

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

October 11, 2018, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call (ID:19583) Call of the Roll.

Alderman Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Jahmai Furtado-Cooper and brought Imogene O'Rourke to the podium to add her remembrances. Alderman Niedergang sponsored a moment of silence for Judith Perlstein. Alderman Mbah sponsored a moment of silence for Angelina Machado. Alderman White sponsored a moment of silence for Irving Johansen. <b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b>
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2. Minutes (ID:19584) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 13, 2018.

<b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>
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**CITATIONS**

- 3. Citation 206760 (ID:19587) By Ald. White Jr., the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending the Little Sisters of the Poor, on the 150th anniversary of their arrival in America.

Alderman White presented the Little Sisters with a Citation honoring their 150th Anniversary.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 4. Grant of Location 206761 (ID:19588) Submitted by Eversource to install 60 feet of conduit in Beacon St, from Pole 24/51 to a point of pickup at 369-371 Beacon St.

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

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 5. Grant of Location 206762 (ID:19589) Submitted by Crown Castle Fiber to install 44 feet of conduit in Broadway from Manhole 7454 to a proposed Handhole at 1060 Broadway.

The President opened the public hearing. Chris Finneran with Crown Castle Fiber 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**

- 6. Order 206763 (ID:19545) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of SPCD meet with Partridge Avenue residents and the Ward 5 Alderman to discuss traffic calming between Medford and Vernon Streets.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

- 7. Order 206764 (ID:19546) By Ald. Niedergang That the Chief of Police provide traffic enforcement to prevent vehicles from speeding on Partridge Avenue, between Medford and Vernon Streets, especially during the morning and afternoon rush hours.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

8. Order 206765 (ID:19547) By Ald. Niedergang, and the Entire Board  
That the Director of Engineering, the Commissioner of Public Works and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on possible actions to incentivize residents to de-pave their properties, such as waiving dumpster fees and lending de-paving tools.

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

9. Order 206766 (ID:19548) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint two additional crosswalks at the intersection of Cherry Street and Highland Avenue.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

10. Order 206767 (ID:19553) By Ald. Rossetti  
The Director of Personnel update this Board on the status of all vacant positions.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

11. Order 206768 (ID:19554) By Ald. Rossetti, Hirsch  
That this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters consider amending Ordinance 12-48, relating to the hours of operation of skate parks.

Alderman Rossetti asked the Committee on Legislative Matters to consider revising the Ordinance that affects the closing time of Lincoln Park by further limiting the hours of its skate park, because of the noise created there. Alderman Davis said that skateboarding is not a crime and should not be separately regulated by the City. Alderman Hirsch pointed out that many residents live very near the park, and didn't have the opportunity to vet the installation of the skate park. She also said the current ordinance prevents the use of the children's playground on Sunday mornings. Alderman McLaughlin said his civic engagement began by advocating for kids being able to use public parks, and he still believes in that. Alderman Scott said he looked forward to resolving the issues in Committee. Alderman Mbah had originally sponsored the item, but after hearing the discussion, asked that his sponsorship be withdrawn.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

12. Order 206769 (ID:19555) By Ald. Mbah  
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring that projects above a certain size include an impact statement regarding trees and green space, with updates at all stages of design, and prohibiting this Board from authorizing funds for any project that does not include this impact statement.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

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| <p>13. Resolution<br/>206770<br/>(ID:19556)</p>  | <p>By Ald. Mbah<br/>That the Administration create a Task Force to develop a master plan for green and open spaces.</p>  |
| <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br/><b>FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee</b></p>   |  |
| <p>14. Resolution<br/>206771<br/>(ID:19557)</p>  | <p>By Ald. Mbah<br/>That the Administration continue to advertise and to accept applications for membership on the Urban Forestry Committee, if there is to be a delay of more than one month in staffing.</p>                     |
| <p>President Ballantyne commented that there has been a lot of interest in this Committee, and a lot of applications submitted. The City is slowly reviewing them, and is planning to fill the urban forestry position this Board recently approved. Alderman Scott said the Resolution is still important, to encourage the City to accept applications on an ongoing basis even if the hiring process is extended.<br/><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p> |  |
| <p>15. Resolution<br/>206772<br/>(ID:19558)</p>  | <p>By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Scott, Mbah, Hirsch, Davis, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br/>Opposing the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the US Supreme Court.</p>   |
| <p>Alderman Ewen-Campen read the Resolution. Aldermen Scott and Ballantyne read an email from Kristin Strezzo from the Women's Commission, applauding this Board for taking a stand and standing for sexual assault survivors.<br/><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>   |  |
| <p>16. Resolution<br/>206773<br/>(ID:19559)</p>  | <p>By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board<br/>That the Administration establish a widely-advertised Fair Housing enforcement program that proactively tests for illegal housing discrimination.</p>                             |
| <p>Alderman Ewen-Campen proposed that the Administration pro-actively place testers in the field, so real estate agents and listing agents know they can be caught if they discriminate.<br/><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br/><b>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</b></p>  |  |
| <p>17. Order<br/>206774<br/>(ID:19560)</p>   | <p>By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Rossetti<br/>That the Director of SPCD send a mailer and place flyers on doors and cars to all residents within the High School parking zones, informing them of the ongoing survey for parking needs.</p> |
| <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br/><b>FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</b></p>  |  |

