

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2020, 7:00 PM
 City Council Chamber-City Hall-93 Highland Avenue

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OPENING CEREMONIES

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Stephanie Hirsch | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Absent | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Absent | |
| 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.
 209456
 (ID:22370) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 209457
 (ID:22377) Councilor Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Helen Manetta.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, November 26, 2019, and the
 209458 Regular Meeting, November 26, 2019.
 (ID:22371) **RESULT: APPROVED**

CITATIONS

4. Citation 209459 (ID:22374) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen Commending Mark Howland, who has served for 15 years on the Board of Library Trustees for the betterment of Somerville's public libraries.

Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the Citation, and Mr. Howland spoke about the importance of the newly-established Library Foundation.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Location 209460 (ID:22323) Submitted by Eversource to install 43 feet of conduit in Grand Union Boulevard from manhole #26212 to a traffic light signal at the intersection of Grand Union Blvd and Revolution Drive.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

6. Grant of Location 209461 (ID:22324) Submitted by Eversource to install 21 feet of conduit in Nashua Street from utility pole 252/5 to a point of pickup at 40 Nashua Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. Councilor Niedergang requested this to go to Committee to find out about the affected retaining wall, and who owns it. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

7. Grant of Location 209462 (ID:22325) Submitted by Eversource to install 23 feet of conduit in Holland Street from manhole #8247 to a point of pickup at 17-27 Holland Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing

RESULT: APPROVED

8. Grant of Location 209463 (ID:22326) Submitted by 86 Franklin Street LLC to install 36 feet of conduit in Franklin Street from utility pole 134/20 to a point of pickup at 84 Franklin Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Patrick Lynch, representing the property owner, discussed the work to be completed. Councilor Scott asked why Eversource was not the petitioner, and Mr. Lynch responded that the application was designed to expedite the work. Councilor Scott recommended sending this to Committee for further questioning. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

9. Order 209464 (ID:22302) By City Councilor Davis, McLaughlin
That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of SPCD report to all Ward Councilors all properties in their respective Wards registered under the Vacant Property Ordinance, with a record of any fees or fines paid, and the dates of any compliance inspections.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. Order 209465 (ID:22303) By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide the Ward 6 Councilor with a written update, before 1/23/20, on plans to repair the brick sidewalks and crosswalks in Davis Square.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. Order 209466 (ID:22304) By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management update the Ward 6 Councilor on alternative locations for electrical equipment in the Brown School green space.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

12. Order 209467 (ID:22305) By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide the Ward 6 Councilor with a written update, before 1/23/20, on plans for the Willow Avenue to Grove Street sewer and storm drain project and how to mitigate flooding in that area in the interim.

RESULT: APPROVED

13. Resolution 209468 (ID:22306) By City Councilor Davis
That the Mayor and the Director of SPCD commence a public planning process for 45 College Avenue that includes a large accessible public meeting space with access for West Branch Library programming.

RESULT: APPROVED

14. Resolution 209469 (ID:22307) By City Councilor Davis
That the Mayor and the Director of SPCD commence a public planning process to consider designating pedestrian-only streets in Davis Square, with corresponding changes to traffic patterns.

RESULT: APPROVED

15. Resolution 209470 (ID:22308) By City Councilor Davis
That the Mayor and the Director of SPCD advise the Ward 6 Councilor on options for developing a four season market hall/small business incubator space in Davis Square, including the possible use of the parking lot at Day and Herbert Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

16. Resolution 209471 (ID:22358) By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang, Ballantyne, Clingan, Mbah
That the Administration update this Council on the plan to inform residents of the expanded eligibility for tax deferral programs.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

17. Order 209472 (ID:22359) By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Director of SPCD report back to this Council on the feasibility of piloting passive sensor mid-block pedestrian crosswalk lights that automatically flash when a person approaches the crosswalk.

