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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

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

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

1. Roll Call 198183 (ID:10803) Call of the Roll.

Alderman Heuston held a moment of silence for Lester Doucette, and James Mello. Alderman Connolly held a moment of silence for Dorothy Macero, Ralph DeAmato, and James O'Keefe.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 198184 (ID:10804) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 13, 2014.

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. Citation 198185 (ID:10806) By Ald. Sullivan, and the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending the High School Golf Team, which won the 2014 GBL Championship.

4. Citation 198186 (ID:10805)

By Ald. Heuston, and the Entire Board and the Mayor

Commending Mimi Graney, who has led Union Square Main Streets for the last 10 years, and sparked the Square's ongoing revitalization.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. Citation 198187

By Ald. The Entire Board

Commending Alderman William A. White, Jr., for his distinguished service as

President of this Board in 2014.

RESULT: APPROVED

6. Citation

By Ald. The Entire Board

198188 (ID:10801)

(ID:10800)

Commending Alderman John M. Connolly for his distinguished service as

Vice President of this Board in 2014.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

7. Resolution 198189

By Ald. McLaughlin, Rossetti

That this Board supports the proposals of Somerville Overcoming Addiction

(ID:10782) regarding opiate abuse.

Alderman McLaughlin discussed possibilities on how to make it easy for people to navigate the City's website. Alderman Niedergang also suggested having a clearer comment mechanism for members of the community to use.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. Order

By Ald. McLaughlin

198190

That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the property and field around 11

(ID:10780) Austin Street for rodents.

RESULT:

APPROVED

FOLLOWUP:

Rodent Issues Special Committee

9. Order 198191

By Ald. McLaughlin

(ID:10781)

That the Director of SPCD (ISD) contact the appropriate agencies to deal with

rodent issues on state owned property citywide.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

10. Order

By Ald. McLaughlin

198192 (ID:10765) That the Director of SPCD (ISD) instruct the owner of 22-24 Mt. Vernon Street to prevent his dead tree from falling onto the abutting neighbor's

property.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

11. Order 198193 (ID:10766) By Ald. McLaughlin, Sullivan, Heuston, Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Communications revise the Planning and Zoning Depts.' web pages to make them more accessible and transparent.

Alderman McLaughlin discussed possibilities on how to make it easy for people to navigate the City's website to make it easier to understand the developments. Alderman Niedergang also suggested having a clearer comment area for the members of the community.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

12. Order 198194 (ID:10767) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking direct that the corner of Pinckney Street and Pinckney Place be patrolled on Saturday nights and that vehicles parked in fire lanes be ticketed.

RESULT: APPROVED

13. Order 198195 (ID:10768) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works communicate with state snow removal agencies to ensure that state properties, such as Foss Park and Sullivan Square, are having snow removed in an expedient manner.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

14. Order 198196 (ID:10769) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility company to address the low hanging wire at 57 Walnut Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

15. Order 198197 (ID:10770) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that recycling bins on Lincoln Street be collected on trash days.

RESULT: APPROVED

16. Order 198198 (ID:10771) By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing NO TURN 7-9 AM traffic sign at the corner of Laurel Street and Laurel Terrace.

17. Order

By Ald. Heuston

198199 (ID:10772) That the Director of Traffic and Parking install signage at each corner of the intersection of Summer and School Streets, designating no parking for 20 feet from the intersection.

RESULT: APPROVED

18. Order

By Ald. Heuston

198200 (ID:10773)

(ID:10774)

(ID:10775)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a flashing STOP sign at Springfield Street and Concord Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

19. Order 198201

By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works install bollards at the corner of Laurel Terrace and Laurel Street to protect the property at that location from oncoming traffic.

