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

### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

January 23, 2020, 7:00 PM City Council Chamber-City Hall-93 Highland Avenue \*\*\*\*\*\*

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll. 209556 (ID:22441) **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

2. Remembrances Remembrances.

209557

(ID:22442)

Councilor Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Catherine Cannan. Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Katherine Donovan.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, December 12, 2019. 209558

(ID:22443)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

### **CITATIONS**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

4. Grant of Location 209559 (ID:22417) Submitted by Eversource to install 10 feet of conduit in Ivaloo Street from utility pole 179/4 to a point of pickup at 25 Ivaloo Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Resident Chris Dwan discussed his prior conversation with Eversource representative Jacqueline Duffy regarding this project, and said he was satisfied that the trees nearby would be protected. Jacqueline Duffy then 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. Resolution 209560 (ID:22397)

By City Councilor McLaughlin, and the Mayor That January 31, 2020, is proclaimed to be Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Earned Income Tax Credit Day.

### **RESULT:** APPROVED

6. Resolution 209561 (ID:22436)

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

That the Administration add child care services for community meetings into the FY21 budget.

Councilor Davis said many residents don't participate in government and this will help them do so. He suggested that meetings should be held throughout the community. Councilors Hirsch and Mbah supported the idea, and Councilor Mbah said he would like this to be a line item in the School Committee budget.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. Order 209562 (ID:22439)

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

That the Director of Finance, or the appropriate department, consider raising the limit on assets seniors may claim to qualify for senior tax exemptions.

President McLaughlin noted that a resident contacted him, saying \$60,000 is the current asset maximum for seniors to qualify for a tax exemption.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

8. Order 209563 (ID:22437)

By City Councilor McLaughlin, Davis, Scott

That the Director of Inspectional Services appear before this Council's Rodent Issues Committee to discuss how rodent prevention measures are enforced on construction sites.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee

9. Order 209564 (ID:22438)

By City Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Parking place speed limit and NOT A THROUGH STREET signage on Chester Avenue during GLX construction.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

10. Order 209565 (ID:22427)

By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis, Clingan

That the Director of SPCD help ensure the effectiveness of the Tenant Notification Act via a citywide mailer, and by ensuring that the Director of 311 and the Director of Inspectional Services inform all city employees of the enforcement of this policy.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said the City has been doing a great job reaching out electronically about the recently-passed Tenant Notification Act, which requires landlords to provide tenants with information about their rights. He would like a mailer sent out to the public.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

11. Resolution 209566 (ID:22426)

By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne

That the SomerVision 2040 Steering Committee consider adding two additional indicators to be explicitly measured as part of Commercial Development, Business & Arts: income equality, and number of worker-owned co-ops.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

12. Order 209567 (ID:22428)

By City Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the City Treasurer, the Chief Assessor and the Director of Finance discuss with this Council the possibility of switching to bi-annual tax bills, and including a simple "explainer" with each bill.

Councilor Ballantyne asked whether this proposal would eliminate quarterly billing, and Councilor Ewen-Campen said it's worth discussing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

13. Order 209568 (ID:22429)

By City Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD update this Council on the pedestrian safety infrastructure at the new at-grade crossings of the Community Path Extension.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

14. Order 209569 (ID:22430)

By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott

That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry install seasonal outdoor tables and chairs on the traffic island between 69 Bow and Carlton Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

15. Order 209570 (ID:22425)

By City Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Committee on Land Use review and prioritize its agenda items with the Administration at its January 30 meeting.

Councilor Ewen-Campen reported that he will post the agenda on Monday; councilors should let him know which items they want to keep open for discussion.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

16. Resolution 209571 (ID:22440)

By City Councilor Mbah

That the Administration provide this Councilor with the information described within about requests for interpretation services.

Councilor Mbah said he wanted to determine the effectiveness of the program and how to optimize the services.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

17. Order 209572 (ID:22434)

By City Councilor Hirsch, Mbah, Ballantyne

That the Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations provide feedback on SomerVision 2040's chapter on Youth and Education with respect to metrics and key tasks.

