

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2020, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin.

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 210808
 (ID:23757) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 210809
 (ID:23758) Councilor Davis sponsored a moment of silence for Leah Zallman. Councilor Niedergang sponsored a moment of silence for Mario Davila. Councilor Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for Frank DiFonzo, and for the 47 Somerville residents who have passed away from the Covid-19 pandemic. Councilor Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Tony McDaid. Councilor McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for the nation's veterans who have been killed in service.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 8, 2020.
 210810
 (ID:23759) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

- 4. Citation 210811 (ID:23761) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. Commending the staff of the Elections Department for their tireless efforts to insure for every registered voter the opportunity to vote safely and securely in the recent presidential election.

Councilor Ballantyne spoke briefly, commending the Elections Department.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 5. Grant of Location 210812 (ID:23714) Submitted by TC Systems Inc to install 65 feet of conduit in Florence Street, from utility pole 127/8 to a proposed handhole at the intersection of Pearl and Florence Streets.

There were no speakers in favor of or against this item. The public hearing will remain open until November 20, 2020.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

- 6. Grant of Location 210813 (ID:23715) Submitted by TC Systems Inc to install 132 feet of conduit from a Comcast manhole at 77 Middlesex Ave to a proposed manhole at the intersection of Middlesex Ave and Foley St, then branching, with 7 feet going to Verizon Manhole #447 and 45 feet going to Pole 213/6, both at the same intersection.

There were no speakers in favor of or against this item. The public hearing will remain open until November 20, 2020.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

- 7. Grant of Location 210814 (ID:23709) Submitted by Eversource to install 138 feet of conduit in Professors Row, from utility pole 289/12 to a point of pickup at 91 Professors Row.

Jacqui Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of the item. The public hearing will remain open until November 20, 2020.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

- 8. Grant of Location 210815 (ID:23710) Submitted by Eversource to install 76 feet of conduit in Joy Street, from manhole 22832 to a point of pickup at the rear of 135 Linwood Street.

Jacqui Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of the item. The public hearing will remain open until November 20, 2020.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

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| <p>9. Grant of Location 210816 (ID:23711)</p> | <p>Submitted by Eversource to install 31 feet of conduit in Woodbine Street, from utility pole 632/2 to a point of pickup at 15 Woodbine Street.</p> |
| | <p>Jacqui Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of the item. The public hearing will remain open until November 20, 2020.
 RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
 FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
| <p>10. Grant of Location 210817 (ID:23712)</p> | <p>Submitted by Eversource to install 337 feet of conduit in Grand Union Boulevard, from manhole 29310 to manhole 29175.</p> |
| | <p>Jacqui Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of the item. The public hearing will remain open until November 20, 2020.
 RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
 FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
| <p>11. Grant of Location 210818 (ID:23713)</p> | <p>Submitted by Eversource to install 5 feet of conduit in Curtis Street, from utility pole 289/16 to a point of pickup at 131 Curtis Street.</p> |
| | <p>Jacqui Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of the item. The public hearing will remain open until November 20, 2020.
 RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
 FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

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| <p>12. Resolution 210819 (ID:23685)</p> | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin, and the Mayor, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr. Proclaiming this 12th day of November, 2020 to be a day to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and rededicating ourselves to make Somerville accessible and inclusive for all who live here.</p> |
| | <p>Councilor McLaughlin confirmed the Council's support for the ADA's goals.
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>13. Resolution 210820 (ID:23730)</p> | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin, Strezo, Ballantyne Calling on Governor Baker to implement a streamlined process for MassHealth applicants to simultaneously file for SNAP benefits.</p> |
| | <p>Councilor McLaughlin said too many people don't receive SNAP benefits even though they are eligible for them.
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

14. Order 210821 (ID:23720) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Clingan
That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on the processes used to better manage and enforce conditions identified in building permits.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
15. Order 210822 (ID:23728) By City Councilor Strezo, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Rossetti, Davis, Clingan, White Jr., Mbah
That this Council undergo diversity, gender, racial and cultural sensitivity training, once per term, beginning in January 2021, which may be administered by the Personnel Department or a consultant.
- Councilors Strezo and Mbah urged support of this item. President McLaughlin commented that no responses were received for an RFP that was sent out, and allowing city staff to conduct the training will move this initiative forward.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
16. Order 210823 (ID:23750) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Parks and Recreation discuss with this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development whether public playground sandbox coverings are an option when the parks are closed.
- Councilor Strezo said she was told earlier today that it's not possible to cover the sandboxes.
- RESULT:** WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
17. Order 210824 (ID:23734) By City Councilor Clingan, Strezo
That the Director of Engineering appear before this Council's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to discuss the Medford Street sidewalk repaving "book job" and the subsequent usage conditions left as a result of bringing the sidewalks to ADA compliance.
- Councilor Clingan explained that the repaving project created a dangerous situation for some residents because of the ADA slope of the sidewalk. Some were also concerned with possible liability issues.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

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| 18. | Order
210825
(ID:23735) | <p>By City Councilor Clingan</p> <p>That the Director of Engineering address residents' concerns regarding possible property owner liability relating to the conditions created by the City in its efforts to bring sidewalks to ADA compliance.</p> |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p> |
| 19. | Order
210826
(ID:23736) | <p>By City Councilor Clingan</p> <p>That the Director of SPCD prioritize painting the crosswalk on Sycamore Street near Evergreen Avenue.</p> |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 20. | Order
210827
(ID:23737) | <p>By City Councilor Clingan</p> <p>That the Director of Parking install a NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign on Forster Street at the Central Street end of the roadway.</p> |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> |
| 21. | Order
210828
(ID:23738) | <p>By City Councilor Clingan</p> <p>That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parking remove the parking meters at 315 Broadway.</p> |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> |
| 22. | Order
210829
(ID:23739) | <p>By City Councilor Clingan</p> <p>That the Commissioner of Public Works address the streetlight outage on the entire length of Fellsway West, resulting from the work being done by DCR at Foss Park.</p> |
| | | <p>Councilor Clingan has been informed by residents that the lights are out. DCR has said that they will be turned back on in a couple of weeks.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p> |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

23. Resolution 210586 (ID:23470) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Mayor update this Council, in Executive Session, on alleged suspicious activity in the DPW Fleet yard in March of 2020.
- Labor Counsel Julie McKenzie advised the Council that this item meets the requirements for discussion in Executive Session. The Council moved to Executive Session at 10:15 PM, and returned to regular session at 11:00 PM. No votes were taken in Executive Session.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
24. Communication 210692 (ID:23549) By City Councilor Strezio
Reporting on the demographic breakdown of employees in the E-911 dispatch, Fire Alarm dispatch, and Constituent Services Departments.
- Councilor Strezio said she would discuss this item later in the meeting as part of the Housing and Community Development Committee report for the October 28 meeting (#210835).
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
25. Order 210805 (ID:23677) By City Councilor Scott
That this Council meet in Executive Session to discuss the reputation, discipline, or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, Ron Bonney, who was last known as the Director of Fleet.
- Assistant City Solicitor David Shapiro advised the Council that this item meets the requirements for discussion in Executive Session. The Council moved to Executive Session at 9:05 PM, and returned to regular session at 10:15 PM. No votes were taken in Executive Session.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
26. Order 210806 (ID:23678) By City Councilor Davis
That this Council invoke its right to engage outside counsel to compel the Administration to update this Council in Executive Session on alleged suspicious activity in the DPW Fleet Yard in March, 2020.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

27. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
210830
(ID:23745)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on November 2, 2020.</p> | <p>Councilor Rossetti presented the report and highlighted some of the accomplishments of the candidates recommended for promotion.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>B. Order
208511
(ID:21380)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Director of Personnel provide the City Council with a monthly vacancy report.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>C. Mayor's Request
210723
(ID:23596)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kenneth Silva to the position of District Fire Chief.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>D. Mayor's Request
210792
(ID:23614)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Justin Bonner to the position of Fire Captain.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request
210793
(ID:23615)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Khoury to the position of Fire Captain.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>F. Mayor's Request
210794
(ID:23616)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Dennis Sullivan to the position of Fire Captain.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

G. Mayor's Request 210795 (ID:23617) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Thomas Bellini to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

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

H. Mayor's Request 210796 (ID:23618) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Eric Saulnier to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

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

I. Mayor's Request 210797 (ID:23619) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Danielle O'Hearn to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

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

28. EQUITY, GENDER, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 210831 (ID:23746) Report of the Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations, meeting on November 4, 2020.

Councilor Mbah presented the report and gave a brief summary. The Committee recommended that items #210239 and #210240 be discharged from the Equity Committee and referred to the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety.

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

B. Order 205289 (ID:18063) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne, Davis, Clingan That the Director of Purchasing share the process for procuring food, food packaging and flatware for the school cafeterias.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 205290 (ID:18064) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne, Davis That the Commissioner of Public Works share the process of handling different types of cafeteria waste, including recyclables and food waste.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| D. Order
205361
(ID:18126) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Davis, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Clingan
That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Superintendent of Schools share their policies and procedures for allocating indoor spaces and outdoor spaces, in particular for local or youth-serving organizations. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| E. Officer's
Communication
205531
(ID:18194) | Parks and Recreation Director responding to #205361 re: the allocation of indoor and outdoor spaces. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| F. Officer's
Communication
205532
(ID:18176) | Parks and Recreation Director submitting the Department's Fall, 2017 youth participation statistics. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| G. Resolution
206188
(ID:18960) | By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Hirsch, Mbah, Ballantyne, and the Entire Board
That the Administration update this Board prior to July 12, 2018, on providing public restrooms at public parks, including parks that will be used by programs that would otherwise use Conway Park, including Dickerman Park. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| H. Resolution
206232
(ID:19061) | By City Councilor Niedergang, and the Entire Board
That the Administration install portable toilets at playgrounds and the following parks: Albion, Dickerman, North Street, Lincoln (when it reopens), Marshall Street, Chuckie Harris, Kenney, Grimmons, Healey, Hoyt-Sullivan (when it reopens) and Conway, no later than July 2018. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| I. Resolution
206643
(ID:19417) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne
That the Administration report on how the port-a-potty pilot went this summer, whether or not it can be expanded, and how residents should notify the city if port-a-potties need cleaning. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| J. Public
Communication
210290
(ID:23156) | 3,380 citizens (approx.) submitting comments re: redistributing Police Department funding. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |

- K. Order 210832 (ID:23729) By City Councilor Mbah, Ballantyne, Strezo That #210239 and #210240 be discharged from the Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations and referred to the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety.

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

29. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210833 (ID:23749) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on November 10, 2020.

Councilor White recused with respect to #210752. Councilor Scott gave a brief summary of the report and said he requested a copy of every FY21 invoice of the DPW's Fleet Maintenance Division to date.

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

- B. Order 208132 (ID:20939) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Water and Sewer discuss the option for property owners to add a second water meter to use for irrigation and other outdoor uses.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 210221 (ID:23077) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Finance discuss providing small businesses the option to pay the Licensing Commission's annual license renewal fees in installments instead of all at once.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Resolution 210483 (ID:23344) By City Councilor Rossetti That the Administration consider relief for local small businesses as it relates to their annual renewal of licenses and associated fees.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 210748 (ID:23666) By City Councilor Rossetti That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Council with a report of total known expenses for FY19, FY20 and FY21 to date.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| F. | <p>Mayor's Request
210751
(ID:23597)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$473.54 using available funds in the Health & Human Services Supply Account for Somerville Farmers Market bags and folders for a training.</p> | | | | |
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | |
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| G. | <p>Mayor's Request
210752
(ID:23569)</p> | <p>Requesting the approval for a change in the scope of the CPA FY16 and FY19 award to the Somerville Museum.</p> | | | | | | |
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [10 TO 0] | | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | | |
| RECUSED: | White Jr. | | | | | | | |
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| H. | <p>Officer's Communication
210799
(ID:23658)</p> | <p>Interim Director of Water and Sewer submitting a draft Scope of Services for the long-term Water and Sewer Rate Study and Affordability Analysis.</p> | | |
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| I. | <p>Order
210834
(ID:23784)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Scott
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Council's Finance Committee with every invoice from the Fleet Division's Ordinary Maintenance budget for FY21 year to date, including documentation supporting encumbrance figures listed in the current Munis report.</p> | | | | | | |
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | | |
| FOLLOWUP: | Finance Committee | | | | | | | |

30. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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| A. | <p>Committee Report
210835
(ID:23743)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on October 28, 2020.</p> | | | | |
| <p>Councilor Strezo presented the report and spoke about the snow shoveling program for senior citizens and ways to assist local businesses during the holiday season.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">RESULT:</td> <td>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AYES:</td> <td>Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</td> </tr> </table> | | | RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | |
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| B. | <p>Order
210781
(ID:23667)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Health and Human Services appear before this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss the Teen Snow Shoveling Program for the 2020-2021 winter season.</p> | | |
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31. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210836 (ID:23742) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on October 27, 2020.

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

- B. Public Communication 210718 (ID:23587) Anthony Martignetti proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone his property at 360 Medford St to High Rise.

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

- C. Public Communication 210731 (ID:23604) 2 residents submitting comments re: #210364, a residents' petition to rezone 6 parcels in the Gilman Sq area.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

32. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210837 (ID:23744) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on October 29, 2020.

Councilor Davis presented the report and noted that the first set of Surveillance Technology Impact reports were discussed at the meeting.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Mayor's Request 208703 (ID:21511) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City to appoint Police Cadets under certain circumstances.

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

- C. Order 209377 (ID:22221) By City Councilor Niedergang That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to ban the sale of alcohol in containers up to 100 milliliters, including "nips," to enhance public health and reduce litter, plastic use, and public drunkenness.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

33. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
210838
(ID:23747) | Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on November 9, 2020. |
| | | Councilor Ballantyne presented the report and noted that SPCD is still accepting comments for SomerVision 2040.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| B. | Order
201857
(ID:14510) | By City Councilor Ballantyne, McWatters, Niedergang, Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Sustainability and Environment inform the Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy which elements of the AMA's 2016 guidelines on LED lighting could be or have been used to minimize potential harmful effects. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| C. | Order
202992
(ID:15699) | By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and the City Solicitor advise this Board on the feasibility requiring certain commercial and multi-family buildings to require composting as a part of regular waste disposal. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| D. | Resolution
204434
(ID:17161) | By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang
That the Administration provide this Board's Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy with an analysis of the attached communication regarding LED street lights. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| E. | Resolution
205711
(ID:18543) | By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen, Mbah
That the Administration present a Heat Island Impact Analysis on the proposed replacement of Conway Park's grass fields with artificial turf. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| F. | Order
207376
(ID:20199) | By City Councilor Mbah
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and the Director of SPCD formalize and implement a modern urban forestry management plan, including best practices and a resilient species list. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| G. | Resolution
208590
(ID:21403) | By City Councilor Davis, Mbah
That the Administration revisit the proposal to institute citywide curbside composting. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

- H. Order 208920 (ID:21751) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD develop a plan to plant a native species pollinator garden along the Community Path.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- I. Order 209624 (ID:22476) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy provide feedback on the SomerVision 2040's chapters on 1) Public Space & Natural Environment and 2) Climate & Sustainability with respect to metrics, key tasks, and other strategies as noted within.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- J. Order 210689 (ID:23572) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry work with the Ward 3 Councilor to facilitate a community meeting to plan a replacement tree(s) for the large Elm tree in Prospect Hill Park that appears to be succumbing to Dutch Elm disease.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

34. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210839 (ID:23740) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on October 26, 2020.

Councilor Davis presented the report.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

- B. Order 209664 (ID:22558) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, Niedergang, Hirsch, White Jr. That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss using city policies to address pollution mitigation for new developments along high transit roads and highways.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 209667 (ID:22561) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Directors of Health and Human Services and Somerville Cares About Prevention appear before this Council's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss their roles regarding recreational marijuana applications.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Resolution 210182 (ID:23032) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Postmaster provide any contingency plans to be implemented in the event of a forced shut-down or suspension of service due to a lack of funding or the COVID-19 pandemic.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 210208 (ID:23063) By City Councilor Clingan, Ballantyne
That the Director of Parks and Recreation report to this Council’s Public Health and Public Safety Committee the plan to re-open the Dilboy Pool on July 1.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. Order 210209 (ID:23064) By City Councilor Clingan, Ballantyne
That the Director of Parks and Recreation report to this Council’s Public Health and Public Safety Committee with the plan for re-opening the department’s Summer Camp.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- G. Order 210211 (ID:23066) By City Councilor Clingan, Scott
That the Director of Health and Human Services work with all community partners in contact with parents to make sure those parents identify someone to care for their children should they need to be hospitalized, and make that information is accessible, with contact information, in case it is needed.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- H. Officer's Communication 210282 (ID:23115) Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #210208 and #210209 on plans to re-open Dilboy Pool and Summer Camps.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- I. Public Communication 210356 (ID:23218) US Postal Service Manager of Governmental Relations responding to #210182 re: Postal Service operations during the pandemic.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- J. Order 210433 (ID:23310) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
That the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Council the feasibility of using weekly pooled Covid-19 testing and/or relatively affordable "test strips" for school children, public employees, and workers at public-facing businesses.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

35. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210840 (ID:23741) Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on October 27, 2020.

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

- B. Order 209803 (ID:22732) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of Health and Human Services report on how the new sign-off administrative procedure for demolitions is progressing.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

36. Mayor's Request 210841 (ID:23694) Requesting approval of the attached amendments to the Zoning Ordinances to establish an Affordable Housing Overlay District.

Also referred to the Planning Board.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

37. Mayor's Request 210842 (ID:23765) Requesting the appropriation of \$7,129,550 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund to provide resources to fight the pandemic.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

38. Mayor's Request 210843 (ID:23755) Requesting approval to appropriate \$3,000,000 from the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund for Building Renovations and HVAC System Improvements to reopen the public schools.

The Council took up this item following the Mayor's presentation of the city's school re-opening plan (see #210902).
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| 39. Mayor's Request 210844 (ID:23756) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,500,000 from the Facility Construction & Renovation Stabilization Fund for Building Renovations and HVAC System Improvements to reopen the public schools. |
| | <p>The Council took up this item following the Mayor's presentation of the city's school re-opening plan (see #210902).</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 40. Mayor's Request 210845 (ID:23731) | Requesting the appropriation of \$1,672,769 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Parking Meter Receipts Account in order to reduce the FY21 Tax Rate. |
| | <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of Agenda items 40 through 60 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 41. Mayor's Request 210846 (ID:23732) | Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$600,000 to the School Lunch Revolving Fund to fund a projected budget deficit in FY21. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 42. Mayor's Request 210847 (ID:23752) | Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$259,492 to the Veterans Ice Rink Enterprise Fund. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 43. Mayor's Request 210848 (ID:23683) | Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$209,280 to the Fire Department Repair & Maintenance Vehicles Account to repair Ladder Two's aerial ladder. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 44. Mayor's Request 210849 (ID:23753) | Requesting the appropriation of \$51,712 from the Dilboy Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to balance the FY21 Dilboy Enterprise Fund Budget. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 45. Mayor's Request 210850 (ID:23688) | Requesting the supplemental appropriation of \$11,907 to the Public Library's Digital Subscription Account to meet the FY21 appropriation requirement outlined by the MA Board of Library Commissioners. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |

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| 46. Mayor's Request 210851 (ID:23762) | Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$10,704 to the City Clerk Software Repair and Maintenance Account to develop new domestic partnership software and extend the city's MinuteTraq contract. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 47. Mayor's Request 210852 (ID:23733) | Requesting the rescission of the prior appropriation of \$5,253,206 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to reduce the FY21 Tax Levy, as approved on July 14 in #210317. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 48. Mayor's Request 210853 (ID:23760) | Requesting the reduction of the FY21 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Budget by \$65,000 to balance the budget. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 49. Mayor's Request 210854 (ID:23754) | Requesting the reduction of \$8,848 from the appropriated FY21 Dilboy Enterprise Fund Budget to balance the budget. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 50. Mayor's Request 210855 (ID:23691) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,872.50 using available funds in the Communications Professional and Technical Services Account. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 51. Mayor's Request 210856 (ID:23695) | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$200 using available funds in the Fire Department Dues and Memberships Account for CHAMP membership. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 52. Mayor's Request 210857 (ID:23608) | Requesting acceptance of a \$1,400,000 payment from the MBTA/MA DoT to the SPCD Mobility Division for required GLX traffic and pedestrian environmental commitments. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

53. Mayor's Request 210858 (ID:23679) Requesting acceptance of \$878,051 in CDBG CARES Act funds and \$632,359 in ESG CARES grant funds with no new match required, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to prepare for, prevent, and respond to the impacts of Covid-19.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

54. Mayor's Request 210859 (ID:23686) Requesting acceptance of a \$295,463 grant with no new match required, from the State 911 Office to the Police Department to fund E911 personnel costs.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

55. Mayor's Request 210860 (ID:23721) Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Health to the Health and Human Services Department for its Covid-19 response.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

56. Mayor's Request 210861 (ID:23687) Requesting acceptance of a \$89,234.57 grant with no new match required, from the State E911 Office to the Police Department for 911 training and the certification of 911 telecommunicators.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

57. Mayor's Request 210862 (ID:23722) Requesting acceptance of a gift of \$88,140 with no new match required, from Ginkgo Bioworks to supply and process COVID 19 PCR tests for schools and other essential city personnel.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

58. Mayor's Request 210863 (ID:23684) Requesting acceptance of a \$25,600 grant with no new match required, from the MA Emergency Management Agency to the Fire Department for the purchase of safety equipment.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

59. Mayor's Request 210864 (ID:23681) Requesting acceptance of a \$13,305 grant with no new match required, from the MA Board of Library Commissioners to the Public Library to create a 2-year program to train immigrants via an ESOL civics awareness class, provide USCIS citizenship workshops, create a Citizenship Corner at each branch, and create a mechanism to sustain the program past the 2-year award. .

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

60. Mayor's Request 210865 (ID:23693) Requesting acceptance of an \$6,233.33 grant with no new match required, from the MA Dept of Public Health to the Police Department to purchase and provide training for Naxalone.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

61. Mayor's Request 210866 (ID:23692) Requesting approval of a waiver in annual license fees for certain business licenses.

Councilor Rossetti thanked the Administration for this proposal and urged its approval.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

62. Mayor's Request 210867 (ID:23717) Requesting approval of a contract extension for the KZLA Architects construction administration contract for services at Prospect Hill Park.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of Agenda items 62 and 63 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

63. Mayor's Request 210868 (ID:23718) Requesting approval of a contract extension for the NELM Corp construction contract for services at Prospect Hill Park.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

64. Mayor's Request 210869 (ID:23690) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Lian Guertin to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the readings of Agenda items 64 through 66 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

65. Mayor's Request 210870 (ID:23697) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Zachary Zasloff to the Condominium Review Board.

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

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| 66. | Mayor's Request
210871
(ID:23699) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Elizabeth Janiak to the Condominium Review Board. |
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FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

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| 67. | Officer's Communication
210872
(ID:23696) | Condominium Review Board submitting its FY20 Annual Report. |
| | | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 68. | Officer's Communication
210873
(ID:23751) | City Clerk responding to #210676 re: discrepancies in abutter notifications in applications from various utilities for Grants of Location. |
| | | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee |

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| 69. | Officer's Communication
210874
(ID:23682) | Director of Health and Human Services responding to #210687 re: current and potential services available to neighbors experiencing homelessness, mental illness, and addiction. |
| | | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 70. | License/Permit
210875
(ID:23716) | New Drainlayer's License, Manafort Transit LLC. |
| | | Councilor White moved to waive the readings of Agenda items 70 through 82, refer 72 through 74 to the Committee on Licenses and Permits, and approve the remainder.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 71. | License/Permit
210876
(ID:23724) | New Drainlayer's License, JET Holding Corp. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

72. License/Permit 210877 (ID:23704)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 1, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
73. License/Permit 210878 (ID:23705)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 1, Smart Center Boston, 257 McGrath Hwy.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
74. License/Permit 210879 (ID:23706)	Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 1, Herb Chambers Mercedes Benz of Boston Commercial Vans, 161 Linwood St.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
75. License/Permit 210880 (ID:23703)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Brake, 45 Broadway.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
76. License/Permit 210881 (ID:23707)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Hillside Service Center, 45 Mystic Ave.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
77. License/Permit 210882 (ID:23708)	Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Valente Enterprise, 154 Glen St.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
78. License/Permit 210883 (ID:23725)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Auto Sales, 525 Broadway.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| 79. License/Permit
210884
(ID:23726) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Top Gear Motor Group, 24 Joy St. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 80. License/Permit
210885
(ID:23727) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, William Doucette Auto Sales, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 81. License/Permit
210886
(ID:23702) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Tech Auto Body, 9 Union Sq. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 82. License/Permit
210887
(ID:23701) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Joseph Talewsky and Son, 512 Columbia St. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 83. Public
Communication
210888
(ID:23763) | Tufts University submitting its Fall 2020 University Accountability report. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> |
| 84. Public
Communication
210889
(ID:23764) | Harvard University submitting its Fall 2020 University Accountability report. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> |
| 85. Public
Communication
210890
(ID:23766) | 5 citizens submitting comments re: #210595, Conditions for Special Permits with respect to LaCourt Realty. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

86. Order 210891 (ID:23769) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Parks and Recreation appear before this Council’s Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss installing playground communication boards in all parks to expand park accessibility for children who are nonverbal or have other communication challenges.

Councilor Strezo explained that these boards could be helpful in communicating with nonverbal children or those with communication problems.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

87. Order 210892 (ID:23774) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis
That the Director of SPCD change the language and photo on page 66 in SomerVision2040, to what is attached within.

Councilor Ballantyne explained that this language change is more friendly to native species plantings.

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

88. Resolution 210893 (ID:23775) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Clingan, Strezo, Mbah, Scott, Rossetti, McLaughlin, White Jr.
That the Mayor submit a supplemental budget request to immediately add staff and funding to the Mobility Division for traffic calming, and increase its staff and funding by at least 50% in FY22.

Councilor Davis asked that Items 89 through 96 be taken up in conjunction with this item. Councilor Niedergang said the city needs to devote more resources to traffic calming, pointing out that there have been 4 traffic fatalities in the city in recent years. He reported that the Mayor has committed to request an appropriation in January to help the situation and to request additional funds for calming measures in the FY22 budget. Councilor Davis stated that the Council is optically reacting to a recent situation, and the city is failing to put into practice adequate measures to calm traffic, with problem areas throughout the city. Councilor Ballantyne suggested looking at infrastructure when making improvements.

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

89. Resolution 210894 (ID:23785) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Administration expand and maintain the use of bollards and other pedestrian safety measures citywide so they are replaced immediately as needed.

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

90. Order 210895 (ID:23786) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Capital Projects revise the College Avenue reconstruction plan to include additional safety measures for pedestrians at both perpendicular and parallel crossings.

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

91. Order 210896 (ID:23787) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor on the overdue new equipment necessary to improve signal timing in Davis Square.

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

92. Order 210897 (ID:23788) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD implement a traffic calming plan on Morrison Avenue including alternating parking to create chicanes.

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

93. Order 210898 (ID:23789) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor on any plans to further improve pedestrian safety at the intersection of Willow Avenue, Elm Street and Beech Street, possibly with a center island and bump outs.

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

94. Order 210899 (ID:23790) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parking implement traffic calming measures on Powder House Terrace.

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

95. Order 210900 (ID:23791) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor on previously discussed plans to reconfigure the Powder House Traffic Circle.

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

96. Order 210901 (ID:23792) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Parking make sure a DO NOT ENTER sign prohibiting left turns from College Avenue onto Kidder Avenue is visible to drivers on College Avenue who might be considering such a turn. (3rd request)

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

97. Mayor's Request 210902 (ID:23783) Requesting to appear before this Council on November 12, 2020 to discuss the Public School COVID-19 Response and Reopening Plan.

Mayor Curtatone updated the Council on the reopening of schools. He said things are getting worse as increased cases of COVID-19 are being seen, with data showing that some areas of the city are being impacted more than others. He said the city's decisions rely on a science-based approach. He commented that the school guidelines issued by the State last week were unreliable and do not provide the tools needed to do the job safely. He said he wants to ensure that all available safety measures are utilized to make it safe to reopen the schools, and improving ventilation, along with other protocols like masks and social distancing, will help mitigate the risk of contracting the virus. He outlined a plan to test students and staff, saying 23 different options were reviewed. A policy recommendation is now before the School Committee. Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management Rich Raiche presented a school building assessment and estimated that the cost of remediating the buildings would be approximately \$7.5 million, \$3 million of which would come from the CARES Act. Several councilors gave their thoughts on the matter and expressed support for the additional appropriation of \$4.5 million.

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

98. Mayor's Request 210903 (ID:23793) Requesting a transfer of \$15,000 from the Executive Administration Personal Services Account to the Grants Development Personal Services Account to cover an increase in hours for the part-time grant writer.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of Agenda items 98 through 100 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

99. Mayor's Request 210904 (ID:23723) Requesting acceptance of a \$50,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for the purchase of maritime equipment to enhance responses to marine incidents.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

100. Mayor's Request 210905 (ID:23689) Requesting acceptance of a \$24,500 grant with no new match required, from the State 911 Office to the Police Department to fund E911 emergency medical dispatch services.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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101. Mayor's Request 210906 (ID:23776) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for BriefCam.
- Councilor Davis moved to waive the readings of Agenda items 101 through 107 and refer them to the Committee on Legislative Matters.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
102. Mayor's Request 210907 (ID:23777) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Covert Device Cameras.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
103. Mayor's Request 210908 (ID:23778) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GPS and Monitor.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
104. Mayor's Request 210909 (ID:23779) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GreyKey.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
105. Mayor's Request 210910 (ID:23780) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for License Plate Readers.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
106. Mayor's Request 210911 (ID:23781) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Pole Cameras.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
107. Mayor's Request 210912 (ID:23782) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for the SPCD Drone Camera.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

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| 108. Mayor's Request
210913
(ID:23698) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Patricha Paul to the Condominium Review Board. | <p>Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the readings of Agenda items 108 and 109 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 109. Mayor's Request
210914
(ID:23700) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of William Medeiros to the Condominium Review Board. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 110. Officer's Communication
210915
(ID:23768) | DPW Director of Administration and Finance responding to #210748 with DPW expenses since FY19. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 111. Officer's Communication
210916
(ID:23794) | Director of SPCD responding to #205709 re: public fields in the Inner Belt District. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee</p> |

LATE ITEMS

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| 112. Resolution
210239
(ID:23138) | By City Councilor Clingan, McLaughlin, Davis, Niedergang, Scott That the Mayor work with the Director of the Somerville Housing Authority to abolish the Housing Authority Police Department and reallocate the funds for social services for Housing Authority residents. | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations pursuant to #210832.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> |
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113. Resolution 210240 (ID:23139) By City Councilor Clingan, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Scott, Strezio, Davis That the Director of the Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) develop a formal process for SHA residents to report SHA Police misconduct, in lieu of an outright abolition.

Discharged from the Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations pursuant to #210832.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

114. Public Communication 210917 (ID:23795) Kenneth Waterman submitting a complaint against Mercedes Benz of Boston.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 12:50 AM.