

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2020, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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.
 210375
 (ID:23280) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 210376
 (ID:23281) Councilors White and Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Antonio Grossi.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 11, 2020.
 210377
 (ID:23282) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4. Grant of Location 210378 (ID:23269) Submitted by TC Systems to install 78 feet of conduit in Washington St from Pole 358/58 at the corner of Magnus Ave to a proposed handhole across the street in the sidewalk in front of Perry Park, then to adjacent Pole 58X.

The President opened the public hearing. Sienna Engineering Group representative Adam Heller described the work to be completed. Councilor Scott expressed concern with the trench that cuts across the ADA sidewalk ramp, and asked Sienna to resolve the issue. Mr. Heller said he would prepare a new plan that avoids the ramp, and that he hopes to start construction in July or August. Councilor Scott said that if a new plan was satisfactory, the city could issue an interim approval before the August meeting. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 5. Order 210379 (ID:23251) By City Councilor Strezo That the Director of Inspectional Services report to the Housing and Community Development Committee its implementation plans for the 2019 Tenant Notification Act.

Councilor Strezo noted that under the Tenant Notification Act, landlords and foreclosing owners serving eviction notices must also provide tenants a document about their rights and resources. The eviction moratorium is expiring next month and she requested that the Director of Inspectional Services update the Council on their plans.

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

- 6. Order 210380 (ID:23252) By City Councilor Strezo That the Directors of SPCD, Housing Stability, and Inspectional Services discuss with the Housing and Community Development Committee the anticipated impact and possible responses when the MA Eviction Moratorium expires on August 18.

Councilor Strezo expressed concern for many residents being evicted from their homes. 60% of residents evicted have children.

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

7. Order 210381 (ID:23250) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Inspectional Services communicate with the community via mail, email and/or other means, its 2020 plan for combating rat infestations, including monthly updates during peak infestation periods and quarterly updates otherwise.

Councilor Strezo asked that the Director of Inspectional Services provide regular updates to the public on their plans to combat rats in the community. Many residents have expressed concern with not knowing what actions are being taken in their neighborhood to combat rats.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

8. Order 210382 (ID:23255) By City Councilor Strezo, Niedergang, Ballantyne
That the Director of Personnel provide a demographic breakdown of employees in the E-911, Fire Alarm, and Constituent Services Departments.

Councilor Strezo noted there is a discrepancy in pay to E-911 dispatchers (annual salary \$50,000-\$56,000) and Fire Alarm dispatchers (annual salary \$75,000-\$85,000). She requested that the Director of Personnel provide a demographic breakdown of those positions. She noted Councilor Niedergang's observation that many E-911 dispatchers were female and many Fire Alarm dispatchers were male. She wanted to see if there is a gender issue. Councilor Niedergang thanked her for her leadership, and Councilor Scott noted this item had been part of last year's budget resolutions.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

9. Communication 210383 (ID:23254) By City Councilor Strezo
Reporting on the Children's Cabinet Meeting held on June 9, 2020.

Councilor Strezo reported that the Children's Cabinet heard that State regulations for reopening child care centers created a budget deficit for business owners. One facility faced a \$12,000 loss over 3 months of operation. The Cabinet also learned that the Tuition Assistance Program provided aid for 20 families in Somerville. Finally, the Cabinet discussed reopening plans for schools and social distancing guidelines for classrooms.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