Councilor Hirsch reported that the draft was released and presented to the Planning Board. The comment period will be extended through February. She talked about reviewing the metrics that relate to that community and setting a meeting for that purpose.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations

Committee

18. Order 209573 (ID:22435)

By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne

That the Committee on Housing and Community Development provide feedback on SomerVision 2040's chapter on Housing with respect to metrics and key tasks, including the questions listed within.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

19. Communication By City Councilor Hirsch

209574 (ID:22431) Providing updates from the Community Cabinet, on the 2020 Census and on School-Based Family and Community Liaisons.

Councilor Hirsch reported that there are job opportunities available right now that pay \$27.50 per hour, and the cabinet discussed reaching out to those that don't have residency status.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

20. Communication By City Councilor Hirsch

209575

Reporting on the SomerVision 2040 comment process, and soliciting feedback.

(ID:22432)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

21. Communication By City Councilor Hirsch

> 209576 (ID:22433)

Providing notes on how the Broadway bus and bike lane is impacting residents with disabilities, and results from the November 12, 2019 Accessibility Forum.

Councilor Hirsch reported that if a vehicle is parked in a lane that is separated from the sidewalk, it is difficult for an individual in a wheelchair to get across that bike lane. She hopes to receive a response from the Administration on how to address this concern.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

22. Communication By City Councilor Rossetti

> 209577 (ID:22424)

Reporting on the SHS Building Committee meetings of December 16, 2019 and January 13, 2020.

Councilor Rossetti reported that the Phase Two foundation exterior was completed, so dry-walling can begin. The furniture, fixtures and equipment bids were \$900,000 over budget, so a second round of bids is being solicited.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

23. Grant of Location 209187 (ID:22040) Submitted by ExteNet Systems to install a small cell wireless antenna and related equipment on an existing utility pole near 59 Dartmouth Street.

Extenet representative Rosanna Ferranti reported that the best Extenet can do is extend the pole or replace the pole, which will increase the antenna height by 3 feet. Councilor Clingan expressed his support if that's the best that can be done.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

24. Resolution 209284 (ID:22154) **By City Councilor Scott** 

Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

**FOLLOWUP:** City Council 25. Order 209476 (ID:22363)

By City Councilor Hirsch, Mbah

That the Director of Water and Sewer and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide additional information regarding the elevated lead level notification, such as when the City learned about the results, how the results have been communicated, and where residents can find more information.

Water Superintendent John DuLuca discussed the annual water tests, how lead enters homes, and the educational material that went out to homeowners regarding lead in the water. He said most lead can be eliminated by running the tap for 30 seconds before consuming the water. Councilor White noted that the City installs lead-free pipes, which should be stated in future public mailings, and he asked how many homes have lead connections. Mr. DuLuca said the City's water mains have no lead, and a total of 449 homes have lead service lines. So far 160 homes are scheduled to be replaced. The public can view what type of service line they have on the City's website. It isn't required that homeowners replace their service line. Councilor White also questioned the responsibility of a landlord who owns a property with a lead service line to notify the tenant; he would like to see the Health Department create an effective way to notify tenants of any issues.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### 26. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 209578 (ID:22412) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on January 22, 2020.

Committee Chair Mary Jo Rossetti said that the Committee placed 14 items that were no longer relevant on file, and interviewed and recommended approval of two firefighters. After the Council approved the Committee Report, they were both sworn in.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order 204320 (ID:17044) By City Councilor Heuston

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services update this Board on the backlog of electrical inspections, the staff shortage related to it, and the plan to address it.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

C. Mayor's Request 204897 (ID:17584) Requesting the re-appointment of Stanley Koty as Commissioner of Public Works.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

D. Mayor's Request 204898 (ID:17585) Requesting the re-appointment of Steven MacEachern as Superintendent of Highways, Lines and Lights.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

