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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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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	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven City Councilor	Present	

1. Roll Call 207467 (ID:20351) Call of the Roll.

Councilor McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for Melvin Salazar. Councilor Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Diane Conlin and Tenzin Samdo. Councilor Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Paul O'Meara. Councilor White sponsored a moment of silence for Leon "Mickey" Curtin. President Ballantyne, along with the entire City Council, sponsored a moment of silence for Allison Donovan.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 207468 (ID:20352)

Approval of the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting on January 7, 2019 and the Regular Meeting on January 10, 2019.

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Grant of Location 207469 (ID:20357) Submitted by Mobilitie LLC to install backhaul transport equipment on the utility pole near 398 McGrath Hwy.

The President opened the public hearing. Eric Kallio with Mobilitie discussed the work to be completed. Councilor Ewen-Campen asked if a second pole would be added, and Mr. Kallio responded that the equipment would be mounted on the existing pole. Councilor Ewen-Campen asked if this was in any way a surveillance device, and Mr. Kallio responded that it was not. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. Grant of Location 207470 (ID:20358)

Submitted by Eversource to install with Verizon a new joint-owned utility pole at 27 Horace St.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. Resident Tori Antonino commented that when telephone poles get installed, adding bird habitats should be considered. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. Grant of Location 207471 (ID:20359) Submitted by Eversource to install 43 feet of conduit in Glen St from Pole 219/19 to a point of pickup at 163 Glen St.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. Councilor McLaughlin requested to not have the work performed during school hours and Ms. Duffy agreed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

CONDITION: Work is not to be performed during school hours.

6. Grant of Location 207472 (ID:20360)

Submitted by Eversource to install 3 feet of conduit in Adrian St from Pole 2/3 to a point of pickup at 20A Adrian St.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. Grant of Location 207473 (ID:20361) Submitted by Eversource to install 8 feet of conduit in Oliver St from Pole 261/7 to a point of pickup at 51 Oliver St.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

8. Resolution 207474 (ID:20288)

By City Councilor Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Niedergang That the Administration advocate for the One Fair Wage campaign. (See #199277, which was approved by this body on May 28, 2015.)

Councilor Mbah requested that the Administration advocate for the One Fair Wage campaign, because people should be paid what they deserve, without relying on tips. Councilor Scott supported referencing the previously-adopted #199277 into the Resolution.

RESULT: APPROVED

9. Resolution 207475 (ID:20289)

By City Councilor Mbah

That the Administration organize a quarterly race dialogue in the city.

Councilor Mbah urged the Administration to organize a quarterly race dialogue.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. Resolution 207476 (ID:20290)

By City Councilor Mbah, Hirsch, Ballantyne

That the Administration present the demographics of city and school employees, and explain the strategy to build a diverse municipal government.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. Resolution 207477 (ID:20310)

By City Councilor Mbah

That the Administration update this Council regarding the crosswalk at the end of Woods Avenue and Alewife Brook Parkway.

RESULT: APPROVED

12. Order 207478 (ID:20291)

By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of Finance provide this Council with a written report of bond requests for the next 3 years along with corresponding revenue stream projections.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

13. Order 207479 (ID:20292)

By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of Finance, the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools, with the Administration, provide by February 25, 2019, a written report on the budgetary impacts that adding an Innovation School (i.e. Powderhouse Studios), would have the School and City budgets over 10 years.

Councilor Ballantyne stated that the School Committee has to take a vote on March 4 on the Powder House Studio, and at the time of submitting this Order, a budget had not been received.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

14. Order 207480 (ID:20296)

By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the City Solicitor review the legal standing of each site identified in Sec. 12-131 of the proposed Public Space Conservation Ordinance to identify if there are any terms by which each site was acquired, or is held, that would prevent it from being dedicated to the public.

Councilor Ballantyne said this item was related to an Ordinance she had submitted earlier, known as the Green Minimum Ratio.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

15. Order 207481 (ID:20337)

By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Chief Fire Engineer and the Chief of Police discuss with this Council, at its February 14, 2019 meeting, detailed safety plans for the upcoming bridge closures due to GLX construction.

Fire Chief Breen stated that West Somerville is protected by three Fire Stations: in Teale Square, on Highland Avenue, and on Somerville Avenue. Once the Broadway bridge closes, all three of those stations will continue to have access to West Somerville. In addition, there is an agreement in place with the Cambridge Fire Department that for any fire calls in West Somerville, the Porter Square Fire Station at 2029 Mass Avenue will respond. Also, the Arlington and Medford Fire Departments are aware of the situation will respond if needed. Once the bridge closes, Fire staff will be monitoring the situation in real time every day to monitor conditions. Councilor Niedergang expressed concern about the traffic caused by the detours and how emergency vehicles will get through. Chief Breen replied that a communication system has been put in place so the Police can assist with traffic if an emergency call comes through. Once this information is finalized, it will be posted on the City's website. Councilor Niedergang stated the closure of the Broadway bridge is set for March 2. Chief Breen said there will be training sessions set up between all of the Fire Stations.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

FOLLOWUP: City Council

16. Order 207482 (ID:20347)

By City Councilor Ballantyne, Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Scott, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.

That the Director of SPCD immediately install additional safety features (e.g., flex posts, signage, street painting, etc.) on Powderhouse Blvd. from Curtis Street to North Street.

Councilor Ballantyne sponsored Legislative Aide Tim Snyder to speak on this matter, and he explained that on Monday, police patrols were out on Powderhouse Blvd. Additionally, flex posts were installed and barrels and cones were put out, to create a temporary bump out at the intersection there, all to slow traffic and enhance safety. He said the City is continuing to evaluate all options.

RESULT: APPROVED

17. Resolution 207483 (ID:20348)

By City Councilor Ballantyne, Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Scott, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.

That the Administration arrange with the Ward 7 Councilor a community meeting to discuss final plans for traffic calming measures for Powderhouse Blvd, and infrastructure for the area between Curtis and North Streets.

Councilor Ballantyne reported that there will be a community meeting most likely the first week in March to address traffic calming on Powderhouse Blvd.

RESULT: APPROVED

18. Resolution 207484 (ID:20349)

By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Administration and the Director of the SPCD include the Somerville Bicycle Committee and the Pedestrian and Transit Advocacy Committee in Ward 7 community meetings to engage the community on bicycle safety measures.

Councilor Ballantyne reported the Somerville Bicycle Committee has been working on plans since last year on biking patterns around Powderhouse Blvd. and Broadway, and going down Holland St. into Davis Square.

