

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2020, 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
Stephanie Hirsch	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Wilfred N. Mbah	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	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.
 210037
 (ID:22957) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 210038
 (ID:22958) Councilor Niedergang sponsored a moment of silence for Marie DelVendo. Councilor Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for Kessener Junior Lubin and Stan Klein. Councilor Mbah sponsored a moment of silence for Jean Parker and George Berry. Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Kathy Harrington and Jennifer Delaney. Councilor White sponsored a moment of silence for Mary Fantasia. Councilor Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Margaret Waller, Charles Bucca, Anna Campbell, Arthur Sullivan, Lillian Cabral, Robert Regan, Mary Mallahan, Sabotini Salani, Maria Theresa Cordoso, Lyman Curly Ericksmoen, Alfred D'Artangelo, Bernard Mandra, Michael McDonough, Louise McCune, Julianne Zuck and everyone experiencing losses during the pandemic.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes 210039 (ID:22960) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 26, 2020.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

CITATIONS

4. Citation 210040 (ID:22894) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne Commending Stephanie Hirsch for her exemplary service to the City, in response to her resignation from the City Council.
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| <p>Councilor Hirsch discussed her 16 years with the City and thanked her colleagues for their support. She thanked city staff for their hard work during the pandemic and expressed gratitude for the chance to serve as councilor. Councilor Ewen-Campen thanked her for her commitment to communities. Councilor Rossetti noted her passion for helping others. Councilor Mbah commented on her kindness. Councilor Davis appreciated her commitment to the council. Councilor Niedergang discussed her accomplishments. Councilor Ballantyne said she will truly be missed. Councilor Scott said she instilled trust in people. Councilor Clingan said she made people feel heard. Councilor White thanked her for her service to the public. Councilor McLaughlin discussed her passion to create affordable housing.</p> | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED |

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Location 210041 (ID:22959) Submitted by Comcast to install 6 feet of conduit in the intersection of Linwood and Poplar Streets, from an existing Comcast manhole to a new manhole, then continuing with another 46 feet of conduit to a point of pickup at 135 Linwood Street.
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| <p>The President opened the public hearing. Comcast representative Dave Flewelling described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until May 8, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.</p> | |
| RESULT: | LAI D ON THE TABLE |
| FOLLOWUP: | City Council |
6. Grant of Location 210042 (ID:22961) Submitted by Verizon to install 10 feet of conduit in Medford Street, from existing conduit near Ward Street to pole 228/8-1 near the rear of 39R Medford Street.
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| <p>The President opened the public hearing. Verizon representative Richard Forman described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until May 8, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.</p> | |
| RESULT: | LAI D ON THE TABLE |
| FOLLOWUP: | City Council |

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| 7. | Grant of Location 210043 (ID:22962) | Submitted by Verizon to install 10 feet of conduit in Medford Street, from Manhole #101 to existing conduit at the intersection of Medford Street and Bartlett Street. |
| | | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Verizon representative Richard Forman described the work to be completed. Councilor Niedergang said he did not receive the letter that goes to the abutters, and wants to make sure it was sent out. City Clerk John Long said his office mails out the notices, and that if they weren't mailed, he would re-schedule the public hearing. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until May 8, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.</p> <p>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
 FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
| 8. | Grant of Location 210044 (ID:22963) | Submitted by Verizon to install 63 feet of conduit in Broadway, from Manhole #437 to an existing handhole near 546 Broadway. |
| | | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Verizon representative Richard Forman described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until May 8, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.</p> <p>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
 FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
| 9. | Withdrawn 210045 (ID:22965) | Withdrawn. |
| | | <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN</p> |

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

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| 10. | Resolution 210046 (ID:22943) | By City Councilor Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Davis, White Jr., Clingan, Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, McLaughlin Supporting House bill 5036 and Senate bill 2916, An Act to Provide Equal Stimulus Checks to Immigrant Taxpayers. |
| | | <p>Councilor Mbah thanked everyone for supporting House bill 5036 and Senate bill 2916.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 11. | Resolution 210047 (ID:22906) | By City Councilor Mbah That the Administration update this Council on what is being done to help communities of color during this COVID-19 pandemic. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
 FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> |

12. Resolution 210048 (ID:22907) By City Councilor Mbah, Ballantyne
That the Administration update this Council on what is being done to help the homeless, who are most at risk during this COVID-19 pandemic.