E. Mayor's Requesting the re-appointment of Goran Smiljic as Superintendent of Request Inspectional Services. 204901 **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE (ID:17588) F. Mayor's Requesting the re-appointment of Robert King as Director of Capital Planning Request and Engineering. 204902 **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE (ID:17589) G. Mayor's Requesting the re-appointment of Rich Raiche as City Engineer. Request **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE 204903 (ID:17590) Requesting the re-appointment of Charles Sillari as Assistant Clerk of H. Mayor's Request Committees. 204911 RESULT: PLACED ON FILE (ID:17598) I. Mayor's Requesting the re-appointment of Bryan Bishop as Director of Veterans Request Services. 204913 **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE (ID:17600) J. Resolution By City Councilor Ballantyne, Rossetti, Hirsch, and the Entire Board That the Administration work with this Board to review and update the city's 205106 (ID:17865) sexual harassment policy for all city staff. **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE K. Resolution By City Councilor Ballantyne, Rossetti, Hirsch, and the Entire Board 205108 That the Administration work with this Board to review current sexual harassment policies for all union members and civil service employees, and (ID:17867) develop such policies when absent. **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Stanley Koty as L. Mayor's Commissioner of Public Works. Request 207398

### PLACED ON FILE **RESULT:** (ID:20148)

M. Mayor's Requesting the confirmation of the re-appointment of Steven MacEachern as Request Superintendent of Highways, Lines and Lights.

207399 **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE (ID:20149)

N. Mayor's Request 207401 (ID:20151) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Rich Raiche as City Engineer.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

O. Mayor's Request 207407 (ID:20157) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Bryan Bishop as Director of Veterans Services.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

P. Mayor's Request 209547 (ID:22375) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Daniel Roche to the position of Firefighter.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

Q. Mayor's Request 209548 (ID:22376) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Randy Oliver to the position of Firefighter.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

### 27. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 209579 (ID:22411) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on January 21, 2020.

Committee Chair J.T. Scott reviewed the Committee's discussions, including current debt structure and free cash status, and a bond for the Healy School playground project, which was recommended for approval. Councilor Ballantyne said that her questions about work at Dilboy have been answered, and she recommended approval of the Dilboy items.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Order 207665 (ID:20520) By City Councilor White Jr.

That the City Auditor analyze the City's debt structure, including current and pending borrowing, borrowing requests that the City anticipates, and the anticipated cost of the new public safety building.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Mayor's Request 209014 (ID:21823) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$160,000 in a bond for design and improvements at Dilboy Stadium and auxiliary fields.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

D. Mayor's Request 209403 (ID:22008) Requesting approval to extend the contract with Tom Irwin Advisors for another year to complete specialized training of the Parks and Recreation Department field laborers.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

E. Mayor's Request 209312 (ID:22052) Requesting the appropriation of \$25,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund in order to fund design services for Dilboy Field improvements.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

F. Mayor's Request 209314 (ID:22097) Requesting a transfer of \$43,000 from the Engineering Salaries Account to the Parking Professional and Technical Account to provide traffic engineering consulting services while the Traffic Engineer position remains vacant.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

G. Mayor's Request 209317 (ID:22124) Requesting acceptance of a \$32,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Environmental Protection for the Recycling Dividend program, under the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

H. Mayor's Request 209313 (ID:22140) Requesting an appropriation of \$150,000 from Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings for design services for field improvements.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

I. Mayor's Request 209435 (ID:22172) Requesting acceptance of a \$25,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Environmental Protection to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for 2 public electric vehicle charging stations.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

J. Mayor's Request 209436 (ID:22189) Requesting acceptance of a \$17,797.00 grant with no new match required, from the Office of Justice Programs to the Police Department for Patrol Bicycles and related accessories.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

K. Mayor's Request 209432 (ID:22193) Requesting authorization to increase the Somertime Revolving Fund to \$100,000, from \$65,000, because of increased programs.

RESULT: APPROVED

L. Mayor's Request 209483 (ID:22373) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$6,000,000 in a bond for the renovation of the Arthur D. Healey Schoolyard.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Niedergang

M. Order 209545 (ID:22393) By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Directors of Finance, SomerStat and the Budget provide a comprehensive updated Capital Improvement Plan for all projects scheduled to come before this Council for funding by the end of FY20 and projected 5 years out.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

### 28. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 209580 (ID:22410) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on January 16, 2020.

Councilor Davis reported that the main discussion was about regulating noisy devices such as leaf blowers through the Noise Ordinance.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Ordinance 208333

By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Municipal Ordinances be amended to provide for the appointment of

the Clerks of Committee by this City Council.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

C. Public Communication

(ID:21146)

7 residents submitting comments re: removing the State Flag from City Hall.

