

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 2021, 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.
 212089
 (ID:25041) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 212090
 (ID:25042) There were no remembrances.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 27, 2021.
 212091
 (ID:25043) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
 Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location 212092 (ID:25012)

Submitted by Eversource to install 134 feet of conduit in Highland Avenue, from Manhole 14703 to a point of pickup at 123 Highland Avenue.

The President opened the public hearing. Joanne Callender from Eversource spoke in favor of the item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

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

5. Grant of Location 212093 (ID:25013)

Submitted by Eversource to install 114 feet of conduit in Everett Street, from new Manhole 31221 at Newton Street to Utility Pole 118/2 at the rear of Somerville Avenue; and to remove Utility Poles 2, 3, 4, and 5 on Prospect Street at a later date.

The President opened the public hearing. Joanne Callender from Eversource spoke in favor of the item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: Scott

6. Grant of Location 212094 (ID:25014)

Submitted by Comcast to install 41 feet of conduit in Laurel Street, from existing Utility Pole 199/1 to a point of pickup at the rear of 515 Somerville Avenue.

The President opened the public hearing. Robert Rugman from Comcast spoke in favor of the item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

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

7. Grant of Location 212095 (ID:25015)

Submitted by Comcast to install 45 feet of conduit in Prospect Street, from existing Utility Pole 15 to a point of pickup at 109 Prospect Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Robert Rugman from Comcast spoke in favor of the item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. Councilor Scott asked that ADA accessibility be provided while the work is performed. Mr. Rugman said he would check to ensure this.

RESULT: **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: Licensee must insure ADA accessibility on the sidewalk throughout the project.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

8. Resolution 212096 (ID:25019) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Administration explore a hybrid work model for city employees to allow employees a work and life balance that also retains and attracts Somerville talent.

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

9. Resolution 212097 (ID:25039) By City Councilor Mbah
That the Administration consider having all playgrounds, playing fields and green islands tested by an outside agency for contamination.

Councilor Mbah noted that he wanted to add the testing of “green islands” to the Resolution.

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

10. Communication 212098 (ID:25040) By City Councilor Clingan
Reporting on a meeting of the Safe Consumption Facility Working Group.

Councilor Clingan reported that the working group has completed its report. He sponsored working group member Rivkah Lapidus, who said that safe consumption sites would be sterile places with the support of first responders overseeing drug use. There is much drug use in Davis Square, and Davis Square and East Somerville are the sites being proposed. There will be 3 virtual community meetings in July. Currently there are no safe consumption sites in the United States. Councilor Mbah asked if the sites would be for the Somerville community and she said yes, although there are non-residents who frequent Davis Square. Councilor Davis mentioned that the primary operator of the site would have experience with the challenges involved and Councilor Clingan agreed, while noting that the operator could not be a recipient of federal funds.

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

11. Communication 212099 (ID:25044) By City Councilor McLaughlin
Acting as President, cancelling this Council's Regular meetings that were scheduled for July 22 and August 12.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. Mayor's Request 211611 (ID:24484) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Body Art Services use standards and Table 9.1.1 Permitted Uses.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

13. Grant of Location 212025 (ID:24931) Submitted by Verizon to install 30 feet of conduit in Pearl Street, from Manhole 59A to an existing handhole near the intersection of Pearl and Pinckney Sts.

The President opened the public hearing. James Watt was present representing Verizon and spoke in favor of the item. There being no speakers on the item, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

14. Grant of Location 212026 (ID:24932) Submitted by Verizon to install a Utility Pole 70S near the intersection of Houghton and Prospect Sts.

The President opened the public hearing. James Watt was present representing Verizon and spoke in favor of the item. There being no speakers on the item, the President closed the public hearing. Councilor Scott wondered why another pole was being proposed in that area and asked that the item be referred to the Committee on Licenses and Permits for follow up.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

15. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212100 (ID:25028) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 7, 2021.

For discussion of this item see #212109.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

16. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212101 (ID:25032) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 8, 2021.

For discussion of this item see #212109.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

17. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212102 (ID:25029) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 9, 2021.

For discussion of this item see #212109.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

18. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212103 (ID:25030) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 14, 2021.

For discussion of this item see #212109.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

19. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212104 (ID:25031) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 16, 2021.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

20. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212105 (ID:25033) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 17, 2021.

For discussion of this item see #212109.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

21. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212106 (ID:25034) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 21, 2021.

