

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 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.
 211804
 (ID:24796) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 211805
 (ID:24797) Councilor Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Richard Daley.
 Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Marshall Mac.
 Councilor White sponsored a moment of silence for Ron Racca. Councilor
 McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for John Salvato.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 8, 2021.
 211806
 (ID:24798) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
 Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

4. Citation 211807 (ID:24794) By City Councilor Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr., and the Mayor Commending Eleanor Killeen, who is retiring after 35 years of loving service as a foster parent.

Councilor Clingan spoke about Ms. Killeen’s work with foster children and sponsored Marianne Walles to introduce her. Ms. Killeen thanked Councilor Clingan and the Council for this honor.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Resolution 211808 (ID:24787) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr. That the month of May 2021 is hereby declared to be Older Americans Month.

President McLaughlin sponsored Council on Aging Director Ashley Speliotis, who spoke about the lessons learned from seniors and her Council’s work to serve them. President McLaughlin then also sponsored Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services President Leslie Hergert, who spoke of the work done for seniors by her organization.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

6. Resolution 211809 (ID:24750) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Niedergang, Scott, White Jr., Clingan, Mbah, Ballantyne Supporting a public/private partnership for the Public Safety Building plan.

Councilor Ewen-Campen reported that there are few details on this matter. He said he proposed building above the public safety building and was told it wasn’t being considered. The goal of this Resolution is to explore all possibilities. President McLaughlin said he supports a new public safety building and believes there has to be a plan for the long-term development of the site. Councilor Scott said this Council has been clear in its mandate to develop this site to its fullest potential. Councilor Davis agreed. Councilor Ballantyne questioned why the city wasn’t going to consider full development and President McLaughlin said that the city hasn’t said no, but hasn’t said yes, either. He also said public safety meetings are held weekly and may be viewed online.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

7. Resolution 211810 (ID:24755) By City Councilor Mbah, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, White Jr. Standing in solidarity with the MA Nurses Association nurses campaigning for fair contract negotiations with the Cambridge Health Alliance.

Councilor Mbah spoke about the dedication of nurses, especially during the COVID pandemic, and urged the Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) to conduct fair contract negotiations with the MA Nurses Association. Councilor Clingan said this isn't just about nurses but involves all health care workers. Councilor Ewen-Campen commented that this type of treatment is happening throughout the country, and he expects CHA to negotiate fairly. Councilor Ballantyne spoke about her mother's experiences working as a nurse and stated her support as well.

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

8. Ordinance 211811 (ID:24720) By City Councilor White Jr., Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis Proposing an ordinance that would require the Mayor to annually submit to this Council a report on the status of housing.

Councilor White spoke about the city's housing stock and said an annual report should be provided that examines housing trends, for affordable housing, number of bedrooms, condominiums both new and converted, funding sources, residential exemptions, etc. He acknowledged that some of this data may be collected already but having it in a central report would be beneficial. He suggested a public hearing for input on how the report should be constructed. Councilor Strezo noted a real need for 3 and 4 bedroom housing. President McLaughlin suggested mapping where housing could be added.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

9. Ordinance 211812 (ID:24721) By City Councilor White Jr., Scott, Clingan, Mbah, Davis, Ballantyne Proposing an amendment to Ordinance 2-123 that would require notification to this Council of claims against the City filed at the MA Commission Against Discrimination.

Councilor White spoke about the importance of the Council's awareness of discrimination claims, and Councilor Scott concurred.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

10. Order 211813 (ID:24719) By City Councilor Strezo, Ballantyne, Davis That the Director of Public Works and the Director of Sustainability and Environment discuss with the Committee on Housing and Community Development the possibility of installing Cigarette Bin Voting Boxes citywide to eliminate cigarette butt litter that can eventually flow into our water sources.

Councilor Strezo spoke about the pollution caused by cigarette filters and said this idea may help to reduce cigarette litter. Councilor Davis commented that he submitted a similar item some years back, noting that nothing came of it.

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

11. 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.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said the crosswalks being planned for these locations are dangerous and unacceptable, and he advocated for raised crosswalks.

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

12. 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.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said the city decided not to build parking for the new high school, and there is still no plan for neighborhood parking for school staff. With 3 projects going on at the same time, a plan is needed before the next school year. Councilor Rossetti added her concerns about the lack of parking, and Councilor Davis said it was stupid not to build a parking garage. Councilor Scott said perhaps teachers in Somerville should have a housing benefit.

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

13. Order 211816 (ID:24765) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD determine with the developer of the First Unitarian Church at 125 Highland Ave whether there is the possibility of a partnership with the City or a nonprofit to turn it into affordable housing.

Councilor Ewen-Campen explained that this historic building has been sold and the developer plans on demolishing it. His constituents feel that the building could be adapted for use as housing or for some other purpose. He encouraged the developer to work with the Administration to build mixed use affordable housing and preserve the building.

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

14. Order 211817 (ID:24766) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of Inspectional Services provide a warning before issuing a ticket for the first instance of minor residential trash bin violations, such as a lid being propped open.

Councilor Ewen-Campen stated that residents are upset about receiving tickets for seemingly minor trash infractions while some developers are given a pass on their offenses. He asked that a warning be sent out prior to a ticket being issued.

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

15. Order 211818 (ID:24767) By City Councilor Niedergang, Clingan, Davis That this Council consider amending the Demolition Review Ordinance to extend the maximum demolition delay period that the Historic Preservation Commission can impose on buildings of historical value from 12 months to 18 months.

Councilor Niedergang spoke about developers waiting out the 12-month demolition delay period as a cost of doing business. and asked the Legislative Matters Committee to consider extending the demolition delay period to 18-months.

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

16. Order 211819 (ID:24768) By City Councilor Niedergang, Strezo
That the Director of SPCD install flashing STOP signs on Lowell Street at its intersection with Albion Street to prevent accidents caused by speeding or incautious motor vehicles.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
17. Order 211820 (ID:24769) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD use the \$220,000 in traffic mitigation funds paid by Maxwell’s Green in 2011 to improve the traffic-calming infrastructure around the Magoun/Lowell GLX station.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
18. Order 211821 (ID:24771) 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 on the proposed MassDOT I-93 viaduct project to replace worn steel, which will divert traffic into Mystic Avenue and East Somerville neighborhoods at night starting in 2022.
- For discussion of this item see #211919.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
19. Communication 211822 (ID:24770) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
Inviting the Council, the Administration and the public to the Highway Justice for People: Mystic and McGrath Rally, on May 26 at 6 PM, at the empty lot on the corner of Broadway and McGrath Highway, to demand that MassDOT prioritize the safety of people over the movement of cars.
- For discussion of this item see #211919.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

20. Communication By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, 211823 Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. (ID:24772) Sharing with the Council, the Administration and the public a 6-page blogpost from State Representative Mike Connolly.

For discussion of this item see #211919.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**

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

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

21. Order By City Councilor Scott, McLaughlin, Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., Clingan 211824 That the Director of Inspectional Services establish a dry ice rat extermination (ID:24762) program.

Councilor Scott spoke about a loophole in the law that allows the city to use dry ice in combatting the rat problem in the city.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**

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

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

22. Order By City Councilor Scott, Ballantyne, Davis, Mbah 211825 That this Council consider passage of a Home Rule Petition enabling a "right (ID:24773) to charge," similar to HD4109 or Chapter 370 of the acts of 2018, ensuring that tenants are provided access to charging stations.

Councilor Scott explained that this measure would allow condominium owners and tenants to install electric vehicle charging stations at their homes.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**

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

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

23. Order By City Councilor Scott, Mbah 211826 That this Council review the past 20 years of the city's Police Department (ID:24774) reform recommendations and the resultant changes.

Councilor Scott explained that this is in response to public calls for police reform and said a research team has asked to make a presentation before the Finance Committee on the various police reforms suggested over the years.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [10 TO 0]**

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

RECUSED: McLaughlin

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

24. Order 211827 (ID:24775) By City Councilor Scott, Mbah That this Council review the results of Ordinance 2-221 regarding Adult Use Marijuana licensure, and consider additional modifications as needed.

Councilor Scott said that this ground-breaking ordinance, passed several years ago, has failed to achieve equity. He called for a panel to talk about where we are in achieving equity.

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

25. Order 211828 (ID:24776) By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen That the Director of Planning prepare an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to enable Adult Use Marijuana Delivery businesses.

Councilor Scott explained that this is simply a missed step in the passage of the zoning ordinance.

