

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 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.
 210607
 (ID:23525)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
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2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 210608
 (ID:23526)

Councilor White sponsored a moment of silence for Bernard Chaille. Councilor Niedergang sponsored a moment of silence for Ed Severino. Councilor White sponsored a moment of silence for Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Councilor McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for Brian Buckley and Lauren Marie Lopez. RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes 210609 (ID:23527) Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, August 5, 2020, and the Regular Meeting, August 27, 2020.

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

CITATIONS

4. Citation 210610 (ID:23530) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Rossetti, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Mbah, White Jr. Commending Annie Connor, who is resigning after 4 years of dedicated service as the Mayor's liaison to this Council.

Councilor McLaughlin commended Annie Connor for her dedicated service. Ms. Connor spoke fondly about her four years on the job, urging that the Council and staff maintain a mutual respect as public servants working in the same city for the same goal every day. Councilors shared their good wishes and thanked her for her outstanding efforts.

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

5. Citation 210611 (ID:23532) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr., and the Mayor Commending Ann Cassesso for celebrating 50 years--and counting--of dedicated service to the Somerville Public Library.

Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the citation. Library Director Cathy Piantigini spoke about Ms. Cassesso's influence on her own career. Ms. Cassesso thanked the Council and said she's not retiring: she's looking forward to the next 50 years.

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

6. Citation 210612 (ID:23533) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr., and the Mayor Commending Wendy Wood as she retires after 40 years of dedicated service to the Somerville Public Library.

Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the citation. Library Director Cathy Piantigini spoke about Ms. Wood's dedication, especially with respect to the Library networking. She thanked the Council on behalf of Ms. Woods, who could not attend this evening.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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| <p>7. Grant of Location 210613 (ID:23497)</p> | <p>Submitted by Eversource to install 180 feet of conduit in Somerville Ave from manhole #8652 to a point of pickup at 258 Somerville Ave.</p> |
| | <p>President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>8. Grant of Location 210614 (ID:23498)</p> | <p>Submitted by TC Systems to install 295 feet of conduit from utility pole 68/4 at the intersection of Church St and Somerville Ave, through two new handholes in Somerville Ave, and ending at a proposed Extenet handhole near 411 Somerville Ave at Quincy St.</p> |
| | <p>President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Sienna Engineering's Adam Heller, representing TC Systems, described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. Councilor Scott noted that this item's abutter list was considerably more extensive than Extenet's (#210618), which is at about the same location, and he wanted to make sure residents were being notified.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>9. Grant of Location 210615 (ID:23495)</p> | <p>Submitted by Comcast to install 32 feet of conduit in Alpine St from utility pole 7/2 to a point of pickup at 13 Alpine St.</p> |
| | <p>President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Comcast representative Dave Flewelling described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>10. Grant of Location 210616 (ID:23496)</p> | <p>Submitted by Comcast to install a total of 294 feet of conduit, starting from utility pole 316/8, traveling 17 feet to a proposed manhole at the intersection of South and Earle Sts, then continuing 182 feet to another proposed manhole in Earle St, then splitting with 18 feet going to property on Earle St and 77 feet going to the rear of 101 South St.</p> |
| | <p>President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Comcast representative Dave Flewelling described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

11. Grant of Location 210617 (ID:23489) Submitted by Extenet to install 374 feet of conduit in Great River Road, from manhole #29469 to a proposed handhole, then continuing to a small wireless facility near 479 Canal St.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Extenet representative Rosanna Ferrante described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

12. Grant of Location 210618 (ID:23490) Submitted by Extenet to install 103 feet of conduit in Somerville Ave from manhole #20650 to a proposed handhole, then continuing to a small wireless facility near 411 Somerville Ave at Quincy St.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Extenet representative Rosanna Ferrante described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

13. Grant of Location 210619 (ID:23491) Submitted by Extenet to install 94 feet of conduit in Broadway from manhole #2633 to a proposed handhole, then continuing to a small wireless facility at the intersection of Broadway and Boston Ave.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Extenet representative Rosanna Ferrante described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

14. Grant of Location 210620 (ID:23492) Submitted by Extenet to install 86 feet of conduit in Broadway from manhole #2569 to a proposed handole, then continuing to a small wireless facility near 497 Broadway.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Extenet representative Rosanna Ferrante described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

15. Grant of Location 210621 (ID:23493) Submitted by Extenet to install 102 feet of conduit in Broadway from manhole #2572 to a proposed handhole, then continuing to a small wireless facility near 546 Broadway.
- President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Extenet representative Rosanna Ferrante described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
16. Grant of Location 210622 (ID:23494) Submitted by Extenet to install 38 feet of conduit in Revolution Dr from manhole #26211 to a proposed handhole, then continuing to a small wireless facility near 75 Mystic Ave.
- President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Extenet representative Rosanna Ferrante described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

17. Resolution 210623 (ID:23506) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Strezo, Mbah, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, White Jr. Supporting Tufts University students and Tufts Labor Coalition in their advocacy efforts promoting a healthy and supportive working environment for Tufts Dining workers during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Councilor Ballantyne introduced Patricia O'Brien, a Tufts Dining Hall worker, who thanked the Council for all of its support over the years. She described a Covid-19 scare at a dining hall, and said that Tufts didn't want to follow its own cleaning protocols. Instead, she and a co-worker allowed workers who wanted to clean the room to do so, and those who wanted to leave to do so. She and her co-worker were then placed on administrative leave. Councilors expressed outrage at the situation, and urged Ms. O'Brien to keep the Council informed going forward.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

18. Order 210624 (ID:23507) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Finance, the Director of Parking and the Director of SPCD discuss scaling parking permit fees with automobile size and efficiency.

Councilor Ballantyne said she wanted to explore alternative uses of our public pathways and different priorities for our parking spaces. Councilor Niedergang said this could dovetail with the work of the parking task force. He said \$40 is way too little to charge for on-street parking, and he would support a more equitable and progressive parking permit system. Councilor Strezo urged that lower income families and delivery drivers not be penalized.

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

19. Order 210625 (ID:23508) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That all Department Heads share their FY21 missions and goals and FY20 achievements at this Council's next meeting on October 8, 2020.

Councilor Ballantyne said that in the past, the annual budget contained departmental narratives. This year, it didn't, so she wanted departments to submit FY21 workplans separately.

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

20. Order 210626 (ID:23509) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Finance and the Budget Director discuss ways to improve the user experience for OpenGov.

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

21. Order 210627 (ID:23510) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD update this Council on the Missatuck/Mystic River bike and pedestrian bridge project.

Councilor Ballantyne asked for an update. Councilor McLaughlin said this bridge is in his ward, and nothing new is happening. He said there was an assumption that the casino's commitment was wavering due to Covid-19, but in fact there are no changes in the project.

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

22. Order 210628 (ID:23511) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Finance and the Director of SPCD discuss potential appropriations for requests from Somerville Cares (see attachment), restaurants and bars, arts and cultural organizations, and other groups.

Councilor Ballantyne wanted to hear how the Administration was prioritizing a variety of requests.

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

23. Order 210629 (ID:23512) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD provide an update on the goal data for SomerVision 2030 by this Council's next meeting on October 8, 2020.

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

24. Order 210630 (ID:23523) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD inspect the trees along Broadway from Veterans Cemetery to Route 16, and replace the dead and dying trees.

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

25. Order 210631 (ID:23520) By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, McLaughlin, Davis, Clingan, Scott, Strezo, Rossetti, White Jr. That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Council on assertions that most plastic is no longer being recycled and that it costs more to process as recycling than as trash, and report whether updated guidance should be provided to residents.

Councilor Mbah said that recent reports have indicated that plastics aren't really recycled, and he urged an in-depth discussion in Committee.

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

26. Resolution 210632 (ID:23521) By City Councilor Niedergang
That this Council and the Administration consider the policy recommendations conveyed in the Somerville Cares Fund update report of August 25, 2020, attached.

Councilor Niedergang urged consideration of the policy recommendations in the report, and Councilor Ewen-Campen talked about its findings related the impact of the pandemic on local families. Councilor Niedergang mentioned some of the notable recommendations: canceling accrued rental debt, extending the eviction ban, reviving anti-hunger efforts, negotiating utility payments, and creating institutional support for the Somerville Cares fund.

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

27. Communication 210633 (ID:23522) By City Councilor Niedergang
Reporting on the Traffic Commission's activities from May to September, 2020.

Councilor Niedergang summarized recent Traffic Commission activities, including the expansion of 20 mile per hour safety zones.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

28. Resolution 210586 (ID:23470) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Mayor update this Council, in Executive Session, on alleged suspicious activity in the DPW Fleet yard in March of 2020.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

29. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
210634
(ID:23517)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on September 17, 2020.</p> | <p>Councilor Rossetti reported that the Committee took up a variety of appointments. The Committee considered and denied the confirmation of Nancy Salamoun as Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission. The Committee stressed that this was no reflection on Ms. Salamoun, but was a statement that the Human Rights Commission needs its own staffing and resources, and she already has full-time duties.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>B. Mayor's Request
204904
(ID:17591)</p> | <p>Requesting the re-appointment of John DeLuca as Director of Water & Sewer.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>C. Mayor's Request
204921
(ID:17610)</p> | <p>Requesting the re-appointment of Candace Cooper as Director of Personnel.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>D. Mayor's Request
204922
(ID:17629)</p> | <p>Requesting the appointment of Rachel Taylor as Animal Control Officer.</p> | <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>NOTE: The Mayor withdrew his request to confirm this re-appointment on February 12, 2019.</p> |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request
207402
(ID:20152)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of John DeLuca as Director of Water & Sewer.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>F. Mayor's Request
207408
(ID:20158)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Edward Bean as Finance Director.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| <p>G. Mayor's Request
207412
(ID:20162)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Candace Cooper as Director of Personnel.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>H. Mayor's Request
209494
(ID:22330)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Edward Bean as Finance Director.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>I. Mayor's Request
209495
(ID:22331)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Edward Bean as Auditor.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>J. Mayor's Request
209497
(ID:22333)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of John DeLuca as Director of Water & Sewer.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>K. Mayor's Request
209515
(ID:22351)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rachel Taylor as Animal Control Officer.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>L. Mayor's Request
209516
(ID:22269)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Julie Coen as Animal Control Officer.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>M. Mayor's Request
209519
(ID:22356)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nancy Salamoun as Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission.</p> | <p>RESULT: NOT APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| N. | Mayor's Request
210145
(ID:23013) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Joseph P. Lynch, Jr., to the Licensing Commission. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| O. | Mayor's Request
210348
(ID:23101) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of April Kuehnhoff to the position of Trustee for the Board of Library Trustees. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| P. | Mayor's Request
210491
(ID:23350) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kerri Connolly to the Memorialization Committee. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| Q. | Mayor's Request
210492
(ID:23351) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sara Marx to the Memorialization Committee. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

30. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
210635
(ID:23515) | Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on September 16, 2020. | <p>Councilor Strezo reported that the Committee discussed the ending of the eviction moratorium and getting notifications to tenants pursuant to the tenant notification act, as well as making sure departments like Inspectional Services are prepared to provide assistance when needed. The Committee also talked about liening properties for the nonpayment of fines, and learned that since the State recently removed a requirement that fines be unpaid for 12 months before being liened, the city could now amend its own requirement. The Committee also talked about increasing city contracting with minority and women owned businesses. Councilor Strezo added that in a follow-up conversation with Housing Stability Director Ellen Shachter, she learned that there's a backlog of 2,600 rental assistance applications.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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- B. Order 209565 (ID:22427) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis, Clingan That the Director of SPCD help ensure the effectiveness of the Tenant Notification Act via a citywide mailer, and by ensuring that the Director of 311 and the Director of Inspectional Services inform all city employees of the enforcement of this policy.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 210636 (ID:23541) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the City Solicitor provide the Committee on Housing and Community Development with an opinion on whether the Tenant Notification Act could lead to a fine, indefinitely, following a first offense.

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

- D. Resolution 210637 (ID:23542) By City Councilor Strezo That the Administration commit to setting goals for contracting with minority and women-owned businesses.

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

31. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210638 (ID:23514) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on September 15, 2020.

Councilor Ewen-Campen reported that the Committee met for a joint public hearing with the Planning Board on 5 zoning amendments. Two amendments were recommended for approval this evening, to re-zone 56 Murdock Street, and to make a text correction in the cannabis zoning ordinance. However, as the Council hasn't yet received a recommendation from the Planning Board as required by law, they'll have to be left on the table for the next meeting.

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

- B. Ordinance 210185 (ID:23037) By City Councilor Niedergang Proposing an amendment to the zoning map to change 56 Murdock Street from the Neighborhood Residence to the Urban Residence district.

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

- C. Mayor's Request 210597 (ID:23426) Submitted by Acting Mayor McLaughlin, requesting approval of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to the standards of Subsection 9.2.4.d for Cannabis Retail Sales uses.

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

- D. Order 210639 (ID:23486) By City Councilor Niedergang That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on whether issues of tenancy, affordable housing, and displacement can be a factor on a decision of a zoning change proposal.

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

32. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210640 (ID:23516) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on September 17, 2020.

Councilor Ewen-Campen was recused from the discussion of #204278, the Demolition Review Ordinance. Councilor Davis reported that the Committee discussed the Demolition Review Ordinance, as well as a number of other items, including the PACE clean energy program, controlling the invasive black swallow-wort plant, prohibiting prison labor for city jobs, and licensing car rental agencies. The Committee Report was severed in order to take up #204278 separately. The balance of the report was unanimously approved. On a motion by Councilor Scott, #204278, the Demolition Review Ordinance was amended, to replace "18 months" in Section 7.1(a) with "12 months". The amendment passed with 6 Councilors in favor (Councilors Clingan, Mbah, White, Ballantyne, Scott and McLaughlin), 4 Councilors opposed (Councilors Strezo, Niedergang, Davis and Rossetti), and Councilor Ewen-Campen recused.

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

- B. Mayor's Request 204278 (ID:16947) Requesting the replacement of Ordinance 7-28 with a new Demolition Review Ordinance with relevant updates to Ordinance 1-11 for violations.

On a motion by Councilor Scott, #204278, the Demolition Review Ordinance was amended, to replace "18 months" in Section 7.1(a) with "12 months". The amendment passed with 6 Councilors in favor (Councilors Clingan, Mbah, White, Ballantyne, Scott and McLaughlin), 4 Councilors opposed (Councilors Strezio, Niedergang, Davis and Rossetti), and Councilor Ewen-Campen recused.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED AS AMENDED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: Ewen-Campen
AMENDED: Replace "18 months" in Section 7.1(a) with "12 months".

- C. Officer's Communication 209020 (ID:21796) Historic Preservation Planner responding to #204278 with a presentation regarding the draft Demolition Review Ordinance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Mayor's Request 209740 (ID:22404) Requesting authorization to participate in the MA Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program.

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

33. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210641 (ID:23519) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on September 23, 2020.

Councilor White reported that the Committee voted to recommend that the Licensing Commission be given continuing authority, through 2021, to license restaurants' use of public property for outdoor seating. The Committee also recommended renewing the lodging house licenses at Tufts, with a condition allowing those licenses to be revoked if they violate Tufts Covid-19 protocols.

Following approval, Councilor White moved to reconsider this item, in the hope that reconsideration would fail. Reconsideration was unanimously approved, and on reconsideration, the item was again unanimously approved, with no Councilors changing their vote.

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

- B. Resolution 210484 (ID:23345) By City Councilor White Jr. That the Administration work with this Council for a smooth transition of outdoor seating permits when they reach the Council for renewal beyond November 1.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- C. Public Communication 210497 (ID:23377) 11 citizens submitting comments re: Tufts plans to re-open its campus in the fall.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- D. License/Permit 210504 (ID:23385) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 136 Curtis St.
- RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.
- E. License/Permit 210505 (ID:23386) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 176 Curtis St.
- RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.
- F. License/Permit 210506 (ID:23387) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 90-92-94 Curtis St.
- RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.

- G. License/Permit 210507 (ID:23388) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 12 Dearborn Rd.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
- H. License/Permit 210508 (ID:23389) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 32 Dearborn Rd.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
- I. License/Permit 210509 (ID:23390) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 98 Packard Ave.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
- J. License/Permit 210510 (ID:23391) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 125 Powderhouse Blvd.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |

- K. License/Permit 210511 (ID:23392) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Professors Row.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
- L. License/Permit 210512 (ID:23393) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 14 Professors Row.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
- M. License/Permit 210513 (ID:23394) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 28 Professors Row.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
- N. License/Permit 210514 (ID:23395) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 92 Professors Row.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |

- O. License/Permit 210515 (ID:23396) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 106 Professors Row.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
- P. License/Permit 210516 (ID:23397) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 56-64 Professors Row.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
- Q. License/Permit 210517 (ID:23398) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13 Sawyer Ave.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
- R. License/Permit 210518 (ID:23399) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 37 Sawyer Ave.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |

- S. License/Permit 210519 (ID:23400) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Sawyer Ave.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
- T. License/Permit 210520 (ID:23401) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 9-11 Sunset Rd.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
- U. License/Permit 210521 (ID:23402) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 101 Talbot Ave.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
- V. License/Permit 210522 (ID:23403) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13-15 Talbot Ave.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |

- W. License/Permit 210523 (ID:23404) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Whitfield Rd.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
- X. License/Permit 210524 (ID:23405) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 21 Whitfield Rd.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
- Y. License/Permit 210525 (ID:23410) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 15 Whitfield Rd.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |
- Z. License/Permit 210526 (ID:23411) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 100 Talbot Ave.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020. |

AA. License/Permit 210527 (ID:23412) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Talbot Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.

AB. License/Permit 210528 (ID:23413) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 40A-F Latin Way.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.

AC. License/Permit 210529 (ID:23414) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 73 Powderhouse Blvd.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.

AD. License/Permit 210530 (ID:23415) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 29 Latin Way.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.

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| <p>AE. License/Permit
210531
(ID:23416)</p> | <p>Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 43 Latin Way.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.</p> |
| <p>AF. License/Permit
210532
(ID:23417)</p> | <p>Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 39R Latin Way.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.</p> |
| <p>AG. License/Permit
210533
(ID:23418)</p> | <p>Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 75-85 Packard Ave.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.</p> |
| <p>AH. License/Permit
210534
(ID:23421)</p> | <p>Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 123 Packard Ave.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.</p> |

AI. License/Permit 210535 (ID:23406) Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Theta Chi, 100 Packard Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.

AJ. License/Permit 210536 (ID:23407) Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Alpha Phi, 14 Sawyer Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.

AK. License/Permit 210537 (ID:23408) Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Alpha Omicron Pi, 25 Whitfield Rd.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.

AL. License/Permit 210538 (ID:23419) Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Zeta Beta Tau, 126 Packard Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.

AM. License/Permit 210539 (ID:23409) Renewing Lodging House License, Alpha Tau Omega, 134 Professors Row.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.

AN. License/Permit 210540 (ID:23420) Renewing Lodging House License, Delta Tau Delta, 98 Professors Row.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent, including, but not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University’s own testing protocol dated 9/4/2020.

AO. Order 210642 (ID:23544) By City Councilor White Jr. That through December 31, 2021, any business with a license from the Licensing Commission for outdoor food and/or beverage service for outdoor seating shall not require further authorization from this Council pursuant to Ordinance 12-14.

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

34. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 210643 (ID:23513) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on September 14, 2020, as a Committee of the Whole.

Councilor Davis, in the interest of time, reported that the minutes that are posted online are very detailed and speak for themselves, so he recommended folks take a look if interested.

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

35. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
210644
(ID:23518)</p> | <p>Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on September 23, 2020.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen reported that the Committee reviewed the city's new integrated pest management plan with "rat czar" Georgiana Silveira. Renters should know that their identity will be protected if they complain about rats in their building.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |
| <p>B. Order
209799
(ID:22728)</p> | <p>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.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> </div> |
| <p>C. Order
210113
(ID:22971)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Hirsch, Mbah
That the Director of Health and Human Services explain how the pandemic and related closures may be affecting rodent activity or any planned eradication strategies.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> </div> |
| <p>D. Order
210250
(ID:23136)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
That this Council's Special Committee on Rodent Issues discuss ways for renters to address rodent issues at their residences without fear of retribution from their landlords.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> </div> |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| <p>36. Mayor's Request
210645
(ID:23440)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$6,086,250 in a bond for the remediation and renovation of Conway Park.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 36 to 51 and send them to the Finance Committee.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> </div> |
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| 37. Mayor's Request 210646 (ID:23371) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$106,292.07 unencumbered using available funds in the DPW Building and Grounds budget. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 38. Mayor's Request 210647 (ID:23372) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$30,210.49 unencumbered using available funds in the DPW Highway budget. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 39. Mayor's Request 210648 (ID:23358) | Requesting approval to pay a variety of prior year invoices totaling \$17,214.11 using available funds in the DPW Administration budget. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 40. Mayor's Request 210649 (ID:23373) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$4,014.19 unencumbered using available funds in the DPW Fleet budget. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 41. Mayor's Request 210650 (ID:23505) | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice for \$220 using available funds in the Inspectional Services Department's Staff Development Account for staff training. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 42. Mayor's Request 210651 (ID:23466) | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$96 using available funds in the Health and Human Services Professional & Technical Account for interpreter services. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 43. Mayor's Request 210652 (ID:23467) | Requesting acceptance of a \$46,800 grant with no new match required, from Metropolitan Area Planning Council to the Health and Human Services Department to reduce transportation barriers to food access. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

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| 44. Mayor's Request 210653 (ID:23354) | Requesting acceptance of a \$37,315 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Mental Health to the Police Department for the Jail Diversion Program. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 45. Mayor's Request 210654 (ID:23485) | Requesting acceptance of a \$5,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Emergency Management Agency to the Fire Department for emergency management equipment. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 46. Mayor's Request 210655 (ID:23500) | Requesting approval to enter into a power purchase agreement with Solect Energy Development for a solar system at the East Somerville Community School. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 47. Mayor's Request 210656 (ID:23501) | Requesting approval to enter into a power purchase agreement with Solect Energy Development for a solar system at the High School. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 48. Mayor's Request 210657 (ID:23502) | Requesting approval of an easement to Solect Energy Development for installation, maintenance, and operation of a roof-top solar energy system at the East Somerville Community School. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 49. Mayor's Request 210658 (ID:23503) | Requesting approval of an easement to Solect Energy Development for installation, maintenance, and operation of a roof-top solar energy system at the High School. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 50. Mayor's Request 210659 (ID:23488) | Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for the 2017 street resurfacing contract with D&R General Contracting Inc. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

51. Mayor's Request 210660 (ID:23487) Requesting approval of the 2020-2021 HUD One Year Action Plan, for CDBG, HOME, and ESG programming.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

52. Officer's Communication 210661 (ID:23479) City Solicitor seeking approval of the settlement of a pending claim for \$249,713.69, for damages to the City Hall Annex in 2018.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

53. Officer's Communication 210662 (ID:23535) Urban Forestry Committee conveying a statement on the planned remediation of Conway Park.

Councilor Scott noted that this statement has a lot to say with respect to the \$6M bond for Conway Park remediation (#210645), and all Councilors should read it.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

NEW BUSINESS

54. License/Permit 210663 (ID:23499) Renewing Drainlayer's License, CJ Doherty.

Councilor White moved to waive the readings of item 54 to 60 and approval them all except for item 57 which should be referred to the Committee on Licenses and Permits for a public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

55. License/Permit 210664 (ID:23484) Renewing Garage License, Mass Inspection, 712 Mystic Ave.

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

56. License/Permit 210665 (ID:23536) Renewing Garage License, ONF Auto Body, 627 Somerville Ave.

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

57. License/Permit 210666 (ID:23504) New Garage License, Nick's Foreign Car Center LLC, 64 Webster Ave, 3 vehicles inside, 5 outside, for mechanical repairs only, operating Mon-Fri 7:30AM-6PM, Sat-Sun Closed.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

58. License/Permit 210667 (ID:23528) Small Wireless Facility License, Extenet Systems attaching small cell equipment on a replacement pole at the intersection of Langmaid Avenue and Broadway.

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

59. License/Permit 210668 (ID:23529) Small Wireless Facility License, Extenet Systems attaching small cell equipment on a replacement pole at the intersection of Vermont and Pennsylvania Avenues.

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

60. License/Permit 210669 (ID:23531) Small Wireless Facility License, Extenet Systems attaching small cell equipment on a replacement pole at the intersection of Pinckney and Pearl Streets.

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

61. Public Communication 210670 (ID:23534) Tufts President responding to #210606 re: Tufts' Covid-19 testing program.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

62. Communication 210671 (ID:23538) By City Councilor Rossetti Report of the High School Building Committee meeting of September 14, 2020.

Councilor Rossetti reported that there is now a 44-minute video tour of the new High School on Youtube which is very informative. She said the building would be substantially completed by the end of January, and the last project, the outdoor field, would be completed by next September.

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

63. Communication By City Councilor McLaughlin
210672
(ID:23545) Reporting on the September 21, 2020 School Department Town Hall Meeting.

Councilor McLaughlin said that the decision for reopening the schools for the spring semester will be made in December.

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

64. Order By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
210673
(ID:23539) That the Director of SPCD update this Council on the citywide parking study that began last year.

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

65. Resolution By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis,
210674
(ID:23540) Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Administration update this Council on the recommendations of the Internet Access Task Force that was convened in 2018, and what the city is doing to ensure that everyone has reliable access to the internet.

Councilor Ewen-Campen asked for a copy of the Internet Access Task Force's 2018 report. Especially with the pandemic, the digital divide has become a matter of life and death, with many resources, benefits and schools only available online.

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

66. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of an \$8,529 grant with no new match required, from
210675
(ID:23543) the Secretary of State's CARES Act funding to the Elections Department for the purchase of 10 ballot boxes for mail-in voting.

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

LATE ITEMS

67. Order By City Councilor Scott
210676 That the City Clerk, in consultation with other departments as needed, discuss
(ID:23547) with this Council the discrepancies in abutter notifications in applications from
various utilities for Grants of Location, and propose mechanisms to resolve
those discrepancies.

Councilor Scott said this item came out of tonight's review of grants of location applications and the discrepancy in abutter lists between #210614 and #210618, and he wants assurance that abutters are being properly notified.

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

68. Public Burak Gokmen submitting comments re: #210364, to re-zone six parcels along
Communication Medford Street between School Street and Marshall Street.
210677
(ID:23548)

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:30 PM.

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SPEAKER: Pursuant to the governor's March 12 orders suspending and -- what happened there -- and the governor's March 15 order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as the declaration of emergency on March 15, 2020, the this meeting of the City Council will be conducted via remote participation we will post an audio, transcript or over comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible on the city of Somerville, and local access channel. Please rise for the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance?

SPEAKER: Let's begin this meeting with a prayer. God grant this City Council the serenity to accept the things that cannot be changed the courage to change the things that can be changed and the wisdom to know the difference. Now -- let's join in a salute to the flag.

(Pledge of Allegiance recited).

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Please be seated. Please call the role.

THE CLERK: Roll call, Councilor Clingan.

COUNCILOR CLINGAN: Present.

SPEAKER: Councilor Mbah.

COUNCILOR MBAH: Present.

SPEAKER: Councilor White.

COUNCILOR WHITE, Jr.: Here.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ballantyne?

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Here.

SPEAKER: Councilor Strezoz?

COUNCILOR STREZO: Here.

SPEAKER: Councilor Niedergang.

COUNCILOR NIEDERGAN: Present. Can you hear me? I am having audio.

SPEAKER: Loud and clear.

COUNCILOR NIEDERGAN: Great. Thank you.

SPEAKER: Councilor Davis?

SPEAKER: Here.

SPEAKER: Councilor Scott?

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Present.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ewen-Campen.

COUNCILOR EWEN-CAMPEN: Here.

SPEAKER: Councilor Rossetti.

SPEAKER: Present.

SPEAKER: Councilor McLaughlin?

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Here.

SPEAKER: All 11 Councilors are present. We have a quorum.

SPEAKER: Any moments of silence? Councilor White?

COUNCILOR WHITE, Jr.: Thank you, Mr. President. I have a moment of silence this evening for Warren Chaille a long time resident of the city of Somerville. He moved. He was 92 years of age. He is a brother of Jerry Chaille I don't -- know if he is still involved with the cab company here he was a veteran of World War II, he was a red belt grandmaster of a karate organization he was a member of the labor union 22, greatest generation serving his country during World War II and the father of shall I in our Police Department and the police officer who walks with the licensing commission. I know chair of the licensing commission Joe Lynch also offers his condolences to the family.

SPEAKER: Councilor Niedergang?

COUNCILOR NIEDERGAN: Thank you Mr. President. I would like us to remember Ed Marino a beloved husband of Elaine Severino, the long time member of the zoning Board of Appeals. He

was 81, lived in Somerville, died on September 9. Born in Union Square graduated from Somerville High School, enlisted at the Marine Corps, returned to Somerville in 1978, Elaine in Union Square he was a loving and devoted husband as well as a supporting father to their daughter and son Mark. He greeted all who passed by the rug store he owned for 35 years. And he helped the elderly in their final years as a volunteer after he retired are from that he loved the outdoors and especially Maine this love began with a camping honeymoon and continued for the next 41 years. Thank you for remembering Ed. He and his wife Elaine own a house on White Street right by the -- by the big star market mall there. Thank you Mr. President.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Do we have any other moments of silence?

COUNCILOR ROSSETTI: Mr. President, I would like to please sign on to Mr. Severino.

SPEAKER: I would sign as to both as well. Any other moments of silence?

COUNCILOR WHITE, Jr.: Mr. President, thank you 2 things, I would also like to sign on for the one for Mr. Severino but this evening, we should have a moment of silence for Ruth Bader Ginsberg. Justice of the US Supreme Court we are all aware of her passing and the great contributions she made for justice in this country. You know I think it is appropriate?

SPEAKER: I would like to sign on to Severino, I am sure the entire Council would sign on to Ruth Bader Ginsberg it is a very sad week unfortunately and Ben Ewen-Campen for Severino, as well. Any other moments of silence? So I unfortunately have 2 moments of silence, both for people I grew up with, one was a good friend of mine, Bryan Buckley, some of you have been in the city, may remember Matt Buckley he worked in the solicitor's office, still lives in Somerville, Bryan I went from seventh and eighth grade on, and have known him for many years. We share the same birthday, every year he would shoot me a text and remind me of my own birthday because I forgot other people's birthdays as well as my own and Buckley would always call me and say happy birthday. I would have a moment where I say how did he remember. Of course we have the same birthday. Very sad to see him go. Just another memory of him as well. In the seventh and eighth grade we did a performance of Guys and Dolls and does he was Nathan Detroit. I was big Julie. He knocked me out in front of a captive audience who was very happy to see that happen. He was one of the funniest people I knew in a class full of real comedians His family, I express my condolences to his family. I am really going to miss Bryan. Another moment of silence is for Lauren Marie Lopez, who does not live in Somerville. Her husband, Ronald Lopez, another friend I grew up with from seventh and eighth grade on she passed away of cancer at the age of 33. I would like to remember her as well. So if there are no other moments of silence please rise for a moment of silence. (moment of silence).

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Please be seated. Next item Mr. Clerk?

SPEAKER: Mr. President item No. 3 the approval of the minutes of the special meeting of August 5 and the regular meeting of August 27

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: This is laid on the table for approval?

SPEAKER: No. 4 a citation submitted, commending Annie Connor who is resigning after 4 years of dedicated service as the mayor's liaison to the City Council.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: We are losing yet another legislative liaison unfortunately, I feel like this position is like, being the child of divorce. You are between 2 bickering parents trying to find out how to do right by both of them and make everybody happy. There is probably a good reason we keep losing these really talented people. I really enjoyed working with Annie over the past few years as president and before that as well you have been a great resource to me and I have always enjoyed your sense of humor. I am really going to miss you but the way things are going with legislative liaisons you may be back in a few months in a new position. Hopefully this is not goodbye as I say in Somerville, we say see you later not goodbye, see you again soon. I am going to give the floor to Ms. Conner first, Annie you have the floor.

SPEAKER: Thank you president Mr. President and thank you to Council. I guess I should act surprised here but someone tipped me off this would happen tonight so I prepared a few words. My father always said the best off the cuff speech takes about 3 days to prepare. So I want to thank the Council, first can everyone hear me?

SPEAKER: Yes.

SPEAKER: Yes. Loud and clear.

SPEAKER: OK, if there is one thing that you know this Council and the mayor have taught me, it's that we should use the platform we are given to advocate for progress. If you will indulge me I would take a few moments to share some reflections about my experience working for the city of Somerville for the last 4 years. I have been honored to be part of some very formative experiences, or moments with the city in its recent history, things like the GLX, condo conversion, the zoning overhaul and much, much more. I joined the team in 2016. That was a time when local government was quickly being recognized as a form of resistance, people were recognizing that cities were really an anchor for our democracy. I am honored to have been part of such a progressive municipal government and to have worked for such a passionate and energetic mayor and Joe Curtatone I want to thank him for the opportunity to work for the city. The mayor has a lot of truly inspiring ideas about how to move this city forward he -- understands those ideas are only as effective as the people who convert them into actions and policies. And that work of converting ideas, into action and policy and of taking care to ensure that the city thrives amidst progress, that is the work that my colleagues in Somerville take up every day. I wish I would name everyone, that I have worked with but -- but I will say thank you to the entire staff here in the city. Thank you for all that you have taught me, and thank you especially for meeting this unprecedented moment in our history with a deeper well of energy, creativity, compassion and resilience than could ever be expected. I will miss working alongside you. I used to joke, sometimes still joke that Somerville should have a tagline, Somerville one long community process and some houses. And it's clear that community process, civic engagement is one of Somerville's greatest strengths. But I have learned in my time here that the change that can come from this civic engagement and this community process, that change only comes at the speed of trust. Trust between the Council and the mayor and the staff and the community. Now trust doesn't have to mean constant agreement. In fact, it can't. But it must include a generosity of assumption that everyone is fulfilling their role to the best of their ability and it also must include a mutual respect as people as public servants working in the same city for the same goal every day. My role here in the city included being a bridge between the Council and the administration and that part of my job was the most challenging and where I feel I have fallen most short. So as I wrap up my time here in the city, I have put together a few reflections on how that bridge could be strengthened in the future. I have put it all in writing as is frequently the request of this Council, and I will email it to you, and to the staff later this evening. But I hope that you can trust that I am coming from a perspective that we all, together in the service of Somerville, are on the same team. At a time when our democracy is crumbling all around us, it is our trust in each other that will help move us forward and will make a residence -- continue to make them proud to call Somerville home. So thank you again for this citation, and for the opportunity to say a few words tonight. I will miss working with all of you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: I am sure the entire Council would like to sign on I apologize for not including everyone right away. We have a long list of people who want to bid you farewell. Council Mbah.

COUNCILOR MBAH: Thank you Mr. President. Thank you Director Conner, it has been an honor. I still remember the first time I met with you you know, as modest as you are you are flexible to meet me at MIT knowing that, it's like, because I can't move you know? So that alone meant so much to me and learning about your own background your passion for doing good you know it's -- now that -- so because I always believed you don't need a second time to create a first impression. Once we had a good time and you know -- if it takes you a long time to know somebody there is a problem. So I hope that my interaction with you since then, until this day that you are leaving has reflected that and of course, we had a few arguments left and right but it's just like you said for the common good so I want to say thank you for all the work that you have done for the city, thank you for the time you gave to me personally and the advice you also provided along the way, and I really wish you all the best. Thank you Annie.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: we have Councilor Davis.

