. 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.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

37. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 205834 (ID:18581) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on May 9, 2018.

Alderman Scott reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee approved several prior meeting minutes and continued discussion of the Procedure Manual the Committee has been working on.

RESULT: APPROVED

38. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 205835 (ID:18572) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on May 8, 2018.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. Most of the time was spent on the Clarendon Hill redevelopment project, with respect to property ownership, land use, relocation of tenants, local and state approvals, financing and construction, occupancy requirements, and project design. The project will cost the City \$10,000,000. The Committee also recommended hiring outside counsel for an opiate-related law suit, voted to accept a Mass General Law for a 3% excise tax on retail sales of marijuana for adult use, approved a \$500,000 bond for ADA improvements, and voted to fund the labor agreement reached with the E911 Operators.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. Mayor's Request 205518 (ID:18219) Requesting approval for a time-only extension of the Millennium Maintenance contract by one month, until 8/31/2017.

RESULT: APPROVED

- D. Mayor's Request 205672 (ID:18389) Requesting the acceptance of MGL c64N s3 re: a local 3% excise tax on retail sales of marijuana for adult use.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

- E. Mayor's Request 205722 (ID:18045) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$500,000 in a bond for ADA building improvements.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

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| <p>F. Mayor's Request 205723 (ID:18450)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to create the Boynton Yards Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$60,000 from RECP V Boynton Yards Owner LLC for engineering, planning, legal, and other related expenses.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>G. Mayor's Request 205724 (ID:18434)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to increase the Planning & Zoning Notice Revolving Fund expenditure cap from \$35,000 to \$45,000.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>H. Mayor's Request 205786 (ID:18550)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$97,570 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to various E-911 Personal Services Accounts in order to fund an agreement with SEIU/Local 888 E911 Call Takers.e</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>I. Mayor's Request 205787 (ID:18551)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$48,215 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to the E-911 Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to fund an agreement with SEIU/Local 888 E-911 Call Takers.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

39. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 205836 (ID:18568)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on April, 30, 2018.</p> |
| <p>Alderman Ewen-Campen reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee had a public hearing on the condition of affordable housing units in the City, and whether there is an affordable housing crisis that constitutes a public emergency. The Committee heard from a number of experts and from the public. David Gibbs, Director of the Community Action Agency of Somerville, said that in the past six months, 247 residents sought assistance from them. These are people facing imminent risk of eviction including 70 families with children. The wait list for affordable housing in Somerville is closed. As of March 2018, there were 10,451 people on the Somerville waiting list; 2,269 families are Somerville residents. Somerville's Eviction Court is the sixth busiest eviction court out of 62 in the State, and in that court, 80-90% of the tenants are unrepresented, while 90% of the landlords have counsel. The Committee will gather all of this information and put together a report.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |

40. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 205837 (ID:18569) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 1, 2018.

The Chair did not have a complete report ready yet, and requested that the item be laid on the table until it was ready.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen

41. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 205838 (ID:18570) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 2, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee recommended approving three ordinances. The first was with regard to stormwater management and infiltration and inflow mitigation, to try to control sewerage inflows. The second was to implement citywide textile and shoe recycling. And the third was to add safeguards for trees on city-owned property, so any public tree that is more than 1 1/2" in diameter couldn't be cut down without a public hearing first. The Committee also received a brief update on the AirBnB situation, and learned that latex paint can be disposed of with the regular trash if it is first dried out.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

- B. Order 204364 (ID:17093) By Ald. Heuston, Sullivan, White Jr. That the City Solicitor and the Director of SPCD submit to this Board, amendments to the Tree Preservation Ordinance with criteria for removal and notification to add safeguards for street reconstruction projects.

For ordainment of this item, see #205849.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 204750 (ID:17440) By Ald. Connolly That the City Solicitor prepare a draft ordinance to address Airbnb rentals, including owner occupied properties, as discussed at the November 29, 2017 meeting of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Public Communication 204782 (ID:17516) Green and Open Somerville submitting comments re: #204364, proposed revisions to the Tree Preservation ordinance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Officer's Communication 205043 (ID:17717) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #204586 with a draft ordinance amending the Ordinances at Chapter 11 Article VII re: stormwater management and infiltration and inflow mitigation.

For ordainment of this item, see #205908.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- F. Officer's Assistant City Solicitor submitting proposed amendments to Ordinances 11-31
Communication and 11-40 re: household trash and rubbish collection and mandatory recycling.
205421
(ID:18093)

For ordainment of this item, see #205848.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

42. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
205839
(ID:18571)
- Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on May 7, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. This was a second Public Hearing on the Real Estate Transfer Fee. The Mayor opened the evening by speaking strongly in favor of the Transfer Fee. Former Mayor Eugene Brune and former Alderman John Connolly spoke against this fee. 39 of the 49 people who signed up to speak in favor actually spoke, and 28 of the 43 people who signed up to speak in opposition actually spoke. The Transfer Fee Home Rule Petition will be taken up next on May 17, 2018, at 6:00 pm at a Committee Meeting of the Whole.