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

26. Order 211829 (ID:24777) By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis That the Director of Planning advise this Council regarding expansion of public notification practices to include public postings on the property where the permit is being applied for, as happens in neighboring communities.

Councilor Scott said public notices aren't being posted on many jobsites in his ward and he would like to expand the ordinance to provide more onsite postings to the public.

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

27. Order 211830 (ID:24778) By City Councilor Scott, Davis, Mbah That the City Solicitor advise this Council on the restrictions of public notice posting requirements for local businesses, particularly as it relates to business practices such as wages.

Councilor Scott spoke about creating an ordinance to require local businesses to publicly post the hourly wages of their lowest paid employee. He said this information would guide the public when deciding which businesses to support.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

28. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211831 (ID:24780) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on April 27, 2021.
- Councilor Rossetti reported that a number of appointments were recommended for approval.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- B. Mayor's Request 210951 (ID:23822) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ami Feldman to the position of Library Trustee.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- C. Mayor's Request 210952 (ID:23824) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Georgania Toussaint to the position of Library Trustee.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- D. Mayor's Request 211300 (ID:24186) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Nicholas Salerno as Election Commissioner.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- E. Mayor's Request 211415 (ID:24294) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rose White to the Community Preservation Act Committee.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

29. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
211832
(ID:24786) | Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on May 11, 2021. | <p>Councilor Rossetti reported that 5 individuals were recommended for approval as Reserve Firefighters. She updated the Council on the number of vacancies within the Fire Department and noted that another 4 candidates would be before the Committee next week.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| B. | Mayor's Request
211736
(ID:24640) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Connor Colbert to the position of Reserve Firefighter. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| C. | Mayor's Request
211737
(ID:24641) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nicholas Halloran to the position of Reserve Firefighter. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| D. | Mayor's Request
211738
(ID:24642) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Daniel Higgins to the position of Reserve Firefighter. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| E. | Mayor's Request
211739
(ID:24643) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jason Kenney to the position of Reserve Firefighter. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| F. | Mayor's Request
211740
(ID:24644) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sean Marquis to the position of Reserve Firefighter. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

30. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
211833
(ID:24783) | Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 3, 2021. |
| | | <p>Councilor Scott moved to sever #211731 from the report as he was recused from that item. The item was severed, and he summarized the other actions taken by the Committee. Items discussed were 2 Orders of Taking, Fire Department apparatus, various appropriations and siting a fire station in the Assembly Square neighborhood. Councilor Ballantyne then reported on #211731 regarding an appropriation to pay the principal and interest due on land acquisition bond anticipation notes for Union Square DIF properties.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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| B. | Mayor's Request
211686
(ID:24538) | Requesting the adoption of an Order of Taking for 191 Highland Avenue for municipal historic and arts purposes. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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| C. | Mayor's Request
211687
(ID:24592) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$5,000,575 in a bond for the cost of acquiring the Armory Building at 191 Highland Avenue. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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| D. | Order
211723
(ID:24638) | By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Chief Fire Engineer discuss the current apparatus maintenance status with this Council. |
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| E. | Mayor's Request
211731
(ID:24619) | Requesting the appropriation of \$2,718,676.20 from the Receipts Reserved-Sale of Real Estate Account to Debt Service, to pay principal and interest due on land acquisition bond anticipation notes for Union Square DIF properties. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>RECUSED: Scott</p> |
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| F. | Mayor's Request
211733
(ID:24602) | Requesting the appropriation of \$200,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund in order to implement interim traffic and pedestrian safety improvements at Powderhouse Circle. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

G. Mayor's Request 211748 (ID:24613) Requesting to discuss with this Council siting a Fire Station in the Assembly Square neighborhood.

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

31. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211834 (ID:24781) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on April 29, 2021.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said that in addition to considering a map change, the Committee held a public hearing on several zoning amendments, which will continue to be deliberated.

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

32. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211835 (ID:24784) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 6, 2021.

Councilor Davis said that a number of items were discussed in Committee, and 2 ordinances and a Home Rule Petition were recommended for approval.

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

B. Order 211605 (ID:24506) By City Councilor Clingan, White Jr., Strezo, Davis, Mbah, Ballantyne, Scott, Ewen-Campen
 That the City Solicitor work with this Council on an ordinance to deny, revoke or suspend permits to companies with a history of engaging in unsafe, hazardous or dangerous practices based on work safety histories or concerns.