COUNCILOR DAVIS: Thank you Mr. President. Thank you for bringing this. So grateful to you Director Conner for everything you did, all the work that we have done together, both in your role as legislative liaison, certainly more so there given the direct contact that we had, very late nights

over the last few years, but I am just -- I know you are as proud as I am of the things that we did and accomplished together as a Council and as an administration. I appreciate your words. I know the place to which you are going is a really fabulous place so I am both thrilled and a little jealous but I guess if there is any place to go as good as Somerville you picked a good one. I know you will certainly enjoy that and thrive in your new role, they are the lucky ones that are getting you. I will keep it brief and wrap up and just say 2 more things. One again thank you so much. And two, the only solace I take is that among the things that which you -- were brilliant was your hiring. I know we will be in good hands, if anyone has a chance of filling your shoes I know you found that person and that itself is yet another credit to you. Thanks and good luck and as President McLaughlin said, I will see you later.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Council Ewen-Campen.

COUNCILOR EWEN-CAMPEN: Thank you Mr. President, Director Connor. As I said in an email, I am very happy for you and very sad for us, I was thinking just now when you were talking, whenever I am at a protest and people say show me what democracy looks like I always think, people like you behind the scenes I think, that is an aspect of the democratic process that not a lot of people get the opportunity to see, and how much talent and hard work and compassion for the public good that you have shown, I think, you spoke about building trust with the community I think you know if more folks got to see you in action, more folks would have a lot of trust in the government. So I am incredibly thankful. When I was elected in 2017, you have been here that whole time I was totally new to government, totally new to Somerville politics and so you have been the face of how I have interacted with the government for the entire time I have been in public office and -- I have really learned a lot from you and I will take that forward and I am incredibly excited about the work you are going to do I want to thank you on behalf of Somerville and look forward to working with you again soon.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Clingan?

COUNCILOR CLINGAN: Thank you Mr. President. I want to say that. I am happy for you and you will be missed here but I know that you are going to greener pastures literally and I couldn't be happier but I am thankful for all the time you spent here, thank you for those words you -- everything you said was on point I look forward to reading your suggestions. All the best, best wishes, see you around.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Ballantyne?

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor?

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Sorry, things are slow here. Hi. I hope you are enjoying your new home. You have done so much for our community I would like -- you used to live on Powderhouse Boulevard and I am hoping you voted for me when I got elected (laughter).

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: There was no one else on the ballot.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: I didn't hear that.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: I said there was no one else on the ballot.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Right. So I can't thank you enough. You handle your work with such grace and dignity. You have done Somerville so proud and you have handled the transitions from the executive and legislative branches so well. And I can't thank you enough, I have enjoyed our one on one times, over the last 4 years, you are just an incredible person and I do also want to thank you for hiring Khushbu Webber because you did an awesome job on that. So I look forward to seeing you in your new home. Thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: I got Councilors Rossetti, White and Scott.

COUNCILOR ROSSETTI: Thank you Mr. President, Annie want to thank you for your years with myself and my colleagues and I am going to keep it brief. I will be responding to your email. I forward to reading that. I really truly want to do you wish the best of luck in your next chapter and please do your best to stay safe. God bless.

SPEAKER: Councilor White.

COUNCILOR WHITE, Jr.: Thank you Mr. President. I don't want to repeat what everyone has said but over the course I have enjoyed working with her and I admire the way she was able to conduct herself in many tense situations, and I am going to ask her how her tongue is, she must have bitten it a few times during the meetings. Anyway good luck in the future, thank you for your

service.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Scott?

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Thank you Mr. President and all thanks, to Director Conner. You know, in our first or my first year, it was easy, in all of the tumult and the important work that happened, to overlook in all those section that is went to midnight and beyond that director Conner, liaison Conner at the time had been there since very early in the morning was there to late very late at night, as was said, frequently biting her tongue and working through a difficult process. I think what continually impressed me director, is your absolute dedication and that of so many people, in city government to try to get it right, and trying to get the city to work along together. It's hard, it's contentious, and it has always been the case your constructive criticism is acute and useful and I look forward to your email. But more than that I look forward to hopefully many years getting to see you come back around and helping us figure it out. We are all in this together no matter where we are landing thank you again for all of your services and for all of your patience.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Strezo?

COUNCILOR STREZO: Thank you president. I want to wish you the best of luck and I am looking forward to hearing your thoughts in writing and hopefully learn from them and I hope we have a chance to one day work together again. My absolute best. Thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any further discussion? Or any final comments from Annie? Hearing nothing more this item is laid on the table for approval. Please don't be a stranger Annie. Laid on the table for approval next item Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK: Mr. President we move to item No. 5 which is a citation submitted by Ewen-Campen and the mayor, commanding Ann Cassesso for celebrating 50 years and counting for dedicated service to the public library.

COUNCILOR EWEN-CAMPEN: can we read item 6 as well.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Please read item 6.

THE CLERK: Citation submitted by, Councilor Ewen-Campen and the mayor commending Wendy Wood as she retires after 40 years of dedicated service to the Somerville public library.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Council Mbah would like it to sign on to both.

COUNCILOR EWEN-CAMPEN: Thank you Mr. President. It is a great honor tonight to present these citations to absolutely 2 incredible members of the public library, Ann Cassesso who reached the unbelievable milestone at having worked at the library to 50 years and Wendy Wood retiring after 40 years of service. I would like to sponsor library director, Cathy Piantigini to join us to share some brief words about each and I am hoping to hear a few words from Ms. Cassesso and Ms. Wood.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor, you would like to sponsor, Ms. Cathy Piantigini, sorry, who just unmuted herself you have the floor.

SPEAKER: Thank you can everybody hear me,

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: yes.

SPEAKER: Thank you, first of all, I would love to thank the Council for sponsoring citations for both, Ann and Wendy. Combined their years of service, is 90 which is just incredible to me. I have had the great honor to work alongside them for 27 of those years. They both take enormous pride in their work, Wendy particularly on a library network level. She was always really involved with the minuteman library network and tech services committee and was always very exacting in how she approached her work. And an, she well, what can I say about both of them, with Annie feel like, so lucky that I have the job that I have and yet, I think when I look back on my career the 15 years I worked right beside Ann, shoulder to shoulder in the children's room, are going to be my most favorite. She taught me how to be a children's librarian, she has so much love for every child that goes into the children's room and she makes every child feel special, heard, respected. Unfortunately Wendy -- well, fortunately for her she is in Martha's Vineyard, her connection is spotty. I told her I would share her words to the Council. She wanted to thank you for the honor and she said while the library has reinvented itself so many times 2 things remain constant the workplace creativity and innovation of the staff was awesome. That is it. Thank you very much.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: It looks like the entire Council would like to sign on. Annie did an want to say anything? What happened? Annie are you there?

SPEAKER: I am here yeah. Can you hear me.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Cathy took the words right out of my mouth. I feel so-so lucky. It has been such an honor and privilege to extend my entire career living and working in my hometown. I would like to thank Mayor Curtatone and this City Council and all the past mayors and city officials who generously and thoughtfully supported the library throughout the years we have all recognized the importance of a vibrant library system for our residents and particularly for the children. Finally I would just like to thank my family, friends and my library family including our director Cathy for their continuing efforts to make this city a great place to live and work. Thank you all so very much. I am not retiring yet. Another 50 years.

SPEAKER: Thank goodness.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: If I could speak real quick on Annie she is a constituent. You could take her name off this order and replace it with blank, a dedicated service to the city of Somerville it would apply to almost every family member. We have many involved in various levels of city government I appreciate all of them I appreciate having you still in the community because it's not so many old families like that that still remain and are so ingrained in the community I want to thank you for your service and thank your entire family for your service. Then we have Wendy. Is Wendy here? Did they say Wendy wasn't here? I don't see her name?

SPEAKER: Yeah Wendy wasn't able to get a signal she is on Martha's Vineyard celebrating retirement..

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: We thank you as well Wendy. Any further discussion hearing no discussion these items are laid on the table for approval. Next item Mr. Clerk?

SPEAKER: Mr. President, continuing with regular order of business.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Yes Councilor Ballantyne would like to move to take item No. 17 out of order, hearing no objections, Councilor please read item 17.

SPEAKER: Mr. President, item No. 17 is a resolution suited by Councilor Ballantyne supporting Tufts University students and the Tufts Labor in their advocacy efforts supporting a healthy and for Tufts dining workers during the pandemic.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: It looks like the entire Council wants to sign on.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Thank you I would like to say a few words then I would like to sponsor Patricia O'Brien, and also Christina Won who should be in the audience. So this resolution is supporting Tufts University students and the Tufts labor coalition ask their advocacy efforts in supporting a healthy and working environment for Tufts dining workers during the pandemic I am asking the Council to support this resolution and their efforts to advocate for the best possible working conditions for all Tufts University dining workers. And the 2 people that I am sponsoring are dining workers for Tufts University. Mr. President, can you see them?

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Say the names again.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: So the first is Patricia O'Brien. The second is Christina Won.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: I don't see either one here. Do you see them Mr. Clerk?

SPEAKER: Mr. President I don't see them. I wonder if they are present if they could raise their hand using the little raise hand icon.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: They would be here. They would be listed if that were the case.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Mr. President they did send me a message about 20 minutes ago they had difficulty getting in. So I sent them the link and they should have.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: OK.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Please if you could lay it on the table and I can see if I can get them.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: OK we will lay this item on the table for now and return to the regular order of business.

SPEAKER: Very good Mr. President that brings us to item No. 7 which is a public hearing, on a grant of location application submitted by Nstar which seeks to install 180 feet of conduit in from a manhole to point of pick up at 258 Somerville Avenue.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Just a reminder everybody now we are potentially improving permits tonight. I won't extend the public hearing unless the ward Council requests that, so if anybody has an issue with any of these permits please let me know we will extend the public hearing otherwise we vote to approve or reject tonight, is there anybody in the audience now wishing to speak on

this item. Please use the hand icon. Jackie Duffy you have the floor. I have unmuted you but it looks like you are self-muted. Jackie are you there?

SPEAKER: Yeah can you hear me now.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Jackie Duffy. We would like to install 180 feet of conduit to from manhole 8652 to private property.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: All right.

SPEAKER: For the revitalization of Union Square.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Anyone else in the audience who wishes to speak on this item? Please use the hand icon. I declare this closed. Any discussion from the Council? Any discussion? Hearing no discussion this it's is laid on the table for approval. Next item?

SPEAKER: Item No. 8 is a public hearing and a grant of location application submitted by TC systems which seeks to install 295 feet of conduit from the utility pole at the intersection of Church Street and Somerville through 2 new hand holes in Somerville and ending at a proposed extenet hand hole near 411 Somerville Avenue at Quincy Street.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: I declare this public hearing open anyone here to speak on this item. Ms. Jackie is this you again? No. 8?

SPEAKER: Adam Heller.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Mr. Heller you have the floor.

SPEAKER: Thank you, this is Adam Heller from Sienna Engineering group, representing TC systems for this petition which will start at pole 68 over 4 on Church Street and continue about 300 feet, until it reaches the intersection of Quincy Street at which point it will end at a proposed hand hole right at that intersection, it will be 2PVC for fiberoptic cables. I am happy to take any questions.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Anyone else in the audience, please use the hand icon.

Going once, going twice. Seeing no further comments I declare this public hearing closed. Any discussion on the item, Councilor Scott?

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Thank you Mr. President. So we have 2 permits before us, for this same general location. One from TC systems and one that appears from Extenet itself so Mr. President I would like to know, is this work from TC systems in support of the extenet installation that is going to go in.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Mr. Heller?

SPEAKER: Yes, I can, so this conduit will end at the proposed extenet mantle location which will feed I believe an already approved small cell cite right at the new light post they will be installing, that small section, will be done by Extenet.

COUNCILOR SCOTT: All right so the existing utility pole shown on the diagram is the new metal pole Extenet is installing?

SPEAKER: That's correct.

COUNCILOR SCOTT: OK I guess. Mr. President this is not so much on the merits of the design here but when I look at the notifications for these both of which are in the same general locus, the notification list for this particular one has -- I am looking at 9 addresses the notification for the work at the same location, under the Extenet only has 2 notification parcels on it, and there are parcels here in the area so I would ask the clerk how these notification lists were generated.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Can you answer that.

SPEAKER: Through you Mr. President, the abutters, list are prepared by the utility company generally in consultation with the City Assessor whose list is the official list that the utility companies rely on.

SPEAKER: If I could speak for a moment I assume we have more notification the for this because of the length of the construction going from Church to Quincy whereas I assume the Extenet proposal, they only took the 2 parcels on either side of Quincy Street given their construction is such, you know so much smaller, really only a couple of feet at that one location as opposed to the 300-foot span we have down Somerville.

COUNCILOR SCOTT: OK thank you Mr. President, you know I there there might be something else going on I would like to put a pin to follow up with the clerk and engineering because we have other applications from other utilities at different locations evening this evening they seem to have much wider notification radius. I want to make sure residents are being informed in this in

terms of the design location I appreciate the explanation and don't see a problem with it at this time, thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Do you want it this referred to committee or?

COUNCILOR SCOTT: You know what I will come up with -- I will come up with a separate text and submit it as an item for the meeting tonight. Thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: OK so this item will be laid on the table for approval. Next item.

SPEAKER: Item No. 9, grant of location, public hearing, excuse me, by Comcast to install 32 feet of conduit from a utility pole to a point of pick up at 13 Alpine Street.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: I declare this open, please use the hand icon if you are here to speak. We have Dave Flewelling. Dave you are on the call?

SPEAKER: Good evening, I would like to speak in favor of the Comcast petition, starting at utility pole and have a to go PCC conduit, 32 feet plus-or-minus to 13 Alpine.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Are you a representative from Comcast?

SPEAKER: Correct.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Anyone else wishing to speak on this item from the audience? Going once, going twice, seeing no further comment, this public hearing is closed. Is there anyone who wishes to speak on this on the Council? Councilor Niedergang would like to express his support. Hearing no further discussion this item is laid on the table for approval. Next item?

SPEAKER: Item No. 10 application submitted by Comcast to install a total of 294 feet of conduit starting from a utility pole traveling 17 feet to a proposed manhole at the intersection of south street and early street, then continuing 182 feet to another proposed manhole in early street, then splitting with 18 feet going from that proposed manhole to property, private property on Earle Street and 77 feet going to the rear of 101 South Street.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: I declare this public hearing open. Is there anyone here to speak on the item. Dave?

SPEAKER: Dave Flewelling Comcast I would speak, to 101 South Street, in favor.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Anyone else in the audience who wishes to speak on this? Please use the hand icon. Seeing no further comment I declare this public hearing closed. On the item Council Scott.

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Thank you Mr. President. I appreciate it. This application looks in order and I don't have a problem it, I support it this evening, however I would draw your attention to page 5 of the application package, which, shows, for a not larger set of construction than the initial permit we were looking at, what appears to be a much wider catch. In fact what jumps out notification were sent to target which is all the way across the train tracks from this location I thank Comcast for their thoroughness I think, but there might be something going on and I wanted to put it on the record so when we have discussion we can look at this.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: It sounds like Comcast cares. Any further discussion on the item?, hearing none, this is laid on the table for approval. Next item.

SPEAKER: Item No. 11 is a public hearing of the grant of location, to install 374 feet of conduit in Great River Road from a manhole to a proposed hand hole and then continuing to a small wireless facility near 479 Canal Street.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: I declare this public hearing open, anyone in the audience wishing to speak on this item? Please use the hand icon. I got Rossana. You have the floor.

SPEAKER: Yes. Good evening, my name is Rossana Ferrante, here on behalf of Extenet we are proposing to install, 394 feet of conduit in Great River Road, to a proposed hand hole then continuing to a small cell wireless facility near 479 Canal Street which has been previously approved.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Anyone else in the item who wishes to speak on this item? Please use the hand icon. Seeing no further comment I declare this public hearing closed. Does anyone else on the Council want to speak on this item? Hearing no further discussion this item is laid on the table for approval, next item?

THE CLERK: Item No. 12 a grant location, to install, 103 feet of conduit in Somerville Avenue from a manhole to a proposed hand hole then on to a small wireless facility near 411 Somerville Avenue at Quincy Street.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: I declare this public hearing open anyone in the audience who wishes to speak on this item.

SPEAKER: Good evening again, Extenet here is proposed to install, 103 feet conduit in Somerville avenue, to a proposed handhole, then continuing to a small cell wireless facility near 411 Somerville Avenue at Quincy Street which has been previously approved, I think at this point might be a good time to clarify our application relative to TS systems. We are here before you regarding power and maybe TS systems can confirm but I believe they may be here regarding fiber. That is the distinction as far as I understand. But again TS systems can verify that.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Anyone else in the audience who wishes to speak on this? Adam? Adam Heller did you want to speak on this or for another item? All right I don't see anyone else wishing to speak on this item. Hearing no further discussion, I declare this public hearing closed. Any discussion on the Council? Hearing no discussion this item was laid on the table for approval. Next item?

SPEAKER: Item No. 13, grant, to install 94 feet of conduit in Broadway from a manhole to a proposed handhole then continuing to a small wireless facility at the intersection of Broadway and Boston Avenue.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: I declare this public hearing open, anyone wishing to speak, Rossana.

SPEAKER: Yes. This application is submitted by Extenet to install 94 feet of conduit from, to a proposed handhole then continuing to a small cell wireless facility at the intersection of Broadway and Boston Avenue, 691 Broadway, this side has been previously approved.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Anyone else in the audience wishing to speak on this item, please use the hand. Seeing no further discussion -- I now declare this public hearing closed any discussion from the Council? Council Councilor Niedergang says he is not opposed seeing no further discussion this item is laid on the table for approval. Next item?

SPEAKER: Item No. 14, is a public hearing grand location application submitted by Extenet to install 86 of conduit from Broadway from a manhole to a proposed hand hole then continuing to the small wireless facilities at the intersection of Broadway and Broadway.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Rossana.

SPEAKER: Extenet proposed to install 86 feet of from 2569 to a proposed handhole then continuing to a wireless facility near 497 Broadway previously approved.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Anyone else in the audience wishing to speak on this? Please use the hand icon. Seeing no further discussion, this item is public hearing is closed any discussion from the Council? Hearing no discussion this item is laid on the table for approval, next item?

