

City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the City Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 26, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin.

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 212227
 (ID:26221) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 212228
 (ID:26222) Councilors Clingan and Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for James O'Brien.
 Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for all those lost to drug addiction.
 Councilors White, McLaughlin and Scott sponsored a moment of silence for Salvatore DiDomenico.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes 212229 (ID:26223) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of June 24, 2021 and July 8, 2021.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location 212230 (ID:26164) Submitted by Eversource to install 99 feet of conduit in Summer Street, from Utility Pole 325/28 to a point of pickup at 162 Summer Street.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of this item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. Councilor Rossetti expressed concern with Eversource’s work at the new high school, as a portion of work was not completed today, as promised. She asked that Ms. Duffy contact the Eversource representative in charge of this particular job so that the matter may be discussed tonight. Councilor Ewen-Campen stated his willingness to send all Eversource items to committee until this matter is resolved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

5. Grant of Location 212231 (ID:26168) Submitted by Eversource to install 116 feet of conduit in Inner Belt Road, from Manhole 26995 to a point of pickup at Inner Belt Road and Third Avenue.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of this item. David Green spoke on the item and asked about the plan for re-routing traffic. Ms. Duffy replied that there would be a police detail and she asked Mr. Green to contact her for further discussion. There being 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

6. Order 212232 (ID:26193) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan, Strezo That this Council adopt a code of conduct and anti-harassment policy.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Rules Special Committee

7. Order 212233 (ID:26194) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Clingan, Scott
That the City Clerk's Office discontinue providing badges to Councilors, and that Councilors refrain from using badges to enforce laws.
- President McLaughlin explained his reasoning for proposing this item, noting that the issuance of badges first occurred in the city about 100 years ago. This item would discontinue the practice.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
8. Order 212234 (ID:26230) By City Councilor McLaughlin
In his capacity as President, recommending the appointment of Joan Liu to the Traffic Board.
- President McLaughlin noted that the city has a Traffic Board in addition to a Traffic Commission, and he sponsored his appointment to that board, Joan Liu, to address the Council, and asked that her appointment be approved this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
9. Order 212235 (ID:26208) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Davis, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Mbah
That the Director of Health and Human Services identify a location for a harm reduction site to provide alternative methods of addressing substance abuse while plans for a safe consumption site are prepared.
- President McLaughlin proposed this item as he is unsure that the proposed safe consumption sites will be implemented this year. Councilor Clingan spoke about the city being behind other cities in this regard.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
10. Order 212236 (ID:26209) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management update this Council on efforts to prevent flooding under the Washington Street bridge.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Flood Forum Special Committee

11. Order 212237 (ID:26210) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan, Strezo, Scott, Ballantyne, Mbah That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on rodent control enforcement and vacant positions within the rodent task force.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

12. Communication 212238 (ID:26190) By City Councilor Rossetti In her capacity as President, following the recusal of President McLaughlin, announcing the appointment of Councilor Jesse Clingan to serve on the Police Chief Selection Committee.

President McLaughlin was recused from this item. Councilor Rossetti announced the appointment, in her capacity as President.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

13. Communication 212239 (ID:26191) By City Councilor Rossetti In her capacity as President, following the recusal of President McLaughlin, announcing the appointment of Councilor Lance Davis to serve on the Public Safety Building Committee.

President McLaughlin was recused from this item. Councilor Rossetti announced the appointment, in her capacity as President.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

14. Communication 212240 (ID:26192) By City Councilor Rossetti Report of the High School Building Committee meetings of July and August.

Councilor Rossetti gave a report of the High School Building Committee saying that several walk throughs are scheduled in order to secure temporary certifications. Additional inspections are also scheduled, e.g., elevators. Asbestos is expected to be removed over the next 3 months. Public viewing of the facility is not recommended at this time due to COVID concerns. She noted that she will not be serving on that committee after the new Council is installed.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

15. Resolution 212241 (ID:26204) By City Councilor Mbah, Scott, Ewen-Campen Requesting the establishment of a restitution program for current and former residents who have been harmed by the war on drugs.

