

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

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

May 31, 2018, 7:30 PM
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 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 Call of the Roll.
206022
(ID:18792)

Immediately after the roll was called, the Board recessed the meeting so the Joint Session of the Finance and Legislative Matters Committees, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, could continue their deliberations on matters related to the redevelopment of the Clarendon Hill Housing Development.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

2. FINANCE COMMITTEE IN JOINT SESSION WITH THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
206023
(ID:18793)
- Report of the Committees on Legislative Matters and Finance, meeting in Joint Session as a Committee of the Whole on May 31, 2018.

The Board reconvened at 10:30 PM, immediately after the Joint Session of the Finance and Legislative Matters Committees, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, completed its deliberations and adjourned.

The Chair of the Joint Session, Alderman Mark Niedergang, reported on the Committee meeting. He said that the Committee was exclusively focused on the redevelopment of the Clarendon Hill Housing Development. He said that three items were taken up and acted on.

First, the Committee unanimously approved a Home Rule Petition to convey to the Somerville Housing Authority a small portion of Alewife Brook Parkway, required as part of the project. The text of the Home Rule Petition is attached to #205906.

Second, the Committee approved as amended a Condition of Award letter that the Administration had drafted, setting forth the conditions of the city's \$10,000,000 contribution to the project. The text of the original and amended letter is attached to #205685.

And third, the Committee approved as amended, by a vote of 8 to 3, a second Home Rule Petition to permit the Somerville Housing Authority to reconstruct the Clarendon Hill Housing Development. Alderman Niedergang said that the opponents of this Home Rule Petition all expressed their support for the Clarendon Hill tenants, but argued that the project was not a good deal for the city. The text of the original and amended Home Rule Petition is attached to #205250.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Mayor's Request
205250
(ID:18002)

Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the Housing Authority to reconstruct the state funded Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [8 TO 3]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

NAYS: McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan

AMENDED: The last clause of the first sentence, "but shall be subject to Section 26 to 27H, inclusive, of chapter 149 of the General Laws to the extent applicable." is replaced with "Nothing in this act, however, shall affect the determination of whether the prevailing wage requirements set forth in Section 26 to 27H, inclusive, of chapter 149 of the General Laws apply to any phase of the project or to any construction or development activity on the site." The phrase "state-funded," after its first appearance, is also removed from the document.

- C. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
205685 That the Director of SPCD advise this Board on any conditions to be imposed
(ID:18431) on the developers of the Clarendon Hill housing project regarding property
ownership and land use, relocation of tenants, local and state approvals,
financing and construction, occupancy requirements, and project design.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the Division of
205906 Capital Asset and Maintenance to convey land to the Housing Authority.
(ID:18667)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:40 PM.