RESULT: APPROVED

Communication By City Councilor Ballantyne
 Reporting on recent School Co

(ID:20297)

Reporting on recent School Committee activities.

Councilor Ballantyne reported that the number one discussion has been in reference to Powder House Studios (an independent non-profit), which has been meeting with the School District to obtain curriculum information. There have been fifteen community meetings and two Public Hearings. The School Committee doesn't have any financial information, so doesn't have a complete picture of what the project is going to be, how it is going to integrate into Somerville's Schools, or how it will affect the City budget. The Teachers' Association has voted to move forward with the project.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

20. Order 207486 (ID:20323)

By City Councilor Davis

That the Director of Engineering and the Director of Traffic and Parking update the Ward 6 Councilor on requests for crosswalks at locations specified within.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

21. Order 207487 (ID:20324) By City Councilor Davis

That the Director of Traffic and Parking update the Ward 6 Councilor on requests for crosswalk safety improvements at the locations specified within.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

22. 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: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

23. Order 207489 (ID:20326) By City Councilor Davis, White Jr., Hirsch

That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor on near-term plans for overdue maintenance in Davis Square and longer-term plans for major infrastructure and public realm improvements. (Also see #206665)

Councilor Davis requested a formal update from the Administration on maintenance plans.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

24. Resolution 207490 (ID:20327)

By City Councilor Davis, Hirsch, Mbah, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, White Jr.

That the Administration update this Council on any agreements with ride share companies, including their designated drop-off/pick-up areas in Davis Square, and advise on any efforts to contract with additional companies or introduce additional designated areas, and discuss with this Council the enforcement of illegal parking in those areas.

Councilor Davis wondered how the pick-up/drop-off spots for Uber and Lyft in Davis Sq and elsewhere are working.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

25. Resolution 207491 (ID:20328)

By City Councilor Davis

That the Administration consider signage in high-usage areas directing ride share users to the existence and location of designated drop-off/pick-up areas.

Councilor Davis suggested adding signage to better identify the Davis Sq ride-share pickup/dropoff areas. President Ballantyne said she recently needed to use an Uber in Davis Square and the app directed her to the correct location but unfortunately, the Uber driver couldn't park there because another car was parked in the designated spot.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

26. Order 207492 (ID:20330)

By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis

That the Director of the Arts Council and the Commissioner of Public Works work together to develop and put up a mural to replace the panel missing from the fence in the playground at Lexington Park.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

27. Order 207493 (ID:20331)

By City Councilor Niedergang

That the Director of the Arts Council and the Commissioner of Public Works work together to install a mural on the walls under the Lowell Street bridge on the Community Path, to create beauty and deter graffiti.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

28. Resolution 207494 (ID:20332)

By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch, Ballantyne

That the Mayor and the Director of SPCD add 2 positions in the Planning Department in the FY20 budget to complete various neighborhood plans, and to revise or complete plans for overlay districts.

Councilor Niedergang requested two positions be added to the Planning Department to finish work on incomplete neighborhood plans.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

29. Resolution 207495 (ID:20333)

By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, White Jr., Ballantyne, Davis

That the Mayor and the Director of SPCD add 2 positions in the Transportation and Infrastructure Department in the FY20 budget, or sooner, to work on traffic calming and pedestrian safety.

Councilor Niedergang stated that especially due to the tragedy on Powderhouse Blvd, there needs to be more staff added.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

30. Resolution 207496 (ID:20334)

By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Davis, Hirsch, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ballantyne

That the Administration significantly increase the funding for traffic-calming physical infrastructure improvements in the FY20 budget.

Councilor Niedergang feels more funding is needed for traffic calming and infrastructure improvements and should be included in the FY20 Budget.

RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

31. Order 207497 (ID:20335)

By City Councilor Niedergang

That the Director of Finance inform this Council in writing at this meeting or at the next Finance Committee meeting, the amount of free cash that the City has as of February 14, 2019.

Alderman White responded that as of December 11, 2018 the Finance Committee was informed by Finance Director Ed Bean there was certified free cash in the amount of \$14 million. That evening, the Board appropriated from free cash an amount of \$5,155,479 to fund the taking of property by eminent domain, which left approximate \$8.7 million.

RESULT: APPROVED

32. Ordinance 207498 (ID:20336)

By City Councilor Niedergang, Scott, Davis, Mbah Proposing a strengthened, comprehensive Tree Preservation Ordinance to protect trees on City and private property.

Councilor Niedergang stated that he worked closely on this proposal with Councilor Scott and resident Chris Dwan. An article describing this proposal, which they wrote together, appeared in the Somerville Times.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

33. Resolution 207499 (ID:20338)

By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Mbah That the Administration respond to the requests outlined in the attached resident petition, organized by the Pedestrian and Transit Advocacy Group, to accelerate traffic calming investments and improve coordination and oversight.

Councilor Hirsch requested a response from the Administration regarding the resident petition she was submitting.

RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: City Council

34. Order 207500 (ID:20339)

By City Councilor Hirsch

That the Chief of Police add temporary crossing guards or a police detail to the intersection of Hawkins and Washington Streets for the duration of the Union Square detour, to help with students crossing both Hawkins and Washington Streets.

Councilor Hirsch requested an update from the Chief regarding adding crossing guards.

RESULT: APPROVED

35. Resolution 207501 (ID:20340)

By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang

That the Administration consider adding parking ticket data to the Socrata portal.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

36. Order 207502 (ID:20341)

By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang, Clingan, McLaughlin, Davis That the Director of SPCD discuss the plans and process to advocate for Somerville transit priorities as part of the MBTA Better Bus Project, including advocacy for a North/South bus route and reduced fares for income-eligible riders, and against fare hikes.

Councilor Hirsch reported that through the Better Bus Project, there are going to be changes on MBTA routes 89, 90, 92 and 95 as well as a fare hike. She questioned how the City lobbies for discounted fares for low income residents.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

37. Order 207503 (ID:20342)

By City Councilor Hirsch, Clingan, McLaughlin

That the Director of Health and Human Services provide an update on opioid overdoses, including both current year deaths and historic data.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

38. Order 207504 (ID:20343)

By City Councilor Hirsch

That the Director of Housing Stability provide an update on the recommendations of the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group, including a report sent to Working Group members.