RESULT: APPROVED

18. Resolution 209473 (ID:22360) By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang
That the Administration update this Council on the teen snow shoveling program, including shoveler recruitment efforts and new income eligibility restrictions for enrollees.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

19. Resolution 209474 (ID:22361) By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang
That the Administration consider undertaking a targeted mailing to prior-year violators of snow shoveling requirements.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

20. Order 209475 (ID:22362) By City Councilor Hirsch, McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD, the Director of Finance or the City Solicitor inform this Council how the City will be able to ensure that deed restrictions remain during the transfer of a property.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

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| 21. | Order 209476 (ID:22363) | <p>By City Councilor Hirsch, Mbah That the Director of Water and Sewer and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide additional information regarding the elevated lead level notification, such as when the City learned about the results, how the results have been communicated, and where residents can find more information.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Councilor Hirsch has heard from concerned constituents regarding the elevated lead level notification and requested more information on the City's communication plan.</p> <p>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> </div> |
| 22. | Order 209477 (ID:22364) | <p>By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang That the Director of SPCD consider strategies to reduce the volume and impact of package delivery vehicles, such as encouraging smaller or electric vehicles and cargo bike parking, as has been tried in Manhattan and Seattle.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> </div> |
| 23. | Order 209478 (ID:22365) | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Hirsch, Davis, Mbah, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Scott That the Director of SPCD present recommendations for an "Affordable Housing Overlay District" to this Council's Committee on Land Use, to facilitate the construction of new affordable housing.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> </div> |
| 24. | Order 209479 (ID:22366) | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Clingan, Hirsch, Davis, Mbah, Niedergang That the Committee on Housing and Community Development convene a Public Hearing on the ongoing Tufts Payment in Lieu of Taxes negotiations, and request written answers from the Administrations to the attached questions raised by the "ORS Pilot Working Group."</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Councilor Ballantyne reminded the community that two years ago a survey was conducted to create a wish list for negotiations, and the negotiating team has been moving forward with those suggestions.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> </div> |
| 25. | Order 209480 (ID:22367) | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD update this Council on when a 2020 Housing Needs Assessment study will be complete.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> </div> |

26. Order 209481 (ID:22368) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis, Hirsch, Mbah, Scott That the Director of SPCD ensure that tree removal permits aren't granted for properties currently subject to a "Stop Work" order.

RESULT: APPROVED

27. Order 209482 (ID:22369) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott That the Director of Engineering construct a pedestrian crosswalk across Washington Street in front of the Public Safety Building. (2nd request)

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

28. Grant of Location 209187 (ID:22040) Submitted by ExteNet Systems to install a small cell wireless antenna and related equipment on an existing utility pole near 59 Dartmouth Street.

City Clerk Long reported that the petitioner has asked that the item remain on the table.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

29. 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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

30. Mayor's Request 209483 (ID:22373) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$6,000,000 in a bond for the renovation of the Arthur D. Healey Schoolyard.

Councilor Clingan expressed the importance of getting this project's funding in place.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

31. Mayor's Request 209484 (ID:22290) Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 grant per year for 2020, 2021 and 2022, with no new match required, from the MA Department of Health to the Health and Human Services Department for opioid overdose prevention for homeless and at-risk-for-homelessness populations in Somerville and Cambridge.

Councilor Scott requested to waive the readings of items 31 through 36 and approve them, as they were all grants. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 32. Mayor's Request 209485 (ID:22287) | Requesting acceptance of a \$83,616 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Public Safety to the Fire Department for staffing costs. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 33. Mayor's Request 209486 (ID:22244) | Requesting acceptance of a \$20,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for traffic enforcement programs. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 34. Mayor's Request 209487 (ID:22271) | Requesting acceptance of a \$7,181.10 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Public Safety to the Fire Department for the purchase of firefighting gloves. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 35. Mayor's Request 209488 (ID:22286) | Requesting acceptance of a \$2,218 grant with no new match required, from FM Global to the Fire Department to purchase a tablet and two cameras for fire investigators. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 36. Mayor's Request 209489 (ID:22285) | Requesting acceptance of a \$2,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Public Health to the Department of Health and Human Services "The 84" Middle School Pilot Chapter project. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 37. Mayor's Request 209490 (ID:22329) | Requesting approval of an annual Vacant Property Registration Fee of \$500. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 38. Mayor's Request 209491 (ID:22291) | Requesting approval of an exemption for David Gibbs pursuant to MGL c268A, s20(d). | Councilor Scott requested to waive the readings of items 38 through 66 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 39. Mayor's Request 209492 (ID:22283) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Dave Goodridge to the position of Chief Information Officer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

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| 40. Mayor's Request 209493 (ID:22328) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Angela Allen as Purchasing Agent. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>RESULT:</td> <td>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOLLOWUP:</td> <td>Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION | FOLLOWUP: | Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
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| 41. Mayor's Request 209494 (ID:22330) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Edward Bean as Finance Director. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>RESULT:</td> <td>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOLLOWUP:</td> <td>Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION | FOLLOWUP: | Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
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| 44. Mayor's Request 209497 (ID:22333) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of John DeLuca as Director of Water & Sewer. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>RESULT:</td> <td>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOLLOWUP:</td> <td>Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION | FOLLOWUP: | Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
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| 45. Mayor's Request 209498 (ID:22334) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Frank Wright as City Solicitor. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>RESULT:</td> <td>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOLLOWUP:</td> <td>Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION | FOLLOWUP: | Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
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| 46. Mayor's Request 209499 (ID:22335) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Candace Cooper as Director of Personnel. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>RESULT:</td> <td>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOLLOWUP:</td> <td>Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION | FOLLOWUP: | Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
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| 47. Mayor's Request 209500 (ID:22336) | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Steve Craig as 311 Director.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 48. Mayor's Request 209501 (ID:22337) | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Suzanne Rinfret as Director of Parking.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 49. Mayor's Request 209502 (ID:22338) | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Doug Kress as Director of Health and Human Services.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 50. Mayor's Request 209503 (ID:22339) | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Jill Lathan as Director of Parks and Recreation.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 51. Mayor's Request 209504 (ID:22340) | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of William Roche as Municipal Hearing Officer.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 52. Mayor's Request 209505 (ID:22341) | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Rose Durham as Clerk of Committees.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 53. Mayor's Request 209506 (ID:22342) | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Peter Forcellese, Sr. as Legislative Clerk.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

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| 54. Mayor's Request 209507 (ID:22343) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Kimberly Wells as Assistant Clerk of Committees. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>RESULT:</td> <td>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOLLOWUP:</td> <td>Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION | FOLLOWUP: | Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
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| 56. Mayor's Request 209509 (ID:22345) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Steven MacEachern as Commissioner of Public Works. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>RESULT:</td> <td>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOLLOWUP:</td> <td>Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION | FOLLOWUP: | Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
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| 57. Withdrawn 209510 (ID:22346) | Withdrawn. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>RESULT:</td> <td>WITHDRAWN</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | WITHDRAWN | | |
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| 60. Mayor's Request 209513 (ID:22349) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rich Raiche as Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>RESULT:</td> <td>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOLLOWUP:</td> <td>Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION | FOLLOWUP: | Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
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| 61. Mayor's Request 209514 (ID:22350) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jessica Fosbrook as City Engineer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 62. Mayor's Request 209515 (ID:22351) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rachel Taylor as Animal Control Officer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 63. Mayor's Request 209516 (ID:22269) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Julie Coen as Animal Control Officer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 64. Mayor's Request 209517 (ID:22353) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Linda Dubuque as Treasurer/Collector of Taxes. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 65. Mayor's Request 209518 (ID:22355) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jennifer Mancia as Executive Director of the Women's Commission. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 66. Mayor's Request 209519 (ID:22356) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nancy Salamoun as Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 67. Officer's Communication 209520 (ID:22289) | Assistant City Solicitor seeking approval to appear before this Council to discuss approval of the settlement of a pending claim in connection with the flood occurring at City Hall on 11/23/2018. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
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68. Officer's Communication 209521 (ID:22288) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #209048 re: the impacts of development along Alewife Brook Parkway on the Algonquin Gas Transmission Pipeline located there.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

69. Officer's Communication 209522 (ID:22292) Director of Personnel responding to #209367 re: the appointment of a Chief Information Officer.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

NEW BUSINESS

70. License/Permit 209523 (ID:22327) Public Event License, Tufts University Tuftonia's Day, Professors Row between Packard Ave and Curtis St, Apr 24, 5-9PM (raindate Apr 26).

Councilor Mbah requested to waive the readings of items 70 through 82 and approve them and Councilor Davis requested that item 74 be sent to the Licenses and Permits Committee for follow-up. There being no opposition, Councilor Mbah's motion was approved as amended.
RESULT: APPROVED

71. License/Permit 209524 (ID:22316) Renewing Garage License, Junior Auto Body, 486R Columbia St.

RESULT: APPROVED

72. License/Permit 209525 (ID:22322) Renewing Automatic Amusement Devices License, Cuisine En Locale, 156 Highland Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED

73. License/Permit 209526 (ID:22311) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Nine Bar Espresso, 11 Holland St.

RESULT: APPROVED

74. License/Permit 209527 (ID:22312) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Ball Square Cafe and Breakfast, 708 Broadway.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

75. License/Permit 209528 (ID:22313) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, MedWell Health and Wellness, 55 Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

76. License/Permit 209529 (ID:22314) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Taco Party, 711 Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 77. | License/Permit 209530 (ID:22315) | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Oat Shop, 20 College Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 78. | License/Permit 209531 (ID:22317) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, 28 Motorsports, 486R Columbia St. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 79. | License/Permit 209532 (ID:22318) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Automotive Transport Service, 40 Joy St. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 80. | License/Permit 209533 (ID:22319) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor Pl. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 81. | License/Permit 209534 (ID:22320) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, James Kiley Co, 15 Linwood St. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 82. | License/Permit 209535 (ID:22321) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Real Auto Shop, 463 McGrath Hwy. | RESULT: APPROVED |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 83. | Communication 209536 (ID:22381) | By City Councilor McLaughlin In his capacity as President, conveying this Council's Standing and Special Committee assignments and Commission appointments for 2020. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| 84. | Order 209537 (ID:22378) | By City Councilor Mbah That the Director of SPCD and the Commissioner of Public Works convert the traffic light at Powderhouse Blvd. and Curtis Street into a 4-way STOP signal. Councilor Ballantyne requested that she not be listed as a co-sponsor. She said the City needs to gather data before a decision can be made on this intersection. | RESULT: APPROVED |

85. Order 209538 (ID:22379) By City Councilor Mbah, Davis
That the Director of SPCD and the Commissioner of Public Works relocate the traffic signal in Davis Square on Elm Street outside the Burren to the appropriate crosswalk location.

RESULT: APPROVED

86. Order 209539 (ID:22386) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne, Davis, Clingan
That the City Solicitor inform this Council of the minimum condition that would allow the Supervisor of Inspectional Services or the Commissioner of Public Works to clear a sidewalk that is in violation of the snow shoveling ordinance, and charge or lien the property owner for the cost.

Councilor Niedergang said the City needs to be as aggressive as possible in forcing people to clean their sidewalks.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

87. Order 209540 (ID:22387) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne
That the Director of Communications discuss with this Council the possibility of a mailing or a flyer to all property owners, and/or all residents, every year or two, informing them of their responsibilities under the snow shoveling ordinance.

Councilor Niedergang said that with the large turnover of residents, we can't assume everyone knows about snow shoveling laws. People need to be informed every year or every other year.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

88. Ordinance 209541 (ID:22388) By City Councilor Scott
That the newly passed Wage Theft Ordinance be amended to have a start date of June 1, 2020.

Councilor Scott reported that this ordinance amendment was requested by the Administration.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Rossetti, White Jr.

89. Ordinance 209542 (ID:22389) By City Councilor Scott
That this Council's Committee on Licenses and Permits consider several amendments to the newly passed Wage Theft Ordinance, including wage bond advisory provisions.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

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| 90. | Ordinance 209543 (ID:22391) | By City Councilor Ballantyne, Niedergang That Ordinance 1-11(b) be amended relative to Sections 12-8 and Sections 12-9 to read as set forth in the attachment. |
| | | <p>Councilor Ballantyne reported that she'd like the fine bumped up to \$300 for repeat offenders.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |
| 91. | Order 209544 (ID:22392) | By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Parks and Recreation discuss the impacts, updates and usage of Founders Rink being used for indoor soccer. |
| | | <p>Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 91 through 93 and refer item 91 and 93 to the Open Space Committee, and 92 to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee</p> |
| 92. | Order 209545 (ID:22393) | By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Directors of Finance, SomerStat and the Budget provide a comprehensive updated Capital Improvement Plan for all projects scheduled to come before this Council for funding by the end of FY20 and projected 5 years out. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 93. | Order 209546 (ID:22394) | By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD discuss what can be done to mitigate the flooding of Alewife Brook Parkway and Mystic Valley Parkway. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee</p> |
| 94. | Mayor's Request 209547 (ID:22375) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Daniel Roche to the position of Firefighter. |
| | | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 95. | Mayor's Request 209548 (ID:22376) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Randy Oliver to the position of Firefighter. |
| | | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

96. Officer's Communication 209549 (ID:22383) City Solicitor requesting to appear in Executive Session to discuss Civil Service Commission Bypass Appeal No. G2-19-256.

The Council moved to Executive Session at 7:30 PM and reconvened at 7:45 PM. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

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

97. Officer's Communication 209550 (ID:22390) School Committee Member Sarah Phillips requesting an exemption under MGL c268A s20(d).

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

98. Officer's Communication 209551 (ID:22385) Senior Planner presenting SomerVision 2040 to this Council.

Senior Planner Melissa Woods presented the Comprehensive Plan for SomerVision 2040. She said the Plan focuses on Equity, in planning and in implementation, and Displacement, specifically for families, small businesses, and nonprofits.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

99. Officer's Communication 209552 (ID:22398) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #206959, deeming Newport Construction and Northern Tree to be “not considered responsible bidders or offerors” for 5 years.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

LATE ITEMS

100. Order 209553 (ID:22395) By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Davis, McLaughlin, Mbah That the Chief of Police report to this Council on plans to assign more officers to the Traffic Enforcement Division, instruct patrol officers to make traffic enforcement a higher priority, and increase the ratio of payable to warning citations.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

101. Ordinance 209554 (ID:22396) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, Clingan, Mbah, Davis That the effective date of the Surveillance Oversight Ordinance be amended to be October 15, 2020.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

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102. Order 209555 (ID:22402) By City Councilor Davis
That the following items be discharged from the Legislative Matters Committee and referred to the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy: 203365, 205683, 206495, 207480, 207999, 208567, and 209358.
- Councilor Davis noted that Councilor Ballantyne, Chair of the Committee on Open Space, requested that items in the Committee on Legislative Matters relative to the Native Species Ordinance and the Public Space Conservation Ordinance be moved to the Committee on Open Space.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
103. Order 203365 (ID:16068) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring native tree and plantings for all open space, to meet the goals of sustainability and biodiversity.
- Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters pursuant to #209555 and referred to the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION**
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee
104. Public Communication 205683 (ID:18433) Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #203365, calling for a native planting ordinance.
- Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters pursuant to #209555 and referred to the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION**
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee
105. Order 206495 (ID:19288) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott, Davis
That the City Solicitor consider the attached language in the drafting of a Native Tree and Plantings Ordinance, as ordered by #203365.
- Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters pursuant to #209555 and referred to the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION**
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee
106. Order 207480 (ID:20296) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the City Solicitor review the legal standing of each site identified in Sec. 12-131 of the proposed Public Space Conservation Ordinance to identify if there are any terms by which each site was acquired, or is held, that would prevent it from being dedicated to the public.
- Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters pursuant to #209555 and referred to the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION**
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

107. Public Communication 207999 (ID:20799) 3 residents submitting comments re: #206495, the proposed native plant ordinance.
- Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters pursuant to #209555 and referred to the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee
108. Public Communication 208567 (ID:21343) Elizabeth Lundgren submitting comments re: #206495, the proposed native plant ordinance.
- Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters pursuant to #209555 and referred to the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee
109. Order 209358 (ID:22188) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring the City to replace green space for those public spaces already dedicated to the public.
- Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters pursuant to #209555 and referred to the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:35 PM.