

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

October 28, 2021, 7:00 PM
Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # 27532)
2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # 27533)
3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,
(ID # 27534) October 14, 2021.

CITATIONS

4. Citation By City Councilor Rossetti, McLaughlin
(ID # 27535) Commending Carrie Normand on receiving the MASC
All-State School Committee award and eight years of
service on the School Committee.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Resolution By City Councilor McLaughlin
(ID # 27519) That this Council joins many workers, community, faith,
environmental justice, racial justice, labor, civil rights,
and consumer advocates to urge the Massachusetts
Legislature and the residents of Somerville to oppose
House Bill 1234.
6. Order By City Councilor McLaughlin
(ID # 27522) That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic
Planning and Community Development investigate the
possibility of seizing by eminent domain, 118 Broadway,
aka the East End Grill, for the purposes of building
affordable housing.

7. Order (ID # 27523) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development investigate the possibility of seizing by eminent domain, 182 Broadway, aka Patsy's Pastries, for the purposes of building affordable housing.
8. Order (ID # 27524) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development investigate the possibility of seizing by eminent domain, the long vacant apartment complex in the Stop and Shop Parking lot for the purposes of building affordable housing.
9. Order (ID # 27525) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the non-operational street lights on Virginia Avenue.
10. Order (ID # 27526) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Health and Human Services present a long-term plan for a public restroom at Chuckie Harris Park.
11. Order (ID # 27490) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Mobility perform a traffic assessment starting on Summer Street, from Willow Avenue to Cedar Street.
12. Order (ID # 27491) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Parking replace the ONE WAY sign on Gibbons Street, at Benton Road.
13. Order (ID # 27492) By City Councilor Strezo
That the City Solicitor explore an ordinance that addresses overhead wires that are left dangling and/or wrapped around telephone poles throughout the city.
14. Communication (ID # 27493) By City Councilor Strezo
Reporting on the October meeting of the Children's Cabinet.
15. Order (ID # 27505) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council with details on the sidewalk snow-shoveling pilot which was included in the FY2022 budget.

16. Order (ID # 27506) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin
That the Administration update this Council on plans to create a "Community Engagement Center" to offer support to residents experiencing homelessness or otherwise in need.
17. Order (ID # 27507) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Administration update this Council on the status of the Police Staffing Study which was included in the FY2022 budget and estimated to take 2-4 months.
18. Order (ID # 27521) By City Councilor Davis, White Jr., McLaughlin
That the City Solicitor work with this Council to amend the anti-nepotism ordinance to allow for more flexibility when the circumstances warrant.
19. Communication (ID # 27527) By City Councilor Niedergang
As Chair of the Traffic and Parking Committee, sharing a petition signed by 144 neighbors, asking that the Directors of Mobility and Engineering replace the HAWK traffic signal at Buckingham and Beacon Streets with a standard Red, Yellow, Green traffic signal.
20. Communication (ID # 27528) By City Councilor Niedergang
As Chair of the Traffic and Parking Committee, sharing with the Council and the public an article from Streetsblog Mass about pending legislation for safe streets.
21. Order (ID # 27529) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works explain the delay in opening the Next Wave/Full Circle entrance to the new High School building.
22. Order (ID # 27530) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works establish a maximum time frame for a sidewalk panel to be dug up and replaced.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

23. Committee Report 212513 Report of the Special Committee on Rules, meeting on October 4, 2021.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

24. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 27508) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on October 19, 2021.
- B. Mayor's Request 207413 Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Jill Lathan as Director of Parks and Recreation. RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- C. Mayor's Request 209503 Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Jill Lathan as Director of Parks and Recreation. RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- D. Mayor's Request 210870 Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Zachary Zasloff to the Condominium Review Board. RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- E. Mayor's Request 210913 Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Patricia Paul to the Condominium Review Board. RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- F. Mayor's Request 211287 Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Jill Lathan as Director of Parks and Recreation. RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- G. Mayor's Request 211303 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Mark Lawhorne as Superintendent of Highways, Lines and Lights. RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- H. Mayor's Request 211906 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Russell Pildes as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board. RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- I. Mayor's Request 211970 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christina Morone to the Commission for Women. RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- J. Mayor's Request 212186 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ann Fullerton to the Zoning Board of Appeals. RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- K. Mayor's Request 212187 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Stephanos Axios to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate Member. RECOMMENDED: Not Approved.

25. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 27514) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on October 26, 2021.
- B. Mayor's Request 212265 Requesting approval of a 30-year lease for the new Assembly Square Fire Station.

