

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2020, 7:00 PM
 City Council Chamber-City Hall-93 Highland Avenue

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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.
 209791
 (ID:22740) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 209792
 (ID:22741) Councilor Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Carol Taylor, Earl Smith and Carl Carey. Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Alice Janian.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 13, 2020.
 209793
 (ID:22742) **RESULT: APPROVED**

CITATIONS

- 4. Citation 209794 (ID:22765) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, and the Mayor Commending Erica Jones, who is leaving the Somerville Media Center after 7 years of distinguished service and advocacy for community media.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted Erica Jones was unable to attend the meeting, but will make sure she receives the citation. Councilor Ballantyne shared a thankful email she received from Ms. Jones.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 5. Grant of Location 209795 (ID:22714) Submitted by Eversource to install 41.5 feet of conduit in Broadway from manhole 25296 to a point of pickup at 419 Broadway.

The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 6. Order 209796 (ID:22646) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Parks and Recreation arrange to have port-a-potties available at the public parks for the 2020 summer months.

Councilor Ballantyne noted the public would really like to have port-a-potties in all of the parks.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

- 7. Order 209797 (ID:22723) By City Councilor Rossetti, Hirsch, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of Health and Human Services consider implementing a pilot program in a section of the City to deal with rat infestations and increased monitoring of properties.

Councilor Rossetti said the Rodent Committee meeting will be presented to the public this evening. The meeting was attended by residents and a rodent control inspector, who discussed great things Boston is doing. She expressed the need for Somerville to take note of what Boston has accomplished.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

8. Order
209798
(ID:22727)

By City Councilor Hirsch, McLaughlin

That the Director of Health and Human Services appear before this Council with an update on measures to reduce the spread of the coronavirus and to support anyone who may become infected.

The Mayor provided an update on the rapidly increasing Coronavirus outbreak. There are three presumptive positive Coronavirus cases in Somerville. He anticipates the number will increase based on data from CBC and WHO. He discussed the City's response: all city buildings and schools have been closed for two weeks, and the City's Emergency Response Team has been activated, led by former Legislative Liaison Omar Boukili. The city is working on ways to feed 2/3 of the children who receive free lunches, and ways to eliminate the burden on the health care system. Nationally there are over one million ICU beds, with a shortage of 100,000. A panel of Somerville medical experts determined we don't have the capacity to meet the coming surge. A vaccine won't be available for at least a year. Steps to help control the virus include washing hands, social distancing, and checking on the elderly. School closures may last 4 to 8 weeks or longer. Key services in the community will continue, such as Police and Fire. Councilor Rossetti expressed how important it is for the public to receive updates.

Councilor Rossetti asked if discussion have been held with union leadership, and if employees will be paid during the outbreak. The Mayor responded that everyone will be paid, and stipend employees will not be sent home without pay. Councilor Clingan asked if the city is working with community health partners such as the Cambridge Health Alliance, and if the emergency room will still be closed in April. Health Director Doug Kress responded that the CHA is reviewing the closure, and is not turning anyone away. But if you are experiencing symptoms call your doctor before going to the emergency room. Councilor Mbah asked what people should do if they don't have health insurance. The Mayor responded everyone, including undocumented persons, should seek treatment.

Councilor Ballantyne asked if all community and school meetings will be cancelled, and the Mayor responded that they will be. Councilor Ballantyne asked for details on providing food to students. School Department Chief of Staff Jeff Curly said the district has been purchasing food and has 2,000 meals ready to go. On Monday, the district's food service trucks will deliver meals around the city. The schedule will be shared over the weekend. Some of the partners include Food for Free, Save up Somerville, the Somerville Backpack program, the Connection Church, and family liaisons.

The Mayor expressed the need for more Coronavirus tests for the public. Some people who have the virus do not show symptoms. Experts estimate that 40%-60% of the nation will be infected by the virus.

Councilor Hirsch asked how the public help can. Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that the public needs to practice social distancing and follow safety guidelines. Councilor Scott said there are many groups delivering needed items to high risk individuals; those interested should visit tinyurl.com/mutualaidsomerville. Councilor Scott asked if all enforcement actions will be suspended, and the Mayor responded that the city is working to help relieve expenses for residents. Councilor Scott asked if food service or grocery stores will continue to be inspected and was told there are protocols in place for emergency inspections but not regular inspections. Councilor Davis asked if there is a plan for remote learning and the technology gap. Mr. Curly responded that on Monday, learning activities

will be online for all grades and Chromebooks will be available for students who need them.

Councilor Ballantyne asked how they can help people facing eviction from their homes. Housing Stability Director Ellen Shachter said the city is working on encouraging moratoriums for evictions, and waiting for a response from the Somerville Housing Authority.

Councilor Davis discussed cancelling meetings, including City Council meetings. Councilor Hirsch expressed concern with cancelling meetings. Councilor Ewen-Campen suggested hosting City Council meetings online for the public. Councilor Rossetti requested that Mr. Curly keep the Councilors informed on School communications going out to families. Councilor McLaughlin said he hasn't been advised to cancel meetings and will leave this decision to Committee Chairs. The Mayor has granted approval to work remotely, but city staff might not be able to attend these meetings.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

9. Order
209799
(ID:22728)

By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.