For the approved text see #211855.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 211680 (ID:24583) By City Councilor Davis, Scott
 That the City Solicitor prepare a Home Rule Petition to recognize any member of a domestic partnership as a "dependent" for Group Insurance Commission coverage, and as a "spouse" with respect to other applicable laws.

For the approved text see #211854.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Ordinance 211709 (ID:24620) By City Councilor Niedergang Submitting a revised Leaf Blower Ordinance regulating the use of leaf blowers.
- For the adopted Ordinance see #211912.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- E. Resolution 211836 (ID:24753) By City Councilor Clingan That this Council approve an ordinance authorizing the city to deny permits to any person or entity having a history of engaging in unsafe works practices.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- F. Resolution 211837 (ID:24754) By City Councilor Davis That this Council approve a Home Rule Petition recognizing any member of a domestic partnership as a "dependent" for Group Insurance Commission coverage, and as a "spouse" with respect to other applicable laws.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

33. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211838 (ID:24779) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on April 26, 2021.
- Councilor White presented the Committee report and said that Junk Dealer's Licenses can include a Pawn Broker component. Tosh Enterprises' Junk Dealer's License was before the Committee for renewal, and because a pawn customer had reported a dispute, the Committee held a show-cause hearing. The applicant was represented by counsel. The customer's attorney alleged that he was charged an interest rate of 120%, but it appears that the city hasn't set a maximum rate for pawn broking. During the hearing, the applicant indicated he was disposing of pawned items without adhering to state law. He said that law was outdated. Based on that testimony, the Committee recommended approving a temporary conditional license, with both parties able to submit additional information before this matter is deliberated again.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. License/Permit 211524 (ID:24453) Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Tosh Enterprises, 260 Elm St.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITIONS: | 1. This license shall be valid only through May 31, 2021.
2. No additional items shall be taken or loans issued on a pawnbroker basis, and no items shall be disposed of, except in accordance with all provisions of MGL c140 s71. |
- C. License/Permit 211525 (ID:24451) New Flammables License, Form Energy Inc, 30 Dane Street, storing 300 gallons.
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| RESULT: | WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
- D. License/Permit 211779 (ID:24662) New Garage License, Greentown Labs Inc, 444 Somerville Avenue, 4 autos inside, 0 outside for vehicle repairs only, operating Mon-Sun: 7am-8pm.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | Garage shall be used only for the commercial activities of tenants, and not for amenity parking for guests, officers, or staff. |

34. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211839 (ID:24782) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on May 3, 2021.
- Councilor Davis said the Committee discussed several police-related matters as well as homelessness and COVID issues.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
- B. Order 205829 (ID:18604) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and other enforcing departments report to this Board on enforcing business signage laws, especially for alcohol, tobacco or marijuana advertisements.
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| RESULT: | WORK COMPLETED |
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- C. Order 207942 (ID:20717) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Director of Parks and Recreation design with interested parents and caregivers a summer program to support those who have children with autism disorder.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- D. Order 208989 (ID:21806) By City Councilor White Jr., Ballantyne That the Chief of Police report to this Council on any enforcement actions undertaken under Ordinance 9-97, especially with regard to disturbances of the peace in the vicinity of Tufts College.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- E. Resolution 209978 (ID:22832) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne, Davis, Mbah That the Administration update this Council on contingency staffing plans in case a large number of front-line employees are unable to work due to illness or self-isolation.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- F. Order 210194 (ID:23068) By City Councilor Strezo That the Chief of Police provide weekly updates on mask citations issued and any non-compliance incidents.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- G. Order 210212 (ID:23067) By City Councilor Clingan, Strezo That the Director of Health and Human Services work with the appropriate state agencies to identify all state funded group and foster homes to ensure they have enough PPEs and to examine their plans to keep facilities clean.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- H. Order 210366 (ID:23234) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis, Clingan That the Police Department post its weekly crime log on social media every week.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- I. Order 210476 (ID:23367) By City Councilor Clingan, Scott, Davis, Mbah, Strezo That the Chief of Police provide to this Council the number of confirmed shootings since January 2018, including the dates, times, locations, number of rounds fired, and what or who those rounds hit.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- J. Order 210477 (ID:23368) By City Councilor Clingan, Scott, Davis, Strezo, Mbah That the Chief of Police provide to this Council the number of times and locations that shot spotter has been triggered since January 2018.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- K. Order 210478 (ID:23369) By City Councilor Clingan, Scott, Ballantyne, Mbah, Davis, Strezo That the Chief of Police utilize social media, including Twitter, to let residents know when there have been shots fired or when the Police make a firearm arrest.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- L. Order 210541 (ID:23428) By City Councilor Rossetti That the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Council, within 7 days, the ability of the Health Department or the Administration to order Covid-19 testing of all Tufts college students living in Somerville, whether attending classes virtually or in hybrid mode.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- M. Resolution 210606 (ID:23482) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti That the Director of Health and Human Services and Tufts University provide this Council with weekly updates on the number of unique COVID-19 tests administered to Tufts undergraduate and graduate students until all students have been tested.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- N. Order 211179 (ID:24073) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Communications advise the community via social media of all shootings and violent crimes that occur in Somerville. (2nd request)
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- O. Order 211220 (ID:24109) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Strezo, Clingan, Scott, Davis That the Covid-19 response team update the Committee on Public Health and Safety on the Phase 2 vaccine roll-out for residents, particularly senior citizens and other vulnerable residents.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- P. Order 211221 (ID:24111) By City Councilor Strezo, Scott, Clingan, Davis That the Directors of Health and Human Services and the Council on Aging collaborate to bridge the digital divide for residents seeking to obtain the Covid vaccine who may not have access to the internet.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