Communication 208449 (ID:21264)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Ordinance 209543

By City Councilor Ballantyne, Niedergang

That Ordinance 1-11(b) be amended relative to Sections 12-8 and Sections 12-

(ID:22391) 9 to read as set forth in the attachment.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Niedergang

E. Ordinance 209554 (ID:22396) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, Clingan, Mbah, Davis

That the effective date of the Surveillance Oversight Ordinance be amended to be October 15, 2020.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Niedergang

### 29. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

# A. Committee

Report 209581 (ID:22409)

Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on January 15, 2020.

Councilor Clingan reported that the Vision Zero pedestrian plan will be finalized within the next month, detailing specific actions the City will take over the next five years to reduce vehicle crashes. Mobility Director Brad Rawson said at the meeting that the City was also working with the State on improving safety on the State's roads.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

## B. Order

By City Councilor Heuston

203592 (ID:16310) That the Chief of Police report to this Board the number of traffic violations issued to vehicles exiting Hawkins Street that need to access the far left lane, and work with the Traffic Engineer to address access issues for residents of Hawkins Street.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order

By City Councilor McLaughlin

203840 (ID:16594) That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider expanding the required time for notifying neighborhoods of street closures from 48 to 72 hours.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order

By City Councilor Heuston

203952 (ID:16659) That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the traffic signal at 66 Beacon Street.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Resolution

By City Councilor Heuston

203953 (ID:16660) That the Traffic Commission make Merriam Street a one way street from Somerville Avenue to Charlestown Street.

## RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 204257

By City Councilor McWatters

204257 (ID:16978) That the Director of SPCD consider installing a rotary at Munroe Street and Prospect Hill Avenue and schedule a neighborhood meeting with Prospect Hill residents and the Ward 3 Alderman to discuss this measure.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order 204259 (ID:16980) By City Councilor McWatters

That the Director of SPCD place a radar feedback sign on Vinal Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Order By City Councilor Heuston 204313 That the Director of Traffic and Parking install signs to limit parking at the (ID:17037) corners of Oak and Prospect Streets. **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED I. Order By City Councilor Heuston 204314 That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace all faded street signs on Oak (ID:17038) Street. **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED J. Order By City Councilor Heuston 204315 That the Director of Traffic and Parking restrict cut through traffic on Durham Street from Beacon Street, allowing access to abutters only from 7-9AM and 4-(ID:17039) 7PM, Monday through Friday. **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED K. Order By City Councilor Heuston 204316 That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase parking enforcement in Ward (ID:17040) 2, specifically at Oak, Houghton, Harrison, Tremont and Norfolk Streets. WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:** L. Resolution By City Councilor McLaughlin 204376 That the Traffic Commission place a temporary speed bump on Wigglesworth (ID:17107) Street. **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED M. Order By City Councilor Sullivan, Davis, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr. That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the no parking on sidewalks 204385 (ID:17117) regulation and install NO PARKING ON SIDEWALKS signs on Winter St. RESULT: WORK COMPLETED N. Order By City Councilor McWatters 204391 That the Director of SPCD consider making Kimball Street and Ibbettson (ID:17124) Street safety zones. **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

By City Councilor Heuston

RESULT:

O.

Order

204431

(ID:17158)

intersection of Hammond Street and Concord Avenue.

That the Director of Traffic and Parking remove or restrict parking at the

WORK COMPLETED

P. Order By City Councilor White Jr.

204532 That the City Solicitor determine whether the City may issue a parking citation (ID:17258) to vehicles parked on private property in violation of zoning provisions that

prohibit such parking.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Q. Public MA DOT Manager of Service Planning responding to #204536 re: an Communication additional bus shelter under the Washington St overpass.

