

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

July 14, 2016, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Alderman At Large William A. White Jr.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
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 (ID:14460) Call of the Roll.

Alderman McWatters sponsored a moment of silence for Emmanuel "Manny" Roche. Alderman Connolly sponsored a moment of silence for Dr. Francis Moran and the five Dallas Police Officers who were slain last week. Alderman Niedergang sponsored a moment of silence for Amanda Phillips. Alderman McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for Jim Green. Alderman Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for John "Jack" Splaine and the victims of Nice, France who were killed in a terrorist attack while celebrating Bastille Day.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
  
2. Minutes (ID:14461) Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, June 7, 2016, and the Regular Meeting, June 9, 2016.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**CITATIONS**

- 3. Citation 201758 (ID:14464) By Ald. McWatters, the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Paula Gartland, who is retiring after 26 years of dedicated service in the Law Office and, previously, the Mayor's Office.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 4. Grant of Location 201759 (ID:14470) Submitted by Comcast to install 60 feet of conduit in South Street from an existing RCN manhole to a point of pickup at 111 South Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Dave Flewelling with Comcast spoke about the details of the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 5. Grant of Location 201760 (ID:14471) Submitted by Eversource to install 36 feet of conduit in Foley Street, from Manhole 29472 easterly to a point of pickup near Blocks 7-8.

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

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6. Grant of Location 201761 (ID:14472) Submitted by Eversource to install 6.5 feet of conduit in Curtis Street, from Pole 666/1 to a point of pickup at 8 Curtis St.

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

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 7. Grant of Location 201762 (ID:14473) Submitted by Eversource to install 7 feet of conduit in Line Street, from Pole 211/6 to a point of pickup at 56 Line St.

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

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 8. Grant of Location 201763 (ID:14474) Submitted by Eversource to install 6 feet of conduit in Cutter Street, from Pole 90/5 to a point of pickup at 35 Cutter St.

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

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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| 9. | Grant of Location<br>201764<br>(ID:14475) | Submitted by Eversource to install 8 feet of conduit in Otis Street, from Pole 264/8 to a point of pickup at the Otis Street Playground.  |
|    |   | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource spoke about the details of work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.</p> <p><b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b></p> |

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

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| 10. | Resolution<br>201765<br>(ID:14465) | By Ald. Rossetti, and the Entire Board<br>Recognizing the Police Officers participating in the first year of the STEPS program.  |
|     |                                    | <p>Alderman Rossetti recognized the STEPS Program’s Police Officers, which Police Chief Dave Fallon introduced to the public schools this year. Director of Student Services Richard Melillo spoke of the importance of the STEPS Program, creating positive Police interactions for all 6th graders. Resolutions were presented to the 5 Police Officers and Chief Fallon.</p> <p><b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b></p> |

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| 11. | Order<br>201766<br>(ID:14413) | By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan<br>That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait around the Healey School for rodents. |
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| 12. | Order<br>201767<br>(ID:14414) | By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan<br>That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services direct Healey School staff to keep the grounds clean and properly dispose of trash, due to increased rodent activity around the school. |
|     |                               | <p><b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>   Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p>  |

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| 13. | Order<br>201768<br>(ID:14416) | By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the trash barrel(s) at the Marshall Street playground due to increased rodent activity, and that the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the barrel(s). |
|     |                               | <p><b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>   Rodent Issues Special Committee</p>  |

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| 14. | Order<br>201769<br>(ID:14417) | By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works add Medford Street, Dartmouth Street and Richdale Avenue to the re-paving list. |
|     |                               | <p><b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b></p>   |

15. Order 201770 (ID:14415) By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking remove the NO PARKING - LOADING ZONE sign at 2 Sargent Avenue

**RESULT: APPROVED**

16. Order 201771 (ID:14418) By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan, Rossetti  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove all brush from the Mystic River along Shore Drive.

Alderman Lafuente stated there has been no response from the State to date. The area is drawing a bad element and becoming a public safety issue.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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

17. Resolution 201772 (ID:14419) By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Administration provide this Board with an update on the Winter Hill Star Market site and the associated lawsuit.