That the Director of Inspectional Services explain the procedures for monitoring problem properties for rodent activity, as compared to waiting until more complaints are filed.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

10. Order
209800
(ID:22729)

By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.

That the Director of Inspectional Services discuss how many resources would be required for proactive monitoring, tracking, and escalation of enforcement for all properties in known rodent outbreak areas.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

11. Order
209801
(ID:22730)

By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.

That the Director of Inspectional Services provide a de-identified case study of a problem property in terms of how many complaints the City received, via what channel, and with what response, so as to explain what current protocols exist and what new resources may be needed.

Councilor Hirsch requested to waive the readings of items 11 to 13 and refer them to the Rodent Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

12. Order 209802 (ID:22731) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of Health and Human Services report on progress regarding planned internal rodent control meetings and regular joint departmental meetings.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

13. Order 209803 (ID:22732) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of Health and Human Services report on how the new sign-off administrative procedure for demolitions is progressing.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

14. Order 209804 (ID:22733) By City Councilor Hirsch That the City Council consider creating a coordinated list of Council-sponsored community meetings to complement the City's or MinuteTraq calendars.

Councilor Hirsch said she would like to see one calendar with all of the neighborhood meetings and City events.

RESULT: APPROVED

15. Order 209805 (ID:22734) By City Councilor Niedergang, Scott, Ballantyne That the Administration present to this Council a more-detailed estimate of the cost of remediating Conway Field down to 36" rather than 18", with a timeline for the additional digging and any other relevant information.

Councilor Niedergang noted there are still discussions taking place on costs and timelines.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

16. Order 209806 (ID:22735) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD inform this Council about who is planning the traffic management for the GLX stations at Lowell Street and at Ball Square, and the timeline for any infrastructure and streetscape work that may be necessary.

Councilor Niedergang noted that it's not too soon to be looking into this.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

17. Resolution 209807 (ID:22736) By City Councilor Mbah
That the Administration mandate that all public gathering places, including institutions, have hand sanitizers available at entrances to limit the spread of coronavirus.

Councilor Mbah expressed the importance of hand sanitizers during the Coronavirus outbreak.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

18. Order 209808 (ID:22737) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Clingan
That the Director of SPCD develop a plan to create parking-separated bike lanes on East Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

19. Order 209809 (ID:22738) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the City Council and relevant departments consider revising their licensing procedures for A-Frame signs to make the process less complicated.

RESULT: APPROVED

20. Order 209810 (ID:22739) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD consider revising the city's zoning to include universal ADA accessible design standards in new developments.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

21. 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

22. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
209811
(ID:22651)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on March 4, 2020.</p> <p>Councilor Rossetti noted that the Committee approved two commission members, and recommended the reappointment of Edward Bean as City Auditor and Finance Director. They discussed age friendly communities and will be receiving a full report from the Council on Aging.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>B. Mayor's Request
204131
(ID:16853)</p> | <p>Requesting the appointment of Peter Kaplan as an Alternate Member of the Historic Preservation Commission.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> |
| <p>C. Mayor's Request
204656
(ID:17345)</p> | <p>Requesting the re-appointment of Ryan Falvey to the Historic Preservation Commission.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>D. Mayor's Request
204657
(ID:17346)</p> | <p>Requesting the re-appointment of Eric Parkes to the Historic Preservation Commission.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request
204658
(ID:17347)</p> | <p>Requesting the re-appointment of Abby Freedman to the Historic Preservation Commission.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> |
| <p>F. Mayor's Request
204661
(ID:17351)</p> | <p>Requesting the re-appointment of Heather Davies as an Alternate Member of the Historic Preservation Commission.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> |
| <p>G. Resolution
204850
(ID:17613)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Rossetti, Hirsch, Ballantyne, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, White Jr., Mbah, Niedergang, Davis
That the Administration work with this Board to join the 15 'Age Friendly Communities' in Massachusetts by implementing age-friendly employer initiatives and encouraging our local businesses to do the same.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>H. Mayor's Request
204909
(ID:17596)</p> | <p>Requesting the re-appointment of Edward Bean as Finance Director.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |

I. Mayor's Request 207036 (ID:19813)	Requesting that the members of the Somerville Women's Commission be designated as Special Municipal Employees.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
J. Mayor's Request 207096 (ID:19828)	Requesting the re-appointment of Edward Bean to the position of City Auditor.	RESULT: APPROVED
<u>23. EQUITY, GENDER, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS SPECIAL COMMITTEE</u>		
A. Committee Report 209812 (ID:22649)	Report of the Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations, meeting on March 2, 2020.	<p data-bbox="508 667 1360 741">Councilor Mbah noted the Committee discussed food security and other matters; details can be found in the Committee report online.</p> <p data-bbox="508 741 898 772">RESULT: APPROVED</p>
B. Resolution 202116 (ID:14801)	By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Administration update this Board on the future of Veterans Memorial Park.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
C. Order 207119 (ID:19905)	By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Veterans Services appear before the Committee on Veterans and Public Services to discuss the recent decision to move certain veterans memorials.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
D. Order 207724 (ID:20645)	By City Councilor Hirsch, Davis That the Director of SomerPromise discuss with this Council, the anticipated closure of Freedom School this summer.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
E. Resolution 207913 (ID:20767)	By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Administration have Port-a-Potties available at the public parks for the 2019 summer months.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. Order 209754 (ID:22605) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Health and Human Services, along with Shape Up Somerville, and the Somerville Food Security Coalition, recommend ways to improve food access.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

24. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209813 (ID:22655) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on March 10, 2020.

Councilor Scott said the Committee discussed several long-standing items and several new items. The Committee learned that all funds from the FRIT Covenant have been received. It looked at multiple requests for new positions, and noted that the City Council has requested the creation of a lawyer position. The Committee also discussed some easements, and access to an underground area in the public way. The Committee also looked at ways to make the budget process more interactive and responsive, and at the next meeting will review 91 program improvement requests, totaling \$10 million, which will be prioritized by the Mayor.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 207746 (ID:20701) By City Councilor White Jr. That the Director of Finance provide a financial update on all funds that FRIT paid to the City pursuant to the covenant, any funds expended by the City from those payments and the amount remaining and the accounts in which these funds remain.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Resolution 209395 (ID:22257) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Administration provide the timeline for re-paving Highland Avenue, including any planned projects.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Mayor's Request 209693 (ID:22522) Requesting acceptance of two easements over DCR land in Assembly Square.

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

- E. Mayor's Request 209695 (ID:22480) Requesting acceptance of a \$200,000 grant with no new match required from the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department to purchase portable radios.

RESULT: APPROVED

F. Mayor's Request 209697 (ID:22466) Requesting acceptance of a \$41,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for the EOC upgrades.

RESULT: APPROVED

G. Mayor's Request 209698 (ID:22481) Requesting acceptance of a \$20,279.78 grant that requires a match, from the Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership to the Police Department for bulletproof vests.

RESULT: APPROVED

H. Officer's Communication 209715 (ID:22585) Director of SPCD responding to #207746 re: FRIT covenant payments.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Mayor's Request 209780 (ID:22596) Requesting a transfer of \$20,279.78 from the Police Public Safety Account to the Grant Match Account to cover the bulletproof vest grant match requirement.

RESULT: APPROVED

J. Order 209814 (ID:22769) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Finance and the Director of Parks and Recreation advise this Council on the disposition of funds for the boat house.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

K. Order 209815 (ID:22770) By City Councilor Scott That the Director of SPCD provide a comprehensive description of DIF funds and uses on projects in Assembly Square and independently by FRIT.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

L. Order 209816 (ID:22771) By City Councilor White Jr. That the Director of SPCD provide this Council with the terms of the recent approval of the State's I-Cubed bonds at Assembly Square to FRIT, including any changes from what the Board of Aldermen approved.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

25. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209817 (ID:22654) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on March 10, 2020.
Councilor Hirsch noted the Committee focused on commercial development, business, jobs, and art. She discussed developers wanting to bring more commercial development to the City, with its attendant infrastructure and neighborhood planning issues. In 2030, they estimate 6,000 housing units and 30,000 new job opportunities. The 2040 revision estimates 1 resident per job; right now there are 2 residents per job. The goal is to add more jobs relative to housing.
RESULT: APPROVED
- B. Order 196368 (ID:8899) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD submit a plan on the use of city owned properties as it relates to projected growth identified in the SomerVision Plan.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
- C. Order 203563 (ID:16274) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD provide bi-annual progress reports on Assembly Square, Gilman Square, Lowell Street, Winter Hill, and future planned neighborhoods as they are completed.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
- D. Order 204322 (ID:17046) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Finance and the Director of SPCD report on the financial and planning progress in the planned neighborhoods referenced in #203563.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
- E. Order 206746 (ID:19522) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD, with the Finance and SomerStat Departments, construct modeling that demonstrates the likely economic impacts of various commercial types on commercial development, jobs, housing, and other factors, and advise if there should there be caps on any business type when in conflict with SomerVision’s goals.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
- F. Order 208817 (ID:21637) By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang That the Director of SPCD provide any take-aways on the process of achieving permitting for a large commercial development in Union Square, including zoning, master planning, neighborhood council formation, SRA involvement, use of DIFs, and bonding for infrastructure investments.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- G. Order 209626 (ID:22474) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne That the Committee on Housing and Community Development provide feedback on SomerVision 2040’s chapter on Commercial Development, Business and Arts with respect to metrics and key tasks.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

26. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209818 (ID:22652) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on March 5, 2020.

Councilor Davis noted that the Committee discussed speed limits and adjusted the Commissions that name things, charging the Veterans Commission with naming hero squares, and charging a new Memorials Commission with naming buildings and streets, with prohibitions on corporate names.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 208806 (ID:21628) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Rossetti, Davis, White Jr., Clingan That the City Solicitor draft a Home Rule Petition to establish Broadway as a 25 mph roadway, and include any other municipal roadways within the city which currently exceed 25 mph.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 208909 (ID:21726) By City Councilor Clingan, Davis That the City Solicitor advise this Council on the process to request the lowering of speed limits on state roadways within the city.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Mayor's Request 209692 (ID:22521) Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 2-309.5 to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Veterans Commission on Monuments, Memorials and Dedications.

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

- E. Officer's Communication 209711 (ID:22525) Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management submitting a draft Ordinance to establish a Memorialization Committee.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: White Jr.
AMENDED: A new paragraph was added: "Nothing named pursuant to this ordinance shall be the trade name or other trade mark of any business or other commercial entity."

