

City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2017, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Alderman At Large William A. White Jr.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Robert J. McWatters	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. Roll Call
204349
(ID:17129) Call of the Roll.

Alderman White and the entire Board held a moment of silence for Officer Louis Remigio. Police Chief David Fallon delivered a brief eulogy, and the Board payed tribute to his outstanding career of service. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes
204350
(ID:17130) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 14, 2017.

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3. Grant of Location 204351 (ID:17132) Submitted by Eversource to install 7 feet of conduit in Summer St, from Pole 325/4 to a point of pickup at Nunziato Field.

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: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

- 4. Grant of Location 204352 (ID:17133) Submitted by Eversource to install 320 feet of conduit in Lowell and Woodbine Sts, from Pole 215/24 on Lowell St to a point of pickup on Woodbine St at the rear of 231 Lowell 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

- 5. Order 204353 (ID:17073) By Ald. Ballantyne, Davis That the Director of SPCD advise the Ward 6 and 7 Aldermen when the tree that was requested 6 years ago will be planted at 80 Bay State Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee

- 6. Order 204354 (ID:17084) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the removed tree stump at 6 Barton Street with a tree.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

- 7. Order 204355 (ID:17085) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works and the city's landscape architects maintain the 30-foot slide at the North Street Veterans Park, check the entire structure for safety, and inform the Ward 7 Alderman of the slide's warranty.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee

- 8. Order 204356 (ID:17086) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works remove, replace or cover the rib iron sticking out of the lamppost base at the pedestrian crosswalk on Alewife Brook Parkway at the Clarendon Hill North Street Housing Development.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 9. | Order
204357
(ID:17087) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken sidewalk panels at 1323 Broadway. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | | |
| 10. | Order
204358
(ID:17091) | By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the dead tree on Grove Street next to Kenney Park. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | | |
| 11. | Order
204359
(ID:17108) | By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan, Rossetti, Davis, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the severely uplifted sidewalk panel at the corner of Winslow Avenue and Grove Street. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | | |
| 12. | Order
204360
(ID:17092) | By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., Davis
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police enforce the NO VEHICLE PARKING regulation on the sidewalks on Winter Street. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | | |
| 13. | Order
204361
(ID:17090) | By Ald. Heuston, Connolly, and the Entire Board
That MA DOT, Newport Construction and all other parties with knowledge of the cutting down of trees on Beacon Street on October 6, without any public notice, appear before this Board at its next regular meeting to respond to concerns about the surprise tree removal. |
| <p>Alderman Heuston described the shock and anger of the Beacon Street neighborhood. Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Tim Snyder said the Administration shares the anger of the Board and the community. The contract on Beacon Street is administered by the State. The contractor approved a sub-contractor to cut the trees down, without the approval of Mass DOT or the City. The contractor communicates regularly with the City about upcoming work, and had told the City that there was no more work to be done in that portion of the corridor for the remainder of the season. Because no work was scheduled, there was no City presence in the area. Community representative Lumina Gerschfield-Cordova spoke about the loss of the trees, said the community wants to have mature trees planted in their place by a professional arborist, and announced a vigil at 5 PM on Sunday to mourn their loss.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p> | | |

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14. Order 204362 (ID:17096) By Ald. Heuston, Sullivan
That the Director of SPCD work with Mass DOT to cease all work on the Beacon Street reconstruction project until a full report on the removal of trees from the street is received and presented to this Board and until city staff is assigned day to day responsibility for oversight.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
15. Resolution 204363 (ID:17094) By Ald. Heuston, and the Entire Board
The Administration assign or hire city staff to oversee the daily operations of contractor and utility company activity for the Beacon Street reconstruction project, and adopt a policy of such oversight for every state funded street reconstruction project going forward.
- Alderman Heuston said the city needs to have staff on-site for State projects, to insure that work is done properly.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
16. Order 204364 (ID:17093) By Ald. Heuston, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the City Solicitor and the Director of SPCD submit to this Board, amendments to the Tree Preservation Ordinance with criteria for removal and notification to add safeguards for street reconstruction projects.
- Alderman Heuston said that the ordinance about the removal of trees needs to be strengthened, to apply to street reconstruction projects.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
17. Order 204365 (ID:17095) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD estimate for this Board the cost to move overhead wires underground on Beacon Street from Washington to Hampshire Streets, identify potential funding sources, and discuss the feasibility and impact of such an endeavor on the current Beacon Street project.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
18. Order 204366 (ID:17097) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Parks and Recreation instruct the contractor for the Lincoln Park reconstruction to put up tarps or mesh shields to protect residents of Fremont and Parker Streets from dirt blowing into their houses during construction.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

