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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 28, 2017, 7:00 PM Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue ******

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 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	Absent	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

Roll Call 1. 204241 (ID:17007) Call of the Roll.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 204242 (ID:17008) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 24, 2017.

APPROVED

RESULT:

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Grant of Location 204243 (ID:17014) Submitted by AT&T to install 124 feet of conduit from Winchester Street at the Medford line to existing Verizon Manhole #44/331 near 620 Broadway.

The President opened the public hearing. TC Systems (an affiliate of AT&T) representative Adam Hiller discussed the details of work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED 4. Withdrawn 204244 (ID:17015)

Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

5. Grant of Location 204245 (ID:17016) Submitted by Eversource to install 5 feet of conduit in Murdock Street, from Pole #246/5 to a point of pickup at 39 Murdock Street.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

6. Grant of Location 204246 (ID:17017) Submitted by Eversource to install 2,006 feet of ductile steel pipe and conduit beneath Mystic Avenue, from Middlesex Avenue southeasterly to Alfred Lombardi Way.

The President opened the public hearing. Eversource Energy representative AnnMarie Walsh with Eversource Energy discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

7. Order 204247

(ID:16968)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police petition the City of Cambridge to change Clarendon Avenue to a one way street, so it continues in the same direction from Somerville to Massachusetts Avenue.

Alderman Ballantyne stated that on Clarendon Avenue problems are being caused by the GPS apps used in cars. Drivers are paying attention to their apps and not the signage on the street. They're driving up Clarendon Avenue from Mass Ave towards Teele Square, although it's clearly a one-way street from Teele Square all the way to the Cambridge line.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

8. Order 204248 (ID:16969)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the sewers near 41 Simpson Street for rats.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

9. Order 204249 (ID:16970)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the sewers on Corinthian Street for rats.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

10. Order 204250 By Ald. Niedergang, Davis

(ID:16971)

That the Director of SPCD make Morrison Avenue between Cedar Street and Willow Avenue a 20 MPH speed zone, as Lexington Park and the Community

Path entrance nearby.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

11. Order 204251 (ID:16972)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD and the City Engineer consider adding a crosswalk as part of the redevelopment of Cedar Street at Warwick or Clyde Streets, and include the Bicycle Advisory Committee in any discussions.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

12. Order 204252 (ID:16973) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Chief of Police assign officers to conduct traffic enforcement of bicyclists during the morning rush hour at the Cedar Street Community Path crossing, and include the Bicycle Advisory Committee in any discussions.

RESULT: APPROVED

Traffic and Parking Committee **FOLLOWUP:**

13. Order 204253 (ID:16974) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD consider adding some sort of signal or barrier to cause bicyclists to slow or stop at the Community Path intersections with Cedar Street and Willow Avenue, and include the Bicycle Advisory Committee in any discussions.

Alderman Niedergang has received several complaints regarding bicyclists riding through the Community Path intersections with Willow Ave and Cedar St. He would like to see traffic enforcement there. Alderman Heuston requested that the Bicycle Advisory Committee be included in discussions. Alderman Davis said that a barrier would create a safety issue for bicyclists.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee 14. Order 204254 (ID:16975)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Chief of Police increase traffic enforcement of bicyclists in the fall and mid- to late-spring, when bicycle traffic is at its peak.

Alderman Niedergang said there needs to be increased bicycle traffic enforcement. There have been many pedestrians injured by bicyclists. Alderman Davis stated that whenever limited traffic enforcement resources are directed towards bikes, not cars, the city's streets become less safe.

