

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2020, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 211038
 (ID:23951) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 211039
 (ID:23952) Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored a moment of silence for Brian Flynn.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 24, 2020.
 211040
 (ID:23953) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
 Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

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| 4. | Citation
211041
(ID:23944) | By City Councilor Rossetti
Commending City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin for his distinguished service as President of this Council in 2020. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 5. | Citation
211042
(ID:23945) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
Commending City Councilor Mary Jo Rossetti for her distinguished service as Vice President of this Council in 2020. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 6. | Citation
211043
(ID:23946) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
Commending Clerk of Committees Rositha Durham for her outstanding service to this Council and its Committees in 2020. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 7. | Citation
211044
(ID:23947) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
Commending Legislative Clerk Peter Forcellese for his outstanding service to this Council and its Committees in 2020. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 8. | Citation
211045
(ID:23948) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
Commending Assistant Clerk of Committees Kimberly Wells for her outstanding service to this Council and its Committees in 2020. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 9. | Citation
211046
(ID:23950) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
Commending City Clerk John Long for his outstanding work on behalf of this Council in 2020. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. Grant of Location 211047 (ID:23927) Submitted by Verizon to install 25 feet of conduit in Washington Street, from existing conduit to a point of pickup at the rear of 4 Joy Street.
- President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. There were no speakers, and he closed the public hearing.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

11. Order 211048 (ID:23923) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Finance update this Council at its meeting on December 17, 2020 on the financial health of the city, including CARES funds updates.
- For discussion of this item see #211089.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

12. Order 211049 (ID:23924) By City Councilor Mbah That the Administration provide clear guidelines on how and when creatives and freelancers are able to start working again.
- For discussion of this item see #211050.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

13. Order 211050 (ID:23925) By City Councilor Mbah That the Administration provide a more uniform and justifiable decision on the banning of activities due to Covid-19.
- Councilor Mbah said the pandemic hit freelancers and creatives hard. He sponsored resident Sam Epstein, who said outdoor music venues were banned, yet ice hockey was allowed. While the Administration provided clear guidelines for business re-openings, musicians were discriminated against for fear they would attract troublesome groups. Another resident, the author of these items, was unable to attend tonight as she's at work as an essential worker, but she told Mr. Epstein that some of the indoor places she's worked at are more dangerous than an outdoor music venue would be.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

14. Resolution 211051 (ID:23926) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. Calling on the State's House of Representatives to pass 3 transparency amendments to the House Rules for the 2021-22 legislative session.

Councilor Niedergang explained that the Open Meeting Law does not apply to the State Legislature, and this Resolution promotes transparency within the House of Representatives.

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

15. Order 211052 (ID:23939) By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen That the Director of SomerStat, the Director of SPCD, and the Director of Parking re-convene the Parking Study Task Force in January 2021.

Councilor Niedergang said that parking affects everything in the city and it's time to examine parking in an effort to use our streets more effectively and safely.

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

16. Order 211053 (ID:23940) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD report to this Council on traffic calming for the stretch of Broadway between the Ball Square Bridge and Cedar Street.

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

17. Communication 211054 (ID:23941) By City Councilor Rossetti Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of December 14, 2020.

Councilor Rossetti reported that the new High School's certificate of occupancy might be issued on January 4. She reported that the High School's contingency expenses continue to grow. Covid-19 costs total about \$700,000 and overall the project is currently \$1.4 million over budget.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

18. Resolution 210994 (ID:23883) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne, Strezio That the Mayor and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management report to this Council no later than January 28, 2021 on the future of the Brown School and plans to use it in the 2021-2022 school year.

Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management Rich Raiche said the Brown School requires a great amount of work to make it safe for in-person learning, so the Administration is looking at the feasibility of a fuller renovation of the school. Councilor Davis asked if the School will be usable at some time in the future and Mr. Raiche and the Mayor said it's possible, but more information will become available in the spring.

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

19. Resolution 211024 (ID:23911) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezio, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Mayor appear before this Council at its December 17, 2020 meeting to update this Council on the status of school buildings and when they will be ready for in-person learning.