For discussion of this item see #212109.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

22. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A.	Committee Report 212107 (ID:25035)	Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 21, 2021. For discussion of this item see #212109. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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23. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A.	Committee Report 212108 (ID:25036)	Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 22, 2021. For discussion of this item see #212109. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
B.	Mayor's Request 205501 (ID:18220)	Requesting approval of an Administrative Order providing for the appointment of school physicians and nurses by the School Committee. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
C.	Officer's Communication 211857 (ID:24748)	Director of Water and Sewer submitting the FY22 water and sewer volumetric rate recommendation. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
D.	Officer's Communication 212033 (ID:24948)	City Solicitor requesting approval to retain Greenberg Traurig as outside legal counsel in the matter of 191 Highland Avenue. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
E.	Mayor's Request 212057 (ID:24963)	Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$11,318,094 in a bond for the Spring Hill Sewer Separation Project and drainage improvements. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

F. Mayor's Request 212058 (ID:24962) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$9,415,818 in a bond for the Spring Hill Sewer Separation Project water improvements.

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

G. Mayor's Request 212059 (ID:24961) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$8,002,417 in a bond for the Spring Hill Sewer Separation Project streetscape improvements.

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

24. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 212109 (ID:25037) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 23, 2021.

Councilor Scott reported on the ten Finance Committee meetings dealing with the FY22 budget, saying all meetings and reports are available online. He presented the budget before the Council, #212004, as amended by the Committee. He asked that the committee reports be accepted as written. Councilor White suggested that the DPW budget be dealt with at this time and moved to reject the separation of the DPW's Buildings and Grounds Division into two Divisions, and urge the submission of a new budget by the Administration that does not include that separation. The motion passed with all members in favor. Councilor Rossetti argued that the tree positions should remain in the Highway Division, and that the Buildings and Grounds Division should not be separated. Finance Director Ed Bean said that either way the bottom line would not change, funds would just be shifted. Councilor White then moved for reconsideration of the vote to reject the separation of separation of divisions, and that motion passed with all members in favor.

Councilor Rossetti then moved that the FY22 budget be amended by keeping the 3 tree positions in the Highway Division, and that motion passed with all members in favor. She moved then to approve the DPW budget as amended solely by the 3 tree positions remaining in the Highway Division, and that motion passed with all members in favor.

The meeting was recessed at 9:22 PM and reconvened at 9:30 PM, with all member present after the recess.

Mr. Bean explained that Agenda #45 is a revised budget submission by the Administration, after making adjustments for the cuts made by the City Council as well as adjustments suggested by the City Council. He noted that the revised budget is below the city's levy limit, and said the Administration would like to continue dialog on some of the Council's recommendations. City Clerk John Long explained that the Council had just approved a budget,

and suggested that the Council reconsider that vote so it could vote on the revised budget presented at Agenda #45. Councilor Scott moved that reconsideration, it passed with all members in favor, he then moved to place the approved budget, #212004 as amended, on file, and that motion passed with all members in favor. He then moved to take Agenda #45 out of order and to approve it, and that motion passed with all members in favor.

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

- B. Mayor's Request 212004 (ID:24913) Requesting the appropriation of \$270,088,117 to fund the FY22 General Fund Operating Budget.

For the approved FY22 Budget see #212150.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- C. Mayor's Request 212005 (ID:24915) Requesting to appropriate or reserve \$3,196,123 in estimated FY22 CPA revenue for CPA projects and expenses.

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

- D. Mayor's Request 212006 (ID:24914) Requesting the approval of FY22 expenditure limitations for departmental Revolving Funds.

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

- E. Mayor's Request 212007 (ID:24912) Requesting a transfer of \$1,714 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to the Workers Compensation Personal Services Account to correct a year end deficit.

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

- F. Mayor's Request 212008 (ID:24921) Requesting the adoption of MGL Chapter 40 Section 13A to establish a Workers Compensation Insurance Fund.

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

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| <p>G. Mayor's Request 212009 (ID:24924)</p> | <p>Requesting the adoption of MGL Chapter 40 Section 13C to establish a Workers Compensation Claims Reserve Fund.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>H. Mayor's Request 212010 (ID:24922)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$435,000 to the Workers Compensation Insurance Fund to pay Workers Compensation Claims in FY22.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>I. Mayor's Request 212011 (ID:24923)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$300,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Workers Compensation Insurance Fund in order to fund Workers Compensation Claims and Payments in FY22.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>J. Mayor's Request 212012 (ID:24928)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation of \$810,262 to fund the FY22 Veterans Memorial & Founders Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>K. Mayor's Request 212013 (ID:24925)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$521,008 to fund the FY22 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund Budget.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>L. Mayor's Request 212014 (ID:24927)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$164,976 from the Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY22 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund Budget.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>M. Mayor's Request 212015 (ID:24929)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$156,500 to fund the FY22 Dilbooy Field Enterprise Fund Budget.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