RESULT: APPROVED. [9 TO 1]

AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin,

Heuston, McWatters, Niedergang, Ballantyne

NAYS: Davis
ABSENT: Lafuente

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

15. Communication By Ald. Niedergang

204255 (ID:16976) Reporting on the first meeting of the Capital Projects Master Plan Working Group.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The task of this group is to identify the best uses for City Hall, the High School's 1895 building, the Cummings and Edgerly Schools, the Recreation Building, the City Hall Annex, and the Tufts Administration Building. The group received several draft documents, and no decisions have been made. Alderman Davis asked if there was any discussion of selling buildings. Alderman Niedergang responded that this was one of the major reasons to convene this group, and the Director of Capital Projects hopes that the group will have recommendations to the Mayor in time for next spring's budget discussions. The President asked that the draft documents be uploaded as a part of this report.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

16. Order 204256

By Ald. McWatters

(ID:16977)

That the Chief of Police conduct traffic enforcement on Atherton Street at Harvard Street to enforce the left turn prohibition onto Atherton Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

17. Order 204257 (ID:16978)

By Ald. McWatters

That the Director of SPCD consider installing a rotary at Munroe Street and Prospect Hill Avenue and schedule a neighborhood meeting with Prospect Hill residents and the Ward 3 Alderman to discuss this measure.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

18. Resolution By Ald. McWatters, and the Entire Board

204258 (ID:16979) That the Administration and Director of SPCD consider increasing the number of safety zones throughout the city.

APPROVED RESULT:

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

19. Order 204259 By Ald. McWatters

That the Director of SPCD place a radar feedback sign on Vinal Avenue.

(ID:16980)

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

20. Order 204260 (ID:16981) By Ald. McWatters

That the Director of SPCD add Belmont Street, Warren Avenue and Barstow Avenue to the fall tree planting list.

RESULT: APPROVED

21. Resolution 204261 (ID:16982) By Ald. McLaughlin, Sullivan, Connolly, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang,

Rossetti, Heuston, White Jr.

That the Mayor and the State Delegation promote drug courts in Somerville to address the continued opioid epidemic.

Alderman McLaughlin and Alderman Connolly requested the State Delegation promote a separate court for drug use so these people are not treated the same as violent criminals and are shown different pathways for recovery.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

22. Order 204262 (ID:16983) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes at 16 and 24 Cross Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

23. Order 204263 (ID:16984) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works request that the appropriate utility company address the low hanging wires on Mt. Vernon and Washington Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

24. Order 204264 (ID:16985) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works address the gap in the fence on the Pearl Street side of the East Somerville Community School.

RESULT: APPROVED 25. Order

By Ald. McLaughlin

204265 (ID:16986) That the Commissioner of Public Works repair street light M1169 on McGrath Highway.

RESULT: APPROVED

26. Order

By Ald. McLaughlin

204266 (ID:16987) That the Commissioner of Public Works street sweep Franklin Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

27. Order

By Ald. McLaughlin

204267 (ID:16988)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking place blinking SLOW - CHILDREN signs on the Cross Street side of the East Somerville Community School.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

28. Order

By Ald. McLaughlin

204268 (ID:16989) That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services address the Airbnb at 3

Everett Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

29. Order 204269

By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services form a task force to address

(ID:16990) AirBnB apartments.

Alderman McLaughlin said that Inspectional Services is working on this issue but a task force would really be able to focus on policy.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

30. Order 204270 (ID:16991) By Ald. Connolly, McWatters

That the Chief of Police and Director of Communications solicit the locations of closed circuit TV cameras in business and residential locations on a voluntary basis, to aid crime solving efforts.

Alderman Connolly wanted the Police to request the voluntary assistance of private closed-circuit camera owners to assist in solving crimes. Alderman Niedergang was opposed, saying it infringes on the rights of the people who are in the films. Alderman McWatters suggested that the City Solicitor look at it before the Board goes forward. Alderman Heuston expressed concern as well.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

31. Order By Ald. Connolly, Davis, Sullivan, Rossetti, White Jr.

204271

(ID:16992)

(ID:16993)

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the roadway on the eastbound

lane of College Avenue at Ciampa Manor.

RESULT: APPROVED

32. Order 204272 By Ald. Connolly, Davis, Sullivan, Rossetti, White Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the dead trees on the odd side

of College Avenue between Morrison and Hall Avenues.

RESULT: APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

33. Ordinance By Ald. Niedergang, McLaughlin, Davis

203978 (ID:16794) That this Board consider amending Zoning Ordinance 16.10.2, which allows Planned Unit Developments to apply for waivers from new zoning regulations,

to specifically exclude waivers from inclusionary affordable housing requirements, and that the City Solicitor provide an opinion to this Board on

the legality of this amendment by September 14, 2017.

