

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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>RESULT:</td> <td>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AYES:</td> <td>Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, 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, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | ABSENT: | Ewen-Campen |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | | |
| ABSENT: | Ewen-Campen | | | | | | | |
| F. License/Permit
210879
(ID:23706) | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 1, Herb Chambers Mercedes Benz of Boston Commercial Vans, 161 Linwood St. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>RESULT:</td> <td>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AYES:</td> <td>Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, 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, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | ABSENT: | Ewen-Campen |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | | |
| ABSENT: | Ewen-Campen | | | | | | | |
| G. Public Communication
210917
(ID:23795) | Kenneth Waterman submitting a complaint against Mercedes Benz of Boston. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>RESULT:</td> <td>WORK COMPLETED</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | WORK COMPLETED | | | | |
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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="1"> <tr> <td>RESULT:</td> <td>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AYES:</td> <td>Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, 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, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | ABSENT: | Ewen-Campen |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | | |
| ABSENT: | Ewen-Campen | | | | | | | |
| 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. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>RESULT:</td> <td>WORK COMPLETED</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | WORK COMPLETED | | | | |
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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. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>RESULT:</td> <td>WORK COMPLETED</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | WORK COMPLETED | | | | |
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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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| <p>D. Order
202792
(ID:15497)</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>E. Order
204369
(ID:17098)</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>F. Order
204672
(ID:17427)</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>G. Order
205795
(ID:18554)</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>H. Order
205919
(ID:18684)</p> | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin, The Entire City Council
That the Director of SPCD promote bicycle-safe infrastructures on all future Assembly Square development.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>I. Order
205920
(ID:18685)</p> | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works install a street light on the corner of Grand Union Boulevard and Artisan Way.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>J. Order
206267
(ID:19028)</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |

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. |
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| 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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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, Strezio, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

RESULT: LAID 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

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| 58. Mayor's Request
209407
(ID:22204) | <p>Requesting the re-appointment of Darcy Haynes as Constable.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Ewen-Campen</p> |
| 59. Mayor's Request
209773
(ID:22622) | <p>Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Santangelo as Constable.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Ewen-Campen</p> |
| 60. Officer's Communication
211036
(ID:23921) | <p>Planning Board conveying its recommendations regarding an Affordable Housing Overlay.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Ewen-Campen</p> |
| 61. Public Communication
211037
(ID:23922) | <p>The Somerville Chamber of Commerce nominating Andrew Lynn to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:25 PM.