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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2016, 7:00 PM Aldermanic Chambers *************

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. Roll Call	Call of the Roll.	
	202260 (ID:14965)	Alderman Connolly held a moment of silence for John Carrabino. Alderman Sullivan and President White held a moment of silence for Joseph Ryan, Jr. Alderman Ballantyne and the entire Board held a moment of silence for her father-in-law. Alderman McWatters held a moment of silence for Geraldine McNally.
		RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
2.	Minutes	Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 22, 2016.
	202261 (ID:14966)	RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 51 feet of conduit in Mount Pleasant Street from Pole 243/1 to a point of pickup at the rear of 6-8 Broadway. Location 202262 The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource (ID:14967) spoke about the details of work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. **APPROVED RESULT:** 4. Grant of Submitted by Comcast to install 100 feet of conduit in Poplar Street from Manhole 44/20 to a point of pickup at 71 Linwood Street. Location 202263 The President opened the public hearing. Dave Flewelling with Comcast (ID:14968) spoke about 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

By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board 5. Resolution 202264 Supporting Tufts janitorial staff. (ID:14949) Alderman McLaughlin expressed his support for Tufts janitorial staff for fair wages and workplace conditions. Alderman Sullivan expressed his disgust for Tufts University for turning their backs on these workers. **RESULT: APPROVED** 6. Resolution By Ald. McLaughlin 202265 Supporting striking Harvard University cafeteria workers. (ID:14950) Alderman McLaughlin reported the strike is over. **RESULT: APPROVED** 7. Order By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works provide an explanation for recycled 202266 trash being collected by non-recycling trash companies. (ID:14957) **RESULT: APPROVED** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee FOLLOWUP: 8. By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider limiting parking passes for 202267 (ID:14960) properties that request parking space relief and explain their decision, for or against, to this Board. Alderman McLaughlin would like the Traffic and Parking Commission to consider a policy to limit the amount of parking passes per parking space. **RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

9. Order 202268 (ID:14951)		By Ald. McLaugh That the Director of front of 105 Cross	of Traffic and Parking repair the 2 HOUR PARKING sign in
		RESULT:	APPROVED
10.	Order 202269 (ID:14952)	By Ald. McLaugh That the Commiss Avenue as needed	ioner of Public Works trim or replace the tree at 27 Fountain
		RESULT:	APPROVED
11.	Order 202270 (ID:14953)		lin of Traffic and Parking replace the missing Permit Parking Fountain Avenue and by the Capuano School.
		RESULT:	APPROVED
12. Order 202271 (ID:14954)			lin ioner of Public Works complete the sidewalk repair at 129- ncluding the driveway entrance.
		RESULT:	APPROVED
13.	Order 202272 (ID:14955)		lin ioner of Public Works place a light cover on the street light Wisconsin Avenue.
		RESULT:	APPROVED
202273 That the Co		By Ald. McLaugh That the Commiss Wisconsin Avenue	ioner of Public Works address the low hanging wire at 8
		RESULT:	APPROVED
15. Order 202274 (ID:14958)			lin of Traffic and Parking place a blinking crosswalk sign in omerville library. (2nd request).
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	APPROVED Traffic and Parking Committee
16.	Order 202275	By Ald. McLaugh That the Chief of I	lin Police enforce the STOP sign at Maine and Indiana Avenues.
	(ID:14959)	RESULT:	APPROVED

17. Resolution By Ald. Niedergang 202276 That the Chair of the Conservation Commission report to this Board with an (ID:14948) update on that Commission's activities, primary concerns, and issues that are being worked on. **RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee 18. Resolution By Ald. Rossetti, White Jr., Connolly, Sullivan 202277 That the Administration publicize the upcoming health conference in Somerville, on Saturday, November 5, on "Airport Impacts-Perspectives on (ID:14961) Environmental Health." Alderman Rossetti asked that the City help to get the word out for the Saturday, November 5th Conference, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the New Partners Health Care Facility at Assembly Row. **RESULT: APPROVED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

19. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on October 18, 2016.
	202278 (ID:14962)	Alderman Davis reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The primary topic of this meeting was the proposed Union Square zoning regarding commercial/residential components, amount of open space requirements, height allowance in the D1 block, and community benefits. RESULT: APPROVED