204780 (ID:17512)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

R. Order By City Councilor Clingan

206197 (ID:18987) That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO THRU TRAFFIC 7–9AM AND 4-6PM EXCEPT FOR ABUTTERS sign on Fenwick Street at

Broadway.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

S. Resolution By City Councilor Clingan

206234 (ID:19063) That the Administration launch a smart traffic flow overhaul, reconsidering the direction of every street in the city.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

T. Resolution By City Councilor Davis

206270 (ID:19040) That the Administration and the Traffic Commission implement an extensive 20mph Safety Zone across all of Ward 6.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

U. Order By City Councilor Scott

206438 (ID:19228) That the Director of SPCD address this Board regarding traffic congestion on Oak and Houghton Streets resulting from recent traffic pattern changes in

Union Square.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

V. Order By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Hirsch

206685 (ID:19460)

That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on when various necessary improvements to the Union Square traffic pattern, including an "All-Walk" cycle and left-turn arrows at certain intersections, will be implemented.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

W. Order By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Mbah

206687 (ID:19461) That the Director of Engineering build a crosswalk to allow pedestrians to safely cross Washington Street at the Public Safety Building.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

X. Order 206818 (ID:19597) By City Councilor Clingan, Mbah

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO PARKING FROM HERE sign at the parking lot at 315 Broadway.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

Y. Order 207280 (ID:20083) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a flexible "Yield to

Pedestrians" sign in the crosswalk across Central Street at Willoughby Street.

#### WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:**

Z. Order 207573 (ID:20379)

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

That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking install all

signage needed to inform motorists exiting Route 16 onto Powder House Blvd. that they are entering a residential and school neighborhood.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

Order AA. 208117 (ID:20928) By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD immediately install flex posts at the intersection of Holland Street and Cameron Avenue to ensure pedestrian safety.

#### WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:**

AB. Resolution 208255 (ID:21085) By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang

That the Administration consider implementing a Driveway Safety Program,

modeled after one implemented by the New York City DOT.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

AC. Order 208257 (ID:21087) By City Councilor Hirsch, Davis, Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD identify all intersections with incomplete crosswalk

crossings and suggest ways to remedy them.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

AD. Order 208819 (ID:21639) By City Councilor Hirsch, McLaughlin

That the Director of SPCD discuss whether the opening of the casino has impacted car volume in East Somerville.

### WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:**

AE. Order 208834 (ID:21654) By City Councilor Scott

That the Chief of Police post a traffic detail at the intersection of Webster Avenue and Prospect Street for the duration of the traffic detours in Union Square that reroute Washington Street traffic through that intersection.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

AF. Order

By City Councilor Scott

208835 (ID:21655)

That the Director of SPCD return the intersection at Webster Avenue and Washington Street to an exclusive pedestrian crossing interval to increase safety for schoolchildren and other pedestrians.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AG. Order 208836

By City Councilor Scott

(ID:21656)

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That the Director of Parking, the Director of SPCD and the Chief of Police increase traffic signage and enforcement at the intersection of Webster Avenue and Somerville Avenue to prevent northbound traffic on Webster Avenue from continuing north onto Bow Street or entering Somerville Avenue going in the wrong direction.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AH. Order 208837

By City Councilor Scott

That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately reassess the signaling at the intersection of Webster Avenue and Prospect Street due to the current unsafe and frustrating conditions there.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AI. Order 208845 (ID:21665) By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch

That the Director of SPCD report to this Council on the safety of pedestrians at the intersection of Broadway and Norwood Avenue, following serious injury to a pedestrian there, and whether a crosswalk is needed.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AJ. Order 208888 (ID:21710) By City Councilor Clingan, Hirsch, White Jr.

That the Director of SPCD report to this Council on the effectiveness of the Winter Hill in Motion plan and its impact on congestion.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AK. Order 208889 (ID:21706) By City Councilor Clingan

That the Director of Parking install 4-hour maximum parking signs on Fellsway West.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AL. Resolution 209001 (ID:21818) By City Councilor Clingan

That the Administration provide an update addressing the Winter Hill in Motion project, including links to the educational materials created.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AM. Resolution

209149 (ID:21973) By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch, Davis, Clingan

That the Mayor and the Director of SPCD immediately seek the approval of this Council for 2 new Mobility Division positions, and funding for traffic calming infrastructure, to address the many dangerous areas on our streets.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AN. Order

By City Councilor Davis

209303 (ID:22143) That the City Solicitor advise on how this Council can regulate by ordinance the issuance of parking permits, and prohibit such issuance to residents of new construction or renovation that doesn't provide on-site parking.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AO. Mayor's

Submitting draft language for residential permit parking restriction waivers.

