

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 212555
 (ID:27532) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 212556
 (ID:27533) Councilor Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for Themis "Cookie" Caulfield.
 Councilor Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for Robert Rudolph.
 Councilor Ewen-Campen and the entire Council sponsored a moment of silence for Van Hardy.
 Councilor Davis, Ballantyne and Mbah sponsored a moment of silence for Madie Nipcon.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes 212557 (ID:27534) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 14, 2021.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

CITATIONS

4. Citation 212558 (ID:27535) By City Councilor Rossetti, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Mbah, White Jr., and the Mayor Commending Carrie Normand on receiving the MASC All-State School Committee award and eight years of service on the School Committee.

Councilor Rossetti praised Ms. Normand’s service to the city’s schools and noted her humility during her eight years of service on the School Committee. President McLaughlin spoke of Ms. Normand’s ability to deal with school matters during the COVID pandemic. Councilor Ballantyne thanked Ms. Normand for her service, Councilor Mbah spoke about her passion and commitment and Councilor White noted that she took her role seriously. Ms. Normand thanked Councilor Rossetti for inspiring her to run for public office and she asked the Council to support increasing workforce training funds to people with disabilities. She also asked that the city secure city-wide Wi-Fi.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Resolution 212559 (ID:27519) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr. 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.

President McLaughlin spoke on the item saying that workers never benefit from legislation that tries to get around labor laws and Councilor Clingan pointed out that this legislation goes beyond Uber and Lyft.

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

6. Order 212560 (ID:27522) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Niedergang 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.

President McLaughlin noted that these properties have been vacant for years and that there has been no willingness from the owners to move forward on their own projects. His intent is to send a message to developers urging them to do what they said they would do. (Items #212560, #212561, and #212562 were discussed together.)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

7. Order 212561 (ID:27523) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Niedergang 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.

President McLaughlin noted that these properties have been vacant for years and that there has been no willingness from the owners to move forward on their own projects. His intent is to send a message to developers urging them to do what they said they would do. (Items #212560, #212561, and #212562 were discussed together.)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

8. Order 212562 (ID:27524) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Niedergang 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.

President McLaughlin noted that these properties have been vacant for years and that there has been no willingness from the owners to move forward on their own projects. His intent is to send a message to developers urging them to do what they said they would do. (Items #212560, #212561, and #212562 were discussed together.)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

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9. Order 212563 (ID:27525) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the non-operational street lights on Virginia Avenue.
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
10. Order 212564 (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.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
11. Order 212565 (ID:27490) By City Councilor Strezo, Davis
That the Director of Mobility perform a traffic assessment starting on Summer Street, from Willow Avenue to Cedar Street.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| FOLLOWUP: | Traffic and Parking Committee |
12. Order 212566 (ID:27491) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Parking replace the ONE WAY sign on Gibbons Street, at Benton Road.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| FOLLOWUP: | Traffic and Parking Committee |

13. Order 212567 (ID:27492) By City Councilor Strezo, Davis
That the City Solicitor explore an ordinance that addresses overhead wires that are left dangling and/or wrapped around telephone poles throughout the city.
- Councilor Strezo commented on a series of photos showing wires in various locations and said that she was informed by the DPW that they are cable wires that were left behind by cable companies when disconnecting equipment. She said she would like to have an ordinance to hold those companies responsible. Councilor Davis pointed out that the city already has such an ordinance that permits the city to remove the wires and to bill the cable company for the removal.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
14. Communication 212568 (ID:27493) By City Councilor Strezo
Reporting on the October meeting of the Children’s Cabinet.
- Councilor Strezo spoke about the need for out of school time, SomerPromise, the urgent need for space, mental health issues and scholarships for low-income families.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
15. Order 212569 (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.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
16. Order 212570 (ID:27506) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Clingan, Davis, Mbah
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.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

17. Order 212571 (ID:27507) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott 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.

