

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 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.
 212159
 (ID:26101) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 212160
 (ID:26102) There were no remembrances.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, June 3, 2021, and the Regular Meeting, June 10, 2021.
 212161
 (ID:26103) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

4. Citation 212162 (ID:26109) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Rossetti, White Jr., Mbah, Strezo, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang Congratulating City Clerk John Long on his retirement.

The members of the City Council collectively and individually congratulated City Clerk John Long on his retirement from service to the City and people of Somerville after a distinguished career of 30 years.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Location 212163 (ID:25061) Submitted by RCN Telecom to install 100 feet of conduit at the intersection of Prospect, Everett, and Newton Sts from a proposed manhole in Prospect St to a point of pickup at 35 Prospect St, and from the same manhole, 90 feet to an existing Utility Pole 118/3 near the rear of 282 Somerville Ave.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Alex Ortiz from RCN spoke in favor of this item, and with no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: Scott

6. Grant of Location 212164 (ID:25062) Submitted by Extenet to install 63 feet of conduit in Somerville Ave from existing Eversource Manhole 20656 to a proposed handhole, then continuing 2 feet to a small wireless facility node near 343 Somerville Ave.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Corey Milan from Extenet spoke in favor of this item, and with no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

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

7. Grant of Location 212165 (ID:25063) Submitted by Extenet to install 62 feet of conduit near the intersection of School St and Somerville Ave from existing Eversource Manhole 8643 to a proposed handhole, then continuing 3 feet to a small wireless facility node near 435 Somerville Ave.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Corey Milan from Extenet spoke in favor of this item, and with no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

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

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

8. Resolution 212166 (ID:26099) By City Councilor Niedergang, White Jr., Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Davis, Ballantyne
In support of Senate bill #1545, An Act Relative to Automated Enforcement.

Councilor Niedergang explained this would allow cities/towns to opt into automated enforcement, i.e., red light cameras, and he presented some supporting data. Councilor Strezio said there should be additional dialogue and a public hearing on the matter. Councilor Niedergang explained that this legislation only allows the city to opt in if it so chooses.

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

9. Communication 212167 (ID:26100) By City Councilor Niedergang
Reporting on the meetings of the Traffic Commission from January through June 2021 and announcing the Commission's new email address, trafficcommission@somervillema.gov.

Councilor Niedergang highlighted some of the items passed by the Traffic Commission, including removing 35 parking spaces at Powder House Circle; creating more 20 MPH safety zones; approving additional HP parking spaces; changing bus stops for safety reasons; and creating or extending fire lanes. The Commission's next meeting will be on July 15 at 5:30, and on the agenda will be a proposal to net-remove 33 parking spaces on College Avenue. Councilor Rossetti asked for a copy of the College Avenue plan in advance of the meeting and Councilor Niedergang said that he would request that a copy be sent to each Councilor.

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

10. Order 212168 (ID:25088) By City Councilor Strezio, McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic replace the missing ONE WAY signs on Dana Street.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. Mayor's Request 211611 (ID:24484) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Body Art Services use standards and Table 9.1.1 Permitted Uses.

This item had been previously tabled while the Council awaited the Planning Board's recommendation, which was submitted as #212189 on this agenda.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

12. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
212169
(ID:26105)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on July 6, 2021.</p> | <p>Councilor Rossetti reported that the Committee approved 8 positions, including 4 Fire Department promotions and the new City Clerk.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>B. Mayor's Request
209518
(ID:22355)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jennifer Mancia as Executive Director of the Women's Commission.</p> | <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>C. Mayor's Request
210490
(ID:23337)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Hayley Bermel to the Commission for Women.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>D. Mayor's Request
211298
(ID:24183)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jennifer Mancia as Executive Director of the Women's Commission.</p> | <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request
211299
(ID:24185)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nancy Salamoun as Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission.</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
211412
(ID:24273)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kimberly Sheridan to the Commission for Women.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

