

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2015, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Alderman At Large William A. White Jr.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Robert J. McWatters	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah L. Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. Roll Call
200024
(ID:12684)
Call of the Roll.

The Board held a moment of silence for Bob Quinn. Alderman Connolly, President White and Alderman Sullivan held a moment of silence for Bob Lynch. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes
200025
(ID:12685)
Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 10, 2015.

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3. Grant of Location 200026 (ID:12695) Submitted by Eversource to install 61 feet of conduit in Somerville Avenue from Manhole 20647 to a point of pickup at 443-449 Somerville Avenue.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy explained the details of work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. Because of trench work on the new sidewalk, Alderman Heuston added a condition that the Highway Department supervise the repair of the sidewalk upon completion.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
CONDITION: That the Petitioner schedule with the Department of Public Works on-site supervision of the sidewalk repairs.

- 4. Grant of Location 200027 (ID:12696) Submitted by Eversource to install 42 feet of conduit in Glen Street from Pole 219/19 to a point of pickup at 163 Glen Street.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

- 5. Grant of Location 200028 (ID:12697) Submitted by Eversource to install 138 feet of conduit in Broadway (near Alfred Street) from Manhole 2572 to a point of pickup at 563 Broadway.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 6. Order 200029 (ID:12646) By Ald. Rossetti
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services explain, within one week, the process to assist Dresden Circle residents with a rodent infestation, and why it failed.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 7. Resolution 200030 (ID:12660) By Ald. Heuston
That the Administration arrange child care during city-sponsored meetings, especially the fall ResiStat meetings, all Union Square planning meetings, and the yet-to-be scheduled Lincoln Park Neighborhood meeting.

Alderman Heuston discussed the need for child care in order to allow constituents to attend City meetings.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. Order 200031 (ID:12659) By Ald. Heuston
That the City Engineer evaluate the flooding and sewer conditions at the Ames Business Park on Properzi Way and Park Street, and provide the findings of flooding in the area.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Flood Forum Special Committee

9. Order 200032 (ID:12661) By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board about Eversource's pruning of trees and vegetation near power lines, and whether there will be oversight of such work by city staff.

Alderman Heuston expressed her concern with outside agencies trimming trees, and recommended the work be supervised by DPW staff. Alderman McLaughlin discussed recent poorly-executed tree trimming in his ward. Alderman Lafuente pointed out the City has roughly \$20 million worth of trees that need to be properly maintained.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee

10. Order 200033 (ID:12658) By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove all DETOUR and related signage for projects no longer active, from various streets in Ward 2, Union Square and Concord Square.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. Order 200034 (ID:12662) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the three (of six) bollards that have come unglued on the Lowell Street bridge sidewalk at the end of the Community Path Extension ramp.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

12. Order 200035 (ID:12665) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the curb at the Warwick Street elbow by the Community Path Extension ramp (as promised as part of the Maxwell's Green development), and provide the public a chance to comment on the proposed design.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

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| <p>13. Order
200036
(ID:12668)</p> | <p>By Ald. Niedergang, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board on plans to repave the Community Path between Cedar Street and Willow Avenue, and fix the damaged section near Willow Avenue.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p> | |
| <p>14. Order
200037
(ID:12663)</p> | <p>By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD install several U-shaped bicycle parking posts at the Armory and at the small businesses on the north side of Highland Avenue between the Armory and Lowell Street.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>15. Order
200038
(ID:12664)</p> | <p>By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD install two U-shaped bicycle parking posts on the sidewalk on the south side of Highland Avenue between Porter and Conwell Streets.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>16. Order
200039
(ID:12666)</p> | <p>By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the broken lamp post on the northwest corner of Vernon Street and Glenwood Road.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>17. Order
200040
(ID:12667)</p> | <p>By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne
That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment and the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Board, curbside gardens or bioswales, to reduce the amount of impervious surfaces, improve the environment, and beautify our streets.</p> |
| <p>Alderman Niedergang spoke about cities starting to plant grass and shrubs between sidewalks and streets to benefit the streets and the environment.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee</p> | |
| <p>18. Order
200041
(ID:12669)</p> | <p>By Ald. Niedergang, Gewirtz
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police insure that whenever a sidewalk is closed due to construction – especially near a school -- that there be a clearly-marked crosswalk or a police detail, for pedestrian safety.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> | |