RESULT: APPROVED

20. Resolution 198202

By Ald. Heuston

That the Administration include in a petition to MA DOT, a request to lower the speed limit to 25 mph on Laurel St., Newton St., and Concord Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

21. Resolution 198203 (ID:10776) By Ald. Rossetti, Heuston

That the Administration report its Action Plan in response to the recommendation of the Fields Task Force.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Youth Services Committee

22. Order 198204 (ID:10783) By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne

That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment report to this Board on plans for participation in the Spring 2015 regional summit on climate change.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Flood Forum Special Committee

23. Order 198205 (ID:10784) By Ald. Niedergang, Heuston, Ballantyne, McWatters

That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment present a written plan to this Board to develop a vulnerability assessment and climate change mitigation and adaptation plan, especially regarding flooding in Union Square and all vulnerable areas of economic revitalization.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Flood Forum Special Committee

24. Order 198206 (ID:10785) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD (ISD) demonstrate to this Board the CitizenServe software that is being used for the permitting process.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

25. Order 198207 (ID:10786) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works update the Ward 5 Alderman on repairing the crosswalks at Linden Avenue on the south side of Summer Street, Aberdeen Road by Highland Avenue, and Hall Street by Cherry Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

26. Order

By Ald. McWatters

198208 (ID:10789) That the Director of SPCD (ISD) determine if the developer at 22-24 Hamlet Street is in violation of an agreement with abutting neighbors by commencing work at 7:30 AM instead of 8:00 AM and report back to the Ward 3 Alderman.

RESULT: APPROVED

27. Order

By Ald. McWatters

198209 (ID:10790) That the Chief of Police implement a directed patrol at the corner of Belmont and Summer Streets to address complaints of people drinking, being loud and disrupting the neighborhood.

RESULT: APPROVED

28. Order

By Ald. Ballantyne

198210 (ID:10791) That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti on the telephone pole on the corner of Claremon and Mead Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

29. Order

By Ald. Ballantyne

198211 (ID:10792) That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the faded YIELD sign at the intersection of Alewife Brook Parkway and Powderhouse Blvd.

RESULT: APPROVED

30. Order

By Ald. Ballantyne

198212 (ID:10793) That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 7 Alderman on asphalt removal at 125 West Adams Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

31. Order

198213 (ID:10794) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the rotting 10 foot high tree base that is being used to anchor a telephone pole in front of 11 Barton Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

32. Order 198214 (ID:10795) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works pave Powderhouse Blvd. between Packard Avenue and Curtis Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

33. Order 198215 (ID:10796) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works advise the Ward 7 Alderman on eliminating water pooling at 128 Powderhouse Blvd., caused by the new raised intersection at Powderhouse Blvd. and Packard Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

34. Mayor's Request 198158 (ID:10736) Requesting that this Board convene in executive session to discuss pending litigation, anticipated litigation and legal strategy related to the awarding of the Region A casino license.

The Board convened in Executive Session for this item and #198159. Ald. McWatters was recused. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin,

Heuston, Lafuente, Niedergang, Ballantyne

ABSENT: McWatters, Gewirtz

35. Mayor's Request 198159 (ID:10737) Requesting that this Board convene in executive session to discuss pending litigation related to 46 Pearl St.

The Board convened in Executive Session for this item and #198158. Ald. McWatters was recused. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin,

Heuston, Lafuente, Niedergang, Ballantyne

ABSENT: McWatters, Gewirtz

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

36. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 198216 (ID:10761) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on December 10, 2014.

Alderman Lafuente reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He spoke about a bond for building improvements. He also discussed a comprehensive planning study for Assembly Square.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 195532 (ID:7884) Requesting authorization to borrow \$500,000 in a bond, and appropriate the same amount, for ADA Accessibility - Building Improvements.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin,

Heuston, Lafuente, Niedergang, Ballantyne

ABSENT: McWatters, Gewirtz

C. Mayor's Request 197926 (ID:10424) Requesting authorization for a time extension for the Gilbane Building Company, to March 31, 2015, for work on the East Somerville Community School.

RESULT: APPROVED

D. Mayor's Request 197928 (ID:10478) Requesting a transfer of \$8,000 from the Executive Summer Jobs Youth Program to various Recreation Dept. Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to fund a Girls Basketball Program.

RESULT: APPROVED

E. Mayor's Request 197929 (ID:10479) Requesting a transfer of \$8,000 from the Executive Summer Jobs Youth Program to various Recreation Dept. Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to fund a Boys Basketball Program.