RECOMMENDED: Not Approved.

- C. Mayor's Request 212325 Requesting acceptance of a Preservation Restriction for 277 Broadway.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- D. Mayor's Request 212362 Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$725,000 in a bond for Construction Manager at-Risk services for the pre-construction phase of the Public Safety Building .
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- E. Mayor's Request 212413 Requesting acceptance of a preservation restriction for 59 Cross Street.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- F. Mayor's Request 212474 Requesting approval of a grant of easement in Inner Belt Road for Fiber Optic Communications Equipment.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- G. Mayor's Request 212480 Requesting approval of the Land Disposition Agreement for the property at 31 Tufts Street.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- H. Mayor's Request 212516 Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,604,801 in a bond for street resurfacing, sidewalk improvements and ADA ramps and improvements.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- I. Mayor's Request 212518 Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,235,641 from the Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund to the Sewer Enterprise Fund in order to balance the FY 2022 Sewer Enterprise Fund budget.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- J. Mayor's Request 212519 Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,023,399 from the Water Capital Stabilization Fund to the Water Enterprise Fund in order to balance the FY 2022 Water Enterprise Fund budget.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- K. Mayor's Request 212520 Requesting approval to appropriate \$500,000 from the Street Reconstruction Stabilization Fund for Street & Sidewalk Repairs and ADA Improvements.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- L. Mayor's Request 212550 Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$16,400 using available funds in the Human Resources Department Arbitration Services Account for arbitration services.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

26. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 27509) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on October 19, 2021.

- B. Public Communication 212048 Dean Matarazzo proposing a zoning amendment to rezone his property at 13 Garfield Ave from Fabrication to Urban Residential.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. Mayor's Request 212305 Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for payments of Certificates of Occupancy.
RECOMMENDED: Approved,
- D. Mayor's Request 212307 Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for Sidewalk & Frontage Clarifications.
RECOMMENDED: Approved,

27. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 27511) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on October 21, 2021.
- B. Order 209779 By City Councilor Rossetti
That this Council review with the Administration, Cambridge's recent Home Rule Petition to improve the safety of transportation network company vehicles operating there.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- C. Ordinance 211679 By City Councilor Davis, Scott
Amending the Domestic Partnership Ordinance as attached and as further necessary to address issues in the existing version.
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended.
- D. Order 212255 By City Councilor Scott, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Mbah
That this Council consider an Automated Speed Enforcement in School Zones Home Rule Petition similar to the one already approved by Salem MA.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Mayor's Request 212547 Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City of Somerville to employ automated enforcement of speed limit violations in designated School Zones within the City of Somerville.
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended.
- F. Order (ID # 27498) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Administration prepare and present to this Council by January 21, 2022, an implementation plan for the Vulnerable Road Users Ordinance.

28. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 27515) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on October 27, 2021.

- B. Resolution 204527 By City Councilor Rossetti
Requesting that Eversource meet with this city's Administration to discuss creating a city-wide Host Community Agreement.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. License/Permit 212221 New Garage License, Brazil Auto Repair Inc, 621 Somerville Avenue, 2 autos inside, 0 outside for mechanical repairs only, operating Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, Sun: Closed.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- D. License/Permit 212299 New Garage License, FRIT, 485 Foley Street, 250 autos inside, 0 outside for storing vehicles only.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- E. License/Permit 212300 New Garage License, FRIT, 455 Grand Union Boulevard, 611 autos inside, 0 outside for storing vehicles only.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

29. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 27513) Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on October 25, 2021.
- B. Order 209691 By City Councilor White Jr.
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inform the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works whether the newspaper boxes throughout the city are permitted.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 210587 By City Councilor McLaughlin, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan, Mbah
That the Commissioner of Public Works submit a recycling plan for all buildings that do not receive city solid waste collection services, pursuant to Ordinance 11-40.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order 210739 By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Strezo
That the Director of Engineering and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management urge Eversource to fix gas leaks at 721 Somerville Avenue and nearby, as identified by HEET, and appear with Eversource staff at the next meeting of the Council's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to discuss this matter.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Resolution 211449 By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Scott, Mbah, Strezo, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis
That the Administration create clean, safe, and permanent public restrooms in several outdoor locations, similar to the "Portland Loos" that have been installed in Cambridge.

- RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Order 212225 By City Councilor Ballantyne, Clingan, White Jr.
That Eversource representatives be requested to appear before the next meeting of this Council's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to respond to the gas leak data along Somerville Avenue.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

30. RULES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 27512) Report of the Special Committee on Rules, meeting on October 25, 2021.

31. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 27510) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on October 20, 2021.
- B. Resolution 202108 By City Councilor Davis
That the Administration work with the City of Cambridge to improve pedestrian safety at the intersections of Elm Street with Beech Street and Willow Avenue, including consideration of a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 203446 By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install additional pedestrian safety measures at the intersection of Holland Street and Cameron Avenue.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Resolution 203479 By City Councilor Davis
That the Administration update the Ward 6 Alderman on plans to improve way-finding for the Community Path through Davis Square.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Order 205831 By City Councilor Hirsch, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Mbah
That the Director of Engineering share with this Board the feasibility of creating a pedestrian crossing on Somerville Avenue, between Belmont and Spring Streets.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Order 206189 By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Hirsch
That the Director of SPCD provide recommendations to improve pedestrian safety at the dangerous intersection of Walnut Street, Summit Avenue and Boston Street.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- G. Order 206407 By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD, the City Engineer, and the Commissioner of Public Works establish a written policy for deploying temporary safety and visibility materials for the period between street re-paving and re-painting.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- H. Resolution 207326 By City Councilor Davis
That the Administration advise the Ward 6 Alderman of the notifications provided to city and private contractors about anti-idling regulations, and revise such policies to better ensure compliance.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- I. Order 207486 By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of Engineering and the Director of Traffic and Parking update the Ward 6 Councilor on requests for crosswalks at locations specified within.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- J. Order 207487 By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of Traffic and Parking update the Ward 6 Councilor on requests for crosswalk safety improvements at the locations specified within.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- K. Order 207903 By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of SPCD discuss with this Council the use of "concurrent with leading interval" pedestrian crossing timing at major intersections that see high usage by school and pre-school children, particularly at the intersection of Beacon and Washington Streets, and consider reversion to pedestrian-exclusive crossing timing at several relevant intersections.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- L. Order 208008 By City Councilor Davis, Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD implement traffic calming and pedestrian and cyclist safety measures on Broadway from Powder House Circle to Teele Square.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- M. Order 208575 By City Councilor Scott, Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parking provide a quarterly update regarding implementation of deed-based parking permit restrictions.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- N. Order 208685 By City Councilor Hirsch, Mbah
That the Director of SPCD explain how decisions are made about Blue Bike rack placement, including how the public gets informed.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- O. Order 208782 By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis, Mbah
That the Director of SPCD develop a city-wide signage policy to equitably inform pedestrians, cyclists and vehicle operators during construction, closing of sidewalks, etc.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- P. Order 208901 By City Councilor Mbah
That the Director of SPCD and the Chief of Police update this Council on what is being done in the wake of the two deaths in two different hit and run incidents on Mystic Avenue.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- Q. Order 209142 By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of SPCD report to the Ward 6 Councilor on plans to improve cyclist wayfinding through Davis Square.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- R. Order 209148 By City Councilor Scott, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah
That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately replace the HAWK signals on Beacon Street with more suitable and effective RYG pedestrian-activated signals.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- S. Order 209383 By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD update this Council on usage data for the Blue Bike expansion stations of 2019, and plans for expanding the system in future years.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- T. Order 209477 By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD consider strategies to reduce the volume and impact of package delivery vehicles, such as encouraging smaller or electric vehicles and cargo bike parking, as has been tried in Manhattan and Seattle.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- U. Order 209482 By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott
That the Director of Engineering construct a pedestrian crosswalk across Washington Street in front of the Public Safety Building. (2nd request)
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- V. Order 209616 By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott
That the Director of Engineering install a crosswalk on Somerville Avenue at Kent Street and Spring Street.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- W. Order 209758 By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD update this Council on creating a Bicycle Master Plan, and requiring that future road work adhere to this plan.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- X. Order 209808 By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Clingan
That the Director of SPCD develop a plan to create parking-separated bike lanes on East Broadway.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- Y. Order 210544 By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Chief of Police, the Director of Parking and the Director of SPCD discuss enforcement to eliminate delivery and other vehicles from parking on protected bike lanes throughout the city.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- Z. Order 210624 By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Finance, the Director of Parking and the Director of SPCD discuss scaling parking permit fees with automobile size and efficiency.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AA. Order 210627 By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD update this Council on the Missatuck/Mystic River bike and pedestrian bridge project.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AB. Resolution 210893 By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Clingan, Strezo, Mbah, Scott, Rossetti, McLaughlin, White Jr.
That the Mayor submit a supplemental budget request to immediately add staff and funding to the Mobility Division for traffic calming, and increase its staff and funding by at least 50% in FY22.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AC. Order 210895 By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Director of Capital Projects revise the College Avenue reconstruction plan to include additional safety measures for pedestrians at both perpendicular and parallel crossings.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AD. Order 210896 By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor on the overdue new equipment necessary to improve signal timing in Davis Square.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AE. Order 210898 By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor on any plans to further improve pedestrian safety at the intersection of Willow Avenue, Elm Street and Beech Street, possibly with a center island and bump outs.

- RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AF. Order 210932 By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Mbah, Strezo, Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD replace the NO BICYCLES ON SIDEWALK decals in the city's business districts and work with the Pedestrian and Transit Advocacy Committee to reduce conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians on sidewalks.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AG. Order 210965 By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah, Strezo, Davis
That the Director of SPCD report to this Council in writing by December 4, and discuss with the Traffic and Parking Committee at its next meeting on December 7, what the plan is for replacing flex posts when they are knocked over or displaced.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AH. Order 210966 By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD report to this Council why there are still so few speed bumps in the city, especially since the ones deployed on Powder House Boulevard seem to be making a dangerous area safer for pedestrians.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AI. Order 210968 By City Councilor Niedergang, Scott
That the Director of SPCD brief the Traffic and Parking Committee on the work that will be done on our streets and Community Path pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement with the MBTA and MaDOT, which will provide the city with a \$1,400,000 payment.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AJ. Resolution 210975 By City Councilor Ballantyne, Niedergang
That the Administration and the Commissioner of Public Works discuss the vehicle training process for all DPW employees and contractors whose job requires them to drive city vehicles.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AK. Order 210985 By City Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Parking discuss with the appropriate committee, implementing income-based parking ticket fines for residents, as well as "day-fine" scales to set ticket penalties according to an individual's daily income.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AL. Order 210988 By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezo
That the Directors of Finance, Infrastructure and Asset Management, and SPCD provide a progress report for the Vision Zero Action Plan 2020 as outlined in the attached spreadsheet.

- RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AM. Order 210989 By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD advise the Ward 7 Councilor when they will implement the Mobility Plan for West Broadway (from Route 16 to Holland Street), to create a dedicated bus lane.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AN. Order 210992 By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Mayor and the Chief of Police discuss with this Council why there is so little traffic enforcement conducted by the Police Department, why its Traffic Division has so few officers, and how it plans to address the public safety crisis made obvious with 4 pedestrians killed by motor vehicles in the past 2 years.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AO. Order 211128 By City Councilor Strezo
That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss installing speed limiters on the city's vehicles to monitor speed and ensure that employees are observing speed limits.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AP. Order 211135 By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah
That the Director of SPCD report to this Council on traffic management and calming plans for the streets and neighborhoods around the five Green Line Extension stations expected to open before the end of this year.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AQ. Order 211227 By City Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works install a temporary speed bump on Sycamore Street between the main entrance and the schoolyard entrance of the Winter Hill School.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AR. Order 211243 By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Mobility and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management collaborate to write responses to the questions contained within regarding the Spring Hill separation project.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AS. Resolution 211256 By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan, White Jr., Strezo
That the Mayor direct department heads to prioritize the rapid construction of physical infrastructure to slow traffic, protect our most vulnerable residents, and bring our streets into compliance with the ADA, to address the killing of four pedestrians by motor vehicles in the last two years and prevent further traffic fatalities.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- AT. Public Communication 211307 221 citizens from the Somerville Alliance for Safe Streets submitting a Declaration and Call to Action re: safe streets.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AU. Resolution 211327 By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Traffic Commission examine using the "psych trick" pedestrian safety method, deployed in St. Paul, MN, to encourage drivers to stop for pedestrians crossing the street.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AV. Order 211339 By City Councilor Ballantyne That Director of Mobility and the Chief Fire Engineer discuss the potential impacts to the Teele Square Firehouse from the proposed Holland Street/Teele Square infrastructure and repaving work.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AW. Order 211710 By City Councilor Niedergang That the Directors of SPCD and Communications work with the Police, the Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Pedestrian Transit Advisory Committee to implement a "Stop on the Line Every Time" traffic safety public education and enforcement campaign.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AX. Order 211711 By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD work with the Police Department, especially the Traffic Division, to train all Officers on Vision Zero.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AY. Order 211712 By City Councilor Niedergang That the Chief of Police report to this Council on steps taken to train and incentivize Detail Officers to enforce traffic laws when they observe motorists driving unsafely.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AZ. Resolution 211713 By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Administration advise this Council on a plan to improve the consistency of staffing attendance for especially dangerous Traffic Management Plans, including the current Belmont Street traffic detour.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- BA. Order 211814 By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Scott, Ballantyne, Clingan That the Director of Engineering install raised crosswalks rather than standard crosswalks for each at-grade crossing of the Community Path Extension, including Central, Sycamore, and Walnut Streets.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- BB. Order 211815 By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Rossetti, Davis, Ballantyne, Mbah
That the Director of SPCD re-convene the High School Parking Working Group and provide an update on what is being done to understand and address parking issues for teachers, staff, and residents.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- BC. Communication 211823 By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
Sharing with the Council, the Administration and the public a 6-page blogpost from State Representative Mike Connolly.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- BD. Order 212251 By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Mobility report to this Council whether the video "Safer Trucking in Changing Cities" is being used to train City truck drivers in safe driving techniques.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- BE. Order 212254 By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of Mobility replace the HAWK signal at Buckingham and Beacon Streets with a standard RYG stoplight signal.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

