

RECORDING IN PROGRESS.
>> SO WELCOME EVERYONE.
I NOW CALL THIS MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO ORDER.
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 9 OF THE ACTS OF 2025 THIS MEETING OF THIS CITY COUNCIL MAY BE CONDUCTED VIA REMOTE.
PLEASE NOTE THAT RECORDING OTHER VIDEO TRANSCRIPT AND AUDIO RECORD OF THIS PROCEEDING IS POSSIBLE AFTER THE MEETING ON THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE WEBSITE AND GOVERNMENT CHANNEL.
IT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE REVIEW. WILL THE CLERK PLEASE CALL THE ROLL. THIS IS ROLL CALL.
>> WITH NINE COUNSELORS PRESENT WE HAVE A QUORUM.
>>> MAY THE RECORD REFLECT THAT COUNCILMAN DAVIS HAS SOME OTHER COMMITMENTS. SO PURSUANT TO OUR RULES, 32 LET IT BE KNOWN THIS CITY COUNCIL SALUTES THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES. LET US RECALL OUR OATH TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY AND UNDERSTANDING. WE'LL BEGIN WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE. ARE THERE COUNCILORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK ABOUT COMMUNITY MEMBERS?
>>> NOBODY HAS ONE. I THINK OUR COLLEAGUES I SAW HIM RECENTLY HIS MOM PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. SHE PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 16, LEAVING A LEGACY OF FAITH, FAMILY DEVOTION, BORN SEPTEMBER 7, 1934, SHE HAD TWO YEARS OF TRAVEL DURING HER HUSBAND'S SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND LATER BUILT A RESPECTED CAREER INCLUDING THE AWARD WINNING WITH CALDWELL BANK.
DEVOTED ARTIST.
SHE SHARED HER TALENTS THROUGH CHURCH MINISTRY, CAKE DECORATING AND GARDENING.
SERVICES WERE ENTRUSTED TO HERMAN FUNERAL HOME.
WE ASK THAT YOU REMEMBER HER IN YOUR PRAYER. SO EVERYONE IN THE CHAMBER, CAN WE RIZE FOR "A MOMENT OF SILENCE."
>> THANK YOU.
>> SO COLLEAGUES, AFTER WE GO TO THE CITATION, AND THEN THE ADMINISTRATION HAS REQUESTED TWO ITEMS THAT WE TAKE OUT OF ORDER AND THESE ITEMS ARE 7.3, AND 7.7.
FINANCE REPORT AND THEN 7.1.
MR. PRESIDENT, PLEASE REPEAT THAT.

>> SORRY, SO WE'LL BE TAKING, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS REQUESTED WE TAKE TWO ITEMS OUT OF THE ORDER, THAT'S 7.3.

7.7 AND WE'LL TAKE THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND THEN THE LAST ITEM WE'LL TAKE OUT OF ORDER IS 7.1, SURE.

>> WITH THAT, NEXT ITEM MADAM CLERK.

>>> FIRST ITEM IS AGENDA 1.3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2026.

>> SEEING NO OBJECTION. THEY ARE APPROVED.

AGENDA ITEM CITATION BY COUNCILMAN MBAH, CONGRATULATING CATHY PIANTIGINI ON HER RETURN TO WORK FOLLOWING A MEDICAL PROCEDURE.

>> IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE I'VE BEEN UP HERE.

WOW.

COUNCILOR MBAU.

>> THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT, DURING MY TIME SERVING ON THE FOUNDATION I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING CLOSELY WITH CATHY PIANTIGINI, HER LEADERSHIP AS DIRECTOR OF THE LIBRARY'S ROLE AS WELCOMING AND DYNAMIC CITY INSTITUTION, TRUE INITIATIVES, WERE TEACHING AND CLASSES AT THE LIBRARY, AND THE COMMITMENT TO EXPANDING ACCESS TO ACKNOWLEDGE POSTURING LIFE-LONG LEARNING AND CREATING SPACES FOR ALL BACKGROUNDS. THEY CAN GO TO THE LIBRARY. AND THE LIBRARY IS NOT ONLY SEEN AS REPOSITORIES OF BOOKS BUT AS ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT EDUCATION AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE WITH DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

CATHY'S LEADERSHIP HAS ENSURED THAT THE LIBRARY EMBODY THESE VALUES FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND SOCIETY AT LARGE.

>> I DON'T KNOW IF CATHY IS HERE.

>>> ARE YOU HERE TODAY.

>> ALL RIGHT.

>> NO CATHY. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM?

>>> SEEING NONE, THE ITEM IS APPROVED.

>> THAT BRINGS US TO OUR FIRST ITEM OUT OF ORDER, REQUEST OF THE MAYOR, REQUESTING APPROVAL OF A TRANSFER FROM THE LAW DEPARTMENT PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNT TO THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT SALARIES AND WAGES TEMPORARY TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF SENIOR ADVISER TO THE MAYOR FOR LABOR.

>> MAYOR WILSON.

>> MR. PRESIDENT, THANK YOU FOR THE RECOGNITION HERE.

I'M SO EXCITED TO TELL YOU ALL ABOUT THIS.
I JUMPED THE GUN A LITTLE BIT.
THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I'M EXTREMELY ENTHUSIASTIC
ABOUT.
YOU ALL KNOW FROM MY TIME SERVING ON THIS BODY YOU
KNOW TAKING JOBS OUT OF THE HOUSE AND DOING IT IN
HOUSE.
THIS IS US DOING THAT.
THIS IS US LISTENING TO VOICES OF LABOR LEADERS IN
OUR CITY WHO HAVE ASKED US TO NOT USE OUTSIDE
COUNSEL.
THERE'S A CLEAR TRACK RECORD OF THIS APPROACH
WORKING EXTREMELY NEXT DOOR IN BOSTON.
MAYOR IN BOSTON, HE GETS CALLED HER LABOR
WHISPERER.
HAS PROVEN A REALLY INVALUABLE HIRE AND WE'RE GOING
IN THAT SAME DIRECTION HERE.
I CAN'T TELL YOU A NAME YET. BUT YOU ALL APPROVING
THIS TONIGHT WILL ALLOW US TO BRING IN SOMEONE WHO
I THINK YOU ALL WILL BE VERY IMPRESSED BY.
BASICALLY MONEY THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN SPENT ON MUCH
COSTLIER COUNSEL. WE'RE GOING TO SPEND ON
BRINGING SOMEONE IN, TO WORK IN THE CITY.
IT'S NOT A FULL-TIME POSITION.
BUT WE ANTICIPATE IT BEING YOU KNOW, WE'RE SHOOTING
FOR 40 HOURS A MONTH.
COULD BE AS MUCH AS 19 HOURS A WEEK DURING SOME PEAK
TIMES.
BUT, YEAH I THINK THIS IS GOING TO HELP US DO AMAZING
THINGS AND PURSUE GOALS THAT WE HAVE AS A
GOVERNMENT, AS AN ADMINISTRATION WITH OUR UNION
EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY.
AND REALLY TAKE US FORWARD AS A CITY.
HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM PEOPLE. VERY
ENTHUSIASTIC WITH THIS.
>> THANK YOU MR. MAYOR.
>> THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT, THROUGH YOU. THANK YOU
MR. MAYOR, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I
UNDERSTAND THIS.
THIS IS, WE'RE BRINGING IN SOMEONE TO ADVISE YOU
ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, YOUR ADMINISTRATION. BUT
THIS IS SOMEONE WHO IS RESPECTED BY THE LABOR
MOVEMENT?
>>> EXACTLY. IN BOSTON, SORRY TO CUT YOU OFF, THIS
BOSTON, MAYOR BROUGHT IN SOMEONE WHO SPENT A CAREER