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

10. Communication By City Councilor Rossetti
210384
(ID:23253)
- Reporting on the High School Building Committee held on July 13, 2020.
- Councilor Rossetti reported that Phase 2 will be completed by the end of November, with plans to occupy the building in December or January. She expressed concern that Eversource delays are threatening the timeline. She said there will be a filmed tour of the building for the public. She said the contingency account is back up to \$436,185 due to multiple change orders. She said she reached out to the State Delegation to request School Building Assistance Authority funding for Covid-19 expenses, estimated at \$40,000 a month. Finally, she said the School Superintendent is preparing a plan for education in the fall. Councilor White noted that if Eversource isn't cooperating, the Council could withhold licenses until the issues are resolved.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. Resolution By City Councilor Scott, Ballantyne, Clingan, Davis, Strezo
209284
(ID:22154)
- Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.
- Councilor Scott said he hopes to receive suggestions to strengthen the resolution when the Council returns to regular meetings in the fall.
- RESULT:** LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council
12. Resolution By City Councilor Ballantyne
210251
(ID:23145)
- That the Mayor, the Chief of Police and the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council, at its June 11, 2020 meeting, their declaration of Systemic Racism as a Public Safety and Health Emergency.
- RESULT:** LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

13. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210385 (ID:23277) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on July 9, 2020.

Councilor Rossetti reported that the Committee reviewed the appointment of Christine Lindgren to the Licensing Commission. Councilor Scott expressed concern with her responses to their questions, but the appointment was approved. The Committee also recommended approval of the appointment of Carla Lillvik to the Board of Library Trustees. Finally, the Committee considered the promotion of Robert McCarthy to Deputy Fire Chief. Councilor Scott expressed concern that the Administration's policies for promotions aren't consistent. Several more Fire promotions will be submitted in August. Mr. McCarthy's promotion was approved.

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

- B. Mayor's Request 210071 (ID:22892) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christine Lindgren to the Licensing Commission.

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

- C. Mayor's Request 210279 (ID:23100) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Carla Lillvik as a Trustee for the Board of Library Trustees.

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

- D. Mayor's Request 210374 (ID:23229) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Robert McCarthy to the position of Deputy Fire Chief.

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

14. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210386 (ID:23270) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 29, 2020.

Councilor Scott discussed the several Finance Committee budget meetings and said 1,400 people watched them online. This was the first year the hearings were conducted by just the 5 Committee members. He noted that the 2017 budget review took 225 Councilor-hours, 2018 took 315 Councilor-hours, 2019 took 524 Councilor-hours, and this year took 301 Councilor-hours. He thanked City staff for their hard work during the hearings. The Committee did not take action on the budget, knowing the Administration would submit a revised version. Councilor Scott then requested to approve all of the Finance Committee reports. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

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

- B. Resolution 210387 (ID:23243) By City Councilor Scott That the Mayor return to the Finance Committee with an amended budget reflecting an allocation of the cut funds to the Racial and Social Justice Program or to other badly needed city services.

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

- C. Resolution 210388 (ID:23244) By City Councilor Davis That the Administration work collaboratively with this Council on substantial reforms to law enforcement including a Civilian Review Board and an approach to policing that involves civilian responses to matters that are currently addressed by the Police.

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

15. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210389 (ID:23271) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on July 1, 2020.

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

- B. Resolution 210390 (ID:23245) By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Administration fund the additional Float Nurse position in the Health and Human Services Department for 11 months in the FY21 budget.

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

- C. Resolution 210391 (ID:23246) By City Councilor Scott
That the Administration increase the Salaries Account in the Library's FY21 budget by \$43,500, to fully staff the Deputy Director position.

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

16. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210392 (ID:23272) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on July 2, 2020.

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

- B. Resolution 210393 (ID:23247) By City Councilor Scott
That the Mayor allocate full funding for the Talent Acquisition/Asset Manager position in the FY21 budget.

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

17. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210394 (ID:23273) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on July 6, 2020.

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

- B. Resolution 210395 (ID:23248) By City Councilor Scott
That the Mayor increase the Professional and Technical Services Account in the Arts Council by \$35,000 in the FY21 budget.

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

- C. Resolution 210396 (ID:23249) By City Councilor Scott
That the Mayor increase the Salaries Account in the Arts Council by \$12,300 to fully fund the Nibble Kitchen Cultural Culinary Coordinator position.

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

18. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210397 (ID:23274) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on July 7, 2020.

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

19. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210398 (ID:23276) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on July 8, 2020.

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

20. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210399 (ID:23278) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on July 9, 2020.

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

- B. Resolution 210400 (ID:23290) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Mayor’s Office allocate funds to the City Council for anti-racism training and education.

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

- C. Resolution 210401 (ID:23291) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Mayor hire a research institute and/or individual expert in gender studies and women studies to implement equitable investments in girls in the Fall of 2020, conduct a Pilot/Praxis in the Spring of 2021, and develop an implementation plan by May, 2021.

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

- D. Resolution 210402 (ID:23292) By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Administration consider reallocating any funds cut from the DPW Fleet Management budget to the Office of Housing Stability during these COVID times.

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

- E. Resolution 210403 (ID:23293) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Administration increase the Community Engagement Specialist - Nepali interpreter position in the Communications and Community Engagement budget to full-time.

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

- F. Resolution 210404 (ID:23294) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Administration add an additional 10-hour Community Engagement Specialist - Spanish position in the Communications and Community Engagement Department.

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

21. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210405 (ID:23275) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on July 8, 2020.

Councilor White said the Committee report was available online. He noted that the Licensing Commission's authority to license outdoor seating expired November 1, and in response to Councilor Rossetti's concern with outdoor seating after that date, he ordered the City Clerk to notify licensees to apply to the City Council if they wanted to extend those licenses through December and then into 2021.

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

- B. Grant of Location 204351 (ID:17132) Submitted by Eversource to install 7 feet of conduit in Summer St, from Pole 325/4 to a point of pickup at Nunziato Field.

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

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| C. Grant of Location 208798 (ID:21688) | Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell equipment on a new pole replacing an existing pole at Trum Playground, 546 Broadway. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| D. License/Permit 209915 (ID:22764) | New Garage License, Car Zone LLC, 486 Columbia St, 2 autos inside, 2 outside, for mechanical repairs only. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| E. Mayor's Request 210264 (ID:23114) | Requesting approval of an Order to not require this Council's authorization pursuant to Ordinance 12-14 for businesses seeking outdoor food and beverage service on the public way through November 1, 2020. | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| F. License/Permit 210363 (ID:23231) | New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Four Wheels Auto, 83 Albion St, 0 autos inside, 0 outside, Mo-Fr 8am-6pm, Sa-Su by appointment. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

22. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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| A. Committee Report 210406 (ID:23279) | Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on July 13, 2020. | <p>Councilor Davis reported that the City will be entering phase 3 of the State's reopening plan next week, and issuing additional safety guidelines. The volume of the CHA's free Covid-19 testing for residents has increased, and it now takes 1-2 weeks to get an appointment. He encouraged the public to view the minutes online.</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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COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 23. | Mayor's Request
210407
(ID:23284) | Requesting the appropriation of \$246,457,214 to fund the FY2021 General Fund Operating Budget. |
| | | <p>Councilor Scott discussed the revised FY21 Budget, which is smaller than the initial budget proposed by the Mayor. The Council made over \$1,000,000 in cuts, which are now being re-invested in several City initiatives. Councilor Rossetti requested clarification of a discrepancy in the FY20 Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Services Account balance. Budget Manager Mike Mastrobuoni explained the discrepancy, and Councilor Rossetti moved to cut \$50,000 from that FY21 Account. Councilor Scott supported the cut, suggesting that the funds be transferred to a salary account. Councilor Ewen-Campen opposed the cut, as did Councilor White, who noted that the department had already received a reduction in funding, and their programs need support during the pandemic. Councilors Niedergang, Mbah and Ballantyne also spoke against the cut, while Councilor McLaughlin supported it. The motion failed, 3 Councilors in favor and 8 opposed.</p> <p>Councilor Niedergang then thanked Chairman Scott and the Finance Committee for their hard work, and he thanked the Administration for providing the Council with detailed documents and quick responses. He expressed gratitude for the Administration's implementation of several Council initiatives. Councilor Davis noted that the Council will have its own legislative budget, with \$250,000 dedicated to the Civilian Review Board process. Other Councilors commended Councilor Scott, the Committee, and the Administration for their hard work and collaboration.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 24. | Mayor's Request
210408
(ID:23285) | Requesting the appropriation of \$521,242 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to the School Department Personal Services Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to fund the first year of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Paraprofessionals. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 25. | Mayor's Request
210409
(ID:23286) | Requesting the appropriation of \$70,200 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to reconstruct the City Hall Fire Escape. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 26. | Withdrawn
210410
(ID:23287) | Withdrawn. |
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COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