Alderman Lafuente requested an update on the Winter Hill Star Market. This is a major piece of property that may need to be taken by eminent domain.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

18. Order 201773 (ID:14430) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken sidewalk panels that abut the parking lot of 373 Washington Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

19. Order 201774 (ID:14431) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of SPCD schedule with the Ward 2 Alderman a community meeting for residents of upper Beacon Street to address Beacon Street's reconstruction.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

20. Order 201775 (ID:14432) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works place a port-a-potty at Perry Park to provide facilities for residents due to increased park use during the Lincoln Park reconstruction.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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| 21. | Order<br>201776<br>(ID:14433)      | <p>By Ald. Heuston, McWatters, and the Entire Board<br/>That the Director of SPCD, Supervisor of Inspectional Services, and City Solicitor advise this Board on regulating Air BnB rentals through zoning regulation, inspections, and a possible local tax.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Alderman Heuston stated that there are 300 Air BnB rentals in Somerville. She believes they need regulation. Alderman Niedergang agreed.</p> <p><b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b></p> <p>This item was separated into 3 separate items, #201854, #201855, and #201856, each addressing a component of this issue, and each referred to a different Committee of this Board for follow-up.</p> </div>   |
| 22. | Resolution<br>201777<br>(ID:14435) | <p>By Ald. Connolly, Lafuente, McWatters, McLaughlin<br/>That the Mayor and the Chief of Police update the city website with expanded information on Police policies on Biased Based Policing, with all recent complaints and outcomes, as well as the complaint filing process and relationship with the Human Rights Commission.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Alderman Connolly and Chief Fallon spoke about Bias Based Policing. Complaints will now be posted on the website and the public will be able to follow them all the way through.</p> <p><b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>   Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> </div>   |
| 23. | Order<br>201778<br>(ID:14436)      | <p>By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan, Rossetti, White Jr., Davis<br/>That the Commissioner of Public Works direct Eversource to immediately remove the heavy plant overgrowth at the transfer station at Willow Avenue and Whipple Street.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Alderman Connolly requested Eversource to remove the overgrowth at the transfer station at Willow Avenue and Whipple Street and then maintain the area. Alderman Davis commented that people are forced to walk in the road rather than the sidewalk due to the overgrowth. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource stated that this will be completed tomorrow.</p> <p><b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>   Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p> </div> |
| 24. | Order<br>201779<br>(ID:14437)      | <p>By Ald. Connolly, Davis<br/>That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at 48 Grove Street.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p><b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b></p> </div>  |
| 25. | Order<br>201780<br>(ID:14438)      | <p>By Ald. McLaughlin<br/>That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider adding an "except Perkins Street abutters" note to the Do Not Enter sign on Perkins Street, on the Boston line.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p><b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>   Traffic and Parking Committee</p> </div>  |

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| 26. Order<br>201781<br>(ID:14439)  | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Mt. Pleasant Street.  |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |  |
| 27. Order<br>201782<br>(ID:14440)  | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Director of Traffic and Parking slow traffic on Franklin Street at the Prospect Hill Academy, including installing new crosswalks, fixing the broken SLOW driving light, installing blinking SLOW signs, and providing a crossing guard during the school year. |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Traffic and Parking Committee                                |  |
| 28. Order<br>201783<br>(ID:14441)  | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a blinking SLOW - CHILDREN sign on Lincoln Avenue.  |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Traffic and Parking Committee                                |  |
| 29. Order<br>201784<br>(ID:14442)  | By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board<br>That the Director of Personnel and the Director of Health appear before this Board to discuss the hiring of a Director of Commissions and meeting quorums for commissions.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |  |
| 30. Order<br>201785<br>(ID:14443)  | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Director of Traffic and Parking install YIELD signs along the rotary in Assembly Row, by Legal Seafood, as well as signage indicating who has the right of way.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Traffic and Parking Committee                                |  |
| 31. Order<br>201786<br>(ID:14444)  | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Director of Traffic and Parking address traffic issues at the intersection of Bonair, Dana and Edmands Streets.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Traffic and Parking Committee                                |  |

32. Resolution 201787 (ID:14445) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Administration consider honoring Somerville Youth League Basketball founder Fran Ferrarro with a plaque at the High School basketball court.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP: Veterans and Public Services Committee**

33. Order 201788 (ID:14446) By Ald. McWatters  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panels on Warren Avenue, from Properzi Manner to Citizen's Bank.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

34. Order 201789 (ID:14447) By Ald. McWatters  
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services direct NIT personnel to immediately investigate the property at 40 Columbus Avenue for health and building code violations.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee**

35. Order 201790 (ID:14448) By Ald. McWatters  
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services dispatch NIT personnel to investigate 87 Lowell Street for building code violations.

