

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 28, 2019, 7:00 PM
 City Council Chamber, City Hall-93 Highland Avenue

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Ward Seven City Councilor Katjana Ballantyne.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Stephanie Hirsch	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Wilfred N. Mbah	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	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
 207585
 (ID:20413)

Call of the Roll.

Councilor Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Logan Murphy Mengold, and Councilor Rossetti sponsored one for Mary DiGregorio.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes
 207586
 (ID:20414)

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, January 15, 2019, and the Regular Meeting, January 24, 2019.

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. Citation
 207587
 (ID:20416)

By City Councilor Ballantyne, Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, the Entire City Council and the Mayor

Commending Gale Morano, who is retiring after 41 years of dedicated service as Executive Director of the Somerville-based Open Center for Children.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location 207588 (ID:20417) Submitted by Comcast to install 18 feet of conduit in Broadway, from an existing Comcast Manhole to an existing RCN Manhole, both in front of 987 Broadway, then continuing with new aerial strand and coaxial cable to 6 utility poles on Burnham St.

The President opened the public hearing. Dave Flewelling with Comcast discussed the work to be completed. David Bresnick asked what the work was for, and Mr. Flewelling said that a conduit on Broadway is damaged beyond repair. Mr. Bresnick asked if there would be work on the backyard poles there, and Mr. Flewelling replied that some of those poles would need work. Councilor Rossetti requested that Mr. Bresnick and Mr. Flewelling join her outside the Chamber to discuss the plans. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing and laid the item on the table.

Upon her return, Councilor Rossetti said Mr. Flewelling will meet with the affected abutters, and Comcast will not proceed until their concerns are addressed.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

CONDITION: That Comcast can only begin work after meeting with abutters and obtaining their consent.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Resolution 207589 (ID:20399) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, Clingan, White Jr., Ballantyne, Hirsch, Scott, Davis, McLaughlin Calling on the City's Congressional Delegation to sponsor the Universal Housing budget amendment.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said that this item was submitted in collaboration with a number of affordable housing activists in the community, in support of fully funding the Section 8 Housing Choice Mobile Voucher Program. Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored David Tisel and Lucas Shaber, who explained that housing is a fundamental human right, and our aspirations for education, employment, family life, political action and artistic expression are possible only with stable and affordable housing. Today, society deprives a shockingly large number of people: in 2018, MA saw the largest jump in homelessness of any state, growing by 2,500 people to a total of 20,000. The Section 8 Program allows renters of modest means to pay market rents to private landlords. The current wait list in MA exceeds 20,000 people as of January 2019.

RESULT: APPROVED

6. Order 207590 (ID:20403) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Traffic and Parking immediately prioritize blocking truck access to Warren Avenue to prevent additional crashes and property damage during the Somerville Avenue detour.

Councilor Ewen-Campen stated that the Somerville Avenue detour is in place to replace the 100-year old sewer system, and some tweaks need to be made to insure safe transit.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

7. Order 207591 (ID:20404) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Traffic and Parking immediately install pedestrian safety measures on Bow Street, Warren Avenue and Columbus Avenue to deal with the increase of traffic during the Somerville Avenue detour.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

8. Order 207592 (ID:20405) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Rossetti That the Commissioner of Public Works direct the appropriate utility to remove and/or bury the utility poles on Trull Lane prior to upcoming construction there, and that the Commissioner express in writing to the Committee on Public Utilities and Works the feasibility of this work prior to construction.

Councilor Ewen-Campen stated that a proposed development at the corner of Highland Avenue and Trull Lane is bringing up a number of issues, and provides an opportunity to address them.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

9. Order 207593 (ID:20406) By City Councilor Mbah That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Broadway and Medford Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. Order 207594 (ID:20407) By City Councilor White Jr. That the Rules of the City Council be amended by deleting Rule 24 re: filling Council vacancies.

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

11. Order 207595 (ID:20408) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD prioritize Cameron Avenue for street paving this year.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

12. Order 207596 (ID:20409) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on Holland Street between Teele Square and Cameron Avenue, and around 156 Powder House Boulevard, 12 Cameron Avenue, and 1198 Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

13. Order 207597 (ID:20410) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that all recycle trash is picked up in Teele Square, including loose materials strewn in the square.

RESULT: APPROVED

14. Resolution 207598 (ID:20411) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.
Supporting the Tufts Dining Workers “One Job Should Be Enough” campaign.