Alderman Niedergang said he received communication from Assistant City Solicitor David Shapiro that this ordinance would not be legal.

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT:**

34. **Public** 204159

(ID:16847)

Property owner of 125 Lowell Somerville LLC submitting a proposed zoning Communication map amendment for certain parcels on Lowell Street, Belmont Street, Summer Street, and Highland Avenue.

> The President expressed his concern that this proposaal could set a precedent, so he referred the matter to the Land Use Committee to explore it further before bringing in the Planning Board for any public hearings.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee 35. Order 204236 (ID:16960)

By Ald. Rossetti, Connolly, White Jr., Sullivan, Davis That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain to this Board in writing by September 26, 2017 why residential parking permits are not issued with a renewal date of one year from the last day of the month it was purchased, and appear before this Board on September 28, 2017 to discuss this matter.

Director of Traffic and Parking Suzanne Rinfret said the intention of the permit parking program is to protect the well being of our neighborhoods and ensure residents are more likely to find parking within a reasonable distance of their home. The city has increased the variety of permit options offered to residents and guests, put more information online, and decreased waiting times in the department. Currently, Parking Control Officers can quickly identify most vehicles by the number and color of the permit. Without a system to cluster large groups of permits with similar colors and numbers, PCOs would have to inspect every vehicle, reducing their productivity. Alderman Rossetti brought forward concerns of constituents regarding the permit process. One said he totaled his car and had to get a new permit in March, though his normal renewal month was August. In March he had to pay the full fee, and he had to go back in August and pay it again. Other constituents had similar stories, Alderman Rossetti said, and she suggested pro-rating the permits. The Board approved a Resolution that the Traffic Commission consider pro-rating fees for residential permits (see #204336).

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

36. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 204273 (ID:16996) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on September 28, 2017.

Alderman Heuston reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee approved a number of appointments and reappointments. The Committee approved the confirmation of John DeLuca as Director of Water and Sewer with the stipulation that he come back to the Board in four to six weeks and present his plans for day to day management of that department. Alderman Rossetti asked if it is possible to appointment someone to a conditional position, for six months or so. Assistant City Solicitor David Shapiro stated his reappointment would come back before the Board in January.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 203462 (ID:16169) Requesting the confirmation of John DeLuca as Director of Water & Sewer.

RESULT: APPROVED

C. Mayor's Request 203574 (ID:16232) Requesting the appointment of Jordan A. Smith to the Design Review Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

D. Mayor's Request 203672 (ID:16363) Requesting the reappointment of Robert Racicot to the Housing Authority.

RESULT: APPROVED

E. Mayor's Request 203673 (ID:16385) Requesting the appointment of Victor A. Silva to the Condominium Review Board.

RESULT: APPROVED

F. Mayor's Request 204129 (ID:16851) Requesting the appointment of Caitlin Hart to the Historic Preservation Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

G. Mayor's Request 204130 (ID:16852) Requesting the appointment of Robin Kelly to the Historic Preservation Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

H. Mayor's Request 204132 (ID:16854) Requesting the appointment of Dana LeWinter as an Alternate Member of the Historic Preservation Commission..

RESULT: APPROVED

I. Mayor's Request 204133 (ID:16855) Requesting the appointment of Anthony Grisetto as an Alternate Member of the Historic Preservation Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

J. Mayor's Request 204134 (ID:16856) Requesting the appointment of Tyler Thompson as an Alternate Member of the Historic Preservation Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

K. Mayor's Request 204230 (ID:16951) Requesting the appointment of Lena Webb to the Traffic Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

L. Order 204274 (ID:17069) By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of Water and Sewer appear before this Board's Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters in six weeks to present a plan for vendor contracts, constituent communications and the day to day operation of the department.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

37. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 204275 (ID:16994) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on September 25, 2017.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed the process for school playground and school area improvements. The Administration will introduce a Small Grants Planning Program as part of the CPA funding cycle, for schools that want to improve their school yards. The West Somerville Neighborhood School and Brown School improvements will move forward, and the Kennedy School will be eligible for a Planning grant. The Committee also discussed Work Force Development and asked for quarterly progress reports. The Committee talked about plans for Assembly Square, Gilman Square, Lowell Street, Winter Hill, etc. Finally, while there were a number of affordable housing items on the agenda, Housing Director Michael Felony could not attend but will, with Planning Director Michael Glavin, prepare a written response on the Administration's activities promoting affordable housing.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Resolution 203877 (ID:16536) By Ald. Lafuente

That the Administration provide a written response on the process for school playground and school area improvements.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 203996 (ID:16812) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of SPCD develop a comprehensive plan to redevelop Cross Street, including lighting, vegetation and traffic calming.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

38. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 204276 (ID:16995) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on September 27, 2017.

Alderman Sullivan reported on the items discussed at the meeting. There were 4 new garage licenses and one new billiards and bowling license requested for Assembly Row, and there were public hearings held on all of them. There was a police report saying someone had been cheated by a used car dealer at 682 Mystic Avenue, American Auto Gallery. The Committee decided to schedule a show cause hearing as to why that license shouldn't be revoked. City Clerk John Long said the business is now closed. The Committee also discussed a public event application for Statue Park by Dreamland Silent Disco, in which participants would wear headphones and dance. It would be alcohol free. The Committee had concerns about the use of public space purely for profit, and it was left in Committee until the concerns are addressed.

RESULT: APPROVED

License/Permit New Extended Operating Hours License, Big Belly Deli, 513 Medford St, В. 203577 remaining open Mon-Sat to 2 AM for seating, take-out and delivery. (ID:16284) **RESULT: APPROVED** C. License/Permit New Hawker Peddler License, Felsuma LLC, selling adhesive products in 203781 Davis Sq. (ID:16480) **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE D. License/Permit New Garage License, Hillside Service Center, 45 Mystic Ave, 5 vehicles inside, 10 outside. 203786 (ID:16481) **RESULT:** APPROVED AS AMENDED **AMENDED:** That the license be Approved for 10 vehicles inside, 13 outside. E. License/Permit New Billiards and Bowling License, Lucky Strike, 340 Canal St, 5 pool tables, 203918 8 bowling alleys. (ID:16628) **RESULT: APPROVED** F. License/Permit New Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 355 Artisan Way, 203938 storing 570 vehicles. (ID:16647) **RESULT: APPROVED** G. License/Permit New Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 445 Artisan Way, 203939 storing 140 vehicles. (ID:16648) **APPROVED RESULT:** H. License/Permit New Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 333 Great River Rd, 203940 storing 100 vehicles. (ID:16649) **APPROVED RESULT:** I. New Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 479 Canal St, storing License/Permit 220 vehicles. 203941 (ID:16650) **RESULT: APPROVED** J. License/Permit Public Event Permit, BFresh Meet and Greet, Chester St from Elm St to 204040 Herbert St, Sep 14, 3-9PM (raindate Sep 21). (ID:16762) **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

39. Mayor's Request 204277 (ID:17002) Requesting to convene in Executive Session to convey additional information relative to #204162, a request to receive updates on all ongoing contract negotiations.

The Board recessed for Executive Session at 9:25 PM, and reconvened at 9:55 PM. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin,

Heuston, McWatters, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Lafuente

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

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

41. Mayor's Request 204279 (ID:16962) Requesting authorization to issue refunding bonds in order to reduce interest costs.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 41 through 46 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

42. Mayor's Request 204280 (ID:16965) Requesting approval to create the 0 Elmwood Stabilization Fund Account and accept a payment to the Fund of \$25,000 from 27 Eaton Street LLC for streetscape improvements.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

43. Mayor's Request 204281 (ID:17009) Requesting approval to pay 11 prior years invoices totaling \$2,419.57 using available funds in the Information Technology Leased Photocopier Account to pay monthly lease costs for leased photocopiers.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

44. Mayor's Request 204282 (ID:17010) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$289.70 using available funds in the Information Technology Internet Maintenance Account for a monthly payment of the Traffic & Parking internet circuit.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

45. Mayor's Request 204283 (ID:16967) Requesting acceptance of a \$21,509 grant with no new match required, from the Urban Areas Security Initiative to the Police Department for the procurement of gunshot detection and location services.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

46. Mayor's Request 204284 (ID:16963)

Requesting acceptance of a \$3,750 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety to the Police Department for pedestrian and bicycle safety enforcement.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

47. Mayor's

Communication

204285 (ID:17005) Conveying a Host Community Agreement with Eversource.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Licenses and Permits Committee FOLLOWUP:

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

48. Officer's 204286 (ID:17006)

City Solicitor requesting the approval of Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kesten as Communication outside counsel to represent the School Committee in Doe v Romanos & School Committee.