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| 19. Order
200042
(ID:12670) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the uneven sidewalk on Pennsylvania Avenue, between Wisconsin and Minnesota Avenues. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 20. Order
200043
(ID:12671) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services bait around 240 Pearl street for rodents. |
| RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee | |
| 21. Order
200044
(ID:12672) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the City Arborist address the numerous dead and dying trees on Jasper Street and back to this Board on progress in remedying the situation. |
| RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee | |
| 22. Order
200045
(ID:12673) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD (Transportation and Infrastructure) plant trees at 9-11 Indiana Avenue, along Kensington Avenue and on the corner of Tufts and Cross Streets. |
| RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee | |
| 23. Order
200046
(ID:12674) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Chief of Police monitor Garfield and Kensington Streets, by the Stop and Shop, during the morning commute for cut through traffic violations. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 24. Order
200047
(ID:12675) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect the trash barrel at the Speedway Gas station on McGrath Highway for rodents. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 25. Order
200048
(ID:12676) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the City Solicitor advise this Board, in writing, what compensation can be given to property owners for property damage incurred by city plows. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |

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| 26. Order
200049
(ID:12677) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works report on the safety of the tilting telephone pole at Clarendon and Weston Avenues. | | | | |
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| 27. Order
200050
(ID:12678) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That Commissioner of Public Works advise the Ward 7 Alderman about when Powderhouse Blvd. between Burnham and Curtis Streets will be paved. | | | | |
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200051
(ID:12679) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken utility light at 1036 Broadway. | | | | |
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| 29. Order
200052
(ID:12680) | By Ald. Sullivan, McLaughlin, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti
That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the feasibility of a traffic light at Foley Street and Middlesex Avenue. | | | | |
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| 30. Order
200053
(ID:12681) | By Ald. Sullivan, Gewirtz, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police cite illegally parked delivery trucks on Winter Street. | | | | |
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| 31. Order
200054
(ID:12682) | By Ald. Sullivan, McLaughlin, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti
That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the feasibility of a flashing pedestrian walkway on Broadway near the East Branch library. | | | | |
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| 32. Order
200055
(ID:12683) | By Ald. Sullivan, Gewirtz, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services update this Board on the rodent control measures recently undertaken on Winter Street. | | | | |
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| 33. | Order
200056
(ID:12686) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk panels on Medford Street at Taylor Rental. |
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| 34. | Order
200057
(ID:12687) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panel on Warren Avenue at Good Year. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 35. | Order
200058
(ID:12688) | By Ald. McWatters
That Chief of Police order directed patrols to Somerville Avenue between Kirby Place and Hawkins Street during early evening hours and on weekends, to deal with unruly citizens bothering pedestrians walking to Union Square. |
| | | Alderman McWatters expressed his concern with people drinking and harassing others, which is intimidating businesses in the area. Alderman Heuston added Lincoln Park is experiencing the same challenges. She stated this is a trend in the neighborhood and resources should be provided to help people who may need it.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee |
| 36. | Order
200059
(ID:12689) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the veterans sign at Columbus and Warren Avenues. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 37. | Order
200060
(ID:12690) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panels at 29 Warren Avenue. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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| 38. | <u>CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE</u> | |
| A. | Committee
Report
200061
(ID:12657) | Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on October 8, 2015. |
| | | Alderman Heuston reported on the items discussed at the meeting. She introduced two new firefighters, who were sworn in.
RESULT: APPROVED |

B.	Public Communication 196343 (ID:8868)	Adriana Bedry submitting comments re: a constable.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
C.	Mayor's Request 197829 (ID:10302)	Requesting the appointment of Daniel Eden as Constable.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
D.	Mayor's Request 197830 (ID:10306)	Requesting the appointment of Jean Alex Narcisse as Constable.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
E.	Mayor's Request 197831 (ID:10307)	Requesting the appointment of Henseley Elysee as Constable.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
F.	Mayor's Request 197832 (ID:10308)	Requesting the appointment of Lohan Moreira as Constable.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
G.	Mayor's Request 197853 (ID:10403)	Requesting the appointment of Juliana Pereira as Constable.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
H.	Mayor's Request 197854 (ID:10404)	Requesting the appointment of Oscar Perez as Constable.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
I.	Mayor's Request 197855 (ID:10406)	Requesting the appointment of Frenchy Bonnet as Constable.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
J.	Mayor's Request 199998 (ID:12558)	Requesting the appointment of Christopher Galvin to the position of Permanent Firefighter.	RESULT: APPROVED
K.	Mayor's Request 199999 (ID:12559)	Requesting the appointment of Tommaso Saporito to the position of Permanent Firefighter.	RESULT: APPROVED
L.	Mayor's Request 200015 (ID:12634)	Requesting the appointment of Mara Santana to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.	RESULT: APPROVED

39. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
200062
(ID:12656) | Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on October 7, 2015. |
| | | Alderman Lafuente reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He spoke about an ordinance to allow part time employees to accrue sick time. He also discussed multiple bonds for work on Cedar Street, and several grants that were approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | Resolution
195734
(ID:8245) | By Ald. Taylor, and the Entire Board
That the Administration provide this Board with a breakdown of special events (festivals, concerts, road races, etc.), indicating if they are/were city sponsored and/or privately sponsored, and including city expenditures for each. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| C. | Order
196588
(ID:9123) | By Ald. Lafuente
That the Recreation Superintendent appear before this Board to provide an update of all expenditures for the current fiscal year. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| D. | Order
197880
(ID:10443) | By Ald. Ballantyne, Lafuente
That the Director of Finance and the Chief Assessor provide a 5-year projection of new commercial office and new commercial retail revenues. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| E. | Order
197976
(ID:10575) | By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne
That the Director of Capital Projects present to this Board, no later than January 22, 2015, a 5- and 10-year plan for the use, development and sale of City buildings. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| F. | Officer's Communication
198023
(ID:10518) | Finance Director responding to #197850 re: grants and donations that require this Board's approval. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| G. | Order
198091
(ID:10656) | By Ald. Lafuente
That the Director of the SPCD (ISD) and the Director of Personnel appear before this Board to explain why health inspectors earn the same amount, or more than, building inspectors when they do not need to be licensed and building inspectors do. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

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| H. | Order
198093
(ID:10658) | By Ald. Lafuente
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) and the Director of Personnel appear before this Board to explain how gained sick time is dealt with and how employees can take that time off. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| I. | Mayor's
Request
198126
(ID:10601) | Requesting an appropriation of \$225,000 and authorization to borrow \$225,000 in a bond for Phase One services for a Citywide Wayfinding Program. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| J. | Public
Communication
198423
(ID:10988) | Senator Jehlen responding to #198182 re: the senior property tax deferral. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| K. | Order
198643
(ID:11229) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Recreation and the Finance Director update this Board and its Committee on Youth Services about any outstanding invoices for the Veterans Rink in FY14 and FY15. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| L. | Resolution
199134
(ID:11770) | By Ald. McWatters, Sullivan, Lafuente, Niedergang, Heuston
That the Administration include a full time arborist position in the upcoming FY16 budget. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| M. | Order
199279
(ID:11880) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Finance report to this Board which engineering consultants have been retained for which projects from January through May, 2015, and provide copies of all such invoices to this Board by June 11. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| N. | Order
199425
(ID:12018) | By Ald. White Jr.
That the City Auditor prepare a list of all no bid contracts for goods and services in excess of \$25,000 currently in force. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| O. | Officer's
Communication
199465
(ID:12024) | Finance Director responding to #199279 re: Engineering consultants and invoices, Jan-May, 2015. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

P.	Officer's Communication 199562 (ID:12121)	City Auditor responding to #199425 re: a list of exempt, non-publicly bid contracts.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
Q.	Order 199717 (ID:12427)	By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Personnel inform this Board whether the new sick-leave law approved by voters last November applies to all City employees, and if not, who is excluded, and whether there are plans to address this exclusion.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
R.	Mayor's Request 199729 (ID:12254)	Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$5,197,500 in a bond for sewer repairs to Cedar St.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne
S.	Mayor's Request 199730 (ID:12252)	Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,227,500 in a bond for water repairs to Cedar St.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne
T.	Mayor's Request 199888 (ID:12463)	Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$262,000 for Phase 1 of the Building Assessment/Preventive Maintenance Plan. The Bond Order approved was the language submitted as #200124.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne
U.	Mayor's Request 199889 (ID:12251)	Requesting acceptance of an 18 month lease of the West Somerville Police Substation and office space at 1114 Broadway.	RESULT: APPROVED
V.	Mayor's Request 199890 (ID:12456)	Requesting an appropriation of \$142,036 From the Capital Stabilization Fund to purchase 4 police vehicles.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