Alderman McWatters expressed a constituent's concerns at this property.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee**

36. Order 201791 (ID:14449) By Ald. Niedergang, Heuston, Sullivan, Ballantyne, Davis, McLaughlin, McWatters, Lafuente  
That the City Clerk notify Greentown Labs to appear before this Board to describe its selection of contractors and plans for local hiring in its upcoming construction project.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee**

37. Order 201792 (ID:14450) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pavement between 43 and 62 Hudson Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

38. Order 201793 (ID:14451) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 71-73 Adams Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

39. Order 201794 (ID:14452) By Ald. Niedergang, McLaughlin  
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on measures to design streets and bike lanes, and educate drivers and bicyclists, to increase safety with respect to the door-opening zone for parked cars.
- Alderman Niedergang stated the need to educate drivers/cyclists regarding opening doors into the bike lane.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee
40. Order 201795 (ID:14453) By Ald. Niedergang, Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the Sacramento Street ramp that runs beneath the railroad tracks and confirm the regular maintenance schedule previously agreed to.
- RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
41. Order 201796 (ID:14454) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Chief of Police implement speeding enforcement measures on Porter Street between Summer Street and Elm Street.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
42. Order 201797 (ID:14455) By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters  
That the Director of Engineering add Porter Street, between Summer and Elm Streets, to the 5-year paving plan, and include the streets off the west side of Porter Street, especially Carver Street.
- RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
43. Order 201798 (ID:14456) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a SLOW – CHILDREN CROSSING or CAUTION – CHILDREN AT PLAY sign on Central Street south of Forster Street, on the east side of the street. (2nd request)
- RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
44. Order 201799 (ID:14457) By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti  
That the Director of SPCD update this Board on a bicycle public safety/education campaign. (3rd request)
- Alderman Sullivan requested again that the Director of SPCD provide an update on a bicycle public safety program.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

45. Order 201800 (ID:14458) By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti, Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the 2 pedestrian signal poles at 717 Broadway.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

46. Order 201801 (ID:14459) By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti, Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the tree located at 74 Summer Street and take appropriate action, up to and including trimming.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

47. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 201802 (ID:14421) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on June 28, 2016.

Alderman Heuston reported on the items discussed at the meeting. She discussed appointments to the Fire Department Reserve List, who will replace retirees. Also, Sean Keane was approved as Fire Captain.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. Order 201152 (ID:13851) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Personnel report to this Board on progress in filling positions, especially in the Engineering, Economic Development, Housing and Inspectional Services Departments.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- C. Mayor's Request 201633 (ID:14268) Requesting the appointment of Joshua Hodge to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- D. Mayor's Request 201634 (ID:14269) Requesting the appointment of Julie Wood to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- E. Mayor's Request 201635 (ID:14270) Requesting the appointment of Stephen Moore to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

F.	Mayor's Request 201639 (ID:14294)	Requesting the appointment of Sean Hesse to the Design Review Committee. <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>
G.	Mayor's Request 201640 (ID:14295)	Requesting the appointment of Alexandra Kleyman to the Design Review Committee. <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>
H.	Mayor's Request 201666 (ID:14322)	Requesting the appointment of Christopher J. Albanese to the Fire Department Reserve List. <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>
I.	Mayor's Request 201668 (ID:14324)	Requesting the appointment of Seamus F. Lynch to the Fire Department Reserve List. <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>
J.	Mayor's Request 201669 (ID:14325)	Requesting the appointment of Troy M. Martini to the Fire Department Reserve List. <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>
K.	Mayor's Request 201670 (ID:14326)	Requesting the appointment of John P. Blake to the Fire Department Reserve List. <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>
L.	Mayor's Request 201671 (ID:14327)	Requesting the appointment of Rafael A. Flores to the Fire Department Reserve List. <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>
M.	Mayor's Request 201672 (ID:14328)	Requesting the appointment of Dennis J. Moynihan to the Fire Department Reserve List. <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>
N.	Mayor's Request 201673 (ID:14329)	Requesting the appointment of John E. Mucci to the Fire Department Reserve List. <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>
O.	Mayor's Request 201674 (ID:14330)	Requesting the appointment of John J. Driscoll to the Fire Department Reserve List. <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>