President Ballantyne stated that about a year ago, the dining workers at Tufts University formed a union, Local 26, and have been negotiating its first collective bargaining agreement for the past 8 months. Many of the workers are from Somerville and Medford, who want to remain and raise their families here. They argue that "one job should be enough" in Somerville. President Ballantyne said the City needs to support their efforts to earn a living wage and health care benefits. She sponsored Tufts employees Paul Rudolf and Lukson Amay, who described their tenure at Tufts: 33 years for Mr. Rudolf, and 7 years for Mr. Amay. Mr. Rudolf has lived in Somerville his whole life, while Mr. Amay had to move out because the City became too expensive, saying he pays \$200 a week for health care on a \$500 a week paycheck. Councilor Niedergang said he is a Tufts graduate who supports the workers, and the entire Council supported the Resolution.

RESULT: APPROVED

15. Resolution 207599 (ID:20412) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Mbah
That the Administration consider re-establishing a Technology Task Force to make recommendations about municipal and district information technology, including increasing data integration across divisions.

Councilor Hirsch stated that with recent changes in the IT Department, she thinks it's time to look at what it could do regarding data.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16. Order 207481 (ID:20337) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Chief Fire Engineer and the Chief of Police discuss with this Council, at its February 14, 2019 meeting, detailed safety plans for the upcoming bridge closures due to GLX construction.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

17. Resolution 207499 (ID:20338) By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Mbah That the Administration respond to the requests outlined in the attached resident petition, organized by the Pedestrian and Transit Advocacy Group, to accelerate traffic calming investments and improve coordination and oversight.

Councilor Hirsch requested to waive the reading of item 17 and refer it to the Traffic and Parking Committee for follow-up. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

18. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 207600 (ID:20397) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on February 25, 2019.

Councilor Scott reported that the Committee confirmed several appointments. He mentioned that Daniel LaBlanc, up for re-appointment to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, had recently moved out of Somerville. The Committee decided to revisit the Ordinance, to see if there should be a residency requirement, but approved Mr. LaBlanc's re-appointment. Finally, the Committee discussed with Personnel Department staff various ideas to increase the diversity of the applicant pool for Civil Service jobs.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 205472 (ID:18442) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the city's Recruiter appear before the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters to discuss strategies to increase the diversity of candidates applying for civil service jobs.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Mayor's Request 205525 (ID:18207) Requesting the re-appointment of Ramon Bueno to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| D. | Mayor's Request
205526
(ID:18208) | Requesting the re-appointment of Julie Wood to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| E. | Mayor's Request
205527
(ID:18209) | Requesting the re-appointment of Michelle Melton to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change | RESULT: WITHDRAWN |
| F. | Mayor's Request
207098
(ID:19535) | Requesting the reappointment of Daniel LeBlanc to the position of Trustee of the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| G. | Mayor's Request
207100
(ID:19537) | Requesting the reappointment of Andrea Shapiro to the position of Trustee of the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| H. | Mayor's Request
207340
(ID:20121) | Requesting the confirmation of Kimberly Wells to the position of Assistant Clerk of Committees. | RESULT: APPROVED |

19. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
207601
(ID:20398) | Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on February 26, 2019. | <p>Councilor White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. First was a consideration of the budgetary impacts of a proposed innovation school on the school and city budgets over a 10-year period. Members expressed concerns about the cost of the school and possible sources of funding, suggesting there could be a substantial short-fall, and a serious impact on the new high school. The School Committee is scheduled to vote on the innovation school on March 4. Next the Committee considered a proposal to take by eminent domain for a public purpose the property at 217 Somerville Avenue, for \$1,200,000, but took no action. Then the City Engineer outlined the capital needed to address the City's water/sewer infrastructure issues. Finally, the Committee considered a bond of \$8,745,000 to purchase 90 Washington Street by eminent domain. The client's attorney, George McLaughlin, argued that the property is worth 2-3 times what the City is willing to pay. The Committee discussed the matter in executive session, and took no votes. Returning to open session, the Committee voted to approve the request.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED</p> <p>AMENDED: #206004, which had been Approved by the Committee, was Placed on File and replaced by substitution with #207606, submitted as Agenda Item #23, which was then Approved.</p> |
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| B. Mayor's Request
206004
(ID:18766) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$8,745,000 in a bond to purchase land by eminent domain. |
| See #207606 for the Approved, amended text of this item.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE | |
| C. Mayor's Request
206005
(ID:18765) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,860,000 in a bond for new Public Safety Building design, architectural, engineering, and owner's and contractual project management services. |
| RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | |
| D. Public Communication
206735
(ID:19512) | Attorney Robert McLaughlin, Sr., submitting a court decision relevant to #206003, an Order of Taking for 90 Washington St. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| E. Public Communication
207118
(ID:19890) | Attorney Michael Corcoran submitting comments re: #206003, a proposed Order of Taking of 90 Washington St. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| F. Mayor's Request
207293
(ID:20069) | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$220 using available funds in the Personnel Department Professional & Technical Services Account for investigative services. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| G. Officer's Communication
207429
(ID:20146) | City Engineer requesting to address this Board with a water and sewer infrastructure presentation outlining the needed capital, in anticipation of the upcoming rate recommendations. |
| RESULT: PLACED ON FILE | |
| H. Order
207479
(ID:20292) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Finance, the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools, with the Administration, provide by February 25, 2019, a written report on the budgetary impacts that adding an Innovation School (i.e. Powderhouse Studios), would have the School and City budgets over 10 years. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| I. Mayor's Request
207527
(ID:20261) | Requesting the appropriation of \$575,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance to the Law Department's Legal Services Account, to fund anticipated outside legal counsel invoices. |
| Ald. McLaughlin recused.
RESULT: APPROVED | |