RESULT: APPROVED

F. Mayor's Request 198062 (ID:10620) Requesting an appropriation of \$1,012,171.75 for the cost of DPW equipment and Departmental vehicles and authorization to borrow \$1,012,171.75 in a bond to meet the appropriation.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

G. Mayor's Request 198063 (ID:10621) Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Services Account to fund enhanced youth services programming.

H. Mayor's Request 198064 (ID:10619) Requesting a transfer within the Water Enterprise Fund of \$60,000 for an increased scope and time extension for full replacement of the water main at Beacon St.

RESULT: APPROVED

I. Mayor's Request 198065 (ID:10519) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$39,946 from the MA Department of Agriculture for the Health & Human Services Department's Shape Up Program to expand the food production/distribution triangle.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

J. Mayor's Request 198066 (ID:10512) Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$23,895 from the Office of Justice Programs FY15 Byrne JAG Grant for Police Department programming.

RESULT: APPROVED

K. Mayor's Request 198067 (ID:10520) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$10,000 from CHNA 17, for the Health & Human Services Dept.'s SCAP Youth Leadership Program to increase youth engagement in social marketing prevention strategies.

RESULT: APPROVED

L. Mayor's Request 198068 (ID:10513) Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$9,990 from The State Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Dept., for underage alcohol enforcement.

RESULT: APPROVED

M. Mayor's Request 198069 (ID:10511) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$5,000 from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security's Highway Safety Division for the Police Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Enforcement initiative.

RESULT: APPROVED

N. Mayor's Request 198070 (ID:10510) Requesting the acceptance of a reimbursement of \$3,770.61 from Federal Realty Investment Trust for 2014 Riverfest event expenses.

RESULT: APPROVED

O. Mayor's Request 198071 (ID:10514) Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$2,000 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for child passenger safety equipment.

RESULT: APPROVED

P. Mayor's Request 198127 (ID:10650) Requesting an appropriation of \$25,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Police Department Professional and Technical Services Account to fund a drug prevention program.

Q. Mayor's Request 198128 (ID:10643) Requesting the use of \$1,155 in available funds for a LGBT Liaison position in the Health and Human Services Department Salaries Monthly Account, to increase outreach and engagement for a 6 month period.

RESULT: APPROVED

R. Mayor's Request 198129 (ID:10517) Requesting acceptance of a \$39,946 MA Department of Agriculture Grant to support and expand the Health and Human Services Department's Shape Up Somerville Food Production/Distribution Triangle.

APPROVED RESULT:

S. Mayor's Request 198130 (ID:10652)

Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$10,605 from Metro North Regional Employment Board, for the Health and Human Services Department to fund employment, training and support services for youth.

RESULT: APPROVED

T. Mayor's Request 198131 (ID:10516) Requesting approval to accept a \$10,000 CHNA 17 Youth Leadership Development Grant for the Health and Human Services Department for youth programming.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 198217 (ID:10763) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on December 1, 2014.

Alderman Sullivan reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He discussed zoning code changes for affordable housing units.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Ordinance 196899 (ID:9443)

By Ald. Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne

Amending the Zoning Code to protect and promote affordable housing.

See #198295 for the amended and approved ordinance language.

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT:**

C. Officer's 197856 (ID:10379)

Planning Board conveying its recommendations with respect to #196899, Communication amending Zoning Ordinance Sections 1.2, 5.1.2, & 5.1.4 to address affordable housing.

> **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

38. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee

Report 198218 (ID:10764)

Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board, on December 11, 2014.

Alderman Sullivan reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He spoke about the procedure for trees during the conversion of homes.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order 198219 (ID:10858) By Ald. Sullivan

That the City Solicitor review ordinances from other communities that are similar to the zoning ordinance proposed in #197941 and provide the findings to the Committee on Land Use and the Planning Board.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

39. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 198220 Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on December 3,

2014.

(ID:10760)

Alderman Rossetti reported on the items discussed at the meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order 197794 (ID:10365) By Ald. Niedergang

That the City Solicitor report to this Board whether it may enact an ordinance that would prohibit elected officials from employment or contracting with the City for a specific period of time following the termination of their service.