Communication 209340 (ID:22171)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AP. Order

By City Councilor Clingan

209423 (ID:22262) That the Director of Parking move the NO TURN ON RED sign at the corner of Broadway and Temple Street to a more visible location.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AQ. Order

By City Councilor Clingan

209428 (ID:22267)

(ID:22395)

That the Director of Parking increase enforcement of the NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER regulations at the intersections of Central Street at Forster Street and Sycamore Street at Browning Road.

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RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AR. Order 209553

By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Scott,

Ballantyne, Davis, McLaughlin, Mbah

That the Chief of Police report to this Council on plans to assign more officers to the Traffic Enforcement Division, instruct patrol officers to make traffic enforcement a higher priority, and increase the ratio of payable to warning citations.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

### COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

30. Mayor's Request 209582

(ID:22403)

Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition Authorizing the Appointment of Special Firefighters.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

31. Mayor's Request 209583 (ID:22384) Requesting the appropriation of \$85,000 from the Capitol Stabilization Fund for the purchase of firefighter bunker gear.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

32. Mayor's Request 209584 (ID:22407) Requesting a transfer of \$3,000 from the Economic Development Division's Salaries Account to the School Department Salaries Account to fund a Fab Lab door monitor.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

33. Mayor's Request 209585 (ID:22420) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$537.39 using available funds in the City Clerk's Service Contracts Account and Credit Card Convenience Fee Account, to pay FY19 invoices that weren't received until recently.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

34. Mayor's Request 209586 (ID:22180) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$150 using available funds in the Communications Professional and Technical Services Account for vendor Samuel Evers who was a web content writer.

RESULT: APPROVED

35. Mayor's Request 209587 (ID:22382) Requesting acceptance of a \$389,995 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to the Office of Sustainability & Environment for a Critical Regional Infrastructure and Social Vulnerability Assessment.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

36. Mayor's Request 209588 (ID:22406) Requesting acceptance of a \$117,108 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Elder Affairs to the Council on Aging for programming, transportation, salary, equipment and other needs of the elders.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

37. Mayor's Request 209589 (ID:22421) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$74,400 from the MA Office of Public Safety for Police Department staffing.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

38. Mayor's Request 209590 (ID:22422) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Police Officer Wolff Berrouet to the position of Police Sergeant.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

39. Mayor's Request 209591 (ID:22423) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Police Officer Steve St. Hilaire to the position of Police Sergeant.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

40. Mayor's Request

Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology General Use Policy.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

209592 (ID:22453)

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

### COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

**RESULT:** 

41. Officer's City Solicitor requesting to appear in Executive Session with outside legal Communication counsel to discuss Civil Service Commission Bypass Appeal No. G2-19-256.

209593 (ID:22408)

The City Council recessed at 8:00 PM for the Executive Session. The Council recessed the Executive Session and reconvened in Open Session at 8:45 PM, in order to take up a late item, #209622. After approving that item, the Council recessed at 8:50 PM to continue the Executive Session. The Council reconvened from the Executive Session at 9:15 PM. No votes were taken in the Executive Session.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Niedergang

42. Officer's Communication in 209594

Officer's Director of Personnel responding to #205473 re: pension credit and health Communication insurance for employees working less than 20 hours per week.

(ID:22405)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

### **NEW BUSINESS**

43. 209595

License/Permit Public Event License, Tufts Graduate Student Council 5K Race for Charity, Tufts Campus and adjacent sidewalks, Apr 19, 7AM-12PM.

(ID:22419)

Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 43 through 47, 49 and 51 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

44. 209596

License/Permit Public Event License, Dysautonomia International POTS Walk and 5K Race, Mystic River Reservation, May 2, 8AM-3PM.

(ID:22418)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

45.

License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, A Vozzella & Sons.

209597 (ID:22416)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

46. License/Permit 209598

Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Forge Baking Company, 626 Somerville

(ID:22444)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

47. License/Permit 209599

Renewing Garage License, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor Pl.

(ID:22413)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

48. License/Permit 209600 (ID:22414)

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect

Councilor White recommended approval, with a copy to the Licenses and Permits Committee so it could follow up on a State lemon law audit.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

License/Permit 49. 209601

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Real Auto Shop, 39 Webster Ave.

(ID:22415)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

AMENDED: Approved for 15 vehicles outside, Mon-Fri 9AM-7PM,

Sat 9AM-3PM, Sun Closed.

50. 209602 (ID:22455)

License/Permit Amending Dog Kennel License, Elliots House Pet Care and More, 230 Somerville Ave, adding overnight boarding for 10 dogs.

> Councilor White recommended referring this item to the Licenses and Permits Committee for discussion since overnight boarding of dogs is apparently a newly-allowed use.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee 51. 209603

License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Masala Square 23 Union Sq, LED sign installed in front of the building.

(ID:22454)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

52. Public 2 residents submitting comments re: #209551, SomerVision 2040.

Communication 209604 (ID:22456)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

### SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

53. Order By City Councilor Clingan

209605 (ID:22446)

That the Director of SPCD provide this Council with the most recent updates on any plans for Foss Park.

Councilor Clingan requested to waive the readings of items 53 and 55 and refer them to the Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

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

54. Order 209606 (ID:22447) By City Councilor Clingan

That the Director of SPCD provide this Council with an update on efforts to implement North/South public transportation services.

Councilor Clingan requested to waive the reading of item 54 and refer it to the Traffic and Parking Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

55. Order 209607 (ID:22448) By City Councilor Clingan

That the Director of SPCD provide this Council with a report on the history of Conway Park and what contaminant testing had been completed prior to its establishment as a public park.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

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

56. Order 209608 (ID:22449) By City Councilor Clingan

That the Election Commissioner provide this Council, in writing, an explanation of the current practices and procedures used to update voter roles with current addresses...

Councilor Clingan reported that he has questions about voter roll updates and would like to know more about the process.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  57. Order 209609 (ID:22450)

By City Councilor Clingan, Ewen-Campen

That the Election Commissioner provide this Council with a written explanation of the practice of dropping voters from the voter roles for failure to complete the 2020 census and whether this practice is in line with state and federal regulations for maintaining voter roles.

Councilor Clingan requested a review of the practices now in place. Councilor Ballantyne noted that if you don't return the census you will not be turned away from voting.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

58. Order 209610 (ID:22457)

By City Councilor White Jr., Niedergang

That the City Engineer and Commissioner of Public Works inspect the sidewalk on the east side of Cedar Street for all instances of spalling, and report to this Council 1) what caused it, 2) how the City will correct it, and 3) what measures the City will take against the contractor, if it was caused by improper installation.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

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

59. Resolution 209611 (ID:22460)

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

That the Administration discuss terminating the Somerville Media Center and MAPS tenancies, including any plans to help them relocate, such as allowing them time to find a new location.

Councilor Ballantyne noted that the Somerville Media Center's tenancy is being terminated, and would like this matter to be taken up in the Housing and Community Development Committee.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

60. Order 209612 (ID:22461)

By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of Parks and Recreation work with the Superintendent of Schools to develop a policy for "utilizing artificial turf in the heat" similar to the policy used by Burlington, MA.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

61. Order 209613 (ID:22462)

By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of Sustainability and Environment, the Director of SPCD, The Director of Communications, and the Commissioner of Public Works develop a plan for a "Resiliency Hub" when extreme weather events occur.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

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

62. Resolution 209614 (ID:22463)

By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change discuss its 2020 plan with this Council's Committee on Open Space, Energy and Environment.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

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

63. Order 209615 (ID:22464)

By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Health and Human Services consider developing, and hiring a third party for, an Equity Justice Review for the Somerville Climate Forward Plan and the SomerVision 2040 Plan.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations

Committee

64. Order 209616 (ID:22465)

By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott

That the Director of Engineering install a crosswalk on Somerville Avenue at

Kent Street and Spring Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

65. Officer's Communication

Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management responding to #209476 re:

Communication elevated levels of lead in the city's water.

209617 (ID:22470)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

66. License/Permit 209618 (ID:22471)

License/Permit Public Event License, Vista Print Film Shoot, sidewalk outside 191

Washington Street, Jan 27, 6am-6pm.

Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 66 through 68 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

67. License/Permit 209619

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Motor Cars, 161

Broadway.

(ID:22468) **RESULT:** 

68. License/Permit

License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway.