> Assistant City Solicitor David Shapiro requested approval of the law firm Brody, Hardoon, Perkins and Kesten as outside counsel. Mr. Shapiro stated they had been used before with great success and are experienced in the civil rights field. Their hourly rate is \$250 per hour.

RESULT: APPROVED

49. Officer's

Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #204236 re: the term of Communication residential parking permits.

204287 (ID:17004)

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 49 through 51 and place them on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

50. Officer's Communication 204288

(ID:16952)

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 8/24/17.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

51. Officer's Communication 204289

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 9/14/17.

(ID:16953)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

NEW BUSINESS

52. 204290

License/Permit Public Event Permit, Hudson St Block Party, from Waldo to Central Sts, Sep 30, 2-7:30PM (replacing the previously-scheduled event on Sep 29).

(ID:17018)

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 52 through 56 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

53. License/Permit 204291

(ID:17019)

Public Event Permit, East Somerville Main Streets Halloween Block Party, Chuckie Harris Park, Oct 28, 2-6:30PM (raindate Oct 29).

RESULT:

APPROVED

54. License/Permit

New Drainlayer's License, Tascon Corp.

204292 (ID:17020)

RESULT: APPROVED

55. License/Permit 204293

Transferring Taxi Medallion License, Medallion #15 from Yung Cab to Yolande Trans.

(ID:17021)

RESULT: APPROVED

56. 204294

License/Permit New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Valente Enterprise, 154 Glen St, no vehicles onsite.

(ID:17022)

APPROVED RESULT:

57. **Public** 204295

Trevor Martin submitting comments re: #203577, an application for an Communication Extended Operating Hours license for Big Belly Deli, 513 Medford St.

(ID:17013)

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the reading of item 57 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

58. Public Communication Sq.

Renee Scott and Rob Buchanan submitting comments re: new parks in Union

204296 (ID:17012)

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 58 and 59 and place them on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

59. **Public** 204297

Tori Antonino submitting comments re: the composition of the committee that Communication reviews proposals for Prospect Hill Park landscape design services.

(ID:17011)

RESULT:

PLACED ON FILE

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

60. Citation By Ald. McLaughlin, the Entire Board and the Mayor

204298 Commending Ben Echevarria, who was recently included in El Planeta's (ID:17054) Powermeter 100 as one of the 100 most influential people for the Hispanic

community.

RESULT: APPROVED

61. Order By Ald. White Jr., Rossetti, Sullivan, Connolly

> That the Director of SPCD appear before this Board's Committee on Housing 204299 and Community Development to discuss plans to connect the Inner Belt with (ID:16998)

North Point and the substance of any discussions with the City of Cambridge.

Ald. McLaughlin recused.

APPROVED RESULT:

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

62. Order By Ald. Rossetti, Davis, Connolly, White Jr., Sullivan

204300 That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Communications review the attached email regarding better communication to residents for items before (ID:16999)

the Planning and Zoning Boards, and report back to this Board by October 23.

APPROVED RESULT:

FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen

63. Order By Ald. Niedergang

204301

That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the city's Assessment of Fair Housing recently completed for HUD, and explain what the city is doing to (ID:17024)

advance fair housing and combat housing discrimination.

RESULT: APPROVED

Housing and Community Development Committee **FOLLOWUP:**

64. Order By Ald. McLaughlin, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.

204302 That the Director of the Council on Aging work with residents of 240 Pearl

(ID:17026) Street to dispose of large trash items.

RESULT: APPROVED

65. Order By Ald. McLaughlin 204303

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect and bait for rats

(ID:17027) around 240 Pearl Street.