20. LAND USE COMMITTEE

А.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on October 25, 2016.
	202279 (ID:14964)	Alderman Davis reported on the items discussed at the meeting. Union Square zoning was the main topic of discussion. The Planning staff is looking into changes for the proposed zoning based on public input. A lengthy discussion was had regarding minimum open space requirements, i.e., what types of space would be allowed. RESULT: APPROVED

<u>21.</u> A.	PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on			
	Report 202280 (ID:14963)October 19, 2016.Alderman Connolly reported on the items discussed at the meeting. A long discussion was had regarding the "Don't Block the Box" program. Director 			
B. Order 200140 (ID:12762)	That the Chief of and Parking cons impede the flow	y, Sullivan, Rossetti, White Jr. Police, the Chief Fire Engineer and the Director of Traffic sider a "Don't Block the Box" program at key intersections that of traffic and present a public safety hazard, and report back writing within 30 days.		
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
C.	C. Order 200216 (ID:12918)	representative to	erk invite the Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee this Board's next meeting to recommend action for the of Logan air traffic.	
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
D.		Ben Asack subm Response Team (itting comments re: establishing a Community Emergency (CERT).	
	200587 (ID:13217)	RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
E. Resolution 200641 (ID:13294)			y stration consider implementing a Certified Emergency as outlined by FEMA.	
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
F. Order 200878 (ID:13575)	200878	That the Commis	y, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr. ssioner of Public Works update this Board in writing on the actor's repair of street lamps since the last Public Health and e meeting.	
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
G.	Officer's	DPW Commissio	oner responding to various Board Orders submitted 3/24/16.	
	Communication 201198 (ID:13752)	RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	

H.Order 201308 (ID:13962)By Ald. McLaughlin, Sullivan That the Chief of Police extend school crossing to 3:30 PM.		hlin, Sullivan Police extend school crossing guard services from 3:15 PM	
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
I.	Order 201334 (ID:13989)		ssioner of Public Works report on the LED conversion project on Public Health and Public Safety by the second week of
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
J.	Order 201498 (ID:14161)		ang Police and the Animal Control Officer enforce the leash law ty Path and around Lexington Park.
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
K.	Resolution 201565 (ID:14186)	That the Adminis runner-friendly a	y, and the Entire Board stration work with this Board to provide evidence of the City's ctivities to the Road Runners Club of America in order to be oner Friendly Community.
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
L.	Order 201799 (ID:14457)	That the Director	, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti of SPCD update this Board on a bicycle public campaign. (3rd request)
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
M.	Mayor's	Requesting the ad	doption of the 2016 Update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.
	Request 201932 (ID:14578)	RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
N.	Order 202024 (ID:14687)	That the Director	ang, Connolly, Heuston of Traffic and Parking initiate a citywide "Don't Block the painting and installing signage at the intersection of Medford Street.
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
O.	Order 202111 (ID:14797)	Niedergang, Whi That the Director	, Rossetti, Davis, Lafuente, McWatters, Ballantyne, ite Jr., Heuston of SPCD implement a bicyclist and pedestrian safety ign. (3rd request)
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED

P.	Officer's		er responding to various Board Orders submitted 8/25/16.
	Communication 202136 (ID:14749)	RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
Q.	Order 202162 (ID:14835)	potential public hea	f Health and Human Services advise this Board of any alth concerns raised by a recent report that one out of eight ille tap water showed small amounts of Chromium-6, and ent test results.
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
	COMMUNICA	TIONS OF THE M	AYOR
22.	Mayor's Request		opriation and authorization to borrow \$544,182 in a bond ment's purchase of a Fire Pumper.
	202281 (ID:14679)		n requested to waive the readings of items 22 through 24 Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Finance Committee
23. Mayor's Request 202282	Request 202282	Stabilization Fund	al of an appropriation of \$47,500 from the Capital to retain an economic planning/real estate consultant to g a District Improvement Financing application.
	(ID:14943)	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Finance Committee
24.	Mayor's Request 202283 (ID:14941)	Dept, from the Pers	al of a transfer of \$23,295 in the Information Technology sonnel Services Account to the Professional & Technical to fund an outside contractor to program Network Switches.
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Finance Committee
25.	Mayor's Request		al to pay two prior year invoices totaling \$436.89 using he Information Technology Dept.
	202284 (ID:14942)	RESULT:	APPROVED