J. Mayor's Request 207530 (ID:20287) Requesting the appropriation of \$85,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance Account to the Damages to Persons and Property Account in order to fund the settlement of an outstanding claim.

Ald. McLaughlin recused.
RESULT: APPROVED

K. Mayor's Request 207536 (ID:20137) Requesting acceptance of a \$41,125 grant with no new match required from the Metro North Workforce Board to SPCD's Economic Development Division for the Advanced Manufacturing Training Program.

RESULT: APPROVED

L. Officer's Communication 207548 (ID:20280) City Solicitor seeking approval to settle an outstanding claim over \$5,000 in accordance with Ordinance 2-124, and to appear in Executive Session to discuss the matter.

Ald. McLaughlin recused.
RESULT: APPROVED

M. Public Communication 207582 (ID:20370) McLaughlin Brothers PC submitting comments re: #206003, a proposed Order of Taking for 90 Washington St.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

20. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207602 (ID:20396) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on February 21, 2019.

Councilor Niedergang reported that 2 topics were discussed: open space and vacant property. The Committee discussed an ordinance to establish the City's current green space as a minimum allowed amount. Planning staff said this would bring into play Article 97 from a State law, that publicly dedicated land cannot be taken away unless it is replaced somewhere else. Staff said this could be problematic if, for example, a disability ramp was needed at a school that would remove greenery: that space would have to be replaced elsewhere. The Committee asked the City Solicitor to review the legal standing of each site identified in a proposed public space ordinance, which would list the City's 64 different public spaces. Then the Committee discussed the vacant properties ordinance, which would provide stronger means to deal with vacant properties, primarily commercial properties. Economic Development staff working on this has not yet consulted with the Inspectional Services staff about enforcement, and stated that the ordinance wasn't ready for adoption.

Councilor Niedergang announced upcoming topics: next Thursday the Committee will discuss the Condominium Conversion Ordinance and, if there is time, the Jim Brooks Act Home Rule Petition on evictions and tenancies. On April 4, there will be Public Hearings on 16-17 year-old municipal voting, including a 3 pm meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| <p>B. Resolution
205807
(ID:18584)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to establish the city’s current green space as a minimum allowed amount, as described within.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>C. Order
206046
(ID:18862)</p> | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Rossetti, Clingan
That the City Solicitor draft a vacant properties ordinance similar to the one in Arlington.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>D. Order
206769
(ID:19555)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Mbah
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring that projects above a certain size include an impact statement regarding trees and green space, with updates at all stages of design, and prohibiting this Board from authorizing funds for any project that does not include this impact statement.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>E. Officer's
Communication
206885
(ID:19643)</p> | <p>Assistant City Solicitor responding to #205807 with a draft Ordinance to establish and preserve the amount of green space in the City.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> | |
| <p>F. Order
207371
(ID:20194)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Mbah, McLaughlin
That the City Solicitor work with the Director of Sustainability and Environment to draft an ordinance requiring solar renewable energy installation in new commercial development.</p> |
| <p>Referred to the Committee on Land Use pursuant to #207603.</p> | |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> | |
| <p>G. Order
207603
(ID:20390)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ballantyne
That #207371, requiring solar renewable energy installation in new commercial developments, be discharged from the Legislative Matters Committee and referred to the Committee on Land Use.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |

21. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 207604 (ID:20395) Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on February 20, 2019.