- N. Mayor's Request 212016 (ID:24942) Requesting the appropriation of \$76,500 from the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY22 Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Budget.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- O. Mayor's Request 212053 (ID:25005) Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinances 2-322 and 2-323 to update categories and associated salaries for non-union positions.
- For the approved Ordinance see #212157.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- P. Mayor's Request 212054 (ID:24967) Requesting the adoption of MGL c40 s13D to establish a Compensated Absence Liability Fund.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- Q. Mayor's Request 212055 (ID:24991) Requesting approval to create the Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [10 TO 1]
AYES: Mbah, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
NAYS: Rossetti
- R. Mayor's Request 212056 (ID:24990) Requesting approval to create the Water Capital Stabilization Fund.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [10 TO 1]
AYES: Mbah, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
NAYS: Rossetti
- S. Mayor's Request 212060 (ID:24970) Requesting an appropriation of \$28,812,108 to fund the FY22 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

<p>T. Mayor's Request 212061 (ID:24969)</p>	<p>Requesting the appropriation of \$17,036,831 to fund the FY22 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.</p>	<p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>
<p>U. Mayor's Request 212062 (ID:24966)</p>	<p>Requesting the appropriation of \$2,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund.</p>	<p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>
<p>V. Mayor's Request 212063 (ID:24976)</p>	<p>Requesting the appropriation of \$1,350,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund.</p>	<p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>
<p>W. Mayor's Request 212064 (ID:24974)</p>	<p>Requesting the appropriation of \$1,250,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Stabilization Fund.</p>	<p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>
<p>X. Mayor's Request 212065 (ID:24968)</p>	<p>Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Compensated Absence Liability Fund.</p>	<p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>
<p>Y. Mayor's Request 212066 (ID:24977)</p>	<p>Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Street Reconstruction & Resurfacing Stabilization Fund.</p>	<p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>
<p>Z. Mayor's Request 212067 (ID:24989)</p>	<p>Requesting the appropriation of \$406,807 for the FY22 Cable Television PEG Access Fund Budget.</p>	<p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>

<p>AA. Mayor's Request 212069 (ID:24960)</p>	<p>Requesting approval of a transfer of \$686,745.15 within various DPW Accounts to fund the Snow Removal Account deficit.</p>
<p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>	
<p>AB. Mayor's Request 212070 (ID:24965)</p>	<p>Requesting a transfer of \$407,200 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund.</p>
<p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>	
<p>AC. Mayor's Request 212071 (ID:24978)</p>	<p>Requesting approval of a transfer of \$323,737.91 from several Capital Projects Capital Outlay Accounts to the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund to provide capital project building renovation and improvement services.</p>
<p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>	
<p>AD. Mayor's Request 212072 (ID:24973)</p>	<p>Requesting approval of a transfer of \$291,572.39 from the Engineering Capital Outlay Engineering & Architectural Services Account and the R&M Highways Account to the Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing Stabilization Fund for pavement assessment, street resurfacing, and pavement marking services.</p>
<p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>	
<p>AE. Mayor's Request 212073 (ID:24975)</p>	<p>Requesting a transfer of \$34,729 from the Engineering Capital Outlay Engineering & Architectural Services Account to the Central Hill Campus Plan Account to fund design services.</p>
<p>RESULT: APPROVED. [9 TO 2] AYES: Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne NAYS: Rossetti, Davis</p>	
<p>AF. Resolution 212110 (ID:24992)</p>	<p>By City Councilor Rossetti That the Administration strike the language “related to ongoing/exiting litigation” from the 3rd paragraph of the Ordinary Maintenance Changes narrative on the City Council page in the FY22 Budget book.</p>
<p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>	

AG. Resolution 212111 (ID:24993) By City Councilor Scott That the Mayor allocate appropriate funds for hardware to administer hybrid meetings and provide funding for the City Council or Clerks of Committees budget for support staff.

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

AH. Resolution 212112 (ID:24994) By City Councilor Scott That the Mayor set aside an additional \$300,000 in a segregated fund for Racial and Social Justice appropriations mid-year.

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

AI. Resolution 212113 (ID:24995) By City Councilor Scott That the Mayor appropriate \$80,000 for a community engagement specialist for the City Council and for committee meetings.