> **RESULT:** APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee 66. Order

By Ald. Heuston

204304 (ID:17028) That the Chief of Police order directed patrols to monitor traffic in Union Square and the intersection of Webster Avenue and Prospect Street, especially traffic that blocks the box and traffic that crosses over private property to get from the Newton Street extension to Prospect Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

67. Order

By Ald. Heuston

204305 (ID:17029) That the Chief of Police enforce traffic regulations on Webster Avenue and Norfolk Street for businesses that are located there.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

68. Order 204306

By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of SPCD contact the MBTA to confirm changes to Bus Route #91, then report back to this Board why they were made and how they will be communicated to residents.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

69. Order

By Ald. Heuston

204307 (ID:17031)

(ID:17030)

That the Director of SPCD report to the MBTA the variation of routes drivers use for the #91 and #86 buses, and inquire as to the permanent routes the drivers should be using.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

70. Order 204308

(ID:17032)

By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of SPCD commission a transportation study of the Union Square area to determine the current state of traffic, then present the findings at a community meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

71. Order 204309 (ID:17033)

By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of SPCD provide streetscape changes, such as painted crosswalks, at points on the Webster Avenue bridge to facilitate pedestrian crossings in that area.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

72. Order B 204310 T

(ID:17035)

(ID:17036)

(ID:17037)

By Ald. Heuston

204310 That the Commissioner of Public Works place additional street lighting at the (ID:17034) intersection of Webster Avenue and Newton Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

73. Order 204311

By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the street light at Joy and Washington Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

74. Order 204312

By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees on Webster Avenue to prevent signs and signals from being blocked.

RESULT: APPROVED

75. Order 204313

By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install signs to limit parking at the corners of Oak and Prospect Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

76. Order 204314 (ID:17038)

By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace all faded street signs on Oak Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

77. Order 204315 (ID:17039)

By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of Traffic and Parking restrict cut through traffic on Durham Street from Beacon Street, allowing access to abutters only from 7-9AM and 4-7PM, Monday through Friday.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

78. Order 204316 (ID:17040)

By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase parking enforcement in Ward 2, specifically at Oak, Houghton, Harrison, Tremont and Norfolk Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

79. Order 204317 (ID:17041)

By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing a crossing signal across Calvin Street at Washington Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

80. Order 204318 (ID:17042) By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint the crosswalk at Dane and Tyler Streets. (2nd request)

RESULT: APPROVED

81. Order 204319 (ID:17043) By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a temporary speed monitor on Webster Avenue at the entrance to Somerville.

RESULT: APPROVED

82. Order 204320 (ID:17044)

By Ald. Heuston

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services update this Board on the backlog of electrical inspections, the staff shortage related to it, and the plan to address it.

Alderman Heuston has been trying to help a Montessori School to open, and found that the School was #83 on a list of 85 clients for an electrical inspection. The inspection was needed before they could open. She was concerned that Inspectional Services doesn't have sufficient staff. Alderman Davis concurred, saying many businesses are delayed in opening due to inspections.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

83. Resolution 204321 (ID:17045)

By Ald. Heuston

That the Administration create a Pedestrian Safety Committee. (2nd request)

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

84. Order 204322 (ID:17046)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of Finance and the Director of SPCD report on the financial and planning progress in the planned neighborhoods referenced in #203563.

Alderman Ballantyne again requested reports on progress in the planned neighborhoods.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

85. Order 204323 (ID:17047)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD, the Director of Traffic and Parking, and the Commissioner of Public Works suggest additional measures to slow the speeding traffic at the crosswalk in front of the West Somerville Neighborhood School.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

86. Order 204324 (ID:17048)

By Ald. Ballantyne, Heuston, White Jr.

That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the potential acquisition of Merriam Street/Charlestown Street Park.

RESULT: APPROVED Board of Aldermen

87. Order 204325 (ID:17049)

By Ald. Connolly

That Director of Prevention Services brief this Board's Public Health and Public Safety Committee on the impacts of medical marijuana regulations and recreational marijuana sales likely to occur here.