See #198297 for the amended and approved ordinance language.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Mayor's Request 197945

(ID:10505)

Requesting an amendment to Ordinances 12-8 and 1-11 regarding snow clearing.

See #198292 for the amended and approved ordinance language.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

40. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 198221 (ID:10759) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on December 3, 2014.

Alderman Sullivan reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He discussed operating hours at Hess retail locations, the amount of vehicles parked at ABJ auto repair, and the Alewife Automotive Garage License and its lot at 395 Alewife Brook Parkway.

B. Order 197670

By Ald. Ballantyne

(ID:10229)

That the Director of SPCD (ISD) enforce that city streets are not being used by Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Parkway.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order

By Ald. Sullivan

197814 (ID:10412) That the City Clerk schedule a Show Cause hearing during the month of November for the Committee on Licenses and Permits to determine why the Garage License for Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Parkway, should

not be suspended or revoked.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. License/Permit 197946 (ID:10507)

License/Permit New Extended Operating Hours License, Broadway Eatery, 1157 Broadway, 197946 Opening Thu-Sat to 2AM.

RESULT: APPROVED

E. Order

By Ald. Heuston

197968 (ID:10565) That the manager of Royal Hospitality Services appear before this Board to address issues related to their hours of operation and neighborhood disturbances cause by truck activity.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. License/Permit

License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, PJ's Motorcars, 161 Broadway.

198036 (ID:10538)

RESULT: APPROVED

G. Order

By Ald. Ballantyne

198222 (ID:10844) That Alewife Automotive, at 395 Alewife Brook Parkway, be permitted to increase the storage of vehicles on their lot to 29 for their existing Garage

License, only through February 28, 2015.

RESULT: APPROVED

H. Order

By Ald. Ballantyne, Heuston

198223 (ID:10842) That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the dumpsters at the Hess Gas station on McGrath Highway for compliance and recommend a suitable location for

them.

41. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 198224

(ID:10762)

Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on December 10, 2014.

Alderman Connolly reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He discussed the Fire Department's improvements and highlights of 2014. He spoke about the details of proposed new flight patterns at Logan Airport. He also provided updates on the east and west branch libraries.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Resolution 194408

(ID:6865)

By Ald. White Jr.

That this Board requests that representatives of the Community Assessment of Freeway Exposure and Health study and SPCD's Housing Division appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss the recent \$675,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation to address health risks to residents from I-93.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 195082 (ID:7561)

By Ald. White Jr.

That the City's Disability Coordinator appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to update the Committee on pending claims on accessibility issues and the status of plans to improve access to City buildings and sidewalks, including the East and West Branch Libraries.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Resolution 195509

(ID:8013)

By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Administration provide an update on air traffic noise over Somerville and continuing efforts to reduce this noise.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Resolution 196432 (ID:9052)

By Ald. Rossetti, and the Entire Board

That the Middlesex County District Attorney update the City on the investigation into the murder of Deanna Cremin, on this, the 19th anniversary of her death.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 196787 (ID:9321)

By Ald. McWatters, Heuston

That the Director of Public Health and Commissioner of Public Works install a sign on the island at Bow Street and Somerville Avenue prohibiting feeding the birds, and that the Director of Public Health distribute a flyer around the neighborhood explaining why birds may not be fed, and that the Police, Animal Control, ISD, and DPW enforce Ordinance 3-3 at this island.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order 197713 (ID:10266) By Ald. McLaughlin, Heuston

That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the property at the corner of Broadway and McGrath Highway (formerly a gas station), and issue fines where appropriate.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Order 197886 (ID:10450) By Ald. Niedergang, Lafuente

That the Chief of Police and representatives of the Administration report to this Board on the safety of neighbors of the Vinfen group home at 155 Central Street, and on discussions with Vinfen, DMH, and Somerville's state legislative delegation.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Order 197960 (ID:10557) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of SPCD (ISD) investigate 50 Tufts Street for possible ordinance violations.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Order 197969 (ID:10566) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street light at the corner of Prospect Street and Somerville Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. Order 197997 (ID:10624) By Ald. Connolly