P.	Mayor's Request 201675 (ID:14331)	Requesting the appointment of Virgilio A. Garcia to the Fire Department Reserve List.  <b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b>
Q.	Mayor's Request 201676 (ID:14332)	Requesting the appointment of Timothy J. McKenzie to the Fire Department Reserve List.  <b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b>
R.	Mayor's Request 201677 (ID:14333)	Requesting the appointment of Randy Oliver to the Fire Department Reserve List.  <b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b>
S.	Mayor's Request 201678 (ID:14334)	Requesting the appointment of Daniel C. Roche to the Fire Department Reserve List.  <b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b>
T.	Mayor's Request 201679 (ID:14336)	Requesting the appointment of John Gullage to the Fire Department Reserve List.  <b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b>
U.	Mayor's Request 201726 (ID:14342)	Requesting the promotion of Sean Keane to Captain in the Fire Department.  <b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b>
V.	Mayor's Request 201727 (ID:14341)	Requesting the appointment of Michael Kilduff to the Fire Department Reserve List.  <b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b>
W.	Resolution 201803 (ID:14428)	By Ald. Heuston That the Administration include in its plans for filling commission positions, a series of outreach initiatives to community organizations that represent various races and ethnicities.  <b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b>

48. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report 201804 (ID:14422) | <p>Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on July 6, 2016.</p> <p>Alderman Lafuente reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Budget Hearing minutes were approved, and funding regarding the High School was discussed. He spoke about the Proposition 2 1/2 override for a new High School, and said the City is in jeopardy of losing accreditation due to the condition of the current High School.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED</b><br/> <b>AMENDED:</b> #201722 was Placed on File and replaced with #201814, which was Approved.</p> |
| B. | Mayor's Request 201530 (ID:14153)  | <p>Requesting the acceptance and appropriation of an additional \$40,000 from US2 Associates into the Union Square Stabilization and Revitalization Fund.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br/> <b>AYES:</b> Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>  |
| C. | Mayor's Request 201531 (ID:14154)  | <p>Requesting an appropriation of \$40,000 from the Union Square Stabilization and Revitalization Fund for services in connection with the redevelopment of Union Square.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br/> <b>AYES:</b> Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>  |
| D. | Mayor's Request 201722 (ID:14391)  | <p>Requesting that this Board vote to place a question on the November 8, 2016 ballot to seek voter approval to exclude the debt from the Somerville High School project from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2.</p> <p><b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b><br/> This item was replaced by #201814, which was then Approved.</p>  |

49. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 201805 (ID:14424) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on July 12, 2016.

Alderman Rossetti reported on the items discussed at the meeting. There was an update by Election Commissioner Nick Salerno on the early voting law, and on an election calendar to fill a vacancy in the School Committee's Ward 6. There was also discussion of a transfer fee on real estate transactions, which may be brought up again next year. Also discussed were two proposals for affordable housing, on tenancy preservation and on waiting lists. An amendment to the Noise Ordinance will be presented in August. Finally, the new proposed Pay to Play Ordinance was discussed.

**RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED**  
**AMENDED:** #201168 was Placed on File and replaced with #201845, which was Ordained.  
 #201728 was Placed on File and replaced with #201844, which was Approved.
  
- B. Mayor's Request 201168 (ID:13852) Requesting, with the President of this Board, consideration of a new draft of the Pay to Play Ordinance.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**  
 This item was replaced by #201845, which was then Ordained.
  