W.	Mayor's Request 199891 (ID:12457)	Requesting approval for the Inspectional Services Weights & Measures Division to use FY16 funds to pay a FY15 invoice of \$434.77.	RESULT: APPROVED
X.	Mayor's Request 199892 (ID:12459)	Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$2,500 from Mass Creative for the Arts Council to support organization and advocacy.	RESULT: APPROVED
Y.	Mayor's Request 199893 (ID:12506)	Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$1,792.72 from the Mass DEP for recycling outreach and materials.	RESULT: APPROVED
Z.	Officer's Communication 199898 (ID:12460)	Director of Personnel responding to #199717 re: employee sick leave.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
AA.	Mayor's Request 199995 (ID:12566)	Requesting a transfer of \$85,000 from SPCD's Economic Development Professional and Technical Services Account to its Planning and Zoning Professional and Technical Services Account for additional zoning impact analysis studies.	RESULT: APPROVED
AB.	Mayor's Request 199996 (ID:12552)	Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$34,200 from the MA Cultural Council for the Arts Council's Local Cultural Council grant program.	RESULT: APPROVED
AC.	Mayor's Request 199997 (ID:12567)	Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$12,500 from the MA Department of Energy Resources for the Office of Sustainability and Environment's assessment of community shared solar.	RESULT: APPROVED
AD.	Order 200063 (ID:12721)	By Ald. Niedergang That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to allow city employees working less than 20 hours per week to earn sick time, and that the Director of Personnel provide information on the cost of the proposal.	RESULT: APPROVED
AE.	Order 200064 (ID:12722)	By Ald. White Jr. That the Director of SPCD consult with the new management team at North Point and report back to this Board on their plans.	RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- AF. Order
200065
(ID:12723)
- By Ald. White Jr.
That the City Engineer provide this Board with the storm water policy and a discussion of the 4 to 1 plan.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- AG. Order
200066
(ID:12724)
- By Ald. White Jr.
That the City Treasurer provide this Board with Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund balance sheets and a report of water and sewer rates in the 15 largest MA communities.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

40. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
200067
(ID:12651)
- Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on September 30, 2015.

Alderman Rossetti reported on the items discussed at the meeting. She spoke about the public hearing on plastic bags and said the discussion will continue at the next meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED

41. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
200068
(ID:12652)
- Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on October 1, 2015.

Alderman Rossetti explained there was no meeting due to lack of quorum.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

42. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
200069
(ID:12653)
- Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on October 6, 2015.

Alderman Sullivan reported on the items discussed at the meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Public Communication
199794
(ID:12299)
- Joe Centrella requesting to appear before this Board regarding the Garage License issued to Mass Inspection, 712 Mystic Ave.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- C. Grant of Location
199945
(ID:12623)
- Submitted by Lightower Fiber Network to install 533 feet of conduit from Eversource Manhole 2580 in Grove St near Kenney Park, along Grove St then along the Community Path, to a point of pickup at 48 Grove St.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| D. Grant of Location
199946
(ID:12624) | Submitted by Two Squares LLC to install 8 feet of conduit in Prospect St from Pole 291/13 to a point of pickup at 211 Tremont St. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| E. License/Permit
200007
(ID:12611) | Renewing Garage License Application, Mass Inspection, 712 Mystic Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
CONDITIONS: Approved for 6 months only, for mechanical repairs to light bulbs only. |
| F. Order
200070
(ID:12718) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services periodically visit the garage at 712 Mystic Avenue to ensure that no major car repairs are being performed there. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| G. Order
200071
(ID:12719) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect 708 Mystic Avenue for proper upkeep and determine whether the trailer parked there is permitted. | RESULT: APPROVED |

43. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

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| A. Committee Report
200072
(ID:12655) | Report of the Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on October 6, 2015. | Alderman Ballantyne reported on the items discussed at the meeting. She discussed the Community Choice Aggregation Program, tree maintenance, and requests for information the City is waiting on.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. Order
199092
(ID:11679) | By Ald. Gewirtz, Niedergang, White Jr.
That the Tree Warden report to this Board over the last 3 years, how many public shade trees have been removed, and how many public hearings have been held. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| C. Grant of Location
199097
(ID:11825) | Submitted by Vertex Companies Inc to install 2 groundwater monitoring wells in the grassy area just north of the Community Bike Path, 180 feet and 250 feet west of Cedar St. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

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| D. Order
199133
(ID:11769) | By Ald. McWatters, Sullivan, Lafuente, Heuston, Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD determine if any of the city's trees have been infected by the Emerald Ash Borer, and report back to this Board with any strategy to save them, possibly by spraying Tree Azin. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| E. Mayor's Request
199625
(ID:12238) | Requesting authorization to develop a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) plan to aggregate the electricity load of residents and businesses, per MGL c164 s134. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| F. Order
199951
(ID:12571) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the three dead trees in Magoun Square at K-2 Wine and Liquors, the New England Science Fiction Association, and the former Modelo Bakery. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| G. Order
199952
(ID:12572) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works arrange with the developer of 235 Lowell Street to plant trees in the two vacant tree wells in front of the building. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| H. Order
199982
(ID:12604) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD advise this Board on the number of new trees over the past 3 years that have been replaced within the warranty offered by the vendor. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| I. Order
199984
(ID:12606) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD meet with this Board's Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy to discuss the selection and maintenance of trees. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| J. Resolution
200021
(ID:12640) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Administration report to this Board on the hiring of the new contract arborist and how tree work will be coordinated between the DPW and SPCD. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |

44. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
200073
(ID:12654) | Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on October 6, 2015. | Alderman Connolly reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He spoke about bicycle safety, flight patterns and noise from the air traffic. Alderman Rossetti thanked Alderman Connolly for following through with conversations regarding the flight patterns and trying to resolve it. Alderman White also thanked Alderman Connolly and said the FAA controls which runways the planes use.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | Communication
199099
(ID:11749) | By Ald. Rossetti
Relaying the final report of the BU study regarding the impact of Logan air traffic on our community. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| C. | Resolution
199522
(ID:12137) | By Ald. Rossetti, and the Entire Board
That the Administration examine safety services at Assembly Row, in light of the previously unanticipated development of Partner’s Health Care and Hotel, and report back to this Board by September, 2015. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| D. | Order
199723
(ID:12443) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD work with the Police Department to develop a bicycle safety campaign. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| E. | Resolution
199850
(ID:12476) | By Ald. Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Administration consider the attached Policy Order recently adopted by Cambridge for air traffic noise pollution, and report back to this Board at its next meeting. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| F. | Resolution
200074
(ID:12717) | By Ald. Rossetti
That the Administration update the Committee on Public Health and Safety monthly on data for Logan Airport Runway 33L, and that the City engage Wig Zamore and communicate with officials from Cambridge and other communities on this matter. | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee |

- G. Order 200075 (ID:12716) By Ald. Connolly That the City Solicitor provide this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety with a listing of all ordinances and traffic regulations regarding bicycles.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

45. Mayor's Request 200076 (ID:12359) Requesting approval to pay FY15 invoices from FY16 appropriations totaling \$53,666.71 in the Department of Public Works.

Alderman Lafuente requested to waive the readings of items 45 through 52 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

46. Mayor's Request 200077 (ID:12650) Requesting the payment of an FY15 collection invoice totalling \$10,602.40 with FY16 funds in the Traffic and Parking Department.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

47. Mayor's Request 200078 (ID:12692) Requesting approval for the Inspectional Services Department to use FY16 funds to pay a FY15 invoice of \$122.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

48. Mayor's Request 200079 (ID:12645) Requesting the acceptance of a \$59,791 grant from the MA Office of Public Safety for 911 training and emergency medical dispatch services.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

49. Mayor's Request 200080 (ID:12644) Requesting the acceptance of a grant totaling \$39,446.00 from FEMA, For the Fire Dept's Fire Prevention and Safety Program.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