That the Clerk of Committees invite representatives from MassPort and the FAA to attend a future meeting to discuss air traffic noise over Somerville.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

L. Order 198104 (ID:10678) By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr.

That the Chief Fire Engineer appear at this Board's December 10 Public Health and Safety Committee meeting to report on the Fire Department this past year and the forecast for 2015, preferably in writing.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

M. Order 198099 (ID:10673) By Ald. Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.

That the Chief Fire Engineer explain the emergency procedures associated with gaining access to residents at Housing Authority buildings.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

N. Resolution 198225

(ID:10843)

By Ald. Rossetti

That the Mayor urge Boston's Mayor Walsh to appoint Boston's representatives to the new MassPort Civic Advisory Committee so the committee can begin dealing with various air traffic issues.

RESULT: APPROVED

42. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 198226 (ID:10758) Report of the Committee on Youth Services, meeting on December 2, 2014.

Alderman Rossetti reported on the items discussed at the meeting. She discussed the new Recreation Director, Jill Lathan, and her hopes for vibrant and engaged programming.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order 194465

(ID:6945)

(ID:7362)

By Ald. Desmond

That the Superintendent of Recreation communicate with the Committee on Youth Services regarding the scheduling of fields and the reasoning for establishing the American Youth Football League.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 194832

By Ald. White Jr., Sullivan, Connolly

That the Recreation Commission consider establishing an advisory committee of representatives of all City youth sport organizations to provide feedback and coordination on the condition of fields and scheduling.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 196728

By Ald. Ballantyne, McLaughlin

That the Superintendent of Recreation and the Youth Programming

(ID:9262) Coordinator share data on the usage of all recreation programs by season for FY13 and FY14.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Order 197101 (ID:9640) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Superintendent of Recreation and the Youth Programming Coordinator share participation data for all recreation and youth programs for

FY13 and FY14. (See #196728.)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Resolution 197297 (ID:9883) By Ald. Rossetti

That the Administration involve this Board's Committee on Youth Services in the search and selection of a new Recreation Superintendent.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

G. Resolution 198227 (ID:10802) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Administration provide this Board, in early 2015, with an update regarding the city's efforts to combat drug addiction.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Youth Services Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

43. Mayor's Request 198228 (ID:10661) Authorization to borrow \$300,000 and appropriate that amount in a bond for resignalization and an upgrade to the Powderhouse Square Rotary.

Alderman Lafuente requested to waive the readings of items 43-55 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

44. Mayor's Request 198229 (ID:10723) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$300,000 in a bond to retain an Owner's Project Manager to renovate the West Branch Library.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

45. Mayor's Request 198230 (ID:10797) Requesting to transfer CPA funds totalling \$2,278,717 from the CPA Fund Budgeted Reserve and the CPA Fund Undesignated Fund Balance to designated CPA reserves per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

46. Mayor's Request 198231 (ID:10779) Requesting appropriation of \$63,913 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the Shared Public Safety CAD System.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

47. Mayor's Request 198232 (ID:10634) Requesting the dedication of Otis Playground for Open Space and Recreational Use in perpetuity.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

48. Mayor's Request 198233 (ID:10631) Requesting the acceptance of a Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant totaling \$400,000 to construct Otis Playground.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

49.	Mayor's Request 198234 (ID:10633)	
50.	Mayor's Request	

Requesting, as required by the PARC grants, the authorization to utilize State and Federal funding necessary to construct Otis Playgound.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

198235 (ID:10787) Requesting Use of Available Funds totalling \$2,108 in the Auditing Dept. Salaries Account to adjust the salary of the Accounting Analyst position.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

51. Mayor's Request 198236 (ID:10755) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$7,316 from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services for the Council on Aging for activities at the 3 senior centers.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

52. Mayor's Request 198237 (ID:10756)

Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$5,828 from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging for transportation.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

53. Mayor's Request 198238 (ID:10757) Requesting acceptance of a \$5,000 grant from CHNA 17, for the Health & Human Services Dept.'s SCAP Coalition to address prevention of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs among Somerville youth.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

54. Mayor's Request 198239 (ID:10835) Requesting acceptance of a \$5,000 grant from the Department of Health and Community Development to support the efforts to count and survey the unaccompanied homeless youth.