SPEAKER: Item No. 15 is public hearing on a grant of location, by Extenet to install conduit from a manhole to a proposed handhole then a small wireless facility near 546 Broadway.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: I now declare this public hearing open anybody in the audience wishing to speak on this, Rossana?

SPEAKER: Proposes to install 102 from manhole, 2572 to a proposed handhole then continuing to small wireless facility near 546 Broadway previously approved.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Anyone else in the audience wishing to speak on this item? Please use the hand icon. Seeing no further discussion, I declare this public hearing closed anyone on the Council wishing to speak? Seeing no discussion, this item -- did someone speak?

SPEAKER: Councilor Niedergang.

COUNCILOR NIEDERGANG: I am also, fine with this one as well as the previous one, item 14 are both OK with me as a ward Councilor, thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Very good, these are laid on the table for approval. Next item?

SPEAKER: Item No. 16, is a public hearing on a grant location application submitted by Extenet to install, in Revolution Drive from a manhole it a proposed handhole, then onto the small wireless facility here 75 Mystic Avenue.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: I declare this public hearing open, anyone wishing to speak on this, Rossana.

SPEAKER: Yes Extenet proposed to install 38 feet of couldn't quit in Revolution Drive to a proposed handhole then continuing tie small cell wireless facility, previously approved.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Anyone else in the audience wishing to speak on this icon? Please use

the hand icon. Seeing no further comment I declare this public hearing closed any comments from the, Counsel? Seeing none this item is laid on the table for approval.

That was item No. 16 Mr. Clerk?

SPEAKER: Mr. President that was item No. 16.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Roll call item for all on the table except No. 17.

SPEAKER: This is a roll call vote on the approval of item No. 3, through 16. On that motion, Councilor Clingan?

COUNCILOR CLINGAN: Yes?

SPEAKER: Council.

COUNCILOR MBAH: Yes, please.

SPEAKER: Council White?

SPEAKER: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ballantyne?

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Strezo?

COUNCILOR STREZO: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Niedergang?

COUNCILOR NIEDERGANG: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Davis.

COUNCILOR DAVIS: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Scott?

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ewen-Campen?

COUNCILOR EWEN-CAMPEN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Rossetti?

COUNCILOR ROSSETTI: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor McLaughlin?

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Yes.

SPEAKER: All 11 Councilors voted in favor of that item that motion has been approved.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Ballantyne you don't see people in the audience have you been able to get in touch with them.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Yes so Patricia O'Brien is in the audience, her full name is Patricia so I said Tricia. But I am wondering -- I believe she might have signed in as Tricia.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: I still don't see them.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: OK they said they have had some difficulties with it. If we could lay it on the table I would appreciate it. I thought they were there.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: All right this item will remain on the table. Next item.

SPEAKER: That brings us to item No. 18 an order by the Director of Finance the director of parking the Director of SPCD discuss scaling permit parking fees with automobile size and efficiency.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Thank you, (silence).

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: You are muted Councilor.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Thank you I have to repeat myself OK. So I submitted this order because, there -- there has been a lot of general discussion among community members about alternative uses of our public path ways and alternative parking priorities so I wanted to add further to the discussion on this topic, hence I put this order in and would request that it's forwarded to traffic and parking.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: On the item Councilor Niedergang?

COUNCILOR NIEDERGANG: Thank you Mr. President and thank you, Councilor Ballantyne for bringing this up. We were going to look at the parking fees as part of the parking task force that the mayor convened at the beginning of this year but that task force has been in hiatus since corresponded hit unfortunately, I was really looking forward to that work and all the right people were at the table, it looked very promising there was good leadership from the administration on it, I see that Councilor Ewen-Campen filed an order about that I think it will be good to get an update on the administration's plan about. But my concern is not just larger vehicles pay up more,

they are polluting the air, but \$40 is way too little for being able to park your car on the street, you know we want to -- I want to change that I want to raise those fees but in an equitable way. That will be a complicated thing to figure out. I think it could be figured out. I think there are protections we could put in for people who need them. For people who need to use their cars to go to work, people who have been in the city for a long time I think there is a way to receipt a much more progressive and equitable parking permit system I thank you for putting this in because this isn't something that I had thought of or I had seen presented as a consideration before. I think it is an important one to be considered so thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Ewen-Campen would like to sign on and Councilor Strezio you have a comment?

COUNCILOR STREZO: Yes Mr. President thank you, I am absolutely for following a greener vision. I do want to make sure that this is an equitable conversation as well and not lower income families especially families and delivery drivers are not penalized because of this we would find a way to make it possible. I want to make sure that is really mentioned in this. That is all I have to say and thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any further discussion this item is laid on the table for approval and referred to traffic and parking next item.

SPEAKER: Item No. 19 is all department heads share their fiscal year, 2021 missions and goals and fiscal year, 2020 achievements at this Council's next meeting on October 8.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Ballantyne?

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: So I had submitted this order because I get usually a lot of constituent requests about what departmental priorities are? And in the past I have been able to refer constituents to the budget book in its PDF form which outlines the mission, the past year's successes and what it's goals will be for the upcoming year. However this year in order to transition to an online budget software called open govern, and help ease the workload because of the pandemic and the additional work that was hoisted on our staff, the city staff, we, as councilors, let the narrative portion slide for the past June and July. However, we still need this narrative because there is no written work plan for the year to measure the departments by. I have had a discussion with Mr. Bean about this. He said he agreed with me. And that he is working with Mr. Mastrobuoni. So I would like to put this order into finance to just discuss a little further and also have some discussions about the FY22 budget and the narrative portion. So I just ask that this be referred to finance. Thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any further discussion, seeing none this item is laid on the table for approval and referred to the finance committee. Next item.

SPEAKER: Mr. President, item No. 20 is an order submitted by Councilor Ballantyne the direct of finance and budget director discuss ways to improve the user experience for open gov.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Thank you I spoke to Mr. Bean about this I think the order is pretty self-explanatory they agreed with us I would request this is referred to finance.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any further discussion this item is laid on the table for approval and referred to finance.

SPEAKER: Item No. 21 submitted by Councilor Ballantyne, the administration update this Council on Mystic River bike and pedestrian bridge project.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Thank you again I think the order is pretty self-explanatory I was hoping, since, I sit on traffic and parking that the good chair there would take this into his committee to allow to us get an update from the administration. So if this could be referred to traffic and parking thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any further discussion? Seeing no further discussion, I will comment. I will comment on this, it is in my ward, I have been following this bridge which I totally support, I know a lot of you got emails over the week asking for us to support the bridge on the assumption that something must have changed. I followed up with the mayor on this, with my state representative, and followed up with one of the constituents who emailed me about this, there has been no change to the bridge. I think residents got an email from a pedestrian organization, who advocates for -- who is advocating for this bridge. They are just afraid that the casino won't follow through with financing because of Covid-19 but there has been no change that the mayor

or any of the state delegation or anyone involved in this is aware of, but I think it is good to have a conversation about it so this item will be laid on the table for approval and referred to the traffic committee. Next item.

SPEAKER: Item No. 22 is an order submitted by Councilor Ballantyne, the Director of Finance and SPCD discuss potential appropriations for Somerville cares, restaurants and bars, arts and cultural organizations and other groups.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Thank you Mr. President, so I submitted this order because the Council has been receiving requests for considerations of appropriation and I think that it would be good to have a discussion with finance with the administration to hear how the administration is prioritizing these requests.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any further discussion.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: No, just to finance please Mr. President.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Seeing no further discussion this is laid on the table and referred to the finance committee.

SPEAKER: Item No. 23 is an order submitted by Councilor Ballantyne, the director of SPCD provide an update on the goal data for some err vision 2030 in time for this Council's meeting on October 8.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Thank you I think the order is pretty self-explanatory I would ask Mr. President we lay this on the table. Well, that it is self-explanatory and it just be given to the director of SPCD.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: OK any it further discussion?

Hearing none, this item is laid on the table for approval and with a copy sent to the director of SPCD?

SPEAKER: Item No. 24 is an order submitted by Councilor Ballantyne to inspect the trees along Broadway from veterans cemetery to route 16 and replace the dead and dying trees.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: I would ask that this be approved, thank you Mr. President.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any further discussion? Seeing none this item is laid on the table for approval.

SPEAKER: Item No. 25 is submitted by Councilor Niedergang and Councilor Mbah, the director of sustainability and environment and the economies of Public Works report to this Council on assertions that most plastic is no longer being recycled and it cost more to recycling as trash, and report whether updated guidance should be provided to the residents.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any discussion?

COUNCILOR MBAH: Mr. President. Thank you, thank you again for you know, putting this forward. This is really great. We had a conversation about it. I guess for people who are not aware about what is going on, you know there is an article that on NPR on September 11, you know how the public misled into plastic is recycles, the industry expenses millions telling people to recycle because as one former industry insider told NPR -- it wasn't true. So yes, the plastic problem you know all used plastic can be turned into new things but picking it up, sorting it out and melting it down is expensive, plastic degrades by the time it is reused meaning it can't be reused more than once or twice on the other hand new plastic is cheap to make, it's made from oil and gas as we all know and it's almost always less expensive and of better quality to just you know start fresh. So the purpose of this order is we need to have a candid and honest conversation about what works and what doesn't work with plastic recycling and we will dive it and look at the procurement process the life cycle of our waste stream. I want to give that background, thank you Mr. President.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Ballantyne would like to sign on as well and while recommend an episode of Adam Ruins Everything as people would like to learn more about this Council Davis, and Clingan, and Scott, the whole Council would like to sign on. Any further discussion? This item is laid on the table for approval. Next item?

SPEAKER: Item No. 26 is a resolution submitted by Councilor Niedergang that this Council and the administration consider policy recommendations that are conveyed in the Somerville cares fund update report of August 25.

COUNCILOR NIEDERGANG: Yes thank you Mr. President, Councilor Ballantyne referred to this in her previous order but I actually wanted to read a couple of the policy recommendations from this excellent report that we received and that is attached here. But before I do that, Mr. President, I

would like to ask if Councilor Ewen-Campen can give a brief summary of the report. He wrote it up in a newsletter in an elegant paragraph that captures the power of the report and the extreme concern that I think we all need to have that this report so well conveys. So I would ask if Councilor Ewen-Campen can convey that better than I can. Then I would like to have the floor back to read a couple of the policy proposals. To give a flavor of them, so that we can start considering them. Thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Ewen-Campen you have the floor.

COUNCILOR EWEN-CAMPEN: Thank you Mr. President, through you thank you to Councilor Niedergang and, to drawing this report from the Somerville Cares foundation. I think it is an incredibly important report and a good reminder to keep our priorities straight. The fact is the pandemic is nowhere near over, the economic devastation has been catastrophically worse for people already struggling. What many of us have found so surreal over the past few months for many Somerville residents we are settling into a new normal especially for folks who are still well off. While the pandemic has been descriptive and horrifying it has not had a catastrophic effect on our livelihoods. If you read this report for thousands of families in Somerville, the impact it is having is unimaginable and this is not necessarily folks who email the City Council or advocate to have their issues prioritized. I think that is one of the reasons for this, to summarize, the cares fund raised over \$660,000 to date from local donors, generous people in Somerville and now distributed all of that to nearly 1,300 Somerville families. The majority of these families prefer to speak a language other than English and have limited access to state and federal aid. Many of them have had a total or near total loss of income since March, many report they are having trouble meeting needs for housing, with an eviction moratorium set to expire in mid October. Of course none of these can be solved at the municipal level alone but it is important to for us to do everything in our power to help, as we face all the issues in Somerville. This report is really helpful to keep these stark facts in mind and keep our priorities straight so I am very glad this agenda item is before us now, thank you to Councilor Niedergang and I look forward to discussing this further.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Niedergang.

COUNCILOR NIEDERGANG: Thank you, Councilor Ewen-Campen I have to say thinking about what so many families are going through, it makes me want to cry. It is unimaginable to me. To just all of a sudden have no income and have no prospects for income soon. I want to read a few of the proposals in this report. I am not saying I necessarily support them to be honest. I haven't thought it through enough. I think they need a lot of discussion, they are fairly radical proposals and I don't think, it would be easy to implement but I think these are the kinds of things at this time we need to be thinking about in terms of protecting families in our city. It says state and local government must act now to prevent a cataclysmic wave of homelessness, hunger poverty and death this winter. Here are some recommendations: We recommend the Somerville mayor and City Council move now to cancel rental arrears accrued during the pandemic and extend the eviction ban until August 2022. On the basis of public health and safety it would be unconscionable to resume evictions this January given the scope of this crisis and it will take years for most of our applicants. We recommend the city revive its anti-hunger effort and guarantee the provision of weekly groceries to everyone, regardless of immigration status. This is something the city did for many months and did extremely well with volunteers helping out and people in the school department, carrying a lot of the load but it appears the hunger crisis is not over. So we need to think about is this something we should be doing again? We recommend the city use its power to gather outstanding bills from residents and reach collectively bargained settlements with utilities, and telecommunications for no cut-offs and no credit score impact. This is a very interesting idea. I have no idea, if it's legal or possible. But just imagine, if people can't have a phone because they can't pay for the phone service fee how are they going to find a job or be able to communicate or do anything. Without a phone, without a computer you are essentially hopeless. Another recommendation: we recommend the mayor work with the largest corporations and developers in Somerville to build an ongoing institutional donor base for the Somerville cares fund, the vast majority of the current 2,000 donors are individuals given an average of \$330. We applaud the generosity of everyday civilians but the burden must shift to those best able to meet

the community's needs. Those are some of the recommendations. I urge everybody who cares about this to read this report, it has a lot of charts and graphs but the text is only six pages, large print you can read it in about ten minutes I would like this to go to committee, maybe housing and community development, I think this deserves consideration and discussion by the Council and the administration. Thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any further discussion on the item? Hearing no -- Councilor Strezo.

COUNCILOR STREZO: Mr. President I was going to ask I am happy to take it in-house and community development.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Very good. Any further discussion? Discussion this item is laid on the table for approval and referred to the housing committee. Next item?

SPEAKER: Item No. 27 is a communications by Councilor Niedergang, reporting on the traffic commission activities from May 2020.

COUNCILOR NIEDERGANG: Thank you Mr. President. As most of you know during this period there hasn't been a lot of traffic and parking and so there hasn't been a lot of traffic and parking issues, the commission has not done a lot, let me go over it very quickly. The commission did pass 20-mile per hour safety zones and add 50 streets in west Somerville to that network of 20-mile per hour safety zones, in addition other things that the commission dealt with and approved with a number of fire lanes around the city, handicapped parking spots, extensions of bus stops for public safety, restrictions on parking for public safety, and extensions and adding of no parking zones. That is my report. Thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any discussion? Hearing none this item is laid on the table and placed on file, next item.

SPEAKER: Item No. 28 is an item of unfinished business a resolution by Councilor McLaughlin that the mayor update this council on alleged suspicious activity in the DPW fleet yard in March 2020.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: On the item, Councilor Scott?

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Mr. President, would that be addressed by the mayor this evening.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: It will not be.

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Has the mayor or anybody in the mayor's office been in contact about when to schedule this executive session.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: I spoke to Ms. Webber today, they hope to update us at the next meeting.

COUNCILOR SCOTT: OK, is there -- well, thank you Mr. President, I certainly hope that is true. I will follow up with you, to see what kind of encouragement the Council can help provide.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Thank you. Any further discussion? Hearing none this item is laid on the table with no votes taken. Next item?

SPEAKER: No. 29 is report of the committee on confirmation of appointments and personnel matters which met on September 17.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Rossetti?

COUNCILOR ROSSETTI: Thank you. All members were in attendance that evening, also, joining us with was Ms. Conner, Ellen Collins of personnel, Nancy Bacci, captain Rich Levy of the Police Department, Jesse Moos of SPCD and Kate Piantigini, representing the library Board of Trustees. We had many items on the agenda that evening, the report of course is public for anybody to review. We confirmed the appointment of Rachel Taylor, the appointment of Rachel Taylor as animal control officer. Our next item was requesting the confirmation of appointment of Nancy Salamoun as executive director of the human rights commission. This brought tremendous conversation with the applicant. She previously served as a member of the human rights commission and she stated she wanted to do more policy initiatives building on what she learned while doing casework and fixing the gaps. She began her position as manager of equity and inclusion which was in 2017 and she had served on the commission before us this evening beginning in approximately 2012. Ms. Salamoun has ideas for the HRC to grow stronger but the ADA equity work encompasses more of her time and responsibilities. Councilor Scott noted that one of the roles of the HRC is to respond to complaints who feel their rights have been violated. We were informed that the commission report that I had on file that we had last received from Clerk John long last February showed that there were 3 openings on this commission but what I

learned during the meeting this evening is that they only have 2 individuals on the actual commission, there are many vacancies so they have not ever been able to meet quorum. The restructuring of the commission to make it functional is an ongoing goal for Ms. Salamoun, Councilor Scott noticed this position should not be a full-time city employee who already has a full workload as that sets the commission and director up for failure. The commission needs funding and a separate position, it was his opinion. The applicant added that a bigger issue than quorum is for the commission to be trained to fulfill its mission and objectives and better address the needs of the community. She wanted to empower the body. Ms. Bacci was in attendance that evening, she is the direct supervisor of this position and I emphasized to Ms. Bacci the critical nature of this particular commission especially in addressing the current concerns of the community in today's day and age. This commission would be integral in coordinating with the newly created position for racial and social justice as well. I urged Ms. Bacci to put this commission at the forefront of stepping it up to assist the applicant and finding members of the community who wanted to serve on this commission we needed to do better than we had in promoting the openings on this council -- excuse me, on this commission. Councilor Scott clarified when we were getting ready to vote on the request on the administration of this position, Councilor Scott clarified that his vote would not be a reflection on Ms. Salamoun but on the resources the Commission needs. I did stress to Ms. Salamoun that the vote itself was not a reflection of her service or strengths. The request was not approved by a vote of 2 in favor, 3 against. The motion -- the request to appoint -- failed. Those in favor were Rossetti and Strezo, those against were Scott, Mbah and Clingan. We had next to re-appoint Joseph Lynch Jr. to the licensing commission. After deep discussion with him that recommendation was unanimously approved. We also looked at a request to the Board of library trustees which was unanimously approved. We then discussed the long-standing item that the director of personnel provide to the City Council a monthly vacancy report. The details of this discussion is in my report, we have kept this item in committee and will be bringing it back to the committee at our very next committee meeting. Lastly we also reviewed the confirmation of the appointments of members to the new memorialization committee which was unanimously approved. No further items were before the committee that evening, Mr. President, I submit this report for approval.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Ballantyne.