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| 27. License/Permit
210411
(ID:23256) | New Drainlayer's License Meninno Construction Corp. | <p>Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 27 to 39 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 28. License/Permit
210412
(ID:23257) | New Drainlayer's License Kiely Excavation LLC. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 29. License/Permit
210413
(ID:23258) | New Drainlayer's License O'Donoghue Construction Inc. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 30. License/Permit
210414
(ID:23259) | New Drainlayer's License, Atomic Ant Construction Inc. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 31. License/Permit
210415
(ID:23260) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, KB Aruda Construction. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 32. License/Permit
210416
(ID:23262) | Renewing Flammables License, Mobil Mart Plus, 379 Alewife Brook Pkwy. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 33. License/Permit
210417
(ID:23263) | Renewing Garage License, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, 37 Mystic Ave. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

34. License/Permit 210418 (ID:23264)	Renewing Garage License, A Plus Auto Body, 297 Medford St. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
35. License/Permit 210419 (ID:23265)	Renewing Garage License, Top Car Auto Repair, 497 Columbia St. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
36. License/Permit 210420 (ID:23261)	Extended Operating Hours License, Sam's Falafel and Shawarma, 215 Highland Ave. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
37. License/Permit 210421 (ID:23266)	New Outdoor Seating License, Curry Express, 147b Highland Ave, 1 A-Frame sign. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
38. License/Permit 210422 (ID:23267)	Sign/Awning Permit, Niche Plant Shop, 259 Elm Street, 1 flat sign. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
39. License/Permit 210423 (ID:23268)	Sign/Awning Permit, Innova Beauty Salon, 89 Elm Street, 2 flat signs. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
40. Public Communication 210424 (ID:23283)	113 citizens (approx.) submitting comments re: the FY21 budget. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

41. Resolution 210425 (ID:23295) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Administration ensure that all genders have options to self identify in applications, data collection and any other information from the City and School Departments.

Councilor Ballantyne noted research showing that City departments made the necessary changes and the Parks and Recreation application issues were resolved. Applicants can now identify their gender in multiple ways. She has begun working with the School Department to resolve any issues.

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

LATE ITEMS

42. Mayor's Request 210317 (ID:23188) Requesting an appropriation of \$5,253,206 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to reduce the FY2021 Tax Levy.

On a motion by Councilor Scott, items 42 through 59 were all discharged from the Committee on Finance to be acted on as part of the FY21 budget approval process.

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

43. Mayor's Request 210316 (ID:23184) Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinances 2-322 and 2-323 re: non-union salary ranges and position titles.

Discharged from the Committee on Finance.
 Councilor Rossetti noted this item was never considered in Committee. City Clerk John Long said it did not implement a general wage increase. Budget Manager Mike Mastrobuoni said no non-union employees will receive any merit increases in FY21, and no one will be moving up any steps.

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

44. Mayor's Request 210310 (ID:23180) Requesting an appropriation of \$813,707 to fund the FY21 Veterans Memorial & Founders Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget.

Discharged from the Committee on Finance.

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

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| 45. Mayor's Request 210313 (ID:23181) | Requesting the appropriation of \$155,692 to fund the FY21 Dilboy Enterprise Fund Budget. | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Finance.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 46. Mayor's Request 210314 (ID:23182) | Requesting the appropriation of \$17,500 from the Dilboy Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY21 Dilboy Enterprise Fund Budget. | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Finance.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 47. Mayor's Request 210311 (ID:23161) | Requesting the appropriation of \$560,628 to fund the FY21 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund Budget. | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Finance.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 48. Mayor's Request 210312 (ID:23171) | Requesting the appropriation of \$348,791 for the FY21 Cable Television PEG Access Fund Budget. | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Finance.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 49. Mayor's Request 210309 (ID:23172) | Requesting to appropriate or reserve \$2,192,190 in estimated FY21 CPA revenue for CPA projects and expenses. | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Finance.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 50. Mayor's Request 210326 (ID:23185) | Requesting approval to create the Racial & Social Justice Fund. | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Finance.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

51. Mayor's Request 210323 (ID:23187) Requesting the appropriation of \$250,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Racial & Social Justice Fund.

Discharged from the Committee on Finance.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

52. Mayor's Request 210325 (ID:23186) Requesting approval to create the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund.

Discharged from the Committee on Finance.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

53. Mayor's Request 210318 (ID:23193) Requesting the appropriation of \$3,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund.

Discharged from the Committee on Finance.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

54. Mayor's Request 210320 (ID:23195) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund.

Discharged from the Committee on Finance.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

55. Mayor's Request 210321 (ID:23194) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Green Line Extension Stabilization Fund.

Discharged from the Committee on Finance.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

56. Mayor's Request 210322 (ID:23192) Requesting an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund.

Discharged from the Committee on Finance.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| 57. Mayor's Request 210315 (ID:23179) | Requesting acceptance of the Federal Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act grant of \$7,191,135. |
| | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Finance.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 58. Mayor's Request 210324 (ID:23189) | Requesting acceptance of CARES Act supplemental grants of \$1,493,384 in CDBG funds and \$750,831 in ESG funds, with no new match required, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to SPCD to prepare for, prevent, and respond to the impacts of Covid-19. |
| | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Finance.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 59. Mayor's Request 210308 (ID:23178) | Requesting the appropriation of \$246,471,192 to fund the FY21 General Fund Operating Budget. |
| | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Finance.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 60. Grant of Location 208976 (ID:21832) | Submitted by Eversource to install 57 feet of conduit in Cedar St from Pole 238/1 to a point of pickup at 171 Cedar St. |
| | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Licenses and Permits.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 61. Order 210426 (ID:23297) | <p>By City Councilor Clingan</p> <p>That the City Engineer and the Director of Water and Sewer appear discuss with this Council's Committee on Public Utilities and Works plans to address multiple drainage issues, including the broken drain on Medford Street at School Street and the insufficient drainage on Richdale Avenue.</p> |
| | <p>Councilor Clingan noted requested that the drainage issues be addressed a soon as possible.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p> |

62. Resolution 210427 (ID:23298) By City Councilor Clingan That Administration and this Council draft a joint letter to urge the city's constables to turn down any requests for eviction assistance for the remainder of 2020.

Councilor Clingan urged drafting a joint Council-Administration letter urging City constables to refuse requests to evict families during the pandemic crisis. Councilor Strezo asked what he anticipated the response would be, and he said he hoped it would encourage them to refuse eviction requests.

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

63. Resolution 210428 (ID:23299) By City Councilor Ballantyne, McLaughlin, Davis, Scott That the Administration advise this Council as soon as possible, what oversight it will implement with Tufts University, following Tufts' decision to invite all undergraduate students back to campus for the fall 2020 semester.

Councilor Ballantyne requested that the Administration advise the Council on the protocols of Tufts' fall semester reopening plan. Councilor Scott commented that Tufts plans to bring back students from around the world.

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

64. Communication 210429 (ID:23301) By City Councilor McLaughlin Acting as President, cancelling the Special meetings of this Council that were scheduled for July 15 and July 16, and the Regular meetings that were scheduled for July 23 and August 13.

Councilor McLaughlin thanked the Finance Committee, Council and staff for their hard work to date, and hoped everyone enjoys their Summer break.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:25 PM.