

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 28, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Wilfred N. Mbah	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Kristen Strezo	City Councilor at Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One City Councilor	Present	
Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott	Ward Two City Councilor	Present	
Ben Ewen-Campen	Ward Three City Councilor	Present	
Jesse Clingan	Ward Four City Councilor	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five City Councilor	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six City Councilor	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven City Councilor	Present	

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 211186
 (ID:24098) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 211187
 (ID:24099) Councilor Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for the 59 Somerville residents who have passed away from Covid-19. Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored a moment of silence for Eric Hook. Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored a moment of silence for Robert Wagner.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, December 17, 2020.
 211188
 (ID:24100) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4. Grant of Location 211189 (ID:24104) Submitted by Eversource to install 1,520 feet of conduit, 5 duct banks, and 1 new manhole in Somerville Avenue from Manhole 8651, at Prospect Street, to Manhole 8656, at Medford Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of the item and said that the details have been worked out with the DPW. Business Owner George Kazazian asked about the work, and Ms. Duffy responded that the street would not be closed. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. Councilor Scott asked if the work is being coordinated with the Engineering Department and Matt Veins from Eversource confirmed that it is.

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

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 5. Resolution 211190 (ID:24097) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr. Urging fair and full employment opportunities at Amazon.

Councilor McLaughlin said this Resolution is supported by organized labor and urged that Amazon comply with local community standards.

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

- 6. Communication 211191 (ID:24092) By City Councilor Mbah Reporting on the search for a Racial and Social Justice Director.

Councilor Mbah said that the search is underway and that 120 applications were received and another 140 individuals were recruited by the contractor. More than 40 prospects were screened and the first round of interviews is underway. The expectation is to have a Director on board by late February or early March.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

7. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
211192
(ID:24089)

Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on January 20, 2021.

President McLaughlin recused himself and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair and presented the Committee Report. She said the interviews on the Committee’s agenda were not conducted because there were questions about the selection process. 4 appeals have been filed with Civil Service and 1 has been decided so far. 12 bypass letters were sent to potential candidates but the Committee was legally only able to view one of them. Police Chief Femino said that crime is down but gun violence has increased, and the staff shortage is putting a strain on the department. Councilor Rossetti suggested that 3 vacancies be filled now.

Following the approval of the Committee Report, Councilor Rossetti provided some related updates: 1 individual on the list was already approved in July, 2019. Further, 4 officers are retiring, not 3, so she would like to move forward at next week’s Committee meeting to interview 3 candidates and recommend that the 4th position be awarded to the previously-approved candidate. Councilor Scott spoke about his concerns with the way the city uses the reserve list, and with the bypassed candidates and the candidates who voluntarily withdrew their names from consideration. He asked for documentation of the bypasses and withdrawals. Councilor Rossetti restated her plan to move forward with the interviews and Councilor Scott asked to begin the meeting with a conversation with the Administration.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]

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

RECUSED: McLaughlin

8. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
211193
(ID:24090)

Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on January 26, 2021.

Councilor Mbah recused himself with respect to #211148. Councilor Scott reported on the items discussed in Committee, including the FY22 budget process, the levy limit, debt service, Covid funding and Conway Park. He noted that the Administration is asking for input from the Council on where to prioritize or de-emphasize funding.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]

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

RECUSED: Mbah

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| <p>B. Order
210834
(ID:23784)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Scott</p> | <p>That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Council’s Finance Committee with every invoice from the Fleet Division's Ordinary Maintenance budget for FY21 year to date, including documentation supporting encumbrance figures listed in the current Munis report.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
 Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | | |
| <p>C. Officer's
Communication
210915
(ID:23768)</p> | <p>DPW Director of Administration and Finance responding to #210748 with DPW expenses since FY19.</p> | |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
 Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | | |
| <p>D. Officer's
Communication
211033
(ID:23899)</p> | <p>City Solicitor requesting approval to settle a claim in connection with expenses incurred by the owner of 80 Irving Street.</p> | |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
 Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | | |
| <p>E. Officer's
Communication
211034
(ID:23917)</p> | <p>DPW Commissioner responding to #210834 re: Fleet Division invoices.</p> | |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
 Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | | |
| <p>F. Mayor's
Request
211148
(ID:24028)</p> | <p>Requesting authorization to seek funding and enter into related agreements for Conway Park from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and rededicate Conway Park to open space and recreational use in perpetuity.</p> | |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
 AYES: Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-
 Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

 RECUSED: Mbah</p> | | |

9. LAND USE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
211194
(ID:24088)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on January 19, 2021.</p> | <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen first apologized for his failure to invite Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards to the Committee meeting. She was the sponsor of Boston’s fair housing amendment, which is 1st in the nation legislation to provide active steps against discrimination in fair housing. The committee discussed how the amendment could be applied in Somerville. The Committee also briefly discussed the Boynton Yards overlay changes.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>B. Officer's Communication
210756
(ID:23607)</p> | <p>Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #s 210452 and 210472, 2 requests for zoning map amendments.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>C. Order
211195
(ID:24082)</p> | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD work with the City Solicitor to determine if in lieu payments for civic space along highways can be directed toward pollution mitigation.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> |

10. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
211196
(ID:24091)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on January 21, 2021.</p> | <p>Councilor Davis reported that most of the meeting focused on surveillance technology reports, and generally all parties are in agreement. Some suggested revisions will be made and hopefully approved at the Committee’s next meeting. The Committee also discussed submitting a Home Rule Petition to make the City Charter’s pronouns gender-neutral, and Councilor Davis noted that the City Council has the authority to change the city’s ordinances itself.</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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<p>B. Mayor's Request 210788 (ID:23672)</p>	<p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Homeland Security Cameras.</p>	<p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>
<p>C. Mayor's Request 210789 (ID:23673)</p>	<p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GLX Cameras.</p>	<p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>
<p>D. Mayor's Request 210790 (ID:23674)</p>	<p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for 911.</p>	<p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>
<p>E. Mayor's Request 210791 (ID:23675)</p>	<p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for ShotSpotter.</p>	<p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>
<p>F. Mayor's Request 210906 (ID:23776)</p>	<p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for BriefCam.</p>	<p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>
<p>G. Mayor's Request 210907 (ID:23777)</p>	<p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Covert Device Cameras.</p>	<p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>
<p>H. Mayor's Request 210908 (ID:23778)</p>	<p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GPS and Monitor.</p>	<p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>

<p>I. Mayor's Request 210909 (ID:23779)</p>	<p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GreyKey.</p>	<p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>
<p>J. Mayor's Request 210910 (ID:23780)</p>	<p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for License Plate Readers.</p>	<p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>
<p>K. Mayor's Request 210911 (ID:23781)</p>	<p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Pole Cameras.</p>	<p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>
<p>L. Mayor's Request 210912 (ID:23782)</p>	<p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for the SPCD Drone Camera.</p>	<p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>
<p>M. Public Communication 210963 (ID:23836)</p>	<p>Digital Fourth submitting comments re: the 4 Surveillance Technology Impact Reports submitted on October 22 and the 7 STIRs submitted on November 12.</p>	<p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>
<p>N. Public Communication 210973 (ID:23845)</p>	<p>Ulysses Lateiner submitting comments re: Digital Fourth's comments on the Surveillance Technology Impact Reports.</p>	<p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>
<p>O. Order 211197 (ID:24087)</p>	<p>By City Councilor Davis That the City Solicitor draft language to change all pronouns in the city's ordinances to gender-neutral.</p>	<p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p>

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 11. | Mayor's Request
211198
(ID:24086) | Requesting the appropriation of \$130,853 from the Medical Marijuana Stabilization Fund for substance use prevention, community/parent/student education, overdose/naloxone training, and an Overdose Prevention Center. | Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 11 to 21 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 12. | Mayor's Request
211199
(ID:24014) | Requesting to transfer CPA funds totaling \$436,069 from the CPA Undesignated Fund Balance to designated CPA Reserve Accounts. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 13. | Mayor's Request
211200
(ID:24015) | Requesting the appropriation of \$375,578 from the CPA Open Space/Recreational Land Reserve Budget and the Budgeted Reserve for the Healey School Tot Lot Renovation. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 14. | Mayor's Request
211201
(ID:24021) | Requesting the appropriation of \$125,000 from the CPA Historic Resources Reserve Budget and the Budgeted Reserve to the Broadway House, 181 Broadway, to rehabilitate the exterior, replace windows, and preserve historic details. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 15. | Mayor's Request
211202
(ID:24020) | Requesting the appropriation of \$90,000 from the CPA Historic Resources Reserve Budget to the Broadway Winter Hill Congregational Church for the renovation of the bell tower. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 16. | Mayor's Request
211203
(ID:24017) | Requesting the appropriation of \$87,114 from the CPA Historic Resources Reserve Budget to the Somerville Museum for Collection Care. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

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| <p>17. Mayor's Request
211204
(ID:24019)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$49,500 from the CPA Historic Resources Reserve Budget and the Budgeted Reserve to the Grace Baptist Church to repair the slate roof, replace related gutters, and repoint brick masonry.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>18. Mayor's Request
211205
(ID:24018)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$3,500 from the CPA Historic Resources Reserve Budget to the Somerville Public Library for the Works Progress Administration Carved Wood Bas-Relief Restoration.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>19. Mayor's Request
211206
(ID:24084)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Attorney General's Office to the Health & Human Services Department for opioid recovery navigators.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>20. Mayor's Request
211207
(ID:24027)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of \$11,500 grant with no new match required, from the Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operational support.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>21. Mayor's Request
211208
(ID:24076)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a time-only extension for Gienapp Design Associates for engineering and construction administration services on various on-call engineering projects for one year through 2/28/2022.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>22. Mayor's Request
211209
(ID:24080)</p> | <p>Requesting the re-appointment of Andrew Haynes as Constable.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> | |
| <p>23. Mayor's Request
211210
(ID:24083)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Colleen Moran to the Municipal Job Creation and Retention Board of Trustees.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> | |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| <p>24. Officer's Communication 211211 (ID:24093)</p> | <p>Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of a new street between Windsor Street and Harding Street, Archibald Query Way.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>25. Officer's Communication 211212 (ID:24094)</p> | <p>Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of a new park at 1060 Broadway as Lou Ann David Park.</p> | <p>Councilor Ballantyne spoke about Lou Ann David and her efforts to make Clarendon Hill Tower a tenant owned facility. Councilor Niedergang asked about any discussions to honor Mary Louise Daley, and Councilor White commented that both of these women were very active in housing issues in the city. Councilor Rossetti explained that any request for memorialization must be accompanied by documentation listing the individual's involvement in or contributions to the public.
 RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>26. Officer's Communication 211213 (ID:24085)</p> | <p>Directors of Health and Human Services and Inspectional Services conveying a Residential Rodent Control Assistance Program update.</p> | <p>Councilor Strezio urged that this update be disseminated to the public in a late item, #211226.
 RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
 FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee</p> |

NEW BUSINESS

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| <p>27. License/Permit 211214 (ID:24102)</p> | <p>Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Mt. Pleasant Taxi, Med #28,30,31,32,39,40,41,42,43.</p> | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the readings of items 27 and 28 and approve them.
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>28. License/Permit 211215 (ID:24101)</p> | <p>Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Web Motor Sales, 5 Middlesex Ave.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| <p>29. Public Communication 211216 (ID:24105)</p> | <p>8 residents of color submitting comments re: hiring Police Officers of color.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>30. Public Communication 211217 (ID:24106)</p> | <p>BIPOC residents submitting comments re: hiring Police Officers.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>31. Public Communication 211218 (ID:24107)</p> | <p>Dan Thorn submitting comments re: Police funding.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| <p>32. Order 211219 (ID:24108)</p> | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr.
 That the Director of SPCD and City Solicitor update this Council on what can be done to address copycat restaurant websites misleading customers to order through their website instead of the restaurant.</p> <p>Councilor McLaughlin said there are copycats taking a cut from the real restaurants, which he believes amounts to fraud, and Councilor Strezo said there are apps providing phone numbers that are not the real restaurants' numbers. She said there is the potential to address this with an ordinance.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>33. Order 211220 (ID:24109)</p> | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Strezo, Clingan, Scott, Davis
 That the Covid-19 response team update the Committee on Public Health and Safety on the Phase 2 vaccine roll-out for residents, particularly senior citizens and other vulnerable residents.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
 FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> |