SITTING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TABLE.
THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE.
I CAN'T SAY A NAME.
BUT IT'S A NAME YOU WILL KNOW IN MASSACHUSETTS LABOR
CIRCLES.
SOMEONE WHO WILL HAVE CREDIBILITY WITH THE FOLKS.
AND ONE OF THE MAIN GOALS IF YOU COME IN, AND CAUSE
AN AFFRONT TO THE OTHER SIDE, IF YOU STEP IN IT,
YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR IT, TO THE POLICY SIDE,
FINANCIALLY. AND HAVING EVERYONE IN ALIGNMENT,
WORKING TOGETHER, SHOWING RESPECT GOES A LONG WAY
IN THIS GAME. THIS IS US DOING THAT.
THERE WAS A CLEAR CALL.
I HEARD IT FROM ONE OF OUR LOCALS ASKING DIRECTLY
PLEASE DON'T BRING OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO
NEGOTIATIONS.
THIS IS US LISTENING TO THEM AND THIS IS US PURSUING
A STRATEGY THAT IS GOING TO BEAR FRUIT IN THE WAYS
THAT YOU ALL AND I ARE REALLY GOING TO APPRECIATE,
IN WAYS THAT ARE GOING TO BRING THE CITY FORWARD.
>> I'M VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS.
I THINK THIS IS A REAL SIGN OF GOODWILL AND RESPECT
FOR OUR MUNICIPAL UNION.
I HOPE THIS WORKS AS WELL, AS WE ALL THINK IT WILL.
>> CAN I ADD, THIS IS A HUGE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE ALSO
IN MATT, THE ATTORNEY, SERVES -- WE DON'T USE THE
TERM CHIEF LABOR COUNSEL ANY MORE, OUT THERE, DOING
ALL THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THIS IS AN EXPRESSION OF
HOW MUCH WE BELIEVE IN HIM, THAT HE'S READY TO TAKE
THE LEAD ON THIS, WITHOUT NEEDING OUTSIDE COUNSEL.
HE WILL BE THERE AT THE BARGAINING TABLE AS WELL.
ANYTHING ELSE?
>>> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THROUGH YOU TO THE
MAYOR, SO TO BE CLEAR, THIS IS AN INTERNAL POSITION
NOW.
>> SO FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW, THE REASON WHY THIS
MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA IS OUTSIDE COUNSEL GETS PAID
BY THE HOUR.
SO THAT WOULD NOT BE THE CASE IN THIS SITUATION;
CORRECT.
>> THIS IS AN HOURLY POSITION. WE DON'T HAVE THE
BENEFIT OF GOING FULL SALARY BECAUSE WE DON'T
BELIEVE THERE'S THAT DEMAND.
BOSTON, I THINK, I MIGHT GET THIS WRONG, I THINK
AS 35 UNITS. WE DON'T HAVE THAT NUMBER.

YEA THIS IS, WE BELIEVE THIS IS THE BEST APPROACH
HERE TO REALLY PUT THINGS IN THE BEST POSSIBLE
POSITION THEY CAN BE.

>> WELL, I MADE A MISTAKE THERE TO BE CLEAR. I HAVE
HEARD FROM ORGANIZED LABOR THAT THEY PREFER THIS
APPROACH BECAUSE THEY FEEL OUTSIDE COUNSEL DRAGS
THINGS OUT WHEN THINGS COULD BE SETTLED EASIER.

>> IF ANYONE ISN'T CONVINCED BY ME TELLING YOU, OUR
LABOR UNIONS ARE, REACH OUT TO THEM AND ASK THEM.
THEY'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS.

>> I MEAN, IF THE LOCAL UNION IS EXCITED, I THINK
WE SHOULD ALL BE EXCITED WITH IT.

>> MR. CHAIR I AM VERY DUBIOUS, BUT THIS IS WHAT
WE'VE BEEN ASKING FOR, FOR YEARS, BRING MORE IN
HOUSE AND HAVE A BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR LABOR
UNION.

SO I APPRECIATE IT.

UNLESS THERE'S OBJECTION, I WOULD MOVE TO APPROVE
TONIGHT.

>> THERE'S A MOTION ON THE TABLE.

>> SORRY, I DON'T KNOW IF I'M ALLOWED TO SPEAK, I
WOULD SAY I APPRECIATE COUNCILOR SCOTT'S SUPPORT,
WITH A LONG TRACK-RECORD OF BEING DUBIOUS.

REALLY APPRECIATE THIS.

>> THANK YOU MR. MAYOR. WE APPRECIATE YOU SPEAKING
ON THE MOTION, WHICH YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED.

[LAUGHTER]

>> SO, YOU KNOW, NO OBJECTION. THAT IS APPROVED.
ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO, DO WE NEED A ROLL CALL?
LET THE RECORD INDICATE THAT COUNCILMAN HAS JOINTED
THE MEETING. WELCOME.

>> NEXT.

DO WE NEED A ROLL CALL.

NEXT AGENDA ITEM IS 7.7, REQUEST OF THE MAYOR
REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF THE TEMPORARY
APPOINTMENT OF KEVIN KLEIN AS INTERIM DIRECTOR.

>> MR. MAYOR.

>> THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT, FOR THE RECORD, IGA.
WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY REMARKS PREPARED FOR THIS.
IT'S JUST AN EXTENSION OF THE INTERIM APPOINTMENT
OF KEVIN KLEIN.

HOPING TO HAVE IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION ON THIS
ITEM.

>> COUNCILOR SCOTT.

>> THIS IS AN EXTENSION OF AN INTERIM POSTING THAT

HAS BEEN IN PLACE NOW LONGER THAN I WOULD HAVE LIKED IT TO BE.

BUT, I CAN SPEAK TO INTERIM KLEIN'S LONG HISTORY WITH THE CITY.

HE STARTED AS A PLUMBING INSPECTOR THERE.

HE'S BEEN DOING A GREAT JOB ALONG WITH KEEPING LIGHTS ON DOWN THERE.

SO WHILE I'M INTERESTED FOR THIS HIRING PROCESS TO CONTINUE THROUGH AND YOU HAVE A PERMANENT DIRECTOR APPOINTED, I MOVE TO ACCEPT THIS THIS EVENING SO THE WHEELS KEEP TURNING.

>> MOTION IS ON THE TABLE.

>> SEEING NO OBJECTION. IT'S APPROVED.

>> NEXT ITEM.

>> THERE'S AN ITEM, REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, MEETING ON FEBRUARY 24, 2026.

>> THANK YOU CHAIR.