Councilor Mbah introduced this resolution, saying that this is the city’s moral obligation to comply. President McLaughlin stated that the war on drugs isn’t over and he has questions about how funds would be dispersed. He said that giving money to people won’t solve the problem and would take funds away from other initiatives. He also said this would take funds away from “on the ground” issues. Councilor Rossetti asked that the item be referred to a committee.

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

16. Resolution 212242 (ID:26171) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Strezo, and the Mayor, Ballantyne, Davis, Clingan, Scott, Mbah Supporting H.1434/S.891 - An Act to Prevent COVID-19 Evictions and Foreclosures and Promote an Equitable Housing Recovery.

Councilor Ewen-Campen explained that the bill would pause all no-fault evictions until March of 2022 as well as pausing all foreclosures and require that a number of other actions be taken.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

17. Resolution 212243 (ID:26200) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Scott, Ballantyne, Mbah That the Administration purchase 57 Central Street (aka “Central Street Studios”) and continue to maintain the existing building as artists’ studios and/or affordable artist live/work spaces.

Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke on the item and would like to examine the options available to maintain the property as a space for artists. Councilor Niedergang noted that the city has expressed some interest in the matter and Councilor Scott said that this is an important activist step by the City Council.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

18. Resolution 212244 (ID:26199) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis, Scott
That the Administration work with this Council to begin a public process to consider removing the phrase “Honorably Purchased from the Pawtuckets – 1639” from the Somerville Seal and Flag.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said that the statement in question needs a conversation to determine how it first came about. He gave a brief history of how 75% of the native population at the time died, some in conflict with settlers, and he questioned how “honorable” the purchase really was. Councilor Clingan thinks that this would erase the history that transpired and suggested that perhaps simply removing the word “honorable” might suffice. Councilor Ewen-Campen didn’t agree with that suggestion and would like to have a discussion. Councilor Rossetti noted that the Memorialization Committee might not be the appropriate place to refer this matter since public input has not been a large factor in its decisions. Councilor White explained that any change would have to be done by ordinance.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

19. Order 212245 (ID:26201) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Mbah
That the Director of Engineering update this Council on what work has been done over the past two years to alleviate flooding on Richdale Avenue.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that the problem has not gotten any better over the past 4 years and he would like to know what actions have been taken over the past 2 years to remedy the problem.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

20. Order 212246 (ID:26197) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan
That the Director of Economic Development update this Council on the recent Request For Proposals to lease the Historic Union Square Fire Station to a private developer, and provide this Council with an independent assessment of the building and relocation efforts for the tenants.

Councilor Ewen-Campen asked that the Council begin discussions on this item and stated that he is uncomfortable with turning the property over to a private developer.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

21. Order 212247 (ID:26195) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Strezo, Clingan, Davis That the Director of Economic Development update this Council on the updated Nexus study to increase Development Linkage Fees.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that linkage fees are a prime method for acquiring funds which could be used for affordable housing ad he would like an updated study to take advantage of the current real estate market.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

22. Order 212248 (ID:26196) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne That the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Council the percentage per department of City employees who are vaccinated against COVID-19, and finalize plans to mandate such vaccinations.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

23. Order 212249 (ID:26198) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Clingan That the Director of Housing report to this Council whether the stock of federally funded housing units is above or below the “Faircloth Limit” which caps the number of such units at 1999 levels.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

24. Order 212250 (ID:26202) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works, the Director of Purchasing, and the Director of Mobility report to the Legislative Matters Committee on enforcement of and annual reporting on the Ordinance to Safeguard Vulnerable Road Users.

Councilor Niedergang reviewed the mandates of the ordinance and said that Somerville should be working closely with Cambridge on this matter.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

25. Order 212251 (ID:26203) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Mobility report to this Council whether the video "Safer Trucking in Changing Cities" is being used to train City truck drivers in safe driving techniques.

Councilor Niedergang noted that this video has been used by the DPW in the past for training truck drivers.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

26. Order 212252 (ID:26215) By City Councilor Scott
That the Commissioner of Public Works install 5 MINUTE PICKUP/DROPOFF signs at 445 Somerville Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

27. Order 212253 (ID:26214) By City Councilor Scott
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the damaged street sign at Hanson Street and Properzi Way.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

28. Order 212254 (ID:26217) By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of Mobility replace the HAWK signal at Buckingham and Beacon Streets with a standard RYG stoplight signal.

