

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.
 210430
 (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 Strezio 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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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. | | | | |
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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. | | | | |
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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> <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, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</td> </tr> </table> | | | RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | |

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> | | |

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| | <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.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>15. Mayor's Request 210441 (ID:23302)</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| <p>16. Mayor's Request 210442 (ID:23308)</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>Councilor Scott requested to waive the readings of items 16 to 20 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> |
| <p>17. Mayor's Request 210443 (ID:23309)</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| 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. | <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">RESULT:</td> <td>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AYES:</td> <td>Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | |
| 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. | <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">RESULT:</td> <td>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AYES:</td> <td>Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | |
| 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. | <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">RESULT:</td> <td>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AYES:</td> <td>Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | |

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> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">RESULT:</td> <td>PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AYES:</td> <td>Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] | AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 22. | License/Permit
210448
(ID:23321) | New Drainlayer's License, Heimlich Landscaping & Constrution Corp. | <p>Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 22 to 25 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> |
| 23. | License/Permit
210449
(ID:23319) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, JNJ Sacca. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 24. | License/Permit
210450
(ID:23320) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Marchi Paving. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 25. | License/Permit
210451
(ID:23322) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Eastern Transportation, Med #73,87. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 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. | <p>Also referred to the Planning Board.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> |
| 27. | Public
Communication
210453
(ID:23326) | 13 citizens submitting comments re: Tufts plans to re-open its campus in the fall. | <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

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, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

32. Order 210458 (ID:23332) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

35. Public Tufts Director of Government & Community Relations responding to the
Communication Licensing Commission Chair's request (#210447) to convey the Commission's
210461 guidelines for outdoor dining to students, faculty and staff.
(ID:23334)

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.