<p>G. Mayor's Request 211413 (ID:24274)</p>	<p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Arlen Weiner to the Commission for Women.</p>
<p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>	
<p>H. Mayor's Request 211747 (ID:24589)</p>	<p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Holly Simione to the Commission for Person with Disabilities.</p>
<p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>	
<p>I. Mayor's Request 211966 (ID:24844)</p>	<p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Timothy Bakey to the position of Fire Captain.</p>
<p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>	
<p>J. Mayor's Request 211967 (ID:24845)</p>	<p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Barry Hamilton to the position of Fire Lieutenant.</p>
<p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>	
<p>K. Mayor's Request 211968 (ID:24846)</p>	<p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Andrew Guralnick to the position of Fire Lieutenant.</p>
<p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>	
<p>L. Mayor's Request 211969 (ID:24847)</p>	<p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brendan Noonan to the position of Fire Lieutenant.</p>
<p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>	
<p>M. Order 212147 (ID:25070)</p>	<p>By City Councilor McLaughlin In his capacity as President, recommending the appointment of Kimberly Wells to the position of City Clerk.</p>
<p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>	

13. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212170 (ID:26107) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on July 7, 2021.

Councilor Strezo said the Committee received updates on the rental moratorium, playground communication boards and the SomerVision 2040 plan.

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

14. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212171 (ID:26104) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on June 29, 2021.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said the Committee took stock of what remains to be dealt with. Several map change amendments were recommended for approval. The committee was updated by the Planning Department about some changes relative to the sale of cannabis. Councilor Scott said two of the map changes (471 Somerville Ave and 92 Properzi Way), had gone through the neighborhood process and are supported by neighborhood.

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

- B. Public Communication 211675 (ID:24575) Scott Zink proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone his property at 471 Somerville Avenue from Urban Residential to MR4.

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

- C. Public Communication 211988 (ID:24876) Moshe Safdie proposing a zoning amendment to extend the Small Business Overlay to his property at 92 Properzi Way.

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

- D. Public Communication 212047 (ID:24956) Senthil Kumar proposing a zoning amendment to rezone his property at 8-8A Melvin Street from Mid Rise 5 to Neighborhood Residential.

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

- E. Mayor's Request 212051 (ID:24918) Requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to revise the façade build-out dimensional standard for any Apartment Building in the Urban Residence district when abutting the Neighborhood Residence district.

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

15. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212172 (ID:26106) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on July 6, 2021.

Councilor Davis reported that 2 items were recommended for approval. The Committee also held a lengthy discussion on a proposed amendment to Ordinance 2-123 (#211812) and ended up discharging it without a recommendation. Councilor Davis said he has since had discussions with Councilors White and McLaughlin and would like to refer it back to Committee.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Ordinance 211812 (ID:24721) By City Councilor White Jr., Scott, Clingan, Mbah, Davis, Ballantyne Proposing an amendment to Ordinance 2-123 that would require notification to this Council of claims against the City filed at the MA Commission Against Discrimination.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

- C. Order 211818 (ID:24767) By City Councilor Niedergang, Clingan, Davis That this Council consider amending the Demolition Review Ordinance to extend the maximum demolition delay period that the Historic Preservation Commission can impose on buildings of historical value from 12 months to 18 months.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Mayor's Request 211954 (ID:24824) Requesting adoption of MGL c48, s59A, authorizing the Fire Department to Provide Mutual Aid.

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

- E. Mayor's Request 212131 (ID:25047) Requesting, with Councilor McLaughlin, approval of an amendment to Ordinance 2-309.5, the Veterans Commission Ordinance, to permit Hero Square dedications for both living and deceased service members who served during wartime.

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

16. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212173 (ID:26108) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on July 7, 2021.

Councilor White informed the Council that an ordinance amendment to prohibit pawn brokers in the city was recommended for approval.

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

- B. License/Permit 212145 (ID:25016) New Flammables License, 101 South Street Owner LLC, 101 South St, storing 6,984 gallons.

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

- C. Officer's Communication 212152 (ID:25057) City Solicitor submitting an amendment to the Municipal Ordinances to prohibit pawnbroking.

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

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

17. Mayor's Request 212174 (ID:26094) Requesting to appear in executive session as to the proposed settlement of a pending claim.

Solicitor Wright advised that the four items on the agenda are appropriate for discussion in Executive Session. The Council entered into Executive Session at 9:00 PM to discuss all four items. The meeting reconvened at 11:00 PM, and Councilor Rossetti reported that President McLaughlin was recused from agenda items 17 and 19 (#212174 and #212176) and that one vote was taken on #212174.

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

18. Mayor's Request 212175 (ID:26095) Requesting to appear in executive session regarding an HVAC contract claim.
- Solicitor Wright advised that the four items on the agenda are appropriate for discussion in Executive Session. The Council entered into Executive Session at 9:00 PM to discuss all four items. The meeting reconvened at 11:00 PM, and Councilor Rossetti reported that President McLaughlin was recused from agenda items 17 and 19 (#212174 and #212176) and that one vote was taken on #212174.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
19. Mayor's Request 212176 (ID:26097) Requesting to appear in executive session to discuss the recent arbitrator's decision involving the Somerville Police Employee's Association.
- Solicitor Wright advised that the four items on the agenda are appropriate for discussion in Executive Session. The Council entered into Executive Session at 9:00 PM to discuss all four items. The meeting reconvened at 11:00 PM, and Councilor Rossetti reported that President McLaughlin was recused from agenda items 17 and 19 (#212174 and #212176) and that one vote was taken on #212174.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
20. Mayor's Request 212177 (ID:26098) Requesting to appear in executive session to discuss the proposed settlement of opioid litigation involving the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy case.
- Solicitor Wright advised that the four items on the agenda are appropriate for discussion in Executive Session. The Council entered into Executive Session at 9:00 PM to discuss all four items. The meeting reconvened at 11:00 PM, and Councilor Rossetti reported that President McLaughlin was recused from agenda items 17 and 19 (#212174 and #212176) and that one vote was taken on #212174.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
21. Mayor's Request 212178 (ID:25084) Requesting approval to appropriate \$323,737.91 from the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund to provide capital project building renovation and improvement services.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 21-27 and approve them.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

22. Mayor's Request 212179 (ID:25083) Requesting approval to appropriate \$230,515.51 from the Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing Stabilization Fund for pavement assessments, street resurfacing, and pavement marking services.

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

23. Mayor's Request 212180 (ID:24901) Requesting acceptance of a \$298,280 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Mental Health to the Police Department for Crisis Intervention Team training.

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

24. Mayor's Request 212181 (ID:25018) Requesting acceptance of a \$239,544.18 grant that requires a \$23,954.42 match, from FEMA to the Fire Department for Fire Officer training.

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

25. Mayor's Request 212182 (ID:25024) Requesting acceptance of a \$117,108 grant with no new match required, from The MA Office of Elder Affairs to the Council on Aging for programming, transportation, salary, equipment and other needs of the elderly.

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

26. Mayor's Request 212183 (ID:24902) Requesting acceptance of a \$37,315 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Mental Health to the Police Department for the Jail Diversion Program.

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

27. Mayor's Request 212184 (ID:25086) Requesting approval to pay two prior year invoices totaling \$816 using available FY21 funds in the Treasury Department Professional & Technical Services Account for FY20 online ACH fees.

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

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| <p>28. Mayor's Request
212185
(ID:26093)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to change three polling places, attached, due to the relaxing of COVID-19 restrictions which allow a return to the previous polling locations.</p> |
| <p>Election Commissioner Nick Salerno explained that 3 polling places will be changed: Ward 3 Pct 1 will return to Properzi Manor, Ward 6 Pct 3 will move to the West Branch Library, and Ward 7 Pct 3 will return to the VNA on Alewife Brook Parkway.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>29. Mayor's Request
212186
(ID:26090)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ann Fullerton to the Zoning Board of Appeals.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> | |
| <p>30. Mayor's Request
212187
(ID:26091)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Stephanos Axios to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate Member.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> | |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| <p>31. Officer's Communication
212188
(ID:26096)</p> | <p>City Solicitor requesting approval to retain Petrini & Associates, P.C. as outside legal counsel in the HVAC contract matter.</p> |
| <p>Attorney Chris Brown from Petrini & Associates, P. C. spoke about his firm's experience in municipal law, infrastructure work, procurement and public construction contracts. The fees for the firm's services will range from \$150/hour for paralegal work up to \$300/hour for Attorney Petrini.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>32. Officer's Communication
212189
(ID:26089)</p> | <p>Planning Board conveying its recommendations on #'s 211170, 211433, 211611, 211612, and 211693, all requests to amend the Zoning Ordinances.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
 FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> | |

33. Officer's Communication 212190 (ID:25022) Acting Chief of Police responding to #211929 re: Housing Authority Police reforms.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

34. Officer's Communication 212191 (ID:26111) City Clerk submitting his resignation as of July 23, 2021.

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

NEW BUSINESS

35. License/Permit 212192 (ID:25087) Public Event License, Moore/Mead Sts Block Party, from Claremon St to Holland St, July 11, 1:30pm-5:30pm (raindate July 18).

Councilor White moved to waive the readings and approve the items.
RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

36. License/Permit 212193 (ID:26116) Public Event License, Indiana Ave Block Party, July 18, 2-10pm (raindate July 25).

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

37. License/Permit 212194 (ID:26123) Public Event License, SomerViva and MIRA Coalition Celebration of Immigrant Workers, East Somerville Community School Turf Field and Basketball Court, July 23, 3:30-6:30PM.

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

38. License/Permit 212195 (ID:25067) Public Event License, Gorham St Block Party, from Tannery Brook Row to Holland St, July 24, 8am-10pm (raindate July 25)

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

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| 39. License/Permit
212196
(ID:25065) | Public Event License, East Morrison Ave Block Party, Morrison Ave from Highland Rd to Prichard Ave, July 24, 1pm-8pm (raindate July 25). | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 40. License/Permit
212197
(ID:26118) | Public Event License, Tennyson St Block Party, From Pembroke St to Medford St, July 24, 1-8:30pm (raindate July 25). | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 41. License/Permit
212198
(ID:26126) | Public Event License, Arts Council and Zili Misik Project Misik Workshops and Performances, Blessing of the Bay Boathouse grassy area only, Jul 28, Aug 4,11,25, Sep 11, 5-9PM (raindates Jul 29, Aug 5,12,26, Sep 12). | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 42. License/Permit
212199
(ID:25069) | Public Event License, 7ate9 Bakery National Cheesecake Day Celebration, parking spaces in front of 199C Highland Ave, July 31, 7am-6pm (raindate Aug 1). | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 43. License/Permit
212200
(ID:26119) | Public Event License, SmartBear Software Pan Mass Run, Assembly Row area, Aug 5, Noon-5:30PM. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 44. License/Permit
212201
(ID:26128) | Public Event License, One Entertainment Somerville Kite and Arts Festival, Dilboy Auxiliary A Field, Aug 7, 8AM-4PM. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 45. License/Permit
212202
(ID:26127) | Public Event License, Arts Council Yart Sale, citywide, Aug 14, 10AM-5PM (raindate Aug 15). | <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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| 46. License/Permit
212203
(ID:25068) | Public Event License, Electric Ave Block Party, from Packard Ave to Mason St, Aug 14, 11am-6pm (raindate Aug 15). | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 47. License/Permit
212204
(ID:26125) | Public Event License, Bromfield Rd Block Party, Aug 21, 11AM-7PM (raindate Aug 28). | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 48. License/Permit
212205
(ID:25066) | Public Event License, Wallace St Block Party, from Broadway to Holland Street, Aug 28, 2pm-9:30pm (raindate Aug 29). | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 49. License/Permit
212206
(ID:26120) | Public Event License, bent/haus Water Misting Installation, Chuckie Harris Park, Aug 28, 6-10PM (raindate Aug 29). | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 50. License/Permit
212207
(ID:26117) | Public Event License, FRIT Riverfest 2021, Assembly Row area, Sep 18, 10AM-11PM. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 51. License/Permit
212208
(ID:26115) | Public Event License, Irving St Block Party, Sep 18, 11:30am-7pm (raindate Sep 25). | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 52. License/Permit
212209
(ID:26114) | Public Event License, Kids Like You and Me Somerville Cambridge Underground Pop Arts Performance Showcase, Lincoln Park Basketball Court, September 18, 1-5PM (raindate October 2). | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 53. License/Permit
212210
(ID:26122) | Public Event License, Prospect Hill Block Party, Munroe St from Prospect Hill Ave to Bigelow St, Sep 18, 1-8pm (raindate Sep 19). | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 54. License/Permit
212211
(ID:26121) | Public Event License, Lexington Ave Block Party, From Hancock St to Cedar St, Sep 19, 4-9pm (raindate Sep 26). | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 55. License/Permit
212212
(ID:26113) | Public Event License, Police Dept. Collier Kickball Extravaganza, Trum Field, September 25, 7AM-6PM. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 56. License/Permit
212213
(ID:26112) | Public Event License, All Community Events Somerville Hot Cider Hustle 8K Road Race, Assembly Row area and Mystic Reservation, October 30, 4AM-Noon. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 57. Public
Communication
212214
(ID:26110) | Gilman Sq Neighborhood Association, Union Square Neighborhood Council Board, and 526 citizens submitting comments re: rezoning 343 Medford St. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 58. Mayor's
Request
212215
(ID:26130) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$25,254.23 from various DPW accounts using available FY22 funds. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
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| <p>59. Mayor's Request
212216
(ID:26129)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$2,500 using available funds in the Human Resources Department Arbitration Services Account for June 2021 arbitration services.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>60. License/Permit
212217
(ID:26135)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Bay State Ave Block Party, from Kidder Ave to Foskett St, July 31, 4PM-12AM (raindate Aug 1).</p> |
| <p>Councilor White moved to waive the readings of items 60-64 and approve all but 64, which should be sent to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>61. License/Permit
212218
(ID:26134)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Art Council Rock and Roll Yard Sale, Union Sq parking lot, Sept 11, 9AM-6PM (raindate Sept 12).</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>62. License/Permit
212219
(ID:26124)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Hudson St Block Party, From Waldo St to Central St, Oct 2, 2-8pm (raindate Oct 3).</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>63. License/Permit
212220
(ID:26133)</p> | <p>New Sign/Awning Permit, Waikiki Sushi and Poke, 27 Holland Street, for double sided blade sign and back lit channel sign over public sidewalk.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>64. License/Permit
212221
(ID:26132)</p> | <p>New Garage License, Brazil Auto Repair Inc, 621 Somerville Avenue, 2 autos inside, 0 outside for mechanical repairs only, operating Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, Sun: Closed.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee</p> | |

LATE ITEMS

65. Resolution 212222 (ID:26142) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. Standing in solidarity with the Tufts Labor Coalition and Tufts dining workers.

Councilor Ballantyne sponsored Tufts student David Boulet-Gercourt and Dining Hall worker Patricia O’Brien, who reported that there has been no progress with Tufts and they asked for the Council’s continued support. This is the first time that Tufts has not allowed dining hall workers to collect unemployment payments and many workers have not received a paycheck since May. The dining hall workers were laid off since there were no summer classes or summer programs. Ms. O’Brien told the Council that the unemployment office didn’t reject the claims but rather, Tufts blocked them.

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

66. Mayor's Request 212132 (ID:25038) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$7,000,000 in a bond for citywide water meter replacement.

Discharged from the Finance Committee. Director of Water and Sewer Chad Whiting explained that the water meters in the city are reaching the end of their life cycle. Councilor Ewen-Campen asked why the debt service interest rate is 3.5% and Mr. Whiting said it's just an estimate, with the actual rate set when the bond is issued. He said residents will be notified in advance of the change-out and no work will be performed without the authorization of the property owner. Photos will be taken of the old meters and readings and the information will be transferred to the new meters.

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

67. Mayor's Request 211848 (ID:24603) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$387.30 using available funds in the Infrastructure and Asset Management Fee Account for delinquent EZ Pass toll invoices.

Discharged from the Finance Committee.

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

68. Mayor's Request 211850 (ID:24698) Requesting approval of a time-only extension for The Robinson Green Beretta Corp. contract for construction administration at the Buena Vista Garage through 8/31/2021.

Discharged from the Finance Committee.

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

69. Order 212223 (ID:26138) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Mobility work with the MBTA to add a bus shelter at the McGrath Highway bus stop across the highway from Twin City Plaza.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
70. Order 212224 (ID:26139) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works, the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Director of Sustainability and Environment pilot a project to reduce the heat island effect on asphalt using materials to cool it.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee
71. Order 212225 (ID:26140) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Clingan, White Jr.
That Eversource representatives be requested to appear before the next meeting of this Council’s Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to respond to the gas leak data along Somerville Avenue.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
72. Order 212226 (ID:26141) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Clingan
That the City Solicitor advise the Ward 4 and Ward 7 Councilors whether Tufts' new parking enforcement technology is in compliance with the Surveillance Ordinance and whether it scans Somerville's public ways.
- Councilors Ballantyne and Clingan asked to understand more about this technology as it has impacted some residents.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:20 PM.