RESULT: APPROVED

55. Mayor's Request 198240 (ID:10834)

Requesting an extension of the HUD Healthy Homes technical study grant on the evaluation of cardiovascular health benefits of in-home air filtration.

Housing Director Kelly Donato discussed the HUD grant, saying they had given them 2 months to expend the remainder on the grant.

APPROVED RESULT:

56.	Mayor's
	Request
	198241
	(ID:10752)

Requesting the reappointment of Ezra Glenn to the Community Preservation Committee.

Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of items 56 through 57 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

57. Mayor's Request 198242 (ID:10754) Requesting the reappointment of Courtney Koslow to the Community Preservation Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

58. Mayor's Request 198243 (ID:10826) Requesting the re-appointment of Timothy McGonigal as Constable.

Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of items 58 through 65 and approve them, except for item 61, which should be referred to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

59. Mayor's Request 198244 (ID:10827) Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Santangelo as Constable.

RESULT: APPROVED

60. Mayor's Request 198245 (ID:10828) Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Harvey as Constable.

RESULT: APPROVED

61. Mayor's Request 198246 (ID:10829) Requesting the re-appointment of Nathaniel Greene as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

62. Mayor's Request 198247 (ID:10830) Requesting the re-appointment of Edwin Torres as Constable.

RESULT: APPROVED

63. Mayor's Request 198248 (ID:10831) Requesting the re-appointment of Matthew Derany as Constable.

RESULT: APPROVED

64. Mayor's Request 198249 (ID:10832) Requesting the re-appointment of Julia Caustrita as Constable.

65. Mayor's

Request 198250

Requesting the re-appointment of Mark Snider as Constable.

RESULT:

APPROVED

(ID:10833)

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

66. Officer's Assistant City Solicitor submitting a proposed Plastic Bag Reduction

Communication Ordinance.

198251 (ID:10751)

Alderman Connolly requested to waive the readings of items 66 through 72, place them on file, and forward them to the appropriate Committees. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

67. Officer's

Assistant City Solicitor responding to legal questions raised about the Communication appointment of Constables.

198252

(ID:10745)

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

68. Officer's

City Assessor responding to #197881 re: FY 2015 commercial property

Communication valuation decreases.

198253 (ID:10750)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

69. Officer's Communication St.

(ID:10747)

198254

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

70. Officer's Communication Ave.

Chief Fire Engineer responding to #197979 re: porch furniture at 53 Packard

Chief Fire Engineer responding to #197978 re: porch furniture at 28 Whitman

198255

(ID:10778)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

71. Officer's DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 11/13/14.

Communication 198256 (ID:10722)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

Traffic and Parking Committee

72. Officer's Communication submitted 11/13/14.

Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders

198257 (ID:10777)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

NEW BUSINESS

73. 198258

License/Permit Public Event Permit, Rock and Run 5K Road Race, Assembly Row area, Jun 10-14, 2015 (Race on Jun 13 at 8 AM).

(ID:10825)

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 73 through 89 and approve them, with the exception of items 76 and 77, which should be referred to Committee, and item 75, which should be taken up separately. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

74.

License/Permit New Drain Layer, G. Greene Construction.

198259 (ID:10809)

RESULT: APPROVED

75. License/Permit 198260 (ID:10810)

Amending Extended Operating Hours License, KMart, 77 Middlesex Ave, seeking to open 24/7 from 12 AM on 12/20 through 5 AM on 12/24.

Alderman Sullivan mentioned that the police chief had not signed off on the application. The Board expressed concern about security at the store and in the parking lot. The Board was also concerned about setting a precedent for businesses in the Assembly Sq. area, and in more residential areas, to open 24/7 leading up to Xmas (or to be forced to open to remain competitive), and about workers being forced to work overnight shifts. Finally, the Board was concerned about the lateness of the request, with little time to deliberate.