I MOVE TO SEVER ITEM 6A92, ID26. 0156 FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT TO BE TAKEN UP SEPARATELY.

>> SO, IS SEVER 6.9.22.

SEEING NO OBJECTION, THE ITEM IS SEVERED.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, I'LL PROCEED WITH THE REPORT NOW IF THAT'S THE RIGHT ITEM.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MET ON THE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24, HERE, WITH ALL FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT AND WITH THE HELP OF THE CLERK AND, THE LEGISLATIVE LIAISON. WE TOOK UP A LONG 39 ITEM AGENDA WHICH IS TOO LONG TO DETAIL.

I ASK EVERYONE TO CONSULT THE MINUTES.

>> WE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL FOR TWO ITEMS FOR THE KENNEDY SCHOOLYARD, A ONE MILLION APPROPRIATION FOR THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE AND A TWO MILLION BOND. THE COST COVERS AN EXPANDED SCHOOLYARD FOR THE FULL STUDENT BODY.

AS WELL AS EXTENSIVE STORMWATER PARKING LOT WORK THAT WOULD COUNT TOWARDS THE STORMS TO MITIGATION. THE INTENTION IS TO SOLICIT CONTRACTOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT AND TO COMPLETE IT DURING THE SUMMER RECESS.

REGARDING PUBLIC SAFETY WE CONSIDERED A SERIES OF ITEMS THAT INVOLVED GRANTS.

AFTER CONSULTATION WITH CITY STAFF, THE COMMITTEE WAS SATISFIED THAT THESE GRANTS ARE IN LINE WITH THE CITIES VALUES AND THE LAW.

I RELATE THERE ARE SERIOUS CONCERNS WITH SOME OF THESE GRANTS AND CONDITIONS AND SEVERAL RESIDENTS HAVE REACHED OUT TO ME.

I WELCOME ANYONE WHO WANTS TO DISCUSS THIS, WHO HAS ANY QUESTIONS TO REACH OUT TO ME.

THANK YOU MR. CHAIR, I AM LOOKING TO THE LAST THING THAT I WAS SUPPOSED TO SAY FOR THIS. I MOVE FOR THIS COMMITTEE REPORT TO BE ACCEPTED IN FULL.

>> ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE REPORT?

>>> SO THE COMMITTEE REPORT IS APPROVED.

>> DO WE HAVE ANY ROLL CALL VOTES?

SHOULD WE TAKE IT ON THE SEVERED ITEMS?

BECAUSE THESE ARE TWO DISTINCT ONES.

>> SO THERE ARE NINE ROLL CALL VOTES.

>> OKAY.

>> DO YOU WANT TO DO EACH ONE AND THEN, WE CAN DO THAT.

>> YEA.

WE HAVE TO TAKE A ROLL CALL.

>> WHEN IN DOUBT, TEN RIGHT.

OKAY.

SO WE HAVE TO DO A ROLL CALL VOTE.

SO WE HAVE MULTIPLE ITEMS FOR A ROLL CALL.

FIRST BEING 26-0084 REQUESTING APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZING TO BORROW FOR BOND FINANCING A PORTION OF THE KENNEDY SCHOOLYARD.

ROLL CALL.

THEY ALL VOTE YES.

WITH 11 COUNSELORS IN FAVOR, THAT IS APPROVED.

THE NEXT ITEM IN FRONT OF THE BODY IS 26-0160.

REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE PEDESTRIAN SIDEWALK EASEMENT AND LICENSE, AT MEDFORD STREET.

ROLL CALL.

THEY ALL VOTE YES. WITH TEN COUNSELORS IN FAVOR,

THAT IS APPROVED. THE NEXT ITEM IN FRONT OF US IS

26-01 IS -- NOW I JUST, LET ME MAKE SURE I GET MY PAPERS CORRECT.

>> 6-016. REQUESTING AN AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW IN A BOND FOR THE ANNUAL SEWER SYSTEM EVALUATION AND INFILTRATION INFLOW ASSESSMENT.

ROLL CALL.

THEY ALL VOTE YES. THE TEN COUNCILORS IN FAVOR.

THAT IS APPROVED.

THAT BRINGS US TO AGENDA ITEM 26-0122 REQUESTING APPROVAL TO APPROPRIATE FROM THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA

FOR THE SALARY OF FOUR POSITIONS RELATED TO YOUTH.
AND THEY ALL VOTE YES.

>>> THAT PUTS IN FRONT OF US FIVE DIFFERENT ITEMS
RELATED TO THE ENERGY STABILIZATION FUND FOR
VARIOUS AMOUNTS.

WE'LL DO THEM ALL AT ONCE UNLESS THERE'S ANY
OBJECTION TO ME READING THEM ALL.

>> ROLL CALL.

>> WITH TEN COUNSELORS IN FAVOR OF THOSE ITEMS, THEY
ARE APPROVED.

>> THAT IS ALL OF THE ROLL CALL VOTES ON THAT REPORT.

>> THANK YOU.

SO, ON THE SEVERED ITEM.

>> THANK YOU CHAIR.

I WANTED TO BRING THIS ITEM BACK FOR CONSIDERATION
BECAUSE SOME OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFF HAVE
CLARIFIED THE TECHNICAL SET UP.

THOSE IN QUESTION HERE ARE NOT PART OF THE PS
NETWORKS THEY USE VERSUS, IN SOMERVILLE IN THE
CONTROL OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE
DEPARTMENT.

WITH ACCESS PROVIDED ONLY UNDER A SYSTEM OF STRICT
LOGGING IN.

OTHER MUNICIPALITIES CAN REQUEST DATA AND THE ALL
SUCH REQUESTS ARE RECORDED AND CONSIDERED
CONTROLLED BY THE CITY. ALL DATA IS DESTROYED
AFTER 30 DAYS UNLESS THERE'S A SPECIFIC
INVESTIGATION THAT SOMERVILLE DOCUMENTS.

WHILE NO SYSTEM IS PERFECT, THIS HAS DEMONSTRATED
THAT WE HAVE REASONABLE THINGS IN PLACE.

FOR THESE REASONS, I BELIEVE THIS GRANT IS A
REASONABLE GRANT TO MAINTAIN OUR FIRE FACILITY
SAFELY WHILE PROTECTING THE PRIVACY VALUES OF OUR
RESIDENTS.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT, I WANT TO THANK CHAIR
WHEELER FOR THAT. FOR FOLKS, EVERY TIME THE CITY
WANTS TO GET ANY KIND OF SURVEILLANCE ANYTHING,
CAMERAS, THEY HAVE TO COME BEFORE THIS COUNCIL AND
GIVE US A REPORT AND EXPLAIN WHAT THE TECHNOLOGY
IS.

ALL OF THOSE REPORTS AND INCLUDING THERE WAS A
SPECIFIC REPORT FOR TECHNOLOGY AND ALL PUBLICLY
AVAILABLE FOR OUR WONDERFUL CITY COUNCIL STAFF.
IF YOU GOOGLE THE REPORTS, YOU'LL FIND A LIST OF

THEM AND ONE IS CALLED HOMELAND SECURITY CAMERAS, AND YOU WILL HEAR WHAT CHAIR WHEELER SAID, IT IS LIKE A CONVENIENCE STORE SURVEILLANCE CAMERA. IT IS NOT GETTING SHARED.

I WANT TO REAFFIRM THIS IS ALL HAPPENING ACCORDING TO THE SURVEILLANCE OVERSIGHT.

SO THANK YOU.

>> YES, THANK YOU.

SO YES, JUST TO I GUESS TO REITERATE THERE WAS SOME, I GUESS NOT NEW INFORMATION, BUT SOME CORRECTIONS OF INFORMATION THAT WERE GIVEN IN THE COMMITTEE MEETING THAT WERE VERY MATERIAL.

>>> MADAM CLERK CAN YOU READ THE ITEMS SO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN UNDERSTAND.

>> THANK YOU.

>> REQUESTING APPROVAL TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A 48,000 GRANT WITH THE NO MATCH REQUIRED TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF CAMERAS AT FIRE HEADQUARTERS.

>> COUNCILOR SCOTT.

>>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE MAYOR'S STAFF AND THE STAFF OF THE ENTIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT REACHED OUT. WHEN I HAD A CONVERSATION WITH THEM, I AM A TRUST AND VERIFY KIND OF PERSON. BUT, I ACTUALLY ASKED FOR A COPY OF THE QUOTE.

I REVIEWED THE QUOTE AND THIS IS A CLOSED SYSTEM WHICH MEANS IT IS SECURE FROM THE FEDS AS ANY CAMERA FOOTAGE CAN BE.

BUT, YEA, I REALLY APPRECIATE CLEARING THE RECORD ON THAT.

MAKING IT SOMETHING THAT I AM COMFORTABLE ACCEPTING MONEY FOR. SO REALLY APPRECIATE THIS AND I THINK THIS WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY. NEVER TOO LATE TO CORRECT A MISTAKE AND I'M GLAD WE'RE GETTING IT RIGHT.

SO THANK YOU, SIR.

>> THANK YOU.

>> AT THIS POINT I WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR MY FRIEND, WHO WANTS TO SPEAK TO THIS ITEM.

CHRISTA, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> MY NAME IS CHRISTA, I LIVE IN WARD FIVE.

I AM, SEVERAL MEMBERS HAVE BEEN CONTACTING YOU WITH OUR CONCERNS ABOUT DHS, ABOUT ICE, IN OUR COMMUNITY.

IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU HAVE ALREADY MADE YOUR DECISION ABOUT ACCEPTING MORE INTEGRATION OF THE ICE IN THE CITY.

BUT, I'M ASKING YOU TO RECONSIDER.

I PREPARED THINGS TO SAY THAT AREN'T HELPFUL NOW.

BUT, I AM A MEMBER OF SEVERAL NETWORKS.

I HELP ALMOST EVERY WEEK CLEAN OUT AFTER ICE HAS KIDNAPPED SOMEONE FROM SOMERVILLE OR SOMEONE HAS SINCE REPORTED, THAT HAPPENS MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK.

AND I AM JUST ASKING YOU TO DECIDE THAT WE DON'T WANT MORE INTEGRATION WITH DEPARTMENT HOMELAND SECURITY THAT WE DON'T WANT MORE INTEGRATION WITH ICE IN SOMERVILLE.

I'M ASKING YOU TO DECIDE THAT FREE MONEY ISN'T FREE AND WE WILL TAKE A STAND TO NOT MOVE MORE ALONG THAT PATH AND SEVER OURSELVES FROM THAT PATH, DECIDE NOT TO AND DECIDE NOT TO USE IT.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO SAY.

I'M SO TIRED.

AND OUR COMMUNITY IS HURTING.

BECAUSE WE HAVE MADE DECISIONS THAT MAKE OUR COMMUNITY LESS WELCOMING, AND LESS ABLE TO SURFACE THE VOICES WHO ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE. YOU'RE NOT HEARING FROM THEM AS MUCH ANY MORE. NOT HEARING FROM US AS MUCH ANYMORE.

I THINK THAT IS WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE AND I WISH YOU WOULD CHOOSE THE OTHER PATH, AND MAKE A CLEAR DECISION NOT TO ACCEPT MONEY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY UNDER THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION.

I REALLY DO.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU CHRISTA.

>> THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT, I JUST WANT TO SAY I APPRECIATE A LOT OF THE ANXIETY THAT EXISTS AROUND THIS AND I WANT TO REASSURE EVERYONE THAT THE LAW DEPARTMENT FULLY REVIEWS TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR EVERY GRANT THAT COMES THROUGH THE CITY. AND THEY ENSURE THAT WE HAVE, THERE'S A CLIMATE WITH THE VALUES OF OUR CITY AND WITH OUR LOCAL ORDINANCES INCLUDING THE WELCOMING COMMUNITY ORDINANCE.

SO I WANT TO PUT THAT ON THE RECORD.

>> SO WITH THAT, COUNCILOR.

>> THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT.

I DON'T WANT TO HAVE A LONG CONVERSATION ABOUT THIS

AND I REGRET THAT I WASN'T ABLE TO CONNECT WITH CHRISTA THIS WEEK. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO DOING THAT.

I DID, FOR FOLKS WHO ARE PAYING ATTENTION TO THIS, THANK YOU.

IT MAKES PERFECT SENSE.

IS THERE IS A LOT OF DETAIL IN THESE DOCUMENTS THAT I THINK IS EASY TO MISS. I JUST WANT TO POINT IN FOR THE FOLKS THAT THE ONE ON OUR AGENDA HAS TO DO WITH ABREATHING APPARATUS, OF A GRANT.

YOU CAN SCROLL TO THE VERY END OF THE GRANT NEAR AN ARTICLE 58 AND IT IS NON APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLES.

NOTWITHSTANDING THEIR INCLUSION THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT ARTICLES DO NOT APPLY TO THIS GRANT. COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS. I WANT FOLK TO KNOW THESE HAVE BEEN VETTED AND I DON'T WANT MISINFORMATION TO SPREAD. SO THESE ARE DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS AND I VERY MUCH AM WILLING TO HAVE THEM IN PERSON.

BUT, I WANTED FOLKS TO KNOW THAT.

>> WITH THAT CONVERSATION, COUNCILOR WHEELER.

>> I WANT TO SAY, HOW MUCH I DO TRULY APPRECIATE THE MANY MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO STAND UP FOR THEIR VALUES AND THEY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY DECISION WE MAKE IS IN LINE WITH THE VALUES OF THIS CITY. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU. MOVE TO APPROVE MR. PRESIDENT.

>> CAN YOU, WITHDRAW THAT MOTION I WANTED TO SPEAK ON THAT?

>>> THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT, I JUST WANTED TO ALSO JUST ACKNOWLEDGE THIS CONVERSATIONS IS VERY MOVING, BECAUSE I KNOW CHRISTA AND WE WALK TOGETHER, I GOT TO KNOW HER UP CLOSE.

WE DROVE AROUND THE CITY, STOPPING AT PLACES. SO, WHEN I SEE AND HEAR FROM SOMEONE I KNOW UP CLOSE, IT GETS TO DOSE ME.

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IT'S NOTHING ABOUT THE GRANT OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, I WILL NOT BE VOTING FOR THIS, JUST TO HONOR MY FRIEND AND THE WORK SHE DOES IN THE COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU.

>> SO THAT ITEM IS APPROVED AND WE NEED A ROLL CALL VOTE.

>>> MR. PRESIDENT.
>> I WILL BE VOTING ON THESE ITEMS AND I THANK THE CITY FOR UPHOLDING THE CITY ORDINANCE THAT MANY OF US VOTED FOR AND WAS LATER APPROVED BY THE CITIES CAMBRIDGE, SO I'M VERY HAPPY.
SO I MOVE HERE, THREE-YEARS AGO.
>> WE WERE DELIBERATING ON THE ITEM.
I DID NOT RECOGNIZE IT.
>> THAT'S BECAUSE I'M A RECENT PERSON HERE.
I GREW UP IN KANSAS, I WENT THROUGH MANY MEETINGS. LIKE THIS ONE.
>> EXCUSE ME.
EXCUSE ME.
>>> WE ARE ABOUT TO VOTE ON AN ITEM.
HE HAS NOT BEEN RECOGNIZED.
>>> WE NEED APPROVAL TO SPEAK FOR YOUR COMMUNITY.
[UNCLEAR AUDIO]
WE NEED A ROLL CALL VOTE.
>>> YES, MR. PRESIDENT, IF I MAY SPEAK.
>> REALLY QUICK.
I KNOW THIS IS SCARY WHERE WE ARE IN THIS COUNTRY RIGHT NOW AND HERE IN OUR CITY.
LUCKILY WE ARE REMINDED TO WORK TOGETHER FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND I UPHOLD OUR VALUES.
WE TAKE THIS JOB SERIOUSLY AND NEVER FOR A SECOND WOULD CONSIDER ANYTHING LESS.
I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE SCARED, I KNOW.
I KNOW.
WE'RE GOING TO GET THROUGH THIS TOGETHER AS AA COMMUNITY.
AND TRUST THAT PROCESS, OKAY, WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE BEST OF ALL OF US AND UPHOLDING OUR VALUES.
RESPECT ALL OF US.
>> THANK YOU.
ROLL CALL VOTE PLEASE.
>> THEY ALL VOTE YES EXCEPT MBAH. IT IS APPROVED.
>>> THANK YOU MADAM CLERK.
WHAT'S THE NEXT ITEM.
>> THAT BRINGS US TO AGENDA ITEM 7.1 AT THE REQUEST OF THE MAYOR REQUESTING ORDAINMENT OF THE SECTION OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A LARGER BUILDING, FLEXIBILITY, FEWER USE RESTRICTIONS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS.
>> MR. PRESIDENT, YOU MAY BE WONDERING WHY I'M

ASKING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM FROM THE MAYORS OFFICE. I WANT TO START BY OFFERING A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE. IN 2022 THIS COUNCIL PASSED THE OVERLAY THAT IS A ZONING TOOL THAT MAKES IT EASIER TO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING, SOMETHING WE'RE ALL VERY PROUD OF.

WE'RE STARTING TO SEE THE FRUITS OF THAT EFFORT. THERE'S A GROUNDBREAKING NOW.

THE ITEM IS THE FIRST SIGNIFICANT SET OF AMENDMENTS TO IMPROVE AND EXPAND THE OVERLAY DISTRICT. I WANTED TO EXPLAIN WHY. SO LAST YEAR, COUNCILMAN MCLAUGHLIN, HE BROUGHT INTO THE COMMITTEE A RESIDENT WHO GAVE US A PRESENTATION ABOUT A NEW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY CALLED MASS TIMBER.

AND SOME BUILDING CODE ELEMENTS THAT SUPPORT IT AND HE MADE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE THAT ONE WAY WE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY IS TO AMEND THE OVERLAY TO ALLOW UP TO EIGHT STORIES INSTEAD OF 7.

THAT'S SOMETHING THAT MASS TIMBER MAKES COST EFFECTIVE.

SO WE REACHED OUT TO TO PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE THAT REALLY SIMPLE AMENDMENT. AND WHAT WE LEARNED IS THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN WORKING ON A FEW OTHER IMPROVEMENTS, BASED ON FEEDBACK THAT THEY HEARD. SO WHAT IS BEFORE US IS THAT COMBINED AMENDMENT, I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO INVITE GAVIN TO INTRODUCE THIS CONCEPT TO COUNCIL AND GIVE US SOME VERY BRIEF REMARKS. AND I ASK THAT IT WOULD BE REFERRED TO THE LAND USE WITH A COPY TO PLANNING BOARD.

HE'S JOINING US REMOTELY.

>> SO, MADAM CLERK DO YOU RECOGNIZE, I DON'T SEE ANYBODY ONLINE.

>> I'M HERE. I DON'T KNOW IF ANYONE CAN HEAR ME.

>> YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> GREAT.

>> THANK YOU.

AND I'LL BE VERY BRIEF. I WANT TO SAY THANKS,.

[UNCLEAR AUDIO]

I COULD GO OH, AND ON ABOUT IT.

BUT JUST TO KEEP IT BRIEF, IT IS DURABLE AND SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY WHICH IS NEW

AND OLD, AND REPRESENTS HOW WE SHOULD BUILD OUR CITY FOR THE LONG-TERM.

SO THIS IS ONE MORE STEP TOWARDS THE FUTURE OF SUSTAINABLE HIGH QUALITY HOUSING AND THE BUILDINGS THAT WE DESIGN. I'M VERY EXCITED TO TAKE A SMALL PART IN IT.

>> THROUGH YOU, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR SPENDING YOUR TIME TO HELP US IMPROVE OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVERLAY, I ASK THAT THIS BE REFERRED TO LAND USE.

>>> WITH A COPY TO THE PLANNING BOARD.

>> MADAM CLERK, THAT BRINGS US BACK TO OUR REGULARLY--

>> ONE SECOND.

SO, MADAM CLERK CAN YOU JUST TAKE UP 8.1 AND 8.2? SURE.

>> 8.1 A COMMUNICATION FROM THE DIRECTOR AND ASSET MANAGEMENT CONVEYING A MANAGEMENT PLAN REPORT AND OFFICERS COMMUNICATION FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION REGARDING KENNEDY SCHOOL INCLUSIVE SCHOOLYARD RENOVATION.

>> SO THOSE ITEMS, PLACED ON FILE TO THE BUILDING SCHOOL, BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE.

THANK YOU.

>> SO NEXT ITEM.

>> THAT BRINGS US TO THE REGULAR AGENDA, ITEM 4.1 BY COUNCILOR MBAH, AND IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL, AND AN ACT REGULATING SELF-CHECKOUT AT GROCERY ESTABLISHMENT.

>> THANK YOU, FOR INCLUDING ME ON THIS.

THIS IS AN ISSUE CLOSE TO MY HEART AND MY STOMACH. I GO TO STOP AND SHOP ALL THE TIME AND FOR YEARS I'VE BEEN FRUSTRATED BY THIS. YOU GO THERE AND THERE'S A SELF CHECKOUT. YOU GO THERE AND I HAVE TO ASK FOR HELP EVERY TIME TO GET MY FRUITS AND VEGETABLES SO SOMEONE HAS TO HELP ME, WHILE HELPING THREE OTHER PEOPLE.