18. Order 206775 (ID:19561) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Scott, Niedergang That the Director of Engineering, in consultation with local community and small business groups, change the construction warning signs surrounding Union Square to emphasize that businesses remain open during construction.
- Alderman Ewen-Campen stated that businesses are very concerned about major traffic detours and how they will impact them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
19. Order 206776 (ID:19562) By Ald. Ewen-Campen That the Director of Engineering consider using colored asphalt rather than paint, for bike lanes.
- RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
20. Order 206777 (ID:19563) By Ald. Ewen-Campen That the Commissioner of Public Works update the Ward 3 Alderman on repairing and renovating Walnut Street Park. (see #206061)
- RESULT: APPROVED**
21. Order 206778 (ID:19564) By Ald. Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Engineering work with the Ward 3 Alderman to use \$75,000 contributed by the 125 Lowell developers, to enhance traffic calming in the vicinity.
- RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
22. Order 206779 (ID:19565) By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr. That the Director of Engineering or the Commissioner of Public Works share with this Board the current process for coordinating street paving with underground utility repairs, including how it compares with the Worcester Cooperative Paving Program.
- RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
23. Resolution 206780 (ID:19566) By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr. That the Administration work with other municipalities for the creation of a DPU community advisory board, similar to the MWRA's advisory board, to provide input on the regulation of utilities.
- RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

24. Order 206781 (ID:19567) By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr. That gas leaks be a regular topic on any standing meetings with Eversource or National Grid.

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

25. Order 206782 (ID:19568) By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD, with the Director of Sustainability and Environment, explain the feasibility of encouraging or requiring that areas of new utility infrastructure – such as Boynton Yards or the Inner Belt – use sustainable forms of energy.

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

26. Resolution 206783 (ID:19569) By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr. That the Administration and this Board support Bill H2683, “An Act relative to protecting consumers of gas and electricity from paying for leaked and unaccounted for gas.”

Alderman Hirsch said she attended a Mother's Out Front gas leaks regional planning meeting in Arlington last week that resulted in several recommendations: 1) If there are gas leaks or an entire pipe needs to be replaced, it is best to do it when the streets are open already; 2) Communities should lobby to form an Advisory Board; 3) Gas leaks should be a topic of discussion in any meetings with our utilities; 4) In any area that still requires major infrastructure development, other energy sources should be supported; and 5) Utilities should pay for gas leaks, not customers, so there's an incentive to stop those leaks.

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

27. Resolution 206784 (ID:19570) By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr. Offering appreciation and encouragement for people who have spoken up – whether a person is the target or a colleague and bystander -- when they face workplace situations that make them feel excluded, harassed, or uncomfortable.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

28. Resolution 206785 (ID:19571) By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, Scott, White Jr., Mbah, Clingan Supporting the Personnel Department in its continuing efforts to make it more possible for employees and residents to speak up, with the recognition that it is a continuing process of improvement and learning for all involved.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

29. Resolution 206786 (ID:19572) By Ald. Hirsch That the Administration update this Board on transferring the management of Foss Park to the City, to improve conditions and access.

Legislative Aide Annie Connor said she couldn't update the Board at this time, but would provide one as soon as possible.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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

30. Resolution 206787 (ID:19573) By Ald. Hirsch, Ewen-Campen That the Administration update this Board on establishing a waste reduction position, ideally using revenue saved from reducing recycling and solid waste costs.

