

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2019, 7:00 PM
 City Council Chamber, City Hall-93 Highland Avenue

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

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

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

1. Roll Call (ID:21430)

208591	Call of the Roll.
	Councilor Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for James Sinon. Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored a moment of silence for Luigi Synan. Councilor Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Mary Buckley. Councilor Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Apurba Devkota. Councilor McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for Mark Hanson, Anthony Samoa and Marco Baptiste. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes (ID:21431)

208592	Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, June 5, 2019, and the Regular Meeting, June 13, 2019.
	RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. Citation 208593 (ID:21432) By City Councilor Davis Commending Dave Powers, whose courageous action led to the capture of a suspect in the armed robbery of the Middlesex Federal Savings Bank in Davis Sq. on May 1.

The Mayor presented the Citation to Dave Powers for his courageous intervention which led to the capture of a suspect in an armed robbery.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. Citation 208594 (ID:21436) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Niedergang Commending Daniel LeBlanc, who is retiring from the Board of the Somerville Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund after 19 years of distinguished service, since the Trust Fund's inception in 2000.

President Ballantyne and Councilor Niedergang presented the Citation to Daniel LeBlanc to mark his retirement.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Withdrawn 208595 (ID:21437) Withdrawn.
6. Grant of Location 208596 (ID:21438) Submitted by Comcast to install 18 feet of conduit in Washington St, from Pole 358/40 to a point of pickup at 265 Washington St.

Councilor Scott recused.
The President opened the public hearing. Al Rudman with Comcast discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. Grant of Location 208597 (ID:21439) Submitted by RCN to install 20 feet of conduit in North St, from Manhole 3730 on Broadway to Pole 190/15 on North St for service to 1299 Broadway.

The President opened the public hearing. Bill Conway with Access Engineering, acting on behalf of RCN, discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| <p>8. Grant of Location 208598 (ID:21440)</p> | <p>Submitted by Eversource to install 33 feet of conduit in Pearl St from Pole 273/3 to a point of pickup at 14 Pearl St.</p> |
| | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource Energy discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
 RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
 FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
| <p>9. Grant of Location 208599 (ID:21441)</p> | <p>Submitted by Eversource to install 7 feet of conduit in Governor Winthrop Rd from Pole 494/9 to a point of pickup at 70 Governor Winthrop Rd.</p> |
| | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource Energy discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
 RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
 FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
| <p>10. Grant of Location 208600 (ID:21442)</p> | <p>Submitted by Eversource to install 35 feet of conduit in Laurel St from Pole 199/6 to a point of pickup at 36 Laurel St.</p> |
| | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource Energy discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
 RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
 FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
| <p>11. Grant of Location 208601 (ID:21443)</p> | <p>Submitted by Eversource to install 135 feet of conduit in Medford St from Manhole 12138 to a point of pickup at 340 Medford St.</p> |
| | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource Energy discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
 RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee</p> |
| <p>12. Grant of Location 208602 (ID:21444)</p> | <p>Submitted by ExteNet Systems to install a wireless small cell antenna and related equipment on the pole on Bartlett St nearest 466 Medford St.</p> |
| | <p>Councilor Mbah opposed.
 The President opened a public hearing for items 12 through 18. Marty Cohen with Network Billing and Consulting, Real Estate Consultants for the applicant and Extenet Systems described the request to install wireless small cell antenna and related equipment. Matthew Glaser, 18 Park Place, expressed his concern about electromagnetic fields and their health impacts. Mr. Cohen stated that no studies on 5G have been done on human beings. Aditya Kemkar, 466 Medford Street, shared the same concerns about radiation, and questioned how the City can approve this if there are no studies showing the health impacts. David Danisco, 4 Highland Road, also spoke about the health issues, saying he has a 2 year-old daughter who would be only 15-20 feet from that pole when she's sleeping. Chang Tong,</p> |

would be only 15-20 feet from that pole when she's sleeping. Chang Tong, 466 Medford Street, said there are a lot of windows in his building that will be facing the pole, which is only 10-12 from the building. He expressed concern about noise coming from the pole. City Solicitor Frank Wright stated that the City Council has no authority to deny this application on the basis of health concerns. Aron Rashish Sr., Counsel for Regulatory Affairs for Extenet Systems, said no fans would be installed on the poles, as no backup power supplies are being included. Councilor Ewen-Campen asked why this location was chosen, and Mr. Cohen said they were located in areas that needed increased capacity. He said the device's specifications were well below FCC guidelines; it's a single small antenna that is only 2 feet long. None of the proposed facilities are 5G. Councilor Ewen Campen sponsored Mr. Kemkar, who pointed out there were poles across the street that could be used instead, and said that the fan is not for backup power, it's to cool down the equipment. Rick Ancholini, Regional Market Director for Extenet Systems, said that once the location is identified, engineers determine the most viable pole or structure to use; they review all options, and have to work with their utility partners. Councilor Niedergang asked if they take into account the proximity to people's residences, and Mr. Ancholini said they did, and once the location was selected, an independent contractor tests the emissions to make sure none encroach on a specific building. The tests have been completed and they are all under 1% of FCC guidelines. Councilor Niedergang asked if they would reconsider the placement, and Mr. Ancholini said to start all over again would cost more, take longer, etc.: that pole is the one they want. Councilor Niedergang asked the City Solicitor if the application could be denied based on location, and Mr. Wright responded that the City Council does not have the authority to deny an application due to location. Councilor Mbah said that he cannot in good conscience support this project. Councilor Clingan asked that with 5G coming, whether these would be up all over the City. Mr. Rashish said that if people want more data, wireless carriers will provide it. The President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 13. Grant of Location 208603 (ID:21445)

Submitted by ExteNet Systems to install a wireless small cell antenna and related equipment on the pole on School St nearest 96 Highland Ave.

Councilor Mbah opposed.

The President opened a public hearing for items 12 through 18. See Agenda #12 (#208602) for the discussion. The President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 14. Grant of Location 208604 (ID:21446)

Submitted by ExteNet Systems to install a wireless small cell antenna and related equipment on the pole at 7 Highland Rd near Morrison Ave.

Councilor Mbah opposed.

The President opened a public hearing for items 12 through 18. See Agenda #12 (#208602) for the discussion. The President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 15. Grant of Location 208605 (ID:21447) | Submitted by ExteNet Systems to replace a City-owned streetlight at 0 Innerbelt Rd with a similar streetlight that includes a wireless small cell antenna and related equipment. |
| | <p>Councilor Mbah opposed.</p> <p>The President opened a public hearing for items 12 through 18. See Agenda #12 (#208602) for the discussion. The President closed the public hearing.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 16. Grant of Location 208606 (ID:21448) | Submitted by ExteNet Systems to install a wireless small cell antenna and related equipment on the pole at 361 Washington St near Perry Park. |
| | <p>Councilor Mbah opposed.</p> <p>The President opened a public hearing for items 12 through 18. See Agenda #12 (#208602) for the discussion. The President closed the public hearing.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 17. Grant of Location 208607 (ID:21449) | Submitted by ExteNet Systems to replace a City-owned streetlight across from 48 Pearl St adjacent to a Housing Authority building with a similar streetlight that includes a wireless small cell antenna and related equipment. |
| | <p>Councilor Mbah opposed.</p> <p>The President opened a public hearing for items 12 through 18. See Agenda #12 (#208602) for the discussion. The President closed the public hearing.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 18. Grant of Location 208608 (ID:21450) | Submitted by ExteNet Systems to replace a City-owned streetlight across from 328 Broadway with a similar streetlight that includes a wireless small cell antenna and related equipment. |
| | <p>Councilor Mbah opposed.</p> <p>The President opened a public hearing for items 12 through 18. See Agenda #12 (#208602) for the discussion. The President closed the public hearing.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 19. Withdrawn 208609 (ID:21451) | Withdrawn. |
| | <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN</p> |
| 20. Withdrawn 208610 (ID:21452) | Withdrawn. |
| | <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN</p> |

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

21. Resolution 208611 (ID:21428) By City Councilor Mbah, Ewen-Campen, White Jr., Niedergang, Hirsch, Clingan, Ballantyne Designating the fourth week of September, each year, as Climate Preparedness Week, and urging public participation in associated activities.