209620 (ID:22469)

**RESULT:** 

**APPROVED** 

**APPROVED** 

### **LATE ITEMS**

69. Grant of Location 209461 (ID:22324) Submitted by Eversource to install 21 feet of conduit in Nashua Street from utility pole 252/5 to a point of pickup at 40 Nashua Street.

Discharged from the Committee on Licenses and Permits.

RESULT: APPROVED

70. Order

By City Councilor White Jr.

209621 (ID:22477) That the Superintendent of Water and Sewer consult with the Director of Health and Human Services to institute an effective method to inform tenants who may have lead in their drinking water.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

71. Officer's Communication of 209622

Officer's City Solicitor requesting approval to retain outside legal counsel in the matter Communication of Civil Service Commission Bypass Appeal #G2-19-256

209622 (ID:22445) **RESUL** 

RESULT: APPROVED

72. Order

By City Councilor White Jr.

209623 (ID:22478) That the City Solicitor advise the Committee on Licenses and Permits on its ability to deal with car dealers that have failed a state Lemon Law audit.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

73. Order 209624

By City Councilor Ballantyne

209624 That the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy provide (ID:22476) 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:** APPROVED

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

74. Order

By City Councilor Rossetti

209625 (ID:22473) That items #208574 and #208703 be discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters and referred to the

Committee on Legislative Matters.

RESULT: APPROVED

75. Order 209626

By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne

(ID:22474)

That the Committee on Housing and Community Development provide feedback on SomerVision 2040's chapter on Commercial Development,

Business and Arts with respect to metrics and key tasks.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

76. Order 209627 (ID:22475)

By City Councilor Hirsch

That #s 203479, 208923, 207723, 208249, 208684, 208685, 209442 and 207890 be discharged from the Committee on Housing and Community Development and referred to the Committee on Traffic and Parking.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

77. Resolution 208574 (ID:21389)

By City Councilor Scott

That the Administration clarify the status of part-time employees hired as part of the proposed Police Department Cadet Program, and the role of the City Council in confirming nominees for participation.

Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments pursuant to #209625.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

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

Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments pursuant to #209625.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

79. Resolution 203479 (ID:16183)

By City Councilor Davis

That the Administration update the Ward 6 Alderman on plans to improve way-finding for the Community Path through Davis Square.

Discharged from the Committee on Housing and Community Development pursuant to #209627.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

80. Resolution 207723 (ID:20525)

By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne

That the Administration discuss thoughts on negotiating with the MBTA for discounted or free fare for children and low-income adults by sharing or bearing the cost of the passes.

Discharged from the Committee on Housing and Community Development pursuant to #209627.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

81. Resolution 207890 (ID:20696) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Niedergang, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.

That the Administration work with MassDOT and the GLX team to address the 3 primary safety issues with the Community Path Extension between Washington Street and Lechmere that have been identified by the Friends of the Community Path.

Discharged from the Committee on Housing and Community Development pursuant to #209627.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

82. Order 208249 (ID:21079) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah

That the Director of SPCD modify the Central Hill Campus plan to include an elevator from the new Gilman Square MBTA station to the Central Hill Campus, so that people with mobility issues are able to use the new station to access City Hall, the Library, and the High School.

Discharged from the Committee on Housing and Community Development pursuant to #209627.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

83. Resolution 208684 (ID:21559)

By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne, McLaughlin, Mbah That the Administration report on how the City could lobby for a wider width for the proposed bridge from Everett to Draw 7 Park.

Discharged from the Committee on Housing and Community Development pursuant to #209627.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

84. Order 208685 (ID:21560) By City Councilor Hirsch, Mbah

That the Director of SPCD explain how decisions are made about Blue Bike rack placement, including how the public gets informed.

Discharged from the Committee on Housing and Community Development pursuant to #209627.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

85. Order By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne

208923 That the Director of SPCD or the Director of SomerStat develop an estimate of (ID:21746) funding required to pay for or subsidize MBTA fares for residents of different

income levels and ages.

Discharged from the Committee on Housing and Community Development

pursuant to #209627.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

86. Order By City Councilor Ballantyne

209442 That the Director of SPCD add more bike racks to the West Somerville

(ID:22279) Neighborhood School.

Discharged from the Committee on Housing and Community Development

pursuant to #209627.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:00 PM.