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

AJ. Resolution 212114 (ID:24996) By City Councilor Scott That the Mayor create 2 fully funded new positions, a Review Planner and a Violation Inspector for existing infrastructure within the Inspectional Services Department, requiring hires to have demonstrable experience and knowledge on ADA compliance.

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

AK. Resolution 212115 (ID:24997) By City Councilor Scott That the Administration create a position starting July 1, 2021 for a clerk to assist with the planned superannuation of an employee and ensure a fully staffed department, in the amount of \$90,000 for FY22.

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

- AL. Resolution 212116 (ID:24998) By City Councilor Scott That the Administration provide a position starting October 1, 2021 for an administrative clerk to assist with ARPA and fund tracking documentation, in the amount of \$50,000 for FY22.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- AM. Resolution 212117 (ID:24999) By City Councilor Scott That the Administration devote roughly \$100,000 in Personal Services funding for an additional project manager and the fractional support from the general fund for administrative support for the Infrastructure and Asset Management Department.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- AN. Resolution 212118 (ID:25002) By City Councilor Scott That the Administration add \$100,000 to the Engineering Personal Services Account to fund an engineering position for implementation of short-term ADA compliant designs for street and building improvements, working in collaboration with the DPW.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- AO. Order 212119 (ID:25017) By City Councilor Mbah That the Police Department Overtime Account be reduced by \$500,000.
- RESULT:** NOT APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- AP. Resolution 212120 (ID:25058) By City Councilor Scott That the Administration reconsider its position to decline to bid on the Veterans Memorial Rink RFP and to place the Founders Rink management out to bid for an RFP.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AQ. Resolution 212121 (ID:25073) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Administration add \$60,000 to the Racial and Social Justice Ordinary Maintenance account to support the police staffing study.

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

AR. Resolution 212122 (ID:25074) By City Councilor Davis, Mbah
That the Administration add 5 new licensed social workers or licensed mental health counselors to the Health and Human Services Department.

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

AS. Resolution 212123 (ID:25075) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Administration award at least 10% of City contracts to women and minority-owned businesses during FY22, and issue the long-promised RFP to enact a historical disparity study.

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

AT. Resolution 212124 (ID:25076) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Administration fund the creation of at least two high-quality, safe, sanitary public restrooms, one in Union Square and one in Davis Square, in FY22.

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

AU. Resolution 212125 (ID:25077) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Administration update this Council in writing on the details of how the Living Wage provisions are included in the new Recycling Contract that is currently out to bid.

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

AV. Resolution 212126 (ID:25079) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Administration fund a position in the Planning Department specifically focused on realizing affordable housing projects, such as the two projects in Union Square "D blocks" that are currently running into technical hurdles.

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

AW. Resolution 212127 (ID:25080) By City Councilor Clingan, Scott That the Administration add \$53,000 to fund the salary for a Principal Clerk in the City Clerk's Office to support the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.

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

AX. Resolution 212128 (ID:25081) By City Councilor Strezo That an additional administrative assistant be funded in the SPCD Housing Division for the City Hall Annex, to support Departments in that building.

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

AY. Resolution 212129 (ID:25082) By City Councilor Scott That the Mayor add \$18,000 to the Clerk of Committees Ordinary Maintenance account for translation services for City Councilors' mobile hybrid neighborhood meetings.

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

25. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 212130 (ID:25027) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on June 17, 2021.

Councilor Ewen-Campen reported on the Land Use Committee meeting. Councilor Scott commented that the Boynton Yards issue is an example of community involvement to effect change.

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

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

26. Mayor's Request 212131 (ID:25047) Requesting, with Councilor McLaughlin, approval of an amendment to Ordinance 2-309.5, the Veterans Commission Ordinance, to permit Hero Square dedications for both living and deceased service members who served during wartime.

President McLaughlin gave credit to the Veterans Services Director for bringing this forward.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

27. Mayor's Request 212132 (ID:25038) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$7,000,000 in a bond for citywide water meter replacement.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

28. Mayor's Request 212133 (ID:25007) Requesting approval to transfer \$8,634,038 from the Water/Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund to the newly created Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund.

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

29. Mayor's Request 212134 (ID:25006) Requesting approval to transfer \$5,094,382 from the Water/Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund to the newly created Water Capital Stabilization Fund.

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

30. Mayor's Request 212135 (ID:25021) Requesting acceptance of a \$75,000 donation from Tufts.

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

31. Mayor's Request 212136 (ID:25025) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael R. Perrone to the position of Police Lieutenant.

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

32. Mayor's Request 212137 (ID:25026) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Marc T. DiFava to the position of Police Sergeant.
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| RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION |
| FOLLOWUP: | Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

33. Officer's Communication 212138 (ID:25052) Outside Counsel requesting to appear in Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy with respect to Fairchild v Somerville.
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| Outside Counsel Tim Zessin stated that this is a proper matter for discussion in Executive Session. The Council voted to enter into Executive Session at 7:26 PM. The Council returned from Executive Session at 7:59 PM and reconvened the regular Council meeting. Councilor Rossetti announced that no votes were taken in Executive Session other than the vote to adjourn. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

34. Officer's Communication 212139 (ID:25020) Planning Director requesting this Council's endorsement of the SomerVision 2040 Plan.
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| RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION |
| FOLLOWUP: | Housing and Community Development Committee |

NEW BUSINESS

35. License/Permit 212140 (ID:25048) Public Event License, City Fireworks, Trum Field and Broadway from Medford St to Cedar St, June 30, 1pm-11pm (raindate July 1).
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| Councilor White moved to waive the readings and approve Agenda #s 35-39 tonight. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

36. License/Permit 212141 (ID:25050) Public Event License, Josephine Birthday Block Party, Josephine Ave from Kidder Ave to Morrison Ave, July 3, 1pm-8pm (raindate July 4).
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 37. License/Permit
212142
(ID:25046) | Public Event License, Arts Council ArtBeat, Holland St/Elm St from Winter St to Grove St, July 10, 8am-11pm (raindate July 11). | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 38. License/Permit
212143
(ID:25045) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Sam's Falafel and Shawarma, 215 Highland Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 39. License/Permit
212144
(ID:25049) | Small Wireless Facility License, Extenet attaching small cell equipment on a replacement pole at the intersection of Somerville Avenue and School Street. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 40. License/Permit
212145
(ID:25016) | New Flammables License, 101 South Street Owner LLC, 101 South St, storing 6,984 gallons. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 41. Public
Communication
212146
(ID:25051) | 2 residents submitting comments re: the FY22 municipal budget. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 42. Order
212147
(ID:25070) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
In his capacity as President, recommending the appointment of Kimberly Wells to the position of City Clerk. | <p>Councilor Rossetti said the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters would take this item up at its meeting on July 6.</p> RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters
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| <p>43. Mayor's Request
212148
(ID:25060)</p> | <p>Requesting an Executive Session to discuss the collective bargaining strategy involved in reorganizing the DPW Buildings and Grounds Division as well as the Tree Crew.</p> |
| <p>City Solicitor Frank Wright stated that this is a proper matter for discussion in Executive Session. The Council voted to enter into Executive Session at 8:03 PM. The Council returned from Executive Session at 8:38 PM and reconvened the regular Council meeting. President McLaughlin announced that no votes were taken in Executive Session other than the vote to adjourn.
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>44. Mayor's Request
212149
(ID:25056)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the attached Dog Rules and Dog Park Rules.
 RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee</p> |
| <p>45. Mayor's Request
212150
(ID:25064)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation of \$270,179,919 to fund the General Fund Operating Budget for FY22.
 For discussion of this item see #212004 and #212109.
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>46. Mayor's Request
212151
(ID:25053)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$3,669.60 grant with no new match required, from the MA Attorney General's Office to the Health and Human Services Department for Healthy Summer Youth Jobs.
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>47. Officer's Communication
212152
(ID:25057)</p> | <p>City Solicitor submitting an amendment to the Municipal Ordinances to prohibit pawnbroking.
 RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee</p> |
| <p>48. Officer's Communication
212153
(ID:25054)</p> | <p>Director of Health and Human Services conveying the Supervised Consumption Site Final Report.
 RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

49. Officer's Communication 212154 (ID:25055) Commission for Women Co-Chair submitting comments re: the FY22 budget.

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

50. License/Permit 212155 (ID:25071) Public Event License, Raise Up Fair Share Amendment Kickoff, Union Sq Plaza, June 28, 4:45pm-7pm.

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

51. Public Communication 212156 (ID:25078) SMEA President submitting comments re: the FY22 budget and DPW reorganization.

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

LATE ITEMS

52. Officer's Communication 212157 (ID:25085) Deputy Personnel Director submitting an updated amendment to Ordinances 2-322 and 2-323 to update categories and associated salaries for non-union positions.

For discussion of this item see #212053 and #212109.	
RESULT:	ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

53. Mayor's Request 212158 (ID:25072) Requesting authorization to seek funding, enter into related agreements, appropriate funding, and rededicate Somerville Junction Park to open space and recreational use in perpetuity.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:45 PM.