Councilor Hirsch requested an update from the Director of Housing and Stability.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

39. Order 207505 (ID:20344)

By City Councilor Hirsch, McLaughlin

That the Director of SPCD work with this Council towards establishing a goal for the target number of deed-restricted units, so that a path to that goal can be analyzed as part of the next Housing Needs Assessment and discussed as part of the SomerVision 2040 process.

Councilor Hirsch would like to learn the number of deed-restricted units, and determine a target number for the City's affordable housing efforts.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

40. Communication By City Councilor Hirsch 207506 Reporting on the Open Sp

Reporting on the Open Space Creation Task Force.

(ID:20345)

Councilor Hirsch stated that the Open Space Creation Task Force has met twice, discussing what open space is, where it would be put, how it should be paid for, where could it fit, and how it should be prioritized.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

41. Communication By City Councilor Rossetti

207507 (ID:20329) Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of February, 11, 2019.

Councilor Rossetti reported that the Committee received an update on the relocation of the vocational wing, because of the delay in the project for September through December. Union discussions are still ongoing for the change in work for the teachers. The Superintendent is considering the Edgerly School for some of these classes, and Herb Chambers has offered their Linwood Street site for the auto shop. The Committee learned that the consultants are not comfortable with the contingency balance: it started at \$12.7 million and, still on Phase 1, it is now down to \$5.165 million. The consultants said it should be at \$8.1 million before Phase 2 starts.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

42. Officer's 207429

(ID:20146)

City Engineer requesting to address this Board with a water and sewer Communication infrastructure presentation outlining the needed capital, in anticipation of the upcoming rate recommendations.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

<u>4</u>3. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207508 (ID:20265) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on February 4, 2019.

Councilor Scott reported that the Committee took up several appointments, and approved most of them after interviews. Members expressed concerns about two appointments to the Urban Forestry Committee, because of potential conflicts of interest due to their current work with the city, and decided to leave them in Committee until they hear from the State Ethics Commission. Finally, the Committee considered the reappointment of Michael Lapiana as Animal Control Officer. He did not attend, and was apparently advised by the Personnel Department that he had the legal right to request a postponement. Personnel Director Candace Cooper disagreed and stated she did not give him such advice. His appointment was kept in Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

AMENDED: #207422 and #207426 were returned to the Committee

on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel

Matters for further consideration.

B. Mayor's Request 206883 (ID:19629) Requesting the appointment of Josh Grehan to the position of Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board member.

RESULT: APPROVED

C. Mayor's Request 206979 (ID:19714)

Requesting the appointment of Natasha Sierra to the Fair Housing Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

D. Mayor's Request 207210 (ID:19983)

Requesting the appointment of Laura Beretsky to the Community Preservation Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

E. Mayor's Request 207211 (ID:19984) Requesting the appointment of Tatiana Shannon to the Community Preservation Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED F. Mayor's Requesting the appointment of Patrice Faulkner to the Fair Housing Request Commission. 207212 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:19920) G. Mayor's Requesting the appointment of Adam Wylie to the Historic Preservation Request Commission as an alternate member. 207303 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:20074) H. Mayor's Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Althea Northcross to the Urban Request Forestry Committee. 207420 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:20169) I. Mayor's Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Victoria Antonino to the Urban Request Forestry Committee. 207421 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:20170) J. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sharon Komarow to the Urban Mayor's Request Forestry Committee. 207422 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:20171) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee K. Mayor's Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jennifer Clifford to the Urban Request Forestry Committee. 207423 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:20173) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Alden Johnson to the Urban L. Mayor's Request Forestry Committee. 207426 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:20176) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee M. Order By City Councilor Rossetti 207509 That the City Solicitor provide guidance regarding potential conflicts of interest of Urban Forestry Committee appointees prior to the next meeting of (ID:20309)

APPROVED

the City Council.

RESULT:

44. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207510 (ID:20269) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on February 14, 2019.

Councilor Scott reported that this meeting was rescheduled from February 12. The Committee first appointed Chris Dwan to the Urban Forestry Committee. The Committee then discussed the implications of designating every Commission Member as a Special Municipal Employee, and will take up the issue again. The final item was the reappointment of Michael Lapiana as Animal Control Officer. Mr. Lapiana declined twice to speak on his own behalf. The Administration restated their position that they would not take any employment action, but would simply withdraw the item from the City Council, eliminating this Committee's ability to consider it. Given that the item has not been withdrawn from this Council and was still in the tracking software and on the Committee agenda, the Committee determined it was a valid item to act on. Councilor Rossetti immediately moved to deny the reappointment. No Councilor voted in favor of his reappointment, and five Councilors voted against it. Both two items requesting the reappointment of Michael Lapiana as Animal Control Officer, #207406 and #204908, were recommended Not Approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 204908 (ID:17595) Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Lapiana as Animal Control Officer.

RESULT: NOT APPROVED

NOTE: The Mayor withdrew his request to confirm this re-

appointment on February 12, 2019.

C. Mayor's Request 207406 (ID:20156) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Michael Lapiana as Animal Control Officer.

RESULT: NOT APPROVED

NOTE: The Mayor withdrew his request to confirm this re-

appointment on February 12, 2019.

D. Mayor's Request 207424 (ID:20174) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Chris Dwan to the Urban Forestry Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

E. Resolution 207511 (ID:20386)

By City Councilor Rossetti

That the Administration meet with the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters to discuss the implications of designating every commission's members as Special Municipal Employees.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

45. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207512 (ID:20271) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on February 11, 2019.

Councilor White reported that a number of items were discussed at the meeting. First, Economic Development Director Tom Galigani spoke about #206896, concerning the recently-released US Treasury Opportunity Zone tax breaks, and how they apply to Union Square redevelopment. The Committee discussed how the program could be used to attract investors and developers, but at the same time provide substantial benefit to the community. Mr. Galigani said there was no requirement under Federal Law for a developer who is taking advantage of the program to so notify the municipality. The Committee asked him to consult with SPCD Director George Proakis about whether the new zoning overhaul could require developers to provide that information. The next item discussed was the plight of 300+ employees of Royal Hospitality Services, in light of Union Square redevelopment. The Committee discussed the transfer of a Cityowned parcel in the North Prospect block to the Redevelopment Authority, but took no action. The Committee voted to approve the creation of a Stabilization Fund for open space acquisition and improvements. The Committee also considered local excise tax options for Air B&Bs. Since the State statute goes into effect July 1, the City has up until June 1 to adopt it, and the item was kept in Committee. The Committee also considered a request that the Administration appropriate funds for free or low cost legal services on immigration and naturalization issues to immigrants, and Communications Director Denise Taylor emphasized that funding would not be sought to hire internally, but to provide assistance to local non-profits. The minimum wage increase to \$15.00 was discussed but kept in Committee. Finally the Committee discussed the taking of 90 Washington Street by eminent domain.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

AMENDED: #207343 and #207344, which had been Approved as

Amended by the Committee, were Placed on File and replace by substitution with #207579 and #207578, respectively, submitted as Agenda Items #111 and #112,

which were then Approved.

B. Resolution 205076 (ID:17831) By City Councilor Mbah, Niedergang, Hirsch That the Administration appropriate funds to contract a community organization to provide free or low-cost legal services on immigration and naturalization issues to immigrants living in Somerville.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Mayor's Request 206003 (ID:18674)

Requesting approval of an Order of Taking for 90 Washington Street.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

D. Officer's I Communication a 206162 (ID:18852)

Officer's Director of SPCD responding to #204982 re: possible financial incentives and Communication a community benefits agreement in the city's Amazon bid.

E. Mayor's Request 207195 (ID:19928) Requesting approval to create the Open Space Acquisition and Improvements Stabilization Fund for the purpose of acquiring and/or developing open space.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Clingan

F. Mayor's Request 207198 (ID:20018) Requesting the appropriation of \$25,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Communications and Community Engagement Department Ordinary Maintenance Account to fund the citizenship efforts of the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

G. Mayor's Request 207333 (ID:20064) Requesting the acceptance of MGL c64G s3A, imposing a 6% local excise tax on a bed and breakfast, hotel, lodging house, short-term rental, or motel.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

H. Officer's Communication 207343 (ID:20122)

Officer's Director of SPCD conveying the draft Memorandum of Agreement with the Communication Redevelopment Authority for 90 Washington Street.

An amended version of this item was Approved as #207579.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

I. Officer's Communication 207344

(ID:20123)

Officer's Director of SPCD conveying the draft Demonstration Project Plan for 90 Communication Washington Street.

An amended version of this item was Approved as #207578. **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

J. Mayor's Request 207395 (ID:20147) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$74,542 from the MA Office of Public Safety for Police Department staffing.

RESULT: APPROVED

K. Resolution 207447 (ID:20242) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott

That the Administration appear before this Board to discuss ways the City and Union Square Master Developer can support the 300+ employees of Royal Hospitality Services, in light of Union Square redevelopment.

L. Mayor's Request 207454 (ID:20179) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$442,235 in a bond for Water Department vehicles.

RESULT: APPROVED. [8 TO 2]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen,

Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

NAYS: Rossetti, McLaughlin

ABSENT: Clingan

M. Mayor's Request 207455 (ID:20181) Requesting the appropriation of \$71,865 from the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings Account to the Capital Outlay-Vehicles-Sewer Enterprise Account, to purchase vehicles and accessories for the Water & Sewer Departments.

RESULT: APPROVED

N. Mayor's Request 207456 (ID:20182) Requesting the appropriation of \$33,819 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings Account to the Capital Outlay-Vehicles-Water Enterprise Account, to purchase vehicles and accessories for the Water & Sewer Departments.

RESULT: APPROVED

46. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207513 (ID:20267) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on February 6, 2019.

Councilor Ewen-Campen reported on the items discussed at the meeting, which included the redesign of the Healy School and surrounding area, the City's involvement in Foss Park, the formation of a Somerville Community Land Trust, an update on GLX station designs, the Talent Equity Play Book, which is the City's plan for developing workforce and equity in our job market, City non-disclosure agreements, municipal broadband, the hour at which dog parks should open, and a mural at the Argenziano School. Details of these topics can be found online.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Resolution 202149 (ID:14823) By City Councilor Ballantyne, McLaughlin

That the Administration discuss requiring adding the word "Somerville" to buildings in the Assembly Square area, to enhance office and commercial marketing efforts.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 202715 (ID:15405) By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD share with this Board a marketing plan for commercial development, highlighting the transformative districts.

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D.	Order 204975 (ID:17753)	By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on whether this Board can require landlords to distribute voter registration forms to all new tenants.		
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
E.	Order 204984 (ID:17764)	By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan, Ballantyne, Scott, Mbah That the Director of SPCD provide data for all current affordable housing stock in the city, including section 8 vouchers, state and federal affordable housing, and inclusionary housing.		
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
F.	Order 205097 (ID:17856)	By City Councilor Hirsch, Mbah That this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development discuss a 'Housing Hackathon'.		
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
G.	Resolution 205272 (ID:18040)	By City Councilor Mbah, Ewen-Campen That the Administration update this Board with the parking situation at the high school.		
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
H.		Assistant City Solicitor responding to #204975 re: requiring landlords to eation distribute voter registration forms to all new tenants.		
	205389 (ID:18090)	RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
I.	Order 206496 (ID:19287)	By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the plan in the "Equity Tale Playbook for Somerville".		
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
J. Officer's Communication		DPW Commission 6/14/18 meeting.	ner responding to various Board Orders submitted at the	
	206615 (ID:19346)	RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	

K. Officer's DPW Commissioner responding to various Board O

K. Officer's Communication 206616 (ID:19348)

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted at the WORK COMPLETED

L. Order 206819 (ID:19598) By City Councilor Clingan

That the appropriate department adjust the hours of the dog parks from 8:00 am to 7:00 am.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

M. Order 207057 (ID:19836) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Scott That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Communications inform this Board of efforts to promote municipal broadband in regard to current construction and renovation of the city's infrastructure.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

N. Order 207157 (ID:19994) By City Councilor Niedergang, and the Entire Board That the Director of SPCD report on the GLX station design process for the 7 new stations, including the timeline and opportunities for public input.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

O. Resolution 207159 (ID:19996) By City Councilor Clingan

That the Administration explain why the Healey Schoolyard redevelopment plan was dropped from the Capital Projects plan list.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

P. Order 207171 (ID:20004) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Mbah, Davis, Ballantyne, White Jr. That the City Solicitor inform this Board in writing of its options for prohibiting the use of Non-Disclosure Agreements between the City and prospective developers or commercial tenants.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Q. Mayor's Request 207457 (ID:20241) Conveying the Community Land Trust Working Group Recommendations Report.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

47. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207514 (ID:20263) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on January 29, 2019.

Councilor Davis reported that most of the time was spent on a presentation by Planner Dan Bartman on his efforts to reconcile two proposed zoning amendments in Committee to address open space and to create open space requirements: one being a Citizens' Petition and one being an Administration proposal. The proponents of both amendments have been working together. The video is available on www.Somervillezoning.com. The Committee also discussed the zoning overhaul as a whole.

RESULT: APPROVED

48. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207515 (ID:20264) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on January 31, 2019.

Councilor Niedergang reported that the Committee discussed the proposed Condominium Conversion Ordinance and the Demolition Review Ordinance. On condominium conversion, there was public hearing with more than two dozen members of the public testifying, and a presentation by Director of Housing Stability Ellen Shachter. On demolition review, the Committee had previously submitted many requests for information, and at this meeting, heard responses from Planner Sarah White and SPCD Director George Proakis. No votes were taken on either matter.

RESULT: APPROVED

49. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207516 (ID:20268) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on February 7, 2019.

Councilor Niedergang reported that the meeting began with a report by the Clean and Open Elections Task Force. Task Force member Ariel Horowitz gave an overview of the most important recommendations, saying that the most significant step that the City could take to increase voter turnout would be to have elections at the same time as State and Federal elections, on even years. When asked about what priority the Task Force gave to the various recommendations, she said they had not been prioritized. Next the Committee took up #207393, a Home Rule Petition to allow voting in municipal elections by 16 and 17 year-olds. Two High School students described their support, and most Councilors also spoke in favor. Councilor White raised a number of legal questions and said he would like to have a Public Hearing, and other Councilors agreed. Next the Committee discussed the registration of short-term rental properties by ordinance, #206613. After extensive discussion, an amendment by Councilor Scott was approved to eliminate the short-term rental of an apartment in a multi-family property occupied by the owner. There were other minor amendments made, and further discussion will continue the next time it's taken up. The Committee approved two other items, #207450, defining a quorum for the Women's Commission, and #207451, defining a quorum for the Human Rights Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

AMENDED: #207450, which had been Approved as Amended by the

Committee, was Placed on File and replaced by substitution with #207580, submitted as Agenda Item #113, which was then Approved, Enrolled, and Ordained.

B. Ordinance 207450 (ID:20247) By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Women's Commission Ordinance 2-283 be amended to provide that a majority of Commissioners who currently serve shall constitute a quorum.

An updated version of this Ordinance was Ordained as #207580.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

C. Ordinance 207451 (ID:20248)

By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Human Rights Commission Ordinance 2-240 be amended to provide that a majority of the Commissioners who currently serve shall constitute a quorum.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Clingan

50. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207517 (ID:20272) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on February 13, 2019.

Councilor Rossetti reported that after a public hearing, an application by Top Speed Vehicles for a used car dealer license at 631 Somerville Avenue was approved, although the hours of operation were amended to the City's standard hours for used car dealers and garages: 8 AM to 6 PM Monday through Friday and 8 AM to 2 PM Saturday. The Committee also approved a public event license for a Lupus Research Alliance Walk at Assembly Row.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. License/Permit 207310 (ID:20099)

License/Permit New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Top Speed Vehicles, 631 Somerville 207310 Ave, 6 cars outside, 8 inside, Mon-Fri 9AM-7PM, Sat 9AM-5PM, Sun Closed.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

AMENDED: Hours of Operation are Mon-Fri 8AM-6PM, Sat 8AM-

2PM, Sun Closed.

C. License/Permit 207431 (ID:20224)

Public Event License, Lupus Research Alliance Walk with Us to Cure Lupus, Assembly Row and Mystic River Reservation, Jun 1, 6AM-1PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

51. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207518 (ID:20266) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on February 5, 2019.

Councilor Hirsch reported that the Committee discussed several items. First, there are new signs in our parks saying that vaping is not allowed. Second, there was discussion on when to call 911. The Police Chief said to call 911 for a public safety matter, and to call 617-625-1212 for a quality of life matter. Finally, Public Health Director Doug Kress reviewed the Youth Risk Survey results. Lifetime use among high schoolers is at 40% for alcohol and 28% for marijuana, with an increase to 27% for electronic cigarettes.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order 204724 (ID:17454) By City Councilor Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.

That the Director of Health and Human Services present the Assessment and Plan in follow-up to the recently released City Wellness Report.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 205785 (ID:18549) By City Councilor Clingan

That the City Solicitor update this Board on the current status of the draft ordinance regulating Airbnb.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Resolution 205825 (ID:18600) By City Councilor Hirsch

That the Administration provide an update on the range of projected revenue from recreational marijuana facilities how these funds may be used.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Resolution 205909 (ID:18612) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board

That the Administration, MA DEP, and Eversource explain to this Board the cause of the recent oil spill in the Mystic River near Assembly Square, the plan to clean it up, and any information residents should be aware of for safety.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Resolution 206291 (ID:19050) By City Councilor Davis

That this Board commends the MA Senate on passing Senate Bill 2562 "An Act Relative to Gender Identity on MA Identification" which allows a person to designate "X" for gender on an application for a driver's license and other official identification and further, that this Board encourages the MA House of Representatives to advance similar legislation.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order 206421 (ID:19211) By City Councilor Hirsch, Davis, Ballantyne

That the Director of Health and Human Services develop a FAQ about the local implementation of medical and recreational marijuana sales.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Order 206835 (ID:19617) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis

That the Director of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Public Works install NO SMOKING signs in the public parks in and around Ward 7 and Davis Square.

I. Order 206857 (ID:19657) By City Councilor Hirsch, Clingan

That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss conducting a workshop for parents and adult caregivers to help them better understand risks, indicators of use, and strategies of intervention for tween/teen substance use.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Order 206859 (ID:19659) By City Councilor Hirsch

That the Chief of Police share his view of how and when residents should call the Police or 311 for emergency and non-emergency matters, including which number to call, and consider holding a discussion on the topic that includes different stakeholders.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. Order 206949 (ID:19754) By City Councilor Hirsch

That the Chief of Police report on the effectiveness of recent block closures for Halloween and discuss whether or not the program may be expanded.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

L. Order 207275 (ID:20078) By City Councilor Hirsch

That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss key points from the Youth Risk Survey with the Public Health and Public Safety Committee.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

M. Order 207377 (ID:20202) By City Councilor Hirsch

That the Director of Health and Human Services inform this Board of the protocol for communicating with the public about any particular patterns in seasonal flu or colds.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

N. Order 207378 (ID:20203) By City Councilor Hirsch

That the Director of Health and Human Services inform this Board of how the teen snow shoveling program is going this year.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

O. Officer's Communication 207464

Officer's Director of Health and Human Services responding to #207378 re: the teen Communication snow shoveling program.

20/464 (ID:20255)

52. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207519 Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on January 29, 2019.

207519 (ID:20262)

Councilor Hirsch reported that the Committee met new Health Liaison Georgiana Silvera, Who spoke about reducing the rodent population in general, and working with the GLX team specifically on that project.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order 200220 (ID:12847) By City Councilor McLaughlin

That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect the General Insulation building on Cross Street for signs of rodent activity and update the Ward 1 Alderman of the findings.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 200238 (ID:12931) By City Councilor McLaughlin

That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services monitor and bait Otis Street for rodents, particularly near the Edgerly School and 15 Otis street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 200715 (ID:13356)

By City Councilor Heuston

That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services conduct a walk-through of Bonair Street, McArthur Street and Autumn Avenue and order new barrels for those who need them.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Order 200887 (ID:13588) By City Councilor McLaughlin

That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services bait Illinois and Pennsylvania Avenues for rodents and distribute rodent prevention information to the community.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 200889 (ID:13590) By City Councilor McLaughlin

That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services address the rodent issues on Wesley Street and inspect around 14 Dana Street for rodent activity.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order 201089 (ID:13740) By City Councilor McLaughlin

That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect Kensington Avenue, Edmands Street and Assembly Row for signs of rodents activity and bait accordingly.

H. Order By City Councilor McLaughlin 201134 That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect Wellington Street for (ID:13791) rodents and bait where appropriate. **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED I. Order By City Councilor McWatters That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services bait the sewer on Pleasant Street 201156 (ID:13857) at Vinal Avenue. **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED J. Order By City Councilor McLaughlin 201417 That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect Pinckney Place for rodent (ID:14082) activity. **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED K. Order By City Councilor Heuston 201710 That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services support the residents of Beacon Street with rodent control flyers and private baiting services. (ID:14380) **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED L. Order By City Councilor Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan 201766 That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait around the Healey (ID:14413) School for rodents. **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED Order By City Councilor Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan M. 201768 That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the trash barrel(s) at the Marshall Street playground due to increased rodent activity, and that the (ID:14416) Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the barrel(s). WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:** N. Order By City Councilor McLaughlin 201879 That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait Cross Street, Gilman Street, Chester Avenue and Cross Street Place for rodents. (ID:14548) **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

increased rodent activity. **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

By City Councilor Heuston

O.

Order

202161

(ID:14834)

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect with the Ward 2

Alderman the 300 block of Beacon Street, to determine the source(s) of

P. Order By City Councilor McWatters That the Director of Inspectional Services bait Belmont Street, from Highland 202178 (ID:14871) Avenue to Summer Street. **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED Q. Order By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect Rhode Island Avenue 202352 (ID:15058) for rodents and bait appropriately. **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED Order R. By City Councilor Niedergang That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the sewer at 22 Conwell 202436 (ID:15116) Street. **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED S. Order By City Councilor Sullivan, Niedergang, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr. 202438 That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the sewers at the corner of Highland Avenue and Lowell Street. (ID:15124) **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED T. Order By City Councilor Sullivan, McLaughlin, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr. 202439 That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the sewers on Wesley, Dana, and Wigglesworth Streets. (ID:15125) **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED U. By City Councilor McLaughlin Order 202444 That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Commissioner of Public Works clean the building at 22-24 Cross Street East, bait for rodents, (ID:15172) and replace the shingles. RESULT: WORK COMPLETED V. Order By City Councilor Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan 202723 That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait School Street between Medford Street and Broadway, and all around the Healy school. (ID:15429) **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED W. Order By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Superintendent of Inspectional Service inspect Hathorn Street for 202796 rodents and bait accordingly. (ID:15501)

WORK COMPLETED

RESULT:

X. Order 202804 (ID:15539) By City Councilor Davis

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the area around 117 Liberty Avenue for rodent activity.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Y. Order 203263 (ID:15965) By City Councilor McLaughlin

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect potential rodent burrows under I-93, by Lombardi Way.

WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:**

Z. Order 203264 (ID:15966)

By City Councilor McLaughlin

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect Pennsylvania Avenue for signs of rodent activity and bait accordingly.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Order AA. 203447

(ID:16160)

By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the dead rodent on the North Street corner of Hamilton Road.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AB. Order 203589 (ID:16307) By City Councilor Heuston

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the Quincy Park area for rodents, and address the conditions there that may attract them.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AC. Order 203715 By City Councilor McLaughlin

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services address rodent issues on Cross Street Place, Wisconsin Avenue, MacArthur Street, Franklin Street,

Pearl Street Mt. Pleasant Street. Alston Street and Gilman Street.

WORK COMPLETED RESULT:

AD. Officer's

(ID:16437)

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 6/8/17.

Communication 203812 (ID:16396)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Order AE. 203839 (ID:16550)

By City Councilor McLaughlin, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr. That the City Solicitor draft an amendment to Ordinance 11-38(d)(2) to strengthen the language regarding rodent eradication prior to developments being constructed.

AF. Order

203842 (ID:16593) By City Councilor McLaughlin

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait Autumn Street for rodents.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AG. Order

204172 (ID:16892) By City Councilor Niedergang

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on the use of raptors (hawks, owls, etc.) to control rats and whether they might work here, and on the use of poisons to control rats and whether they also kill raptors.

WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:**

AH. Order

> 204221 (ID:16929)

By City Councilor Heuston

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the Linden and Merriam Street neighborhoods for rodent problems and report back to this Board on findings and actions taken.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AI. Order

> 204226 (ID:16934)

By City Councilor McLaughlin

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the parking lot at Chester Avenue and Cross Street for rodent activity and issue fines if appropriate.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AJ. Officer's

> 204832 (ID:17569)

SomerStat Analyst submitting rodent management research and data analysis Communication findings and takeaways.

> **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

AK. Order

> 205338 (ID:18088)

By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan, Niedergang

That the City Solicitor draft a feral cat ordinance similar to Chicago's, to assist feral cats and address rodent concerns.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Order AL. 205356

(ID:18120)

By City Councilor Hirsch, McLaughlin

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services establish a system of ongoing rodent population monitoring at several hot-spots in high-impact neighborhoods, to determine and regularly report on the effectiveness of interventions.