- F. Resolution 209819 (ID:22716) By City Councilor Davis That the Administration, without delay, enact speed limit changes pursuant to #208806 and #208909, including replacing the 30 mph signs on those roads and updating the navigation companies.

RESULT: APPROVED

27. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209820 (ID:22656) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on March 11, 2020.

Councilor Mbah noted the Committee conducted a public hearing on a dog kennel's request to board dogs overnight. There were complaints from the public about lighting, soundproofing, and repairs on the property. They granted the applicant a 90-day license only, to insure they complete the improvements. The Committee also discussed a Lemon Law complaint about a used car dealer, and some grants of location and small wireless facilities. With respect to dead drops, the Committee approved Councilor White's motion to add a condition to communications companies' grants of location so when their customers' accounts are de-activated they remove the inactive cables and notify the City of the de-activation within 30 days.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Public Communication 208446 (ID:21261) MA Office of Consumer Affairs reporting on a recent audit of used car dealers' compliance with the Lemon Law posting requirements.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 208984 (ID:21803) By City Councilor Davis, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Scott, Hirsch, Rossetti, Niedergang, Ballantyne, McLaughlin That the City Solicitor take all actions available to enforce any applicable law or regulation requiring utilities to remove wires that are no longer in use.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. License/Permit 209128 (ID:21946) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Somerville Motors, 182 Washington St.

RESULT: APPROVED

NOTE: The item was Approved by the Council on 10/24/19, but reconsideration was moved by Councilor Rossetti on 10/25/19. Reconsideration was approved, and the item was approved with a copy to the Licenses and Permits Committee for follow-up.

E. Order By City Councilor Scott
 209297 That the Commissioner of Public Works communicate with Comcast and
 (ID:22178) report back to the Committee on Licenses and Permits with results of the
 request for removal of all dead drops.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. License/Permit Amending Dog Kennel License, Elliots House Pet Care and More, 230
 209602 Somerville Ave, adding overnight boarding for 10 dogs.
 (ID:22455)

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

CONDITIONS: 1. Repairs must be made to the rear of the building,
 including the emergency lights and the exposed pipe
 (remove it and patch the wall).
 2. Additional internal soundproofing must be
 installed to insure that overnight noise doesn't
 disturb the comfort, repose and peace of the
 neighbors, or otherwise create a noise disturbance.
 3. This license expires on June 19, 2020.

G. License/Permit Public Event License, HomeWork Energy Pop Up, various locations: Statue
 209721 Park, Lincoln Park, or Nathan Tufts Park, Mar 1,2,4,6,7,8,9,11,13,14,15,16,18,
 (ID:22508) 20,21,22,23,25,27,28,29,30, 9:30pm-6:15pm.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

H. License/Permit Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell
 209746 equipment on an existing pole at 8 Howe St.
 (ID:22599)

RESULT: APPROVED

I. License/Permit Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell
 209747 equipment on an existing pole at 64 Temple St.
 (ID:22600)

RESULT: APPROVED

J. License/Permit Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell
 209748 equipment on an existing pole at 107 Perkins St.
 (ID:22601)

RESULT: APPROVED

K. License/Permit Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell
 209749 equipment on an existing pole at 418 Washington St.
 (ID:22602)

RESULT: APPROVED

L. License/Permit Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell
 209750 equipment on an existing pole at 154 Walnut St.
 (ID:22603)

RESULT: APPROVED

- M. Order 209821 (ID:22772) By City Councilor White Jr. That the City Clerk add a condition to any Grant of Location issued to a communications company for a low-voltage connection to a customer so that whenever that customer's account is de-activated, the company must, within 30 days, remove the cable and notify the city.

RESULT: APPROVED

28. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209822 (ID:22657) Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on February 26, 2020.

Councilor Ballantyne noted the Committee discussed the SomerVision 2040 chapters on public space & the natural environment and climate & sustainability. The climate & sustainability group outlined strengths, goals and potential tasks, pushing for green leasing and aligning incentives between landlords and tenants to retro-fit older two and three family houses. The Committee created goals around access to and exclusivity of public spaces, and mitigating flooding in the Alewife Brook Parkway area.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 209605 (ID:22446) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of SPCD provide this Council with the most recent updates on any plans for Foss Park.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 209607 (ID:22448) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of SPCD provide this Council with a report on the history of Conway Park and what contaminant testing had been completed prior to its establishment as a public park.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. Officer's Communication 209717 (ID:22472) Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #209152 re: Lincoln Park athletic field data.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
- G. Officer's Communication 209718 (ID:22467) Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #209544 re: using Founders Rink for indoor soccer.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

29. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209823 (ID:22650) Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on March 3, 2020.
Councilor Hirsch said the Committee discussed the many problems in the community that are the source of rodent issues, and how to educate the public to help. The city will start monitoring high-rodent properties, but have limited staff. They intend to rewrite the demolition ordinance, to include stronger rodent control measures prior to demolition. Inspectional Services staff and Health & Human Services staff plan on meeting more frequently to implement stronger rodent control measures.
RESULT: APPROVED
- B. Resolution 207380 (ID:20205) By City Councilor Hirsch, McLaughlin That the Administration work with this Board to consider strengthening rodent eradication as part of building demolition, potentially using as an example the ordinance of Nassau County, Long Island, which requires proof of eradication before allowing demolition to proceed.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
- C. Order 207944 (ID:20811) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of Health and Human Services provide the Special Committee on Rodent Issues with an update of the Department's rodent survey.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
- D. Order 209050 (ID:21871) By City Councilor Hirsch, McLaughlin That the City Solicitor and the Director of Health and Human Services provide options to increase the City's authority to address rodent issues on private property.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| E. Resolution
209210
(ID:22078) | By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Administration report on whether the Neighborhood Impact Team continues to operate, and, if it does not, how its goals are pursued in other ways. |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| F. Officer's
Communication
209243
(ID:22048) | Director of Health and Human Services submitting the Rodent Control Report and its Executive Summary, re: rodent activity in East Somerville. |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| G. Order
209824
(ID:22715) | By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Director of Communications utilize the CTY system, in April, to send out a high-alert to remind residents not to put out water or food for birds, as a method to help combat the rodent issue. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee</p> | |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 30. 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. |
| <p>Also referred to the Planning Board.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> | |
| 31. Mayor's
Request
209826
(ID:22722) | Requesting the appropriation of \$486,805 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for heavy equipment/vehicles for the Parks and Recreation Department to manage the city's athletic fields and facilities. |
| <p>Councilor Scott requested to waive the readings of items 31 to 42, except items 33 and 35, and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| 32. 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. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |

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| <p>33. Mayor's Request 209828 (ID:22724)</p> | <p>Requesting the transfer of \$71,138 from the E-911 Salaries Account to various Departmental Personal Services Accounts to fund the SMEA Unit A Collective Bargaining Agreement.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Scott noted this is a routine transfer and is not coming out of stabilization funds. However, he is concerned with the amount of transfer activity on the E911 Salaries Account, and while he requests this item be approved tonight, he will also request a year-to-date update on that account.
 RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>34. Mayor's Request 209829 (ID:22575)</p> | <p>Requesting the transfer of \$60,000 within the Inspectional Services Department, from its Salaries Account to its Professional and Technical Services Account, to continue using contract health inspectors for required food service inspections.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>35. Mayor's Request 209830 (ID:22625)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$4,400,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Housing and Economic Development for Clarendon Hill Project infrastructure improvements.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Ballantyne noted the city was awarded a \$4.4M grant from the State's Office of Housing and Economic Development to redesign the intersection of Powder House Blvd and Alewife Brook Parkway.
 RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>36. Mayor's Request 209831 (ID:22721)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$250,000 annual payment from Wynn MA LLC in accordance with its Surrounding Community Agreement.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>37. Mayor's Request 209832 (ID:22647)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$208,734 grant that requires a match, from MA DOT to SPCD's Mobility Division to expand the Blue Bike program.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>38. Mayor's Request 209833 (ID:22645)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$59,151.53 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for the purchase of a security camera system to enhance physical security at Police Headquarters.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |

- 39. Mayor's Request 209834 (ID:22400) Requesting approval to create the 259 McGrath Highway Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$3,500 from Divine Signs for tree replacement and signage.

RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP:	Finance Committee
- 40. Mayor's Request 209835 (ID:22401) Requesting approval to create the 378 Highland Ave Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$3,000 from C. Poutahidis for the establishment of a parklet.

RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP:	Finance Committee
- 41. Mayor's Request 209836 (ID:22719) Requesting approval to create the Small Business Assistance Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$150,000 from Wynn MA LLC to develop initiatives so local businesses can take advantage of the opportunities provided by the Encore Casino.

RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP:	Finance Committee
- 42. Mayor's Request 209837 (ID:22720) Requesting approval to create the Water Transportation/Riverway Public Safety Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$150,000 from Wynn MA LLC for the purpose of funding improvements to facilitate water transportation.

RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP:	Finance Committee
- 43. Mayor's Communication 209838 (ID:22718) Requesting that several Department representatives appear before this Council on March 12 to present the water and sewer owner-occupancy exemption analysis.

<p>Water Superintendent John Deluca noted that on November 2018 the City received approval for a Home Rule Petition for owner-occupied exemptions for water and sewer. The Water and Sewer Department hired Sandtech Engineering's financial services team to analyze the impacts on residents. Kyle Stevens with Sandtech Engineering presented the analysis. The Assessor's database needs to be merged with the Utility Billing database to properly identify the parcels. Then a financial analysis must be conducted to analyze the revenues of owner-occupied and non-owner-occupied utility accounts. For single family homes, there are 2,300 utility accounts, 80% are owner-occupied; of 5,000 two family homes, 55% are owner-occupied; of 2,200 three family homes, 33% are owner-occupied; of 2,500 condos, 78% are owner-occupied. An owner-occupied discount of 30% means a \$2.5M reduction in revenue. This requires an increase of 11% or \$2.5M to be recovered from non-owner accounts. So for single-family owner-occupied customers, there is a reduction of \$231; for non-owner-occupied customers, there is an increase of \$84. Two-family owner-occupied customers save \$413; non-owner-occupied customers pay an additional \$151. Three-family owner-occupied customers save \$595; non-owner-occupied customers pay</p>
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an additional \$217. Condo owner-occupied customers save \$168; non-owner-occupied customers pay an additional \$62.

Mr. Stevens discussed implementations to consider, such as significant billing system changes needed to administer an owner-occupied discount. Certain individuals share one meter, which will need two different discounts applied.

Councilor Scott noted that this is huge for seniors on fixed incomes. Owner-occupied properties have made a huge impact in offering affordable housing to the public and this project will offer relief. It will have very little impact on renters, and there is an opportunity to create subsidy programs to help with the general cost of living. Councilor Ewen-Campen asked if the analysis would be different if it was a fixed dollar value reduction in price. Mr. Stevens responded it would be limited at 30% and scaled by usage.

Housing Stability Director Ellen Shachter said this policy should not be implemented because the cost shifts from homeowners to tenants. New buildings in the City have systems where the tenants pay for water and sewer. She has seen water and sewer charges added on to rent bills, which some tenants cannot afford and puts them at risk for eviction. In Somerville, there are 3,364 cost-burdened renter households paying 50% or more of household income on rent. Owner-occupant status is a poor proxy for financial hardship. The cost shifts from owners to renters regardless of the owners' income and assets. She is opposed to the owner occupancy exemption, but she sees an opportunity to increase affordability for water and sewer for low-income homeowners. The Administration should make water and sewer more affordable.

Councilor White asked if there is anywhere you can get your water and sewer adjusted and how can changes be made to affordable housing regulations. Ms. Allen responded she does not know of any agencies that adjust water and sewer. Within affordable housing regulations, there is a utility allowance, which is subtracted from rent. The Housing Authority and City have used the utility allowance. It's done periodically over several years and is set across the City. She believes there should be rate relief for a portion of the owner-occupied community. Councilor Niedergang would like to see alternatives to the owner-occupant exemption. The data shows many people own single-family homes, which are worth a lot of money. He would like to see more targeted initiatives to help households hurt by high water and sewer bills.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

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44. Officer's Director of Planning and Zoning responding to #203563 & #204322 re:
Communication planned neighborhoods.
209839
(ID:22717)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

45. Officer's Communication 209840 (ID:22648) Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry responding to #209444 re: the field at Lincoln Park.
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE |
| FOLLOWUP: | Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee |

NEW BUSINESS

46. Withdrawn 209841 (ID:22710) Withdrawn.
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47. Withdrawn 209842 (ID:22711) Withdrawn.
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48. License/Permit 209843 (ID:22713) Public Event License, Arts Council Spring Cleanup, Citywide and Blessing of the Bay Boathouse, April 25, 9:30AM-12PM.
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| Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 48 to 120 and approve them, except for 120 which should be sent to the Committee on Licenses and Permits. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED |
49. License/Permit 209844 (ID:22758) Public Event License, Taza Chocolate Spring Block Party, Windsor Pl from Windsor St to Columbia St, May 2, 9AM-6PM (raindate May 3).
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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
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50. License/Permit 209845 (ID:22755) Public Event License, Arts Council Porchfest, Citywide, May 9 11AM-7PM (raindate May 10).
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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
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51. License/Permit 209846 (ID:22614) Public Event License, Charnwood Rd Porchfest Block Party, from Willow Ave to Hancock St, May 9, 1:30pm-4:30pm (raindate May 10).
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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
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52. License/Permit 209847 (ID:22756) Public Event License, Hancock St Porchfest Block Party, May 9, 1-4:30pm (raindate May 10).
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53. License/Permit 209848 (ID:22757) Public Event License, Banks St Porchfest Block Party, May 9, Noon-6PM (raindate May 10).
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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
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54.	License/Permit 209849 (ID:22709)	Public Event License, Lupus Research Alliance Walk with Us to Cure Lupus, Assembly Row and Mystic River Reservation, Jun 6, 6AM-1PM.	RESULT: APPROVED
55.	License/Permit 209850 (ID:22759)	Public Event License, Arts Council SomerStreets Carnaval, Broadway from McGrath Hwy to Pennsylvania Ave, Jun 7, Noon-8PM (raindate Jun 14).	RESULT: APPROVED
56.	License/Permit 209851 (ID:22760)	Public Event License, Arts Council Joe's Jazz and Blues Fest, Powderhouse Park, Jun 20, 10AM-6:30PM (raindate Jun 21).	RESULT: APPROVED
57.	License/Permit 209852 (ID:22712)	Public Event License, Independence Day Fireworks, Trum Field and Broadway from Medford St to Cedar St, Jul 1, 3-11pm (raindate Jul 2).	RESULT: APPROVED
58.	License/Permit 209853 (ID:22761)	New Drainlayer's License, D'Allessandro Corp.	RESULT: APPROVED
59.	License/Permit 209854 (ID:22671)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Hercules C & G Drain.	RESULT: APPROVED
60.	License/Permit 209855 (ID:22672)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tufts Construction.	RESULT: APPROVED
61.	License/Permit 209856 (ID:22673)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Sean Farrell Excavation.	RESULT: APPROVED
62.	License/Permit 209857 (ID:22674)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, NCCL Enterprises.	RESULT: APPROVED
63.	License/Permit 209858 (ID:22675)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, AP Flowers and Son.	RESULT: APPROVED
64.	License/Permit 209859 (ID:22676)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, New England Style.	RESULT: APPROVED

65.	License/Permit 209860 (ID:22677)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, NELM.	RESULT:	APPROVED
66.	License/Permit 209861 (ID:22678)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tim Zanelli Excavating.	RESULT:	APPROVED
67.	License/Permit 209862 (ID:22679)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, J Derenzo.	RESULT:	APPROVED
68.	License/Permit 209863 (ID:22680)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tri Construction.	RESULT:	APPROVED
69.	License/Permit 209864 (ID:22681)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Super Service Today.	RESULT:	APPROVED
70.	License/Permit 209865 (ID:22682)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Ferrante Construction.	RESULT:	APPROVED
71.	License/Permit 209866 (ID:22745)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, MT Mayo.	RESULT:	APPROVED
72.	License/Permit 209867 (ID:22747)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Caruso and McGovern Construction.	RESULT:	APPROVED
73.	License/Permit 209868 (ID:22748)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, The Dow Company, for the High School construction project only.	RESULT:	APPROVED
74.	License/Permit 209869 (ID:22749)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, D Muzzioli Associates.	RESULT:	APPROVED
75.	License/Permit 209870 (ID:22762)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Hydra Tech.	RESULT:	APPROVED
76.	License/Permit 209871 (ID:22746)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Capitol Services.	RESULT:	APPROVED

77.	License/Permit 209872 (ID:22683)	Renewing Garage License, Modern Floors, 22 Marshall St.	RESULT: APPROVED
78.	License/Permit 209873 (ID:22684)	Renewing Garage License, DM Auto Body, 48 Joy St.	RESULT: APPROVED
79.	License/Permit 209874 (ID:22685)	Renewing Garage License, Sullivan Tire, 263 Beacon St.	RESULT: APPROVED
80.	License/Permit 209875 (ID:22686)	Renewing Garage License, Tracer Technologies, 20 Assembly Sq Dr.	RESULT: APPROVED
81.	License/Permit 209876 (ID:22687)	Renewing Garage License, Gasper Ostuni, 195 Highland Ave.	RESULT: APPROVED
82.	License/Permit 209877 (ID:22688)	Renewing Garage License, DM Auto Services, 45 Webster Ave.	RESULT: APPROVED
83.	License/Permit 209878 (ID:22689)	Renewing Garage License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.	RESULT: APPROVED
84.	License/Permit 209879 (ID:22690)	Renewing Garage License, U-Haul, 151 Linwood St.	RESULT: APPROVED
85.	License/Permit 209880 (ID:22691)	Renewing Garage License, Auto Plus, 229 Lowell St.	RESULT: APPROVED
86.	License/Permit 209881 (ID:22692)	Renewing Garage License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St.	RESULT: APPROVED
87.	License/Permit 209882 (ID:22693)	Renewing Garage License, Four Wheels Auto, 83 Albion St.	RESULT: APPROVED
88.	License/Permit 209883 (ID:22694)	Renewing Garage License, Somerville Auto Center, 193 Somerville Ave.	RESULT: APPROVED

89.	License/Permit 209884 (ID:22695)	Renewing Garage License, Fred Susan Auto Body, 269 Somerville Ave.	RESULT: APPROVED
90.	License/Permit 209885 (ID:22696)	Renewing Garage License, Mac's Auto Body, 53 Russell St.	RESULT: APPROVED
91.	License/Permit 209886 (ID:22697)	Renewing Garage License, Cataldo Ambulance Service, 4 Joy St.	RESULT: APPROVED
92.	License/Permit 209887 (ID:22698)	Renewing Garage License, Teele Sq Auto, 1284 Broadway.	RESULT: APPROVED
93.	License/Permit 209888 (ID:22699)	Renewing Garage License, Hillside Service Center, 45 Mystic Ave.	RESULT: APPROVED
94.	License/Permit 209889 (ID:22701)	Renewing Flammables License, Boston Closet, 229 Lowell St.	RESULT: APPROVED
95.	License/Permit 209890 (ID:22702)	Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul, 151 Linwood St.	RESULT: APPROVED
96.	License/Permit 209891 (ID:22704)	Renewing Flammables License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St.	RESULT: APPROVED
97.	License/Permit 209892 (ID:22706)	Renewing Flammables License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.	RESULT: APPROVED
98.	License/Permit 209893 (ID:22707)	Renewing Flammables License, Internap Corp, 50 Innerbelt Rd.	RESULT: APPROVED
99.	License/Permit 209894 (ID:22753)	Renewing Flammables License, Somerville Mobil, 360 Medford St.	RESULT: APPROVED
100.	License/Permit 209895 (ID:22754)	Renewing Flammables License, Speedway, 709 McGrath Hwy.	RESULT: APPROVED

101.	License/Permit 209896 (ID:22700)	Renewing Flammables License, Teee Square Auto, 1284 Broadway.	RESULT: APPROVED
102.	License/Permit 209897 (ID:22703)	Renewing Flammables License, Cumberland Farms, 701 Somerville Ave.	RESULT: APPROVED
103.	License/Permit 209898 (ID:22705)	Renewing Flammables License, Metropolitan Pipe and Supply, 30 Innerbelt Rd.	RESULT: APPROVED
104.	License/Permit 209899 (ID:22669)	Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Urban Equity Development, 55 Day St.	RESULT: APPROVED
105.	License/Permit 209900 (ID:22670)	Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Martha Lee Trust, 147 Highland Ave.	RESULT: APPROVED
106.	License/Permit 209901 (ID:22750)	Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Star Market, 275 Beacon St.	RESULT: APPROVED
107.	License/Permit 209902 (ID:22751)	Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Tosh Enterprises, 260 Elm St.	RESULT: APPROVED
108.	License/Permit 209903 (ID:22665)	Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Buffalo Exchange, 238 Elm St.	RESULT: APPROVED
109.	License/Permit 209904 (ID:22666)	Renewing Junk Dealer's License, All Checks Cashed, 12 Union Sq.	RESULT: APPROVED
110.	License/Permit 209905 (ID:22752)	Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.	RESULT: APPROVED
111.	License/Permit 209906 (ID:22763)	Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Talewsky Enterprises, 508 Columbia St.	RESULT: APPROVED
112.	License/Permit 209907 (ID:22664)	Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Atlas Metals, 475 Columbia St.	RESULT: APPROVED

113.	License/Permit 209908 (ID:22659)	Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Papa Johns Pizza, 622 Somerville Ave.	RESULT: APPROVED
114.	License/Permit 209909 (ID:22660)	Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dumpling Kitchen, 217 Highland Ave.	RESULT: APPROVED
115.	License/Permit 209910 (ID:22661)	Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 504 Broadway.	RESULT: APPROVED
116.	License/Permit 209911 (ID:22663)	Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, McDonalds, 14 McGrath Hwy.	RESULT: APPROVED
117.	License/Permit 209912 (ID:22662)	Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Cataldo Ambulance Service, 137 Washington St.	RESULT: APPROVED
118.	License/Permit 209913 (ID:22658)	Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Dr.	RESULT: APPROVED
119.	License/Permit 209914 (ID:22708)	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Rincon Mexicano, 99 Broadway.	RESULT: APPROVED
120.	License/Permit 209915 (ID:22764)	New Garage License, Car Zone LLC, 486 Columbia St, 2 autos inside, 2 outside, for mechanical repairs only.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

121.	Order 209916 (ID:22744)	By City Councilor Mbah, Hirsch, Niedergang, Ballantyne That this Council collaborate with the Administration to apply racial and gender equity lenses to all decisions, including resource decisions and new programs or laws.	RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee
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122. Order 209917 (ID:22767) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Census Complete Count Coordinator and Community Representative appear before this Council on March 12 to discuss census-count strategy, outreach, and messaging.

Councilor Ballantyne announced that today is the first day of the 2020 Census. She sponsored Complete Count Coordinator Meredith Campbell to speak. Ms. Campbell noted she encourages every household to complete the Census by the end of April. Residents can also submit the Census online or call until the end of July. Census workers will be door knocking between April and July. All residents will receive an invitation from the US Census Bureau, starting now until March 20. Due to the Coronavirus outbreak she encourages the public to complete the Census online at www.my2020census.gov. Online and phone service is available in 13 different languages. The phone lines will operate 7am to 2pm EST, 7 days a week. Starting April 8, 2020, paper forms will be mailed to residents. She requested that City Councilors use their social media platform to spread the word. If the public has questions, they can visit www.my2020census.gov. Residents can use the code received in the mail or their address to complete the survey online.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

123. Mayor's Request 209918 (ID:22766) Requesting a transfer of \$155,000 from the Public Schools Ordinary Maintenance Account to the city's Information Technology Ordinary Maintenance Account.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

124. Mayor's Request 209919 (ID:22768) Requesting approval of an amendment to the Community Benefits Ordinance to create a Community Benefits Committee for the distribution of community benefits funds.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

125. Mayor's Request 209920 (ID:22725) Requesting approval of an exemption for David Gibbs pursuant to MGL c268A s20(d).

Councilor Rossetti noted this is a request for the year 2020-2021, following up on the recent exemption approved for the year 2019-2020.

RESULT: APPROVED

LATE ITEMS

126. Communication 209921 (ID:22773) By City Councilor Hirsch Submitting a compilation of residents' questions regarding coronavirus.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

127. Order 209922 (ID:22778) By City Councilor Scott That the Director of Finance prepare for this Council a year-to-date update on the E-911 Salaries Account.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

128. Resolution 209923 (ID:22775) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Administration consider hiring a third party for an Equity Justice Review for the SomerVision 2040 and Somerville Climate Forward plans pursuant to #209615.

Councilor Ballantyne noted that there are organizations designed to handle this matter.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

129. Order 209924 (ID:22777) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 1 Councilor on parking plans for Tufts Street after the GLX construction is complete.

RESULT: APPROVED

130. Resolution 209925 (ID:22776) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr. Supporting a moratorium on eviction proceedings during the coronavirus State of Emergency.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted there is work on legislation for a moratorium on evictions.
RESULT: APPROVED

131. Communication 209926 (ID:22774) By City Councilor Hirsch Submitting her letter of resignation from the Somerville City Council, effective April 30, 2020 and expressing gratitude to her colleagues.

Councilor Hirsch noted she will miss everyone and all the amazing work that's done in Somerville.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:45 PM.