32. Withdrawn (ID # 27520) Withdrawn.
33. Mayor's Request (ID # 27466) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$295,463 grant with no new match required, from the State 911 Office to the Police Department to fund E911 personnel costs.
34. Mayor's Request (ID # 27467) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$89,451.75 grant with no new match required, from the State E911 Office to the Police Department for 911 training and the certification of 911 telecommunicators.
35. Mayor's Request (ID # 27425) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$50,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for portable radios for first responders.
36. Mayor's Request (ID # 27468) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$24,500 grant with no new match required, from the State 911 Office to the Police Department to fund E911 emergency medical dispatch services.

- 37. Mayor's Request (ID # 27496) Requesting acceptance of a \$6,233.33 grant with no new match required, from the MA Dept of Public Health to the Police Department to purchase and provide training for Naxalone.
- 38. Mayor's Request (ID # 27420) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$5,008 using available funds in the Workers' Compensation Legal Services Account.
- 39. Mayor's Request (ID # 27518) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$1,310 using available funds in the City Clerk's Professional and Technical Services Account for materials translation services.
- 40. Mayor's Request (ID # 27426) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Stephanie Galaitsi to the position of Somerville Women's Commission Member.
- 41. Mayor's Communication (ID # 27494) Submitting the 2021 Surveillance Technology Annual Report.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 42. Officer's Communication (ID # 27497) The Memorialization Committee submitting the naming of the new turf field at the Healey School to honor State Representative and Alderman Joseph "Joe" Mackey.

NEW BUSINESS

- 43. License/Permit (ID # 27537) New Garage License, Toucan Auto Repair Inc, 224 Somerville Avenue, 15 vehicles inside, 4 vehicles outside, for autobody work, spray painting, and charging money to store vehicles.
- 44. License/Permit (ID # 27538) New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Auto Plus LLC, 229 Lowell St, 2 inside, 2 outside.
- 45. License/Permit (ID # 27536) Public Event License, Halloween on Heath, Heath St from Moreland Street to Edgar Avenue, Oct 31, 3PM-8PM.
- 46. Public Communication (ID # 27500) Harvard University conveying its Fall 2021 Accountability Report.

- 47. Public Tufts University conveying its Fall 2021 Accountability
Communication Report.
(ID # 27517)
- 48. Public Somerville Chamber of Commerce submitting comments
Communication re: Item #212308, a Zoning amendment regarding
(ID # 27501) rooftop mechanicals.
- 49. Public Somerville Chamber of Commerce submitting comments
Communication re: Item #211693, a Zoning amendment regarding a
(ID # 27502) Small Business Overlay District.
- 50. Public Somerville Chamber of Commerce submitting comments
Communication re: Item #212309, a Zoning amendment regarding a
(ID # 27503) Master Planned Development Overlay District.
- 51. Public Lee Auspitz submitting comments re: biosafety.
Communication
(ID # 27504)

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 52. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of amendments to Sections 2.1 and
(ID # 27495) 2.4 of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 53. Public 8 residents submitting comments re: proposed Assembly
Communication Square Fire Station.
(ID # 27542)

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT