City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call 204844 (ID:17659) Call of the Roll.

Alderman Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Elizabeth Doherty and Lee O'Keefe.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 204845 (ID:17660)

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 21, 2017.

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. Withdrawn 204846 (ID:17683)

Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Order By Ald. Mbah, Hirsch

204847 (ID:17582) That the Director of SPCD update this Board on what is being done to preserve minority owned businesses in the city.

Alderman Mbah would like a report on the demographics of the businesses owned in the City.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

5. Resolution By Ald. Mbah

204848 (ID:17583) That the Superintendent of Schools provide this Board with information regarding homelessness among the student population, including the demographics of those affected and what steps are being taken to prevent those at risk from becoming homeless.

Alderman Mbah would like information from the Superintendent of Schools regarding homelessness in the City's schools.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

6. Order By Ald. Rossetti, White Jr., Mbah, Hirsch

204849 (ID:17612) That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board, no later than January 18, 2018, all snow removal violations issued to property owners in December and January, and explain how properties are identified for infractions.

Alderman Rossetti would like this tabled until the next meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen

7. Resolution 204850 (ID:17613)

By Ald. Rossetti, Hirsch, Ballantyne, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, White Jr., Mbah, Niedergang, Davis

That the Administration work with this Board to join the 15 'Age Friendly Communities' in Massachusetts by implementing age-friendly employer initiatives and encouraging our local businesses to do the same.

Alderman Rossetti would like this to be discussed in the Confirmation of Appointments Committee in the hope that Somerville may consider this.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

8. Resolution 204851 (ID:17614)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne

That the Administration update this Board on its efforts to form an Office of Housing Stability, as recommended by the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group and mentioned in the Mayor's recent inaugural address.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

9. Order 204852 (ID:17615)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Chief of Police report to this Board, the current approach for enforcing laws relating to cell phone use while driving, and any relevant studies regarding the prevalence of such use in the city.

Alderman Ewen-Campen would like to work with the Administration and enforcement to see what further actions can be done beside ticketing.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

10. Resolution 204853 (ID:17616)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Administration update this Board on plans for adult-use recreational marijuana.

Alderman Ewen-Campen would like to know what the City's plans are for rolling out recreational use of marijuana. Alderman Mbah would like know how this will be impacted by Federal Law. As these discussions are currently being held in different Board Committees, the Resolution was withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

11. Order 204854 (ID:17617)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Chief Assessor report to this Board, the number of properties (residential and commercial) that have been bought and sold within a 1-year period, and the extent of improvements that were made during that period, for the past five years.

Alderman Ewen-Campen is interested in obtaining information on properties that have been bought and sold regarding transfer tax, and how much real estate is being bought and sold with no improvements to the property.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

12. Resolution 204855 (ID:17618)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Traffic Commission consider supporting the neighborhood petition to make Crocker Street a one-way street for its entire length, and to exempt it from the odd/even snow emergency parking shift each year.

RESULT: APPROVED

13. Order 204856 (ID:17619)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Engineering and the Commissioner of Public Works work with this Board to consider possible strategies to address the persistent issue of snow being plowed onto sidewalks during large snow storms.

Alderman Niedergang stated that he had previously filed an order referring to this. The elderly are not able to re-shovel after snow plows come through. There needs to be an investigation on how these people can be helped.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

14. Resolution 204857 (ID:17620)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Administration inform the Ward 3 Aldermen who will bear the financial costs of mitigating the recent flooding and related damage at 125 Lowell Street.

Alderman Ewen-Campen stated that the School of Nursing building at 125 Lowell St. has been purchased by a developer and there was flooding due to a pipe bursting during the storm. Many constituents are concerned about who will pay for the large City response to that problem.

RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

15. Order 204858 (ID:17621)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Traffic and Parking update the Ward 3 Alderman about any previous traffic studies for traffic calming on School Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

16. Order 204859 (ID:17622)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider additional lane-usage signs along Somerville Avenue leading up to its intersection with Washington Street in Union Square.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

17. Order 204860 (ID:17623)

By Ald. Clingan

That the Director of SPCD arrange a meeting with the MBTA and this Board to discuss the elimination of the Route 95 bus stop on Mystic Avenue across from Fremont Street, and how that stop can be restored with proper lighting, markings, etc.

Alderman Clingan would like to arrange a meeting with the Director of SPCD and the MBTA about the elimination of a Route 95 bus stop and how might another stop be placed in a safer location.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

18. Order

By Ald. Clingan

204861 (ID:17624)

(ID:17625)

(ID:17626)

That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility to raise the low hanging wires at the corner of Shore Drive and Putnam Road.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

19. Order 204862

By Ald. Clingan

That the Director of SPCD appear before this Board to discuss the timeline for repaying Broadway, between Central Street and the McGrath Highway.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

20. Resolution 204863

By Ald. Clingan

That the Administration update this Board on the former Winter Hill Star Market and the associated lawsuit, as requested in #201772.

Alderman Clingan would like an update so he has some information to bring back to his constituents.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

21. Resolution 204864 (ID:17631)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration consider a mid-year appropriation for additional traffic coordination or engineering staff to manage the many complex projects underway, communicate with residents and businesses, and carry out any possible immediate traffic calming using real-time data.

RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

22. Resolution 204865 (ID:17632)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration meet with this Board in Executive Session to provide an update on collective bargaining.

Mr. Snyder responded that the Administration will be happy to provide this information.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen

23. Order 204866 (ID:17633) By Ald. Hirsch

That the Director of Personnel provide updated information on employee demographics, including gender, ethnicity and any other tracked categories, with the average wages by demographic group.

Alderman Hirsch would like the Director of Personnel to provide information relating to employee demographics; including gender, ethnicity and their average wages.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

24. Order 204867 (ID:17634)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Chief Assessor and the Director of Communications provide an update on how this year's tax deferral program can be advertised to each eligible home owner, and how the application process can be streamlined.

Alderman Hirsch stated that while campaigning she did not come across any elderly or fixed income homeowner, who knew how to take advantage of this program. Better communication and advertisement is needed so homeowners have the information needed to take advantage of the tax deferral program.

RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

25. Order 204868 (ID:17635)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Director of SPCD provide an update on the progress made on all recommendations included in the December 2015 Sustainable Neighborhood Working Group report.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

26. Order 204869 (ID:17636)

By Ald. Hirsch

That Director of Sustainability and Environment include the School Department's Finance Director in discussions of #204436, to examine procurement criteria for cafeteria food and drink vendors given the amount of waste created by food packaging.

Alderman Hirsch would like to have the City's schools enforce a recycling program.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

27. Resolution 204870 (ID:17637)

By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Scott

That the Administration report to this Board, by the next Youth Services Committee meeting, on ways to expand open swimming hours at the Kennedy School pool, such as Sundays, Friday/Saturday evenings, school holidays and half-day Wednesdays.

Alderman Hirsch would like to see extended hours for the Kennedy School Pool, i.e., Friday evenings, Saturdays, Sundays.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Youth Services Committee

28. Resolution 204871 (ID:17638)

By Ald. Hirsch, Niedergang

That the Administration report to this Board, by the next Youth Services Committee meeting, on ways to keep the Kennedy School playground open for public use during non-school day daytime hours.

Alderman Hirsch would like to see the Kennedy School Playground open during daylight hours when school is not in session.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Youth Services Committee

29. Resolution 204872 (ID:17639)

By Ald. Hirsch, Rossetti

That the Administration provide an update on the progress of plans outlined in the Somerville Fields Master Plan.

Alderman Hirsch would like to be updated on the Fields Master Plan.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

30. Resolution 204873 (ID:17640)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration, with the School Department, provide data by student income, school and grade, on children being served after school at school-based and non-profit providers, to identify gaps in service and better coordinate and expand such programming.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Youth Services Committee

31. Order 204874 (ID:17641)

By Ald. Hirsch, Niedergang

That the Director of Traffic and Parking publish de-identified parking permit data in the city's open data portal so as to permit community analysis and discussion of issues related to the supply and demand of parking.

Alderman Hirsch would like to see more data published regarding parking permits, so the public can explore creative uses of it.

RESULT: APPROVED

32. Order 204875 (ID:17642)

By Ald. Hirsch, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, and the Entire Board That the City Solicitor prepare a Home Rule Petition regarding a Right of First Refusal to allow tenants to have the first option to purchase their homes if they are going to be sold.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

33. Order 204876 (ID:17643)

By Ald. Niedergang, Hirsch, and the Entire Board

That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking meet with the Committee on Traffic and Parking to discuss policies and procedures to limit residential parking permits for residents of properties that are granted relief from parking requirements by the Zoning Board of Appeals or the Planning Board.

Alderman Niedergang believes that the City's parking policies need to be dramatically revised. He suggests that when developers go before the Zoning Board of Appeals or the Planning Board, and want to build a large amount of residential units with the claim that the development will provide ample parking, the City should ensure that those residents can't obtain permits for street parking.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

34. Order 204877 (ID:17644)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board why snow plows cannot go at a slower speed to avoid throwing snow over curbs and onto sidewalks.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

35. Order 204878 (ID:17645)

By Ald. Niedergang, Mbah

That the Commissioner of Public Works deploy a shoveling crew after major snowstorms to shovel out the sidewalks of elderly and disabled residents that get buried by city snowplows, and that the Director of Health and Human Services and the Director of Communications work together to register such residents so they can contact 311 to get their sidewalks re-shoveled after they have been buried by snowplows.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

36. Order 204879 (ID:17646)

By Ald. Niedergang, Mbah

That the Director of Communications coordinate the messaging about when to shovel with the Commissioner of Public Works so that residents are not told to shovel their sidewalks when snow plows are still plowing snow over curbs and burying sidewalks.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

37. Order 204880 (ID:17647)

By Ald. Niedergang, Mbah, and the Entire Board

That the Director of SPCD report to this Board whether he plans to propose to the Traffic Commission that 20 mph speed zones be adopted citywide.

Alderman Niedergang would to see the entire City become a 20 mph safety zone. Alderman Davis stated that he wrote to the Traffic Commission urging them to change the speed limit to 20 mph.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

38. Resolution 204881 (ID:17648)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Mayor allocate \$25,000 for the remainder of FY18 for this Board to hire its own legal counsel to provide independent legal analysis and advice on legal matters.

Alderman Niedergang feels that the Board should have their own independent legal advice and is requesting that the Mayor allocate funds for it

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

39. Order 204882 (ID:17649)

By Ald. Niedergang, Davis

That the Director of Traffic and Parking add a second crosswalk and install a flashing PEDESTRIAN CROSSING sign on both sides of Summer Street at Cherry Street to enhance safety for children and parents walking to the Kennedy School.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

40. Order 204883 (ID:17650)

By Ald. Niedergang, Davis

That the Director of Traffic and Parking add a second crosswalk on Summer Street at Hancock Street and on Lexington Avenue at Hancock Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

41. Order 204884 (ID:17651) By Ald. Scott, and the Entire Board

That this Board explore establishing a community-based independent Community Land Trust that can purchase property in conjunction with nonprofit organizations and private citizens, and make housing permanently affordable.

Alderman Scott would like the Board to explore a community-based independent Community Land Trust to ensure that there is permanent affordable housing.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

42. Order

204885 (ID:17652) By Ald. Scott

That the City Clerk and the Director of SPCD expand abutter notices for Zoning Board of Appeal, Planning Board and Historic Preservation Commission hearings to include tenants of abutting properties in addition to property owners.

Alderman Scott would like abutter notices to be sent to tenants not just landlords.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

43. Order 204886 (ID:17653)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the City Solicitor and the City Arborist clarify the ordinance requiring tree removal for a new driveway or other construction project.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

44. Order 204887 (ID:17654) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD provide this Board by end of February with the tree planting schedule, by Ward, for Spring 2018.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

45. Order 204888 (ID:17655)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Director of Finance report to this Board how much money was spent per year on girls' programs and boys' programs during FY16, FY17 and FY18 to date.

RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

46. Order 204889 (ID:17656)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the City Arborist trim the tree at 26 Mead Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

47. Order 204890 (ID:17658)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install signs on the eastbound side of Broadway to restrict traffic on Victoria Street, Garrison Avenue and Farragut Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

48. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

204891 That the Chief of Police cite motorists traveling in the wrong direction on (ID:17657) Clarendon Avenue and Victoria Street from Woodstock Street.

> **APPROVED RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

49. Communication By Ald. Ballantyne

> 204892 In her capacity as President, conveying this Board's Standing and Special

(ID:17686) Committee assignments and Commission appointments for 2018.

> **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

50. Order By Ald. Niedergang, Davis, Connolly, and the Entire Board 204377

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the City Solicitor appear at this Board's November 9, 2017 meeting to discuss why developers have (ID:17109) gotten building permits without meeting pre-conditions specified in zoning decisions, how the City can more effectively monitor projects for compliance with zoning conditions and other requirements, and what fines and penalties can be levied to deter future violations.

> Alderman Niedergang informed the Board that this discussion is scheduled to take place at the next meeting.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE Board of Aldermen **FOLLOWUP:**

51. Order 204736 (ID:17479)

By Ald. White Jr., Lafuente, Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti, Davis That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inform this Board of the department's practices when residents complain of structural damage to their homes caused by nearby construction activities.

This item is scheduled to be discussed at the next meeting.

LAID ON THE TABLE **RESULT: FOLLOWUP:** Board of Aldermen

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

52. Mayor's Request 204893 (ID:17685) Requesting the adoption of a zoning amendment to Amend Article 16 to establish that owners or developers of future PUD projects may not seek a waiver of any change to affordable housing requirements.

Also referred to the Planning Board.

Alderman Niedergang questioned the need for this item, and Director of Planning George Proakis responded that this is the Committee's proposed text, presented for consideration by the Law Office.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

53. Mayor's Request 204894 (ID:17579) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1441.25 using available funds in the Capital Projects and Planning Professional and Technical Services Account for construction administration services at the former School Administration Building.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 53 through 55 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

54. Mayor's Request 204895 (ID:17627) Requesting acceptance of a \$75,000 donation from Tufts University pursuant to its Partnership Agreement with the City.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

55. Mayor's Request 204896 (ID:17581) Requesting acceptance of a \$45,625 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Housing and Economic Development to SPCD's Economic Development Division for an Advanced Manufacturing Training program.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

56. Mayor's Request 204897 (ID:17584) Requesting the re-appointment of Stanley Koty as Commissioner of Public Works.

Alderman Scott requested to waive the readings of items 56 through 81 and item 115 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

Requesting the re-appointment of Steven MacEachern as Superintendent of 57. Mayor's Request Highways, Lines and Lights. 204898 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:17585) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee 58. Mayor's Requesting the re-appointment of Walter Whitney as Superintendent of Public Request Buildings & Grounds. 204899 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:17586) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee 59. Requesting the re-appointment of Ron Bonney as Superintendent of Fleet Mayor's Request Management. 204900 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:17587) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee 60. Mayor's Requesting the re-appointment of Goran Smiljic as Superintendent of Request Inspectional Services. 204901 REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** (ID:17588) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee Requesting the re-appointment of Robert King as Director of Capital Planning 61. Mayor's Request and Engineering. 204902 REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** (ID:17589) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee 62. Requesting the re-appointment of Rich Raiche as City Engineer. Mayor's Request **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION 204903 **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters (ID:17590) Committee 63. Mayor's Requesting the re-appointment of John DeLuca as Director of Water & Sewer. Request **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION 204904

Committee

Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

FOLLOWUP:

(ID:17591)

64. Mayor's Request 204905 (ID:17592)	-	Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Wright as City Solicitor.		
	204905	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
65. Mayor's Request 204906 (ID:17593	•	Requesting the re-appointment of Angela Allen as Purchasing Agent.		
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
Re 20-	Mayor's	Requesting the re-appointment of Steve Craig as 311 Director.		
	Request 204907 (ID:17594)	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
Rec 204	Mayor's	Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Lapiana as Animal Control Officer.		
	Request 204908 (ID:17595)	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
Ro 20	Mayor's	Requesting the re-appointment of Edward Bean as Finance Director.		
	Request 204909 (ID:17596)	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
69. Mayor's Request 204910 (ID:17597)	Mayor's	Requesting the re-appointment of Rose Durham as Clerk of Committees.		
	204910	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
70. Mayor's Request 204911 (ID:17598)	Requesting the re-appointment of Charles Sillari as Assistant Clerk of Committees.			
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
71.	Mayor's Request 204912 (ID:17599)	Requesting the re-appointment of Peter Forcellese, Sr. as Legislative Clerk.		
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	