Re 20	Mayor's Request	Requesting the app Commission.	pointment of Lunita Johnson to the Fair Housing
	202285 (ID:14944)	and refer them to	on requested to waive the readings of items 26 through 30 the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments. There on, the motion was approved.
		RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
		FOLLOWUP:	Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
	Mayor's Request	Requesting the app Zoning Board of A	pointment of Pooja Phaltankar as an Alternate Member to the ppeals.
	202286	RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
	(ID:14929)	FOLLOWUP:	Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
28.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the rea Appeals.	ppointment of Orsola Susan Fontano to the Zoning Board of
	202287	RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
	(ID:14926)	FOLLOWUP:	Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
29.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the rea Appeals.	ppointment of Danielle Fillis Evans to the Zoning Board of
	202288 (ID:14928)	RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
		FOLLOWUP:	Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
30.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the rea Preservation Com	ppointment of Uma Murugan to the Community nittee.
	202289	RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
	(ID:14850)	FOLLOWUP:	Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
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31.	Officer's City Assessor conveying the Green Line Extension Assessment Study Communication completed by RKG Associates		

Communication completed by RKG Associates. 202290 (ID:14945) Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 31 through 35 and place them on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

32.		•	eying information re: #202154, a request of the Mayor to for outside counsel services.
		RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
33.	Officer's	DPW Commission	er responding to various Board Orders submitted 10/13/16.
	Communication 202292 (ID:14930)	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	PLACED ON FILE Public Health and Public Safety Committee
34.	Officer's	Director of Traffic	and Parking responding to Board Orders submitted 9/13/16.
	Communication 202293 (ID:14932)	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	PLACED ON FILE Public Health and Public Safety Committee
35.	Officer's	Director of Traffic	and Parking responding to Board Orders submitted 8/25/16.
	Communication 202294 (ID:14931)	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	PLACED ON FILE Traffic and Parking Committee
	NEW BUSINES	S	
36.	License/Permit 202295 (ID:14970)		it, Friends of Deanna Cremin Playground Celebration, ayground (formerly Otis St Playground), Oct 22, 9:30AM- Oct 23).
		and approve all e	an requested to waive the readings of items 36 through 41 xcept item 41. Item 41 will be referred to committee. There on, the motion was approved. APPROVED
37.	202296		it, Historic Preservation Commission Opening of Prospect 3:30-5:30PM and Nov 12 11:30AM-2PM.
	(ID:14971)	RESULT:	APPROVED
38.	License/Permit 202297	Public Event Perm Cemetery, Nov 6, 2	it, Historic Preservation Commission Opening of MIlk Row 2-4PM.
	(ID:14972)	RESULT:	APPROVED
39.	202298		it, Acropolis Boston Philosophy Project, Davis Sq Statue 0AM-4:30PM (raindate Nov 13).
	(ID:14973)	RESULT:	APPROVED
40.	202299	New Open Air Ver Xmas trees.	ndor License, Daddy Jones Bar, 525 Medford St, selling
(IE	(ID:14974)	RESULT:	APPROVED

41.	License/Permit 202300 (ID:14975)	New Mobile Food Vendor License, Bus Stop Cafe.		
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Licenses and Permits Committee	
42.	Public	Harvard University	v submitting its Fall 2016 University Accountability report.	
Communicatio 202301 (ID:14976)		and refer them to	gang requested to waive the readings of items 42 and 43 the Housing and Community Development Committee. pposition, the motion was approved. PLACED ON FILE Housing and Community Development Committee	
43.	Public	Tufts University su	bmitting its Fall 2016 University Accountability report.	
	Communication 202302 (ID:14977)	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	PLACED ON FILE Housing and Community Development Committee	
44.	Public	Union United subn	nitting comments re: #201843, Union Sq zoning.	
	Communication 202303 (ID:14978)	refer them to the motion was approx		
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	PLACED ON FILE Land Use Committee	
45.	Public	Bill Cavellini subn	nitting comments re: #201843, Union Sq zoning.	
	Communication 202304 (ID:14979)	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	PLACED ON FILE Land Use Committee	
	SUPPLEMENT	AL ITEMS		
46.	Order 202305 (ID:14980)	By Ald. Sullivan, M That the Commissi	McLaughlin oner of Public Works remove the tree at 151 Pearl Street.	
		Alderman Sulliva RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	In stated that this tree is causing back ups into the house. APPROVED Public Utilities and Public Works Committee	
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47.	Order 202306 (ID:14981)	By Ald. Sullivan, M That the Commissi AHEAD sign at 10	oner of Public Works remove the UTILITY WORK	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	