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| <p>34. Order
211221
(ID:24111)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Strezo, Scott, Clingan, Davis
That the Directors of Health and Human Services and the Council on Aging collaborate to bridge the digital divide for residents seeking to obtain the Covid vaccine who may not have access to the internet.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> | |
| <p>35. Resolution
211222
(ID:24110)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Mbah, Scott, Strezo, Clingan, Davis
That the Administration help residents over 75 years of age sign up for Covid-19 vaccinations.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Mbah said the community needs to step up to protect our seniors.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> | |
| <p>36. Resolution
211223
(ID:24112)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Mbah, Niedergang, Strezo, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Ballantyne, Scott, Davis
That the Administration include teachers on the priority list as the vaccine distribution plan is rolled out.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> | |
| <p>37. Mayor's Request
211224
(ID:24113)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$36,720 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to the Executive Office Salaries Account to establish two new Racial & Social Justice staff positions.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Scott said this appropriation would support 2 racial and social justice staff positions. Councilor Niedergang expressed his disinclination to approve the item, since the Director hasn't been hired yet. He also expressed concerns about the job descriptions and the departmental placement of these positions.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>38. Officer's Communication
211225
(ID:24081)</p> | <p>Fair Housing Commission submitting its Annual Report for FY20.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

LATE ITEMS

39. Order 211226 (ID:24119) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Communications Department initiate a campaign with mail and social media to increase the public's awareness of the updated Residential Rodent Control Assistance Program.
- Councilor Strezo urged that the Communications Department use a targeted media approach to inform the community about the important update of the Residential Rodent Control Assistance Program, developed by the Health and Human Services and Inspectional Services Departments (submitted as #211213).
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
40. Order 211227 (ID:24114) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works install a temporary speed bump on Sycamore Street between the main entrance and the schoolyard entrance of the Winter Hill School.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
41. Order 211228 (ID:24115) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of SPCD discuss with this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development how the 100 Homes program works for property upkeep and maintenance.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
42. Order 211229 (ID:24116) By City Councilor Davis, Clingan, Strezo, Ballantyne
That the Director of Communications revise city web pages so links to non-English language versions of the page appear at the very top, prior to any English language content.
- Councilor Davis commented that this was suggested to him by a resident.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

43. Mayor's Request 211230 (ID:24103) Requesting the use of available funds in various DPW Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to pay \$52,414.95 in prior fiscal year unencumbered invoices.
- Councilor Scott noted that this represented the first batch of DPW invoices needing to be paid after an audit was performed on the department's finances.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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44. Mayor's Request 211231 (ID:24096) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for new edits, corrections, and clarifications.
- Also referred to the Planning Board.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee
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45. Order 211232 (ID:24117) By City Councilor Scott That Ordinance 10-1 regarding the organization of the Police department be amended by removing the specified levels of patrol and superior officers.
- President McLaughlin recused himself and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Councilor Scott explained the history of this ordinance and the changes made over the years. He wants to make it clear that the size of the Police Department is under the jurisdiction of the City Council and has been since 1937. He would like to bring the ordinance up to date and re-establish the Council's authority in this matter.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
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46. Resolution 211233 (ID:24118) By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That this Council be provided with outside legal counsel to advise it on matters of Civil Service hiring polices.
- Councilor Scott requested that the City Council be provided with outside legal counsel to advise it on matters of civil service hiring. Councilor Rossetti said this request has been made in the past and turned down by the Administration. It's a repetitive conversation, but she does see the need for the Council to have its own legal counsel.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:50 PM.