President McLaughlin was recused from this item and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

18. Order 212572 (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.

Councilor Davis explained that he's unable to advance certain matters dealing with opioids because President McLaughlin was advised to recuse himself from all items dealing with the Police Department. This does more harm to the community than the harm it was trying to prevent. President McLaughlin spoke about conflict-of-interest concerns and how it prevents him from commenting on those matters. Councilor Niedergang stated that this is an unintended consequence and although he believes that the ordinance is crucial, he's amenable to amending it.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

19. Communication 212573 (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.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

20. Communication 212574 (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.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

21. Order 212575 (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.

Councilor Clingan commented that this delay has caused some problems. Councilor Rossetti reported that she was informed that the door is open and useable, however there is some construction going on outside in that area.

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

22. Order 212576 (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.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

23. Committee Report 212513 (ID:27436) Report of the Special Committee on Rules, meeting on October 4, 2021.

Councilor White moved to approve the report.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

24. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
212577
(ID:27508)
- Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on October 19, 2021.

Councilor Rossetti presented the report and made some minor amendments to it. Item #212186 was severed on the request of Councilor Niedergang who said that he was not prepared to vote for the candidate (Ann Fullerton). He noted that, in terms of architectural skills, she is qualified, but went on to say that he’s looking for someone who would speak for the under-served. He asked what the candidate had done for the community and Councilor Rossetti noted that she had performed pro bono work for a non-profit school. Ms. Fullerton told the Council that she has been in Somerville for 14 years and is involved in the community and is also involved in the SPED program at the Brown School. Councilor Scott questioned her about larger developments and parking and she gave her thoughts, adding that she understands the city’s transportation goals. She spoke about lab space and noted that the Zoning Code doesn’t address all of the concerns, e.g., ambient noise. Asked if she would look at the content of neighborhood meetings, she responded that she would and she stated that the concerns of property owners and developers also need to be considered. Councilor Davis commented that the role of Zoning Board is to act in the best interests of the community. Councilor Rossetti moved for approval of Ms. Fullerton’s appointment.

President McLaughlin stated that people don’t want to go through the confirmation process and don’t want to appear before the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee, adding that he was at his wit’s end with the actions of that committee. Councilor Niedergang interjected that the administration has failed to propose qualified candidates for appointment. OSPCD Director George Proakis explained the advertising process for seeking candidates for boards and commissions and said he welcomes any ideas the Council may have in that regard. Councilor Strezo said that there’s a disconnect with the community during remote meetings and President McLaughlin retorted that this problem existed long before remote meetings became the norm. Ms. Fullerton’s appointment was approved.

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

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| <p>B. Mayor's Request
207413
(ID:20163)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Jill Lathan as Director of Parks and Recreation.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>C. Mayor's Request
209503
(ID:22339)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Jill Lathan as Director of Parks and Recreation.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>D. Mayor's Request
210870
(ID:23697)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Zachary Zasloff to the Condominium Review Board.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request
210913
(ID:23698)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Patricha Paul to the Condominium Review Board.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>F. Mayor's Request
211287
(ID:24162)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Jill Lathan as Director of Parks and Recreation.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>G. Mayor's Request
211303
(ID:24189)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Mark Lawhorne as Superintendent of Highways, Lines and Lights.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>H. Mayor's Request
211906
(ID:24820)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Russell Pildes as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

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| <p>I. Mayor's Request
211970
(ID:24712)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christina Morone to the Commission for Women.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>J. Mayor's Request
212186
(ID:26090)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ann Fullerton to the Zoning Board of Appeals.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>K. Mayor's Request
212187
(ID:26091)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Stephanos Axios to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate Member.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: NOT APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

25. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
212578
(ID:27514)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on October 26, 2021.</p> |
| <p>The meeting reconvened at 8:47 PM. Councilor Scott summarized the actions of the committee and spoke about the concerns related to the cost and leasing of a fire station at Assembly Square. He also spoke about a timeline for securing a construction manager-at-risk for the Public Safety Building project. Items #212265 (Fire Station) and #212362 (Public Safety Building) were severed at the request of Councilor Rossetti. Councilors Strezo, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan and McLaughlin indicated their support for item #212265. Councilor Scott faulted the administration for submitting only one plan. Councilor White explained his opposition and said that in October of 2020, the city put out an RFP seeking a property owner willing to enter into a lease agreement with the city. Only one owner stepped forward, however, the Council was never consulted nor informed about this until August of 2021. He asked that the purchase of another site be explored and the administration’s response was a set of slides showing the cost of property at Assembly Square. Councilor Rossetti moved for approval of item #212265.</p> <p>President McLaughlin recused himself as the Council discussed item #212362 and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Councilor Niedergang acknowledged the need for a new public safety building but said he would not vote for the manager-at-risk funding until the public has the opportunity to comment on the matter at a hearing scheduled for November 10. He also has concerns with the design of the building, saying that it’s flawed and short-sighted.</p> | |

A. Committee Report
212578
(ID:27514)

Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on October 26, 2021.

He noted that 48% of the space is a parking garage for 120 vehicles and he asked why this wasn't designed to be built underground. Additionally, he has concerns with the 10-12 story heights of neighboring buildings. Councilor Niedergang stated that the design doesn't seem to fit what a reimagined police force would look like. He noted that the cost of the project has doubled from \$51 million to \$102 million. Councilor Ewen-Campen said that he would not vote for a \$100 million public safety building and recommended that there be more transparency from the administration. Councilor Clingan agreed with the lack of process by the administration and Councilor Davis pointed out that the process was not consistent with those of the past. He also stated that he's not convinced that this is the only option. Councilor Davis sponsored Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management Rich Raiche to address the Council. Mr. Raiche said that all of the councilors' points have been noted, but the process is now at the point of being stalled. The Economic Development Department has brought in a consultant and the full scope of the project won't be ready until December. He explained that the technical expertise needed would be provided by the construction manager, adding that the earliest time to bring that person on board would be February of 2022. He said it's important to preserve the momentum to avoid any delays in getting the project into an acceptable form. Councilor Rossetti commented that the construction manager for the new high school was invaluable to the Building Committee. Councilor Scott said the question is whether he'll support the item in its present form. He feels that input is needed from the incoming administration thus he will not vote for this item tonight. Asked about the planned November 10 public meeting, Mr. Raiche said his preference is to not have the meeting until December 13. Councilor Strezo moved for approval of item #212362.

President McLaughlin assumed the Chair and Councilor Scott moved that the report be accepted.

Councilor Scott moved to discharge item #212549 from the Finance Committee for the purpose of approving it tonight. The item was discharged and approved.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

B. Mayor's Request
212265
(ID:26177)

Requesting approval of a 30-year lease for the new Assembly Square Fire Station.

RESULT: APPROVED. [8 TO 3]

AYES: Rossetti, Strezo, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

NAYS: Mbah, White Jr., Scott

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| <p>C. Mayor's Request
212325
(ID:27254)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a Preservation Restriction for 277 Broadway.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>D. Mayor's Request
212362
(ID:27271)</p> | <p>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 .</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [8 TO 2]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis, Ballantyne
 NAYS: Scott, Niedergang
 RECUSED: McLaughlin</p> |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request
212413
(ID:27290)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a preservation restriction for 59 Cross Street.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>F. Mayor's Request
212474
(ID:27401)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a grant of easement in Inner Belt Road for Fiber Optic Communications Equipment.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>G. Mayor's Request
212480
(ID:27365)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Land Disposition Agreement for the property at 31 Tufts Street.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>H. Mayor's Request
212516
(ID:27338)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,604,801 in a bond for street resurfacing, sidewalk improvements and ADA ramps and improvements.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

- I. Mayor's Request 212518 (ID:27423) 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.

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

- J. Mayor's Request 212519 (ID:27424) 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.