Mayor Curtatone said that HVAC contracts have been awarded to 2 companies and work on the schools has begun. Delivery times for critical components has been reduced to 2-3 weeks, and the contractors will present a new timeline to the School Committee next week. The work includes filtration, ventilation, disinfection and humidification. The city has set high standards on filtration and has implemented a Covid-19 testing program. A School Advisory Committee will use external factors and internal data to determine the safety of in-person learning and make recommendations to the Mayor and School Committee. That data will be available online. The return of special needs students is the highest priority and a timeline should be ready to present at the School Committee meeting on Monday. Councilor Strezio asked if extra space would be available at the high school for out of school time programming, and the Mayor said all space in city buildings is being considered. President McLaughlin asked why there is an appropriation requested for HVAC work and was told that not all of the work met CARES Act timelines.

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

20. Resolution 211025 (ID:23912) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Mayor appear before this Council at its December 17, 2020 meeting to update the Council regarding Covid-19 restrictions and policies in light of the increased spread of the virus.

Mayor Curtatone explained that the city has rolled back to a modified version of phase 2.2 of the state’s reopening plan and will remain there for a minimum of 3 weeks. Several business activities have been paused and the reopening of others has been rolled back. Financial support from the federal government is desperately needed to support our businesses. Councilor Ballantyne asked why some activities were being rolled back for persons over 18 years of age only, and the mayor said the cutoff was based on the state’s adjusted guidelines: indoor basketball is not allowed and the number of people on fields and rinks is limited to 25. Councilor Ballantyne asked why fitness centers couldn’t open and the Mayor said that adult activity at those facilities is riskier than indoor activities for those under 18. Councilor Ballantyne asked what metrics were used to make that decision and Incident Commander Omar Boukili said that, on the whole, youth activities tend to show lower incidences of virus transmission. Councilor Ballantyne stated that she is not convinced and the metrics have not been made clear. Councilor Scott, who runs a gym, said gyms should be closed, but he is not swayed by the youth transmission numbers: unless reasons are given on a case-by-case basis, treatment should be uniform. Councilor Mbah agreed that the closures are not equitable. The Mayor said that what is knocking businesses down is the pandemic, not the city’s actions.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

21. EQUITY, GENDER, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211055 (ID:23936) Report of the Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations, meeting on December 14, 2020.

Councilor Mbah reported that several topics were discussed and that detailed information is in the report.

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

- B. Order 206647 (ID:19427) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Hirsch, Clingan That the Director of Parks and Recreation express to DCR the importance of keeping public pools and water fountains open later in the season due to climate change.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 206854 (ID:19654) By City Councilor Hirsch, Mbah
That the Director of Health and Human Services work with the Public Schools to allow whole fruits to be saved for use as snacks, given that many children often go without snacks.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Resolution 208163 (ID:21039) By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Administration report to the Youth Services Committee the feasibility of adding a budget line to make school facilities more affordable for use by community groups by helping to cover custodial fees.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 208229 (ID:21040) By City Councilor Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
That the Director of Parks and Recreation address the security breach at the Kennedy School pool by either assigning a door monitor or locking the door and installing another system to monitor who comes and goes through the Sartwell Avenue door that leads directly to the pool area and into the school.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. Order 208375 (ID:21214) By City Councilor Mbah
That the Director of Communications create an online and paper sign-up for any citywide event, to make it easy to email them the bus schedule and any other last-minute details.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- G. 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: WORK COMPLETED

- H. 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- I. Order 211056 (ID:23962) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Chief of Police and the Director of Health and Human Services discuss the data collected and the mental health impacts that the lockdown drills have on school age children.

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

22. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211057 (ID:23935) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on December 14, 2020.

Councilor Scott reported that the outsourcing of emergency services for a Somerville building in Cambridge's Cambridge Crossing development was discussed, as well as several grants, DPW invoices and expenses, and the \$1.6 million appropriation for Dilboy Field.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Officer's Communication 210754 (ID:23605) Special Counsel submitting a Home Rule Petition to permit Cambridge to provide, at no cost to Somerville, snow plowing and removal, water, storm water drainage, sanitary sewer, police, fire, and other emergency services to the Somerville building in the development known as Cambridge Crossing.

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

- C. Mayor's Request 210859 (ID:23686) Requesting acceptance of a \$295,463 grant with no new match required, from the State 911 Office to the Police Department to fund E911 personnel costs.

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

- D. Mayor's Request 210861 (ID:23687) Requesting acceptance of a \$89,234.57 grant with no new match required, from the State E911 Office to the Police Department for 911 training and the certification of 911 telecommunicators.

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

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| <p>E. Mayor's Request 210865 (ID:23693)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of an \$6,233.33 grant with no new match required, from the MA Dept of Public Health to the Police Department to purchase and provide training for Naxalone.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>F. Mayor's Request 210867 (ID:23717)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a contract extension for the KZLA Architects construction administration contract for services at Prospect Hill Park.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>G. Mayor's Request 210868 (ID:23718)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a contract extension for the NELM Corp construction contract for services at Prospect Hill Park.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>H. Mayor's Request 210904 (ID:23723)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$50,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for the purchase of maritime equipment to enhance responses to marine incidents.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>I. Mayor's Request 210905 (ID:23689)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$24,500 grant with no new match required, from the State 911 Office to the Police Department to fund E911 emergency medical dispatch services.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>J. Mayor's Request 210941 (ID:23827)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,591,206 in a bond for Dilboy Stadium improvements.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

K. Mayor's Request 210945 (ID:23767) Requesting acceptance of a \$400,000 PARC grant that requires a match, from MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to the Parks and Urban Forestry Division for Prospect Hill.

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

L. Mayor's Request 210946 (ID:23809) Requesting acceptance of a \$75,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for expenditures and backfill/overtime for the Special Response Team.

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

M. Mayor's Request 211008 (ID:23855) Requesting the appropriation of \$143,766 from the Receipts Reserved Insurance Reimbursement Account to the DPW Highway Capital Vehicle Account, to replace the bucket truck that caught fire in 2018.

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

N. Mayor's Request 211009 (ID:23886) Requesting the transfer of \$9,900 in the Sewer Enterprise Fund, from its Sewer Repairs Account to its Judgments and Settlements Account, to settle a pending claim.

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

23. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211058 (ID:23937) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on December 16, 2020.

Councilor Strezo reported that the Winter Hill Urban Renewal Plan was discussed, as well as the Community Land Trust and the Somerville Media Center's out of school programming.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

B. Order 206200 (ID:18990) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Commissioner of Public Works share the policy for removing items that are blocking sidewalks.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 206233 (ID:19062) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD develop an affordable housing program targeted especially at city employees whose income is below a certain threshold level.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 211059 (ID:23991) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Economic Development work with this Council on a Memorandum of Understanding for the Winter Hill Urban Renewal Plan.

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

24. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211060 (ID:23938) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on December 17, 2020.

Councilor Davis reported that the committee met to deal with 2 surveillance technology impact reports. The 911 report was approved, but the shot spotter report was discharged without a recommendation. He then reported that new information from the Administration satisfied his concerns, and the shot spotter report was approved by the Council separately.

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

- B. Mayor's Communication 211026 (ID:23913) Communicating a notice of withdrawal of previously submitted surveillance technology impact reports.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Mayor's Request 211027 (ID:23914) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for 911.

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

- D. Mayor's Request 211028 (ID:23915) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for ShotSpotter.

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

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

25. Mayor's Request 211061 (ID:23932) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,500,000 in a bond for HVAC improvements to school and municipal buildings due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This item was part of the package presented at #211089.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

26. Mayor's Request 211062 (ID:23847) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Aladdine Joroff to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.

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

27. Mayor's Request 211063 (ID:23890) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Tim Talun to the Urban Design Commission.

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

28. Mayor's Request 211064 (ID:23891) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Heidi Cron to the Urban Design Commission.

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

29. Mayor's Request 211065 (ID:23892) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kerri Connolly to the Urban Design Commission.

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

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

30. License/Permit 211066 (ID:23931) Renewing Garage License, Partners Healthcare System, 21 Third Ave.

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

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| 31. License/Permit
211067
(ID:23928) | Renewing Garage License, Junior Auto Body, 486R Columbia St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 32. License/Permit
211068
(ID:23929) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, 28 Motorsports, 486R Columbia St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 33. License/Permit
211069
(ID:23930) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 34. License/Permit
211070
(ID:23933) | Renewing Automatic Amusement Devices License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Dr. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 35. License/Permit
211071
(ID:23934) | Renewing Fortune Teller License, Sean Tene dba Astrology Studio, 3 Holland St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 36. Public
Communication
211072
(ID:23954) | PERAC submitting the required FY22 retirement system appropriation. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

37. Order 211073 (ID:23967) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Health and Human Services and the Director of Inspectional Services inspect 49 Chetwynd Road and abutting properties for rat burrows and rid the area of rats.

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

38. Order 211074 (ID:23983) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Health and Human Services advise this Council at its December 17, 2020 meeting what metrics are being used to determine closure of the 'recreation' sector and advise which sectors are allowed to be open.

For discussion of this item see #211025.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

39. Resolution 211075 (ID:23990) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That a Representative from Eversource appear before this Council to address reports about an October 16, 2020 incident at 20 Berkeley St.

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

40. Mayor's Communication 211076 (ID:23970) Conveying a summary to accompany "repurpose and transfer" requests which seek to provide critical temporary financial assistance to local businesses and artists in light of Covid-19 impacts on the local economy.

SPCD Director George Proakis explained that funds are needed so the city can provide substantial assistance to our small businesses, artist, non-profits and residents in need. The goal is to transfer \$5 million to a new Covid-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund and an additional \$600,000 to the Artist Community Support Program.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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41. Mayor's Request 211077 (ID:23949) Requesting approval to create the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211076.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
42. Mayor's Request 211078 (ID:23961) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,843,117 from the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund to the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211076.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
43. Mayor's Request 211079 (ID:23960) Requesting the repurpose and transfer of \$1 million from the Capital Stabilization Fund to the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211076.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
44. Mayor's Request 211080 (ID:23958) Requesting the repurpose and transfer of \$1,500,000 from the Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing Stabilization Fund to the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211076.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
45. Mayor's Request 211081 (ID:23955) Requesting approval to accept and repurpose a payment of \$300,000 from the Wynn Casino Surrounding Community Agreement to the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211076.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

46. Mayor's Request 211082 (ID:23956) Requesting the repurpose and transfer of \$150,306 from the Water Transportation Public Safety Stabilization Fund to the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211076.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
47. Mayor's Request 211083 (ID:23959) Requesting the repurpose and transfer of \$132,359 from the Algonquin Mitigation Stabilization Fund to the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211076.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
48. Mayor's Request 211084 (ID:23957) Requesting the repurpose and transfer of \$74,218 from the Small Business Assistance Stabilization Fund to the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211076.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
49. Mayor's Request 211085 (ID:23966) Requesting the appropriation of \$5,000,000 from the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund to provide temporary support to businesses experiencing substantial decline as a result of the pandemic.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211076.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
50. Mayor's Request 211086 (ID:23964) Requesting approval to accept a payment of \$200,000 from the Wynn Casino Surrounding Community Agreement to the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund to provide Covid Relief grants to the artist and cultural community.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211076.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

51. Mayor's Request 211087 (ID:23963) Requesting the repurpose and transfer of \$400,000 from the Parks Stabilization Fund to the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund to provide COVID relief grants to the artist and cultural community.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211076.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
52. Mayor's Request 211088 (ID:23965) Requesting the appropriation of \$600,000 from the Covid 19 Stablization Fund to provide Covid relief grants to the arts and cultural community.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211076.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
53. Mayor's Communication 211089 (ID:23976) Communicating information to accompany requests for consideration of items necessary to continue City services related to its response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Mayor Curtatone said the state needs to do more financially to help cities. Finance Director Ed Bean reviewed several Covid-19 Stabilization Fund transactions necessary to continue the city's Covid-19 efforts. Councilor Rossetti noted that based on information received today, several stabilization funds are being zeroed out. Mr. Bean explained that these funds are a bridge until the city's next tranche of free cash becomes available, probably in February, at which time the major accounts will be replenished. Councilor Strezo asked about Wynn Casino funding and Mr. Bean explained that those funds will be used to support the arts per the Surrounding Community Agreement. Economic Development Director Tom Galligani said the agreement calls for Wynn to contribute \$10,000 per year in the city. Councilor Ballantyne asked what non-Covid items will come before the Council for bonding by June, and Mr. Bean said an answer should be available next month.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
54. Mayor's Request 211090 (ID:23971) Requesting approval to appropriate \$121,090 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for Resident Outreach & Communications.
- This item was part of the package presented at #211089.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| <p>55. Mayor's Request
211091
(ID:23972)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to appropriate \$39,493 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for 311 Call Center resources.</p> |
| <p>This item was part of the package presented at #211089.
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>56. Mayor's Request
211092
(ID:23973)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to appropriate \$291,000 from the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund for Testing and Contract Tracing.</p> |
| <p>This item was part of the package presented at #211089.
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>57. Mayor's Request
211093
(ID:23974)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to appropriate \$170,000 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for Personal Protective Equipment and supplies.</p> |
| <p>This item was part of the package presented at #211089.
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>58. Mayor's Request
211094
(ID:23975)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to appropriate \$120,000 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for Out of School Time programming.</p> |
| <p>This item was part of the package presented at #211089.
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>59. Mayor's Request
211095
(ID:23977)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to appropriate \$45,000 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for health and safety compliance activities.</p> |
| <p>This item was part of the package presented at #211089.
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>60. Mayor's Request
211096
(ID:23978)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to appropriate \$180,000 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for school resources.</p> |
| <p>This item was part of the package presented at #211089.
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

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| 61. Mayor's Request
211097
(ID:23979) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$37,760 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for school wellness staffing. | <p>This item was part of the package presented at #211089.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 62. Mayor's Request
211098
(ID:23980) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$142,500 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for Public Safety Overtime. | <p>This item was part of the package presented at #211089.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 63. Mayor's Request
211099
(ID:23981) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$170,477 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for DPW Overtime for school re-opening purposes. | <p>This item was part of the package presented at #211089.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 64. Mayor's Request
211100
(ID:23982) | Requesting the appropriation of \$100,000 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for the purpose of the 25% FEMA Cost Share Match. | <p>This item was part of the package presented at #211089.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 65. Mayor's Request
211101
(ID:23906) | Requesting acceptance of a \$42,335 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Public Health to the Health & Human Services Department for COVID 19 expenses. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 66. Mayor's Request
211102
(ID:23969) | Requesting acceptance of a \$16,150 grant that requires a match, from FEMA to the Fire Department for updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| 67. Mayor's Request
211103
(ID:23984) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Pole Cameras. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
| 68. Mayor's Request
211104
(ID:23985) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Homeland Security Cameras. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
| 69. Mayor's Request
211105
(ID:23986) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GLX Cameras. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
| 70. Mayor's Request
211106
(ID:23987) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Covert Device Cameras. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
| 71. Mayor's Request
211107
(ID:23988) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GPS and Monitor. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
| 72. Mayor's Request
211108
(ID:23989) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GreyKey. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
| 73. Officer's Communication
211109
(ID:23943) | City Solicitor submitting an ordinance to amend the membership of the Police Chief Selection Committee, replacing the Director of Multicultural Affairs with the Director of Racial and Social Justice. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |

LATE ITEMS

74. Resolution By City Councilor McLaughlin
211110 That this Council hereby welcomes Simon Ewen-Campen into our great City,
(ID:23992) extends its best wishes to Simon and his proud parents, and looks forward to
Simon's participation in our community.

The President welcomed Simon Ewen-Campen to Somerville.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:05 PM.