- C. Resolution 201500 (ID:14163) By Ald. Niedergang, McLaughlin, Davis That the Administration and City Solicitor prepare a Home Rule Petition to allow a transfer fee on all real estate transactions, the proceeds of which would be used for affordable housing and perhaps the City's potential financial commitment to the Green Line Extension.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
  
- D. Officer's Communication 201728 (ID:14393) Superintendent of Schools notifying this Board of a vacancy on the School Committee as of August 21, 2016, with the resignation of Ward 6 representative Paul Bockelman.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**  
 This item was replaced by #201844, a proposed Election Calendar that was then Approved.

50. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 201806 (ID:14425) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on July 13, 2016.

Alderman Sullivan reported on the items discussed at the meeting. There were 4 Public Hearings that evening. Most discussion was around businesses located in Ward 2 which will be considered at the next Committee meeting after the Planning Department has had a chance to weigh in.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. License/Permit 201548 (ID:14206) Public Event Permit, Blue Point Brewing Company Boatyard Bash, Buena Vista Parking Lot, Aug 27, 7AM-10PM.

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**
  
- C. Order 201807 (ID:14500) By Ald. Connolly  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking survey locations associated with a Mobile Food Vendor license for Clover Fast Food in Davis Square (#201587), and report the findings to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee
  
- D. Order 201808 (ID:14515) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect 39, 45, and 47 Webster Avenue for building code compliance and for the capacity for vehicles at each location, both inside and outside the buildings, and report the findings to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

51. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 201809 (ID:14420) Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on June 27, 2016.

Alderman Ballantyne reported on the items discussed at the meeting. Trees, lights and the energy master plan were discussed. On average, 70-80 trees are removed annually. There was a suggestion about planting native trees in the City. She spoke about the LED lights that have been installed by the City, which have generated some complaints that are being looked into. She discussed the creation of an Energy Master Plan.

**RESULT: APPROVED**
  
- B. Order 199983 (ID:12605) By Ald. Ballantyne, McWatters, Rossetti, Niedergang, Lafuente, Connolly  
That the City Arborist inspect the health of the trees at the locations named within.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
  
- C. Order 200143 (ID:12765) By Ald. McWatters  
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD commission the arborist and tree warden to inspect the trees on Greenville Avenue, from Munroe Street to Boston Street, to determine their vitality and report back to the Ward 3 Alderman.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

D.	Order 200185 (ID:12782)	By Ald. Ballantyne That the Arborist inspect the health of the trees at the locations described within.	<b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b>
E.	Officer's Communication 200192 (ID:12736)	DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 9/24/15.	<b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b>
F.	Resolution 200289 (ID:12962)	By Ald. Gewirtz That the Administration review concerns raised by residents about LED street lights, and change course if the problems seen in other communities are imminent.	<b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b>
G.	Officer's Communication 200354 (ID:12912)	DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 10/22/15.	<b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b>
H.	Officer's Communication 200491 (ID:12812)	Commissioner of Public Works responding to various Board Orders submitted 10/8/15.	<b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b>
I.	Mayor's Communication 200501 (ID:13116)	Submitting an update on the residential food composting pilot project.	<b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b>
J.	Officer's Communication 200558 (ID:13118)	DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 11/24/15.	<b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b>
K.	Order 200876 (ID:13571)	By Ald. Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works submit written responses to the Ward 7 Alderman regarding several LED street light maintenance questions.	<b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b>
L.	Order 201019 (ID:13678)	By Ald. Davis That the Director of SPCD explain the process for selecting trees and plants for city parks, specifically when choosing non-native species over native species.	<b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b>
M.	Order 201408 (ID:14043)	By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD plant a tree at 26 Illinois Avenue.	<b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b>

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| N. | Order<br>201421<br>(ID:14089)                      | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the numerous dead trees on lower Broadway and citywide and update this Board on his progress.                                       | <b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b> |
| O. | Officer's<br>Communication<br>201571<br>(ID:14133) | DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 5/12/16.  | <b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b> |
| P. | Order<br>201582<br>(ID:14241)                      | By Ald. Davis, Ballantyne<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD provide to this Board responses to constituent concerns regarding the Emerald Ash Borer prevention program. | <b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b> |
| Q. | Order<br>201584<br>(ID:14243)                      | By Ald. Davis<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD trim the trees around Nathan Tufts Park near Powder House Terrace.  | <b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b> |

52. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee<br>Report<br>201810<br>(ID:14423)     | Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on July 12, 2016.<br><br>Alderman McWatters reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He discussed two Ordinances requested by Green Cab, for taxis to accept credit and debit cards, and for the use of the front seat by passengers. | <b>RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED</b><br><b>AMENDED:</b> #201267 was Placed on File and replaced with #201846 containing two ordinances which were both Ordained. |
| B. | Public<br>Communication<br>201267<br>(ID:13747) | Green Cab requesting approval of an ordinance to require that taxicabs accept credit cards for fare payment, that taxicabs be also licensed as livery vehicles, and that street hails and taxi stands be permitted only for taxis.   | <b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b><br>This item was replaced by #201846, containing two Ordinances, which were both then Ordained.                                  |

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 53. Mayor's Request 201811 (ID:14434) Requesting a transfer of \$19,613 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Fire Department Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to pay a retroactive salary as stipulated in an Agreement with the US Attorney's Office.

Alderman Lafuente sponsored Chief Labor Council Robert Collins to explain the transfer of \$19,613 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Fire Department, which relates to the promotion of the new Fire Captain.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 54. Mayor's Request 201812 (ID:14427) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$248,922 from the MA Department of Energy Resources, for the Office of Sustainability and Environment's installation of energy efficient indoor lighting.

Alderman Lafuente requested to waive the readings of items 54 and 55 refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.  
**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 55. Mayor's Request 201813 (ID:14321) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$9,248 from FEMA for the Fire Department's purchase of new highrise firefighting equipment.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 56. Officer's Communication 201814 (ID:14429) Submitting an updated Order relative to the debt exclusion ballot question (#201722), as approved by the Finance Committee on 7/6/2016.

See #201722 for discussion of this item.  
**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- 57. Officer's Communication 201815 (ID:14407) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 6/23/16.

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of item 57 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

**NEW BUSINESS**

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| 58. License/Permit<br>201816<br>(ID:14476) | Public Event Permit, 7ate9 Bakery National Cheesecake Day Celebration, 199C Highland Ave, Jul 30, 8AM-7PM.      | Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 58 through 67 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.<br><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b> |
| 59. License/Permit<br>201817<br>(ID:14477) | Public Event Permit, Arts Council Ignite Festival, Union Square Plaza, Aug 13, 3-11PM (raindate Aug 14).        | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |
| 60. License/Permit<br>201818<br>(ID:14478) | Public Event Permit, Gibbens Street Block Party, Aug 20, 1-8PM (raindate Aug 21).                               | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |
| 61. License/Permit<br>201819<br>(ID:14479) | Public Event Permit, Arts Council Rock & Roll Yard Sale, Union Square Plaza, Sep 11, 9AM-6PM (raindate Sep 18). | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |
| 62. License/Permit<br>201820<br>(ID:14480) | Public Event Permit, Arts Council Fluff Festival, Union Square Plaza, Sep 24, Noon-9PM (raindate Sep 25).       | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |
| 63. License/Permit<br>201821<br>(ID:14481) | Renewing Garage License, Fellsway Auto Repair, 693 McGrath Hwy.   | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |
| 64. License/Permit<br>201822<br>(ID:14482) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Love Cab, Med #92.   | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |
| 65. License/Permit<br>201823<br>(ID:14483) | Transferring Taxi Medallion License, Medallion #70 from Somerville Trans to Sadel & G Transportation.           | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |
| 66. License/Permit<br>201824<br>(ID:14484) | New Drainlayer's License, P. Gioioso and Sons.  | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |
| 67. License/Permit<br>201825<br>(ID:14485) | Sign/Awning Permit, Boston Burger Company, 37 Davis Sq., 3 awnings.   | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

68. Order 201826 (ID:14462) By Ald. Rossetti, Ballantyne, White Jr., Sullivan, Connolly  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the black hot topped sidewalk at 985-987 Broadway with concrete and explain why Eversource claims they are not allowed to use concrete when replacing an opened sidewalk.

Alderman Rossetti asked Eversource why concrete could not be used on a sidewalk on 985-987 Broadway, with blacktop used instead. Eversource's Jacqueline Duffy will report back to the Board.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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

69. Order 201827 (ID:14466) By Ald. Ballantyne  
That the Tree Warden inspect the dying tree at 86 Powderhouse Blvd. and report back to the Ward 7 Alderman.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

70. Order 201828 (ID:14467) By Ald. Ballantyne  
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 33-35 Barton Street for overgrown shrubs and trees covering the sidewalks along Barton Street and Hamilton Road, and take appropriate action.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

71. Order 201829 (ID:14468) By Ald. Ballantyne  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain the reason for the NO PARKING – DRIVEWAY sign at the West Branch Police sub-station.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

72. Order 201830 (ID:14469) By Ald. Ballantyne  
That the Commissioner of Public Works cut down the rotting 12 foot stump at 7 Barton Street.

Alderman Ballantyne requested Eversource remove a 12 foot rotting stump at 7 Barton Street. Utility poles are tied to the stump, and she is concerned that they are not stable and will come down.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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

73. Order 201831 (ID:14488) By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti, Davis  
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the tree at 16 Chandler Street and take appropriate action.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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| 74. Order<br>201832<br>(ID:14489)  | By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti, Heuston<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 691A Somerville Avenue.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |  |
| 75. Order<br>201833<br>(ID:14493)  | By Ald. Connolly, Davis<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works realign the street lamp at 130 Morrison Avenue.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |  |
| 76. Order<br>201834<br>(ID:14494)  | By Ald. Niedergang<br>That the Chief of Police deploy officers to prevent vehicles from blocking the intersection of Broadway and Hinckley Street.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |  |
| 77. Resolution<br>201835<br>(ID:14487)   | By Ald. McLaughlin, Davis, Lafuente, Connolly, Niedergang, and the Entire Board<br>That this Board continues to support Mayor Curtatone's policies supporting immigrants and opposes Governor Baker's plans to limit immigrant outreach opportunities in the Commonwealth. |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |  |
| 78. Resolution<br>201836<br>(ID:14486)   | By Ald. Davis, McLaughlin, Niedergang, White Jr., Lafuente, Connolly, Rossetti, Ballantyne, McWatters<br>Opposing the lifting of the state charter school cap.   |
| Alderman Davis feels that if the Charter School cap is lifted it will have a negative impact on Somerville students. |  |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |  |
| 79. Order<br>201837<br>(ID:14495)  | By Ald. Davis<br>That the Director SPCD report to this Board on the process to notify the public of late changes to Zoning Board of Appeals agendas including the agenda posted on the city's website.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |  |
| <b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Housing and Community Development Committee   |  |
| 80. Order<br>201838<br>(ID:14496)  | By Ald. Davis, Connolly<br>That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint the crosswalks in Davis Square, with priority to those that were recently converted from brick to asphalt.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |  |

81. Order 201839 (ID:14497) By Ald. Davis  
That the Tree Warden remove the dead tree at 32 Powderhouse Boulevard and replace it with a new planting.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

82. Order 201840 (ID:14498) By Ald. Davis  
That the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Board on the potential harmful human health effects of the recently installed LED street lights.

Alderman Davis reported that he has heard many complaints on the LED lighting, which could be a public health issue.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee

83. Order 201841 (ID:14499) By Ald. Davis, Connolly  
That the Commissioner of Public Works dim the brightness and install a filter and/or directional screening on the LED streetlights in the area of 34 to 42 Francesca Avenue.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

84. Communication 201842 (ID:14502) By Ald. White Jr.  
In his capacity as President, polling the membership on any concerns with the September 8, 2016 Regular Board of Aldermen meeting occurring on the same day as the State Primary Election.

The President determined that he would reschedule the September 8 meeting to September 13.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

85. Mayor's Request 201843 (ID:14509)  
Requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to create a new "CCD-55 Commercial" subdistrict, a new "CCD-45 Commercial" subdistrict, a new Section 5.8: Coordinated Development Special Permit, a new Section 6.7: Union Square Overlay District, and to make related changes to Article 5 and the Zoning Map.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

86. Mayor's Request 201844 (ID:14491)  
Requesting approval of the attached Special Election Calendar for the vacant Ward Six School Committee Member seat.

For discussion of this item, see #201728.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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| 87. Officer's Communication 201845 (ID:14490)   | Assistant City Solicitor submitting a revised "Pay to Play" Ordinance as recommended by the Committee on Legislative Matters on 7/12/16.                                |
| <p>For discussion of this item, see #201168.</p> <p><b>RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>   |   |
| 88. Officer's Communication 201846 (ID:14492)   | Assistant City Solicitor submitting revised Ordinances 13-10, 13-49, and 13-61 relating to taxicabs, as recommended by the Committee on Traffic and Parking on 7/12/16. |
| <p>Both attached Ordinances were Ordained. For discussion of this item, see #201267.</p> <p><b>RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |   |
| 89. Officer's Communication 201847 (ID:14426)   | Assistant City Solicitor responding to #201507 re: jurisdiction and maintenance of Pinckney Place.  |
| <p>Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the reading of item 89 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p><b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b></p>   |   |
| 90. License/Permit 201848 (ID:14503)  | Public Event Permit, Assembly Row Touch A Truck Family Fun Day, Assembly Row at Great River Blvd, Jul 17, 8AM-12:30PM.  |
| <p>Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 90 through 95 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>  |   |
| 91. License/Permit 201849 (ID:14504)  | Public Event Permit, Public Schools Grooversity Ensemble Performance Fundraiser, Davis Sq Statue Park, Saturdays Jul 23-Nov 19, 12:45-3:15PM.                           |
| <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>  |   |
| 92. License/Permit 201850 (ID:14505)  | Public Event Permit, Redbones Pig Pickin' Homeless Coalition Fundraiser, Chester St from Elm to Herbert Sts, Jul 25, Noon-10PM (raindate Aug 1).                        |
| <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>  |   |
| 93. License/Permit 201851 (ID:14506)  | Public Event Permit, Lowden Ave Block Party, between Foskett St and Kidder Ave, Aug 6, 11:30AM-5:30PM (raindate Aug 7).   |
| <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>  |   |

94. License/Permit 201852 (ID:14507) Public Event Permit, Somerville Foundation for Animals Dog Ice Cream Social, 0 New Washington Park on Aug 11 and Nunziato Park on Aug 25, 5:30-8:30PM (raindates Aug 18 and Sep 1).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

95. License/Permit 201853 (ID:14508) Public Event Permit, Prospect Hill Block Party, Munroe St from Greenville St through the Prospect Hill Ave intersection, Sep 17, 2-8PM (raindate Sep 18).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**LATE ITEMS**

96. Order 201854 (ID:14516) By Ald. Heuston, McWatters, and the Entire Board That the Director of SPCD advise this Board on regulating Air BnB rentals through zoning regulation.

For discussion of this item, see #201776.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

97. Order 201855 (ID:14517) By Ald. Heuston, McWatters, and the Entire Board That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services advise this Board on regulating Air BnB rentals through inspections.

For discussion of this item, see #201776.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

98. Order 201856 (ID:14518) By Ald. Heuston, McWatters, and the Entire Board That the City Solicitor advise this Board on regulating Air BnB rentals through a possible local tax.

For discussion of this item, see #201776.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

99. Order 201857 (ID:14510) By Ald. 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: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee

100. Order 201858 (ID:14511) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Chief of Police increase patrols in the area of Broadway and Mt. Vernon Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

101. Order 201859 (ID:14512) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean up the area at Broadway and Mt. Vernon Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

102. Order 201860 (ID:14513) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services remind businesses near Broadway and Mt. Vernon Street of their obligation to keep the areas in front of their businesses clean and inform them that this regulation will be enforced.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

103. Order 201861 (ID:14514) By Ald. Davis  
That the Commissioner of Public Works dim the brightness and install a filter and/or directional screening on the LED street lights in the area of 47 Hall Avenue.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:50 PM.