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

- K. Mayor's Request 212520 (ID:27459) Requesting approval to appropriate \$500,000 from the Street Reconstruction Stabilization Fund for Street & Sidewalk Repairs and ADA Improvements.

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

- L. Mayor's Request 212550 (ID:27481) 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.

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

26. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212579 (ID:27509) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on October 19, 2021.

	Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the Committee Report and explained three zoning amendments that were before the committee and recommended for approval. Items #212305, #212307 and #212048 were severed from the report, approved, enrolled and ordained. He asked that the report be tabled to allow time for some revisions to be made to it before being approved.
RESULT:	LAI D ON THE TABLE

- B. Public Communication 212048 (ID:24957) Dean Matarazzo proposing a zoning amendment to rezone his property at 13 Garfield Ave from Fabrication to Urban Residential.

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

C. Mayor's Request 212305 (ID:26178) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for payments of Certificates of Occupancy.

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

D. Mayor's Request 212307 (ID:26180) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for Sidewalk & Frontage Clarifications.

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

27. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 212580 (ID:27511) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on October 21, 2021.

Councilor Davis reviewed the actions taken by the committee. Item #212547 was severed from the report for the purpose of adding a new first sentence to Sec 3 a. That amendment and the amended Committee Report were approved.

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

B. Order 209779 (ID:22633) 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.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

C. Ordinance 211679 (ID:24582) By City Councilor Davis, Scott Amending the Domestic Partnership Ordinance as attached and as further necessary to address issues in the existing version.

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

- D. Order 212255 (ID:26213) 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- E. Mayor's Request 212547 (ID:27486) 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.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
AMENDED: Add as the first sentence in Section 3(a): The fine imposed for a violation issued pursuant to this chapter shall be no more than the amount that the fine would be if a citation for the underlying violation had been issued in accordance with section 2 of chapter 90 C of the General Laws.

- F. Order 212581 (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.

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

28. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212582 (ID:27515) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on October 27, 2021.

Councilor White moved to amend the report by noting in item #212300 that there are 13 HP parking spaces available, as noted on the revised schema.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Resolution 204527 (ID:17264) By City Councilor Rossetti Requesting that Eversource meet with this city's Administration to discuss creating a city-wide Host Community Agreement.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- C. License/Permit 212221 (ID:26132) 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.

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

- D. License/Permit 212299 (ID:26225) New Garage License, FRIT, 485 Foley Street, 250 autos inside, 0 outside for storing vehicles only.

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

- E. License/Permit 212300 (ID:26226) New Garage License, FRIT, 455 Grand Union Boulevard, 611 autos inside, 0 outside for storing vehicles only.

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

29. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212583 (ID:27513) Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on October 25, 2021.

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

- B. Order 209691 (ID:22498) 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- C. Order 210587 (ID:23471) 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- D. Order 210739 (ID:23620) 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- E. Resolution 211449 (ID:24429) 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- F. Order 212225 (ID:26140) 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

30. RULES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212584 (ID:27512) Report of the Special Committee on Rules, meeting on October 25, 2021.

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

31. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212585 (ID:27510) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on October 20, 2021.

Councilor Niedergang moved to table the Committee Report to allow time for edits to be made.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

- B. Resolution 202108 (ID:14794) 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.
- C. Order 203446 (ID:16159) 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.
- D. Resolution 203479 (ID:16183) By City Councilor Davis
That the Administration update the Ward 6 Alderman on plans to improve way-finding for the Community Path through Davis Square.
- E. Order 205831 (ID:18606) 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.
- F. Order 206189 (ID:18961) 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.
- G. Order 206407 (ID:19195) 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.
- H. Resolution 207326 (ID:20114) 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.
- I. Order 207486 (ID:20323) 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.
- J. Order 207487 (ID:20324) 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.
- K. Order 207903 (ID:20707) 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.