Alderman Hirsch asked Alderman White about the status of the Board's budget resolution on waste reduction. He responded that at the last Finance Committee meeting he reviewed all of the Resolutions, and there weren't any on this topic. He offered to take it up at the next meeting.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

31. Order 206788 (ID:19574) By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board That the City expand its public notices to online and non-English-speaking news media.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

32. Order 206789 (ID:19575) By Ald. McLaughlin That the City Solicitor provide this Board with written state and local regulations regarding public notices.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

33. Order 206790 (ID:19576) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes at the locations described within.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

34. Order 206791 (ID:19577) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the concrete around the manholes at the locations described within.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

35. Order 206792 (ID:19578) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the impermeable surface along Alston Street, next to the MBTA separation fence.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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| 36. | Order<br>206793<br>(ID:19579) | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Director of SPCD install a bike lane along Myrtle Street.   |
|     |                               | <b>RESULT:          APPROVED</b>   |
| 37. | Order<br>206794<br>(ID:19580) | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the trash from the end of Flint Street, by McGrath Highway.         |
|     |                               | <b>RESULT:          APPROVED</b>   |
| 38. | Order<br>206795<br>(ID:19581) | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the cracked sidewalk at 2 Ellsworth Street.                         |
|     |                               | <b>RESULT:          APPROVED</b>   |
| 39. | Order<br>206796<br>(ID:19582) | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Director of Engineering reassess the position of Otis Street on the pavement list and adjust if needed. |
|     |                               | <b>RESULT:          APPROVED</b>   |

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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| 40. | Resolution<br>206666<br>(ID:19441) | By Ald. Davis<br>That the Administration adopt a holistic urban development approach, following the Cuidad Dulce (Sweet City) model, that attends to all members of the community, especially marginalized populations, both human and nature.  |
|     |                                    | Alderman Davis sponsored speaker Johnny Hazboun, who spoke about Holistic Urban Development, known as Cuidad Dulce (Sweet City), which creates urban landscapes that coexist with nature. That means developing spaces that incorporate automobiles, bicycles, pedestrians and wheelchair users, trees, plants and their pollinators, rivers, etc. The goal is to turn the city from an extractive consuming power into a productive one. |
|     |                                    | <b>RESULT:          APPROVED</b>  |
|     |                                    | <b>FOLLOWUP:      Housing and Community Development Committee</b>   |
| 41. | Order<br>206744<br>(ID:19520)      | By Ald. Ballantyne, White Jr., Rossetti<br>That the City Solicitor appear before this Board on September 27, 2018 and explain how a City asset, and physical building, like the Homans Building, can be demolished without the approval of this Board.  |
|     |                                    | City Solicitor Frank Wright explained that he is unaware of any obligation for the Board to approve razing a public building. In the case of the Homans Building, the MBTA will look for a transfer of a portion of the property for a power station, but at this time they are simply razing the building to establish a staging area for GLX construction, which is part of its licensing agreement with the City.                      |
|     |                                    | <b>RESULT:          APPROVED</b>  |



**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

42. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report<br/>206797<br/>(ID:19544)</p>        | <p>Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on October 9, 2018.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Alderman White reported that many items were discussed at the meeting. The Committee unanimously recommended bonding \$7,350,000 for the renovation/construction of the West Branch Library. The Committee discussed, and will follow up in future meetings, such topics as voluntary pilots with nonprofits, waiving taxi medallion fees for green vehicles, hiring legal counsel for the Board's independent legal analysis, Parks and Recreation Department spending on girls' programs vs. boys' programs, the cost of the City's bid for Amazon, and the militarization of the Police, with requests to accept a rapid deployment vehicle, ballistic helmets and sunglasses for Police Officers.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p> </div> |
| <p>B. Resolution<br/>199297<br/>(ID:11894)</p>              | <p>By Ald. Ballantyne<br/>That the Administration implement a PILOT program to promote partnerships with major local non-profit institutions for fair-value voluntary PILOTS.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b></p> </div>   |
| <p>C. Officer's Communication<br/>202711<br/>(ID:15401)</p> | <p>Director of SomerStat submitting a memorandum analyzing an increase in the residential exemption.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b></p> </div>  |
| <p>D. Order<br/>203230<br/>(ID:15935)</p>                   | <p>By Ald. Davis<br/>That the City Solicitor advise this Board whether the city may restrict financial institutions from participating in city borrowing based on their business activities, and whether the city may engage in a negotiated underwriting process with a pre-selected lending institution under certain circumstances.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b></p> </div>  |
| <p>E. Order<br/>203448<br/>(ID:16161)</p>                   | <p>By Ald. Ballantyne<br/>That the City Assessor and Finance Director provide revenue comparisons for real estate and other taxes received, for a hotel vs. a commercial building of comparable size.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b></p> </div>   |
| <p>F. Order<br/>203742<br/>(ID:16524)</p>                   | <p>By Ald. Rossetti<br/>That the Fleet Manager provide a 2017 mid-year report of all services provided by the Fleet Management Department, and the expenses to date in each of its line items.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b></p> </div>  |