Councilor Scott explained that he has received complaints about the efficacy of the HAWK signal.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

29. Order 212255 (ID:26213) By City Councilor Scott, Ballantyne, Strezio, Davis, Mbah
That this Council consider an Automated Speed Enforcement in School Zones Home Rule Petition similar to the one already approved by Salem MA.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

30. Order
212256
(ID:26216)
- By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of Planning ensure that a motion is placed on the next agendas of the Planning Board and Urban Design Commission to approve the minutes of prior meetings and ensure that those minutes are posted promptly.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

31. Order
212257
(ID:26220)
- By City Councilor Scott, Mbah
That the Director of Economic Development provide an update regarding the leases at the Armory building and the plan for tenancy and uses moving forward.

Councilor Scott stated that there is a lot of stress among the artist community regarding this matter. Councilor Niedergang moved to amend the item by directing it to the Director of Economic Development.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

32. Order
212258
(ID:26219)
- By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of Engineering provide a timeline for the change of the signaling at Webster Avenue and Washington Street to a pedestrian exclusive interval.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

33. Order
212259
(ID:26218)
- By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of Mobility and the Director of Engineering discuss the upcoming MassDOT replacement of the Webster Street rail bridge and explain what public input process will be followed locally.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

34. Order 212260 (ID:26205) By City Councilor Strezo, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne
That the Director of Engineering update the Flood Forum Committee on the mitigation and steps to address flooding for the Gilman Square region, most specifically on Richdale Avenue, School Street and Medford Street.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Flood Forum Special Committee

35. Order 212261 (ID:26206) By City Councilor Strezo, Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Parking implement traffic calming measures on Montrose Street, between School and Sycamore Streets, including but not limited to two CAUTION - CHILDREN PLAYING signs on opposite ends of the street.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

36. Order 212262 (ID:26207) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Director of the Council on Aging appear before this Council’s Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss an ongoing plan to bus seniors to city-wide events, including evenings and weekends.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

37. Order 212263 (ID:26212) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Engineering work with the Administration to fund a wastewater management project in the next fiscal budget for Gilman Square, to address constant flooding.

Councilor Clingan expressed the need for action on this matter, stating that quick fixes aren’t going to take care of the problem.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Flood Forum Special Committee

38. Resolution 212264 (ID:26211) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of the Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) provide this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development with an organizational chart for the SHA, including the current SHA Commissioners.

Councilor Clingan explained that this is for transparency purposes.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

39. Public Communication 211675 (ID:24575) Scott Zink proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone his property at 471 Somerville Avenue from Urban Residential to MR4.

This item was Enrolled and Ordained.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

40. Public Communication 211988 (ID:24876) Moshe Safdie proposing a zoning amendment to extend the Small Business Overlay to his property at 92 Properzi Way.

This item was Enrolled and Ordained.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

41. Public Communication 212047 (ID:24956) Senthil Kumar proposing a zoning amendment to rezone his property at 8-8A Melvin Street from Mid Rise 5 to Neighborhood Residential.

This item was Enrolled and Ordained.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

42. Mayor's Request 212051 (ID:24918) Requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to revise the façade build-out dimensional standard for any Apartment Building in the Urban Residence district when abutting the Neighborhood Residence district.

This item was Enrolled and Ordained.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

43. Mayor's Request 212265 (ID:26177) Requesting approval of a 30-year lease for the new Assembly Square Fire Station.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
44. Mayor's Request 212266 (ID:26170) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,509,600 in a bond for the acquisition of 9-11 Allen St.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
45. Mayor's Request 212267 (ID:26175) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,331,543 in a bond for the construction of an outdoor elevator to improve accessibility between the High School Field Level and the new Green Line Extension Gilman Square Station.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
46. Mayor's Request 212268 (ID:26174) Requesting approval to re-purpose the Green Line Extension Stabilization Fund and appropriate \$7,668,457 from said fund for the construction of an elevator between the High School Field and the new Green Line Gilman Square Station.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
47. Mayor's Request 212269 (ID:26167) Requesting approval to appropriate \$151,000 from the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund for additional design and electrical conduit work related to the Gilman Station elevator and GLX platform.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

48. Mayor's Request 212270 (ID:26229) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$138,281 to various accounts in the Elections Department to fund in-person early voting in September and November.
- Election Commissioner Salerno addressed the Council and explained the reason for going forward with early voting and the cost associated with it, as well as with mail in voting. Councilor Niedergang inquired why there was no weekend early voting planned and Mr. Salerno explained the rationale for the decision.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
49. Mayor's Request 212271 (ID:26161) Requesting approval to transfer funds from the Sewer Capital Outlay Account to the Ordinary Maintenance Account to settle a pending claim totaling \$7,329 for repairs to a blocked residential sewer line.
- Councilor Ballantyne explained the situation and moved for approval.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
50. Mayor's Request 212272 (ID:26144) Requesting a transfer of \$13,500 from the City Council Salaries Monthly Account to the City Clerk's Office Salaries Account to unify the City Clerk's compensation into one Account.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
51. Mayor's Request 212273 (ID:26172) Requesting approval to pay two prior year invoices totaling \$800 using available funds in the OSPCD-Mobility Ordinary Maintenance Account for police details for shared street implementation work.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
52. Mayor's Request 212274 (ID:26162) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$675 using available funds in the Infrastructure and Asset Management Ordinary Maintenance Account for printed materials, including safety decals for hard hats.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

53. Mayor's Request 212275 (ID:26163) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$250 using available funds in the Infrastructure and Asset Management Ordinary Maintenance Account for an Enterprise Fund Accounting class.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

54. Mayor's Request 212276 (ID:26165) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$150 using available funds in the Infrastructure and Asset Management Ordinary Maintenance Account for an Asbestos Awareness training.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

55. Mayor's Request 212277 (ID:26152) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$250,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Housing and Community Development to the OSPCD-Mobility Division for Gilman Square streetscape design project.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

56. Mayor's Request 212278 (ID:26137) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$50,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for expenditures and backfill/overtime for the Special Response Team.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

57. Mayor's Request 212279 (ID:26176) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$41,490.25 grant with no new match required, from MADoT to the OSPCD-Mobility Division for the Safe Streets and Paths project.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| 58. Mayor's Request 212280 (ID:26150) | Requesting acceptance of a \$16,111.11 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for the purchase of security equipment to enhance physical security for city property and buildings. |
| | <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 59. Mayor's Request 212281 (ID:26228) | Requesting approval of the In-Person Early Voting Schedule for the September 14, 2021 Preliminary and the November 2, 2021 General Election. |
| | <p>Election Commissioner Salerno addressed the Council and explained the reason for going forward with early voting and the cost associated with it, as well as with mail in voting. Councilor Niedergang inquired why there was no weekend early voting planned and Mr. Salerno explained the rationale for the decision.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 60. Mayor's Request 212282 (ID:26231) | Requesting approval for specified City Employees to work the September 14, 2021 Preliminary Election and the November 2, 2021 General Election. |
| | <p>Election Commissioner Salerno addressed the Council and requested approval of this item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 61. Mayor's Request 212283 (ID:26149) | Requesting the reappointment of Eleanor Rances to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 62. Officer's Communication 212284 (ID:26148) | City Solicitor requesting approval to pay FY21 Outside Legal Counsel Invoices with funds from FY21 and FY22. |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

63. Officer's Communication 212285 (ID:26145) Planning Board conveying its recommendations on items 211675, 211890, 211988, 211889, 212047, 212050, 212051, and 212052, all requests to amend the Zoning Ordinances.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

64. Officer's Communication 212286 (ID:26155) Memorialization Committee submitting a new street named Auto Workers Way in Assembly Row.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

NEW BUSINESS

65. License/Permit 212287 (ID:26160) Public Event License, East Somerville Main Streets Market, sidewalk in front of East Branch Public Library, Sundays Aug 15-Oct 31, 10AM-2PM.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

66. License/Permit 212288 (ID:26224) Public Event License, Arthur D. Healey School Block Party, Meacham St from Edgar Ave to school parking lot, Aug 30, 4:30PM-7:30PM.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

67. License/Permit 212289 (ID:26183) Public Event License, Tufts Discover Davis Square, Statue Park, Sept 5, 11am-5pm.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

68. License/Permit 212290 (ID:26184) Public Event License, SomerFest, Seven Hills Park, Sept 10, 2PM-10:30PM (raindate Sept 17).