Councilor Mbah reported on the items discussed at the meeting, including a ban on plastic straws. The Committee agreed to change the time frame from 12 to 9 months, and to allow alternative straws, including reusable paper straws, only by customer request. The Committee is waiting to hear from the School Committee about implementation in the schools. Next the Committee discussed a curbside composting program. An RFP done in 2015 showed that the cost of composting was too much, 2-5 times more than trash, so the Committee decided to conclude its work on this issue. Finally the Committee discussed supporting the Somerville Garden Club's "Pot Patrol" Spread the Word - Not the Weed educational campaign to control the invasive Black Swallow Vine that is spreading rapidly and is harmful to some birds, monarch butterflies and native plants.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 204355 (ID:17085) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works and the city's landscape architects maintain the 30-foot slide at the North Street Veterans Park, check the entire structure for safety, and inform the Ward 7 Alderman of the slide's warranty.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Resolution 205456 (ID:18372) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Mbah That the Administration revisit the decision to abandon plans for curbside composting and move forward with a pilot program.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Resolution 205702 (ID:18532) By City Councilor Mbah That the Administration consider hiring licensed site professionals for oversight of acquired land and providing them with the authority to impose their recommendations on developers, to protect human health and the environment.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Resolution 206307 (ID:19082) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis That the Administration and the Director of Communications work with the Somerville Garden Club on their "Pod Patrol: Spread the word...not the weed" educational campaign to control the invasive Black Swallow-wort vine that is spreading rapidly and is harmful to songbirds, monarch butterflies and native plants.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. Order 207150 (ID:19987) By City Councilor Mbah That the Director of SPCD work with the DPW Commissioner to institute a curbside composting program.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

22. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 207605 (ID:20394) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on February 19, 2019.

Councilor Niedergang reported on the 4 topics discussed at the meeting. First was the Powder House Blvd./West Somerville Neighborhood School area where the fatal pedestrian accident occurred recently. Second was other particularly dangerous intersections around the city. Third was pedestrian safety. And forth was the Ball Square Bridge closure. Transportation Director Brad Rawson described the Administration's traffic calming program and the work that's been done. The Committee's next meeting will be a Public Hearing April 3 at 6 pm on a resident petition organized by the pedestrian and transit advocacy group to accelerate traffic calming investments and improve coordination and oversight.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 199244 (ID:11789) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works or the Director of Traffic and Parking install traffic calming measures on Cameron Avenue and Clarendon Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 200054 (ID:12682) By City Councilor Sullivan, McLaughlin, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the feasibility of a flashing pedestrian walkway on Broadway near the East Branch library.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Public Communication 200176 (ID:12793) MA DOT Highway Administrator responding to #199846 re: a pedestrian crossing at Chester Avenue and McGrath Highway.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 200594 (ID:13218) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic and Parking take steps to make all of Dana Street permit parking for residents only.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 200767 (ID:13398) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the TOW ZONE sign on Broadway, near Rent-A-Center, and hold Rent-A-Center responsible for the cost of the repair.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Public Communication 200844 (ID:13401) Lucy and Jason van Beever submitting comments re: #200639, a raised crosswalk at the West Somerville Neighborhood School.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Public Communication 200845 (ID:13463) Barry Rafkind submitting comments re: #200639, a raised crosswalk at the West Somerville Neighborhood School.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Order 201479 (ID:14137) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the malfunctioning pedestrian traffic signal at Alewife Brook Parkway near Powderhouse Boulevard at the Clarendon Hill housing complex.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Order 201506 (ID:14169) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic and Parking address traffic issues at the corner of Bonair and Edmands Streets.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. Order 201989 (ID:14667) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking determine if the substantial increase in truck traffic on Powderhouse Boulevard is violating any ordinances restricting such traffic, and that the Traffic Engineer and Director of Capital Projects discuss with this Board's Committee on Traffic and Parking the reconstruction of the street and the installation of traffic calming measures.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