Councilor Mbah explained climate change preparedness, and said it is our responsibility to support Climate Change Preparedness Week and designate it annually on the 4th week of September.

RESULT: APPROVED

22. Resolution 208612 (ID:21421) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Clingan, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr., Niedergang, Hirsch, Ballantyne That the Administration ensure that the Living Wage Ordinance is fully applied to the city’s recycling contract.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said that anyone working with the City has to meet living wage standards, which were recently raised to \$15 per hour. Our recycling contractor has been operating under a loophole that exempts its workers, and this Resolution calls on the City to stop the underpayment of those workers by applying the living wage to the contractor now, even before it is up for renegotiation in 2021. Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored Marcy Goldstein-Gelb, Co-Executive Director of the National Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health, who spoke on the importance of safe working conditions and a living wage.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

24. Resolution 208614 (ID:21423) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Administration inform this City Council whether the new High School, and eventually other municipal buildings, will have dishwashing capacity, to reduce or eliminate reliance on single-use flatware and dishes.

Councilor Hirsch questioned if dish washing capacity would be available in the new High School, to reduce single-use waste. Councilor Rossetti said she would find out at the next High School Building Committee meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

25. Resolution 208615 (ID:21425) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen That the Administration consider expanding the Marijuana Advisory Committee to include communities that have been disproportionately harmed by marijuana prohibition, advocates working in this area, and members of the public with related expertise, and consider other steps to increase transparency in the selection process.

Councilor Hirsch requested transparency with regards to the licensing of adult-use marijuana facilities.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

26. Resolution 208616 (ID:21427) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Administration discuss ways to manage burnout and promote a home/work balance among staff who are tasked with high stakes, high contact projects, including how the City Council may help.

Councilor Hirsch talked about the importance of managing burnout among staff.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

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

Councilor Hirsch suggested a transitional jobs program to help people move into the work force through City-affiliated positions. She said Cambridge has a program operating and it seems to be successful.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

28. Communication 208618 (ID:21426) By City Councilor Hirsch Reporting on the status of the Open Space Acquisition Task Force and requesting feedback on possible next steps.

Councilor Hirsch reported that the Open Space Acquisition Task Force completed a preliminary report, and wondered if the Council wanted to hear a summary, either at a Council meeting or in Committee.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

29. Grant of Location 208355 (ID:21242) Submitted by Eversource to install 133 feet of conduit in Chestnut St from Manhole #27931 to a point of pickup at 28 Fitchburg St.

Jeffrey Sherman said his family has owned 28 Fitchburg Street for 45 years

and it is their primary real estate holding. They are not a real estate management company, and this property is their sole source of income. They are upgrading the power in the building, which has been vacant for a year, to bring tenants in. They just lost a tenant because of Eversource delays, meaning jobs were lost here in Somerville. He said it's unfair that a disagreement between the City Council and Eversource has now affected his family's livelihood, and he requested that the Council reconsider its decision to lay this item on the table. Councilor Scott said he was contacted by Mr. Sherman 9 days ago, and he made none of the claims stated here tonight. He said that thanks to Eversource, it's been 4 months since one crucial piece of work in Union Square has been worked on, and that Union Square needs to be a priority. He doesn't feel that any petitions from Eversource should be approved until that work is complete. President Ballantyne asked Legislative Director Annie Connor to express the views of the Administration, and she said the Administration submitted these applications to the Council for it to act as it sees fit. Eversource representative Jacqueline Duffy said Eversource installed 2 duct banks and that only a month ago, after the work was done, were they told that they have to install another one. City Engineer Rich Raiche said that Eversource has been fully aware of the work for over 2 years. Eversource Gas has been responsive and has moved their gas mains, but Eversource Electric has not been as responsive. Councilor Rossetti agreed with Councilor Scott and recommended keeping the item as Unfinished Business, to take up in August.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

30. Grant of Location 208356 (ID:21243)

Submitted by Eversource to install 56 feet of conduit in Beacon St from Utility Pole 24/13 to a point of pickup at 104 Beacon St.

Councilor Rossetti recommended that this item remain as Unfinished Business until the next meeting in August.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

31. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 208619 (ID:21414)

Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on July 1, 2019.

Councilor Scott reported that there have been some serious changes implemented by the Administration when it comes to the hiring of Police Officers. A new process has been brought forward using a reserve list. The process was reviewed thoroughly by the Committee, and at this point, no candidates are being nominated to the reserve list beyond the current vacancies in the patrol officer ranks. There will not be a situation like the Fire Department reserve list that became extremely large a few years ago. The Committee also reviewed and approved several appointees.

RESULT: APPROVED

B.	Mayor's Request 208173 (ID:20989)	Requesting confirmation of the appointment of David Castellarin to the Retirement Board.	RESULT: APPROVED
C.	Mayor's Request 208531 (ID:21305)	Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Wudson Duperval to the position of Reserve Police Officer.	RESULT: APPROVED
D.	Mayor's Request 208532 (ID:21306)	Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sergio Garcia to the position of Reserve Police Officer.	RESULT: APPROVED
E.	Mayor's Request 208533 (ID:21307)	Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Charles Houghton to the position of Reserve Police Officer.	RESULT: APPROVED
F.	Mayor's Request 208534 (ID:21308)	Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Charlie O'Leary to the position of Reserve Police Officer.	RESULT: APPROVED
G.	Mayor's Request 208535 (ID:21309)	Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Andrew Phelan to the position of Reserve Police Officer.	RESULT: APPROVED
H.	Mayor's Request 208536 (ID:21310)	Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Karanjit Singh to the position of Reserve Police Officer.	RESULT: APPROVED
I.	Mayor's Request 208537 (ID:21311)	Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Robert Taylor to the position of Reserve Police Officer.	RESULT: APPROVED
J.	Resolution 208620 (ID:21410)	By City Councilor Mbah That this Council's Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee be provided legal counsel to advise in the matter of #208571 and #208572, due to a conflict of interest expressed by the City Solicitor's Office.	RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

- K. Order 208621 (ID:21411) By City Councilor Rossetti That the Director of Personnel provide the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters with any available public documents regarding the signatories to the police reserve list who were not appointed.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

- L. Order 208622 (ID:21412) By City Councilor Scott That the City Solicitor and the Director of Personnel provide the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters with a clarification of the civil service classification categories.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

32. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 208623 (ID:21415) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on July 2, 2019.

Councilor Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. First was revising the permitting process for mobile food trucks. After significant discussion, the Committee approved the proposed process. Second was a proposal for a Home Rule Petition similar to Boston's Jim Brooks Act, and Director of Housing Stability Ellen Shachter shared a draft Ordinance called the Housing Stability Notification Act. These items will be discussed further by the Committee. Next was a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City Council to appoint a Clerk of Committees and Assistant Clerks of Committees, which was approved by the Committee. Finally, the Committee briefly discussed, and left in Committee, a Home Rule Petition to give voting rights in municipal elections to non-citizen residents.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Mayor's Request 208322 (ID:21136) Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinances 8-361 through 8-372 to revise the permitting process for Mobile Food Vendors.

This item was replaced by substitution with #208664, which was then Ordained.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- C. Officer's Communication 208469 (ID:21291) City Solicitor submitting a Home Rule Petition that would authorize the City Council to appoint a Clerk of Committees and Assistant Clerks of Committees.

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

33. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
208624
(ID:21417)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on July 10, 2019.</p> <p>Councilor Rossetti reported on several items discussed at the meeting. First was a public hearing on a new used car dealer, Real Auto Shop, at 39 Webster Avenue. The Committee moved to reduce the proposed hours of operation and the number of vehicles that could be parked outside, and approved the amended license. A second public hearing was on extending the operating hours of Papa John's Pizza, 622 Somerville Avenue for delivery and take-out service to 1 AM weeknights and 2 AM weekends, which the Committee approved. The Committee also took up an Eversource request to install 23 feet of conduit on Chester Avenue, and kept it in Committee to allow community members to speak with Inspectional Services staff to voice their concerns. Next was a discussion with the Arts Council, the Chief of Police, and the Commissioner of Public Works about Porch Fest, and ways to insure safety and reduce crowds spilling onto the streets. The Committee also discussed wage theft, and any actions taken in accordance with the Wage Theft Ordinance. The Committee will discuss this issue further.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>B. Public Communication
207025
(ID:19806)</p> | <p>Robert Toro submitting comments re: C&M Auto Sales, licensed as a Used Car Dealer at 39 Webster Ave.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> |
| <p>C. License/Permit
207994
(ID:20787)</p> | <p>New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Real Auto Shop, 39 Webster Ave, 0 vehicles inside, 20 outside, opening Mon-Fri 8AM-7PM, Sat 8AM-3PM, Sun Closed.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED
AMENDED: Approved for 15 vehicles outside, Mon-Fri 9AM-7PM, Sat 9AM-3PM, Sun Closed.</p> |
| <p>D. Resolution
208246
(ID:21078)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ballantyne, Hirsch
That the Administration explore the constituent suggestion that would allow designating streets as block party zones or car-free zones when a certain number of bands are registered during Porch Fest.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>E. Order
208247
(ID:21069)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Director of the Arts Council, the Chief of Police and the Commissioner of Public Works appear before this Council's Committee on Licenses and Permits to discuss future preparations for Porchfest.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |

- F. License/Permit 208307 (ID:21122) New Extended Operating Hours License, Papa Johns Pizza, 622 Somerville Ave, seeking to remain open for take-out and delivery service until 1AM Sun-Thu, and 2AM Fri-Sat.

RESULT: APPROVED

34. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 208625 (ID:21416) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on July 8, 2019.

Councilor Niedergang reported that the Committee discussed the use of concurrent with leading interval pedestrian crossing timing at major intersections that see high usage by school and pre-school children, particularly at the intersection of Beacon and Washington Streets, and reverting back to pedestrian exclusive crossing timing. Parents and operators of a daycare center near that intersection testified to their safety concerns and presented a petition signed by 90 parents and daycare staff members. Mobility Director Brad Rawson said that he has already put in a request to the State DOT to change the light signal back, but the process might take a while because it is not under the control of the City. There will be discussions with the Police Department about what can be done in the meantime, and this item will be kept in Committee. The Committee also discussed a number of dangerous intersections, mostly in Wards 3 and 5, and the proposal for the Powder House Boulevard Bicycle Tracks.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 208319 (ID:21101) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking install flashing STOP signs at the intersections of Lowell Street with Hudson and with Albion Streets to prevent accidents caused by cars entering onto Lowell Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 208480 (ID:21323) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of Traffic and Parking update the Ward 3 Councilor on efforts to update the Business Parking Permits in Union Square, and in particular to prioritize such permits for those local non-profit service providers whose service requires a vehicle.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 208481 (ID:21324) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Hirsch That the Director of SPCD present safety interventions for the intersection of Washington Terrace and Washington Street in light of the recent accident there.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| <p>35. Mayor's Request
208626
(ID:21419)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of an Ordinance to be known as the Housing Stability Notification Act.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> | |
| <p>36. Mayor's Request
208627
(ID:21418)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,900,000 in a bond for sewer improvements.</p> |
| <p>Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 36, 38 and 39 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>37. Mayor's Request
208628
(ID:21408)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$600,000 in a bond for Davis Square interim improvements.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Mbah, Davis</p> | |
| <p>38. Mayor's Request
208629
(ID:21409)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$550,000 in a bond for a custom Fire Pumper.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>39. Mayor's Request
208630
(ID:21434)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$376,820 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase of vehicles for the Parks & Recreation Department.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>40. Mayor's Request
208631
(ID:21405)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to appropriate \$100,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for tree planting.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis</p> | |

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| 41. Mayor's Request
208632
(ID:21301) | Requesting acceptance of an \$11,000 grant annually for FY20, FY21, FY22, and FY23, with no new match required, from the Cambridge Public Health Department to the Health and Human Services Department for participation in the regional prevention collaborative grant. |
| <p>Councilor White stated that this is a Grant with no match required from the City.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 42. Mayor's Request
208633
(ID:21413) | Requesting approval of a time extension for the contract with Weston and Sampson for the Manhole Infiltration and Inflow Reduction Program. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 43. Mayor's Request
208634
(ID:21420) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ryan Sullivan as a Reserve Police Officer. |
| <p>Councilor Scott requested to waive the reading of item 43 and refer it to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> | |

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| 44. Officer's Communication
208635
(ID:21433) | City Clerk submitting proposed fees for a Small Wireless Facility License. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 45. Officer's Communication
208636
(ID:21435) | City Solicitor requesting to appear before this Council in executive session to discuss litigation in the matter of ExteNet Systems v City of Somerville et al. |
| <p>The Council recessed for Executive Session at 7:35 PM, and reconvened at 8:35 PM. No votes were taken in Executive Session.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>MOVER: Mary Jo Rossetti, City Councilor At Large</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> | |
| 46. Officer's Communication
208637
(ID:21367) | Director of Housing Stability responding to #208266 re: proposed changes to federal housing policy and public charge rules. |
| <p>President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 46 and place it on file with a copy to the Housing and Community Development Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> | |

47. Officer's Communication 208638 (ID:21407) Director of Health & Human Services responding to #208488 re: eliminating rat problems near 10 Hill Street.

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 47 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

NEW BUSINESS

48. License/Permit 208639 (ID:21453) Public Event License, Sunsetters performances, Jul 11 at 43 Boston St, Jul 15 at Lincoln Park, Jul 17 at 141 Hudson St, Jul 22 at 22 Josephine Ave Jul 31 at Lesley Ave, Aug 7 at 11 Cottage Ave, Aug 13 at 130 Ten Hills Rd, Aug 15 at 26 Trull St, Aug 22 at 20 Kensington Ave, all 6-8:30PM.

Councilor Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 48 through 70 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

49. License/Permit 208640 (ID:21454) Public Event License, St Benedict Procession, 21 Hathorn St and area streets, Jul 14, 8AM-1PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

50. License/Permit 208641 (ID:21455) Public Event License, Windsor Rd Block Party, Jul 20, 1:30-6:30PM (raindate Jul 21).

RESULT: APPROVED

51. License/Permit 208642 (ID:21456) Public Event License, Newbury St Block Party, Jul 21, 11AM-5PM (raindate Jul 28).

RESULT: APPROVED

52. License/Permit 208643 (ID:21457) Public Event License, 7ate9 Bakery National Cheesecake Day Celebration, parking spaces at 199c Highland Ave, Jul 27, 7AM-7PM (raindate Jul 28).

RESULT: APPROVED

53. License/Permit 208644 (ID:21458) Public Event License, Thorpe St Block Party, Jul 28, 3-7PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

54. License/Permit 208645 (ID:21459) Public Event License, Lexington Ave Block Party, Aug 4, 4-8PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

55. License/Permit 208646 (ID:21460) Public Event License, Pleasant Ave Block Party, Aug 9, 4-8:30PM (raindate Aug 10).

RESULT: APPROVED

56.	License/Permit 208647 (ID:21461)	Public Event License, Church St Block Party, from Summer St to Somerville Ave, Aug 17, 3-7PM (raindate Aug 18).	RESULT: APPROVED
57.	License/Permit 208648 (ID:21462)	Public Event License, Endicott-Farragut-Hooker-Weston Block Party, Endicott Ave, Aug 18, 2-8PM (raindate Sep 8).	RESULT: APPROVED
58.	License/Permit 208649 (ID:21463)	Public Event License, Great Urban Campout, Lincoln Park (backup Nunziato Field), Aug 24-25, Noon-Noon (raindate Aug 23-24).	RESULT: APPROVED
59.	License/Permit 208650 (ID:21464)	Public Event License, Arts Council Black, Brown & Queer Festival, Union Sq Plaza, Aug 24, 1-8PM (raindate Aug 25).	RESULT: APPROVED
60.	License/Permit 208651 (ID:21465)	Public Event License, Road Runners Race to the Row, Assembly Row area, Aug 25, 6:30AM-2PM.	RESULT: APPROVED
61.	License/Permit 208652 (ID:21466)	Public Event License, Bowdoin-Fremont-Parker-Washington Block Party, Fremont Ave dead end only, Aug 25, Noon-8:30PM (raindate Sep 8).	RESULT: APPROVED
62.	License/Permit 208653 (ID:21467)	Public Event License, Bo-Ho-Oak Block Party, Oak St from Houghton St to Bolton St, Sep 7, 1-7PM (raindate Sep 8).	RESULT: APPROVED
63.	License/Permit 208654 (ID:21468)	Public Event License, SS Cosmas and Damian Procession, Mansfield St-Rossmore St-Merriam St and area streets, Sep 8, 3-6PM (raindate Sep 15).	RESULT: APPROVED
64.	License/Permit 208655 (ID:21469)	Public Event License, Hudson St Block Party, from Waldo St to Central St, Sep 14, 3-8PM (raindate Sep 15).	RESULT: APPROVED
65.	License/Permit 208656 (ID:21470)	Public Event License, East Somerville Main Streets Foodie Crawl, sidewalks on Broadway From Kensington Ave to Lincoln St, Sep 17, 9AM-11PM (raindate Sep 18).	RESULT: APPROVED