G.	Officer's Communication 204025 (ID:16679)	Asst. City Solicitor responding to #203230 re: restricting or pre-selecting financial institutions for city borrowing.	<b>RESULT:</b> <b>WORK COMPLETED</b>
H.	Order 204867 (ID:17634)	By Ald. Hirsch That the Chief Assessor and the Director of Communications provide an update on how this year's tax deferral program can be advertised to each eligible home owner, and how the application process can be streamlined.	<b>RESULT:</b> <b>WORK COMPLETED</b>
I.	Resolution 204881 (ID:17648)	By Ald. Niedergang That the Mayor allocate \$25,000 for the remainder of FY18 for this Board to hire its own legal counsel to provide independent legal analysis and advice on legal matters.	<b>RESULT:</b> <b>WORK COMPLETED</b>
J.	Resolution 205091 (ID:17850)	By Ald. Clingan That the Administration provide this Board with an opinion on whether or not to draft a home rule petition raising the owner occupied residential tax exemption from 35% to 40%.	<b>RESULT:</b> <b>WORK COMPLETED</b>
K.	Officer's Communication 205678 (ID:18426)	City Treasurer responding to #203230 re: whether the city can restrict financial institutions from participating in city borrowing.	<b>RESULT:</b> <b>WORK COMPLETED</b>
L.	Officer's Communication 205729 (ID:18453)	Legislative Liaison updating this Board on the city's recycling costs.	<b>RESULT:</b> <b>WORK COMPLETED</b>
M.	Mayor's Request 205950 (ID:18680)	Requesting approval of a reciprocal easement over portions of Block 6 in Assembly Row.	<b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b> <b>AYES:</b> Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
N.	Officer's Communication 205959 (ID:18686)	Legislative Liaison responding to #200593 with updated reports on Police and Fire services rendered to tax-exempt facilities.	<b>RESULT:</b> <b>WORK COMPLETED</b>
O.	Officer's Communication 205960 (ID:18720)	Legislative Liaison responding to #205477 re: Block 8 payments.	<b>RESULT:</b> <b>WORK COMPLETED</b>

P. Public Communication 205998 (ID:18725) 3 residents submitting comments re: #205728, a proposed Fire Suppression Charge.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

Q. Officer's Communication 206100 (ID:18821) CPA Manager submitting the FY18 CPA Annual Report and FY19 Community Preservation Plan as supporting documents for the CPA FY19 budget.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

R. Resolution 206229 (ID:19058) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Administration add \$250,000 to the FY19 budget to purchase additional trees.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

S. Resolution 206239 (ID:19068) By Ald. Rossetti That the Administration increase the annual salary of the Director of the Council On Aging to align with the numerous other Directors who oversee a similar number of staff and contribute to the well-being of thousands in our Community.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

T. Mayor's Request 206242 (ID:18722) Requesting the acceptance of certain Assembly Row streets as Public Ways, including portions of Great River Road, Revolution Drive and Grand Union Boulevard.

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

U. Mayor's Request 206243 (ID:18953) Requesting acceptance of the fee interest in portions of Great River Road, Revolution Drive and Grand Union Boulevard.