48.	Order 202307 (ID:14982)		e, Davis oner of Public Works take the actions described within Somerville Neighborhood School playground.
			tyne has heard complaints about the playground at West aborhood School, i.e., dumpster, overgrown shrubbery,
		RESULT:	APPROVED
		FOLLOWUP:	Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
	Order 202308 (ID:14983)		e SPCD request a redesign and upgrade to the asphalt and "cave" courtyard at the West Somerville Neighborhood
		RESULT:	APPROVED
		FOLLOWUP:	Housing and Community Development Committee
50.	Order 202309 (ID:14984)	By Ald. Ballantyno That the Commissi 72 Farragut Avenu	oner of Public Works inspect the health of the dying tree at
		RESULT:	APPROVED
51.	Mayor's Request 202310	funds in the Person	al to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$380 using available anel Department's Professional and Technical Services Shore Psychiatry Center LLC.
	(ID:14947)		nte requested to waive the reading of item 51 and approve o opposition, the motion was approved. APPROVED
-	Mayor's Request	Requesting the app Authority.	pointment of Phil Ercolini to the Somerville Redevelopment
	202311 (ID:14985)	refer them to the opposition, the m	on requested to waive the readings of items 52 and 53 and Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no notion was approved.
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
53.	Mayor's	Requesting the rea	ppointment of Josh Safdie to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
	Request	RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
	202312 (ID:14927)	FOLLOWUP:	Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

54.	Communication	Assistant City Solicitor responding to #201997 with a proposed amendment of Ordinance 11-71(a) regarding requirements for the construction of conduits and lines.		
		Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 54 and refer it to the Committee on Legislative Matters. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.		
		RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION	
		FOLLOWUP:	Legislative Matters Committee	
55.	Communication	Director of Transportation and Infrastructure responding to #201794, #201799, and #202111, re: a safety education campaign for bicyclists, pedestrians and drivers.		
		Alderman Connolly requested to waive the reading of item 55 and place it on file and refer a copy to the Public Health and Safety Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.		
		RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE	
		FOLLOWUP:	Public Health and Public Safety Committee	
56.	License/Permit 202315 (ID:14986)	Public Event Permi	t, West St Birthday Block Party, Nov 13, 9AM-1:30PM.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	

LATE ITEMS

57.	Resolution 202316 (ID:14989)	By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board That the Administration resolve the outstanding issues with Teen Empowerment's contract.		
		contracts for Teer resolved. A new of been done resolve effective July 1st clause changes w	lly expressed his concerns about the difficulty with the n Empowerment. He would like to see these issues contract is due to be signed January 1st and nothing has ed yet. Alderman Rossetti stated the contract which was was received in late October due to verbiage changes and hich will be retro to July 1st, causing this group to back with the changes. Alderman Niedergang would also like	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
		FOLLOWUP:	Youth Services Committee	

58.	202317 (ID:14990)	By Ald. Heuston, and the Entire Board That the City Clerk invite Cambridge's Traffic and Parking Director to a meeting of this Board to discuss traffic changes in Inman Square and present any traffic studies and other data related to the impacts to surrounding Somerville neighborhoods.		
		changes in Inman from Cambridge. area. She requeste	n received information from a constituent regarding traffic Square. No information or communication was received This will limit the way you can enter the Lincoln Park d the Traffic Director from Cambridge appear before the this change and also why no communication was received. APPROVED	
59.	Order 202318 (ID:14991)	By Ald. Heuston, Rossetti That the Director of Traffic and Parking appear before this Board to discuss the issuance of business parking permits, especially between 5 PM and 3 AM, and the impact of those permits on residential streets.		
			n would like the Director of Traffic and Parking to appear and explain the issuance of business parking permits. APPROVED	
		FOLLOWUP:	Traffic and Parking Committee	
60.	Order 202319 (ID:14992)	By Ald. Ballantyne That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 135 Hillsdale Road for an illegal rooming house.		
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	APPROVED Public Health and Public Safety Committee	
61.	Public	Ed Marakovitz submitting comments re: #201843, Union Sq zoning.		
	Communication 202320	RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE	
	(ID:14993)	FOLLOWUP:	Land Use Committee	

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 7:50 PM.