66.	License/Permit 208657 (ID:21471)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Environic Solutions.	RESULT: APPROVED
67.	License/Permit 208658 (ID:21472)	Renewing Garage License, Brazil Auto Repair, 621 Somerville Ave.	RESULT: APPROVED
68.	License/Permit 208659 (ID:21473)	Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm St.	RESULT: APPROVED
69.	License/Permit 208660 (ID:21474)	Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Thunder Road, 379 Somerville Ave.	RESULT: APPROVED
70.	License/Permit 208661 (ID:21475)	Transferring Taxi Medallion License, Medallion #69 from Alewife Transportation to Somerville Transportation.	RESULT: APPROVED

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

71.	Mayor's Request 208662 (ID:21478)	Requesting acceptance of a \$210,000 grant with no new match required, from the Commonwealth Children's Fund to the Health and Human Services SomerPromise program, to expand the SomerBaby Program.	Health Director Doug Kress stated that this is a new Foundation and Somerville is the first to be receiving funds. This will be a pilot project, hopefully to reach about 400 families annually. RESULT: APPROVED
72.	Mayor's Request 208663 (ID:21476)	Requesting acceptance of a \$10,000 gift with no new match required, from Encore Boston to the Veterans Services Division for the Memorial Day fireworks.	Councilor Rossetti opposed. RESULT: APPROVED
73.	Officer's Communication 208664 (ID:21477)	Special Counsel submitting an amended Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance as approved by the Legislative Matters Committee on 7/2/19.	For discussion of this item see #208322. RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis

74. Officer's Communication 208665 (ID:21479) City Solicitor requesting approval of Catherine L. Farrell, Esq. or a similarly qualified attorney to serve as interim housing counsel.
- City Solicitor Frank Wright said this is necessitated by an extended leave of the city's Housing Counsel. That position addresses very time-sensitive matters, such as closings and loan documents for the purchase of affordable housing units, and lead paint removal agreements. The Law Department itself is presently understaffed.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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75. Mayor's Request 208666 (ID:21406) Requesting that Urban Forestry Committee members be designated as Special Municipal Employees.
- Councilor Scott requested to waive the reading of item 75 and refer it to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

LATE ITEMS

76. Resolution 208667 (ID:21481) By City Councilor White Jr., Mbah, Hirsch, McLaughlin, Rossetti, Niedergang, Ballantyne, Clingan, Scott, Ewen-Campen
 That a representative from Eversource appear before this Council's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to discuss problems with Eversource's work being performed in a timely manner.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
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77. Order 208668 (ID:21482) By City Councilor White Jr., Mbah, Hirsch, McLaughlin, Rossetti, Niedergang, Ballantyne, Clingan, Scott, Ewen-Campen
 That the Legislative Matters Committee prepare an ordinance to regulate the placement of wireless facilities to the maximum extent permitted by state law.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
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78. Mayor's Request 208669 (ID:21480) Requesting the appropriation of \$567,551 from the Salary Contingency Account to various departmental Personal Services Accounts to fund FY20 costs of the Memorandum of Agreement with SMEA Unit A.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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79. License/Permit 208670 (ID:21483) Public Event License, Somerville Democratic City Committee Picnic, Powderhouse Park, Aug 10, 11:30AM-3:30PM.
- RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**
CONDITION: Subject to final approval by Councilor Rossetti.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:40 PM.