50. Mayor's Request 200081 (ID:12643) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$13,050 from Mass Cultural Council, for the Arts Council's Union Square cultural economic development work-- ArtsUnion.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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| 51. Mayor's Request
200082
(ID:12642) | Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$6,100 from the Mass Cultural Council, for the Arts Council's operational support. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 52. Mayor's Request
200083
(ID:12627) | Requesting the acceptance of a gift of \$3,922.61 from Federal Realty Investment Trust for Fire Department overtime expenses incurred for the Riverfest Fireworks. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 53. Mayor's Request
200084
(ID:12710) | Requesting the appointment of Abigail Christian Mancini to the Library Board of Trustees. | Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of items 53 and 54 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 Committee |
| 54. Mayor's Request
200085
(ID:12712) | Requesting the appointment of Peter Scheidler to the Library Board of Trustees. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 55. Officer's Communication
200086
(ID:12649) | Assistant City Solicitor responding to #199625 re: a legal opinion on municipal aggregation. | Alderman McWatters requested to waive the readings of items 55 through 57 and place them on file, with 56 and 57 also referred to the appropriate Committees. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| 56. Officer's Communication
200087
(ID:12637) | DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 9/10/15. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee |
| 57. Officer's Communication
200088
(ID:12648) | Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders submitted 9/24/15. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee |

NEW BUSINESS

58. License/Permit 200089 (ID:12698) Public Event Permit, Stand Up for Bernie Pop-up Festival, Davis Sq Statue Park, Oct 12, Noon-10:30PM.

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 58 through 70, with item 70 referred to the Licenses and Permits Committee and the rest approved. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED

59. License/Permit 200090 (ID:12699) Public Event Permit, Somerville Food Day, 45 Beacon St (Whole Foods Parking Lot), Oct 24, 10AM-2PM (raindate Oct 31).

RESULT: APPROVED

60. License/Permit 200091 (ID:12700) Public Event Permit, West St Block Party, Oct 31, 10AM-8PM (raindate Nov 1).

RESULT: APPROVED

61. License/Permit 200092 (ID:12701) Public Event Permit, Ghost Scorpion Productions Halloween Howl Concert, Davis Sq Statue Park, Oct 31, 3-8PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

62. License/Permit 200093 (ID:12702) Public Event Permit, Norfolk St Halloween Block Party, Oct 31, 4-10:30PM (raindate Nov 1).

RESULT: APPROVED

63. License/Permit 200094 (ID:12703) Public Event Permit, Jason Dedrick Run 4 A Cure Road Race, Davis Sq and area streets, Nov 7, 10AM-12:30PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

64. License/Permit 200095 (ID:12350) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Odney Cab, Med #72.

RESULT: APPROVED

65. License/Permit 200096 (ID:12706) Renewing Flammables License, Grove St Realty Trust, 48 Grove St.

RESULT: APPROVED

66. License/Permit 200097 (ID:12707) Renewing Garage License, Grove St Realty Trust, 48 Grove St.

RESULT: APPROVED

67. License/Permit 200098 (ID:12709) Sign/Awning Permit, Velir Studios, 212 Elm St, 1 blade sign.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 68. License/Permit
200099
(ID:12704) | New Automatic Amusement Device License, Thunder Road, 379 Somerville Ave, 1 device. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 69. License/Permit
200100
(ID:12708) | New Outdoor Seating License, Cantina la Mexicana, 21 Bow St, 3 bench seats. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 70. License/Permit
200101
(ID:12705) | Amending Extended Operating Hours License, Mr. B's, 142 Cross St, seeking to remain open to 4AM, 7 days/week. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 71. Public
Communication
200102
(ID:12711) | 11 registered voters proposing a Zoning Ordinance for Inclusionary Housing, with a petition from 511 citizens supporting an inclusionary zoning ordinance amendment and a revised application process. | Also referred to the Planning Board.
Alderman Niedergang sponsored Ann Marie Astrousky, who expressed her support for inclusionary zoning. She explained the benefits for Somerville residents and for long term growth in the City. Alderman Niedergang supported this petition and emphasized the need to begin this process as soon as possible. The Board expressed the need for affordable housing and their support for this Zoning Ordinance.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee |
| 72. Public
Communication
200103
(ID:12714) | Sara Rostampour submitting comments re: grass fields at Lincoln Park. | Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 72 and refer it to the Open Space Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee |
| 73. Public
Communication
200104
(ID:12715) | Timothy McGonigal submitting comments re: the new Constable residency requirement. | Alderman Heuston requested to waive the reading of item 73 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 74. | Order
200105
(ID:12693) | By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works, the Director of Capital Projects and the City Engineer meet with the Mix-It Studios Co-op at 32 Clifton Street to discuss flooding from adjacent city storm drains on September 30, 2015. | | | | |
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| 75. | Order
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(ID:12713) | Withdrawn. | | |
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| 76. | Order
200107
(ID:12720) | By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD explain to this Board, in writing, the comments discussed in the State SIP Report on the Green Line Extension. | | | | |
| <p>Alderman White spoke about the state implementation reports and the City's efforts to purchase property by the Washington Street Bridge, which the Board was not advised of.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">RESULT:</td> <td>APPROVED</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOLLOWUP:</td> <td>Finance Committee</td> </tr> </table> | | | RESULT: | APPROVED | FOLLOWUP: | Finance Committee |
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| 77. | Communication
200108
(ID:12726) | By Ald. White Jr.
Acting as President, submitting a School Department response to #199994 re: staff responses to addiction. | | |
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| 78. | Mayor's
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200109
(ID:12691) | Request an appropriation of \$188,344 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase of new DS 200 Voting Machines, and authorization to use those machines effective March, 2016. | | | | |
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| 79. | Mayor's
Request
200110
(ID:12727) | Requesting the appointment of David Ruff to the Police Reserve List. | | | | |
| <p>Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of items 79 through 85 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">RESULT:</td> <td>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOLLOWUP:</td> <td>Confirmation of Appointments Committee</td> </tr> </table> | | | RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION | FOLLOWUP: | Confirmation of Appointments Committee |
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| 80. | Mayor's
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(ID:12728) | Requesting the appointment of Roger Desrochers to the Police Reserve List. | | | | |
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81. Mayor's Request 200112 (ID:12729)	Requesting the appointment of Michael Marra to the Police Reserve List. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee
82. Mayor's Request 200113 (ID:12730)	Requesting the appointment of Gurpreet Singh to the Police Reserve List. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee
83. Mayor's Request 200114 (ID:12731)	Requesting the appointment of Daniel Haley to the Police Reserve List. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee
84. Mayor's Request 200115 (ID:12732)	Requesting the appointment of Michael Carroll to the Police Reserve List. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee
85. Mayor's Request 200116 (ID:12733)	Requesting the appointment of Robert Hartsgrove to the Police Reserve List. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee
86. Officer's Communication 200117 (ID:12735)	Police Department responding to #199414 re: needed-assistance calls to tax-exempt properties. Alderman Lafuente requested to waive the reading of item 86 and place it on file, with a copy to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
87. License/Permit 200118 (ID:12725)	Renewing Garage License, John's Auto Sales, 266 Beacon St. Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 87 through 90 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. RESULT: APPROVED
88. License/Permit 200119 (ID:12300)	Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Lee Transportation, Med #7. RESULT: APPROVED
89. License/Permit 200120 (ID:12301)	Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Lochmere Taxi, Med #21,22. RESULT: APPROVED

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| 90. | License/Permit
200121
(ID:12302) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Ike Inc., Med #57,58. |
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LATE ITEMS

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| 91. | Citation
200122
(ID:12694) | By Ald. Rossetti, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending Deb Connolly, who is retiring after 18 years of dedicated service
to the City, most recently in the Personnel Department. |
| | | Alderman Rossetti recognized Deborah Connolly for her hard work and
dedication to the City. |
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| 92. | Public
Communication
200123
(ID:12737) | Fred Berman submitting comments re: #200102, the proposed inclusionary
housing ordinance. |
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| | | FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee |

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| 93. | Officer's
Communication
200124
(ID:12739) | City Treasurer submitting revised bond language for #199888, a \$262,000
bond for a building assessment/preventive maintenance plan. |
| | | The bond language was incorporated into #199888, which was approved. |
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| 94. | Order
200125
(ID:12734) | By Ald. White Jr., Lafuente, Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the gouge in the surface at
Grimmons Park. |
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| 95. | Order
200126
(ID:12738) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services address this Board on dumpster
inspections and provide a list of dumpster locations with their last inspection
dates. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |
| | | FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee |

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk.