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

### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

April 8, 2021, 7:00 PM Meeting by Remote Participation \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll. 211585 (ID:24515)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

2. Remembrances Remembrances.

211586 (ID:24516)

**RESULT:** 

Councilor Niedergang sponsored a moment of silence for Maria DiFabrizio.

3. Minutes 211587 (ID:24517) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 11, 2021.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**APPROVED** 

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

### **CITATIONS**

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

4. Grant of Location 211588 (ID:24573)

Submitted by TC Systems Inc to install 112 feet of conduit on Glen Street, from Utility Pole 219/10 to an existing Comcast manhole near the intersection of Pearl and Glen Streets.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Hayleigh Walker from TC Systems spoke in favor of the item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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

5. Order 211589 (ID:24489)

By City Councilor Strezo, Ballantyne

That the Committee on Housing and Community Development address the prevalence of toxic stress and trauma emanating from the pandemic that has disproportionately affected women and communities of color.

Councilor Strezo wondered how this has been addressed elsewhere.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

6. Order 211590 (ID:24491)

By City Councilor Strezo, Ballantyne, Davis, Scott

That the Committee on Housing and Community Development consider whether a community-wide trauma response, such as the Baltimore Partnership for Family and Trauma-Informed Care, could work here to aid post-Covid-19 recovery and reconstruction.

Councilor Scott said the Baltimore Study was run with grant funding and it would require extensive funding and an increase in staff to work. Councilor Strezo expressed optimism that grant funding could be obtained.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

7. Order 211591 (ID:24488) By City Councilor Strezo, Ballantyne

That the Director of Personnel update this Council on the Economic Development Division's staffing and how the city can best support the shortage of in preparing to assist residents and businesses in pandemic recovery.

Councilor Strezo explained that this is part of the effort to lay the foundation for the post-Covid recovery.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

8. Order 211592 (ID:24490)

By City Councilor Strezo, Clingan

That the Director of Mobility install bump outs and other traffic calming measures on Sycamore Street between Medford Street and Broadway.

Councilor Clingan commented that he would like bump-outs installed near the Winter Hill School.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

9. Order 211593 (ID:24497)

By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Strezo, Davis That the Director of Personnel implement Vision Zero training for all staff who drive city vehicles.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

10. Order 211594 (ID:24498) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezo, Clingan

That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss how much planned funding will be allocated toward trauma training initiatives for youth in the coming years.

Councilor Ballantyne noted that pre-Covid, 70-80% of students in the Public Schools had experienced trauma, and she believes the city should think about how it's going to allocate the expected federal American Rescue Plan funding.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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

11. Order 211595 (ID:24508) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.

That the Director of Mobility and the Commissioner of Public Works work with the State Delegation to remove the hostile architecture public benches from the Davis Square MBTA station.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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

12. Order 211596 (ID:24509)

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

That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that no hostile architecture public benches are installed in the city.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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

13. Resolution 211597 (ID:24510)

By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis

That Tufts submit an institutional master plan, and not expand its housing beyond the campus University zone, so residents know about any planned long-term changes and understand the impacts to their neighborhoods.

Councilor Ballantyne said Tufts is not using its university zoning and is not informing the community of their student housing plans.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

14. Ordinance 211598 (ID:24499)

By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis

Submitting an Ordinance to regulate chemical crowd control agents and kinetic impact projectiles, as approved by the Legislative Matters Committee on 4/1/21.

Councilor Ewen-Campen introduced this ordinance as the product of the Legislative Matters Committee. Councilor White noted the concerns about qualified immunity expressed in the City Solicitor's letter (#211694) that was provided today. Councilor Davis explained that the ordinance doesn't mention qualified immunity and does declare that the ordinance is established law. He said it's similar to ordinances in Boston (vetoed), and Cambridge (still in committee), and its approach to pepper spray is softer than in those cities. He urged the Council to approve it. Councilor Rossetti noted that the ordinance still allows the use of pepper spray under certain circumstances. Councilor Niedergang sponsored Chief Femino, who pointed out that there have been no incidents where the Police have not acted in a professional manner. He commented that the ordinance's discussion turned from tear gas to pepper spray. Councilor White sponsored City Solicitor Wright, who noted that the appropriate question is not whether the ordinance is clearly established, but whether violating it constitutes a violation of someone's constitutional rights. In his opinion, the ordinance cannot take away a police officer's right to raise the affirmative defense of qualified immunity. Councilor Ewen-Campen said the ordinance is not an attack on the Somerville police but rather is a response to how some officers acted across the country this past summer. President McLaughlin said the ordinance puts substance to the city's stated values.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

15. Order 211599 (ID:24500)

By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Scott, Mbah That the Chief of Police update this Council on Somerville's Restorative Justice program, including a description of what sorts of cases are referred for restorative justice and how those decisions are made.

Councilor Ewen-Campen commented that the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety was last briefed on this topic about a year ago and he would like an update. There is also interest in finding out if the program could be used for auto accidents.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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

16. Resolution 211600 (ID:24501)

By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Clingan, Mbah, Strezo, Ballantyne, Scott

That the Administration include a sidewalk snow shoveling program in the FY22 budget focused on pedestrian streets, major north-south and east-west routes, sidewalk corners and crosswalks with piles of snow, MBTA bus stops, and senior buildings.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said this is an issue of equity, safety, and mobility and, given the cost, the city has to decide what gets plowed.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

17. Order 211601 (ID:24502)

By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Scott, Strezo, Mbah

That the City Solicitor and the Chief of Police discuss with the Committee on Legislative Matters a formal policy or ordinance to decriminalize or deprioritize arrests for drug possession, and prioritize treatment over incarceration.

Councilor McLaughlin said that this was supposed to be happening for the past 5 years, and that this item is just to formalize the policy.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

18. Resolution 211602 (ID:24503)

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

Requesting Federal funds for ultra-fine particle mitigation.

Councilor Clingan sponsored resident Ellin Reiser, who spoke about research concerning traffic pollution and its effects on residents. If funding were secured, it could pay for windows, air filtration, and sound barriers for affected Somerville residents. A lack of funding, so far, has prevented the city from implementing mitigation.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

19. Order 211603 (ID:24504)

By City Councilor McLaughlin

That the Arborist inspect the tree in front of the Edgerly School on Otis Street and remove it if it is dead.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

20. Order 211604 (ID:24505) By City Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the cracked sidewalk on Otis Street from Cross Street to 15 Otis Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

21. Order 211605 (ID:24506) By City Councilor Clingan, White Jr., Strezo, Davis, Mbah, Ballantyne, Scott, Ewen-Campen

That the City Solicitor work with this Council on an ordinance to deny, revoke or suspend permits to companies with a history of engaging in unsafe, hazardous or dangerous practices based on work safety histories or concerns.

Councilor Clingan said that the State legislature is considering this issue (for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time), but if they don't act, he'd like to have a local option to address the problem.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

22. Resolution 211606 (ID:24507)

By City Councilor Clingan, White Jr., Strezo, Mbah, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Davis

Supporting HD.1943 and SD.229, relative to workplace safety and the disclosure of violations.

Councilor Clingan urged approval, to encourage the State legislature is finally address this issue.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### 23. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee

Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on March 18, 2021.

Report 211459 (ID:24442)

Councilor Davis moved that the report be approved as submitted.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

B. Resolution 209639

(ID:22503)

By City Councilor Davis

That the Administration work with the Committee on Legislative Matters to

consider revisions to the Surveillance Technology Ordinance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

### 24. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211460 (ID:24445) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on March 24, 2021.

Councilor Davis moved that the report be approved as submitted.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### 25. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211607 (ID:24514) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on April 6, 2021.

Councilor Scott presented the report, noting that among the items discussed were the capital investment plan, ARP funding, city staff vacancies, requests for new mid-year positions, and various other requests. Councilor Rossetti expressed concern about adding new positions at this point since they become full time positions in the next budget. She believes there are currently over 100 vacancies, and she would like the Administration to determine if they're really necessary positions.

The meeting then recessed at 9:15 PM, and reconvened at 9:20 PM.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

B. Order 211427 (ID:24326)

By City Councilor Scott

That the Director of Personnel provide this Council with a list of current fulltime vacancies broken down by union and non-union positions, and that the Administration address this Council as to the reason for the high number of vacancies.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Mayor's Request 211467 (ID:24407) Requesting approval to create the Energy Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding energy efficiency and decarbonization projects in City buildings.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

D. Mayor's Request 211468 (ID:24410) Requesting the appropriation of \$294,399 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Energy Stabilization Fund.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

E. Mayor's Request 211470 (ID:24338) Requesting to re-purpose \$80,000 in the Covid-19 Stabilization Fund to develop a Somerville Cultural Plan.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

F. Mayor's Request 211473 (ID:24411) Requesting the appropriation of \$8,865 from the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund to the Somerstat Salaries Account to fund a temporary salary adjustment.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

G. Mayor's Request 211475 (ID:24406) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$15,931.99 from various DPW accounts using available FY21 funds.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

H. Mayor's Request 211476 (ID:24409) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$2,672.30 using available funds in the Police Department Public Safety Supplies Account for Police Department issued firearms.

**RESULT:** WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

I. Officer's

Acting Director of SomerStat requesting to present to this Council a Capital Communication Investment Plan process.

211495 (ID:24408)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

J. Mayor's Request 211567 (ID:24473)

Requesting the use of \$5,200 in available funds in the Communications Salaries Account to establish the position of Director of the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

K. Mayor's Request 211568 (ID:24474) Requesting the appropriation of \$5,376 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Communications Salaries Account to fund the position of Director of the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

L. Mayor's Request 211569 (ID:24464) Requesting the use of \$9,518 in available funds in the Engineering Salaries Account to establish the position of Senior Project Manager (Streetscapes).

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

M. Mayor's Request 211570 (ID:24463) Requesting the use of \$7,932 in available funds in the SPCD Planning & Zoning Salaries Account to establish a new Planner position.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

N. Mayor's Request 211571 (ID:24462) Requesting the use of \$6,346 in available funds in the Constituent Services Salaries Account to establish the position of Quality Manager.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

O. Mayor's Request 211572 (ID:24465) Requesting the use of \$4,230 in available funds in the Engineering Salaries Account to establish the position of Deputy Director of Engineering Projects.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

P. Mayor's Request 211573 (ID:24466) Requesting the use of \$3,173 in available funds in the Sewer Enterprise Salaries Account to establish the position of Deputy Director of Engineering Projects.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

Q. Mayor's Request 211574 (ID:24467) Requesting the use of \$3,173 in available funds in the Water Enterprise Salaries Account to establish the position of Deputy Director of Engineering Projects.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

### 26. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211608 (ID:24512) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on March 31, 2021.

Councilor Strezo said the Committee was told by the Department of Housing Stability that there has been an increase in funding and an increase in need: in the department's first full year of operation (2019) there were 584 cases of families in crisis, and this year there were 1,688. The Committee also discussed issues with Tufts, and installing playground communication boards in parks.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

B. Order 203222

(ID:15923)

rder By City Councilor Ballantyne
3222 That this Board's Committee 6

That this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development meet with representatives of Tufts University for an update on the conversion of wood frame office-houses into residential housing in Medford and Somerville.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Resolution 206823

By City Councilor Ballantyne, and the Entire Board

That Tufts University engage the Somerville community in its public Master

(ID:19603) Planning process.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 211253

(ID:24147)

By City Councilor Clingan, Strezo

That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry appear before this Council with an update on the delayed Healey Schoolyard master plan and the

current implementation schedule.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Mayor's

Conveying an update on the Healey Schoolyard project.

Communication 211328 (ID:24226)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Resolution 211341

By City Councilor Ballantyne

(ID:24236)

That Tufts update this Council on its student housing plans for the University

district.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Resolution 211342

(ID:24237)

By City Councilor Ballantyne

That Tufts reconfirm that it is not expanding beds in any of its buildings outside of the University district.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Order 211345

(ID:24232)

By City Councilor Strezo

That this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development review the findings of the Condo Conversion Annual Report.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Order 211370 (ID:24277) By City Councilor Strezo, Niedergang, Ballantyne

That the Director of Health and Human Services and the Director of the Human Rights Commission advise the Committee on Housing and Community Development how the City may address reported cases of suspected hate speech on public and private property.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Public

Tufts responding to #211341 and #211342 re: student housing.

Communication 211436 (ID:24334)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

### 27. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211609 (ID:24513) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on April 1, 2021.

Councilor Davis presented the report and said that proposal to revoke the enabling legislation for Police and Fire Reserve Lists could have unintended consequences for those currently on the lists. The consensus was to put this matter on the back burner until September to allow time for the lists to be exhausted. The Committee also discussed a proposed ordinance for crowd control and the use of tear gas. He said that Chief Femino objected to the ordinance as written, but the Committee felt that it addressed his concerns.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis

**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

B. Order 210736 (ID:23611) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Mbah That the City Solicitor draft an Ordinance banning the use of tear gas by the Police Department and other law enforcement agencies operating in Somerville.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 211003 (ID:23918) By City Councilor Davis

That this Council consider an ordinance banning chemical crowd control agents and kinetic impact projectiles.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

#### 28. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

## A. Committee Report 211610 (ID:24511)

Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on March 30, 2021.

Councilor Clingan said that the bulk of the discussions were about the school buildings and their ventilation capabilities.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

## B. Order 210829 (ID:23739)

By City Councilor Clingan

That the Commissioner of Public Works address the streetlight outage on the entire length of Fellsway West, resulting from the work being done by DCR at Foss Park.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

## C. Order 211134 (ID:24032)

By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Mbah, Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works present this Council with a detailed financial analysis of the cost for a municipal program to clear snow from sidewalks in business districts and major thoroughfares.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

## D. Order 211259 (ID:24153)

By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Clingan, Davis That this Council discuss the costs of placing overhead power and utility lines underground as part of any street reconstruction or resurfacing project, and consider requiring such placement by ordinance, in light of the risks and costs of proliferating utility connections and leaning or doubled poles.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

## E. Order 211338 (ID:24230)

By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management discuss with this Council a maintenance plan for the city's school buildings, in light of the attached communication.

### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 211383 (ID:24285) By City Councilor White Jr., Scott, Strezo, Clingan, Mbah That the Director of Capital Projects appear before this Council to discuss whether the OSHA record of violations is used as a factor in determining the successful bidder for City contracts.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order 211384 (ID:24286) By City Councilor White Jr., Scott, Strezo, Clingan, Mbah

That the Director of Inspectional Services appear before this Council to discuss whether his Department does or may use the OHSA record of applicants for permits as a factor in determining whether to issue the permits.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Order 211394 (ID:24313) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne,

Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.

That the Mayor, Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management,

Commissioner of Public Works, and Director of Health and Human Services respond to the attached questions regarding ventilation and school-building readiness from public school parents.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

#### COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

29. Mayor's Request 211611 (ID:24484) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Body Art Services use standards and Table 9.1.1 Permitted Uses.

Also referred to the Planning Board.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

30. Mayor's Request 211612 (ID:24485) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to regulate rooftop mechanical systems and mechanical penthouses.

Also referred to the Planning Board.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

31. Mayor's Request 211613 (ID:24487) Requesting approval of the 2021-2022 HUD One Year Action Plan, for CDBG, HOME, and ESG Programming.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

32. Mayor's Request 211614 (ID:24481) Requesting acceptance of a \$129,475 grant from the Dept. of Environmental Protection and the MA Clean Water Trust as part of the City's Asset Management Program.

Councilor Scott supported approval tonight.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [9 TO 0]

**AYES:** Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis

ABSENT: Ballantyne RECUSED: Mbah

33. Mayor's Request 211615 (ID:24496) Requesting acceptance of a \$65,496 grant with no new match required, from MassHire (Metro North Regional Employment Board) to the Health and Human Services Department for youth employment.

Councilor Scott supported approval tonight.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis

**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

34. Mayor's Request 211616 (ID:24486) Requesting acceptance of a \$24,960 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department to purchase protective helmets and vests for firefighters responding to active shooter / active threat incidents.

Councilor Scott supported approval tonight.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis

**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

35. Mayor's Request 211617 (ID:24563) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Anne Gill as Director of Personnel.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

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

Committee

#### COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

36. Officer's Director of Communication proposal.

Director of Water and Sewer submitting the FY22 water and sewer rate proposal

211618 (ID:24581)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

37. Officer's
Communication
211619
(ID:24576)

Retirement Board notifying this Council of a vote at the Retirement Board's May 27, 2021 meeting regarding a 2021 Cost of Living Adjustment for eligible retirees.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

38. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Caruso Corp.

211620 (ID:24525)

Councilor White moved to waive the readings of items 38 - 92 and approve them.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

39. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, CJ Doherty.

211621 (ID:24527)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

40. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, CM Conway Construction.

211622 (ID:24519)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

41. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, FE French Construction.

211623 (ID:24524)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

42. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Ferrante Construction.

211624 (ID:24521)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

43. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Galway Excavation.

211625 (ID:24529)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

44. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Kealey Excavation.

211626

(ID:24523)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

45. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Legacy Building and Development. 211627 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24520) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 46. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, McGue Excavating. 211628 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24528) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 47. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Milltown Plumbing and Heating. 211629 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24522) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 48. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, RM Pacella. 211630 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24530) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 49. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tascon Corp. 211631 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24526) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, AYES: Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 50. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, BBS Services, 45 Broadway. 211632 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24541) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 51. Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Gulf, 212 Broadway. License/Permit 211633 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24542) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 52. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St. 211634 APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] **RESULT:** (ID:24547) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

53. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Home Depot, 75 Mystic Ave. 211635 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24546) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 54. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, 132 Washington 211636 (ID:24545) **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, 23R Inner Belt 55. 211637 Rd. (ID:24543) **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 56. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, 70R Third Ave. 211638 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24544) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 57. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St. 211639 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24548) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 58. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Trum Field Sunoco, 541 Broadway. 211640 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24549) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 59. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul, 151 Linwood St. 211641 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24550) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 60. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul, 600 Mystic Valley Pkwy. 211642 APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] **RESULT:** (ID:24551) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

61.		Renewing Garage License, Broadway Brake, 45 Broadway.		
	211643 (ID:24553)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
62.		Renewing Garage	License, Cataldo Ambulance Service, 4 Joy St.	
	211644 (ID:24554)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
		Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 141 Beacon St.		
211645 (ID:24561)		RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
21		Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 381 Washington St.		
	211646 (ID:24557)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
21		Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St.		
	211647 (ID:24558)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
2	License/Permit 211648 (ID:24555)	Renewing Garage	License, Dino's Auto Center, 308 McGrath.	
		RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
67.	License/Permit 211649 (ID:24579)	Renewing Garage License, DM Auto Services, 45 Webster Ave.		
		RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
68.	License/Permit 211650 (ID:24552)	Renewing Garage License, Drain Doctor, 612 Broadway.		
		RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	

69. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Fred Susan Auto Body, 269 Somerville Ave. 211651 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24580) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 70. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Gene Automotive Repair, 56 Joy St. 211652 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24562) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 71. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Partners HealthCare System, 399 Revolution Dr. 211653 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24560) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 72. Renewing Garage License, Sullivan Tire, 263 Beacon St. License/Permit 211654 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24566) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 73. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Tech Auto Body, 9 Union Sq. 211655 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24559) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, AYES: Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 74. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Triumvirate Environmental, 191 Inner Belt Rd. 211656 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24556) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 75. Renewing Garage License, U-Haul, 151 Linwood St. License/Permit 211657 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24564) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 76. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Webster Auto Body, 69 Webster Ave. 211658 APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] **RESULT:** (ID:24565) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 77. License/Permit Renewing Extended Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 282 Somerville Avenue. 211659 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24532) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 78. License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Cataldo Ambulance Service, 211660 137 Washington St. (ID:24536) **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 79. License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dumpling Kitchen, 217 211661 Highland Ave. (ID:24534) **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 80. Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 504 Broadway. License/Permit 211662 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24535) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 81. License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Lemon Thai Cuisine, 215 211663 Highland Ave. (ID:24533) **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 82. License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Mayer Campus Center, 44 211664 Professors Row. (ID:24537) **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 83. License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Mr. B's, 142 Cross St. 211665 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24539)

**AYES:** 

Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

84. 211666 (ID:24540)

License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Pepi's Pizzeria, 516B Medford

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

85. License/Permit 211667

(ID:24531)

Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Tisch Library Cafe, 35 Professors Row.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

86. License/Permit 211668

(ID:24570)

Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Kay Jewelers, 360 Artisan Way.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

87. License/Permit 211669

(ID:24569)

Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

88.

211670 (ID:24568)

License/Permit Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Talewsky Enterprises, 508 Columbia St.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

89.

211671 (ID:24571)

License/Permit Renewing Junk Dealer's License, All Checks Cashed, 12 Union Sq.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

90.

211672 (ID:24567)

License/Permit Renewing Hawker and Peddler License, Chiki Galvez.

APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] **RESULT:** 

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

91. License/Permit

211673 (ID:24518) Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Dr.

APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] **RESULT:** 

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

92. License/Permit Renewing Mobile Food Vendor License, Wizard Catering.

211674 (ID:24572)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

93. Public Scott Zink proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone his property at 471 Communication Somerville Avenue from Urban Residential to MR4.

Communication Somery 211675

(ID:24575) Also referred to the Planning Board.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

94. Public Attorney General's Office submitting comments re: #211343, calling for a Communication better future for Somerville's female workforce.

Communication better future 211676

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

95. Public District Attorney responding to #196432 re: the investigation of the murder of

Communication Deanna Cremin.

211677 (ID:24577)

(ID:24578)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

96. Public Jim Bossi submitting comments re: Tufts student housing.

Communication 211678 (ID:24574)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

#### SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

97. Ordinance By City Councilor Davis, Scott

211679 (ID:24582)

Amending the Domestic Partnership Ordinance as attached and as further necessary to address issues in the existing version.

Councilor Davis said that the changes he is proposing reflect amendments approved in Cambridge's domestic partnership ordinance.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

98. Order 211680 (ID:24583) By City Councilor Davis, Scott

That the City Solicitor prepare a Home Rule Petition to recognize any member of a domestic partnership as a "dependent" for Group Insurance Commission coverage, and as a "spouse" with respect to other applicable laws.

Councilor Davis said he submitted this item because the city's GIC health insurance doesn't recognize domestic partners as eligible for coverage.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

99. Resolution 211681 (ID:24584)

By City Councilor Davis, McLaughlin, Ballantyne

That the Mayor include in the FY22 budget funding for full-time staff reporting to this Council, potentially including a Legislative and Policy Analyst, a Public Outreach Coordinator, and other positions as the Council President deems appropriate.

Councilor Davis said the Mayor seemed supportive of this idea. President McLaughlin noted that the Council voted down a staffing appropriation several years ago, but said he would like the Council to have its own legal counsel.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

100. Order 211682 (ID:24585) By City Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works work with Eversource to address the double poles at the locations listed within.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

101. Order 211683 (ID:24586) By City Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works address the leaning electrical poles on Glen Street by the East Somerville Community School and by 48 Flint Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

102. Order 211684 (ID:24587) By City Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Parking replace the downed speed limit sign on the Cross Street Bridge by Mr. B's Restaurant.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

103. Order 211685 (ID:24594) By City Councilor Rossetti

That items #211483, #211484, #211485, #211486, #211487, #211488, and #211489, all related to Police Officer appointments, be discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

President McLaughlin recused himself from this item and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. She explained that the reason to discharge these items was to approve their appointments, but noted that the pinning, benefits and compensation wouldn't begin until their first day at the Police Academy. Approval now allows the Personnel Department to process the paperwork for the Academy. Deputy Chief Stanford explained that they begin getting paid when they begin working. Councilor Scott expressed concern that this was in conflict with State law, and Deputy Personnel Director Ellen Collins confirmed that the date of hire is the first date of attendance at the Academy. Deputy Chief Stanford said the swearing in of officers doesn't occur now until their graduation.

Once the items were discharged from Committee, Councilor Rossetti urged approval of the candidates. Councilor Niedergang commented that these positions would fill retirement vacancies.

RESULT: APPROVED. [9 TO 0]

**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen,

Clingan, Niedergang, Davis

**ABSENT:** Ballantyne **RECUSED:** McLaughlin

104. Mayor's Request 211686 (ID:24538) Requesting the adoption of an Order of Taking for 191 Highland Avenue for municipal historic and arts purposes.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

105. Mayor's Request 211687 (ID:24592) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$5,000,575 in a bond for the cost of acquiring the Armory Building at 191 Highland Avenue.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

106. Mayor's Request 211688 (ID:24591) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Denise Molina Capers as Director of Racial and Social Justice.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

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

Committee

107. Officer's
Communication
211689

(ID:24482)

Officer's Sustainable Neighborhoods Initiative Coordinator responding to #211345 and Communication conveying the Condominium Review Board's FY20 Annual Report.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

108. Public 211690

National Lawyers Guild MA Chapter submitting comments re: Agenda #14, Communication the Chemical Crowd Control Agents And Kinetic Impact Projectiles Ordinance.

(ID:24590)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

#### LATE ITEMS

(ID:24417)

109. Mayor's Request 211483

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Karanjit Singh to the position of Police Officer.

For discussion of this item see #211685.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [7 TO 2]

Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Clingan, **AYES:** 

Niedergang, Davis

Mbah, Scott NAYS: ABSENT: Ballantyne **RECUSED:** McLaughlin

110. Mayor's Request 211484 (ID:24418)

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Giovanna Lorenzet Marin to the position of Police Officer.

For discussion of this item see #211685.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [7 TO 2]

**AYES:** Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Clingan,

Niedergang, Davis

NAYS: Mbah, Scott ABSENT: Ballantyne **RECUSED:** McLaughlin

111. Mayor's Request 211485 (ID:24419) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jose DaCosta to the position of Police Officer.

For discussion of this item see #211685.

APPROVED. [7 TO 2] **RESULT:** 

Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Clingan, AYES:

Niedergang, Davis

NAYS: Mbah, Scott ABSENT: Ballantyne **RECUSED:** McLaughlin 112. Mayor's Request 211486 (ID:24420) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kevin Henriquez to the position of Police Officer.

For discussion of this item see #211685.

RESULT: APPROVED. [7 TO 2]

**AYES:** Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Clingan,

Niedergang, Davis

NAYS: Mbah, Scott
ABSENT: Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

113. Mayor's Request 211487 (ID:24421) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jamey Thompson to the position of Police Officer.

For discussion of this item see #211685.

RESULT: APPROVED. [7 TO 2]

**AYES:** Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Clingan,

Niedergang, Davis

NAYS: Mbah, Scott
ABSENT: Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

114. Mayor's Request 211488 (ID:24422) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kelsey Malloy-Ripley to the position of Police Officer.

For discussion of this item see #211685.

RESULT: APPROVED. [7 TO 2]

**AYES:** Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Clingan,

Niedergang, Davis

NAYS: Mbah, Scott
ABSENT: Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

115. Mayor's Request 211489 (ID:24423) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of William Wood to the position of Police Officer.

For discussion of this item see #211685.

RESULT: APPROVED. [7 TO 2]

**AYES:** Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Clingan,

Niedergang, Davis

NAYS: Mbah, Scott
ABSENT: Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

116. Order 211691 (ID:24593) By City Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Engineering re-paint the crosswalk on Garfield Avenue by the Stop and Shop.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

117. Order 211692 (ID:24596) By City Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect 117 Washington Street for code violations and report the results in writing to the Ward 1 Councilor.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

118. Mayor's Request 211693 (ID:24483) Requesting approval of proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinances at Article 8.2 - Small Business Overlay District, and to the Zoning Map.

Also referred to the Planning Board.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

119. Mayor's Communication 211694

Mayor's Conveying a legal memo from the Law Office re: the Chemical Crowd Control Communication Agents and Kinetic Impact Projectiles Ordinance, Agenda #14.

211694 (ID:24595) **RES** 

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** 

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:45 PM.