AM. Resolution 206224

By City Councilor McLaughlin, Hirsch

206224 (ID:19053) That the Administration present a revised job description for the Environmental Health Liaison that requires candidates to have rodent extermination experience and the ability to implement the city's rodent eradication strategy, including monitoring and neighborhood meetings.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AN. Order 206689 (ID:19462) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Hirsch

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services address the dramatic increase in rat sightings on Wesley Park, Bow Street and Montrose Street and discuss baiting and examining nearby garbage dumpsters and public waste bins.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

53. Mayor's Request 207520 (ID:20308) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,105,050 in a bond for the cost of purchasing certain DPW Vehicles.

Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 53 through 71 and refer them to the Finance Committee except for items 61 and 62, which had previously been read and referred to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

54. Mayor's Request 207521 (ID:20180) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,000,000.00 in a bond for the Union Square Streetscape & Plaza Design.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

55. Mayor's Request 207522 (ID:20295) Requesting an appropriation of \$1,999,100 and authorization to borrow \$499,775 in a bond, and acceptance of a \$1,499,325 grant from the MWRA for Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

56. Mayor's Request 207523 (ID:20054) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$457,325 in a bond for the creation of recreational land through the ArtFarm project, with debt payments to be funded through CPA revenue.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

57. Mayor's Request 207524 (ID:20301) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$300,000 in a bond for Central Hill Campus phase 2 design.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

58. Mayor's Request 207525 (ID:20307) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$202,698 in a bond for the purchase of vehicles for the Fire Department.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

59. Mayor's Request 207526 (ID:20306) Requesting approval to appropriate \$600,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the cost of purchasing Police Cruisers.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

60. Mayor's Request 207527 (ID:20261) Requesting the appropriation of \$575,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance to the Law Department's Legal Services Account, to fund anticipated outside legal counsel invoices.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

61. Mayor's Request 207528 (ID:20313) Requesting the appropriation of \$408,102 from the ESCS Rehabilitation-Insurance Proceeds Account to the Debt Service-Principal on Long-Term Debt Account to fully fund debt service in FY2019.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

62. Mayor's Request 207529 (ID:20314) Requesting the appropriation of \$289,510 from the ESCS Rehabilitation-Insurance Proceeds Account to the Debt Service-Interest on Long-Term Debt Account to fully fund debt service in FY2019.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

63. Mayor's Request 207530 (ID:20287) Requesting the appropriation of \$85,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance Account to the Damages to Persons and Property Account in order to fund the settlement of an outstanding claim.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

64. Mayor's Request 207531 (ID:20311) Requesting the appropriation of \$77,620 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to the Sewer Enterprise Fund Debt Service Account in order to fully fund FY2019 Debt Service.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

65. Mayor's Request 207532 (ID:20312) Requesting the appropriation of \$9,711 from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to the Water Enterprise Fund Debt Service Account to fully fund FY2019 Debt Service.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

66. Mayor's Request 207533 (ID:20258) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice of \$2,540 for the Recreation Department's purchase of pool supplies.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

67. Mayor's Request 207534 (ID:20259) Requesting approval to pay 8 prior year invoices totaling \$1426.33 using available funds in the Information Technology Leased Equipment Account one monthly lease payment of 8 separate leased printers/copiers.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

68. Mayor's Request 207535 (ID:20260) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$165.73 using available funds in the Information Technology Leased Equipment Account for one month's lease payment for a printer/copier machine.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

69. Mayor's Request 207536 (ID:20137) Requesting acceptance of a \$41,125 grant with no new match required from the Metro North Workforce Board to SPCD's Economic Development Division for the Advanced Manufacturing Training Program.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

70. Mayor's Request 207537 (ID:20298) Requesting the authorization of an increase of the Council on Aging Revolving Fund Expenditure Cap to \$160,000 for FY19.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

71. Mayor's Request 207538 (ID:20302) Requesting the authorization of an increase of the Shape Up Somerville Mobile Market Revolving Fund Expenditure Cap for FY19 to \$45,000.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

72. Mayor's Request 207539 (ID:20276) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Anne Brockelman to the position of Zoning Board of Appeals full member.

Councilor Scott requested to waive the readings of items 72 through 80 and refer them 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

73. Mayor's Request 207540 (ID:20350) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Danielle Fillis Evans to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

74. Mayor's Request 207541 (ID:20274) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Zachary Baum to the position of Zoning Board of Appeals alternate member.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

75. Mayor's Request 207542 (ID:20275) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Drew Kane to the position of Zoning Board of Appeals alternate member.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

76. Mayor's Request 207543 (ID:20293) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Amelia Aboff to the position of Planning Board member.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

77. Mayor's Request 207544 (ID:20294) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Tim Talun to the position of Planning Board member.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

78. Mayor's Request 207545 (ID:20281) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Mara Santana to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

79. Mayor's Request 207546 (ID:20273) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jennifer Flygare to the Somerville Commission for Women.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

80. Mayor's Request 207547 (ID:20216) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Kristen Strezo to the Somerville Commission for Women.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

81. Officer's 207548 (ID:20280)

City Solicitor seeking approval to settle an outstanding claim over \$5,000 in Communication accordance with Ordinance 2-124, and to appear in Executive Session to discuss the matter.

> Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 81 through 84 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

82. Officer's

Special Counsel responding to #207171 re: nondisclosure agreements with Communication prospective developers or commercial tenants.

207549 (ID:20283)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

83. Officer's 207550

City Solicitor submitting the suit titled Somerville v. Purdue Pharma, filed in Communication Middlesex Superior Court.

(ID:20286)

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT: FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

84. Officer's Communication presentation. 207551

City Engineer requesting to address this Council with a construction costs

(ID:20304)

RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee 85. Officer's 207552

(ID:20282)

Fair Housing Program Specialist responding to #206773 with a Fair Housing Communication Enforcement Memo.

Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 85 through 88 and place them on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT:**

86. Officer's

Health & Human Services Director responding to #207162 re: creating a Communication checklist for resident safety.

207553 (ID:20279)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

87. Officer's 207554

Health & Human Services Director responding to #207377 re: public Communication communications about patterns in colds and flus.

(ID:20277)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

88. Officer's

Health & Human Services Director responding to #207378 re: the teen snow Communication shoveling program.

207555 (ID:20278)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

89. Officer's Communication

City Clerk requesting approval of his Public Official's Bond.

207556 (ID:20356)

RESULT: APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

90. 207557 (ID:20362)

License/Permit Public Event License, Tufts University Tuftonia's Day, Professors Row between Packard Ave and Curtis St, Apr 29, 2-9PM (raindate Apr 30).

> **RESULT: APPROVED**

91. License/Permit 207558 (ID:20363)

New Extended Operating Hours License, Sam's Falafel and Shawarma, 215 Highland Ave, remaining open to 3AM Mon-Sat for in-store, take-out, and delivery service.

Councilor Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 91 and refer it to the License and Permits Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

92. License/Permit 207559 (ID:20364)

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Mystic Auto Sales, 712 Mystic Ave.

Councilor Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 92 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED 93. Public 207560 (ID:20365)

Tufts University President responding to #207370, a Resolution calling for a Communication public accounting of Tufts' relationship with the Sackler Family and Purdue Pharmaceutical.

> Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 93 through 97 and place them on file, with follow-up by the appropriate committees. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

94. Public Communication review ordinance.

9 residents submitting comments re: #205420, the proposed condominium

207561

(ID:20366)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

95. Public Communication 207562

9 residents submitting comments re: Powderhouse Blvd traffic calming, and bicycle and pedestrian safety on public streets, in light of last week's tragedy at the Hardan Rd crosswalk.

(ID:20367)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

96. **Public**

23 residents submitting a petition re: #206486, a proposed order of taking at Communication 217 Somerville Ave.

207563 (ID:20368)

PLACED ON FILE RESULT: **FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee**

97. Public 207564

Sonia Lipson submitting comments re: #206747, the proposed zoning Communication overhaul, with respect to accessory dwelling units.

(ID:20369)

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT: FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

98. Resolution 207565 (ID:20378) By City Councilor Mbah, Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Scott That the Administration update this Council regarding the homelessness situation in our schools and create an emergency shelter to house every single child.

Councilor Mbah stated that this was submitted by him over a year ago and no headway has been made by the City.

RESULT: APPROVED

99. Resolution 207566 (ID:20375) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Mbah

That the Administration prohibit the use of any facial recognition technology by the City.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee 100. Order 207567 (ID:20372) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair and repaint the speed bump on Central Street, outside the CHA Care Center.

RESULT: APPROVED

101. Order 207568 (ID:20373)

By City Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Commissioner of Public Works establish a regular monthly cleaning schedule for the sidewalks abutting the Nunziato Dog Park.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

102. Order 207569 (ID:20374)

By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Scott, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.

That the Director of Traffic and Parking establish a policy whereby when traffic signs are removed, they are removed entirely, without leaving a 6-12" sharp metal stump sticking out of the sidewalk.

RESULT: APPROVED

103. Order 207570 (ID:20371) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install STOP signs and YIELD TO PEDESTRIAN signs in the Summer Street intersection with Prescott Street, and provide additional safety recommendations for this intersection.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

104. Order 207571 (ID:20377)

By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis

That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of SPCD review the attached Police report suggesting traffic safety improvements at the intersection of Summer and Cherry Streets, including a fourth crosswalk, and indicate which of these improvements can be made and when.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

105. Order 207572 (ID:20376)

By City Councilor Niedergang

That the Director of Inspectional Services bait the sewers around the intersection of Highland Avenue and Lowell Street, then down the east side of Lowell Street to Hudson Street and along the north side of Hudson Street from Lowell Street to 80 Hudson Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

106. Order 207573 (ID:20379)

By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.

That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking install all signage needed to inform motorists exiting Route 16 onto Powder House Blvd. that they are entering a residential and school neighborhood.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

107. Order 207574 (ID:20380) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Hirsch, Mbah, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Niedergang, White Jr.

That the Chief of Police develop a kindergarten pedestrian safety program for all children entering public schools.

Councilor Ballantyne stated that she has spoken to crossing guards who have said that there are many parents and children who jay-walk. She would like see a Kindergarten pedestrian safety program launched.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

108. Order 207575 (ID:20381) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis, Hirsch, Scott That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking immediately implement "only onsite parking" requirements for those proposed projects which have been confirmed during neighborhood meetings as not being granted residential or guest parking permits.

Councilor Ballantyne said it is imperative that this gets implemented as soon as possible. Councilor Niedergang said he would take it up in the Traffic and Parking Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

109. Mayor's Request 207576 (ID:20382) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,060,865 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to various Departmental Personal Services Accounts to fund the Memorandum of Agreement with SMEA Unit B dated Dec. 31, 2018.

Councilor White sponsored Ed Halloran, President of the SMEA Union, who stated that it's been a long struggle, and he thanked the Council for funding the settlement tonight.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

110. Mayor's Request 207577 (ID:20299) Requesting approval to appropriate \$200,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for Assembly Square Master Planning.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

111. Officer's

Director of SPCD submitting for approval the final Demonstration Project Communication Plan for 90 Washington Street.

207578 (ID:20353)

For discussion of this item, see #207344.

APPROVED RESULT:

112. Officer's

Special Counsel submitting for approval the revised Memorandum of Communication Agreement with the Redevelopment Authority.

207579 (ID:20355)

For discussion of this item, see #207343.

RESULT: APPROVED

113. Officer's 207580

(ID:20383)

Assistant City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance to define a quorum and allow Communication co-chairpersons for the Women's Commission.

For discussion of this item, see #207450.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:**

Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Clingan

114. Officer's 207581

(ID:20305)

Commissioner of Public Works responding to #206594 re: a complaint for the Communication removal of trees on Beacon St.

> Councilor Scott commented that the City has finally sent a Demand Letter to Newport Construction and Northern Tree in the amount of \$38,000, for the improper removal of trees on Beacon Street.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Public Utilities and Public Works Committee **FOLLOWUP:**

115. **Public**

McLaughlin Brothers PC submitting comments re: #206003, a proposed Order Communication of Taking for 90 Washington St.

207582 (ID:20370)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

116. Public 207583 (ID:20385)

62 residents submitting a petition re: #206486, a proposed order of taking at Communication 217 Somerville Ave.

> Councilor Scott said he submitted an Order of Taking six months ago for a small piece of land that was previously occupied by an American Legion Post which has closed. People in this area are desperate for open and green space. He said he hopes this petition will spur some action.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

LATE ITEMS

117. Order By City Councilor Rossetti, Scott

207584 That this Council's Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and

(ID:20387) Personnel Matters consider amending its Policy Manual to include a policy as it relates to candidates' perceived conflicts of interest and State ethics opinions.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:05 PM.