

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2016, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Alderman At Large William A. White Jr.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Absent	
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.
202167
(ID:14899)

Alderman McWatters held a moment of silence for Gilda Salerno and Margaret Spurrell. Alderman Sullivan and the Board held a moment of silence for Neil Brennan. President White held a moment of silence for John Pagounes.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 13, 2016.
202168
(ID:14900)

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 3. Resolution 202169 (ID:14893) By Ald. McLaughlin
Recognizing October 20, 2016 as Community Media Day in Somerville.

Alderman McLaughlin would like to recognize October 20, 2016 as Community Media Day in Somerville.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 4. Order 202170 (ID:14886) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Chief of Police increase its presence along Mt. Vernon Street and side streets during the evening.

Alderman McLaughlin would like to see an increase in police presence due to the recent crimes.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 5. Order 202171 (ID:14887) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce parking regulations in the fire lane on Pinckney Street and Pinckney Place.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6. Order 202172 (ID:14888) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the overgrown tree at 22 Wisconsin Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 7. Order 202173 (ID:14889) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking put a DO NOT ENTER sign on the corner of Walnut Street and Medford street to stop cars from going the wrong way on Walnut Street.

Alderman McLaughlin feels that the signage is not readily clear and would like to see a "Do Not Enter" sign.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

- 8. Order 202174 (ID:14861) By Ald. Connolly, Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the handrail at the Clifton Street entrance to the community path.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9. Order 202175 (ID:14862) By Ald. Connolly, Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the unlit street lamps in Davis Square Plaza, opposite the Somerville Theatre.

RESULT: APPROVED

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10. Order 202176 (ID:14863) By Ald. Connolly, Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at Boston Burger in Davis Square Plaza.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
11. Order 202177 (ID:14864) By Ald. Connolly, McWatters
That the Chief of Police enforce the (no speeding) traffic ordinances on Boston Street during normal commuting hours.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
12. Order 202178 (ID:14871) By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of Inspectional Services bait Belmont Street, from Highland Avenue to Summer Street.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee
13. Order 202179 (ID:14872) By Ald. McWatters
That the Chief of Police increase patrols on Prospect Hill due to vandalism in the area.
- Alderman McWatters would like to see increased patrols in Prospect Hill due to recent car break-ins and stolen packages. He spoke with the police, and they have increased their patrols. He would like to see that continue.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
14. Order 202180 (ID:14873) By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panels on Warren Avenue, from Properzi Manner to Union Square.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
15. Order 202181 (ID:14874) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the development of a strategic plan for the city's role in workforce development and job training, and the city's intention on implementing the recommendations in the 2013 Somerville Jobs Advisory Committee Report.
- Alderman Niedergang stated that many of the recommendations submitted in the Workforce Development Plan have not been adopted.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

16. Order 202182 (ID:14875) By Ald. Niedergang, and the Entire Board
That the Chief of Police or the Director of SPCD report to this Board on plans to educate motorists about using the “Dutch Reach” to open the driver’s door as a way to avoid “dooring” cyclists.

Alderman Niedergang explained the meaning of "Dutch Reach": opening your car door with your right hand to make approaching cyclists more visible as you turn. In the Netherlands, it is mandatory to use the Dutch Reach. It would be a life saver for cyclists if it were implemented here.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

17. Order 202183 (ID:14876) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Chief of Police report to this Board why Police Officers don't wear name tags, with his recommendation as to whether they should.

Alderman Niedergang would like hear from the Chief of Police on why police officers don't wear name tags.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

18. Order 202184 (ID:14877) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works clarify to this Board and Constituent Services, and post on the city’s website, the regulations for putting trash out in plastic bags that are not inside a garbage can.

Alderman Niedergang explained that a constituent received a citation for putting his garbage neatly out in plastic bags. He said he couldn't find a prohibition for placing garbage in plastic bags. He feels that this needs to be clarified and placed on the website. Alderman Heuston responded that she feels the city should tighten up any loopholes pertaining to trash not being placed in barrels. Alderman Sullivan suggested that before a citation is given, it would be better to deliver a warning first. Plastic bags not placed in barrels make it easier for rats and rodents to get at food.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

19. Order 202185 (ID:14878) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the foot-wide strip of accumulated pigeon droppings on the Community Path under the Lowell Street Bridge.

Alderman Niedergang commented that this week some pigeon proofing was installed on the bridge.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 20. Order
202186
(ID:14879) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the many small pot holes on Hudson Street, from behind the east end of the Armory through 36 Hudson Street. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 21. Order
202187
(ID:14880) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works direct the responsible utility companies to raise or move the low-hanging wires that cross between 75-79 Benton Road. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 22. Order
202188
(ID:14881) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the two street lamps at the eastern entrance to Junction Park, adjacent to the Cambridge Health Alliance parking lot. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 23. Resolution
202189
(ID:14882) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Administration discuss with this Board's Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, the costs identified by Lynn Weissman, attached, regarding natural grass and artificial turf fields. |
| RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee | |
| 24. Resolution
202190
(ID:14883) | By Ald. Ballantyne, White Jr., Rossetti
That the Administration work with this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development to respond to the Tufts Residential Strategy Working Group's recommendation to convert nonresidential buildings to residential uses. |
| With respect to this item and #25, Alderman Ballantyne feels that the Tufts residential plan would hurt the city's residential neighborhoods.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee | |
| 25. Resolution
202191
(ID:14884) | By Ald. Ballantyne, and the Entire Board
That this Board opposes the policy by Tufts to convert nonresidential buildings to residential uses in Somerville, and urges the Administration to oppose the policy as well. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |

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| 26. Order
202192
(ID:14885) | By Ald. Sullivan, McLaughlin, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street light on Bishop Place. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 27. Order
202193
(ID:14890) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees at Palmacci Park. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 28. Order
202194
(ID:14891) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the Emerson Street neighborhood for rodent issues and take all necessary actions. | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee |
| 29. Order
202195
(ID:14892) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services direct property owners on the Somerville Avenue extension to clear the overgrowth of plants that impede pedestrian travel. | RESULT: APPROVED |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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| 30. <u>CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE</u> | | |
| A. Committee Report
202196
(ID:14870) | Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on October 13, 2016. | Alderman Heuston reported on the items discussed at the meeting. She spoke about the appointment of Candace Cooper as Director of Personnel. The appointment of Michael Lapiana to the Position of Animal Control Officer will stay in committee until further information can be obtained regarding the training programs the applicant is going through. There are three positions currently vacant: Project Utilities Manager, Clinical Youth Specialist and Operations Director of Field Maintenance.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. Mayor's Communication
200613
(ID:13241) | Conveying, with President White, a request to jointly analyze the Board's and Administration's administrative needs. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

- C. Order 201125 (ID:13811) By Ald. Rossetti That the Director of Personnel update this Board on city-wide vacancies and dates of hires since the last report.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Officer's Communication 201344 (ID:13971) Deputy Director of Personnel responding to #201125 and #201152 re: update on vacant positions.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Mayor's Request 202134 (ID:14782) Requesting the appointment of Candace Cooper to the position of Director of Personnel.

RESULT: APPROVED

31. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 202197 (ID:14868) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on October 12, 2016.

Alderman Lafuente reported on the items discussed at the meeting. #202154 was severed from the report, which was Approved. City Solicitor Frank Wright then spoke on #202154, and that item was Approved as well.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Mayor's Communication 197611 (ID:10018) Communicating information regarding the needed relocation of the Public Safety Building.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Mayor's Request 197852 (ID:10325) Requesting an Order of Taking of real estate property at 515 Somerville Avenue to provide for the relocation of the Fire Department from its current facility in Union Square.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- D. Mayor's Request 197902 (ID:10326) Requesting authorization to borrow \$4,875,000 in a bond, and appropriate the same amount for the acquisition of property to relocate the Fire Department from Union Square to 515 Somerville Avenue.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- E. Mayor's Request 199250 (ID:11832) Requesting an appropriation of \$445,000 and authorization to borrow that amount in a bond for a comprehensive planning effort for Assembly Square.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

<p>F. Officer's Request 199255 (ID:11849)</p>	<p>Director of Housing conveying an outline of the "100 Homes" initiative and requesting the opportunity to present it to this Board at its earliest opportunity.</p>
<p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p>	
<p>G. Order 199545 (ID:12146)</p>	<p>By Ald. White Jr., Lafuente That the Finance Committee examine the impact of the continued practice of balancing the city's budget by raising property taxes to the maximum permitted under Proposition 2 1/2, and explore ways for this Board to engage earlier in the budget process.</p>
<p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p>	
<p>H. Resolution 199572 (ID:12161)</p>	<p>By Ald. White Jr. That any department that deviates from the expenditures provided as part of the Professional and Technical Services FY16 budget presentation notify this Board of that deviation.</p>
<p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p>	
<p>I. Order 199598 (ID:12228)</p>	<p>By Ald. Connolly That the Director of SPCD provide the Finance Committee with the indirect and acquisition costs related to the proposed taking of 515 Somerville Avenue.</p>
<p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p>	
<p>J. Mayor's Request 199642 (ID:12055)</p>	<p>Requesting an appropriation of \$470,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to fund a comprehensive citywide Mobility Plan.</p>
<p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p>	
<p>K. Resolution 199863 (ID:12489)</p>	<p>By Ald. Heuston That the Administration consider the development of a Tree and Bench donation program to supplement the City's investments in these areas.</p>
<p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p>	
<p>L. Order 200107 (ID:12720)</p>	<p>By Ald. White Jr. That the Director of SPCD explain to this Board, in writing, the comments discussed in the State SIP Report on the Green Line Extension.</p>
<p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p>	
<p>M. Order 200196 (ID:12816)</p>	<p>By Ald. White Jr. That the Chief Assessor provide this Board with a breakdown of the residential exemption for 1, 2, 3 and 4 family homes, and the number owned by residents, and that this be provided annually going forward.</p>
<p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p>	

N.	Officer's Communication 200353 (ID:12817)	City Assessor responding to #200196 re: residential exemption data. RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
O.	Order 200481 (ID:13078)	By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Finance report all expenditures for Union Square since the passage of the Union Square Redevelopment Plan, identifying those excluded and included in the Memorandum of Understanding with the Master Developer. RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
P.	Mayor's Communication 200614 (ID:13189)	Submitting the FY2016-FY2025 Capital Investment Plan. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
Q.	Order 200751 (ID:13388)	By Ald. White Jr. That the Chief Assessor provide this Board with the final breakdown of residential exemptions for the current fiscal year, by property type, with comparisons to prior fiscal years. RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
R.	Mayor's Request 200796 (ID:13434)	Requesting authorization to borrow \$130,000 in a bond, and appropriate the same amount, to fund an Owners Project Manager for City Hall renovation work. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
S.	Order 200873 (ID:13568)	By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of Personnel provide a salary and benefit projection for a full time arborist. RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
T.	Mayor's Request 201098 (ID:13753)	Requesting an appropriation of \$52,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to conduct a Police Department Headquarters Feasibility Study. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
U.	Order 201124 (ID:13812)	By Ald. Rossetti That the Director of Finance report the potential impact of the increase in Local Aid proposed by the Governor's FY2017 budget. RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

V. Mayor's Request 201434 (ID:14071) Requesting to appropriate \$750,000 from the CPA Fund Open Space and Recreation Land Reserve and Undesignated CPA Fund Balance for the creation of an Open Space Land Acquisition Fund, per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

W. Officer's Communication 201444 (ID:13920) City Assessor responding to #200751 re: residential exemption statistics.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

X. Order 201490 (ID:14144) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Finance or the Director of Purchasing report to this Board on all contracts with Verizon and their value and length.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Y. Mayor's Request 201568 (ID:14236) Requesting the acceptance of the non-union phase-1 salary recommendations of the Municipal Compensation Advisory Board.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Z. Resolution 201661 (ID:14290) By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Niedergang, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, White Jr., Davis, Ballantyne, Sullivan That the Administration endeavor to provide \$250,000 for Teen Empowerment Youth Services in the proposed FY17 budget.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AA. Mayor's Communication 201747 (ID:14406) Conveying an update on the Green Line Extension project.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AB. Mayor's Request 202128 (ID:14770) Requesting the acceptance and appropriation of an additional \$80,000 from US2 Associates into the Union Square Stabilization and Revitalization Fund.

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

AC. Mayor's Request 202129 (ID:14771) Requesting an appropriation of \$80,000 from the Union Square Stabilization and Revitalization Fund for services in connection with the redevelopment of Union Square.

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

AD. Mayor's Request 202154 (ID:14783) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$140,000 in the Law Department, from the Judgments/Settlements Account to the Legal Services Account, for rendered and anticipated outside counsel services.

Mr. Wright informed the Board that this was a request to cover pending invoices for outside counsel. Requesting these funds be transferred from the Judgment and Settlements Account into the Outside Counsel Line. Alderman Lafuente requested detailed numbers.
RESULT: APPROVED

AE. Mayor's Request 202155 (ID:14818) Requesting a transfer of \$55,577 from the Salary Contingency Account to the SPCD Transportation and Infrastructure Personal Services Salaries Account to fund a Senior Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
CONDITION: That this approval will not bind the City to fund this position in FY18.

32. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 202198 (ID:14867) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on October 6, 2016.

Alderman Rossetti reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The amendment of Ordinance 11-125 to include Board approval of water rates was approved as amended. The approval of an item to establish a senior citizen water and sewer discount was approved with income limits and asset limits. Also discussed was a home rule petition for rate reductions for resident property owners, shifting costs to a absentee owners. An Order that the City Solicitor draft a home rule petition to provide relief to resident property owners, like the residential property tax exemption, was approved. The Condominium Conversion Ordinance was discussed and discussion will remain in committee. The Committee also discussed affordable housing proposals on Tenancy Preservation and Waiting Lists, which will also be kept in Committee. Finally, the Committee recommended adoption of MGL Chapter 90 Section 17C to reduce the speed limit in the City to 25 mph, but not on State roadways.
 Discussion of Ordinance 11-125 followed. The Board approved amendments clarifying that any new rates and charges must be provided to the Board of Aldermen on or before June 1 for its review and approval, and that failure to hold a Public Hearing or provide the Board with the proposed charges or rates shall prohibit the City from making any increases in rates and charges.
RESULT: APPROVED

B. Ordinance 201869 (ID:14535) By Ald. White Jr. Amending Ordinance 11-125 to include notification to this Board with respect to water rates.

See #202223 for the final text of the approved Ordinance.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

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| <p>C. Mayor's Request
201914
(ID:14584)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of an ordinance establishing a senior citizen water/sewer rate discount program.</p> |
| <p>See #202249 for the final text of the approved Ordinance.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> | |
| <p>D. Resolution
202123
(ID:14773)</p> | <p>By Ald. White Jr.
That the Administration consider a Home Rule Petition to provide relief from water and sewer charges and rates to property owners who occupy their homes, by shifting the excess cost to non-owner-occupied property owners.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request
202152
(ID:14825)</p> | <p>Requesting the adoption of MGL Chapter 90, Section 17C, to reduce the prima facie speed limit in the City to 25 MPH.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>F. Order
202199
(ID:14917)</p> | <p>By Ald. White Jr.
That the Tenancy Preservation section (Number 7 - Item 3) of the Planning Board's recommendation (#200995), be severed, assigned a new item number and referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters.</p> |
| <p>See #202258 for the Tenancy Preservation section referenced.
RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>G. Order
202200
(ID:14916)</p> | <p>By Ald. White Jr.
That the "waiting list" section (Number 7 - Item 9) of the Planning Board's recommendation (#200995), be severed, assigned a new item number and referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters.</p> |
| <p>See #202259 for the Waiting List section referenced.
RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>H. Order
202201
(ID:14914)</p> | <p>By Ald. White Jr.
That the City Solicitor draft a Home Rule Petition to provide relief from water and sewer charges and rates to property owners who occupy their homes, by providing an exemption similar to the residential property tax exemption.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> | |
| <p>I. Resolution
202202
(ID:14915)</p> | <p>By Ald. White Jr.
That the Mayor submit a request to accept MGL c90 s18B.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |

33. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 202203 (ID:14865) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on October 4, 2016.

Alderman Sullivan reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The majority of the meeting was focused on 45 Webster Avenue which has two licenses at the same address. The licenses were approved conditionally, while property and parking site plans are prepared. License language recommended by SPCD was approved, noting that each property has been designated an acquisition/disposition parcel under the Union Square Revitalization Plan, and renewal of the license is not automatic.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. License/Permit 201564 (ID:14222) New Garage License, DM Auto Services, 45 Webster Ave, for mechanical repairs, 10 autos inside, 2 outside.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

CONDITIONS: Approved for 6 vehicles inside and 2 outside, for 30 days only.

Applicant must submit a surveyor's plot plan showing the property lines and a site plan showing the parking layout within 30 days.

Note that this location has been designated an acquisition/disposition parcel under the Union Square Revitalization Plan, and renewal of this license is not automatic. For further information, contact the city's Planning Department at 617-625-6600 x2500.

- C. License/Permit 201574 (ID:14233) New Used Car Dealer License Class 2, CM Auto Sales, 39 Webster Ave, 35 cars outside, none inside.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

CONDITIONS: Approved for 30 vehicles outside, for 30 days only.

Applicant must install a barrier to prevent the encroachment of parked vehicles onto the sidewalk.

Applicant must submit a surveyor's plot plan showing the property lines and a site plan showing the parking layout within 30 days.

Note that this location has been designated an acquisition/disposition parcel under the Union Square Revitalization Plan, and renewal of this license is not automatic. For further information, contact the city's Planning Department at 617-625-6600 x2500.

- D. License/Permit 201587 (ID:14245) New Mobile Food Vendor, Clover Fast Food, operating at Davis Sq Thu-Fri 4-10PM (Tufts and Union Sq locations Approved via #201213).

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

AMENDED: Approved for the Davis Square location on Highland Avenue adjacent to Kenney Park.

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| <p>E. Order
201613
(ID:14276)</p> | <p>By Ald. Heuston
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect the used car lot at 39 Webster Avenue and determine the proper number of cars that the lot can accommodate.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>F. License/Permit
201733
(ID:14354)</p> | <p>Renewing Garage License, Inman Collision Center, 45 Webster Ave.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
CONDITIONS: Approved for 7 vehicles inside and 2 outside, for 30 days only.
Applicant must submit a surveyor's plot plan showing the property lines and a site plan showing the parking layout within 30 days.
Note that this location has been designated an acquisition/disposition parcel under the Union Square Revitalization Plan, and renewal of this license is not automatic. For further information, contact the city's Planning Department at 617-625-6600 x2500.</p> |
| <p>G. License/Permit
201734
(ID:14356)</p> | <p>New Garage License, JN Phillips Auto Glass, 47 Webster Ave, 5 autos inside, 3 outside.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
CONDITIONS: Approved for 30 days only.
Note that this location has been designated an acquisition/disposition parcel under the Union Square Revitalization Plan, and renewal of this license is not automatic. For further information, contact the city's Planning Department at 617-625-6600 x2500.</p> |
| <p>H. License/Permit
201735
(ID:14357)</p> | <p>New Garage License, Ball Sq Dialysis Clinic, 643 Broadway, 25 autos inside, 25 outside.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>I. Order
201807
(ID:14500)</p> | <p>By Ald. Connolly
That the Director of Traffic and Parking survey locations associated with a Mobile Food Vendor license for Clover Fast Food in Davis Square (#201587), and report the findings to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>J. License/Permit
201958
(ID:14628)</p> | <p>Sign/Awning Permit, Extra Space Storage, 460 Somerville Ave, 5 Signs.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |

34. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
202204
(ID:14869) | Report of the Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on September 27, 2016. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">Alderman Ballantyne reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The primary focus was the update on the evolving Fields Master Plan. Also, no signs of ground water contamination were found at 154 Cedar St. There was an update on trees, including recovering financial losses from trees killed by natural gas leaks. Finally, the Committee discussed the Community Choice Aggregation plan.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: APPROVED</p> | | |
| B. | Order
199419
(ID:12009) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Capital Projects and/or the Director of Sustainability and Environment update this Board and the Ward 5 Alderman regularly on the testing for contamination of groundwater from 154 Cedar Street. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | | |
| C. | Order
199420
(ID:12010) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Capital Projects and/or the Director of Sustainability and Environment report to this Board whether contaminated groundwater from underneath 154 Cedar Street may be getting into the pools of standing water beside the Community Path west of Cedar Street. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | | |
| D. | Order
199513
(ID:12133) | By Ald. Niedergang, and the Entire Board
That the Commissioner of Public Works develop a maintenance plan for all grass athletic fields and submit a request for funding to this Board. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | | |
| E. | Resolution
199864
(ID:12490) | By Ald. Heuston, and the Entire Board
That the Administration develop a city-wide Open Space Integrated Plan for the protection, development, maintenance and programming of both private and public open spaces. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | | |
| F. | Order
199992
(ID:12561) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy with a list of fields that would benefit from the field maintenance plan this fall and those that would not. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | | |

G. Order 201689 (ID:14366) By Ald. Davis That the City Solicitor report to this Board on avenues to recover losses due to leaks in the natural gas infrastructure.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Officer's Communication 201750 (ID:14337) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 6/9/16.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

I. Order 201752 (ID:14408) By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment report to this Board on the increase in wild rabbits this year, and on any environmental concerns about the shifting composition of wildlife over the past decade.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Officer's Communication 202003 (ID:14606) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #201689 re: legal avenues available to recover losses due to leaks in the natural gas infrastructure.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. Order 202073 (ID:14708) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of Environment and Sustainability update this Board's Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy regarding the Community Choice Aggregation draft plan's approval by DOER, and the RFP's key requirements, prior to its release.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

35. VETERANS AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 202205 (ID:14866) Report of the Committee on Veterans and Public Services, meeting on September 28, 2016.