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- L. Order 208008 (ID:20817) 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.
 - M. Order 208575 (ID:21390) 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.
 - N. Order 208685 (ID:21560) By City Councilor Hirsch, Mbah
That the Director of SPCD explain how decisions are made about Blue Bike rack placement, including how the public gets informed.
 - O. Order 208782 (ID:21605) 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.
 - P. Order 208901 (ID:21718) 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.
 - Q. Order 209142 (ID:21965) By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of SPCD report to the Ward 6 Councilor on plans to improve cyclist wayfinding through Davis Square.
 - R. Order 209148 (ID:21972) 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.
 - S. Order 209383 (ID:22227) 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.
 - T. Order 209477 (ID:22364) 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.
 - U. Order 209482 (ID:22369) 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)
 - V. Order 209616 (ID:22465) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott
That the Director of Engineering install a crosswalk on Somerville Avenue at Kent Street and Spring Street.
 - W. Order 209758 (ID:22615) 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.

- X. Order 209808 (ID:22737) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Clingan
That the Director of SPCD develop a plan to create parking-separated bike lanes on East Broadway.
- Y. Order 210544 (ID:23429) 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.
- Z. Order 210624 (ID:23507) 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.
- AA. Order 210627 (ID:23510) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD update this Council on the Missatuck/Mystic River bike and pedestrian bridge project.
- AB. Resolution 210893 (ID:23775) 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.
- AC. Order 210895 (ID:23786) 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.
- AD. Order 210896 (ID:23787) 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.
- AE. Order 210898 (ID:23789) 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.
- AF. Order 210932 (ID:23819) 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.
- AG. Order 210965 (ID:23841) 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.

- AH. Order 210966 (ID:23842) 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.
- AI. Order 210968 (ID:23844) 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.
- AJ. Resolution 210975 (ID:23856) 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.
- AK. Order 210985 (ID:23864) 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.
- AL. Order 210988 (ID:23876) 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.
- AM. Order 210989 (ID:23877) 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.
- AN. Order 210992 (ID:23881) 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.
- AO. Order 211128 (ID:24009) 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.
- AP. Order 211135 (ID:24033) 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.

- AQ. Order 211227 (ID:24114) 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.
- AR. Order 211243 (ID:24157) 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.
- AS. Resolution 211256 (ID:24150) 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.
- AT. Public Communication 211307 (ID:24173) 221 citizens from the Somerville Alliance for Safe Streets submitting a Declaration and Call to Action re: safe streets.
- AU. Resolution 211327 (ID:24221) 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.
- AV. Order 211339 (ID:24228) 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.
- AW. Order 211710 (ID:24621) 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.
- AX. Order 211711 (ID:24622) 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.
- AY. Order 211712 (ID:24623) 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.
- AZ. Resolution 211713 (ID:24624) 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.

- BA. Order 211814 (ID:24763) 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.
- BB. Order 211815 (ID:24764) 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.
- BC. Communication 211823 (ID:24772) 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.
- BD. Order 212251 (ID:26203) 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.
- BE. Order 212254 (ID:26217) By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of Mobility replace the HAWK signal at Buckingham and Beacon Streets with a standard RYG stoplight signal.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 32. Withdrawn 212586 (ID:27520) Withdrawn.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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- 33. Mayor's Request 212587 (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.

President McLaughlin was recused from this item and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.	
RESULT:	APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED:	McLaughlin

34. Mayor's Request 212588 (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.

President McLaughlin was recused from this item and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

35. Mayor's Request 212589 (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.

President McLaughlin was recused from this item and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

36. Mayor's Request 212590 (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.

President McLaughlin was recused from this item and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

37. Mayor's Request 212591 (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.

President McLaughlin was recused from this item and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

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| 38. Mayor's Request 212592 (ID:27420) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$5,008 using available funds in the Workers' Compensation Legal Services Account. |
| | <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>RECUSED: McLaughlin</p> |
| 39. Mayor's Request 212593 (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. |
| | <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>RECUSED: McLaughlin</p> |
| 40. Mayor's Request 212594 (ID:27426) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Stephanie Galaitsi to the position of Somerville Women's Commission Member. |
| | <p>Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 41. Mayor's Communication 212595 (ID:27494) | Submitting the 2021 Surveillance Technology Annual Report. |
| | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |

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| 42. Officer's Communication 212596 (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. |
| | <p>Councilor Rossetti commented that her first (Board of Aldermen) order was to honor the service of Joe Mackey after his passing, and now - 15 years later - a field is being named for him.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

NEW BUSINESS

43. License/Permit 212597 (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.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

44. License/Permit 212598 (ID:27538) New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Auto Plus LLC, 229 Lowell St, 2 inside, 2 outside.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

45. License/Permit 212599 (ID:27536) Public Event License, Halloween on Heath, Heath St from Moreland Street to Edgar Avenue, Oct 31, 3PM-8PM.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

46. Public Communication 212600 (ID:27500) Harvard University conveying its Fall 2021 Accountability Report.

President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and place the item on file.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

47. Public Communication 212601 (ID:27517) Tufts University conveying its Fall 2021 Accountability Report.

President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and place the item on file.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

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| 48. Public Communication
212602
(ID:27501) | Somerville Chamber of Commerce submitting comments re: Item #212308, a Zoning amendment regarding rooftop mechanicals. | <p>President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and place the item on file.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 49. Public Communication
212603
(ID:27502) | Somerville Chamber of Commerce submitting comments re: Item #211693, a Zoning amendment regarding a Small Business Overlay District. | <p>President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and place the item on file.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 50. Public Communication
212604
(ID:27503) | Somerville Chamber of Commerce submitting comments re: Item #212309, a Zoning amendment regarding a Master Planned Development Overlay District. | <p>President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and place the item on file.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 51. Public Communication
212605
(ID:27504) | Lee Auspitz submitting comments re: biosafety. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 52. Mayor's Request
212606
(ID:27495) | Requesting approval of amendments to Sections 2.1 and 2.4 of the Zoning Ordinance. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> |
| 53. Public Communication
212607
(ID:27542) | 8 residents submitting comments re: proposed Assembly Square Fire Station. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

LATE ITEMS

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| 54. | Mayor's Request
212549
(ID:27487) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,300,000 for Poplar Street Pump Station Pump House & Facilities pre-construction services. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 55. | Order
212608
(ID:27545) | By City Councilor Clingan
That the Mobility Division complete a street by street safety audit of Ward 4 and provide a plan to address all areas identified as dangerous due to excessive major intersections, excessive speeds, and volume. | <p>Councilor Clingan explained that this would let people know where work stands in the queue.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> |
| 56. | Resolution
212609
(ID:27546) | By City Councilor Clingan, McLaughlin, Strezio, Mbah
Calling upon the Mayor and the Board of Health to declare the rodent infestation in this City a public health emergency. | <p>Councilor Clingan stated that he doesn't know how seriously the administration is taking the rodent problem in the city and he believes that it's time that it was declared an emergency. He believes that the problem should be dealt with more aggressively.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 57. | License/Permit
212610
(ID:27539) | Public Event License, Pleasant Ave Halloween Block Party, Pleasant Ave, Oct 31, 3PM-9PM. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 58. | License/Permit
212611
(ID:27540) | Public Event License, Springfield Halloween Block Party, Springfield St from Houghton St to Concord Ave and Concord Ave Sq from Newton to Marion St, Oct 31, 4PM-8:30PM. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

59. Officer's Somerville Retirement Board requesting approval to increase the Cost of
Communication Living Adjustment Base for retirees from \$14,000 to \$15,000
212612
(ID:27544)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

60. Order By City Councilor Scott
212613 That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and
(ID:27548) Community Development investigate the possibility of seizing by eminent
domain 10 Oak St for the purposes of building affordable housing.

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

61. Order By City Councilor Scott
212614 That the Commissioner of DPW address with this Council constituent reports
(ID:27549) of trash barrels being picked up by Recycling trucks.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 12:33 AM.