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

13. Resolution 210049 (ID:22905) By City Councilor Rossetti, Niedergang, Ballantyne
That the Administration implement mandatory wearing of facial masks when in a public setting.

Councilor Rossetti thanked the Administration for its executive order to wear masks at all times in public.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

14. Communication 210050 (ID:22897) By City Councilor Rossetti
Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of April 13, 2020.

Councilor Rossetti stated the High School was identified as an essential infrastructure site by the City. Still, the timeline for this project is unknown, and interior work on the building was abandoned due to COVID-19. The number of tradesmen working dropped to 87 in April. The site has a fulltime nurse to check temperatures before employees start work, and employees work different shifts to enhance social distancing. A COVID-19 cost factor of \$90,000 has been added to the project.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

15. Order 210051 (ID:22952) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne
That the Director of Mobility update this Council on that Division's work over the past few months and plans for the rest of the spring and summer.

Councilor Niedergang requested an update from the Mobility Division and would like to know the plan moving forward.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

16. Resolution 210052 (ID:22953) By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah, Ballantyne, Scott That the Administration nominate Robert Buchannan for the open Planning Board seat, to elevate him from an Alternate to a full voting member.

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

17. Communication 210053 (ID:22951) By City Councilor Niedergang Reporting on the discussions and decisions of the Traffic Commission during the first four months of 2020.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

18. Resolution 210054 (ID:22954) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Scott, Hirsch, Niedergang, Mbah, Ballantyne That the Administration appropriate funds from the dedicated Union Square Community Benefits Contributions to support two outside staff positions, one for job placement/workforce development services and one for local small business services, similar to the Community Benefits Agreement recommendations and now particularly urgent due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that in the agreement with the Union Square Master Developer there are a series of payments coming to the city for the Green Line, infrastructure, job linkage, housing linkage and community benefits. The Council discussed the best ways to spend the funds, and he would like the recommendations expedited.

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

19. Order 210055 (ID:22955) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Scott That the Director of SPCD and US2 appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss progress towards an affordable housing project on Block D4.3.

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

20. Order 210056 (ID:22956) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan, McLaughlin, Scott That the Administration work with the GLX contractors to increase and improve abutter notifications regarding particularly disruptive work, given that residents are required to be in their homes all day.

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

21. Order 210057 (ID:22942) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Scott, Hirsch, Rossetti, Clingan, Mbah That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Communications increase awareness of public hearings for Land Use, Zoning Board and Planning Board meetings, to increase transparency.

Councilor McLaughlin commented that if the City is going to move forward with important projects there has to be great communication with the public.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

22. Communication 210058 (ID:22967) By City Councilor McLaughlin In his capacity as President, conveying updated Standing and Special Committee assignments and Commission appointments as of May 1, 2020.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

23. Resolution 209284 (ID:22154) By City Councilor Scott Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

24. License/Permit 209973 (ID:22787) New Extended Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 282 Somerville Avenue, for 24/7 operation for in-store and take-out service only.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

25. Grant of Location 209992 (ID:22858) Submitted by Eversource to install 56 feet of conduit in the intersection of Linden Avenue and Elm Street from Pole 112/6A to a point of pickup at 36 Elm Street.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

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| <p>26. Grant of Location 209993 (ID:22859)</p> | <p>Submitted by Eversource to install 72 feet of conduit in Oak Street from utility pole 258/2 to a point of pickup at 5 Oak Street.</p> |
| <p>Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 26 to 29 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>27. Grant of Location 209994 (ID:22860)</p> | <p>Submitted by Eversource to install 21 feet of conduit in Clyde Street from utility pole 74/4 to a point of pickup at 28 Clyde Street.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>28. Grant of Location 209995 (ID:22861)</p> | <p>Submitted by Eversource to install 35 feet of conduit in Garfield Avenue from pole 139/2 to a point of pickup at 6 Garfield Avenue.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>29. Grant of Location 209996 (ID:22862)</p> | <p>Submitted by Eversource to install 138 feet of conduit in Somerville Avenue and Laurel Street from Manhole #8639 to a new Manhole #30989 on Laurel Street, then install 36 feet of conduit from that manhole to a point of pickup at the rear of 515 Somerville Avenue.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>30. Grant of Location 209997 (ID:22863)</p> | <p>Submitted by Eversource to install 70 feet of conduit in Broadway from manhole #2572 to a new handhole in front of Trum Field.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
 FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> | |
| <p>31. Grant of Location 209998 (ID:22864)</p> | <p>Submitted by Eversource to install 80 feet of conduit in Broadway from manhole #2569 to a new handhole at the intersection of Broadway and Dexter Street.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
 FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> | |

32. Order 210031 (ID:22884) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott, Rossetti, Davis, McLaughlin, Niedergang, White Jr., Hirsch, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Mbah That the Election Commissioner discuss mailing absentee applications to registered voters for the upcoming primary and general elections.

Councilor Ballantyne wants to insure everyone can safely vote during the elections. She discussed state legislation for mail-in voting during the COVID-19 pandemic. Election Commissioner Nick Salerno said that Secretary of State Galvin is creating a plan. Councilor Rossetti asked about the cost of the elections. Mr. Salerno responded that the Federal CARE bill has been enacted, with an estimated \$400M allocated to the state for the Fall election. Councilor Niedergang discussed proposed Senate legislation and said Secretary Galvin might not agree with several of its provisions. He asked if the legislation does not pass, whether Mr. Salerno would be able to mail absentee ballots to all voters this fall. Mr. Salerno responded that the Secretary of State sets the terms for elections. Councilor Ballantyne stated that the State Delegation is flooded with unemployment assistance requests and it might take longer to attend to mail-in voting. She asked if the City can mail registered voters absentee ballot applications, and Mr. Salerno said he would need to get authorization from the Secretary of State. The cost would be about \$39,000. Councilor Ballantyne requested an update on the State Legislature’s activities in the coming weeks.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

33. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210059 (ID:22900) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on April 15, 2020.

Councilor Rossetti discussed the Committee’s recommendations, including the approval of Jahan Habib, Sam Dinning and Rob Buchanan. The report is available online. Councilor Rossetti then added an addendum. The Committee had requested an explanation on why the Planning Board candidates were placed in certain slots, and she has been told the Interview Committee made the decision, with no explanation available. She said the Committee could discuss it further with the Interview Committee in executive session. Councilor Ballantyne asked her why the Mayor supported the decision of the Interview Committee, and she responded the Mayor did not want to undermine its work. Councilor Ballantyne encouraged the President to meet with the Interview Committee, to ask them to share their reasoning. Councilor Niedergang stated that the Committee shouldn’t be making decisions without the Mayor’s review, and he suggested such review going forward.

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

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| B. | Resolution
209158
(ID:21981) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Mayor appoint a member from the Commission of Energy Use and Climate Change to the Planning Board and Design Review Committee, to provide their expertise on these bodies. |
| | | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| C. | Mayor's
Request
209701
(ID:22528) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jahan Habib to the Planning Board. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| D. | Mayor's
Request
209702
(ID:22529) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ella Samson to the Planning Board. |
| | | <p>RESULT: NOT APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| E. | Mayor's
Request
209703
(ID:22530) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sam Dinning to the Planning Board. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| F. | Mayor's
Request
209704
(ID:22531) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rob Buchanan as an Alternate to the Planning Board. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| G. | Resolution
210060
(ID:22941) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Administration advise this Council at its April 28, 2020 meeting, why the four candidates for the Planning Board were placed into those particular slots. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

34. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
210061
(ID:22902)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on April 22, 2020.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Councilor Scott stated the Committee met on April 22, 2020 and all members were present. They placed several items on file; the Administration wasn't ready to move forward because of financial uncertainty due to COVID-19. The Mayor discussed funds received for COVID-19 and how they were expended. They anticipate that FY21 is going to be very challenging due to the long-term impacts on revenue and the uncertainty of State funding.</p> <p>The request for an appropriation of \$200,000 for the Capital Projects Division to design an elevator from the new Community Path to the High School field level was discussed and placed on file. It is considered an accessibility request, and the primary issue is the location of the retaining wall. A modified proposal is being submitted to the Council.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |
| <p>B. Mayor's Request
208709
(ID:21500)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$36,000 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation- Parking Meter Receipts Account to the Parking Department Rentals Account, to lease temporary parking spaces resulting from the High School construction project.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |
| <p>C. Mayor's Request
209742
(ID:22587)</p> | <p>Requesting a transfer of \$49,431 from the E-911 Salaries Account to the Department of Transportation Salaries Account, to establish new positions in the Department.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |
| <p>D. Mayor's Request
209743
(ID:22589)</p> | <p>Requesting a transfer of \$30,000 from the E-911 Salaries Account to Department of Transportation Office Equipment and Professional and Technical Services Accounts.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |

E. Mayor's Request 209744 (ID:22588) Requesting a transfer of \$10,592 from the E-911 Salaries Account to the Constituent Services Salaries Account to establish the position of Quality Assurance and Improvement Manager.