Alderman McLaughlin reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The request that the Dedication Committee consider a park dedication in honor of Joseph Mackey will be kept in Committee. Also discussed was honoring the Somerville Youth League Basketball Team with a plaque at the High School, will also will be kept in Committee. Finally, there was discussion of the future of the Veteran's Memorial Park.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order By Ald. Connolly
202206 That the Director of Veterans Services obtain the names of all Somerville
(ID:14894) veterans from the Korean War on, for inclusion on the Veterans Memorial
wall.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Veterans and Public Services Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

36. Mayor's Requesting to appear before this Board to present updates on the Green Line
Communication Extension, zoning, infrastructure, and other related items.

202207
(ID:14860)

The Mayor addressed the Board with information regarding the Green Line Extension, infrastructure, and zoning.

The GLX will remove tens of thousands of cars from the roadways every day. When designing the City's \$50 million contribution, the City will try to shift the tax burden from residential tax payers to commercial tax payers.

The GLX will create jobs, improving access to employment and affordable housing, and improving public health by reducing air pollution. Without the City's financial support, the GLX will not move forward.

With respect to infrastructure, almost 20,000 households--half the City--are linked to the combined sewer and water system that runs through Union Square. With frequent flooding and back-ups, the system needs to be improved. The project has two phases; utility upgrades and streetscape upgrades. A bond will be requested from the Board in February. Principal will not have to be paid until five years into the project. Hopefully construction can begin in the spring of 2017. The streetscape phase should follow about one year later. The current cost estimate is \$70 million. The City has received a \$3.3 million Mass Works Grant and has applied for another \$13 million.

A completely updated Zoning Ordinance is set to be presented to the Board in June. A Union Square zoning proposal has been submitted to the Board. It will attract private investment requiring a 60/40 commercial/residential split, and provide over 12 acres of public open space while reducing parking demands with a shift from cars to walking, biking and public transportation. The Board discussed the cost of these projects, and the Mayor said the GLX proposal would be submitted in November, and the cost of the infrastructure improvements would be provided once it's determined. Alderman McLaughlin would like to see a community benefits agreement for the Green Line Extension and for zoning. Alderman Lafuente was saddened by the Winter Hill revitalization program being put on the back burner again. President White asked for the property tax increases in years to come, with and without the offsets caused by development.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

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| 37. Mayor's Request 202208 (ID:14848) | Requesting an appropriation of \$21,279 from the CPA Fund Historic Resources Reserve to remediate historic materials in the Central Library closed stacks and install an air conditioning unit to preserve them in the future. |
| | <p>Community Preservation Planner Kristen Stelljes spoke about the mold outbreak in the Central Library and the damage it caused to many historic items, creating the need for \$21,279 in CPA funds to clean it up.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 38. Mayor's Request 202209 (ID:14849) | Requesting to appropriate \$8,000 in CPA funds from the FY15 Prospect Hill Tower stabilization project for a virtual tour video of the Prospect Hill Tower as an ADA accommodation. |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 39. Mayor's Request 202210 (ID:14847) | Requesting to appropriate \$4,510 from the CPA Fund Historic Resources Reserve to restore a stained glass window at 83 Belmont St. |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 40. Mayor's Request 202211 (ID:14845) | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$850 using available funds in the Personnel Arbitration Services Account for Arbitrator Richard G. Boulanger. |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 41. Mayor's Request 202212 (ID:14842) | Requesting acceptance of a \$26,500 Grant from MA Dept. of Environmental Protection to the DPW for recycling dividends from the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program. |
| | <p>Alderman Lafuente requested to waive the readings of items 41 through 43 and refer them to the Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 42. Mayor's Request 202213 (ID:14819) | Requesting acceptance of a \$16,300 grant from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for ArtsUnion programming. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 43. Mayor's Request 202214 (ID:14820) | Requesting acceptance of a \$9,109 Customer Experience in the Digital Age grant from the MA Board of Library Commissioners to the Libraries to provide customer service and technology training for library staff. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |

44. Mayor's Request 202215 (ID:14855) Requesting the appointment of Keith M. O'Donnell to the Police Department as a Police Officer.

Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of items 44 through 51 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

45. Mayor's Request 202216 (ID:14856) Requesting the appointment of Ryan J. Cooney to the Police Department as a Police Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

46. Mayor's Request 202217 (ID:14858) Requesting the appointment of Jose A. Villagran to the Somerville Police Department as a Police Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

47. Mayor's Request 202218 (ID:14853) Requesting the Appointment of Carl E. Nelson to the Fire Department Reserve List.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

48. Mayor's Request 202219 (ID:14896) Requesting the appointment of Timothy Robertson to the Human Rights Commission.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

49. Mayor's Request 202220 (ID:14898) Requesting the appointment of Brie McLemore to the Human Rights Commission.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

50. Mayor's Request 202221 (ID:14784) Requesting the appointment of Martin Anthony Polignone to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

51. Mayor's Request 202222 (ID:14851) Requesting the re-appointment of Thomas Mulhern to the Board of Assessors.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

52. Officer's Communication 202223 (ID:14901) Assistant City Solicitor submitting an amendment to Ordinances 11-125 and 11-164 consistent with the recommendation of the Legislative Matters Committee, meeting on 10/6/16.

For discussion of this item, see #201869.
RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Connolly

53. Officer's Communication 202224 (ID:14808) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #201856 re: possible regulation of AirBnB rentals through a local tax.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

54. Officer's Communication 202225 (ID:14828) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 9/22/16. Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 54 through 55 and place them on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

55. Officer's Communication 202226 (ID:14841) Director of Traffic and Parking responding to Board Orders submitted 7/14/16.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

NEW BUSINESS

56. License/Permit 202227 (ID:14903) Public Event Permit, Somerville Teachers Association Vote No on 2 Rally, High School Lawn, Oct 6, 3-6PM.

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 56 through 63 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED

57.	License/Permit 202228 (ID:14904)	Public Event Permit, HONK! Festival, Oct 7 at Hodgkins Park and area streets 4-9PM, Oct 8 in Davis Sq 10AM-9PM and at ArtFarm 6PM-1AM, Oct 9 from Davis Sq to Beech St 9AM-2PM and at ArtFarm 6PM-1AM.	RESULT: APPROVED
58.	License/Permit 202229 (ID:14905)	Public Event Permit, School St Block Party, Summer St to Somerville Ave, Oct 15, 11:30AM-7:00PM (raindate Oct 16).	RESULT: APPROVED
59.	License/Permit 202230 (ID:14906)	Public Event Permit, SCATV Daytime Dance to End Brutality, Union Sq Plaza at SCATV, Oct 15, 2-9PM (raindate Oct 16).	RESULT: APPROVED
60.	License/Permit 202231 (ID:14907)	Public Event Permit, Tufts Leonard Carmichael Society Pizza 5K Run, Tufts and area sidewalks, Oct 16, 9AM-3:30PM.	RESULT: APPROVED
61.	License/Permit 202232 (ID:14908)	Public Event Permit, City Haunted Hall, City Hall and Concourse, Oct 27, 3-9PM.	RESULT: APPROVED
62.	License/Permit 202233 (ID:14909)	Public Event Permit, West St Block Party, Nov 5, 11AM-5PM (raindate Nov 6).	RESULT: APPROVED
63.	License/Permit 202234 (ID:14910)	New Drainlayer's License, Jones Contracting.	RESULT: APPROVED
64.	Public Communication 202235 (ID:14911)	138 voters requesting a Public Hearing on Community Benefits Agreements and their potential to address displacement and uphold community values. The President said this item would remain with the Board, and he would schedule a Public Hearing.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen
65.	Public Communication 202236 (ID:14912)	Lisandra Ayala submitting comments on the dangerous intersection at Routes 93 and 28.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

66. Public Communication 202237 (ID:14913) Callahan, Inc., responding to #201899, a Resolution for the use of responsible prevailing-wage contractors at Assembly Row.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

67. Order 202238 (ID:14895) By Ald. Rossetti, Niedergang, White Jr., Ballantyne That this Board review the attached policy from Cambridge regarding Globe Direct advertising and consider adopting it for Somerville.

Alderman Rossetti suggested the City consider the adoption of of Cambridge's Globe Direct policy.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED
AMENDED: That the City Solicitor review the Plastic Bag Ordinance with respect to this matter and report to this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters.
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

68. Communication 202239 (ID:14902) By Ald. White Jr. In his capacity as President, rescheduling the Regular Board meeting that was previously scheduled for Thursday, October 27, to Wednesday, October 26, to accommodate early voting in the Aldermanic Chambers on October 27.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

69. Mayor's Request 202240 (ID:14923) Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 2-309.5 to rename the land at 59 Otis Street Deanna Cremin Park.

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

70. Mayor's Request 202241 (ID:14919) Requesting the adoption of MGL c40 s42J relative to deferring water charges.

RESULT: APPROVED

71. Mayor's Request 202242 (ID:14920) Requesting the adoption of MGL c83 s16G relative to deferring sewer charges.

RESULT: APPROVED

72. Mayor's Request 202243 (ID:14918) Requesting the adoption of MGL c90 s18B to establish safety zones with speed limits of 20 MPH.

Alderman Niedergang clarified that this would enable a 20 mph speed limit in certain areas.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 73. Mayor's Request
202244
(ID:14922) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$4,200,000 in a bond for Water Main Rehabilitation and Replacement. |
| | <p>Alderman LaFuente requested to waive the readings of items 73 through 74 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 74. Mayor's Request
202245
(ID:14921) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,500,000 in a bond for Sewer Main Rehabilitation and Replacement. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 75. Mayor's Request
202246
(ID:14852) | Requesting the promotion of Brian MacMullin to Lieutenant in the Fire Department. |
| | <p>Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of items 75 through 77 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 76. Mayor's Request
202247
(ID:14857) | Requesting the appointment of Steven D. Strugli to the Police Department as a Police Officer. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 77. Mayor's Request
202248
(ID:14854) | Requesting the appointment of Josh McCann to the Fire Department Reserve List. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 78. Officer's Communication
202249
(ID:14924) | Assistant City Solicitor submitting an ordinance to establish a senior citizen water and sewer rate discount program as recommended by the Legislative Matters Committee on 10/6/16. |
| | <p>For discussion of this item, see #201914.</p> <p>RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Connolly</p> |

79. Officer's Communication 202250 (ID:14843) Director of Traffic and Parking responding to Board Orders submitted 8/25/16.
 Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 79 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

80. License/Permit 202251 (ID:14925) New Fortune Teller License, Psychic Reading by Nina, 593 Somerville Ave.
RESULT: APPROVED

LATE ITEMS

81. Order 202252 (ID:14936) By Ald. White Jr.
 That the City Solicitor present to this Board an update on litigation in which the city is represented by outside counsel, with related costs incurred and anticipated.
RESULT: APPROVED

82. Communication 202253 (ID:14934) By Ald. Rossetti
 Reporting on recent High School Building Committee meetings.
 Alderman Rossetti updated the Board on the High School Committee meetings.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

83. Order 202254 (ID:14935) By Ald. Heuston
 That the Commissioner of Public Works provide a disposition for the replacement of a tree that was removed at 27 Dane Avenue, and explain why repeated requests for tree replacements through 311 have not been answered.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

84. Resolution 202255 (ID:14938) By Ald. White Jr.
 That the Administration gain the support of MA DOT for a Home Rule Petition for value capture provisions to help fund the city's contribution to the Green Line Extension.
RESULT: APPROVED

85. Resolution 202256 (ID:14937) By Ald. White Jr.
 That this Board be given the powers of the Redevelopment Authority for Union Square redevelopment.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

86. Public Communication 202257 (ID:14933) Tufts submitting comments responding to Agenda Items 24 (#202190) and 25 (#202191) re: converting nonresidential buildings to residential uses.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
87. Order 201023 (ID:13761) By Ald. Niedergang
That the two non-zoning proposals on tenancy preservation and waiting lists be severed from the Planning Board's recommendation (#200995) and referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters for consideration.
- Discharged from the Legislative Matters Committee.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
88. Officer's Communication 202258 (ID:14939) Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #200102 (inclusionary housing), with respect to Tenancy Preservation.
- Created pursuant to #202199.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
89. Officer's Communication 202259 (ID:14940) Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #200102 (inclusionary housing), with respect to Waiting Lists.
- Created pursuant to #202200.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:00 PM.