19. Order 204367 (ID:17099) By Ald. Heuston That the Director of Parks and Recreation report back to this Board whether chain link fencing was represented in the original plans for Lincoln Park.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
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20. Order 204368 (ID:17100) By Ald. Heuston That the Director of Parks and Recreation report back to this Board on whether the intensity of the excavation at Lincoln Park was factored into construction plans, and what steps will be taken to evaluate its impact on properties abutting the park.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
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21. Order 204369 (ID:17098) By Ald. Heuston That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate the crosswalk area from Joseph Street to Lincoln Parkway and make necessary accommodations to allow the sidewalk to be used for children walking to the Argenziano School.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
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22. Order 204370 (ID:17101) By Ald. Heuston That the Director of Water and Sewer inform this Board whether it is protocol to notify residents of excessive water usage on their property, the means by which that is done, and the recourse residents have if they were not notified.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
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23. Order 204371 (ID:17102) By Ald. Heuston That the Director of Water and Sewer explain to this Board any customer service offered to residents who question their water bills.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
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24. Resolution 204372 (ID:17103) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Administration work with the State Delegation to provide sound barriers along I-93 to help with air and noise pollution.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
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| 25. Order
204373
(ID:17104) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the low hanging wires on Webster Street. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 26. Order
204374
(ID:17105) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the pothole at 20 Webster Street. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 27. Order
204375
(ID:17106) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Water and Sewer clean the sewers on Everett Avenue, Wigglesworth Street and Bonair Street. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 28. Resolution
204376
(ID:17107) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Traffic Commission place a temporary speed bump on Wigglesworth Street. |
| RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee | |
| 29. Order
204377
(ID:17109) | By Ald. Niedergang, Davis, Connolly, and the Entire Board
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the City Solicitor appear at this Board's November 9, 2017 meeting to discuss why developers have gotten building permits without meeting pre-conditions specified in zoning decisions, how the City can more effectively monitor projects for compliance with zoning conditions and other requirements, and what fines and penalties can be levied to deter future violations. |
| Alderman Niedergang said that recently a developer was granted a building permit even though 8 of the conditions in the zoning approval had not been met, including some very basic ones, like a drainage study. He said the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and City Solicitor should come before the Board to answer questions from the Board on the first meeting in November.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen | |
| 30. Withdrawn
204378
(ID:17110) | Withdrawn. |
| RESULT: WITHDRAWN | |

31. Order 204379 (ID:17111) By Ald. Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works reattach the two missing orange bollards on the east side of the Lowell Street bridge at the Community Path ramp, and replace the broken yellow bollard on the east side of Cedar Street at the Community Path.

RESULT: APPROVED

32. Order 204380 (ID:17112) By Ald. Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken street light in Junction Park.

RESULT: APPROVED

33. Order 204381 (ID:17113) By Ald. Niedergang That the City arborist report to the Ward 5 Alderman on the status of the tree at 48 Holyoke Road.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee

34. Order 204382 (ID:17114) By Ald. Sullivan, Lafuente, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr. That the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate the new crosswalk signal at Mystic Avenue and Temple Street for safety and timing issues and report back to this Board.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

35. Order 204383 (ID:17115) By Ald. Sullivan, Davis, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr. That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint the NO CYCLING sidewalk stencil in Davis Square.

RESULT: APPROVED

36. Order 204384 (ID:17116) By Ald. Sullivan, McLaughlin, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr. That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 23 Otis Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

37. Order 204385 (ID:17117) By Ald. Sullivan, Davis, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr. That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the no parking on sidewalks regulation and install NO PARKING ON SIDEWALKS signs on Winter St.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

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| 38. Order
204386
(ID:17118) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to monitor traffic on Walnut Street from Munroe Street to Highland Avenue, Monday through Friday at various times. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 39. Order
204387
(ID:17119) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Chief of Police continue to provide directed patrols on Atherton and Harvard Streets to prevent motorists from taking an illegal left turn onto Atherton Street. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 40. Order
204388
(ID:17120) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk panels on the odd side of Highland Avenue from Walnut Street to School Street. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 41. Order
204389
(ID:17122) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD consider planting trees on Somerville Avenue from Lowell Street to Central Street. |
| RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee | |
| 42. Order
204390
(ID:17123) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD and the Tree Warden provide any new data to this Board indicating if any city trees are dying from gas leaks. |
| RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee | |
| 43. Order
204391
(ID:17124) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD consider making Kimball Street and Ibbettson Street safety zones. |
| RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee | |
| 44. Order
204392
(ID:17121) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD consider allowing a representative and/or resident from Prospect Hill to be involved in the selection of a Landscape Architect for the renovation of Prospect Hill Park. |
| RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee | |

45. Communication By Ald. Rossetti
204393
(ID:17088) Report of the High School Building Committee meeting of October 2, 2017.

Alderman Rossetti reported that the committee is waiting for the MA Historic Commission's update of the approval of the project. She said the city has updated project's website. The project will go before the Zoning Board on October 18. The modular classrooms will be put in place on December 26. Parking spots will drop from 245 to 184. School Staff will lose 12 spaces. City Hall staff will lose 49 spaces (from 80 to 31).

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

46. Order By Ald. Ballantyne, Heuston, White Jr.
204324 That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the potential acquisition of
(ID:17048) Merriam Street/Charlestown Street Park.

Alderman Ballantyne received an update from the Administration. The land is owned by the MBTA. It will be used for staging for the Green Line Extension, and may remain with the MBTA after its completion.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

47. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
204394
(ID:17083) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on October 11, 2017.

Alderman Lafuente reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The committee approved a transfer of \$34,000 to fund the Crossing Guards collective bargaining agreement. Also passed was an authorization to issue refunding bonds in order reduce interest costs. The Mayor also discussed the Union Square District Improvement Financing strategy.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Mayor's Request
204181
(ID:16880) Requesting the transfer of \$34,685 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to the Police Department -Crossing Guards Account, to fund the collective bargaining agreement with the SEIU/Local 888 Crossing Guard Unit.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. Mayor's Request
204279
(ID:16962) Requesting authorization to issue refunding bonds in order to reduce interest costs.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

48. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
204395
(ID:17082) | Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on October 5, 2017.

Alderman Rossetti reported on the items discussed at the meeting. First the committee voted to reestablish the Tree Advisory Committee, to be staffed by the full time Arborist with expanded membership and scope. Also discussed was the Nexus study and how it relates to housing and jobs linkage.

RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | Resolution
201753
(ID:14409) | By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne, McWatters
That the Mayor re-establish the Tree Advisory Committee, to be staffed by the full-time Arborist, expand its membership to 9 or 11 members, and broaden the scope of the Committee's duties.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| C. | Order
203059
(ID:15754) | By Ald. Ballantyne, McWatters, Niedergang, Sullivan
That the City Solicitor submit updated language to expand the Tree Advisory Committee ordinance.

For the approved Ordinance see #204404.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| D. | Mayor's Communication
204329
(ID:16964) | Conveying the Nexus Study Report on Housing and Jobs Linkage.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

49. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
204396
(ID:17080) | Report of the Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on October 3, 2017.

Alderman Ballantyne reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The committee spoke about trees, lights, fields and recycling efforts at schools.

RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | Order
203832
(ID:16544) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment update this Board on the Somerville Forward Community Meeting held on June 26, 2017.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| C. | Order
203858
(ID:16575) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD replace the unhealthy trees on Somerville Avenue from Porter Square to Union Square, determine why so many are unhealthy, and advise whether the replacement costs can be recouped from the Mass Highway Project.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

- D. Resolution 203979 (ID:16795) By Ald. Niedergang That the Mayor consider allocating sufficient funding to plant trees in all the locations for which a tree has been requested as of August 24, 2017, clearing out the backlog of tree-planting requests.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Public Communication 204121 (ID:16825) DCR Commissioner responding to #203388 re: plans for Draw 7 Park.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

50. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 204397 (ID:17081) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on October 4, 2017.

Alderman Connolly reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The committee completed work on 27 items and kept 19 in committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Resolution 201410 (ID:14064) By Ald. Sullivan That the Administration submit a Home Rule Petition relative to allowing Special Police Officers to serve up to age 70.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 201988 (ID:14668) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 33-35 Barton Street weekly for continual overgrowth onto the public sidewalk.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 202341 (ID:15047) By Ald. Sullivan, McLaughlin, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr. That the Commissioner of Public Works request of the commuter rail operator that the trash behind 104 Gilman Street be removed.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Resolution 202617 (ID:15349) By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board That the Administration advocate for sound barriers along I-93 in East Somerville to help reduce air pollution by up to 50 percent.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. Order 202733 (ID:15439) By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., Rossetti, Connolly, McLaughlin That the appropriate department head request that the commuter rail operator address some early morning noise issues.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| G. Order
202865
(ID:15562) | By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services take steps to revoke all licenses held by the Winter Hill Market at 269 Broadway. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| H. Order
202901
(ID:15592) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Communications send a CTY call to residents during a water main break in addition to knocking door to door. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| I. Order
202930
(ID:15641) | By Ald. Davis
That the City Solicitor advise the Ward 6 Alderman on whether the city's noise ordinance can be enforced against waste companies that empty dumpsters overnight and in the early morning. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| J. Resolution
203075
(ID:15879) | By Ald. McLaughlin, Davis, Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Administration work with Mass DOT to add Somerville to the state list for sound barriers along I-93. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| K. Officer's
Communication
203106
(ID:15764) | Director of Traffic and Parking responding to Board Orders approved at the 3/23/17 meeting. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| L. Order
203229
(ID:15934) | By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Chief of Police, the Chief Fire Engineer and Administration appear at the next meeting of this Board's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to detail public safety plans for the Porchfest event on 5/13/17. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| M. Order
203231
(ID:15936) | By Ald. Sullivan, McWatters, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect the construction site at Highland Avenue and Thorpe Street to ensure that proper rodent control measures are in place. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| N. Order
203248
(ID:15937) | By Ald. Rossetti, McLaughlin
That the City Solicitor and Director of Inspectional Services review The Chicken & Rice Guys' license for the number of trucks allowed and the idling time allowed, and advise this Board of the findings. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |

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| O. | Resolution
203249
(ID:15938) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Traffic Commission consider prohibiting truck access on Knowlton Street by Tufts Street. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| P. | Order
203260
(ID:15970) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services continue to fine the owner(s) of the abandoned Cobble Hill Plaza for neglecting the property. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Q. | Public
Communication
203355
(ID:16002) | District Attorney responding to #196432 re: the investigation of the murder of Deanna Cremin. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| R. | Order
203369
(ID:16072) | By Ald. Rossetti, and the Entire Board
That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Board's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, the need for additional AEDs in our community. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| S. | Order
203481
(ID:16185) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the City Solicitor provide a written summary of actions taken and planned to address 20 Adrian Street and its use as an AirBnB. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| T. | Order
203482
(ID:16186) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the City Solicitor provide a written summary of actions taken and planned to address the blighted property at 32 Webster Avenue. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| U. | Order
203489
(ID:16218) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 20 and 22 Durham Street for all code violations, including an abandoned vehicle, extensive overgrowth, a decayed building facade, and uninhabited units, and advise, with the City Solicitor, the potential of whether the city can force the owner to fix the property, and whether the city should begin the process of having a receiver appointed for the property. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

V.	Order 203512 (ID:16224)	By Ald. Niedergang, White Jr. That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on the condition of 17 Ashland Street, and advise, with the City Solicitor, whether the city can force the owner to fix the property, and whether the city should begin the process of having a receiver appointed for the property.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
W.	Officer's Communication 203526 (ID:16190)	Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203482 re: 32 Webster Avenue.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
X.	Officer's Communication 203527 (ID:16196)	Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203248 re: issues with the Chicken & Rice Guys food trucks.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
Y.	Officer's Communication 203675 (ID:16334)	Superintendent of Inspectional Services and Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203481 re: 20 Adrian Street.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
Z.	Order 203719 (ID:16441)	By Ald. McWatters, Niedergang That the Director of SPCD inform the Ward 3 and Ward 5 aldermen if the developer of 31 Porter Street violated any laws by doing work without permits and if any landscape regulations were violated with the defoliation of the property.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
AA.	Order 203739 (ID:16521)	By Ald. Rossetti That the Director of Health and Human Services report in writing to this Board by October 1, 2017 on the progress of supportive efforts with our community's non-profits to address substance abuse.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
AB.	Officer's Communication 203760 (ID:16456)	Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203489 re: 20 and 22 Durham St.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
AC.	Officer's Communication 203761 (ID:16455)	Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203512 re: 17 Ashland St.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
AD.	Order 203836 (ID:16585)	By Ald. Ballantyne The Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 33 Teele Avenue for yard trash.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AE. Order 203860 (ID:16577) By Ald. Heuston
The Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the Beacon Street Star Market for health code violations and for the source of odors reported by neighbors, and report the findings to the Ward 2 Alderman.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AF. Order 204398 (ID:17125) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of the Arts Council and the Chiefs of the Police and Fire Departments meet next February to plan for the 2018 Porchfest event.

RESULT: APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

51. Mayor's Request 204399 (ID:17127) Requesting the adoption of an amendment to Zoning Ordinance Article 15 to establish a Project Mitigation Fee for Job Creation and Retention.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

52. Mayor's Request 204400 (ID:17128) Requesting the adoption of an amendment to Zoning Ordinance Section 15.5 to update the Project Mitigation Contribution for Affordable Housing.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

53. Mayor's Request 204401 (ID:16939) Requesting the re-appointment of Jessica Palacios Yamakawa to the Community Preservation Committee.

Alderman Heuston requested to waive the reading of item 53 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED

54. Mayor's Request 204402 (ID:16943) Requesting the appointment of Jane Carbone to the Community Preservation Committee.

Alderman Heuston requested to waive the reading of item 54 and refer to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

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| 55. | Mayor's
Communication
204403
(ID:17131) | Conveying the Executive Policy on Surveillance Technology.

Alderman Heuston requested to waive the reading of item 55 and place it on file with a copy to the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety for follow-up. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee |
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| 56. | Officer's
Communication
204404
(ID:17126) | Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203059 re: a revised ordinance regarding the Tree Advisory Committee as recommended by the Legislative Matters Committee on 10/5/17.

For discussion of this item, see #203059.
RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Lafuente |
| 57. | Officer's
Communication
204405
(ID:17051) | Superintendent of Inspectional Services responding to #204168 re: stop work orders issued over the last 2 years.

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 57 through 60, place them on file, and refer them to committees as appropriate. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee |
| 58. | Officer's
Communication
204406
(ID:17079) | Director of Health and Human Services responding to #203739 re: efforts to address substance abuse.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| 59. | Officer's
Communication
204407
(ID:17089) | Director of Personnel responding to #204173 re: Police and Fire diversity information.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 60. | Officer's
Communication
204408
(ID:17134) | Director of Transportation and Infrastructure and Community Preservation Act Manager responding to #203877 re: prioritizing school grounds improvements.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 61. License/Permit
204409
(ID:17135) | Public Event Permit, Somerville Open Studios Kickoff Party, ArtFarm at 10 Poplar St, Oct 26, 5:30-10:30PM. | <p>Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 61 through 70 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 62. License/Permit
204410
(ID:17136) | Public Event Permit, Moms of Camberville Halloween Party, Nunziato Field, Oct 29, 3-8PM (raindate Nov 4). | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 63. License/Permit
204411
(ID:17055) | Public Event Permit, Ten Hills Road Halloween Block Party, from Cresthill Rd to Shore Dr, Oct 31, 5-8PM. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 64. License/Permit
204412
(ID:17137) | Public Event Permit, Jason Dedrick Run 4 a Cure, Davis Sq area, Nov 4, 10AM-12:30PM. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 65. License/Permit
204413
(ID:17138) | Public Event Permit, Wayside World AIDS Day Free HIV Tests, Statue Park, Nov 11, 11AM-5PM (raindate Nov 12). | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 66. License/Permit
204414
(ID:17140) | New Drainlayer's License, C McGue Landscape Construction and Excavating. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 67. License/Permit
204415
(ID:17139) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Target, 180 Somerville Ave. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 68. License/Permit
204416
(ID:17143) | Sign/Awning Permit, Samara Yoga, 249 Elm St, 1 blade sign. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 69. License/Permit
204417
(ID:17141) | New Junk Dealer, Broadway Cell Phone and Services, 1206 Broadway, buying and selling used cell phones and accessories. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |

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| 70. License/Permit
204418
(ID:17142) | New Used Car Dealer Class 1, Herb Chambers Mercedes Benz of Boston Commercial Vans, 161 Linwood St, 10 vehicles inside, 30 outside, Sun 10AM-6PM, Mon-Sat 7AM-9PM. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 71. Public
Communication
204419
(ID:17144) | Renee Scott submitting comments re: #203059, the Tree Advisory Committee ordinance, #203365, the native species ordinance, and #203881, the dark sky ordinance. |
| <p>Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 71 through 75 and place them on file, with referrals to committees as appropriate. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> | |
| 72. Public
Communication
204420
(ID:17145) | Lee Erica Palmer submitting comments re: #203059, the Tree Advisory Committee ordinance, #203365, the native species ordinance, and #203881, the dark sky ordinance. |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> | |
| 73. Public
Communication
204421
(ID:17146) | Janine Fay submitting comments re: #203059, the Tree Advisory Committee ordinance, #203365, the native species ordinance, and #203881, the dark sky ordinance. |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> | |
| 74. Public
Communication
204422
(ID:17147) | Alan Bingham submitting comments re: #204278, the Demolition Review ordinance. |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> | |
| 75. Public
Communication
204423
(ID:17148) | Chris Dwan submitting comments re: the October 6 Beacon Street tree removal. |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p> | |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 76. Order
204424
(ID:17149) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the sewers on Hall Street. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |

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| 77. Order
204425
(ID:17150) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Arborist inspect the trees at 19 and 21 Hall Street and report to the Ward 5 Alderman on pruning them. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 78. Order
204426
(ID:17151) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk around 21 Hall Street. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 79. Order
204427
(ID:17152) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the driveway damage next to the sidewalk at 21 Hall Street caused by work on the fire hydrant there. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 80. Order
204428
(ID:17155) | By Ald. Rossetti, Niedergang, McLaughlin, McWatters
That the City Solicitor submit a draft amendment to Zoning Ordinance Section 16.10.2, assuring no future option of a waiver from inclusionary affordable housing requirements. |
| RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee | |
| 81. Resolution
204429
(ID:17157) | By Ald. White Jr., and the Entire Board
Supporting State House Bill H2898, An Act Supporting Working Parents Who Choose to Run for Public Office, and urging its passage by the State Legislature. |
| President White feels this is a very important bill, for to make it easier for working parents to run for office.
RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 82. Order
204430
(ID:17156) | By Ald. White Jr., Lafuente, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the intersection of School Street and Medford Street to determine whether traffic flow can be improved. |
| RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee | |
| 83. Order
204431
(ID:17158) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking remove or restrict parking at the intersection of Hammond Street and Concord Avenue. |
| RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee | |

84. Order
204432
(ID:17159) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Chief of Police monitor Curtis Street for vehicles making illegal left turns at the end of Ossipee Road.

RESULT: APPROVED

85. Order
204433
(ID:17160) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Traffic and Parking suggest signage to restrict vehicles from traveling the wrong way on Curtis Street from Ossipee Road to Fairmount Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

86. Resolution
204434
(ID:17161) By Ald. 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: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee

87. Order
204435
(ID:17162) By Ald. Ballantyne
That Director of Sustainability and Environment provide this Board with periodic updates on the Somerville Forward initiatives.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee

88. Order
204436
(ID:17163) By Ald. Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment arrange a meeting with this Board's Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, members of the School Committee, the Superintendent of Schools, the Administration, and the Commissioner of Public Works, to plan recycling efforts in the Public Schools.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee

89. Mayor's
Request
204437
(ID:17167) Requesting approval of the proposed Union Square District Improvement Financing Development District.

Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of items 89 through 93 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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| 90. Mayor's Request
204438
(ID:17154) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$63,000,000 in a bond for Somerville Avenue streetscape and utility improvements. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 91. Mayor's Request
204439
(ID:17070) | Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from the CPA Fund's Open Space Reserve and Undesignated Fund Balance Accounts for the acquisition of 5 Palmer Ave. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 92. Mayor's Request
204440
(ID:17166) | Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$14,200 to the Executive Administration Professional Services Account to fund a reception honoring fallen Police Officer Louis Remigio. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 93. Mayor's Request
204441
(ID:17153) | Requesting acceptance of a \$1,703,572 grant that requires a match, from HUD to the SPCD Housing Division for its lead abatement program. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 94. Mayor's Communication
204442
(ID:17164) | Conveying appointments to the Minimum Mixed Use Ratio Working Group. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| 95. Officer's Communication
204443
(ID:17165) | Director of SPCD requesting to brief this Board on the Clarendon Hills redevelopment proposal. | <p>Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 95 through 98 and place them on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee |
| 96. Officer's Communication
204444
(ID:17168) | Director of SPCD responding to #204324 re: the potential Merriam Street/Charlestown Street Park. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| 97. Officer's Communication
204445
(ID:17074) | City Engineer submitting responding to #203496 re: Pitman Street pavement. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee |

98. Officer's Communication 204446 (ID:17077) City Engineer responding to #203947 re: recurring flooding on Elmwood Street.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

LATE ITEMS

99. Resolution 204447 (ID:17172) By Ald. McWatters That the Administration provide the Ward 3 Alderman with a specific parking plan for the high school project with information on offsite parking sites.

RESULT: APPROVED

100. Order 204448 (ID:17170) By Ald. Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the asphalt at 23 Ames Street with concrete before the winter moratorium.

RESULT: APPROVED

101. Order 204449 (ID:17173) By Ald. Heuston That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the 12-14 Marion Street area for evidence of rodent activity, and bait sewers there.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

102. Public Communication 204450 (ID:17171) Ben Morelli submitting comments re: #204336, prorating residential parking permits.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

103. Communication 204451 (ID:17175) By Ald. Rossetti Conveying the School Department's Security Camera Policy to this Board's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:30 PM.