L. Order 202101 (ID:14787) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking assess Sartwell Avenue for immediate traffic calming measures and report to the Ward 5 Alderman by the end of September.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| M. | Order
202274
(ID:14958) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a blinking crosswalk sign in front of the East Somerville library. (2nd request). | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| N. | Order
203226
(ID:15931) | By City Councilor Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking address the use of parking spaces on Norfolk and Tremont Streets by valet parkers for restaurants along Cambridge Street. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| O. | Order
203371
(ID:16076) | By City Councilor Sullivan, Ballantyne, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing restricted turn sign at Endicott Avenue and Broadway. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| P. | Order
204891
(ID:17657) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Chief of Police cite motorists traveling in the wrong direction on Clarendon Avenue and Victoria Street from Woodstock Street. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Q. | Resolution
206850
(ID:19650) | By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Rossetti, Ballantyne
That the Mayor's Office report to this Board in writing with plans for the police presence around the detour route from the Broadway/Ball Square Bridge closure to protect the Ball Square neighborhood from cut-through traffic, especially at key intersections on Cedar Street, Highland Avenue, College Avenue, and Broadway. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| R. | Order
207250
(ID:20035) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD and the Chief of Police implement immediate safety and traffic dampening measures along Powderhouse Blvd from North St. to the West Somerville Neighborhood School, and assign a Police Officer to the School during drop-offs and pick-ups. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| S. | Order
207330
(ID:20129) | By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis
That the Director of SPCD and/or the Director of Traffic and Parking review all street direction signage in the Ball Square area, and add additional signage to make the direction of streets super clear. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

23. Mayor's Request 207606 (ID:20391) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$8,778,000 in a bond for the Somerville Redevelopment Authority's acquisition of 90 Washington Street by purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise.

For discussion of this item, see #206004.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

24. Mayor's Request 207607 (ID:20393) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$752,000 in a bond for field/playground improvements.

Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 24 through 25 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

25. Mayor's Request 207608 (ID:20392) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$729,000 in a bond to reconstruct the Sacramento Street Underpass.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

26. Mayor's Request 207609 (ID:20384) Requesting acceptance of a \$1,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Medical Center Vital Village Network to the Health and Human Services Department for SomerBaby outreach and supplies.

RESULT: APPROVED

27. Mayor's Request 207610 (ID:20346) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rachel Schwarz to the Human Rights Commission.

Councilor Scott requested to waive the reading of item 27 and refer it to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

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| 28. License/Permit
207611
(ID:20418) | Public Event License, Welcome Project, Build Bridges Not Walls Rally, Statue Park Davis Sq, Feb 20, 5:30-8:30PM. (Interim approval granted.) |
| <p>Councilor Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 28 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 29. License/Permit
207612
(ID:20419) | Public Event License, Groundwork Somerville Maple Syrup Boil Down, South St Farm, Mar 16, 8AM-3PM (raindate Mar 31). |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 30. License/Permit
207613
(ID:20420) | Public Event License, Unity Somerville Palm Sunday Donkey Walk, Powderhouse Park to Davis Sq via the College Ave sidewalk, Apr 14, 8:45-9:30AM. |
| <p>Councilor Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 30 through 35 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 31. License/Permit
207614
(ID:20421) | Public Event License, Unity Somerville Easter Sunrise Service, Powderhouse Park, Apr 21, 6:15-7:15AM. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 32. License/Permit
207615
(ID:20422) | Public Event License, MOM's 5K Run and Walk for Cancer, Assembly Row and Mystic River Reservation, May 12, 7AM-3PM. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 33. License/Permit
207616
(ID:20423) | Public Event License, MSPCA Fast and Furriest 5K Run, Walk and Wag, Assembly Row and Mystic River Reservation, May 19, 6AM-4PM. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 34. License/Permit
207617
(ID:20424) | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm St. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 35. License/Permit
207618
(ID:20425) | New Outdoor Seating License, Elm St Taproom, 256 Elm St, 3 tables, 6 chairs. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 36. Public
Communication
207619
(ID:20426) | 2 residents submitting comments re: #205420, the proposed condominium review ordinance. |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> | |

37. Public Communication 207620 (ID:20427) Renee Scott submitting comments re: #207544, requesting the appointment of Tim Talun to the Planning Board.
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE |
| FOLLOWUP: | Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

38. Communication 207621 (ID:20428) By City Councilor McLaughlin Conveying a letter from several community groups to Tufts University President Monaco regarding its Pilot Agreement.
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| Councilor McLaughlin reported that the City is negotiating with Tufts on a Pilot Agreement. | |
| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE |

39. Order 207622 (ID:20429) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr. That the City Solicitor file a lawsuit to compel the State to provide air pollution mitigation along I-93, similar to the lawsuit that awarded the City the GLX.
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| Councilor McLaughlin expressed his desire to file a lawsuit to get air pollution mitigation along I-93. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED |
| FOLLOWUP: | Public Health and Public Safety Committee |

40. Order 207623 (ID:20430) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the City Solicitor provide this Council with a written explanation of any City and State regulations regarding public notifications. (2nd request)
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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
| FOLLOWUP: | Finance Committee |

41. Order 207624 (ID:20431) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Chief of Police enforce all DO NOT ENTER traffic restrictions along Washington Street, between Sullivan Square and the Washington Street Bridge, during the GLX construction.
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| Councilor McLaughlin requested traffic enforcement along Washington Street. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED |

42. Order 207625 (ID:20432) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a DO NOT ENTER – EXCEPT FOR ABUTTERS sign on the corner of Washington Street and Franklin Avenue to prevent cut through traffic during the GLX construction.

Councilor McLaughlin requested to waive the readings of items 42 through 50 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

43. Order 207626 (ID:20433) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD take immediate action to address the poor condition of Franklin Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

44. Order 207627 (ID:20434) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD pave Perkins Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

45. Order 207628 (ID:20435) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the broken walk button on the stop light at Cross and Pearl Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

46. Order 207629 (ID:20436) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works place trash barrels by the bus stops on Washington Street at its intersections with McGrath Highway and Columbus Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

47. Order 207630 (ID:20437) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD communicate with MA DOT to ensure signs are placed on state roads indicating long traffic delays during GLX construction to preempt cut through traffic.

RESULT: APPROVED

48. Order 207631 (ID:20438) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Chief of Police regularly enforce traffic laws at the intersection of Mt. Vernon Street and Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

49. Order 207632 (ID:20439) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the surrounding area at the intersection of Tufts, Knowlton and Washington Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 50. | Order
207633
(ID:20440) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of the Council on Aging consider expanding bus services to senior events to accommodate seniors who do not live in senior housing. |
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| 51. | Order
207634
(ID:20441) | By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a second DO NOT ENTER – EXCEPT ABUTTERS sign at the corner of Durham and Beacon Streets to increase visibility for southbound traffic on Beacon Street. |
| | | Councilor Scott requested to waive the readings of items 51 through 53 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 52. | Order
207635
(ID:20442) | By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install two DO NOT ENTER – EXCEPT ABUTTERS signs at the corner of Durham and Beacon Streets, on the existing sign poles, to increase visibility for traffic on Dane Street. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 53. | Order
207636
(ID:20443) | By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of SPCD install a DON'T BLOCK THE BOX street marking at the intersection of Dane at Skehan Streets, to make exiting practical for residents. |
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| 54. | Officer's
Communication
207637
(ID:20444) | City Solicitor requesting the appropriation of \$400,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance Account to the Damage to Person & Property Account to increase the balance in the Account. |
| | | Ald. McLaughlin recused.
RESULT: APPROVED |

LATE ITEMS

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| 55. | Citation
207638
(ID:20451) | By City Councilor The Entire City Council, and the Mayor
Commending Alvino Argant, in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the Communications Department. |
| | | The Mayor presented a Citation to Alvino Argant in recognition of his many years of outstanding service to the Communications Department. He has directed the broadcasts of the City Council/Board of Aldermen meetings for years.
RESULT: APPROVED |

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| 56. | Order
207639
(ID:20445) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing STOP sign at Myrtle and Pearl Streets. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 57. | Order
207640
(ID:20446) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That Director of Traffic and Parking fix the fallen SLOW – DEAF CHILD sign at Pinckney and Pearl Streets. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 58. | Order
207641
(ID:20447) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the trash and abandoned Christmas trees along Tufts Street, by 50 Tufts Street. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 59. | Order
207642
(ID:20448) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the caved in sidewalk by Perkins and Myrtle Street. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 60. | Order
207643
(ID:20449) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That Director of Traffic and Parking repair the broken mobile YIELD sign that is currently abandoned in front of 110 Broadway. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 61. | Order
207644
(ID:20450) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking fix the leaning street sign on Pearl Street between Pinckney and Florence Streets. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 62. | Public
Communication
207645
(ID:20452) | Renee Scott submitting comments re: #206486, a proposed Order of Taking at 217 Somerville Ave. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 63. | Public
Communication
207646
(ID:20453) | Renee Scott submitting comments re: #207498, the Tree Protection Ordinance. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:35 PM.