COUNCILOR ROSSETTI: Councilor Rossetti.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: I'm sorry, Councilor Rossetti, I can't see you, Councilor Niedergang on the item.

COUNCILOR NIEDERGANG: Thank you Mr. President. I want to thank Councilor Rossetti for that report and I want to thank the committee for the thorough discussion that they engaged in regarding the Human Rights Commission. I can remember at one time about ten years ago the human rights commission was an active and powerful body. So active in fact that they got up in the mayor's face about some things and there was quite a bit of controversy and bad blood and unfortunately, after that, the Human Rights Commission was simply allowed to kind of lapse and disappear as an active body in our city's public life. There has rarely been enough members to reach a quorum because the mayor hasn't appointed people to it, and as the committee stated, the Human Rights Commission has not had adequate staffing to be able to carry out its function. When it did have adequate staffing and a group of zealous and capable members, it did great work at a time when the issues that it had to deal with were much more serious than they are now. So I am glad that the committee raised these issues. I call upon the administration to spiff up this committee, to staff it, to put some money into staffing it and give us a body that will help. It's necessary again today with all that is going on with the federal government, oppression of immigrants and ICE, these are critical issues for a lot of our citizens. We need a strong and active Human Rights Commission to help them out. Thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Scott.

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Thank you. Thank you Mr. President, thank you to the chair for the report and thank you to my colleague from Ward Five for that perspective which is one I think many people in the city aren't aware. This is something that not only has this fate befallen the Human Rights Commission but also the disabilities commission and the women's commission, and it is, I am

grateful for the attention my colleagues and exceedingly grateful for the leadership of the chair. I think this is an important statement of our values and where we feel we need to be devoting resources especially at a time when we are creating a new director level position to deal with — social justice, to augment our director of equity inclusion, we should absolutely be devoting resources to bodies that have already been created by this Council to pursue these aims. I would like to highlight there were several discussions this evening of extraordinary importance. It may not be the regular City Council meeting that happens every other Thursday but the work of this committee especially that evening was incredibly significant, issues raised and something even as mundane as the question of whether or not our animal control officers should be dispatched by 911 and managed by the Police Department. So I just give all respect and congratulations to the chair and admiration to the chair for this and also encourage folks who want to get into the weeds of how government works and how we try to make it work better, this is a good watch, thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any further discussion?

COUNCILOR ROSSETTI: If I could add separate from the reporting, a follow-up comment to the report.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Yes, please.

COUNCILOR ROSSETTI: Thank you. I spoke with Mr. Kress today because I wanted to be sure that as we said in committee this wasn't a reflection of Ms. Salamoun herself. With this being rejected, this confirmation of the appointment to executive director being rejected by the committee, I wanted to be sure that her -- I didn't know where it stood for her salary. Her salary will remain as is because as we know she will remain in this acting role until the administration comes back before us with a newer request. Now that request may be a different individual as executive director of the Human Rights Commission or the request may come back from the administration in a different shape and form given the discussion is that was held during this committee meeting. So the jury is still out on what will happen next but the message is being sent by the vote that was taken, the evening and the discussion that was held that evening and committee. I wanted that to be known to my colleagues Mr. President. Thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Ballantyne.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Thank you Mr. Chair. I apologize if I missed this to the chair of the committee, does the ordinance for the Human Rights Commission require a city staff person.

COUNCILOR ROSSETTI: I do not know that answer.

SPEAKER: I can answer that question. There is nothing in the ordinance that requires city staff position.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any further discussion? I just want to comment very quickly on this.

When I saw the committee report I was taken aback that Nancy was not approved, somebody that I greatly value as an employee in the city, and as someone who does a good job representing the community. I definitely hear everything that is being said right now. I was tempted to sever the item but I do believe in the sincerity of the votes against, that this is not about Nancy, who again does great work and is a valuable asset to the community. As Councilor Niedergang said there have been issues like this for quite a while about people being overstressed, understaffed, it goes beyond the Human Rights Commission. I raised an issue about the rat czar the other day, how much time she gets to spend working on rodents as opposed to other issues, it seems like people are being stressed a lot. I hope people will take this up with confirmations with the head of health and human services and not just the subordinates that are doing the work expected of them Any further discussion on this? Hearing no discussion this item is laid on the table for approval. And to be accepted as submitted. Next item?

SPEAKER: Item No. 30 Mr. President is a report of the committee on Housing and Community Development which met on September 16.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Strezio?

COUNCILOR STREZIO: Thank you Mr. President. OK, you can hear in the background somewhere in my building, if it is--, let me know I can ask to come back. I don't know if you can hear it.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: We can't hear it but evacuate immediately or do a fast report. You have the floor.

COUNCILOR STREZIO: Thank you. So the -- I'm sorry the committee of housing community development met September 16. We had all members present. Councilor Mbah had to leave earlier, we also had present Annie Connor, Sarah Lewis from the OSPCD, Melissa Woods and

Michael Feloney, Ellen Shachter, Susan Chimene, all from OSPD, Linda Dubuque, Treasury, David Shapiro from the City Solicitor's office and Nick Antanavica from ISD. We had an agenda with a lot of discussion about the eviction moratorium set to expire in October of 2020. And so starting with that, the first agenda item was talking about the tenant notification act and seeing where the city is on that. The housing department is working with the communications department on 2 mailers to send out to most owners and will have the information that is happening with the court system before the mailing. The mailing goes out the first week of October and has information about the rental system and status of the moratorium and with access to resources in the city. Councilor Mbah asked if it would be available in multiple languages and Ms. Shachter stated there will be a one page flier and information will be available on the website in multiple languages, and she stated 72 percent of the residents that come to the office are non-English speakers so that, and that the director of the next agenda item was that that director of inspectional services report to the Housing and Community Development committee on implementation, so with that when the tenant notification act goes out how is ISD going to respond to this. Mr. Antanavica said from ISD, said he reviewed the process, that when someone calls the number and reports that issue and applies for the appropriate assistance, he stated that everyone in ISD is aware of the tenant notification act and the process and there were questions asked if the entire apartment building, the process if the complainant goes to ISD what happens if it's an entire building and individual complaints are coming through that building, and the City Solicitor's Office will follow up with that. And the next -- so preparing the city for if the eviction moratorium expires what is this going to look like, some of the work, the next agenda item was talking about, with the eviction moratorium ending and the federal moratorium ending in December there would be questions about the action during this time, that if people cannot be evicted related to Covid-19, there is a Somerville health moratorium in place and that the order came from ISD no one can be removed from their home while the moratorium is in place, we are about to see the effect this is going to have on Somerville and also where this state legislation lies, versus where -- with how this gets enacted. We are talking about, Councilor Clingan put it on to halt eviction and Mr. Shapiro from the Law Department agreed to look into how constables at a local level will play a role in the eviction process if it does expire. We also addressed the -- talked a little bit about the goal that the administration develop with this committee on housing community development a plan to create deed-restricted units. Ms. Lewis from OPCD spoke about this and the work is also happening in land use so it's probable as Ms. Lewis stated it will take extreme measures to get to 20 percent, it's probably a stretch goal to get to 30 percent, a really challenging reality. The next agenda item was talking about establishing a goal for the target number of deed restricted units so a path to that goal can be analyzed and discussed as part of the Somerville 2040 process. First Ms. Lewis and Ms. Woods stepped forward to talk about this and hoping to provide an update on Somervision 2040 on a later date and that they are talking about, Ms. Lewis is talking about doing a public hearing for 20 percent for the city and that that a public hearing, that will happen in the near future. And we also had on the agenda, one of the agenda items that was in our last City Council meeting that the superintendent of inspectional services, the city treasurer and the City Solicitor appear before the Council or appropriate committee, to discuss the implementation of ordinance 8.3 as to the denial of building permits for those who failed to pay city imposed fines, and Council White was present to talk about this as well in the committee. So Mr. Antanavica reviewed this with the City Solicitor's Office and the staff are enforcing the ordinance, he stated. If there are a number of violations with the developer and after 12 months the city puts a lien on the property. Ms. Dubuque from the Treasury Department talked about the small business owners being denied a license due to not paying taxes on water bills and her team spends a lot of time arguing with small business owners. She stated it doesn't make sense since the city's tax collection rate is over 99%, and if the tax is unpaid, the property owner is charged 14 percent interest, tax title is 16 percent, and the city will not lose out on dollars. The ordinance is working to collect fees and fines on the parcels. We had discussions about the importance to hold up permits for a specific owner because of a parcel and how time intensive it is, involving title searches across the board and how hard it is to research and address. Councilor White talked about the cost benefit analysis, asking to adopt the provisions to lien

properties where the violations occurred. Councilor Ewen-Campen stated the Law Departments feels the city is enforcing as per the ordinance. Councilor White feels the ordinance does not require the recording of lien first and Mr. Shapiro from the Law Department stepped in to stay that the ordinance in the City of Somerville was based on a state statute required the fine be unpaid for 12 months or more before a permit could be denied. In 2016 the statute removed the language that required that the fine had to be unpaid for 12 months, and Councilor White stated he would like to see the city amend the ordinance to follow the current state statute. That is kept in committee. Last on the agenda. The administration provide an update on the disparity regarding racial equity in city spending submitted in December 2019. Councilor Ewen-Campen asked if the city of Somerville wanted to set a goal on how much is spent with minority and women owned businesses, the city would need the disparity study to help establish this type of policy and Ms. Webber and Ellen have been working together for a consultant to work on the disparity study. We will have information in the coming months. The request for proposal will get a consultant onboard so they are stating the process is going to happen. I put forth a resolution that the administration commit to setting goals for city contracting with minority and women owned businesses so that also will be kept in committee. I do really quick, Council and colleagues thanks for sticking with me here, I want to make a follow-up to the report and talk about the devastation as we have been talking about the devastation about how housing is in a dire crisis. I followed up with Ms. Ellen Schachter, on where applications were, in and the necessity of rental assistance and the need for rental assistance. They have a backlog of 2 months now for rental assistance, they report that the demand is huge, it is huge right now. The organization that processes resident transition applications which help provide rental assistance has a backlog of 2,600 applications right now, a backlog of 2,600 applications. She also mentioned that her department is in -- they had a bunch of volunteers and they need a new batch of volunteers, and they were originally seeking bilingual, they need bilingual volunteers but right now, they are they are struggling to find bilingual volunteers they are accepting any volunteers, the office needs volunteers with helping families fill out the rental assistance applications to get into that backlog of 2,600 applications before them, that is. So there is desperate need for volunteers right now. I offer this review of these minutes be accepted as submitted, thank you very much.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Strezo on that, Council White?

COUNCILOR WHITE, Jr.: Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate the work that the committee did. I think it is necessary for me to stress a point. Certainly not my intention, I don't believe members of this Council's intention with respect to the order I submitted to have someone talk about unpaid water bills. My concern was directed basically to those developers and property owners who failed to pay building code and health code violations, then those violations mount up and they try to obtain a building permit or even a special permit for instance. That's what I was interested in. I never heard of that having actually being looked at. I know there might have been some talk about, might involve some work but I don't think they have gotten to that point yet. So I want to emphasize that, to make sure that the import of what I was looking for is not lost, you know with what some other folks may have discussed in the committee meeting. That is the drive of my point, and basically I would like to see the ordinance that we have enacted that requires a 12-month period, yeah a 12 month period before the lien could take place, to basically mirror what state law now provides. So I don't know whether perhaps it would be most effective for me to submit something at the next Council meeting and then it can go to legislative matters as opposed to doing something on the floor now. Basically those are my thoughts on what I had heard at the committee meeting. Thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: On that, Councilor Strezo.

COUNCILOR STREZO: Mr. President, I want to thank Council White for elaborating on that. Would there be a good -- would now be a good time to make a motion, for Council White to make a motion and send it to legislative matters.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Council White?

COUNCILOR WHITE, Jr.: I prefer to actually take a look at the existing ordinance and craft language that I think would be appropriate that would make it easier for the legislative matters committee. I

don't think a delay from my submission until the next Council meeting would have an effect on it, that would be my preference.

COUNCILOR STREZO: OK?

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: OK any further discussion.

COUNCILOR STREZO: No thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Hearing no further discussion this is laid on the table. Councilor Ballantyne -- No. 17 on the table, I thought I had her. Where did she go? Oh, no!? Trish? There are you are OK. Patricia O'Brien in the audience I will unmute you seeing no objections to allow Ms. O'Brien to speak. You have the floor. Patricia, are a you there? Patricia?

SPEAKER: Mr. President, while, she unmutes her phone, let me just say we are returning to item No. 17 which is resolution submitted by Councilor Ballantyne supporting Tufts University students and the Tufts labor and their advocacy for health and I supportive working environment for Tufts dining workers.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Thank you Mr. Clerk. Patricia are you there. You are self-muted. You have to unmute yourself.

SPEAKER: I wanted to thank you the whole Council for standing by us, this is an emotional time right now. I wanted to thank you. I want to go in the other room please, my husband is listening on the phone he is like he can't hear me. So I want to thank everyone, all the Councilors for standing by us, students have been wonderful they are great. But I lived in Somerville my whole life. I have grown here, grown up here, born and raised and I love Somerville. I grew up in Somerville. Somerville always had your back, Somerville was home. And I always felt like that that is why he want to thank, the whole dining establishment wants to thank the city of Somerville for standing by us. I will be home for a little while I don't know if I will have a job but we just wanted to thank you, because you know what, we have been standing up for the employees, and no one else did but you have always stood up for us. Last year when we were going for the union you stood up for us and we thank you very much.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any further discussion? Councilor Ballantyne?

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: So, I didn't hear anything that was said, but I'm sure Trisha said it wonderfully.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: I could hear her clearly so I think everyone heard her.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Okay, excellent. I will continue to follow up with her in the coming weeks. Thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any further discussion? Councilor Scott?

COUNCILOR SCOTT: I want to make sure I understood clearly, because we heard some very moving testimony with Covid-19 scares, with workers at Tufts. Were these organizers placed, did I hear they are were placed on administrative leave by Tufts as a result of that comment?

SPEAKER: Yes, yes. Tuesday there was a scare, a coworker received a phone call that her child tested positive. Tufts wanted to keep the dining hall open. We refused to do that. We told them, they finally let the people go home. We said listen, they're scared, they don't know what's going on. The protocol we thought was to close and sanitize the whole place and then they could re-open in 24 hours. That's not what they wanted to do. Christine and I refused to, we talked to the workers and the workers that wanted to stay and cleanse, could, but if they felt uncomfortable they should be let to go home. Most went home. Christine's manager really gave her a hard time. They are doing an investigation right now, on what we don't know. She was called into a meeting yesterday. I was going to be her shop steward. I refused to be her shop steward so we had to call another one, and she went in, they recorded her conversation, and then they put her on administrative leave. Today they did the same thing to me. They didn't record my conversation but they -- I asked questions, am I being targeted, am I having any type of retaliation, and they said no, they are just doing an investigation. I said on me, on Christine, they said no. They told me after the meeting I was on administrative leave.

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Thank you Patricia. I am increasingly concerned, I was imposed at this time I have always been impressed by the courage of labor organizers like this and this just highlights how much courage it takes. Once again, I won't speak for my colleagues, I will certainly do anything in my power to assist you and assure you are treated fairly and equitably and in your

pursuits. I will have to do some thinking about how to respond to this.

SPEAKER: Thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Don't go anywhere Patricia. Councilor Strezo?

COUNCILOR STREZO: Thank you Mr. President. Patricia, can I ask you, first thank you for your kind comments, I stand in support of you. Can you hear me; OK? I am not muted am I? OK. Are you paid when you are on administrative leave?

SPEAKER: Yes.

COUNCILOR STREZO: That helps me feel better. Thank you Councilor Ballantyne for bringing this to our attention. Can we continue to follow this as this progresses and this situation? Can you update the Council or how can we.

SPEAKER: I will keep in contact with Councilor Ballantyne, you know. Any questions she has, I'll be happy to answer. She's been very kind to me, to all of the staff. We feel very comfortable with her. She's a very wonderful woman.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Wow, thank you.

COUNCILOR STREZO: Thank you, OK, thank you I don't think I have any further questions but thank you very much.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Clingan.

COUNCILOR CLINGAN: Thank you Mr. President, thank you, to the good Councilor from ward 2 for asking on that clarification, I had, the way I had heard is it I thought it had something to do with the Covid-19, possible outbreak, contact, and so that is why, maybe a bunch of staff was put on leave so to hear this, that, somebody who spoke out who had the courage to speak out against tough administration at that public hearing that we had for them to be -- I remember hearing the testimony and thinking wow, this is how it should be, the truth needs to come out of an institution like this, you know, we have had many, many union brothers and sisters in that facility and that institution, and you know, if this is how they are going to treat, like, whistleblowers if you will or people who have the audacity to speak about the unsafe conditions they are working in, this is a bad precedent. I really hope that you know, Ms. O'Brien isn't, this retaliation, I hope that they understand that is a lot of eyes on the situation now and I am really, really surprised and I -- I am disgusted that if this employee is getting targeted, and this sends a message -- because all of our union brothers and sisters are put at risking and working hard and you know many, many different unions you hope, I know Patricia union's will have her back. Solidarity to you Patricia.

SPEAKER: Thank you very much.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any further comments? Councilor Ballantyne.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: I'm going to have to listen to Patricia's words. I did know what she was going to say this evening. I'm with you from beginning to end on this and will look forward to hearing what happens in the next week. I'm so happy to hear the positive words from my colleagues.

SPEAKER: Thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any further discussion? Seeing none, I did just want to note that there are a number of representatives from Tufts in the audience, so I hope the message was heard loud and clear. Councilor Mbah wants to comment.

COUNCILOR MBAH: I just want to thank Patricia for the courage to come and speak, and in the future, even if we don't, like, some of my colleagues aren't speaking, but just know that we all stand with you. I want to you know that, thank you.

SPEAKER: Thank you very much.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Seeing no further discussion, this item is laid on the table for approval. Back to the regular order of business.

SPEAKER: Mr. President we move to Item No. 31 which is a report of the committee on Land Use which met on September 15.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Ewen-Campen.

COUNCILOR EWEN-CAMPEN: Thank you Mr. President, I'll give a brief recap. The Committee met for a joint public hearing with the Planning Board on 5 zoning amendments. Although a few of these were recommended for approval tonight, we cannot actually take action on them until we receive a recommendation from the Planning Board. Due to a miscommunication that has not

happened yet so I will be asking that this report, I believe, be left on the table until next meeting when we have a recommendation hopefully. So two items were unanimously recommended for approval. One was a map change amendment from Councilor Niedergang to up zone 56 Murdock Street to the urban residential district. We also unanimously approved a small text correction to the cannabis zoning ordinance to correct a mistake basically that was introduced during the overhaul process to make it consistent with our original cannabis zoning. One item brought by a property owner, McCourt Realty LLC to upzone their property on Merriam Street was kept in committee. As the chair I do not anticipate further action. This was met with significant opposition from tenants of other McCourt properties and it also falls in the Union Square east area which as we all know Councilor Scott and the Planning Department are working on an overlay district with the community there. It is not my intention to actually take action on any property owner requests in that area. 2 items were kept in committee that I do anticipate action on in the coming weeks and months. The committee, many of them, these 2 items were being heard by members of the committee for the first time so there is, more to discuss. One of these is a proposed upzoning I submitted on a stretch of properties along the McGrath highway outside Union Square. A member of ward 3 requested some additional community dialogue, so I look forward to doing that. An additional item is a proposed up zoning of several properties in Gilman Square introduced by members of the public including many members of the Gilman Square neighborhood association. This item, the public hearing, we heard from a number of supporters and we heard opposition from a property owner, who is -- whose building is not proposed for any changes currently in the fabrication district, and his lawyer spoke against the proposal. Given this is a semi complex proposal in some ways that many Councilors were hearing for the first time and had questions on we are going to keep it in committee, I asked Councilor Clingan to briefly weigh in tonight. Many of the changes are his ward, he has been working with the community. Because it is a 5-person committee, the Land Use committee can't legally hear from Councilor Clingan in committee unless we make it a committee of the whole. So I ask Councilor Clingan to speak on this tonight to shed some light on what the community process is and what his thoughts as the Ward Councilor are. I will say this item will be on the agenda for next Tuesday. So again, we can't actually take action on these recommendations. I would ask that the committee report be laid on the table and taken up at a future date.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor, we can approve the committee report and the zoning changes will show up as unfinished business on the next agenda.

COUNCILOR EWEN-CAMPEN: Very good, thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Ewen-Campen moves to approve the committee report as submitted. On the item Councilor Clingan?

COUNCILOR CLINGAN: Thank you Mr. President, through you, I was on the meeting and I had wanted to speak but as we all know, it becomes a quorum issue, as a body. So, I appreciate the brief moment to speak here I was really chomping at the bit. One of the things I wanted to get across to folks, it was my intention all along, on my side of that square, and Gilman Square on the med Ford street side to always be MR6. I worked with the community and we had spoken about a possible overlay to get bonus floors and so on as far as heights, I had always intended, it is my wish it is MR6 and it had always been the community realized we were sort of we made a mistake like we were new to the zoning and how the process was going to play out in the future and what might be in place by the time, we have somebody that is interested in developing something there, so that they went ahead and they it flew out and got 15 signatures and could have gotten many, many more because it is the will of this particular community and this area, to have especially with the topography, where it is, the elderly building in ward one and the high school and such, I see no problem with it, I again, full support of this map change. Some of the comments that were made, at the meeting by some of the folks who observed, the lawyer, Mr., and the building owner, you know I take some objection, because I think -- I had some conversations with him early on I know that's -- he has -- he is now pushing the setback thing but essentially the community's will was to keep that fabrication as Dan Bartman put it and I think that has something to do with his current position on the change. So that being said, I hope you will all support this map change the community has put for the. As I said it is my will and my

wish to up zone that particular side of the square with it being on a transit note and having T station coming right in I think we need to increase our housing stock, as well as our affordable housing stock I think this area is ripe for it. So again, that is my 2 cents I will speak to the Planck bored on this and again probably to you, all, thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any further discussion? Hearing none the committee report is laid on the table and accepted as submitted.

SPEAKER: Item No. 32 Mr. President is the report of the committee on Legislative Matters which met on September 17.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Davis.

COUNCILOR DAVIS: OK thank you, Mr. President so the committee on legislative matters did meet -- sorry I am trying to pull up the report which disappeared from my screen. Everyone, was present, other than Councilor Rossetti who had a conflict that night and was hoping to ultimately I guess, couldn't, get a signal to join us. We took up, it was a relatively short meeting considering the number of things that that we were able to, to accomplish, and my computer is not opening it. We took up the demolition review ordinance. There was very little debate on it. We determined that we wanted to have a final document before us and so decided to leave it in committee to give folks an opportunity to review it and provide comment. Councilor Niedergang expressed support and Councilor Ewen-Campen was recused on the item, and we ultimately passed a recommendation for approval 4-0. We also took up a recommendation from the administration to adopt, the Pace Clean Energy Program, and this is a program, that is through the state, and that would allow property owners to make energy efficient improvements to their property, using leveraging, the value of that property so the debt would actually go on the deed would right it would be paid back over time through, through the property taxes and and if that property was sold, it that liability would remain with the property as part of the transaction. This is not an ordinance, there is just a vote that could taken by the Council to enact this, and that was approved 5 to nothing. And still having a hard time getting the report up. Let's go to the other source here. We had a brief discussion about the proposal to address the black swallow-wort problem. We had discussed this previously, Councilor Mbah, this was your item you had previously proposed. Ultimately, director Oliviera spoke and her recommendation was that we table the item. There is a number of questions regarding how exactly it would work, it is very vigorous. That is one of the reasons it's such a challenge and how exactly that would work in terms of what a repeat violation, it got complicated. The administration's request was we table it and continue to focus on the efforts that began a year or 2 ago and with some success, certainly, the this plant is not gun by the city from any stretch of the administration it was a very well received and I think one of the most, you know, retweeted or liked or reposted social media, efforts that they have seen, which is great, the more we get the word out there, the more folks are aware of it, so given all of the other items that are before the committee we decided that, it was broad. Don't let that one -- that one be for the moment and we ultimately, see a number of properties were problems remain, then, we can come back to it. For now, we had to leave that one be. We discussed briefly, working towards an ordinance to prohibit the use of prison labor. And heard briefly from Councilor Ewen-Campen to request an ordinance regarding the licensing of rental car agencies who tend to park their cars on the street. So we will have a future discussion on those. That is the extent of what was on the agenda. I still can't get the report to come up for some reason. But with that I would request that move that the report be accepted as submitted Mr. President.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Davis moves to accept the committee report as accepted. Any discussion, Councilor Ballantyne.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Thank you Mr. President. Through you to the chair, I want to know -- so I believe this ordinance discussion started with 4 years ago and while I sat on the legislative matters committee, I would ask a number of times for the administration to provide data of this ordinance. How many problems or difficulty projects have they worked on that would have helped if this type of ordinance had been in place and I don't see on it, I didn't see it, in the few hours before this meeting, had ended that that data has ever been provided. Maybe I missed something.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: On that? Is that addressed to Councilor Davis?

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Yes to the chair, please. Or to the administration.

COUNCILOR DAVIS: If it is a question to the chair can you reframe it, please?

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: So, through the President to the chair, I had requested a number of times while I sat on the committee, data from OSPCD on the number of projects in the past, that would have benefited and they -- there was talk about going back about 5 years, that would have benefited if there had been a demolition ordinance in place to help them. Basically I am trying to understand what is the number here that we are talking about.

COUNCILOR DAVIS: Thank you for the question. I am looking through my notes and such as they are, I was able to pull my files on this matter going back to several years, I looked at this discussion I believe, began when I was not on the committee but I have notes from the meetings since I have been on the committee. I don't see anything in my notes. It doesn't mean we didn't have that answered on committee. I note, to summarize, the effect of the amendment to the existing demolition of the new ordinance which is what this is, would be to reduce the number of properties that would be subject to the ordinance, the current ordinance applies to any property that is 50 years old or older. This amendment, increases that to 75 years, so significant reduction in the number of properties. I do recall seeing some data on those numbers at some point of time, it might have been a -- short of looking through every slide here life, you don't have that. But I believe Director Proakis is here. Is Director. Proakis here to answer questions.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: He is here, would you like to sponsor him to speak.

SPEAKER: If I may through you to liaison Webber were you aware whether George Proakis if he is, if he is wanting to address these questions or has any response to these questions. I guess, Mr. President, if I could proceed to pose the question to liaison Webber.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: George says he can address it.

COUNCILOR DAVIS: George says he can. OK, then yes, I would like to sponsor Director Proakis.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Mr. Proakis you are up. George you are muted. You are still muted. We are going to get this right some day.

SPEAKER: Can you hear me better now?

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: You are very low but I can hear you.

SPEAKER: I'm sorry the headphones seem to be set in a mute setting I couldn't get them out of. I am OK now. All right. So there is quite a few data information datasets that we were asked for and processed. I was looking book at the data as she was mentioning in her particular question, as Council Davis mentioned we did provide information about the flip from the 50 to 57 years, we provided information on a number of things, I note there is a January, 2019 email from Councilor Ballantyne to Councilor Niedergang that ended with our staff, on problem properties that would have benefited from you believe the longer time frame. Now I want to focus on the idea there is a lot of reasons, we are doing this ordinance the longer ordinance is something we spent a lot of time, Council was looking for that 18 months a lot of the other reasons we are doing the ordinance we wanted to make sure we were able to get all sorts of benefits, out -- that made the process work better and more efficiently. So I see that request. I am looking through my paperwork I don't see a response to that request. So that is the only information I can really offer sitting here right now at this point with a limited period of time to look at it, to acknowledge that I am aware, from my paperwork that and my emails the Council made the request. I don't have in my records a response to that request. Council, can see fit to do what they would like. Certainly we always stand ready to provide information if the Council determines they want that information before making a decision.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Mr. President may I ask a question? Of Mr. Proakis.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Go right ahead.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Through you to Mr. Proakis do you have any sense of what the numbers are, speaker conspiracy.

SPEAKER: You know your own notes, based upon Sarah White's there are one or two projects a year that get stuck in a circumstance where we would like to spend more time trying to save them ask they timed out at the 9 months, there are a number of others where the historic commission and the staff and the development team, or the group that wants to demolish the building are able to come to some conclusion to either demolish or demolish with certain conditions a plaque or

photography of the building be memorialized more often than not that is what occurred. The note suggests that Sarah indicated there were like 2 a year that were challenges where we would have liked to have said all right let's dig deeper into that, I don't have more information right now other than what is in that note.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Thank you Mr. Proakis, that does jog my memory. So, the question is, this 14 page ordinance, is to address 2 properties, on average a year, that are historically something significant and are demolished more than 50 percent of the buildings are demolished.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Is that a question.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: I am talking aloud to make sure I am hearing everything here and trying to understand with the tightening up of this ordinance, and the loop holes that I understood existed and don't exist anymore, is 18 months, really necessary to go that far? I really struggle with the 18 months portion. I think that you know, 9 months is really you know where it should be. So I am happy to hear what my colleagues have to say. Thank you. But I would like to say, I am really annoyed at not getting that information because I asked for it like 4 times. You know this has been in for 4 years. If we want to be a data-driven, thoughtful, intelligent, Council if we ask for data to understand how it fits into the big picture, I think because it was a sticking point with me, asking for times and got not getting it, this is just really annoying. Thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: I think George wants to respond but Councilor Niedergang is waiting then I have a motion from Council Scott. Councilor Niedergang?

COUNCILOR NIEDERANG: Thank you Mr. President, I would rather Mr. Proakis speak first, I will speak later.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: George, do you have a comment, George.

SPEAKER: I am good at this point.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Niedergang.

COUNCILOR NIEDERANG: The-, of the demolition delay, whether it is 9 months or some other number is one piece of the tremendous improvement of the whole process of consideration of historical properties. That this ordinance would put into effect. So, Mr. Proakis mentioned I want to emphasize we didn't spend 4 years debating how many months the demolition delay period would be, there are many other significant, and important things in this which I am sure Mr. Proceed case I can could go through in great detail or I could, if any Councilor should want it. But on the point of the length of the demolition delay. It is my opinion, I have seen this in developments, in my Ward, that 9 months is just part of the cost of doing business, for developers. And only developers do demolition we are not talking about neighbors here or families. People don't demolish houses and rebuild them. Developers do. The thing about 18 months it may only be 2 cases a year that staff has identified. But it is all a question of leverage and negotiation. There may only be 2 cases where it absolutely changes the outcome of what the developer would do but, if there were a longer period, the historical preservation commission a commission made of residents of the city would have a lot more leverage in negotiating with developers instead of getting a little plaque that costs the developer \$100 they might get a memorialization and a display such as what we see at Maxwell green that cost the developer \$50,000, and that the provides a historical record that is of great enduring value to the city. So it is not just those one or two case but the really problem with the 9 months, is not being sufficient, is that, developers are making so much money, in the city with development, they can just wait the 9 months it is no skin off their nose it will cost them a little bit more in their carrying cost, interest rates are very low now so it is not much. It is barely a little thread in the process for the developer. They sit for 8, 9 months and do other things and then demolish the property. The whole point of historical preservation is to preserved the historical aspects of our city. These are mostly you know one and two-family homes, small homes, there is not going to be affordable housing in these properties, they are just housing that developers are taking they want to knock them Council, build you know a 2 or 3 unit condo for wealthy people, sell it and make the most money they can and move onto the next one they don't want any delays or disturbance and if they did then perhaps they would do something else and leave these historic properties ask not demolish them. So it's really not just about the number of properties, it's about leverage and power, frankly. Who has the power to determine what happens with these historic properties,

developers or our historic preservation commission made up of I think 15 residents of the city most of whom are professionals, this commission has specific designations for architects, and other professionals in the field to be honest. This is a very savvy group of people, not some yahoos who want to preserve all properties for the sake of being all properties, properties that would be preserved have been extensively researched by city staff reviewed by the commission, and they're properties that have value. And the whole point of this, and the point of having 18 months rather than 19 to preserved more of the city's historical legacy I don't see what we lose by doing that the only cost is that developers now have to pay more money because they have to hold their properties for 18 months instead of 9 months before they demolish them and you know, presumably the condos for wealthy people they are going to pay \$1 million maybe 1,100,000 instead of a million, that is no cost at all to the benefit of the city, the benefit of having the longer demolition period we will simply preserve more beautiful historic structures that have enduring value to the residents and the life of the city. So that is why I completely support it. I want a 24 months but a was willing to compromise at 18. That is why I think we discussed this ordinance for 4 years there has been plenty of time to look at all these issues I think we should pass it I would like to see it ordained and passed tonight. Thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: OK I think we exhausted the conversation on the time frame so unless anybody wants to make a motion to amend -- we still have to have that before us, Councilor Scott, a motion?

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Thank you for the recognition Mr. President. I do have a motion to amend. Before making it, I do want to address one thing that was just said which is that the only people do demolition in the city is developers. I could not disagree more. I'm sorry that my colleague doesn't see that. I mean I know of 2 families right now who are attempting to undertake extensive renovation of the structures that they live in, long time residents of city, lived here over a decade who have to renovate their homes because of massive significant structural issues, I might add that become more and more prevalent as we continue to live in structures that are between 100 and 150 years old due to a variety of factors but much of it going back to the legacy of zoning in 1920s. It is simply not true the cost of this is born by developers, the total delay period is an incredible cost as my colleague pointed out, for a developer, 9 months say drop in the bucket in fact even 18, in the grand scheme of things if you are smart about how you put your permitting in place, smart about how you schedule your business, it is another line on a worksheet, but for a homeowner who is looking at the extremely costly prospect of a demolition of the building, it is, for a home he owner it is daunting to the point of terror and, in fact, encourages them to simply sell the structure to a developer as opposed to doing what they want to do which is continue to renovate this property and continue to live on the block with people they know and live over the course of a year, ten years, 20 or many more. These costs land most significantly on these home owners and more and more of us who live in old buildings will be faced with these kind of problems. That is why, I am really pleased with all of the other work that has gone into to crib a phrase from our zoning, the operating system to streamline the process. I think that is excellent work. In general I support what is done with this ordinance, I cannot certainly not to 24 months or even to 18 months this delay process, when it lands so heavily on people who are just trying to make their homes work. I might add that becomes even more complicated for people who are in multifamily homes which is the vast majority of our residents in multifamily homes you might have a long time tenant in that second unit you don't want to kick them out forever you want to make sure when that renovation happens everybody comes backs the uncertainty of can I renew the lease when do I have to help them find a temporary place to live just like we will, when this home is renovated when can I bring them back all of this is just extraordinarily onerous, it is quite frankly a level of fear and uncertainty and doubt that can make -- tilt the scales for just simply selling and moving to Kingsboro; right? So I just, I had to address that. And it is, the place from which I am make, my amendment, I apologize, I had written a much larger memo that discusses some of the impacts of the ordinance, I have confidence we can come back to make some of these modifications because I think in many ways this is counter to the goals of. I think it is nowhere near broad enough given the work that this Council put into to creating mid rise districts all over the city with the express purpose of getting larger buildings there and encouraging development

of those areas not just in the transform but in many corridors to not exclude them as a means we are working at cross purposes to ourselves, with that said I would simply move to amend the proposal that is before us this evening, to reduce the period back to 9 months. The Planning Department is just happy to have the operating system upgrade. And I encourage us to do that. If it becomes evident that this upgrade was not sufficient, if the time delay continues to be insufficient and we see, this travesty happening, just like the amendments I plan to propose in 3 to 6 months, we can propose extending this delay once again, but the delay proposed is again far beyond what neighboring communities have done and I am not talking about hypothetical families, I am talking about families right now in Somerville, one of which if I could relay, has been attempting to go through this process already and their delay hasn't even yet begun they are now over 90 days into the process. Just to renovate the house. So I would I guess, Mr. President I defer to you on the time of when the amendment needs to be made it is possible we need to accept the committee report and.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Yes thank you, I have a couple of comments but before that we still have to approve the committee report so Councilor Davis moves to accept the committee report as submitted, and we are going to sever item No. 20478 from the committee report. Any discussion on that? Seeing none, the committee -- do we need a roll call to sever Mr. Clerk?

SPEAKER: Yes. Mr. President we do.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Roll call on severing the committee items from the report.

SPEAKER: This is a roll call vote on severing the demolition review ordinance from the committee on legislative matters report of September 17. On that motion Councilor Clingan?

COUNCILOR CLINGAN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Council Mbah?

COUNCILOR MBAH: Yes, please.

SPEAKER: Council White?

COUNCILOR WHITE, Jr.: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ballantyne?

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Strezio?

COUNCILOR STREZO: Yes.

SPEAKER: Council.

COUNCILOR NIEDERGANG: Need yes.

COUNCILOR DAVIS: yes

SPEAKER: Councilor Scott?

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ewen-Campen?

COUNCILOR EWEN-CAMPEN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Rossetti?

COUNCILOR ROSSETTI: Yes.

SPEAKER: And Council McLaughlin?

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Yes.

SPEAKER: All voted in favor of the motion, the report, that item has been severed from the balance of the report.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: OK now on the committee report that is severed. Please call the roll?

SPEAKER: Mr. President this is on simply the approval of the balance of the legislative matters committee report, apart from the severed item.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Very good on that it's many, Councilor Clingan?

COUNCILOR CLINGAN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Mbah.

COUNCILOR MBAH: Yes, please.

SPEAKER: Council White?

COUNCILOR WHITE, Jr.: Yes, he.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ballantyne?

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: I'm sorry, Mr. Clerk could you repeat that I didn't hear it. I lost connection.

SPEAKER: Through the President, this is a roll call vote in connection or to approve, the report of the committee on legislative matters meeting, the committee report with the exception of the demolition review ordinance which has been severed from the report.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Thank you. Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Strezo.

COUNCILOR STREZO: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Niedergang?

COUNCILOR NIEDERGAN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Council Davis.

COUNCILOR DAVIS: Yes.

SPEAKER: Council Scott?

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ewen-Campen?

COUNCILOR EWEN-CAMPEN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Rossetti?

COUNCILOR ROSSETTI: Yes.

SPEAKER: And Council McLaughlin.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Mr. President, the committee report has been approached well, the exception of item No. 204278 demolition review ordinance which is before the City Council.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Now the item is before us, Councilor Scott you have an amendment.

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Yes. Thank you Mr. President. I would simply move to amend the language in -- sorry I am looking for the exact line item here.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Can we just move to change the date?

COUNCILOR SCOTT: I believe we do sir. That would be in section 7.1A. Oh, this looks like an older version of text. It is possible Minutetraq hasn't been updated with the most recent version sent to Council.

COUNCILOR NIEDERGAN: Mr. President, Council, I have an updated version, it is 7.1A.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: 7.1A?

COUNCILOR NIEDERGAN: Yeah.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: All right. Does that help you Councilor Scott.

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Yes, I would update it to simply substitute 9 for 18.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Council Scott moves to change the months from 18 to 9. On that Councilor Clingan we haven't heard from you yet?

COUNCILOR CLINGAN: Thank you Mr. President. Through you with regards to the length of the time, I remember it being a legislative matters committee last session when I was on that committee and we had, I thought we had come to the agreement that 12 months would most likely be appropriate. I believe it would mirror the other cities, I could be wrong on that but, you know, I know, there was definitely, -- definitely the will of the folks on the 9 months was a little too short but 18 was too hefty I would like to hear other folks on this discuss but I would support 12 months.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Davis and then Councilor Niedergang?

COUNCILOR DAVIS: Thank you. Thank you Mr. President, a couple of things on the motion just as to set the frame that the original proposal by Councilor Niedergang as noted was -- his intention was 24 months, we were discussing the time period in that context and so, the vote taken at committee was specifically to, and unanimous to, change that, which was a blank essentially in the prior version or the most recent version before this final one to make that, an 18 month period. There are -- we do have back in 2017, I think, well, it is hard to tell when we received this. We did receive information on other municipalities and at least at that time, there was about, at least 10 or so other municipalities that use an 18 month period including Newton and Brookline among them. So that is certainly not out of the ordinary, just to clarify, I guess or respond to some of the points that were made in the making of the motion, first off, again this is not a new 14 page

ordinance, this is an amendment to an existing ordinance, it is a rewriting of the ordinance it makes it much more clear, much better it has gone through a number of iterations following public hearings and countless, committee meetings. It does not prohibit renovation per se. It only applies to demolition, demolition is defined very specifically in the ordinance and that also was the topic of significant changes from earlier versions, and you know it would require the demolition of 50 percent or more of the exterior surface area. If you are just working on the inside this just doesn't apply. Routine maintenance, etc. There is a list of 6 specific exclusions from what would apply. So you know, while a demolition, of a historic property would apply to this certainly, you know, it's not quite as all encompassing as I feel like it was characterized. It also important to remember, and this got lost a number of times during the discussion, it is easy to do, I understand it, it is important to remember this is not prescribing an 18 month period for you know, no matter what. The entire point is that the owner of the property work with the historic commission to come up with an appropriate form of preservation. There were examples given in deliberation where the owner actually realized they could do a better project by preserving the structure, moving it, building around it. That was one example. The reason for the delay is to force that conversation to happen. If both sides agree, then the delay period is over and you move forward. This is not requiring everybody to put a project on hold for 18 months. As Councilor Niedergang noted, there are great examples where negotiation resulted in something other than preserving the structure, but other types of preservation can happen. The idea of the time period is to create more leverage. The historic commission made it clear that they didn't feel they had any meaningful leverage with a 9 month waiting period. That was a primary reason for undertaking a revision of the existing ordinance. I was compelled early in this process that a 24 month period was appropriate. I was also compelled to back off that and to compromise on 18 months. It is entirely consistent with a number of communities nearby. It will significantly improve the historic commission's ability to work with developers.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: All right, Councilor Niedergang.

COUNCILOR NIEDERGANG: Thank you for those kind words, Councilor Davis. I have two things to say. The first is that the push for a longer delay period did not come from staff. It came from residents of this city who are on the commission. It is people who live here and work on the commission that wanted the longer delay period. The second point is that Section 6.1 has what I understand to be an exemption if there are structural integrity issues. It says if there is deficient structural integrity, the applicant shall submit a licensed structural engineer report for an exemption. So Councilor Scott, I would advise you to tell your constituents that they should do this if they need an exemption because of structural issues. I will vote against this amendment, but should it pass, I will still vote for the ordinance because there are so many other valuable things besides the length of the demolition delay period. Thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Scott.

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Thank you. I'll be brief. I would simply say that it is asinine to say it doesn't apply to renovation because it is, it is currently being applied to renovation, people who are applying to renovate their homes. I, understand that the intention may not be there, but that is how, it is be applied and that doesn't change. The idea again to get, as an example, getting a structural engineer to claim that the structure is unstable is a tool we have seen developers use recently, to bypass the demo ordinance, most particularly on I believe Somerville Avenue. But to do that puts a home owner, potentially several homeowners here in a situation, of functionally condemning their building in the hopes that they could bypass a demo delay which may or may not be granted but at that point the cat is out of the bag. It is really a terrible set of choices. So I don't believe it is sufficient. I don't believe it is a sufficient relief valve. I appreciate Councilor, the Councilor from Ward 4 refreshing my memory about this discussion. I would be happy to amend my motion to be substituting 12 months instead of 18. I just, again, this is as much as the initial concern and request that is coming from members of the community serving on the historical preservation commission, my concern is coming from the office hours that I hold every week when I have people from the city come in and ask how to navigate the bewildering and intimidating set of systems we have in the city to get things done. This is a real life problem

happening to families right now. I don't want to make that problem worse. So Mr. President with that said I would amend my motion to be replacing, 18 to 12. I would ask, not to belabor the point further I would ask we vote on it.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: OK, Councilor Scott moves to amend 9 months to 12 months. Any discussion? Hearing no discussion I will just weigh in really quick. I support Councilor Scott's amendment because the planning committee said 9 months is the average times it takes. I supported 18 months because I think we have to just pick a date and vote on this because it has been 4 years so if this passes or fails this amendment I am still supporting it. The Planning Department supports it I have never known them to be people who are trying to stop development so I think this is generally just a good idea and worth ending conversation. Now I see numerous people want to ask questions. Councilor Strezo?

COUNCILOR STREZO: Thank you Mr. President. To elaborate, on this motion, even if we vote yes or no, we are still, is it --

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Right now the ordinance says that 18 months is the limit of delay. Council Scott is making it 12. If you want to it to be 12 you vote yes, if you want it to remain 18 vote no.

COUNCILOR STREZO: Once it is amended, then what.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Then we will do a vote on the ordinance itself.

COUNCILOR STREZO: Tonight. Got it.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: OK.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Council Davis, Mbah and Rossetti. Everyone, please, this is the conversation we have had for 4 years I think we just need to vote on it, Council Davis.

COUNCILOR DAVIS: Thank you Mr. President, briefly because, the amendment was revised since I spoke, while I appreciate the intent I still believe the 24 months is the appropriate period based upon the input from the historic commission and I still will stick with the compromise at 18 months thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Mbah.

COUNCILOR MBAH: Thank you Mr. President, one question I have is, I have been further -- well, I have been listening to this participating since I have been on the Council so I really you know, I am also ready to vote on this tonight but I guess, I respect the members of the legislative committee that have been working on this ever since and I appreciate their hard work and I will be inclined to you know, support it in 18 months but I want a clarification about when Council Scott said this applies to renovation can somebody from the administration speak to that? Because I don't -- I don't -- I never heard that you know like, it applied to renovation but I thought these are 2 different stuff that demolition itself so that when you say it applies to renovation, like is there some case that you can cite to and you know, just so that I can be more clear about the nuance. Can you speak to it Councilor Scott or a member from the administration. I respect the legislative body has been working on this, that predates you know, my tenure.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: George is here to answer your question.

SPEAKER: All right can you hear me.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Yes take it away.

SPEAKER: Thank you I want to make sure you hear me my headphones were causing some difficulty before. For the old ordinance, demolition wasn't well defined for this ordinance we defined it if you are removing more than 50 percent of the surface areas of the building. The first rule is you have to remove more than 50 percent of the building to be defined as a. It cements a minor project, which means if you are adding a win co, an aside addition, rear addition, altering a porch, deck changing the shape or style of a roof or any combination of all of those things, you go beyond the 50 percent because the dormer plus the addition plus the roof gets you to the point where you are beyond 50 percent that would not trigger the ordinance, there are certain types of renovation piece you can put together and not trigger the ordinance. There is a form of renovation if you rip 2 sides of the house off and start replacing them with something else, you are going to trigger the ordinance, if you have a larger building you tear half of it down or just try to keep of a piece of facade you might call that renovation, but the ordinance calls it demolition there is a very specific set of circumstances where it does trigger the ordinance, if you take enough of the

building away, with some exemptions for small houses I hope that answers the question. That is different than the way it is currently defined in the current ordinance, this is new and clearer than -- than the current rules.

COUNCILOR MBAH: George, that is a lot of mumbo jumbo there. What I am asking, this revised ordinance does it apply to renovations?

SPEAKER: I guess that really depends upon how much of a house you are doing. If you are renovating the inside of a house, absolutely not. You can tear out everything inside of a house and not trigger it. If you are renovating the inside of a house, adding a dormer or a porch, no absolutely would not do so you have to take half of the building down for it to count.

COUNCILOR MBAH: Thank you, thank you Mr. President.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Rossetti has been waiting. Do you have a comment?

COUNCILOR ROSSETTI: Briefly Mr. President, I chaired legislative matters, 3 chairman ago and when I was chair way back then, I sat with the citizens, who took thousands of hours to present their recommendations and honestly they were begging me to try to get me to understand. I read the document, we got together multiple times I had questions answers definitions then we had meetings, at that time it was Sarah White on the team who met with us, and she too had some reservations about the length of time but over time, and I appreciate chairman Niedergang and chairman Davis and the work they have put into it, I am ready to support the motion, the main motion on the floor by the committee.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: OK you are talking about the amendment?

COUNCILOR ROSSETTI: I will not be supporting the amendment. If the motion fails I will support the main motion of the report.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any further discussion of the amendment before us? Hearing none, Mr. Clerk please call the role.

SPEAKER: Mr. President this is a roll call vote on amending the demolition review ordinance by replacing in section 7.1A, the phrase 18 months with the phrase 12 months. On that change, Councilor Clingan?

COUNCILOR CLINGAN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Mbah.

COUNCILOR MBAH: Yes.

SPEAKER: Council White.

COUNCILOR WHITE, Jr.: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ballantyne.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: . I apologize. I guess I am tired. So we are voting on changing it to 12 months; correct?

SPEAKER: Changing it from 18 months to 12 months.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Yes, thank you.

SPEAKER: Councilor Strezoz?

COUNCILOR STREZO: No.

SPEAKER: Councilor Niedergang?

COUNCILOR NIEDERGAN: No.

SPEAKER: Council Davis.

COUNCILOR DAVIS: No.

SPEAKER: Council Scott.

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ewen-Campen?

COUNCILOR EWEN-CAMPEN: Recused.

SPEAKER: Councilor Rossetti?

COUNCILOR ROSSETTI: No.

SPEAKER: Council McLaughlin.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Yes.

SPEAKER: 6 voted in favor of the amendment, 4 Councilors opposed one is recused, the amendment has been approved.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: All right, do we have any.

COUNCILOR DAVIS: Mr. President, move to approve and enroll and ordain the reviewed ordinance before us.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Thank you Mr. Davis moves to enroll and ordain. Any discussion, hearing none, please call the roll on enrollment.

SPEAKER: First Mr. President we have to vote to approve the ordinances as amended, the amendment has been passed now we have to vote on the ordinance as amended.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: I am so eager to get it done, please call.

SPEAKER: On approval of the ordinance as amended Councilor Clingan?

COUNCILOR CLINGAN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Mbah.

COUNCILOR MBAH: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor White.

COUNCILOR WHITE, Jr.: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ballantyne?

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Strezo?

SPEAKER: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Niedergang?

COUNCILOR NIEDERGANG: Yes.

SPEAKER: Council Davis?

SPEAKER: Yes.

SPEAKER: Council Scott?

SPEAKER: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ewen-Campen? Councilor Rossetti?

SPEAKER: Yes

SPEAKER: Councilor McLaughlin?

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Ten Councilor voted in favor of that item, one is recused the ordinance as amended has been approved.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: On enrollment.

SPEAKER: On enrollment of the amended ordinance, Councilor Clingan?

COUNCILOR CLINGAN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Mbah?

COUNCILOR MBAH: Yes.

SPEAKER: Council White.

COUNCILOR WHITE, Jr.: Yes.

SPEAKER: Could you be Ballantyne?

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Strezo?

COUNCILOR STREZO: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Niedergang?

COUNCILOR NIEDERGANG: Yes.

SPEAKER: Council Davis?

COUNCILOR DAVIS: Yes.

SPEAKER: Council Scott?

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ewen-Campen.

SPEAKER: Councilor Rossetti?

COUNCILOR ROSSETTI: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor McLaughlin.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Mr. President, ten in favor of enrollment. One is recused that ordinance has now been enrolled.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: On ordainment.

SPEAKER: On ordainment Councilor Clingan?

COUNCILOR CLINGAN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Council Mbah?

SPEAKER: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor White? Councilor White?

COUNCILOR WHITE, Jr.: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ballantyne?

SPEAKER: Yes.

COUNCILOR STREZO: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Niedergang?

COUNCILOR NIEDERGANG: Yes.

SPEAKER: Council Davis?

COUNCILOR DAVIS: Yes.

SPEAKER: Council Scott?

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ewen-Campen? Councilor Rossetti?

COUNCILOR ROSSETTI: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor McLaughlin.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Mr. President, ten in favor of ordainment, one Councilor recused that ordinance has been ordained.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Congratulations everybody we passed a law. Next item.

SPEAKER: That brings us Mr. President to item No. 33 which is a report of the committee on licenses and permits which met on September 23.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor White?

COUNCILOR WHITE: Thank you Mr. President. The committee met with myself, members Scott and Mbah also in attendance. 2 main items we addressed the first was 210484, that the administration work with this council for a smooth transition of outdoor seating permits when they reach the Council for renewal by November 1. I submitted that item and you know it was a concern, raised by a number of folks about the community about the current operation and the need it should be continued with the licensing commission to create certainty and transparency and predictability as folks moved forward. So I worked with the City Clerk, Economic Development and the City Solicitor's office to come up this order which is, be it hereby ordered by the City Council in session assembled that through December 31, 2021 any business with a license from the city of Somerville licensing commission for outdoor food and/or beverage service for outdoor seating shall not require further authorization from the City Council pursuant to Section 12-14 of the Somerville code of ordinances. This was unanimously approved by all members. Then the next items we dealt with, were the renewal of the house submitted by Tufts. I think there is 38 of them and won't go over each individually but this was follow up to the prior committee meeting where there were a couple of concerns issued one of them was Councilor Mbah to make sure all of the conditions and all the inspections had in fact been complied with, and it was confirmed that yes all of the conditions were met. And then Councilor Scott had some policing issues, and those were addressed in the public health meeting that we had had last week. So at that last meeting I had asked the City Solicitor to work with Doug Kress from human services to come up with a condition that we would impose object all of these licenses that were renewed and basically, the language is this: The lodging house shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic as determined by the Somerville board of health or its authorized agent. This includes but is not limited to strict adherence to Tufts University's own testing protocols, dated September 4, 2020. So what this language does, is basically provides the city with the in effect, the ability to intervene if in fact Tufts University is not following their you know their procedure, or if in fact testing protocol was determined to be insufficient and there was a problem found by the Board of health. Based upon the discussion raised and concerns of folks in the community and within the limits of our ability to condition these, the committee unanimously approved this as well. I would ask the committee report be

approved and submitted.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor White moves to approve the committee report as submitted.

On that, Councilor Davis?

COUNCILOR DAVIS: Thank you Mr. President, I want to thank you, Councilor White for the first piece. I fully support the idea of giving these folks the opportunity to stay open longer, frankly, as far as I am concerned if it is a warm day in January they want to pull the tables out, I would be OK with that. Thank you for that, fully supporting it, I appreciate the work.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Scott?

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Thank you Mr. President. I wanted to say, thank you to the chair for shepherding this. This entire conversation, several conversations actually that have been very difficult and also want to point out what incredible trust that this Council has placed in the licensing commission during this difficult time and quite frankly how well deserved and earned that trust has been and how well it has been held by the license commission under the leadership of chairman Lynch. I think it is it is an excellent example of city government working hard and working well for the benefit of its residents and businesses in a very difficult time. So I have full confidence in extending this trust we placed in the licensing commission during this difficult time I thank all 3 of them for their service.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor White.

COUNCILOR WHITE, Jr.: Thank you Mr. President, I want to join in with Council Scott's comments with regard to our licensing commission and in the chair especially because they have had done yeoman's work, with numerous meetings, many on relatively short notice, to accommodate the interests of our restaurant owners. I believe they contributed to the ability of some of these folks to hang on during these tough times.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any further discussion? Hearing none, the committee report will be laid on the table and accepted as submitted. Next item.

SPEAKER: Mr. President, item No. 34 say report of public health and public safety which met as September 14 as a committee of the whole.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Davis?

COUNCILOR DAVIS: Briefly, a quick correction on my last report on legislative matters that was the meeting where all the members were present. This was the hearing where Councilor Rossetti had another commitment so I apologize for that. Everyone else was available, I know Councilor Rossetti reviewed the meeting afterwards. The minutes that are here are very exhaustive and detailed circumstances let them speak for themselves if folks want to take a look I request that they be accepted.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: That is how you do a committee report, Councilor Davis moves to accept the committee report as submitted any discussion, seeing none the committee report is laid on the table for approval. Next item?

SPEAKER: The No. 35 is a report of special committee on rodent issues which met on September 23.

COUNCILOR EWEN-CAMPEN: , thank you Mr. President, the meeting minutes and video are available. I want to mention 2 items briefly, at yesterday's meeting we received a presentation on the city's new integrated pest management plan that will involve weekly meetings between Ms. Georgiana Silveira, the "rat czar," and health inspectors as well as monthly interdepartmental meetings. It's a very interesting. It was emailed to the Council and is attached to the agenda as a PDF. I recommend looking at that. I wanted to mention one of the items we spoke about at length was ensuring renters know that if they are having rodent issues, they will not -- their identity will be protected if they make a complaint that winds up with their landlord receiving a visit from an inspector. We were told repeatedly when for example, folks from the baiting program or health inspectors go to a property they don't say hi, your tenant complained. They say, we are seeking, to do baiting in this area based upon increased complaints and rodent observations, and folks are trained to do that for a reason. For anyone following this, I have reason I bring this up as I have gotten a number of concerned renters reaching out who are scared to put in complaints. I want everyone to make sure this is something the city takes seriously and you should feel comfortable making those complaints and observations of rodents. I ask the committee report be accepted as submitted.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any discussion?

Hearing none let's approve that and take the other items laid on the table for approval?

SPEAKER: Very good Mr. President this would be a motion to approve agenda items 17 through 26, 29 through 31 and 33 through 35 and place item No. 27 on file. On that motion, Councilor Clingan?

COUNCILOR CLINGAN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Mbah?

COUNCILOR MBAH: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor White?

COUNCILOR WHITE, Jr.: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ballantyne?

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Strezo?

COUNCILOR STREZO: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Niedergang?

COUNCILOR NIEDERGANG: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Davis?

SPEAKER: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Scott?

SPEAKER: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ewen-Campen?

SPEAKER: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Rossetti?

SPEAKER: Yes.

SPEAKER: And Councilor McLaughlin?

SPEAKER: Yes.

SPEAKER: Mr. President, all Councilors voted in favor of that motion, it has been approved.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: All right, Councilor White.

COUNCILOR WHITE, Jr.: Thank you Mr. President. I move to reconsider the order in the license and permits committee report extending the seating permits to the licensing commission in the hopes that reconsideration fails.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor White moves for reconsideration. So we do a roll call vote on reconsideration and I need a reminder on this. We are going to do 2 votes. One is to reconsider and the other is to change your vote; right?

SPEAKER: Very good Mr. President. So this is a roll call vote to reconsider, the licensing and permits committee report, so that it comes before this Council again. On that item Councilor Clingan?

COUNCILOR CLINGAN: No.

SPEAKER: Councilor Mbah?

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Before we go further, we can vote to reconsider, then we can vote no to not change your vote if your intention is to not change the vote.

COUNCILOR CLINGAN: OK I thought we did want -- so yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Mbah.

COUNCILOR MBAH: You have said yes, this is the third time I am saying yes.

SPEAKER: Council White?

COUNCILOR WHITE, Jr.: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ballantyne?

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Strezo.

COUNCILOR STREZO: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Niedergang?

COUNCILOR NIEDERGANG: Yes.

SPEAKER: Council Davis?

COUNCILOR DAVIS: We need a flowchart for this for next time, yes.

SPEAKER: Thank you, Council Scott?

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ewen-Campen?

COUNCILOR EWEN-CAMPEN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Rossetti.

COUNCILOR ROSSETTI: Yes.

SPEAKER: And Council McLaughlin.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Mr. President, the City Council has one opportunity to move to reconsider an item. They have until noontime Monday to do that. Councilor White has moved to do that reconsideration now and reconsideration has been approved. So the licenses and permits committee report is now again before this City Council.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: This was a lot easier when we didn't have to do roll call votes. If you don't want to change your vote, vote no and if you want to change your vote, vote yes.

SPEAKER: So this is a roll call vote, is anyone wishing to change their vote on the approval of the licenses and permits Council report? Councilor Clingan?

COUNCILOR CLINGAN: No.

SPEAKER: Councilor Mbah?

COUNCILOR MBAH: I am thinking. No?

SPEAKER: Councilor White.

COUNCILOR WHITE, Jr.: No.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ballantyne.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: No.

SPEAKER: Councilor Strezo.

COUNCILOR STREZO: No.

SPEAKER: Councilor Niedergang?

COUNCILOR NIEDERGAN: No.

SPEAKER: Councilor Davis?

COUNCILOR DAVIS: No.

SPEAKER: Councilor Scott.

COUNCILOR SCOTT: No.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ewen-Campen?

COUNCILOR EWEN-CAMPEN: No.

SPEAKER: Councilor Rossetti?

COUNCILOR ROSSETTI: No.

SPEAKER: And Council McLaughlin.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: No.

SPEAKER: All 11 Councilors have voted no on changing the vote. So the license and permits committee report reconsideration has been moved and failed.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: All right we have a number of financial items before us, Councilor Scott, or anyone, does anyone want to vote to approve them otherwise refer them to the committee.

COUNCILOR SCOTT: I move to waive the readings and refer the financial items to Finance.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Thank you. He moves to waive the readings of items No. 36 to say No. 51 and refer them to the finance committee. Hearing no discussion the items are referred to the finance committee.

THE CLERK: No. 52 is a communication from the City Solicitor seeking approval of the settlement of a pending claim of \$249,000 and change for damages to the City Hall annex in 2018.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: On the item.

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Mr. President this is a request for solicitor right to appear before the Council to discuss it. I would recommend referring this also to finance.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Yes, seeing no discussion this item will be referred to finance.

SPEAKER: Item 53 is communication from the urban forestry committee which conveys a statement of the planned remediation of Conway park.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any discussion.

COUNCILOR SCOTT: If I may, I want to highlight this. This is exactly I think what this City Council

created the urban forestry commission for. One of the items we waived the reading of was the appropriation request for a \$6 million bond for remediation and renovation of Conway Park. That will be a very intense discussion and given that previously when the finance committee considered it as a committee, there was a severing of the item and the action of the committee was overturned, it is my inclination to make the discussion, the bonding request, a committee of the whole. I want to highlight on this particular item this is the input of the urban forestry commission by a vote taken of that committee, which includes city staff members. I encourage all members of this Council to read it in advance of our discussion. There are a great many references and points in there. Ultimately it is a resolution in the same form the city takes when making its resolutions, urging a different course of action than the one the administration is presenting to us. I am sure that will become very relevant in the course of conversation so I would ask that this communication be placed on file with a copy to the finance committee so I can include it on the agenda when we take up the Conway Park.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Seeing no comment, this is placed on file, referred to the finance committee.

COUNCILOR WHITE: Mr. President, I move to waive the reading of item 54 through item 60, approval them all except for item 57 which has to go to my committee for a public hearing.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor White moves to approve 54 through 60 except for 57. Any discussion? Let's do a roll call vote on these items.

SPEAKER: Mr. President this is a roll call vote on the approval of items 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, and 60 and placing item 53 on file. On that motion, Councilor Clingan?

COUNCILOR CLINGAN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Mbah.

COUNCILOR MBAH: Yes, please.

SPEAKER: Councilor White, Jr.?

COUNCILOR WHITE, Jr.: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ballantyne?

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Strezio?

COUNCILOR STREZIO: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Niedergang?

COUNCILOR NIEDERGANG: Yes.

SPEAKER: Council Davis?

COUNCILOR DAVIS: Yes.

SPEAKER: Council Scott?

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ewen-Campen.

COUNCILOR EWEN-CAMPEN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Rossetti?

COUNCILOR ROSSETTI: Yes.

SPEAKER: And Councilor McLaughlin?

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Mr. President, all 11 Councilors voting in favor of that motion, those items are improved or in one case placed on file.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Next item.

SPEAKER: Item No. 61, is communication from the Tufts University president responding to a board item with regards to Tufts Covid-19 testing program.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any discussion, hearing none this is laid on the table and placed on file.

SPEAKER: Item No. 62 is a communication by Councilor Rossetti, reporting on the high school building committee meeting of September 14?

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Rossetti?

COUNCILOR ROSSETTI: Thank you, we held our monthly meeting as usual, some of the updates, is that I did share with you my colleagues, there is now a 44 minute video, available on Youtube, very informative for all members of the public to see the inside the building and understand what

has taken place and what will be taking place. It is a very good video document done by our project manager and I encourage everybody to check that out. Suffolk did update us the month of August there were 305 trades daily on the project. There has been no Covid-19 reported for the past month. The update of what dates will what be happening, phase one October 16 the new wing, that is on target. The gym will be complete by October 30. Phase 2 for substantial completion will be by November 16. Phase 2A which is the auditorium, is anticipated for substantial completion by January 29. And the last portion of the project which is the outdoor field is for September 3, 2021. The -- what it means educationally-wise by mid November, the building will be available, the superintendent has asked that the committee understand the importance of needing more time to work with the staff on making sure everything is proper since we now have Covid-19, so it's the hope by January, this staff and students will be in the building dependent upon the decision of the superintendent and school committee for January. The report is up online. The next meeting is scheduled for October 19 at 4:30. Thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any discussion? Hearing none this committee report is laid on the table ask placed on file.

SPEAKER: Item No. 63 is a communication submitted by Councilor McLaughlin, reporting on the school department town hall meeting.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: If I could say this in just a few words come talk to us in December. That is the message the decision for reopening will be made in December. Any discussion? Hearing none this item will be laid on the table and placed on file.

SPEAKER: Item No. 64 is an order submitted by Councilor Ewen-Campen, that the director, update on the citywide parking strategy that began last year.

COUNCILOR EWEN-CAMPEN: Thank you. I ask this be sent to traffic and parking.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Ewen-Campen moves to lay the item on the table for approval and send it to traffic and park.

SPEAKER: Item No. 65 a resolution by that the administration update Council on the recommendations of the internet access task force that was convened in 2018, and report on what the city is doing to ensure that everyone has reliable access to the internet.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Council Clingan would like to sign on, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Davis would like to sign on?

COUNCILOR STREZO: I thought it was faster to just say it. May I please sign on.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Everybody wants to sign on to this excellent order, Councilor Ewen-Campen you have the floor.

COUNCILOR EWEN-CAMPEN: Mr. President it is my honor to submit an honor that is just so good that you know it's basically unanimous. Excuse me, so this is an issue that has come up repeatedly during the pandemic we have spoken about it tonight, the digital divide we have known about for many years has become a matter of life and death. Many benefits, resources, schools, they are only really accessible easily accessible via the internet and of course, our school department, the administration, all of us have been passionately caring about this issue for a long time, and yet I am actually unaware of where the report wound up. This was a task force announced in 2018. I know they issued a report, and I know that we all have a lot on our plates, but I am hoping we can have a formal discussion on what these recommendations are, because you know, I get requests frequently from members of the public, why aren't we doing broadband, why aren't we doing citywide fiber, I think they have been discussed and I would like to dig into the recommendations. So I ask this go to committee possibly housing community development might make sense unless you have another suggestion.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Sounds fine to mean, any discussion, Councilor Strez0?

COUNCILOR STREZO: Thank you, Councilor Ewen-Campen. This is important, and I am happy to take it in my committee, this is so vitally important.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any further discussion? Seeing none this item is laid on the table for approval and referred to the Housing and Community Development committee.

SPEAKER: Item No. 66, is a \$8,529 grant with no new match required if the Secretary of State's care acts funds to the election department for the purchase of the ten ballot boxes.

COUNCILOR SCOTT: I would move approval of the item given its crucial nature and no match required

thank you.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any discussion, seeing none let's call the roll on this and all items still laid on the table.

SPEAKER: Mr. President, very good this is a roll call vote on the approval of items 64 through 66. And the placing of 61 through 63 on file.

On that motion Councilor Clingan?

COUNCILOR CLINGAN: Yes?

SPEAKER: Councilor Mbah?

COUNCILOR MBAH: Yes, please.

SPEAKER: Councilor White, Jr..

COUNCILOR WHITE, Jr.: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ballantyne.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Strezo?

COUNCILOR STREZO: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Niedergang.

COUNCILOR NIEDERGANG: Yes.

SPEAKER: Council Davis?

COUNCILOR DAVIS: Yes.

SPEAKER: Council Scott?

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ewen-Campen?

COUNCILOR EWEN-CAMPEN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Rossetti.

COUNCILOR ROSSETTI: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor McLaughlin?

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Yes.

SPEAKER: All 11 Councilors voted in favor of that motion, it has been approved.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Any late items?.

SPEAKER: Mr. President, 2 late items have come before this body the first is an order submitted by Councilor Scott that the City Clerk in consultation with other departments discuss with this Council, the discrepancies in notification standards, seen in applications for various utilities, and proposed mechanisms by which any discrepancy can be resolved to ensure the proper notifications made to parties of interest.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Scott.

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Thank you. This is coming from the grant of locations we had this evening. I would be happy to have this referred to Public Utilities and Public Works and to work with the Clerk and the Law Department to get the answer before taking anybody's time.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Scott moves for approval and submittal to Public Utilities. Any discussion, seeing none this is laid on the table and for approval. You got it.

SPEAKER: Mr. President, the final item, that I am aware of is a communication from the public from, Mr. Burak Gokmen, submitting comments with respect to item 210364 which is the rezoning of 6 parcels in Gilman Square.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: This is laid on the table and placed on file.

SPEAKER: With a copy to the committee on Land Use?

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: If we have to, yes, please.

SPEAKER: Yes good, very good. There are no further items I am aware of.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Roll call vote on the 2 items first.

SPEAKER: Roll call vote on the approval of the late item from Councilor Scott and placing the public communication on file, on that motion Councilor Clingan.

COUNCILOR CLINGAN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Mbah?

COUNCILOR MBAH: Yes, please.

SPEAKER: Councilor White?

COUNCILOR WHITE, Jr.: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ballantyne.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Strezoz?

COUNCILOR STREZO: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Niedergang?

COUNCILOR NIEDERGANG: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Davis?

COUNCILOR DAVIS: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Scott?

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ewen-Campen?

COUNCILOR EWEN-CAMPEN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Rossetti?

COUNCILOR ROSSETTI: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor McLaughlin?

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Mr. President, that motion has been approved.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Seeing no business.

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Mr. President, was there a public event permit as a late item.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: That public event permit was withdrawn by the applicant. Talk to Ms. Webber about it. The mural is still moving forward but it is not on the agenda right now so we can't discuss it.

COUNCILOR SCOTT: OK. Thank you. Ms. Webber I will give you a call after this.

COUNCILOR MBAH: Thank you Chairman Scott for bringing this up.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Councilor Clingan moves to adjourn. Any discussion, seeing none roll call vote.

SPEAKER: This is a roll call vote, on the motion to adjourn. Councilor Clingan.

COUNCILOR CLINGAN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Mbah?

COUNCILOR MBAH: Yes, please.

SPEAKER: Councilor White?

COUNCILOR WHITE, Jr.: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ballantyne.

COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Strezoz?

COUNCILOR STREZO: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Niedergang?

COUNCILOR NIEDERGANG: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Davis?

COUNCILOR DAVIS: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Scott?

COUNCILOR SCOTT: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Ewen-Campen?

COUNCILOR EWEN-CAMPEN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor Rossetti?

COUNCILOR ROSSETTI: Yes.

SPEAKER: Councilor McLaughlin?

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Mr. President, all 11 Councilors voted in favor of that motion.

COUNCILOR MCLAUGHLIN: All right we are adjourned in record time at that, good night everybody.