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

F. Mayor's Request 209827 (ID:22726) Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Division Capital Outlay Engineering/Architectural Services Account to design an elevator from the High School field level to the Community Path being constructed by the MBTA GLX project.

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

G. Mayor's Request 209980 (ID:22829) Requesting the acceptance of the First Amendment to the Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreement with the City of Cambridge for work in Medford Street.

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

35. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 210062 (ID:22899) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on April 14, 2020.

Councilor Ewen-Campen discussed the proposed amendments to the pedestrian street use limitations zoning ordinance. He continued the discussion in #210062, the Committee's report of its April 23 meeting.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

36. LAND USE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 210063 (ID:22903)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on April 23, 2020.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen said the Committee held a joint public hearing with the Planning Board to discuss several amendments to the zoning code. There were two batches of amendments making minor corrections and adjustments to the recent zoning overhaul. There was also a separate amendment involving allowable uses on pedestrian streets. There was public testimony and the Planning Board recommended approval of the proposed amendments. The Committee voted unanimously on each of the amendments, except the allowable uses on pedestrian streets.</p> <p>The concept for pedestrian streets includes regulating first floor commercial spaces to promote active uses in business districts, promoting retail and restaurants. The zoning overhaul limited allowable uses, but erred by disallowing cannabis dispensaries. The city proposed adding them back. The Committee discussed adding other uses back, such as health and personal services, fitness, entertainment and more. The Committee referred this item back to the Council without a recommendation.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |
| <p>B. Mayor's Request 209771 (ID:22608)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to correct procedural requirements, unintended conflicts between regulations, numerical errors, or inadvertent omissions.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
 ABSENT: Rossetti
 AMENDED: Items 2-8, 13, and 16 were struck from the Amendment and NOT approved.</p> </div> |
| <p>C. Order 209790 (ID:22644)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen
 That this Council modify or eliminate the Zoning Ordinance's Use Limitations for parcels that front a Pedestrian Street in various locations such as 4.1.13.b, 4.3.13.b, 5.1.15.b, etc.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>This item was replaced by #210123, which was Approved, Enrolled and Ordained. Councilors Davis and Rossetti opposed replacing #209790 with #210123, but voted to Approve, Enroll and Ordain it once that replacement was approved by a 9-2 vote. For discussion of this item see #210123.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [9 TO 2]
 AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
 NAYS: Rossetti, Davis</p> </div> |

- D. Mayor's Request 209825 (ID:22743) Requesting approval of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to extend the validity time frame of previously issued permits, clarify how lot coverage is calculated, correct the threshold for employment linkage, and streamline the language concerning landscape buffers.

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

37. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210064 (ID:22898) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on April 13, 2020.

Councilor Davis said a detailed committee report is available online.
RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Order 210000 (ID:22871) By City Councilor Mbah That Director of Health and Human services provide this Council with evidence-based research on handling postal mail without protective equipment with respect to the spread of the coronavirus.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- C. Order 210032 (ID:22885) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin That the Chief of Police discuss what may be done to curb domestic and partner violence especially during the COVID-19 crisis, as victims are quarantined with their abusers.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- D. Order 210033 (ID:22886) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Director of Health and Human Services explain the current protocol for notifying residents of positive COVID-19 tests and contacts and how services may be offered that allow them to receive treatment, maintain household stability, and isolate themselves as needed.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- E. Order 210034 (ID:22887) By City Councilor Hirsch, Scott That the Board of Assessors extend the deadline for applications for Residential and/or Statutory Exemptions beyond the current April 1 deadline.

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

38. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210065 (ID:22901) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on April 21, 2020.

Councilor Davis said a detailed committee report is available online.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

39. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210066 (ID:22904) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on April 27, 2020.

Councilor Davis said a detailed committee report is available online.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

40. Mayor's Request 210067 (ID:22634) Requesting approval of amendments to the Condominium/Cooperative Conversion Ordinance with the specific amended language attached.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

41. Mayor's Request 210068 (ID:22893) Requesting approval of the attached Order of Taking of 31 Tufts Street.

Councilor Scott said this is an Order of Taking that costs nothing. This item is required only to clear a title on an affordable housing project. The transfer has already taken place.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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| 42. | Mayor's Request
210069
(ID:22949) | Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to design an elevator from the High School field level to the Community Path at Medford Street. |
| Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management Rich Raiche noted the city is building the high school and the MBTA is building the green line and community path. The MA Architectural Access Board granted approval for a 950-foot ADA path from the high school to the community path. Modifications to the retaining wall and stairwell will be needed in order to offer an elevator there. The estimated budget for the elevator is \$1.5M-\$2M . Councilor Ewen-Campen said he supported the request. Councilor Davis asked about additional parking. Director Raiche responded they have not discussed additional parking, and Councilor Davis expressed concern with not taking parking into consideration. | | |
| RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | |
| 43. | Mayor's Request
210070
(ID:22950) | Requesting the transfer of \$94,015 from the Parking Department Repairs to Highway Account to the IAM Engineering Division Repairs to Highway Account, to provide pavement marking services. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | | |
| 44. | Mayor's Request
210071
(ID:22892) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christine Lindgren to the Licensing Commission. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee | | |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 45. | License/Permit
210072
(ID:22908) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Caruso Corp. |
| Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 45 to 82, except item 71, and approve them. Item 71 should be referred to the Committee on Licenses and Permits. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. | | |
| RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | |
| 46. | License/Permit
210073
(ID:22909) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Legacy Building and Development. |
| RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | |

47.	License/Permit 210074 (ID:22910)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Jason Anthony.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
48.	License/Permit 210075 (ID:22911)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Mirra.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
49.	License/Permit 210076 (ID:22912)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, JR and Sons Construction.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
50.	License/Permit 210077 (ID:22939)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Brennan Construction.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
51.	License/Permit 210078 (ID:22940)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, LaMountain Brothers.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
52.	License/Permit 210079 (ID:22964)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Celiberti Realty.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
53.	License/Permit 210080 (ID:22966)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, McCourt Construction.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
54.	License/Permit 210081 (ID:22913)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Kealey Excavation.	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| 55. | License/Permit
210082
(ID:22914) | Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, 132 Washington St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 56. | License/Permit
210083
(ID:22915) | Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, 23R Inner Belt Rd. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 57. | License/Permit
210084
(ID:22916) | Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, 70R Third Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 58. | License/Permit
210085
(ID:22917) | Renewing Flammables License, Lub-O-Line #529, 9 Florence St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 59. | License/Permit
210086
(ID:22918) | Renewing Flammables License, Lub-O-Line #849, 9 Florence St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 60. | License/Permit
210087
(ID:22919) | Renewing Flammables License, Cubby Oil, 20 Medford St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 61. | License/Permit
210088
(ID:22920) | Renewing Flammables License, Somerville Gas and Service, 16 Medford St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 62. | License/Permit
210089
(ID:22921) | Renewing Flammables License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

63.	License/Permit 210090 (ID:22938)	Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Gulf, 212 Broadway.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
64.	License/Permit 210091 (ID:22922)	Renewing Flammables License, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
65.	License/Permit 210092 (ID:22924)	Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 445 Artisan Way.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
66.	License/Permit 210093 (ID:22925)	Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 355 Artisan Way.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
67.	License/Permit 210094 (ID:22926)	Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 333 Great River Rd.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
68.	License/Permit 210095 (ID:22927)	Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 479 Canal St.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
69.	License/Permit 210096 (ID:22923)	Renewing Garage License, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
70.	License/Permit 210097 (ID:22928)	Renewing Garage License, Tech Auto Body, 9 Union Sq.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

71.	License/Permit 210098 (ID:22929)	Renewing Garage License, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
72.	License/Permit 210099 (ID:22930)	Renewing Garage License, Somerville Housing Group Trust III, 481 Columbia St.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
73.	License/Permit 210100 (ID:22931)	Renewing Garage License, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
74.	License/Permit 210101 (ID:22932)	Renewing Garage License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
75.	License/Permit 210102 (ID:22933)	Renewing Garage License, Webster Auto Body, 69 Webster Ave.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
76.	License/Permit 210103 (ID:22934)	Renewing Garage License, Webster Auto Body, 64 Webster Ave.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
77.	License/Permit 210104 (ID:22935)	Renewing Garage License, Original Auto Body and Mechanic, 12 Joy St.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
78.	License/Permit 210105 (ID:22946)	Renewing Garage License, Fellsway Auto Repair, 693 McGrath Hwy.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| 79. | License/Permit
210106
(ID:22947) | Renewing Garage License, Gene Automotive Repair, 56 Joy St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 80. | License/Permit
210107
(ID:22936) | Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Kay Jewelers, 360 Artisan Way. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 81. | License/Permit
210108
(ID:22937) | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 82. | License/Permit
210109
(ID:22945) | Renewing Hawker and Peddler License, Chiki Galvez. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 83. | Order
210110
(ID:22968) | By City Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the pothole on Thurston Street by Broadway. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 84. | Order
210111
(ID:22969) | By City Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works consider placing receptacles for discarded latex gloves and masks.

Councilor Clingan expressed concern for discarded gloves and masks on the streets, and is working with the DPW to help resolve the matter. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

85. Order 210112 (ID:22970) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Health and Human Services collaborate with the appropriate state agencies for the support, specialized services, medical supplies and personal protective equipment necessary for residents with complex medical needs to stay in their homes during this COVID-19 crisis.

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

86. Order 210113 (ID:22971) By City Councilor Hirsch, Mbah
That the Director of Health and Human Services explain how the pandemic and related closures may be affecting rodent activity or any planned eradication strategies.

Councilor Hirsch noted rodents are changing their behavior now that businesses are closed due to COVID-19. There has been an increase in residential trash, which can increase rodent problems in neighborhoods.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

87. Order 210114 (ID:22972) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD make the changes listed within to SomerVision 2040.

Councilor Hirsch noted the public comment period is closed, but Councilor Ewen-Campen plans to hold a public hearing regarding SomerVision 2040. She discussed how open space, infrastructure and housing are the most expensive components. Affordable housing should be kept as a high priority when evaluating the budget.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

88. Order 210115 (ID:22974) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Administration's weekly update on COVID-19 include a dedicated update from the Police Department on the implementation of the mandatory mask policy, and what steps are being taken to ensure that enforcement is fair and unbiased.

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

89. Resolution 210116 (ID:22975) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., and the Mayor Urging adoption of Senate Bill 2654 (formerly S.2912/H.5026), “An Act establishing vote by mail in 2020,” which would implement comprehensive voting by mail for all statewide elections in 2020.

Councilor Niedergang stated Senate Bill 2654 will expand early voting by mailing ballots to registered voters for the September 1 primary election and November 3 general election. For the primary, every voter registered with a political party will get that party’s primary ballot and unenrolled voters can request any ballot. For the general election, every registered voter will get a ballot in the mail. For in-person voting, the State must provide adequate personal protection equipment for poll workers if the Governors COVID-19 State of Emergency order is still in effect. The vote by mail provisions will sunset at the close of 2020 and will not apply to future elections, although some provisions, such as making Election Day a State holiday, will be permanent. Election Commissioner Nick Salerno agreed with implementing mail-in voting. The application will take only three minutes to complete and will help determine if a person is qualified to receive a ballot. He encourages mail-in voting only for elections this year. Councilor Rossetti made a motion to amend the language to insure the Governor and Secretary of State consult with local election commissioners when drafting the policy.

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

90. Order 210117 (ID:22976) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Finance provide a written rolling cash flow analysis every 2 weeks during this COVID-19 emergency and include forecasts to ensure sufficient operating liquidity by estimating the available cash deposits, expected inflows, and required disbursements.

Councilor Rossetti stated she requested a cash flow analysis every two weeks during the COVID-19 emergency. Councilor Ballantyne apologized for not hearing that in the meeting, but said finance reports are generally generated on a monthly basis. Councilor Rossetti still requested this item be amended to every two weeks, and Councilor Ballantyne concurred.

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

91. Order 210118 (ID:22977) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD add the attached changes into the SomerVision 2040 draft.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

92. Mayor's Request 210119 (ID:22973) Requesting the appropriation of \$247,242 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to various Departmental Accounts to fund the FY20 salary and benefit provisions in the Agreement with SMEA Unit D.

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

93. License/Permit 210120 (ID:22978) Public Event License, Davis Sq Farmers Market, Day St-Herbert St Parking Lot, Wednesdays May 20 - Nov 25, 8AM-7PM.

Councilor White noted the farmers market has been around for several years, and stated that the applicant must work with the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division to create a safety plan for the Inspectional Service Department's approval.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: Applicant must create with the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division a COVID-19 safety plan that is approved by the Inspectional Services Department.

94. License/Permit 210121 (ID:22979) Public Event License, Union Sq Farmers Market, Union Sq Plaza and Parking Lot, Saturdays May 16-Nov 21, 7AM-2PM.

Councilor White noted the farmers market has been around for several years, and stated that the applicant must work with the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division to create a safety plan for the Inspectional Service Department's approval.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: Applicant must create with the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division a COVID-19 safety plan that is approved by the Inspectional Services Department.

LATE ITEMS

95. Officer's Communication 210122 (ID:22983) Planning Board conveying its recommendation re: #209771 and #209825, two recently-proposed amendments to correct errors and clarify text with respect to the Zoning overhaul passed in December.

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

96. Ordinance 210123 (ID:22984) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen Proposing an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance with respect to Pedestrian Street Use Limitations.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said the current allowable uses for pedestrian streets were narrowly defined. He proposed amending #209790 with the attached text, to allow more uses on pedestrian streets.

Councilor Davis opposed the motion because the city is facing challenges retaining small businesses. The current allowable uses create an environment where small businesses can thrive. Existing uses are grandfathered and zoning encourages development. He said he would like to give the public the opportunity to provide input.

City Planner Dan Bartman discussed the original proposal, which adds retail cannabis as an eligible use. He said the Council can always make modifications and remove language as necessary. Councilor Davis stated the original proposal makes sense, and the significant expansions purposed by Councilor Ewen-Campen are contrary to the core concepts of the zoning. He said the Council is only discussing this because of a dentist that was unable to open on a pedestrian street.

Councilor Niedergang spoke in favor of the amendment, saying it would increase diversity and flexibility in business districts. Councilor Hirsch discussed how important it is for communities to have certain amenities and different uses. Mr. Bartman noted that there is a standard in the code regarding 4 feet of unobstructed area behind the window, and it does not prohibit any type of blinds. If the amendment is approved, another amendment would have to address shop fronts. Councilor Hirsch wanted clarification on limiting the size of first-floor spaces, and Mr. Bartman said they are working on creating standards to address the use mix to develop floor area limitations. Councilor Scott spoke in favor of the amendment and said the personal services category helps protect small businesses. Councilor Scott noted that the Planning Board would be deciding if businesses are suitable for chosen locations, and would take public comment into consideration. Councilor Clingan said he likes the idea of smart zoning and is in favor of the amendment, saying that businesses could then apply for special permits. Councilor Ballantyne discussed daytime traffic, noting the smaller squares don't have daytime activity and businesses there are suffering. Councilor White spoke in favor of the amendment, as it provides the special permit granting authority the ability to evaluate each application. Councilor Rossetti opposed the amendment, saying the Council just adopted new zoning a couple of months ago and should give it a chance. Councilor McLaughlin discussed how businesses are leaving and COVID-19 could change the future of retail. He wants to give every business owner the opportunity to make money and supports the amendment.

Councilors Davis and Rossetti opposed replacing #209790 with this amendment, but voted to Approve, Enroll and Ordain it once that replacement was approved by a 9-2 vote. This item replaced #209790.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

97. Grant of Location 208601 (ID:21443) Submitted by Eversource to install 135 feet of conduit in Medford St from Manhole 12138 to a point of pickup at 340 Medford St.
- Discharged from the Committee on Licenses and Permits.
 Councilor Ewen-Campen stated this item was sent to the Committee last fall to give NStar an opportunity to first resolve an unrelated issue with an abutter. Now this item has become time sensitive for the GLX project, and he supports approval.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
98. Order 210124 (ID:22980) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of the Council on Aging provide this Council with updates and ways to help seniors living in our community.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
99. Order 210125 (ID:22981) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Superintendent of Schools update this Council on how the school year is faring, best practices, projected changes, any ways to help, etc.
- Councilor Ballantyne noted she has received many questions from parents regarding the upcoming school year and requested the Superintendent provide an update.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
100. Resolution 210126 (ID:22982) By City Councilor Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Niedergang That the Mayor consider increasing the minimum age for mandatory wearing of face masks to children over 5 years of age.
- Councilor Mbah expressed how important this is for the safety of children during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:55 PM.