I WOULD MUCH RATHER WAIT IN A LINE.

BUT THERE'S LONG AISLES AND NOBODY THERE TO HELP CUSTOMERS.

NOT ONLY DOES IT AFFECT CUSTOMERS AND BEING WORKERS, IT WOULD BE MUCH EASIER FOR THEM TO GET TO HELP US.

THIS ITEM WAS INTRODUCED BY SENATOR PAUL FEENEY, AND IT WOULD LIMIT GROCERY STORES TO BE RESTRICTED TO A MAXIMUM OF ATE, THEY WOULD HAVE STAFF IN RATIOS

FOR THESE STATIONS.
THEY WOULD BE MONITORING REQUIREMENTS AND JUST BE
ACCOUNTABILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT NOT ONLY ARE
CUSTOMERS BEING SATISFIED AND THE EMPLOYEES ARE NOT
BEING OVERWHELMED, SO, I WOULD LIKE TO APPROVE THIS
ITEM.

>> THANK YOU.

>> SEEMS LIKE THE WHOLE COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO SIGN
ON.

OKAY.

>> ALL TIRED OF WAITING IN LINE.

>> EVERYONE IS TIRED OF WAITING IN LINE.

THAT IS TRUE.

>> NEXT ITEM, 4.0 COMMUNICATION, REPORT OF A JOB
CREATION RETENTION TRUST FUND.

>> THANK YOU, SO THE COMMITTEE MET ON FEBRUARY 9,
WE STARTED AND APPROXIMATELY 9.5 MILLION WITH AN
AMOUNTED 500,000 LINKAGE EXPECTED TO BRING IN \$3
MILLION ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE NEAR TERM.
IT IS ACCEPTED AS NEEDED.

>> ANY DISCUSSION ON THE ITEM.

SEEING NONE, THE ITEM IS HE PLACED ON FILE.

>> ITEM 4.9 RESOLUTION BY COUNCILOR LINK WITH THE
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND DIRECTOR TO KEEP BIKE
LANES PROTECTED BIKE LANES, CLEAR AND PASSABLE ON
MAJOR THROUGHWAYS PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO
SCHOOL ROUTES AND STAFFING AND EQUIPMENT CAPACITY.

>> SORRY, SO, MR. PRESIDENT, I'M A PARENT AS MOST
MANY OF YOU ARE, AND GETTING AROUND TO KENNEDY
SCHOOL WAS VERY CHALLENGING. I SAW A LOT OF OTHER
PARENTS STRUGGLING MOSTLY IN THE BIKE LANE. BUT,
YEAH I HAVE SEEN PHOTOS AND DISCUSSION ONLINE AND
I'VE HAD SOME OTHER PARENTS REACH OUT TO ME.

SO I WANT TO KNOW, I GUESS, AS A CITY WE NEED TO
KNOW WHAT WE ARE ABLE TO EXPECT. AND THEN, YOU
KNOW, AS A CITY WE CAN DECIDE IF WE WANT TO BE ABLE
TO DO MORE. THAT'S OF COURSE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGING
THE TREMENDOUS CHALLENGES THAT FEBRUARY HAS
BROUGHT US.

I WOULD LIKE THIS FOR TO BE SENT TO TRAFFIC AND
PARKING.

>> WE APPROVE IT.

NEXT ITEM.

>> 4.4, RE BY COUNCILOR LINK THAT ADMINISTRATION
REPORT TO COUNCIL THAT THEY ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO

KNOW WHO WE ARE DOING BUSINESS WITH.

>> COUNCILOR LINK.

>> THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT, SO, I HAD LIKE FOR YOU TO MAKE SURE WE KNOW WHO WE ARE DOING BUSINESS WITH AND YOU KNOW, EVALUATE WHAT COURSE WE WANT TO USE WHEN WE HAVE THAT INFORMATION TO MAKE SURE WE'RE HANDLING THE MOMENT.

I'M NOT SURE WHAT COMMITTEE WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE FOR THIS ONE.

>> DO YOU WANT TO JUST APPROVE IT?

>>> AND THEN THE ADMINISTRATION WILL KNOW WHAT TO DO NEXT.

IGH.

THANK YOU, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND TO CONNECT OFFLINE ABOUT THIS.

IF POSSIBLE.

IF THAT'S AGREEABLE TO EVERYONE. I WANT TO PUT THAT OUT THERE.

>>> THAT IS THE MAKER OF THIS, I'M HAPPY TO DO THAT. YES. SO APPROVED/

NEXT ITEM.

>> RESOLUTION BY COUNCILOR LINK THAT CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZED THE ARTS OF SOMERVILLE AND THE ROLE OF ARTS, TO SUPPORT ARTISTS AND ARTS PROGRAM.

>> THANK YOU ALMOST DONE HERE.

SO A LOT OF RESIDENTS REACHED OUT TO ME, ABOUT THE RECENT CHANGES IN THE SOMERVILLE ARTS COUNCIL.

EVERYONE, OUR MAYOR HAS. YOU KNOW, RECENTLY CLARIFIED WHAT HIS VISION IS AND HE PLANS TO PUT NEW ENERGY INTO THE ARTS.

SO I JUST WANTED THIS RESOLUTION IN HERE TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE ARTS COMMUNITY, THAT THIS COUNCIL AND THIS BODY IS WILL GOING TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING THE ARTS.

>> THANK YOU.

I APPRECIATE THIS ITEM.

I THINK THIS ITEM AND THE RECENT COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE ARTS IN SOMERVILLE ARE A REMINDER THAT EVEN WHEN MATTERS ARE TRICKY WE CAN ALWAYS TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ARTICULATE OUR PRIORITIES ESPECIALLY SO PEOPLE ARE NOT LEFT IN A STATE OF UNCERTAINTY.

IT'S A REMINDER FOR ALL OF US.

>> THANK YOU.

>> ANY OTHER COMMENT.

THE ITEM IS APPROVED. NEXT ITEM.

>> A RESOLUTION BY COUNCILOR LINK IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL AND IN HOUSE BILL AN ACT TO CREATE HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM.

>> THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT, THIS IS MY LAST ONE HERE, I WANTED TO QUICKLY KNOW WHAT THIS BILL DOES. STATEWIDE PROGRAM AND NEW SUBSIDY SOURCE DEDICATED TO PERMIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

IT EXPANDS HOUSING OPTIONS FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME ITEMS.

IT SUPPORTS SMALL AND MIDSIZE PROJECTS WHICH WOULD BE 1-25 UNITS; AIDS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MIXED USE PROJECTS AND ALSO ADDS SOME MISSING TOOLS TO THE STATES HOUSING PROGRAM BY PROVIDING SUBSIDIES. SO IT'S A GREAT BILL.

AND REALLY HOPEFUL THAT IT WILL PASS SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO ADD AFFORDABLE HOUSING STOCK TO OUR CITY.

>>> I WOULD LIKE TO SIGN ON.

>> DOES THAT MEAN THE WHOLE COUNCIL WANTS TO SIGN ON.

>> SO ALL COUNCIL.

THANK YOU.

>> NEXT ITEM.

>> THAT BRINGS US TO REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MATTER, FEBRUARY 17, 2026.

>> COUNCILMAN SCOTT.

>> WE MET FOR A BRISK 30 MINUTES AND I WILL MAKE SURE THAT THIS REPORT IS EXACTLY THAT LONG.

WE COVERED SOME OF THE SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY IMPACT REPORTS THAT HAD BEEN SUBMITTED.

THEY HAD CONCERNS ABOUT THE WAY THEY WERE DRAFTED AND WANTED MORE ELABORATION ON WHAT HAPPENS WITH THIS DATA AS WAS MENTIONED EARLIER. THIS IS PART OF OUR SURVEILLANCE OVERSIGHT STRUCTURE THAT THIS COUNCIL HAS BUILT. AND I WANT TO THANK THE ADMINISTRATION FOR INVESTING THAT TIME BECAUSE NOW ANYBODY CAN LOOP AND SEE NOT ONLY WHO, CAN ACCESS THE DATA, BUT IN OUR ANNUAL REPORT THAT WE RECEIVE WE CAN SEE HOW MANY TIMES THAT THAT DATA WAS REQUESTED AND PROVIDED AND TO WHOM. SO IT'S ACTUALLY REALLY INTERESTING READ SOMETIMES, FOR THE END OF THE YEAR.

SO, HAVING APPROVED THOSE, THEY WERE FOR A BALL CAMERA, A THERMAL IMAGING DEVICE AND AN UNDER DOOR

CAMERA.

AND ALL OF THOSE ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.
WE ALSO HANDLED A FEW CHARTER ALIGNMENT ISSUES WE
WERE JUST STRAIGHT-FORWARD TO ORDINANCES AND ONE
TO THE CITY COUNCIL'S RULES TO MAKE OUR LAWS
COMPATIBLE WITH THE CHARTER THAT WAS ADOPTED BY THE
VOTERS.

WITH THAT I REQUEST THE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AS
SUBMITTED.

>> SEEING NO OBJECTION, THAT COMMITTEE REPORT IS
APPROVED. I BELIEVE THERE ARE FOUR ROLL CALL
VOTES.

IS THAT RIGHT.

>>> YES, YOU ARE CORRECT.

THE FIRST ITEM IS AGENDA ITEM 26.00 49.

CITY CLERK ACCEPTS GENERAL LAWS, RELATING TO
APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLES.

THEY ALL VOTE YES. WITH NINE COUNCILORS IN FAVOR
THAT IS APPROVED.

THAT BRINGS US TO THE ENROLLMENT AND ORDAINMENT OF
26.00 49 THE CITY CLERK SUBMITTING A AMENDMENT TO
THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ALIGN THE CONSTABLE
PROCESS.

ROLL CALL.

WITH TEN COUNCILORS.

NINE COUNCILORS IN FAVOR, ROLL CALL.

>> WITH NINE COUNCILORS IN FAVOR THAT IS ORDAINED
AND THAT BRINGS US TO THE SECOND ENROLLMENT, AGENDA
ITEM 26.00 4, CITY CLERK SUBMITTING AN AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE FIVE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO A
REVIEW OF BODIES PURSUANT TO THE CITY CHARTER ON
ENROLLMENT.

>> THEY ALL VOTE YES. WITH NINE COUNCILORS IN
FAVOR, THAT IS ENROLLED AND ORDAINED.

>> ROLL CALL.

>> NINE COUNCILORS IN FAVOR. THAT IS ORDAINED AND
THAT BRINGS US TO THE LAST ROLL CALL HOPEFULLY THIS
EVENING.

6.0 129. CITY CLERK SUBMITS TO THE RULES TO ALIGN
WITH THE PROVISION HE OF THE CITY CHARTER.

>> ROLL CALL.

>> THEY ALL VOTE YES. THAT IS APPROVED.

>> THANK YOU MADAM CLERK.

WHAT'S THE NEXT ITEM?

>>> THAT BRINGS US TO THE NEXT GENERAL ITEM REPORT

OF THE LICENSES AND PERMITS.

>> THANK YOU, YES, THE COMMITTEE MET YESTERDAY EVENING, WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, WE AS YOU CAN SEE APPROVED OR RECOMMENDED TO BE APPROVED THE NEW USED CAR DEALERSHIP CAR TWO AND THEN WE CONSIDERED THREE GRANT OF LOCATIONS, TWO WERE KEPT IN COMMITTEE AND ONE WE RECOMMENDED TO BE DISCHARGED WITH NO RECOMMENDATION.

I MOVE THAT REPORT BE ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED.

>> SO MOVED.

>> ON THAT MOTION I JUST WANTED TO EXTEND MY THANKS TO COUNCILOR HARDT, SO THANK YOU.

HAPPY TO WELCOME A NEW BUSINESS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

THE DIFFERENT GRANTS OF LOCATION, THAT WENT INTO THIS COMMITTEE, I BELIEVE THE ONES THAT ARE COMING BACK OUT IS BECAUSE THE PUBLIC HEARING DIDN'T HAPPEN.

SO IT WILL BE ON THE NEXT AGENDA TAB, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING.

AND UNLESS I HAVE MORE INFORMATION IT WILL GO RIGHT BACK TO COMMITTEE AND SIT THERE.

THESE ARE REQUESTS IN ONE CASE FOR A GRANT LOCATION WHERE I'M WAITING FOR GUIDANCE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION ON HOW TO PROPERLY CONDITION IT TO ENSURE THAT EVERSOURCE TAKES CARE OF ITS OBLIGATIONS ON THE STREET.

AND THEN ON THE TWO PROPERTIES AS I MENTIONED LAST TIME THESE ARE APPLICATIONS TO FOR SERVICE TO NEW PARCELS TO PROJECTS NEW BUILDING AND I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THEM. THERE ARE NO BUILDING PLANS FILED WITH THE CITY SO ANY SUCH PROJECT IS MANY MONTHS AWAY.

I HAVE NEVER SEEN ONE OF THESE REQUESTED FOR A PROJECT THAT IS PERSPECTIVE IN THE FUTURE AND GIVEN EVERYTHING THAT IS DONE, WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH, I THINK WE CAN SAY HOLD YOUR HORSES UNTIL WE GET A BUSINESS OR A BUILDING PERMIT FILED. SO THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU.

IF THERE'S NO FURTHER DISCUSSION THE COMMITTEE REPORT IS APPROVED.

SO THIS ONE ITEM THAT WE'RE GOING TO LEAN ON THE TABLE.

MADAM CLERK, CAN YOU READ THAT FOR THE RECORD.

>>> THAT'S 26. 0125.
EVERSOURCE TO INSTALL.
>>> THAT'S ON THE TABLE.
>> NEXT ITEM.
>>> 7.2 REQUEST OF THE MAYOR, REQUESTING APPROVAL
TO APPROPRIATE 56,000 FROM THE BIKE SHARE
STABILIZATION FUND FOR INSTALLATION AND STARTUP
COSTS A BLUE BIKE STATING TRANSPORTATION
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION DEVELOPMENT SITE.
>> I MOVE THAT THIS BE SENT TO COMMITTEE.
>> DO YOU MOVE TO ALSO MOVE THE READING 7.2 THROUGH
7.206 FINANCE?
>>> THANK YOU, I MOVE TO WAIVE THE READING OF 7.5
AND I THINK THAT IS THE ONLY ONE, WE'LL HAVE THIS
IN COMMITTEE.
DID YOU GET THAT?
>>> SO THIS ITEM WILL BE SENT TO FINANCE AND 7.6.
>> THANK YOU ON 7.6 -- SORRY.
SHALL I WAIT FOR THIS TO BE READ.
>> REQUEST OF THE MAYOR REQUESTING APPROVAL TO PAY
PRIOR YEAR INVOICES, USING AVAILABLE FUNDS FROM THE
POLICE DEPARTMENT, FOR CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES
AND BIOHAZARD CLEANING.
>> THANK YOU.
DUE TO THE RELATIVELY SIZE OF THIS ITEM, IMMEDIATE
CONSIDERATION OF THIS NOW.
>> I MOVE FOR APPROVAL OF THIS ITEM.
THANK YOU.
>> ANY OBJECTION THAT ITEM IS APPROVED.
>> NEXT ITEM.
>> SECOND HAND DEALER LICENSE, SELLING USED
CLOTHES.
>> MADAM CLERK, WHAT ABOUT 7.7.
>> WE TOOK THAT UP EARLIER.
>> OKAY.
>> OKAY. SO WHICH ONE?
>>> 9.1,.
>> THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE.
I WOULD LIKE IT SENT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE.
>> YOU CAN ALSO APPROVE IT.
THIS ONE DOESN'T REQUIRE PUBLIC HEARING.
>> SO WE CAN APPROVE IT RIGHT NOW.
>>> I TAKE BACK MY MOTION AND I MOVE TO APPROVE.
>> SO THAT ITEM IS APPROVED. NEXT ITEM.
>> I'M SORRY. I HAVE A SMALL COMMENT ON THAT ITEM.

BEFORE WE MOVE ON.
I JUST WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT PROPERTY OWNERS IN THIS CASE INVESTED A LOT IN RENOVATING THIS BUILDING.
I AM REAL EXCITED TO SEE THIS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND CREATION OF TYPE OF SHOPS THAT INVITE SHOPPERS TO VISIT MULTIPLE SITES.
>>> THE ITEM IS APPROVED. BEING PUBLIC EVENT FROM BILL ROGERS JINGLE BELL 5K WALK APPLYING FOR A LICENSE FOR THE RACE OF IRELAND WALK.
>> EVERYONE LOVES IT.
THAT ITEM IS APPROVED.
>> NEXT ITEM.
>> PUBLIC EVENT FROM UNION SQUARE APPLYING FOR PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT FOR FARMERS MARKET, SATURDAYS FROM MAY 9 TO OCTOBER 31ST.
>> FARMERS MARKET. WHO DOESN'T LIKE FARMERS MARKET. THE ITEM IS APPROVED.
>> I'M SORRY, I DO HAVE ONE BRIEF COMMENT. ON THE SUBJECT OF UNION SQUARE I WANT TO SPEAK TO OUR FARMER MARKET PROVIDES, CONNECTS, THEY SAID THERE WAS A BUMP FACTOR, YOU CAN BUMP INTO A NEIGHBOR AND CREATE A NEW CONNECTION.
OUR FARMERS MARKETS, DO FUND RAISING SO IF THERE'S A CITY WIDE SNAP PROGRAM YOU CAN GET YOUR SNAP BENEFITS MATCHED.
A LOT OF WORK GOES INTO THAT.
IT'S A TREMENDOUS THING FOR THE CITY.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
>> THANK YOU.
>> I WANTED TO ADD YOU SAID FARMERS MARKET LIKE A REAL BOSTONIAN.
[LAUGHTER]
>> THANK YOU.
>> SO, THANK YOU. JUST TO ADD ONTO WHAT COUNCILMAN WHEELER SAID, SO NOT ONLY CAN PEOPLE GET, CAN MAKE PURCHASES WITH SNAP, BUT, ALSO WILL, IF YOU ARE SO MOVED YOU CAN DONATE TOWARDS THAT TO INCREASE IT. SO, YOU KNOW, IF YOU ARE FEELING LIKE YOU WANT TO SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBOR AND YOU CAN HELP WITH FOOD YOU CAN GIVE SOME MORE MONEY AND THEY CAN MAKE THAT GO FURTHER.
>> NICE.
>> GETTING MORE TO THE ITEM. SO THE ITEM IS APPROVED. NEXT ITEM.

>>> PUBLIC COMMUNICATION FROM 26 REGISTERED VOTERS REQUESTING ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS.

SO SEND TO THE LAND USE COMMITTEE WITH COPIES TO THE PLANNING BOARD.

>>> NEXT ITEM.

AGENDA ITEM, PUBLIC COMMUNICATION FROM COMMENTS PROVIDING AGENDA ITEM 26. 01 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET PRIOR. THAT IS PLACED ON FILE.

>> PUBLIC COMMUNICATION FOR IDA KAO ABOUT THE ARTS COUNCIL.

>> CASE ON FILE.

>> NEXT ITEM.

THAT BRINGS US NO 10.1 A PUBLIC COMMUNICATION MAKING COMMENTS ABOUT SNOW.

>> SEEING NO DISCUSSIONS, THAT ITEM IS PLACED ON FILE.

>> NEXT ITEM, AGENDA ITEM PUBLIC COMMUNICATION FOR THE PEDESTRIAN TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ABOUT THE ANNUAL REPORT.

>> COUNCILOR SCOTT.

>> I JUST WANTED TO LOOK THIS UP.

IT CAN BE EASY TO MISS SOME OF THESE.

BUT THIS IS THE ANNUAL REPORT.

IT IS 18 PAGES OF REALLY THOUGHTFUL DISCUSSION AND THIS HAS BEEN PROBABLY THE BEST YEAR EVER FOR THEM.

AND THAT'S SOMETHING BECAUSE THIS COMMITTEE HAS BEEN DOING GREAT WORK. SO I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON THIS AND LET FOLKS KNOW, TO GIVE IT A LOOK AND SEE WHAT HARD WORK YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE DOING AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO SERVE ON THAT COMMISSION.

THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> ANYONE ELSE?

I WOULD LIKE TO SAY I USED TO HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO BE, YOU KNOW, ON THE COUNCIL AND YEA, IT'S QUITE AN IMPRESSIVE GROUP OF FOLK THAT REALLY CARE ABOUT THE STREET SAFETY.

>> SO, NEXT ITEM.

>> FINAL AGENDA ITEM, PUBLIC COMMUNICATION FROM MICHAEL STEELE, WITH COMMENTS ON THE ARTS COUNCIL.

>> SEEING NO DISCUSSIONS THAT ITEM IS PLACED ON FILE.

>> THERE ARE NO OTHER ITEMS BEFORE THE BODY.

>> WOW!

THIS IS LIKE WE HIT THE RECORD.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

>> SO WE'RE ADJOURNED. WOW!

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10 P.M.)