RESULT: APPROVED

43. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
205840
(ID:18573)
- Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on May 8, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. This meeting focused on the Clarendon Hill redevelopment project. Somerville Housing Authority attorney Dan Rosen reviewed a document summarizing the Home Rule Petition that is required for the project to go forward. The Committee discussed the clause stating that the project would not be subject to public procurement law but would be subject to prevailing wage law only to the extent applicable. A Public Hearing on the matter is scheduled on May 21, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Resolution
205912
(ID:18677)
- By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Administration notify the public, by mail and through the CTY system, about this Board's Public Hearing on the Clarendon Hill redevelopment project.

RESULT: APPROVED

44. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205841 (ID:18574) Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on May 9, 2018.

Alderman Mbah reported that the meeting focused on the Director of Parks and Recreation's update of the Fields Master Plan. The demand for field space is greater than the supply. There is currently no timeline on when Conway Park will be open. Lincoln Park renovation is still progressing.
RESULT: APPROVED

B. Resolution 202769 (ID:15465) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Administration present to this Board's Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy the Fields Presentation dated November 15, 2016.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Resolution 204872 (ID:17639) By Ald. Hirsch, Rossetti That the Administration provide an update on the progress of plans outlined in the Somerville Fields Master Plan.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Officer's Communication 205392 (ID:18108) Director of Parks and Recreation requesting to update this Board on the Fields Master Plan.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Order 205427 (ID:18184) By Ald. White Jr., and the Entire Board That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment and other appropriate city staff report to this Board on the hazardous waste that was recently found in soil tests at Conway Park.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Resolution 205463 (ID:18379) By Ald. Davis, Clingan That the Administration put the Conway Park renovation out to bid without delay.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

45. Mayor's Request 205842 (ID:18614) Requesting to appear before this Board, on May 24, 2018, in executive session, to discuss strategy with respect to the status of all of the City's collective bargaining agreements including proposals for wage and benefit packages as well as working conditions. Note that this Board may meet in Executive Session to discuss this matter.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen

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| 46. Mayor's Request 205843 (ID:18563) | Requesting acceptance of a \$32,000 grant with no new match required, from the Metro North Regional Employment Board Summer Youth Works Grant to the Health & Human Services Department for youth employment programming. |
| <p>Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 46 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| 47. Mayor's Request 205844 (ID:18562) | Requesting acceptance of a \$4,000 grant with no new match required, from Project Bread to the Health & Human Services Department for supplies for the Shape Up Somerville Mobile Market. |
| <p>Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 47 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 48. Mayor's Request 205845 (ID:18560) | Requesting the re-appointment of Dr. Brian Green to the Board of Health. |
| <p>Alderman Scott requested to waive the readings of items 48 through 50 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> | |
| 49. Mayor's Request 205846 (ID:18561) | Requesting the re-appointment of Robert Ciccia to the Board of Health. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> | |
| 50. Mayor's Request 205847 (ID:18407) | Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Santangelo as Constable. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> | |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 51. Officer's Communication 205848 (ID:18565) | Assistant City Solicitor responding to #205421 with a draft amendment to Ordinance 11-31, household trash and rubbish collection, and Ordinance 11-40, mandatory recycling. |
| <p>For discussion of this item, see #205421.</p> <p>Alderman Niedergang stated that this Ordinance introduces textile recycling.</p> <p>RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

52. Officer's Communication 205849 (ID:18566) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #204364 with a draft replacement of Ordinance 12-106, trees on city-owned property.

For discussion of this item, see #204364.

Alderman Niedergang said that this Ordinance provides protection for trees on City-owned property, with no tree larger than 1 1/2 inches in diameter cut down without a Public Hearing and notices posted on the trees. Alderman Mbah recommended a fine in the Ordinance for violators, and Alderman Niedergang responded that since these are trees on City property, if a private individual cut them down it would be a criminal act, and if it were a City employee, it would be dealt with by the Administration.

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

53. Officer's Communication 205850 (ID:18567) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #205498 re: the ability to bar a contractor from future city work.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

54. Officer's Communication 205851 (ID:18559) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 4/12/18.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

55. Officer's Communication 205852 (ID:18556) Director of Traffic and Parking responding to items from this Board's 4/12/18 meeting.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

56. Officer's Communication 205853 (ID:18555) Director of Traffic and Parking responding to items from this Board's 03/22/18 meeting.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

NEW BUSINESS

57. License/Permit 205854 (ID:18615) Public Event License, Second Line Social Aid and Pleasure Society Brass Band Porchfest Concert, Quincy Street Park, May 12, 3:45-6:15PM (raindate May 13).

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 57 through 97 and approve them all except item 61, which should be sent to Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

58. License/Permit 205855 (ID:18616) Public Event License, Arts Council Cinema Somerville Short Film Fest, Union Sq Plaza, May 19, 6:30-10PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 59. | License/Permit 205856 (ID:18617) | Public Event License, Veterans Memorial Parade, Highland Ave to Holland St to Broadway and adjacent streets, May 20, 8AM-8PM. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 60. | License/Permit 205857 (ID:18618) | Public Event License, Redbones Annual Bike Party, Chester St from Elm St to Herbert St, Jun 11, Noon-10PM (raindate Jun 25). | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 61. | License/Permit 205858 (ID:18624) | New Mobile Food Vendor, the Chef Grill, operating on Grand Union Blvd Sun-Wed 11AM-5PM, Thu-Sat 11AM-8PM. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 62. | License/Permit 205859 (ID:18625) | New Drainlayer's License, SJ Gordon (interim approval granted 5/1/18). | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 63. | License/Permit 205860 (ID:18626) | New Drainlayer's License, Barletta Heavy Division. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 64. | License/Permit 205861 (ID:18627) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Rhino Construction. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 65. | License/Permit 205862 (ID:18628) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Keash Excavation. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 66. | License/Permit 205863 (ID:18629) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, JRF Corp. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 67. | License/Permit 205864 (ID:18630) | Renewing Flammables License, Cumberland Farms, 701 Somerville Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 68. | License/Permit 205865 (ID:18631) | Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, 132 Washington St. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 69. | License/Permit 205866 (ID:18632) | Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, 23R Inner Belt Rd. | RESULT: APPROVED |

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| 70. | License/Permit 205867 (ID:18633) | Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, 70R Third Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 71. | License/Permit 205868 (ID:18634) | Renewing Garage License, DM Auto Services, 45 Webster Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 72. | License/Permit 205869 (ID:18635) | Renewing Garage License, K Professional Auto Detailing, 682 Mystic Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 73. | License/Permit 205870 (ID:18636) | Renewing Garage License, Sullivan Tire, 263 Beacon St. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 74. | License/Permit 205871 (ID:18637) | Renewing Garage License, Somerville Housing Group Trust III, 481 Columbia St. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 75. | License/Permit 205872 (ID:18638) | Renewing Fortune Teller License, Spiritual New Age Boutique, 153 Washington St. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 76. | License/Permit 205873 (ID:18641) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Country Club Transportation, Med #3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,46. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 77. | License/Permit 205874 (ID:18639) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Elzira and Luc Inc, Med #6. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 78. | License/Permit 205875 (ID:18642) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Cinema Taxi, Med #14,16,44,47,57,58,63,81,84,85. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 79. | License/Permit 205876 (ID:18643) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Roly Cab, Med #17. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 80. | License/Permit 205877 (ID:18640) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Wilvens Cab, Med #18. | RESULT: APPROVED |

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| 81. | License/Permit 205878 (ID:18644) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Gardy Inc, Med #19. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 82. | License/Permit 205879 (ID:18645) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Lochmere Taxi, Med #21,22,23,24,25,26,79,91. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 83. | License/Permit 205880 (ID:18646) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Green and Yellow Cab TNC of Somerville, Med #27,33,34,35,36,37,38,53,54,67,68. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 84. | License/Permit 205881 (ID:18647) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Mt. Pleasant Taxi, Med #28,30,31,32,39,40,41,42,43. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 85. | License/Permit 205882 (ID:18648) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, SJP Taxi, Med #45. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 86. | License/Permit 205883 (ID:18649) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Ormond Transportation, Med #49,50,89. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 87. | License/Permit 205884 (ID:18650) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Silcor Transportation, Med #51,77,93. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 88. | License/Permit 205885 (ID:18651) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Talkd Transportation, Med #55. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 89. | License/Permit 205886 (ID:18660) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Ike Inc, Med #61,78,92. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 90. | License/Permit 205887 (ID:18652) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, DLCS Transportation, Med #62. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 91. | License/Permit 205888 (ID:18653) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Madkep Transportation, Med #64. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 92. | License/Permit 205889 (ID:18654) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Alewife Transportation, Med #65,69,80. | RESULT: APPROVED |

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| 93. | License/Permit 205890 (ID:18655) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Sadel and G Transportation, Med #70. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 94. | License/Permit 205891 (ID:18656) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Somerville Transportation, Med #71. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 95. | License/Permit 205892 (ID:18657) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Eastern Transportation, Med #73,87. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 96. | License/Permit 205893 (ID:18658) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, J and J Transportation, Med #74. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 97. | License/Permit 205894 (ID:18659) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Honey Cab, Med #82. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 98. | Public Communication 205895 (ID:18622) | 185 citizens submitting a petition to expand access to the Kennedy School swimming pools. Alderman Hirsch said that Kennedy School pool access would be discussed by the Youth Services Committee on May 16, 2018 at 5:00 pm. Alderman Rossetti questioned whether this was a School Department issue, and Alderman Hirsch responded that the building and the pool reside in the City budget, along with some of the staffing. She said she wants to develop a process, starting with the City side. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Youth Services Committee |
| 99. | Public Communication 205896 (ID:18619) | Building and Construction Trades Council of the Metropolitan District submitting comments re: #205250, a Home Rule Petition for the reconstruction of the Clarendon Hill Housing Project. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
| 100. | Public Communication 205897 (ID:18620) | Our Revolution Somerville submitting comments re: #205250, a Home Rule Petition for the reconstruction of the Clarendon Hill Housing Project. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
| 101. | Public Communication 205898 (ID:18621) | Clarendon Residents United submitting comments re: #205250, a Home Rule Petition for the reconstruction of the Clarendon Hill Housing Project. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |

102. Public Communication crisis. 5 residents submitting comments re: #205334, a possible affordable housing crisis.

205899
(ID:18623)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

103. Order 205900 (ID:18661) By Ald. Clingan That the City Clerk request the MA Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative to inform this Board of any regional programs or strategies that involve Somerville.

Alderman Ewen-Campen said that this is MOAPC, the MA Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative, a grant-funded 3-City effort, including Watertown, Cambridge and Somerville.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

104. Order 205901 (ID:18666) By Ald. Clingan, and the Entire Board That the Director of SPCD consider incorporating wheelchair swings into future park projects wherever feasible.

RESULT: APPROVED

105. Order 205902 (ID:18662) By Ald. McLaughlin That the City Treasurer and/or the Director of Purchasing provide this Board with a list of all vendor contracts from 2017 to the present.

RESULT: APPROVED

106. Resolution 205903 (ID:18663) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Administration procure an independent audit of all city contracted vendors.

Alderman McLaughlin said it's important for people to know how their money is being spent and would like the Administration to procure an independent audit of City-contracted vendors.

RESULT: APPROVED

107. Resolution 205904 (ID:18664) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Administration update this Board on all union contracts prior to the FY19 budget deliberations.

RESULT: APPROVED

108. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
205905 That the Director of SPCD provide to this Board, in conjunction with its FY19
(ID:18665) budget review, a list of upcoming commercial development and include the square footage and linkage payment projections, with corresponding payment dates.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

109. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the Division of
205906 Capital Asset and Maintenance to convey land to the Housing Authority.
(ID:18667)

Alderman Ballantyne asked that Alderman Niedergang include this item at his May 21, 2018 Legislative Matters Committee meeting.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

110. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$200,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance
205907 to the Law Department's Legal Services Account to fund anticipated outside
(ID:18613) legal counsel invoices.

Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 110 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

111. Officer's Communication Assistant City Solicitor responding to #204585 with a draft Ordinance for the
205908 mitigation of infiltration and inflow in the City's sewer system.
(ID:18668)

For discussion of this item, see #205043.

Alderman Davis said that the idea is that if a developer adds to a property in a way that increases the flow into the sewer system, then there will be a fee involved. Alderman Scott was concerned that something as simple as an additional toilet would invoke the fee, but Alderman Davis responded that the fee is based on bedroom count and the number of sewer system users. Alderman Mbah asked if there were properties that were exempt, and Alderman Niedergang responded that any developer would have to have this Board's approval. Alderman Scott asked if the fee was a one-time fee or a continuing annual fee, and Alderman Niedergang said it was a one-time fee, paid with the building permit.

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

LATE ITEMS

112. Resolution 205909 (ID:18612) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board
That the Administration, MA DEP, and Eversource explain to this Board the cause of the recent oil spill in the Mystic River near Assembly Square, the plan to clean it up, and any information residents should be aware of for safety.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

113. Resolution 205910 (ID:18670) By Ald. Hirsch
That the Administration update this Board on the Sunsetters program, for 2018 and beyond.

RESULT: APPROVED

114. Order 205911 (ID:18669) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Committees on Legislative Matters and Finance hold a joint meeting on May16 at 6 pm, to deliberate on all matters related to the Clarendon Hill redevelopment project.

RESULT: APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:30 PM.