Alderman Connolly asked the Director of Prevention Services to brief the Board on medical marijuana regulations and recreational regulations.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

88. Mayor's Request 204326 (ID:16966) Requesting approval to appropriate \$112,770.34 from the USQ Revitalization Stabilization Fund for legal services.

Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of items 88 and 89 and refer them to the appropriate Committees. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

89. Mayor's Request 204327 (ID:17023) Requesting the appointment of Cristina Kennedy to the Conservation Commission.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

90. Mayor's Request 204328 (ID:17052) Requesting to brief this Board on the Union Square District Improvement Financing strategy.

RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

91. Mayor's Conveying the Nexus Study Report on Housing and Jobs Linkage.

Communication 204329 (ID:16964)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

92. Officer's Communication 204330 (ID:17053)

Assistant City Solicitor providing a legal opinion regarding #203978, a proposal to amend the zoning ordinances to prohibit applications in a PUD for waivers from inclusionary affordable housing requirements,

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 92 through 97 and place them on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT:**

93. Officer's Communication 204331 (ID:17001)

Assistant City Solicitor providing a legal opinion regarding #204159, a proposal by a property owner to amend the zoning map for certain parcels, including one owned by that owner.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

94. Officer's

Director of Traffic and Parking responding to Board Orders approved at the Communication 6/22/17 meeting.

204332 (ID:16997)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

95. Officer's

Director of Traffic and Parking responding to Board Orders approved at the Communication 7/13/17 meeting.

204333 (ID:17003)

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

96. Officer's Communication 8/24/17 meeting.

Director of Traffic and Parking responding to Board Orders approved at the

204334 (ID:17000)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

97. Officer's Communication 204335

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 9/28/17.

(ID:17050)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

LATE ITEMS

98. Resolution

By Ald. Rossetti

204336 (ID:17066)

(ID:17056)

That the Traffic Commission discuss, at its October meeting, revising the rules for the renewal of residential parking permits and consider fee proration for periods less than a full year.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

99. Order 204337

By Ald. Heuston

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the dumpster at Hagen Manor on Washington Street and follow up as necessary.

RESULT: APPROVED

100. Order 204338

By Ald. Heuston

204338 That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait Kingman Road for rodents, cite violations contributing to the problem, distribute informational door knockers, and provide feedback to the Ward 2 Alderman.

RESULT: APPROVED

101. Order

By Ald. Heuston

204339 (ID:17059) That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the tree stump on Webster Avenue and explain why stumps are left in the ground after tree removals, and what plans exist to remove them.

RESULT: APPROVED

102. Order

By Ald. Davis

204340 (ID:17060)

That the Commissioner of Public Works add additional sweeping services to the Community Path between Buena Vista Road and the Cambridge line.

RESULT: APPROVED

103. Order

By Ald. Davis

204341 (ID:17061) That the Director of Traffic and Parking re-paint the crosswalk markings in Davis Square.

RESULT: APPROVED

104. Order

By Ald. Davis

204342 (ID:17062) That the Chief of Police increase primary enforcement of texting and device use while driving.

Alderman Davis said that texting while driving is a hazard to everyone.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

105. Order By Ald. Davis

204343 That the Chief of Police increase enforcement of, and education about, loading

(ID:17063) zones in Davis Square.

RESULT: APPROVED

106. Order By Ald. Davis

That the Administration advise the Ward 6 Alderman of any conditions that

(ID:17064) apply to permits for amplified music in Statue Park.

RESULT: APPROVED

107. Order By Ald. Davis

204345 That the Administration review the traffic and pedestrian signals at the Powder

(ID:17065) House Rotary and propose changes to better address traffic flow and pedestrian

safety.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

108. Resolution By Ald. White Jr., and the Entire Board

204346 That the Mayor convene the Minimum Mixed Use Ratio Working Group as

(ID:17057) soon as reasonably possible.

RESULT: APPROVED

109. Resolution By Ald. McWatters

That the Administration place Trull Lane on the re-paving list.

(ID:17067)

RESULT:

110. Order By Ald. Heuston

204348 That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking review the (ID:17068) traffic signal for left turns from Somerville Avenue onto Dane Street for safety

APPROVED

concerns during rush hour.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:55 PM.