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

69. License/Permit 212291 (ID:26185) Public Event License, Oxford St Block Party, Oxford St from Trull Ln to School St, Sept 11, 1PM-11:00PM (raindate Sept 12).
 Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
70. License/Permit 212292 (ID:26186) Public Event License, ESMS Howl-o-ween Pet Parade, New Washington Street and Zero Washington Dog Park, Oct 16, 11AM-4PM (raindate Oct 17).
 Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
71. License/Permit 212293 (ID:26156) New Drainlayer's License, Ronan 953 LLC.
 Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
72. License/Permit 212294 (ID:26157) New Drainlayer's License, Peter Amorello Construction & Demolition.
 Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
73. License/Permit 212295 (ID:26158) New Drainlayer's License, The Welch Corp.
 Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
74. License/Permit 212296 (ID:26169) New Drainlayer's license, Garrett Construction Co. Inc.
 Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

75. License/Permit 212297 (ID:26147) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Strongback Systems.
 Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
76. License/Permit 212298 (ID:26159) New Garage License, 101 South Street Owner LLC, 101 South Street, 300 vehicles inside, 0 outside, for storing vehicles only.
 Councilor White moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Licenses and Permits Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
77. License/Permit 212299 (ID:26225) New Garage License, FRIT, 485 Foley Street, 250 autos inside, 0 outside for storing vehicles only.
 Councilor White moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Licenses and Permits Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
78. License/Permit 212300 (ID:26226) New Garage License, FRIT, 455 Grand Union Boulevard, 611 autos inside, 0 outside for storing vehicles only.
 Councilor White moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Licenses and Permits Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
79. Public Communication 212301 (ID:26188) AP Davis Square Plaza, LP requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to re-zone four parcels in Davis Square Plaza from MR-4 to Civic and CC-4.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee
80. Public Communication 212302 (ID:26189) Tufts University President responding to # 212222 re: supporting Tufts Labor Coalition and Tufts dining workers.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 81. | Order
212303
(ID:26233) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Health and Human Services provide metric-based transparent information for small businesses and schools as we learn to live with COVID and follow emerging science. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> |
| 82. | Order
212304
(ID:26234) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council, what COVID/Delta variant safety measures and mandates are being proposed, including mandating vaccinations. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> |
| 83. | Mayor's
Request
212305
(ID:26178) | Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for payments of Certificates of Occupancy. | <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Land Use Committee.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> |
| 84. | Mayor's
Request
212306
(ID:26179) | Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for Commercial Spaces. | <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Land Use Committee.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> |
| 85. | Mayor's
Request
212307
(ID:26180) | Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for Sidewalk & Frontage Clarifications. | <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Land Use Committee.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> |

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| 86. Mayor's Request
212308
(ID:26181) | Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for Rooftop Mechanicals. | <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Land Use Committee.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> |
| 87. Mayor's Request
212309
(ID:26182) | Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for MPD + Boynton Sub Area. | <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Land Use Committee.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> |
| 88. Mayor's Request
212310
(ID:26154) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$75,654 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for Cloud email infrastructure to upgrade to a more advanced security profile. | <p>Councilor Scott moved for approval.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 89. Mayor's Communication
212311
(ID:26235) | Conveying a communication to Armory tenants regarding Use & Occupancy Agreement and the City's plan for the Armory. | <p>Councilor Scott asked that personal information be redacted from the document attached to this item.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

LATE ITEMS

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| 90. Resolution
205107
(ID:17866) | By City Councilor Ballantyne, Rossetti, Hirsch, and the Entire Board That the Administration work with this Board to implement a Code of Conduct policy and discuss training all staff and Aldermen. | <p>Councilor Rossetti moved to discharge item 205107 from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters. The motion was Approved.</p> <p>Councilor Rossetti moved to refer item 205107 to the Rules Committee. The motion was Approved.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Rules Special Committee</p> |
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91. Resolution 212312 (ID:27237) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr. Welcoming William McLaughlin to Somerville, extending best wishes to his proud parents, and looking forward to William's bright future in Somerville.

RESULT: APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:20 PM.