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

V. Mayor's Request 206323 (ID:19071) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$34,000 to the Parks and Recreation Budget Ordinary Maintenance Fee Account to fund a license payment for the DCR Boathouse.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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| W.  | Mayor's Request<br>206442<br>(ID:19161) | Requesting the appropriation of \$6,000 from the CPA Fund Open Space and Recreational Land Reserve budget to Groundwork Somerville, for the conservation restriction fee for the 5 Palmer parcel.                                | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |
| X.  | Mayor's Request<br>206451<br>(ID:19160) | Requesting acceptance of a \$3,100 grant with no new match required, from the MA Attorney General to the Health and Human Services Department, for summer youth jobs.  | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |
| Y.  | Mayor's Request<br>206452<br>(ID:19076) | Requesting acceptance of a \$2,000 grant with no new match required, from the Mount Auburn Hospital to the Health & Human Services Department for health equity training.  | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |
| Z.  | Resolution<br>206584<br>(ID:19380)      | By Ald. Ewen-Campen<br>That the Administration explain to this Board why the new textile recycling contract was not subject to the city's Living Wage ordinance, and inform this Board when that contract will be re-negotiated. | <b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b>  |
| AA. | Mayor's Request<br>206715<br>(ID:19363) | Requesting acceptance of a Confirmatory Reciprocal Easement over Block 11 in Assembly Square.  | <b>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| AB. | Mayor's Request<br>206716<br>(ID:19489) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$7,350,000 in a bond for the renovation/construction of the West Branch Library.  | <b>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

**43. LAND USE COMMITTEE**

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| A. | Committee Report<br>206798<br>(ID:19542) | Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on October 4, 2018. | Alderman Davis reported that the Committee met in joint session with the Planning Board, for public hearings on open space requirements for mid-rise and high-rise buildings, and on specific regulations for developing parcels that have steep slopes. These items will continue to be discussed in Committee.<br><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b> |
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44. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 206799 (ID:19540) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on October 2, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported that the Committee discussed two items: adult recreational marijuana licensing and a new condominium conversion ordinance. On an ordinance for marijuana establishments, Planner Alex Mello said that setting a maximum number of marijuana facilities is a policy decision, although a minimum of six is required. Planning Director George Proakis said that any quota should only apply to retail outlets, so other aspects of the industry can develop, such as research and testing facilities. Questions were raised about the priority application process that gives local applicants preference. On the proposed updated condominium cooperative conversion ordinance, the Committee noted that it could act to support affordable housing, without having to get something passed by the State Legislature.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

45. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 206800 (ID:19543) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on October 9, 2018.

Alderman Rossetti reported that the Committee discussed a public event license for the Somerville Honor Run, a road race in the Davis Square area on November 11. The applicants said 50% of the proceeds would go to the Dilboy VFW Post. The Committee recommended approval, with conditions noted in the report. The next item was to renew a Lodging House License for Theta Delta Chi, 123 Packard Avenue. The Police Department recommended denial of the request, due to prior violations there. The fraternity was suspended by Tufts will not be eligible to petition for certification until 2027. The Committee directed that the City Solicitor review the video from the meeting and advise the Committee on how to proceed.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. License/Permit 206729 (ID:19505) Public Event License, Somerville Honor Run, Davis Sq area, Nov 11, 5AM-3PM.

**RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**  
**CONDITIONS:** That the race NOT interfere with services at St. Catherine's Church, and that all event plans are approved by the appropriate city staff.

- C. License/Permit 206730 (ID:19506) Public Event License, Boston Turkey Trot 8K Run, Assembly Row-Mystic Reservation, Nov 22, 4AM-Noon.

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

- D. Order 206801 (ID:19596) By Ald. Rossetti, White Jr., Scott That the City Solicitor review the video of the October 9, 2018 Licenses and Permits Committee meeting and advise the Committee how to proceed with #206754, a Lodging House License application from Theta Delta Chi, 123 Packard Ave.

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

46. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 206802 (ID:19541) Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on October 3, 2018.

Alderman Mbah reported that the Committee conducted a Public Hearing on tree-related matters. He said the presentations from this meeting can be seen online.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. Order 206803 (ID:19539) By Ald. Mbah That #203365, #206495, #205683 and #205807, all currently in the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, be discharged from that Committee and referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

47. Mayor's Request 206804 (ID:19586) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to provide legal voting rights for residents aged 16 and older.

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

48. Mayor's Request 206805 (ID:19533) Requesting acceptance of a \$300,000 grant with no new match required, from the EPA to the SPCD Economic Development Division for citywide Brownfield site assessments.

Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 48 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

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

49. Mayor's Request 206806 (ID:19532) Requesting acceptance of a \$20,000 grant that requires a match, from MA DCR to SPCD's Transportation and Infrastructure Division for an Urban Forestry Management Plan.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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| 50. Mayor's Request 206807 (ID:19529)       | Requesting acceptance of a \$18,723.97 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for the Law Enforcement and Youth Partnership Jr. Academy summer program.  |
|   | <p>Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 50 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee</p>  |
| 51. Mayor's Request 206808 (ID:19530)       | Requesting acceptance of a \$10,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Dept of Public Health to the Police Department for the purchasing and training of Naxalone.   |
|   | <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>  |
| 52. Mayor's Request 206809 (ID:19549)       | Requesting the appointment of Seamus Lynch to the position of Fire Fighter.   |
|   | <p>President Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 52 and 53 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 53. Mayor's Request 206810 (ID:19550)       | Requesting the appointment of Troy Martini to the position of Fire Fighter.   |
|   | <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p>  |
| 54. Mayor's Communication 206811 (ID:19585) | Conveying the Report of the Clean and Open Elections Task Force.  |
|   | <p>President White requested to waive the reading of item 54 and place it on file with a copy to the Legislative Matters Committee for discussion. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p><b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Legislative Matters Committee</p>                                   |

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

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| 55. License/Permit 206812 (ID:19590) | Public Event License, School St Block Party, from Summer St to Knapp St, Oct 13, 11AM-6PM (raindate Oct 20).  |
|                                      | <p>Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 55 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p> |

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| 56. License/Permit<br>206813<br>(ID:19591) | <p>Public Event License, Infra-Structure Concert, ArtFarm, Oct 20, 10AM-2AM.</p> <p>Alderman Scott said that he intended to follow up with the event organizer before giving final approval; the Board made his approval a condition of the license.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS</b></p> <p><b>CONDITION:</b> Approved only if Ald. Scott concurs.</p>                                  |
| 57. Withdrawn<br>206814<br>(ID:19592)      | <p>Withdrawn.</p> <p><b>RESULT: WITHDRAWN</b></p>  |
| 58. License/Permit<br>206815<br>(ID:19593) | <p>Renewing Lodging House License, Alpha Tau Omega, 134 Professors Row.</p> <p>Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 58 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>  |
| 59. License/Permit<br>206816<br>(ID:19594) | <p>New Outdoor Seating and Goods License, MedWell Health and Wellness, 55 Broadway, 1 A-Frame sign.</p> <p>Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 59 and 60 and refer them to the Licenses and Permits Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Licenses and Permits Committee</p> |
| 60. License/Permit<br>206817<br>(ID:19595) | <p>Amending Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St, increasing vehicles outside from 23 to 26, and extending hours Mon-Fri to 7:30PM and Sat to 5:30PM.</p> <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Licenses and Permits Committee</p>  |

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

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| 61. Order<br>206818<br>(ID:19597) | <p>By Ald. Clingan, Mbah</p> <p>That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO PARKING FROM HERE sign at the parking lot at 315 Broadway.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Traffic and Parking Committee</p>      |
| 62. Order<br>206819<br>(ID:19598) | <p>By Ald. Clingan</p> <p>That the appropriate department adjust the hours of the dog parks from 8:00 am to 7:00 am.</p> <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Housing and Community Development Committee</p> |



63. Order 206820 (ID:19599) By Ald. Clingan, Hirsch, Niedergang That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the Healy schoolyard redesign and consider making it a top priority.

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

64. Order 206821 (ID:19600) By Ald. Clingan That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the sewer at 48-50 Ash Avenue for rodents.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

65. Resolution 206822 (ID:19601) By Ald. Clingan, McLaughlin, and the Entire Board Supporting the 1,500 hotel workers of Unite Here Local 26, currently on strike at 7 Marriott-managed hotels in Boston.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

66. Resolution 206823 (ID:19603) By Ald. Ballantyne, and the Entire Board That Tufts University engage the Somerville community in its public Master Planning process.

Alderman Ballantyne updated the Board on the Home Rule Petition for an Institutional Master Planning Requirement. It made it through Committee favorably but got caught up in third reading. Primarily, Tufts University has been strongly opposed. The point of the requirement is to legislate a conversation. Because of Tuft's non-profit status, they haven't been required to go through a public process to share their future plans.

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

67. Order 206824 (ID:19605) By Ald. Ballantyne, Clingan That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parks and Recreation share a 5-year master design plan and financial investment plan for any DCR parks like Draw 7, Foss, Dilboy, Blessing of the Bay, etc.

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

68. Order 206825 (ID:19606) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of Information Technology and the Director of Finance update this Board on cyber privacy security plans for protecting resident/consumer private financial data.

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

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| 69. Order<br>206826<br>(ID:19607)   | By Ald. Niedergang, Scott<br>That the Director of Engineering and/or the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pedestrian and bicycle ramp under the railroad bridge on Sacramento Street, and respond to this Board in writing before the next meeting of the Committee on Public Utilities and Works.   |
| <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br/><b>FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</b></p> |   |
| 70. Officer's<br>Communication<br>206827<br>(ID:19602)  | Director of Parks & Recreation responding to #205109 re: a policy for gender equity for programs serving persons under 18.<br><br>Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 70 and place it on file with a copy to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.<br><b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</b> |
| 71. License/Permit<br>206828<br>(ID:19614)  | New Drainlayer's License, JP Vara Inc.<br><br>Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 71 through 74 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.<br><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |
| 72. License/Permit<br>206829<br>(ID:19615)  | Renewing Open Air Vendor License, Next Wave-Full Circle School, 8 Bonair St.<br><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |
| 73. License/Permit<br>206830<br>(ID:19612)  | Renewing Lodging House License, Zeta Psi Fraternity, 80 Professors Ave.<br><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |
| 74. License/Permit<br>206831<br>(ID:19613)  | Renewing Lodging House License, Delta Upsilon Fraternity, 114 Professors Row.<br><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |
| 75. Public<br>Communication<br>206832<br>(ID:19604)   | National Association of Regional Councils submitting comments re: #206743, a Resolution opposing the FCC's decision on accelerating wireless broadband deployment.<br><br>President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 75 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.<br><b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b>                                   |

76. Public Communication 206833 (ID:19608) Anika Van Eaton submitting comments re: #206768, to consider amending skate park hours.

President Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 76 and 77 and refer them to the Legislative Matters Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

77. Public Communication 206834 (ID:19609) Kevin Malone submitting comments re: #206768, to consider amending skate park hours.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

**LATE ITEMS**

78. Order 206835 (ID:19617) By Ald. Ballantyne, Davis That the Director of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Public Works install NO SMOKING signs in the public parks in and around Ward 7 and Davis Square.

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

79. Order 206836 (ID:19618) By Ald. White Jr. That the Commissioner of Public Works and the City Engineer address before the Committee on Public Utilities and Works what appears to be the failure of a contractor to tie the local sewer line from Ten Hills Road into the Shore Drive main sewer pipe, which was part of a major separation contract, and discuss measures that will be undertaken to oversee future water and sewer projects.

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

80. Ordinance 206837 (ID:19620) By Ald. Scott, and the Entire Board That Ordinance 2-311 be amended by changing the phrase "former school committee member" to "former or current school committee member".

Alderman Scott proposed this Ordinance to follow up on the Board's discussion of #206748 at the September 27 meeting, at which the Board classified School Committee members as Special Municipal Employees so they could represent clients before City boards, but expressed opposition to them being able to be hired as City employees.

**RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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81. Officer's Communication 206838 (ID:19616) Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #206285, zoning ordinance amendments regarding adult use marijuana establishments.
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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b> |
| <b>FOLLOWUP:</b> | Land Use Committee                 |
82. Order 203365 (ID:16068) By Ald. Ballantyne, Davis  
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring native tree and plantings for all open space, to meet the goals of sustainability and biodiversity.
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| Discharged from the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy pursuant to #206803. |                                |
| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION</b> |
| <b>FOLLOWUP:</b>   | Legislative Matters Committee  |
83. Public Communication 205683 (ID:18433) Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #203365, calling for a native planting ordinance.
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| Discharged from the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy pursuant to #206803. |                                |
| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION</b> |
| <b>FOLLOWUP:</b>   | Legislative Matters Committee  |
84. Resolution 205807 (ID:18584) By Ald. Ballantyne  
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to establish the city's current green space as a minimum allowed amount, as described within.
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| Discharged from the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy pursuant to #206803. |                                |
| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION</b> |
| <b>FOLLOWUP:</b>   | Legislative Matters Committee  |
85. Order 206495 (ID:19288) By Ald. Ballantyne, Scott, Davis  
That the City Solicitor consider the attached language in the drafting of a Native Tree and Plantings Ordinance, as ordered by #203365.
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| Discharged from the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy pursuant to #206803. |                                |
| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION</b> |
| <b>FOLLOWUP:</b>   | Legislative Matters Committee  |

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:25 PM.