Q. Resolution 211222 (ID:24110) By City Councilor Mbah, Scott, Strezo, Clingan, Davis That the Administration help residents over 75 years of age sign up for Covid-19 vaccinations.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

R. Resolution 211223 (ID:24112) By City Councilor Mbah, Niedergang, Strezo, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Ballantyne, Scott, Davis That the Administration include teachers on the priority list as the vaccine distribution plan is rolled out.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

S. Order 211355 (ID:24258) By City Councilor Niedergang, McLaughlin, Clingan, Ballantyne, Mbah That the Mayor, the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on Public School reopening plans.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

T. Order 211594 (ID:24498) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezo, Clingan That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss how much planned funding will be allocated toward trauma training initiatives for youth in the coming years.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

35. RULES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211840 (ID:24785) Report of the Special Committee on Rules, meeting on May 11, 2021.

Councilor White presented the Committee report and explained each of the changes made to the Rules of the City Council.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

B. Order 211352 (ID:24255) By City Councilor White Jr., Rossetti, Davis, Clingan, Scott That the Rules Committee work with the City Solicitor to establish firm procedures regarding executive sessions to ensure compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

For the text of the approved Rule see #211911.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Officer's Communication 211493 (ID:24460) City Clerk submitting amendments to the Rules of the City Council to make them gender-neutral.

For the text of the approved Rules see #211911.
RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- D. Officer's Communication 211494 (ID:24461) City Clerk submitting amendments to three Rules of the City Council, for various purposes described within.

RESULT: **APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
AMENDED: 1. Further amend Rule 31 by inserting after "roll call" the phrase ", a salute to the flag of the United States of America,".
 2. Further amend Rule 56 by inserting at the end of the first sentence the phrase "unless a majority of members present shall vote otherwise."

- E. Order 211841 (ID:24813) By City Councilor Davis That the City Clerk propose amendments to the Rules of the City Council to make them gender neutral, including the use of the singular pronouns they and their.

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

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

36. Mayor's Request 211842 (ID:24611) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,520,000 in a bond for building improvements.

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

37. Mayor's Request 211843 (ID:24726) Requesting approval to appropriate \$21,060.28 from the Street Tree Stabilization fund for the Tree Health Program.

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

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| <p>38. Mayor's Request 211844 (ID:24722)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a transfer of \$35,000 from the Fire Department Personal Services Salaries Account to the Fire Alarm Personal Services Overtime Account to cover a deficit due to long-term sick leave.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>39. Mayor's Request 211845 (ID:24601)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a transfer of \$8,000 in this Council's budget, from the Professional and Technical Services Account to the Salaries and Wages Temporary Account, to continue funding staff to develop a civilian oversight process for the Police Department.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>40. Mayor's Request 211846 (ID:24710)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$5,212.98 using available funds in the Information Technology Internet Maintenance and Lease Photocopier Accounts.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>41. Mayor's Request 211847 (ID:24718)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$756 using available funds in the Arts Council's Revolving Account for Medford Fire Detail Services for Fireworks.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>42. Mayor's Request 211848 (ID:24603)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$387.30 using available funds in the Infrastructure and Asset Management Fee Account for delinquent EZ Pass toll invoices.</p> | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| <p>43. Mayor's Request 211849 (ID:24697)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$3,000 grant with no new match required, from the Housing Authority to the Arts Council for support for the Mystic Mural Project.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| 44. Mayor's Request
211850
(ID:24698) | Requesting approval of a time-only extension for The Robinson Green Beretta Corp. contract for construction administration at the Buena Vista Garage through 8/31/2021. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| 45. Mayor's Request
211851
(ID:24711) | Requesting approval to amend a contract with Design Consultants for an additional 2 years and \$53,146.25, for final work related to the Beacon St. Roadway construction project. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| 46. Mayor's Request
211852
(ID:24714) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jean Alix Simeon as a full member of the Condominium Review Board. |
| <p>Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the readings and refer items 46-47 to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> | |
| 47. Mayor's Request
211853
(ID:24715) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Paul Vancini as an Alternate Member of the Condominium Review Board. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> | |

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| 48. Officer's Communication
211854
(ID:24717) | Chief Labor Counsel submitting a Home Rule Petition to define a domestic partner as a spouse and dependent in Somerville. |
| <p>For discussion of this item see #211680.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| 49. Officer's Communication
211855
(ID:24725) | Assistant City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance to authorize the denial, revocation or suspension of permits due to workplace safety concerns. |
| <p>For discussion of this item see #211605.</p> <p>RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

<p>50. Officer's Communication 211856 (ID:24789)</p>	<p>City Clerk submitting a proposed amendment of Article III of Chapter 8, the Junk Dealer Ordinance.</p>	<p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee</p>
<p>51. Officer's Communication 211857 (ID:24748)</p>	<p>Director of Water and Sewer submitting the FY22 water and sewer volumetric rate recommendation.</p>	<p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p>
<p>52. Officer's Communication 211858 (ID:24795)</p>	<p>Water and Sewer Director of Administration conveying testimony received relative to the proposed FY22 water and sewer rates.</p>	<p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p>
<p>53. Officer's Communication 211859 (ID:24751)</p>	<p>Director of Infrastructure & Asset Management conveying the Water and Sewer Capital Investment Plan update for April, 2021.</p>	<p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p>
<p>54. Officer's Communication 211860 (ID:24716)</p>	<p>Director of Intergovernmental Affairs responding to #211396 re: expunging a police record.</p>	<p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>
<p>55. Officer's Communication 211861 (ID:24756)</p>	<p>Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of a new street, Harold Cohen Street, between Foley Street and Revolution Drive.</p>	<p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>

NEW BUSINESS

56. License/Permit 211862 (ID:24747) New Drainlayer's License, Proia Construction Inc.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
57. License/Permit 211863 (ID:24758) New Drainlayer's License, Classic Site Solutions Inc.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
58. License/Permit 211864 (ID:24727) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Celiberti Realty.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
59. License/Permit 211865 (ID:24728) Renewing Drainlayer's License, JNJ Sacca.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
60. License/Permit 211866 (ID:24730) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Suffolk Engineering.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
61. License/Permit 211867 (ID:24801) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Insite Contracting.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
62. License/Permit 211868 (ID:24729) Renewing Drainlayer's License Meninno Construction Corp.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

63.	License/Permit 211869 (ID:24759)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Capitol Services.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
64.	License/Permit 211870 (ID:24757)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, JR and Sons Construction.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
65.	License/Permit 211871 (ID:24731)	Renewing Flammables License, DW Propco JK LLC, 0 Dawes Street.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
66.	License/Permit 211872 (ID:24732)	Renewing Flammables License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
67.	License/Permit 211873 (ID:24733)	Renewing Garage License, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
68.	License/Permit 211874 (ID:24734)	Renewing Garage License, K Professional Auto Detailing, 682 Mystic Ave.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
69.	License/Permit 211875 (ID:24735)	Renewing Garage License, Automotive Transport Service, 40 Joy St.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
70.	License/Permit 211876 (ID:24738)	Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Roly Cab, Med #17.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

71.	License/Permit 211877 (ID:24739)	Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Edelle Cab, Med #20.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
72.	License/Permit 211878 (ID:24740)	Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Jolina Taxi, Med #52.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
73.	License/Permit 211879 (ID:24741)	Renewing Taxi Medallion License, VINL Transportation, Med #65.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
74.	License/Permit 211880 (ID:24742)	Renewing Taxi Medallion License, LTK, Med #66.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
75.	License/Permit 211881 (ID:24743)	Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Sadel and G Transportation, Med #70.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
76.	License/Permit 211882 (ID:24744)	Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Michael Cab, Med #88.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
77.	License/Permit 211883 (ID:24745)	Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, McDonalds, 14 McGrath Hwy.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
78.	License/Permit 211884 (ID:24746)	Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Dr.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| 79. License/Permit
211885
(ID:24736) | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Urban Equity Development, 55 Day St.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 80. License/Permit
211886
(ID:24737) | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 81. License/Permit
211887
(ID:24749) | Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Flatbread Company at Sacco's Bowl Haven, 45 Day St.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 82. License/Permit
211888
(ID:24799) | New Sign/Awning Permit, 1154 Hotel LLC, 1154 Broadway, for projections overhanging the public sidewalk.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 83. Public
Communication
211889
(ID:24791) | 13 registered voters requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to revise the Boynton Yards sub-overlay area.

Also referred to the Planning Board.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee |
| 84. Public
Communication
211890
(ID:24792) | 13 registered voters requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Map to revise the Boynton Yards sub-overlay area.

Also referred to the Planning Board.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee |
| 85. Public
Communication
211891
(ID:24788) | Tufts responding to #211597 re: submitting an Institutional Master Plan and limiting housing.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee |

86. Public Communication 211892 (ID:24793) Nancy Trane submitting comments re: #211611, amending the Zoning Ordinance with respect to Body Art Services.

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

87. Public Communication 211893 (ID:24800) TranSystems conveying a notice of an I-93 Bridge Rehabilitation project.

For discussion of this item see #211919.

RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP:	Traffic and Parking Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

88. Order 211894 (ID:24790) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD report to this Council the plans for the Community Path at-grade street crossings, such as at Central and School Streets, specifically, whether they will utilize raised crosswalks for safety and traffic calming?

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

89. Order 211895 (ID:24804) By City Councilor Davis That the Commissioner of Public Works reactivate the pedestrian crossing signal at Morrison and College Avenues and report to the Ward 6 Councilor if there is any reason it can't be done within a week of the date of this meeting.

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

90. Order 211896 (ID:24805) By City Councilor Strezo That the Director of Economic Development provide small businesses with a contact list to reach someone within 24-48 hours while city offices are closed and operating under the Mayor's COVID-related Executive Order.

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

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| <p>91. Order
211897
(ID:24806)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Strezio
That the City Solicitor advise in writing and appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss how extensively the Encore Casino has been in compliance with its Surrounding Community Agreement.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> | |
| <p>92. Mayor's Request
211898
(ID:24803)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation of \$630,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to ADA Improvements Fund 5148 for ADA building accessibility improvements.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>93. Mayor's Request
211899
(ID:24811)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a transfer of \$1,000 in the Grants Development Department, from the Professional and Technical Account to the Salaries Account, to fund the Grant Writer's increased hours.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>94. Mayor's Request
211900
(ID:24802)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$75,000 donation from Tufts pursuant to the 2014-2018 Partnership Agreement with the City.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>95. Mayor's Request
211901
(ID:24760)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for an OSPCD Drone.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> | |
| <p>96. Mayor's Request
211902
(ID:24761)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Coord App License Plate Collection.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> | |
| <p>97. Mayor's Request
211903
(ID:24817)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Robert Buchanan to 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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98. Mayor's Request 211904 (ID:24818) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Erin Geno to the Planning Board.
- Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the readings of items 98-100 and send them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, explaining that the Committee will interview 4 candidates for the Planning Board next week.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
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99. Mayor's Request 211905 (ID:24819) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Deborah Howitt-Easton as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
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100. Mayor's Request 211906 (ID:24820) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Russell Pildes as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
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101. Mayor's Request 211907 (ID:24821) Requesting that this Council confirm the appointment to the Urban Design Commission of the same members previously appointed to the Interim Urban Design Commission, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 15.4.7.
- Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the readings of items 101-102 and send them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
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102. Mayor's Request 211908 (ID:24822) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Frank Valdez to the Urban Design Commission.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
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103. Mayor's Communication 211909 (ID:24752) Submitting a Proclamation for Women's Advancement, Equity and Opportunity in Somerville.
- Councilor Strezio commented on the hardships faced by women during the COVID pandemic and said that one step to alleviate that hardship may be by creating job mentorships for women.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
104. Officer's Communication 211910 (ID:24807) City Clerk submitting revised amendments to the Rules of the City Council to make them gender-neutral.
- Councilor Davis commented that he advocated for the use of “they” and “their” as singular pronouns. For more discussion of this item see #211493.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
105. Officer's Communication 211911 (ID:24808) City Clerk submitting amendments to City Council Rule 9 to clarify the review, approval, and consideration for release of the minutes of executive sessions.
- For more discussion of this item see #211352.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
106. Officer's Communication 211912 (ID:24812) Assistant City Solicitor submitting an ordinance to regulate the use of leaf blowers, as approved by the Legislative Matters Committee on 5/6/21.
- For discussion of this item see #211709.
- RESULT:** ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
107. Officer's Communication 211913 (ID:24809) City Solicitor requesting approval to retain Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kesten as outside counsel in Dante DiFronzo v City of Somerville et al.
- Solicitor Wright explained that the city was served with an action for wrongful termination, and as the Law Department is short a staff person, he requested to hire outside counsel.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| <p>108. Officer's
Communication
211914
(ID:24810)</p> | <p>City Solicitor requesting approval to retain KP Law as outside counsel in the Civil Service Bypass Appeal of Matthew Fairchild.</p> |
| <p>Solicitor Wright explained that the city was served with an action for a bypass appeal on a Civil Service matter and as the Law Department is short a staff person, he requested to hire outside counsel.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>109. Officer's
Communication
211915
(ID:24823)</p> | <p>Director of SPCD requesting to appear with the Mayor's Office before the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters to discuss granting Special Municipal Employee status to certain boards and commissions.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> | |
| <p>110. License/Permit
211916
(ID:24826)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Vintage Market, Bow Market and Somerville Avenue, May 23, 9AM-9PM (raindate June 6).</p> |
| <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve items 110-111.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>111. License/Permit
211917
(ID:24816)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Growing Center activities, 22 Vinal Ave, May 23-Oct 31, various dates and times,</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

LATE ITEMS

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| <p>112. Resolution
211918
(ID:24828)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
Supporting the Tufts Labor Coalition and students standing in solidarity with the Tufts Dining Workers.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Ballantyne sponsored Tufts student David Boulet-Gercourt, a student activist, who asked the Council for its support for the Tufts Dining Workers, saying they have been mistreated by Tufts.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

113. Resolution 211919 (ID:24825) By City Councilor Niedergang, McLaughlin, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr., and the Mayor Calling on the Mass. Department of Transportation to prioritize and enhance roadway safety improvements on Mystic Avenue and McGrath Highway, and to install sound walls as part of the I-93 viaduct steel rehabilitation project.

Councilor Niedergang spoke about “the corridor of death” at Mystic Avenue and McGrath Highway, where 3 pedestrian fatalities have occurred over the past 2 years. The State had planned safety improvements for the area but have now pushed them back to 2023 in favor of performing maintenance work on the I-93 viaduct. That work will necessitate rerouting traffic through the city. Separately, multiple requests have been made for sound walls along portions of I-93, and the city has always been told that such work can only be done in conjunction with other work, but now with the viaduct work planned, no commitment has been made to include them. He announced a demonstration on May 26 to call attention to this situation.

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

114. Resolution 211920 (ID:24829) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Strezo, Scott That the Administration consider Community Development Block Grant funding to combat the rodent infestation in East Somerville.

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

115. License/Permit 211921 (ID:24827) Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Tosh Enterprises, 260 Elm St.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:15 PM.