RESULT: NOT APPROVED

76. 198261

License/Permit New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Best Cars of MA, 1 Virginia St., no cars on site.

(ID:10811)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

77. 198262

License/Permit New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Instacar, 38-42 Medford St., 10 autos outside.

(ID:10812)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

APPROVED

78. 198263 (ID:10813)

License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Leins Auto Repair, 69 Bow St.

79. 198264

License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Aris Auto, 675 Somerville Ave.

(ID:10814)

RESULT: APPROVED

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80. License/Perr 198265 (ID:10815)	198265	Renewing Used Ca Place.	ar Dealers License Class 2, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor
	(ID:10815)	RESULT:	APPROVED
81. License/Permit 198266 (ID:10816)	License/Permit 198266	Renewing Used Ca Somerville Ave.	ar Dealers License Class 2, Benny's Auto Sales, 508
	RESULT:	APPROVED	
82. License/Permit 198267 (ID:10817)	Renewing Used Ca Columbia St.	ar Dealers License Class 3, Joseph Talewsky and Son, 517	
	(ID:10817)	RESULT:	APPROVED
83. License/Permit 198268 (ID:10818)	Renewing Used Ca Columbia St.	ar Dealers License Class 3, Joseph Talewsky and Son, 512	
	(ID:10818)	RESULT:	APPROVED
84.	License/Permit 198269 (ID:10819)	Renewing Outdoor RESULT:	Seating License, Vinnies at Night, 76 Broadway. APPROVED
85.	License/Permit 198270 (ID:10820)	Renewing Outdoor RESULT:	Seating License, Aguacate Verde, 13 Elm St. APPROVED
86.		Renewing Outdoor RESULT:	Seating License, East End Grille, 118 Broadway. APPROVED
87.	License/Permit 198272 (ID:10822)	Renewing Outdoor RESULT:	Seating License, Pizzeria Posto, 187 Elm St. APPROVED
88.	License/Permit 198273 (ID:10823)	Renewing Outdoor RESULT:	Seating License, Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm St. APPROVED
89.	License/Permit 198274 (ID:10824)	Renewing Outdoor RESULT:	Seating License, Joshua Tree, 256 Elm St. APPROVED

90. Public 198275

Thirteen registered voters submitting a Zoning Ordinance amendment to Communication require certain findings by the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals before granting Special Permits.

(ID:10807)

Also referred to the Planning Board.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

91. Public 198276 (ID:10808)

Thirteen registered voters submitting a Zoning Ordinance amendment to limit Communication the gross floor area increase to 15% for 1- and 2-family dwelling conversions requiring a Special Permit.

Also referred to the Planning Board.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

92. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

> 198277 That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility company

to address the low hanging wires at 31 Lincoln Street. (ID:10838)

> **RESULT: APPROVED**

93. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

198278 That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the electrical poles on Glen (ID:10839) Street, by the East Somerville Community School, to determine if there are any

safety issues with the old poles.

RESULT: APPROVED

94. Order By Ald. Niedergang

> That the Director of SPCD inform this Board and the public when the 198279 Community Path extension from Cedar Street to Lowell Street will be opened. (ID:10840)

> > Alderman Niedergang spoke about his discussion with the Director of Transportation and Infrastructure. He explained that MA DOT bears responsibility and they do not want to open the community path until the spring.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

95. Order By Ald. Niedergang

> 198280 (ID:10841)

That the Commissioner of Public Works schedule another vard waste pickup this month, and report to this Board whether yard waste pickupsc can be extended through December in the future.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee 96. Mayor's Request 198281 (ID:10849) Requesting the adoption of a New Zoning Ordinance to supersede the current Zoning Ordinance as originally adopted on March 23, 1990.

Also referred to the Planning Board.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

97. Mayor's Request 198282 (ID:10852) Requesting approval of an ordinance regulating certain campaign contributions to candidates for and incumbents in municipal elected office.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

98. Mayor's Request 198283 (ID:10798) Requesting to appropriate \$2,206,028 from the CPA Fund Community Housing Reserve to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.

Alderman Lafuente requested to waive the readings of items 98 and 99 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

99. Mayor's Request 198284 (ID:10799) Requesting to appropriate \$12,115 from the CPA Fund Undesignated Fund Balance for the administrative and operating expenses of the Community Preservation Committee per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

100. Mayor's Request 198285 (ID:10836) Requesting an appropriation of \$207,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to fund a court settlement re: 46 Pearl St.

RESULT: APPROVED

101. Mayor's Request 198286 (ID:10837) Requesting a transfer of \$129,827 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to E-911 Personal Services Accounts to fund a new collective bargaining agreement with SEIU Local 888.

RESULT: APPROVED

102. Mayor's Request 198287 (ID:10847) Requesting \$7,845 in "Use of Available Funds" from the Library Salaries Account to adjust the compensation of the Library Director.

Alderman Lafuente requested to waive the readings of items 102 through 105 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

103. Mayor's Request 198288 (ID:10848) Requesting \$5,424 in "Use of Available Funds" in the Health and Human Services Salaries Account to adjust the salary of the Health and Human Services Director.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

104. Mayor's Request 198289 (ID:10845) Requesting \$3,186 in "Use of Available Funds" from the DPW Engineering Salaries Water Enterprise and Sewer Enterprise Salaries Accounts to adjust the compensation for the Director of Engineering.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

105. Mayor's Request 198290 (ID:10846) Requesting \$2,842 in "Use of Available Funds" from the DPW Engineering Salaries, Water Enterprise Salaries, and Sewer Enterprise Salaries Accounts to adjust the salary of the Assistant Director of Engineering.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

106. Mayor's Request 198291 (ID:10850) Requesting the appointment of Rebecca Lyn Cooper to the Planning Board.

Alderman Heuston moved to waive the reading of item 106 and refer it to the Committee of Confirmation of Appointments. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

107. Officer's Request 198292 (ID:10851) Requesting the approval of amendments to the Snow and Ice Ordinance as approved by the Legislative Matters Committee on December 3, 2014.

For discussion of this item see #197945.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin,

Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Gewirtz

108. Officer's Communication 198293 Assistant City Solicitor responding to Alderman White's request re: the Traffic Commission's powers and duties

Communication Commission's powers and duties.

(ID:10625) RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

109. Officer's Communication 198294

(ID:10788)

Officer's Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders Communication submitted 11/25/14.

Alderman McWatters requested to waive the reading of item 109, place it on file, and forward a copy to the Traffic and Parking Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

LATE ITEMS

110. Officer's Request 198295 (ID:10856) Planning Director submitting a revised Zoning Ordinance to address affordable housing.

For discussion of this item see #196899.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin,

Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Gewirtz

111. Mayor's Request 198296 (ID:10853) Requesting approval to borrow \$715,131.75 in a bond, and expend the same amount, for DPW equipment and vehicles.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin,

Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Gewirtz

112. Mayor's Request 198161 (ID:10691) Requesting the creation of a Union Square Stabilization and Revitalization Fund as well as acceptance of \$211,225 for the Fund from the Union Square Master Developer to finance a Union Square master planning process and Redevelopment Authority outside legal counsel.

Discharged from the Finance Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin,

Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Gewirtz

113. Officer's Request 198297 (ID:10857) Assistant City Solicitor submitting a revised ordinance related to municipal employment for former elected officials.

For discussion of this item see #197794.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin,

Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Gewirtz

114.	Order 198298 (ID:10855)	By Ald. Lafuente That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street lamp in front of 5 Dartmouth Street.		
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
115. Resolution 198299 (ID:10859)			ration take proactive measures to inform the city's senior anuary 1, 2015, of the availability of assistance for clearing	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
	License/Permit 198300	Renewing Used C St.	ar Dealers License Class 2, A Plus Auto Body, 297 Medford	
	(ID:10861)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
117. License/Permit 198301 (ID:10862)	Renewing Outdoo	r Seating License, Sally O'Briens, 335 Somerville Ave.		
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
118.	Mayor's Request 198302 (ID:10860)		rization to retain Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster, P.C. for re: the proposed Wynn casino in Everett.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:40 PM.

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk.