

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

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2016, 7:30 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by Alderman At Large William A. White Jr.

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
201412
(ID:14076)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

2. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 3, 2016.

201413
(ID:14074)

Alderman Davis reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed at length and adopted several amendments to the proposed Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance that had been submitted by the

Planning Board and Planning staff. The amended ordinance document was then presented to the Board without a recommendation by the Committee.

Mayor Curtatone then addressed the Board regarding the affordable housing crisis and urged that the Board consider and support the Planning staff's recommendations for further amendment that are being presented this evening in the document titled "inclusionary ordinance - planning staff draft 5-9-16."

Planning Director George Proakis then went through the Planning staff's proposed amendments to the proposed ordinance page by page. He explained that in the handout, the amendments the Planning staff is proposing are printed in Green. All of the other text in the document had been previously acted on in the Committee. The Board discussed each proposed amendment and took action on the following motions:

MOTION: Accept planning staff recommendations on Page 2.

RESULT: **Approved. [UNANIMOUS, 11-0]**

MOTION: Accept planning staff recommendations on Page 4.

RESULT: **Approved. [UNANIMOUS, 11-0]**

MOTION: On Page 4 and throughout, change the names of Tiers 1, 2 and 3 to Tiers R1, R2 and R3 for renters, and Tiers P1, P2 and P3 for purchasers.

RESULT: **Approved. [UNANIMOUS, 11-0]**

MOTION: Accept planning staff recommendations on Page 5.

RESULT: **Approved. [UNANIMOUS, 11-0]**

MOTION: Accept planning staff recommendations on Table 13.3.4.A on Page 7.

RESULT: **Approved. [UNANIMOUS, 11-0]**

MOTION: Accept planning staff recommendations on Table 13.3.4.B on Page 7.

RESULT: **Approved. [UNANIMOUS, 11-0]**

MOTION: Accept all other planning staff recommendations on Page 7.

RESULT: **Approved by voice vote**

MOTION: Accept planning staff recommendations on Table 13.3.4.C on Page 8.

RESULT: **Approved. [10-1]**

AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Davis, Ballantyne

NAYS: Niedergang

MOTION: Accept all other planning staff recommendations on Page 8.

RESULT: **Approved by voice vote**

MOTION: Accept planning staff recommendations on Page 10.
RESULT: **Approved by voice vote**

MOTION: Accept planning staff recommendations on Page 12.
RESULT: **Approved. [UNANIMOUS, 10-0]**
AYES: Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Connolly

MOTION: Accept planning staff recommendations on Page 13.
RESULT: **Approved by voice vote**

MOTION: Accept planning staff recommendations on Page 16.
RESULT: **Approved by voice vote**
RESULT: **APPROVED**

- B. Public Communication 200102 (ID:12711) 11 registered voters proposing a Zoning Ordinance for Inclusionary Housing, with a petition from 511 citizens supporting an inclusionary zoning ordinance amendment and a revised application process.

RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- C. Officer's Communication 200995 (ID:13638) Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #200102, a proposed Zoning Ordinance for Inclusionary Housing.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:50 PM.