72. Mayor's Request 204913 (ID:17600) Requesting the re-appointment of Bryan Bishop as Director of Veterans Services.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

73. Mayor's Request 204914 (ID:17601) Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Bertino as Treasurer/Collector of Taxes.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

74. Mayor's Request 204915 (ID:17602) Requesting the re-appointment of Jill Lathan as Director of Parks and Recreation.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

75. Mayor's Request 204916 (ID:17603) Requesting the re-appointment of Suzanne Rinfret as Director of Traffic and Parking.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

76. Mayor's Request 204917 (ID:17604) Requesting the re-appointment of Christopher Hosman as Executive Director of the Women's Commission.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

77. Mayor's Request 204918 (ID:17605) Requesting the re-appointment of William Roche as Municipal Hearing Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

78. Mayor's Request 204919 (ID:17607) Requesting the re-appointment of Nicholas Salerno as Elections Commissioner.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

79. Mayor's Request 204920 (ID:17609) Requesting the re-appointment of Doug Kress as Director of the Board of Health.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

80. Mayor's

Requesting the re-appointment of Candace Cooper as Director of Personnel.

Request 204921 (ID:17610)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

81. Mayor's

Requesting the appointment of Rachel Taylor as Animal Control Officer.

Request 204922 (ID:17629)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

FOLLOWUP:

82. Officer's Legislative Liaison submitting a communication regarding the establishment of Communication an Appointment Advisory Committee.

204923 (ID:17687)

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 82 through 85 and refer them to the appropriate Committees, with item 83 sent to the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

83. Officer's
Communication
204924

Legislative Liaison submitting a communication regarding the implementation of the Ordinance to Safeguard Vulnerable Road Users (aka the Sideguard Ordinance).

(ID:17630)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

84. Officer's Communication

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 12/14/17.

204925 (ID:17526)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

85. Officer's
Communication
204926

(ID:17580)

Officer's Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders Communication submitted 11/9/17, 11/21/17 and 12/14/17.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

NEW BUSINESS

86. 204927

(ID:17668)

License/Permit Public Event Permit, Co-Incidence Festival music performances, Sidewalks from Union Sq to 321 Washington St, Jan 19-25, 1 hour each day starting between 5 and 10 PM and ending between 6 and 11PM.

> RESULT: **APPROVED**

87. 204928 (ID:17669)

License/Permit Public Event Permit, BA Events Race of Ireland, Davis Sq and area streets, Mar 11, 7AM-2PM.

> Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 87 through 99 and refer them to Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

88. 204929 (ID:17670)

License/Permit Public Event Permit, St. Benedict Good Friday Procession, Area streets from Cutter to Hathorn Sts, Mar 30, 3-7PM.

> **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

89.

204930 (ID:17671)

License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Brennan Construction.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

90. 204931 (ID:17672)

License/Permit New Extended Operating Hours License, Venus Pizza and Grill, 1295 Broadway, remaining open for in-store, take-out and delivery service until 5AM 7 days/week.

> REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

91. 204932 (ID:17673)

License/Permit Amending Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St, to increase the number of vehicles outside to 38, and increase Saturday hours to 6PM.

> REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

92. 204933 (ID:17674)

License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, 28 Motorsports, 486R Columbia

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

93. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Union Gulf Service, 231 204934 Washington St. (ID:17675) **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee 94. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Mystic Auto Sales, 712 Mystic 204935 (ID:17676) **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Real Auto Shop, 463 McGrath 95. 204936 Hwy. (ID:17688) **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee 96. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect 204937 (ID:17689) **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee 97. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, NU Cafe and Juice Bar, 195 Washington 204938 St. (ID:17678) **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee 98. Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Ola Gifts Cafe, 112 Broadway. License/Permit 204939 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:17679) **FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee 99. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Maya Sol Mexican Grill, 179 Broadway. 204940 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:17680) **FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee License/Permit Renewing Livery License, Mass Cab, 45 Endicott Ave. 100.

APPROVED

204941

(ID:17677)

RESULT:

101. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Smoke Valley, 19 Union Sq, 1 sign.

204942 (ID:17681)

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 101, 116 and 117 and refer them to the Licenses and Permits Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

102. Public PERAC submitting the required FY 2019 retirement system appropriation.

Communication 204943 (ID:17684)

Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 102 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

103. Public 23 residents submitting a petition re: the trees removed on Beacon Street.

Communication 204944 (ID:17611)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

104. Order By Ald. Davis, Rossetti

204945 (ID:17661)

That the City Solicitor advise this Board on options to allow primary enforcement of city ordinances by city representatives, including Police and Parking Control Officers.

RESULT: APPROVED

105. Order By Ald. Davis

204946 (ID:17662) That the City Clerk revise the wording of the opening prayer to change the words, "all men and women" to "all people".

Alderman Davis would like the words introductory prayer to be revised to say "All People" rather than "All Men and Women."

RESULT: APPROVED

106. Order By Ald. Davis

204947 (ID:17663) That the City Clerk and the City Solicitor advise this Board on whether the opening prayer and the salute to the flag are required at the beginning of meetings.

Alderman Davis would like to explore what the requirements are regarding the opening prayer and salute to the flag.

RESULT: APPROVED

107. Resolution 204948

(ID:17664)

By Ald. Davis, Rossetti

That the Administration explore additional pedestrian safety strategies for crosswalks when the crossing signs have to be removed during winter.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

108. Order 204949 (ID:17665)

By Ald. Davis

That the Commissioner of Public Works advise this Board on the priority policy for clearing snow from sidewalk curb cuts at intersections.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

109. Resolution 204950 (ID:17666) By Ald. Davis

That the Administration advise this Board on the city's ability to clear sidewalks that have not been cleared and charge the property owner for the cost.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

110. Resolution 204951 (ID:17667)

By Ald. Davis

That the Administration advise this Board whether data is kept, or can be kept, on repeat offenders of the snow removal ordinance, and whether penalties can be increased for repeat offenders.

RESULT: APPROVED

111. Order 204952 (ID:17696) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove all space savers from parking spots on all city streets and that the Director of Communications remind residents of the prohibition on reserving parking spots for personal use.

RESULT: APPROVED

112. Mayor's Request 204953 (ID:17628) Requesting the adoption of a New Zoning Ordinance (1/2018 update) to supersede the current Zoning Ordinance as originally adopted on March 23, 1990.

Also referred to the Planning Board.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

113. Mayor's Request 204954 (ID:17693) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City to impose a Real Estate Transfer Fee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

114. Mayor's Request 204955 (ID:17692) Requesting acceptance of a \$400,000 grant that requires a match, from the MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs PARC Grant Program to SPCD for renovations to Prospect Hill Park.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

115. Mayor's

Requesting the appointment of Lara Versari to the Human Rights Commission.

Request 204956 (ID:17690)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

116. License/Permit 204957

(ID:17695)

Amending Outdoor Seating License, Spoke Wine Bar, 89 Holland St, adding 1 outdoor vestibule for winter use.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

117. License/Permit 204958

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, CM Auto Sales, 39 Webster Ave.

204958 (ID:17700)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

LATE ITEMS

118. Resolution 204959

By Ald. Hirsch, White Jr., Mbah, Rossetti, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne,

Clingan, Scott, Ewen-Campen

(ID:17703) Congratulating Alderman Matt McLaughlin on the happy occasion of his

upcoming wedding.

Alderman Ballantyne read a congratulations to Alderman McLaughlin from

the entire Board for his upcoming wedding.

RESULT: APPROVED

119. Order 204960 (ID:17702) By Ald. McLaughlin, Rossetti

That the Director of SPCD update this Board on plans to renovate the area under I-93, near the Stop & Shop, for pedestrian access to Assembly Square.

Alderman McLaughlin would like to see renovation done to clean up and beautify this path to access Assembly Square.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:40 PM.