

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 28, 2015, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

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

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
199272
(ID:11861)

President White held a moment of silence for Edward Ciampa. Alderman Connolly held a moment of silence for Ted Hume.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 23, 2015.
199273
(ID:11862)

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
199274 Commending the Welcome Project, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary
(ID:11853) of services to Somerville's immigrant youth, adults and families.

Alderman McLaughlin explained how the Welcome Project has changed the lives of immigrant youth and adults. The President of the Welcome Project pointed out that 25 years ago, there were different cultures clashing and over time this project has helped add leadership to the neighborhood. He stated this work must continue and thanked the Aldermen for their support.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. Citation 199275 (ID:11912) By Ald. White Jr., and the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending the Kiwanis Club of Somerville, which is celebrating its 90th Anniversary of community service.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Location 199276 (ID:11911) Submitted by Eversource (NStar Electric) for 7 feet of conduit in Spring Street from Pole 318/1 to 595 Somerville Ave.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the details of this project. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. Resolution 199277 (ID:11878) By Ald. Niedergang, Gewirtz, McLaughlin, McWatters, Ballantyne, Heuston, Sullivan, White Jr., Rossetti, Lafuente Supporting One Fair Wage for workers in Massachusetts.

Alderman Niedergang discussed the proposed increase for tipped minimum wage from \$3.00 per hour to \$11.00 per hour. He sponsored Alex Gilberti, a restaurant worker and advocate for One Fair Wage. Mr. Gilberti explained that working for \$3.00 per hour basically gives you a zero paycheck after taxes and stated he lives on his tips. Alderman Gewirtz reiterated how unjust it is to expect workers to work for less than minimum wage. Alderman McLaughlin explained that the below minimum wage statute is an antiquated system for today's world. Alderman Sullivan stated supporting this resolution is the next step for combating wage theft for restaurant workers.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. Resolution 199278 (ID:11879) By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters That the Mayor's Office provide to this Board by June 11, the consultant's study on the Traffic Commission's regulations for the public process to request traffic calming measures.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

8. Order 199279 (ID:11880) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Finance report to this Board which engineering consultants have been retained for which projects from January through May, 2015, and provide copies of all such invoices to this Board by June 11.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

9. Order 199280 (ID:11881) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board on the placement of NO IDLING signs at all public schools.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

10. Order 199281 (ID:11882) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking or the Commissioner of Public Works prevent vehicles from parking on the east side of Cedar Street at the Community Path Extension, as automotive fluids are staining the Path Extension.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

11. Order 199282 (ID:11883) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking suggest traffic calming measures on Pembroke Street to slow traffic that cuts through to avoid the traffic light at Central and Medford Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

12. Order 199283 (ID:11884) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing a NO PARKING spot on the south side of Vernon Street at Trull Street to allow fire engines to turn onto Trull Street, and report back to the Ward 5 Alderman.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

13. Order 199284 (ID:11885) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing a NO PARKING spot on both sides of Morrison Avenue at Cedar Street to relieve rush-hour congestion, and report back to the Ward 5 Alderman.

RESULT: APPROVED

14. Order 199285 (ID:11886) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a SLOW, CHILDREN PLAYING caution sign on Francis Street near Porter Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 15. | Order
199286
(ID:11887) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place an additional 25 MPH speed limit sign on each side of Porter Street between Summer and Elm Streets. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 16. | Order
199287
(ID:11874) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk panels and roadway on Lincoln Parkway. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 17. | Order
199288
(ID:11875) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the pitted and crumbling sidewalks on Hammond Street and follow up with the contractor who installed them. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 18. | Order
199289
(ID:11876) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the Ward 2 Alderman with an explanation regarding a patched section of roadway on Hammond Street, which was recently paved. | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee |
| 19. | Order
199290
(ID:11877) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the asphalt patched sidewalk panel at 3 Beacon Street. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 20. | Order
199291
(ID:11888) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 27 Porter Street. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 21. | Order
199292
(ID:11889) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD plant a tree at 17 Richdale Avenue. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 22. | Order
199293
(ID:11890) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the grass in the Craigie Street park. | RESULT: APPROVED |

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| 23. | Order
199294
(ID:11891) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment discuss methods to reduce light pollution with dark sky lighting. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Environment and Energy Special Committee |
| 24. | Order
199295
(ID:11892) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD discuss capitalizing on street repaving to bury utilities, beautify the city, and reduce the threat of power outages due to rain/snow/ice storms. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee |
| 25. | Order
199296
(ID:11893) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD contact the Ward 7 Alderman to arrange a community meeting to discuss mobility around Teele Square. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee |
| 26. | Resolution
199297
(ID:11894) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Administration implement a PILOT program to promote partnerships with major local non-profit institutions for fair-value voluntary PILOTs. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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| 27. | Mayor's
Request
198672
(ID:11250) | Requesting approval to create a Tufts University Consolidated Gift Account.

Alderman Niedergang commented the Board should be allowed to review Tufts activities, and this would not be the case if the consolidated gift account was created. Alderman McLaughlin commented that Tufts does not give back to the City. Alderman Gewirtz questioned the amount of money vs the amount of time of Tufts donations. Alderman Heuston agreed that Tufts does not step up. Alderman Sullivan brought up the firing of the Tufts janitors and the need to speak out about Tufts. |
| | | RESULT: NOT APPROVED. [0 TO 9]
NAYS: Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston,
McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Rossetti, Ballantyne |
| 28. | Mayor's
Request
198673
(ID:11249) | Requesting the acceptance of a donation of \$75,000 from Tufts University for educational, recreational, or cultural purposes. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |

29. Citation 198940 (ID:11633) By Ald. McWatters, and the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Seamus O'Donovan, who has been accepted to the US Naval Academy.

Alderman McWatters congratulated Seamus O'Donovan for his many achievements. Mayor Curtatone stated the O'Donovan family has a history of public service and offered his congratulations. Seamus O'Donovan thanked many family members and friends for their support.

RESULT: APPROVED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

30. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 199298 (ID:11897) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on May 27, 2015.

Alderman Heuston reported on the items discussed at the meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Mayor's Request 198985 (ID:11630) Requesting the appointment of Rebecca Schrumm to the Somerville Redevelopment Authority.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. Mayor's Request 198986 (ID:11629) Requesting the appointment of Peter Granitsas as a Special Police Officer for the Housing Authority Police.

RESULT: APPROVED

- D. Mayor's Request 198987 (ID:11522) Requesting the appointment of John Aufiero as a Special Police Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED

31. ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 199299 (ID:11898) Report of the Special Committee on Environment and Energy, meeting on May 21, 2015.

Alderman McWatters reported on the items discussed at the meeting. There was discussion of a pilot program at the Healy School for unpaved areas for the playground. Also discussed were alternatives for not using bottled water at outdoor events. A pilot program for composting methods involving 1,000 households was reported.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| B. | Order
197977
(ID:10576) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of the Office of Sustainability implement a plan to prohibit all departments, commissions and other bodies from distributing single-serve bottles of water at meetings, events, and other functions. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
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| C. | Order
198736
(ID:11449) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment update this Board on the progress of the Curbside Composting Task Force toward developing a citywide composting program. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
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| D. | Resolution
199300
(ID:11934) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Administration take an inventory of water fountains in the city's parks and develop a plan to install fountains in those parks where none are present. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |
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| E. | Order
199301
(ID:11935) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the City Engineer, the City Solicitor and the Director of Capital Projects examine the permitting documents for 35R Lexington Avenue to determine if there is any way to encourage testing on this site. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |

32. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee
Report
199302
(ID:11900) | Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 20, 2015. |
| | | Alderman LaFuenta reported on the items discussed at the meeting.
RESULT: APPROVED |
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| B. | Mayor's
Request
198674
(ID:11215) | Requesting approval to declare as surplus 3 vehicles in the Fire Department. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |
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| C. | Mayor's
Request
198753
(ID:11326) | Requesting an appropriation of \$27,500 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase of an Olympian Ice Resurfacer to replace a non-functioning Zamboni. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston,
McWatters, Lafuenta, Niedergang, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Rossetti, Ballantyne |

D.	Mayor's Request 198929 (ID:11498)	Requesting an appropriation of \$67,188 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to the Fire Alarm Personal Services Account to fund a successor Collective Bargaining Agreement.
		RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz ABSENT: Rossetti, Ballantyne
E.	Mayor's Request 198981 (ID:11524)	Requesting the transfer of \$2,017 within the Elections Department, from its Professional and Technical Services Account to its Salaries Account, to fund a retirement payout.
		RESULT: APPROVED
F.	Mayor's Request 198982 (ID:11525)	Requesting the transfer of \$1,000 within the Grants Development Department, from its Professional and Technical Services Account to its Salaries Account, to fund increased hours for the grant writer.
		RESULT: APPROVED
G.	Mayor's Request 198984 (ID:11520)	Requesting the acceptance of a \$12,500 grant from the Metro Mayors Community Safety Initiative, for the Police Department's Shannon Grant for youth violence prevention.
		RESULT: APPROVED
H.	Mayor's Request 199155 (ID:11765)	Requesting an appropriation of \$2,800,409 from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings to the Water and Sewer Stabilization Fund.
		RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz ABSENT: Rossetti, Ballantyne
I.	Mayor's Request 199156 (ID:11766)	Requesting an appropriation of \$1,850,780 from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to the Water and Sewer Stabilization Fund.
		RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz ABSENT: Rossetti, Ballantyne
J.	Mayor's Request 199157 (ID:11683)	Requesting an appropriation of \$328,613 from the Parks Stabilization Fund to the General Debt Service Fund for Debt Service of Park Renovations.
		RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz ABSENT: Rossetti, Ballantyne

- K. Mayor's Request 199158 (ID:11640) Requesting an appropriation of \$50,000 from the Trash Transfer Stabilization Fund for additional environmental engineering services for the interim re-use of the former Waste Transfer facility.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Rossetti, Ballantyne

- L. Mayor's Request 199159 (ID:11731) Requesting an appropriation of \$35,000 from the Parks Stabilization fund for Engineering and Design work for Lincoln Park.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Rossetti, Ballantyne

- M. Mayor's Request 199160 (ID:11795) Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$5,000 from Project Bread to the Health and Human Services Department for a mobile market model.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

- N. Mayor's Request 199251 (ID:11841) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$75,000 in the Law Department from its Judgments/Settlements Account to its Legal Services Account, to cover ongoing services by outside counsel.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

33. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 199303 (ID:11896) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 27, 2015.

Alderman Lafuente reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He explained that several tax exemptions will make a positive monetary impact on senior citizens if properly marketed.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

- B. Mayor's Request 198750 (ID:11297) Requesting an adjustment to the property exemption for seniors with respect to income and asset limits under MGL c59 s5(41C).

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Rossetti, Ballantyne

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| C. | Mayor's Request
198927
(ID:11298) | Requesting an adjustment to income limits and interest rates with respect to the senior property tax deferral under MGL c59 s5(41A). | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston,
McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Rossetti, Ballantyne |
| D. | Mayor's Request
198751
(ID:11299) | Requesting an adjustment to income limits with respect to the senior work off program under MGL c59 s5 (5K). | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston,
McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Rossetti, Ballantyne |
| E. | Mayor's Request
198983
(ID:11518) | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice of \$360 in the Planning Division of SPCD. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| F. | Mayor's Request
199066
(ID:11663) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,475,000 in a bond for LED Light Conversion. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston,
McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Rossetti, Ballantyne |
| G. | Mayor's Request
199154
(ID:11678) | Requesting the adoption of MGL c59 s5C 1/2, to approve an optional additional real estate tax exemption. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston,
McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Rossetti, Ballantyne |
| H. | Mayor's Request
199249
(ID:11847) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,200,000 in a bond for the Union Square Streetscape and Utility Early Action Project. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston,
McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Rossetti, Ballantyne |

- I. Mayor's Request 199253 (ID:11851) Requesting to appear before this Board to describe the city's application for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery discretionary grant program.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- J. Resolution 199304 (ID:11943) By Ald. Lafuente, Heuston, Ballantyne, White Jr. That the Council on Aging and Assessors' Office develop an outreach program to inform senior citizens about the senior property tax deferral exemption.

RESULT: APPROVED

- K. Order 199305 (ID:11944) By Ald. White Jr., Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with a comprehensive financial plan to develop Union Square, including expenditures to date and future costs, by early September.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- L. Resolution 199306 (ID:11945) By Ald. White Jr., Lafuente, Heuston, Ballantyne That this Board supports the city's application for the TIGER grant.

RESULT: APPROVED

34. FLOOD FORUM SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 199307 (ID:11899) Report of the Flood Forum Special Committee, meeting on May 19, 2015.

Alderman Heuston reported on the items discussed at the meeting. She stated due to climate change and an ancient infrastructure, flooding exposure increases, and a backflow prevention device could help and should become required in new buildings and major renovations. Short and long term goals were discussed to help mitigate flooding issues.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 197624 (ID:10179) By Ald. Rossetti, Gewirtz, White Jr. That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to require backflow regulators in new construction.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- C. Order 197637 (ID:10196) By Ald. Gewirtz, Niedergang, Ballantyne That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring developers of new residential projects to install backflow preventers to prevent combined sewer overflow during heavy rains.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

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| D. | Order
198204
(ID:10783) | By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne
That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment report to this Board on plans for participation in the Spring 2015 regional summit on climate change. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| E. | Order
198205
(ID:10784) | By Ald. Niedergang, Heuston, Ballantyne, McWatters
That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment present a written plan to this Board to develop a vulnerability assessment and climate change mitigation and adaptation plan, especially regarding flooding in Union Square and all vulnerable areas of economic revitalization. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| F. | Order
198323
(ID:10897) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board where homeowners should discharge water pumped out of basements that are flooded in the winter, to avoid water freezing on sidewalks. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| G. | Order
198355
(ID:10932) | By Ald. Heuston
That the City Engineer inform the Ward 2 Alderman about flooding on Oak Street and any steps that can be taken to mitigate it. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| H. | Order
198388
(ID:10958) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD discuss with this Board the possibility of a curbside gardens program, similar to what other cities have done, to soak up storm water and ground water runoff. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| I. | Resolution
198970
(ID:11617) | By Ald. Gewirtz, Niedergang
That the Administration detail a plan to mitigate flooding on the community path in the vicinity of Morrison Avenue and Highland Road. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| J. | Resolution
199063
(ID:11667) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Administration provide an update to plans for the mitigation of flooding on Clark Street and Dane Avenue. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

- K. Resolution 199308 (ID:11933) By Ald. Heuston
That this Board supports the Board of Health's petition to the State to allow the City to require back flow prevention devices below first floor fixtures in all new buildings and major renovations.

RESULT: APPROVED

35. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 199309 (ID:11895) Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on May 27, 2015.
Alderman Heuston reported on the items discussed at the meeting. It appears that although Ward 1 rodent sightings are down by 40%, there are still precautions needed and education is necessary.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 197223 (ID:9768) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the owner of 47 Webster Avenue to clear the rear lot of all overgrowth and debris and bait the property if evidence of rodent activity is found.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 198191 (ID:10781) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) contact the appropriate agencies to deal with rodent issues on state owned property citywide.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 198373 (ID:10939) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the 33 Franklin Street area for signs of rodent activity, and bait where needed.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 198497 (ID:11058) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the area around 74 Gilman Street for rodents.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. Order 198973 (ID:11620) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the state streets off Broadway for rodents, and bait accordingly.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- G. Order 199110 (ID:11739) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the General Insulation building on Cross Street East for rodents and bait accordingly.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

36. VETERANS AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 199310 (ID:11901) Report of the Committee on Veterans and Public Services, meeting on May 19, 2015.

Alderman McLaughlin reported on the items discussed at the meeting. There was conversation regarding dedicating and naming a street corner, park and baseball diamond to honor former veterans. He reported on a proposal to consolidate separate veterans departments and make them regional. He discussed the possibility of a ceremony for the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam war, and finding a prominent site for the Vietnam Memorial.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Communication 197016 (ID:9570) By Ald. Rossetti
Conveying a report of the Local Government Advisory Commission meeting, held on May 13, 2014.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Officer's Communication 197341 (ID:9728) Director of Veterans Services responding to #197016 re: the Valor Act II and the creation of veterans' services districts.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 198583 (ID:11155) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Veterans Services appear before this Board to discuss previous Board orders.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 199311 (ID:11930) By Ald. Connolly
That the City Clerk inform the city's state delegation that the Valor Act (HR-319), as proposed, is not in the best interest of veterans and ask that they move to defeat its passage.

RESULT: APPROVED

- F. Resolution 199312 (ID:11931) By Ald. Connolly
That the Administration work with the Director of Veterans Services to find a more suitable and prominent location for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

RESULT: APPROVED

- G. Resolution 199313 (ID:11932) By Ald. Connolly
That the Administration consider moving the Vietnam Veterans Monument to a more prominent location on the concourse.

RESULT: APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

37. Mayor's Request 199314 (ID:11858) Requesting approval to transfer \$10,000 from the DPW Highway Division Salaries Account to the DPW Administration Division Salaries Account to fund a year-end deficit.

President White requested to waive the readings of items 37 through 38 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

38. Mayor's Request 199315 (ID:11848) Requesting approval to transfer \$9,277 from the Arts Council Detail Account to the Police Overtime Account to cover expenses incurred.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

39. License/Permit 199316 (ID:11905) Public Event Permit, Memorial Day Parade, City Hall to Veterans Cemetery, May 24, 10AM-4PM.

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 39 through 58 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

40. License/Permit 199317 (ID:11906) Public Event Permit, CAAS Head Start 50th Anniversary Celebration, Trum Field, Jun 12, 8:30AM-1:30PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

41. License/Permit 199318 (ID:11907) Public Event Permit, Boston Sikh Sangat Society Free Drink Distribution, Union Sq, Jun 13, 8AM-8PM (raindate Jun 20).

RESULT: APPROVED

42. License/Permit 199319 (ID:11913) Public Event Permit, Nepali Women's Global Network Earthquake Relief Yard Sale, Union Sq Plaza, Jun 14, 11AM-7PM (raindate Jun 21).

RESULT: APPROVED

43.	License/Permit 199320 (ID:11908)	Public Event Permit, Sinha Capoeira Martial Arts Dance Performance, Prospect Hill Park, Jun 26, 6:30PM-8:15PM.
		RESULT: APPROVED
44.	License/Permit 199321 (ID:11914)	Public Event Permit, Nepali Women's Global Network Earthquake Relief Yard Sale, Seven Hills Park, Jun 27, 11AM-7PM (raindate Jun 28).
		RESULT: APPROVED
45.	License/Permit 199322 (ID:11915)	Public Event Permit, Portuguese American Civic League Holy Ghost Feast, 26 Springfield St, Jul 10-12, various times.
		RESULT: APPROVED
46.	License/Permit 199323 (ID:11916)	Public Event Permit, Hope Fellowship Church Grant Brown Memorial 5K Race, Davis Sq area, Aug 1, 7-10AM.
		RESULT: APPROVED
47.	License/Permit 199324 (ID:11909)	Public Event Permit, Garden Club Plant Sale, Davis Sq Statue Park, Sep 19, 7AM-1:30PM (raindate Sep 20).
		RESULT: APPROVED
48.	License/Permit 199325 (ID:11917)	Public Event Permit, Arts Council Fluff Festival, Union Sq, Sep 26, Noon-9PM (raindate Sep 27).
		RESULT: APPROVED
49.	License/Permit 199326 (ID:11903)	Public Event Permit, Charles River Alleycats Meow Mile 5K Race, Davis Sq area, Oct 11, 6AM-Noon.
		RESULT: APPROVED
50.	License/Permit 199327 (ID:11904)	Public Event Permit, Road Runners Gobble Gobble Gobble 5K Race, Davis Sq area, Nov 26, 7AM-Noon.
		RESULT: APPROVED
51.	License/Permit 199328 (ID:11868)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Sean Farrell Excavation.
		RESULT: APPROVED
52.	License/Permit 199329 (ID:11863)	Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Kay Jewelers, 360 Artisan Way.
		RESULT: APPROVED

53. License/Permit 199330 (ID:11866) Renewing Fortune Teller License, Psychic Readings by Nina, 382 Somerville Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED

54. License/Permit 199331 (ID:11867) Renewing Garage License, Jim's Heavy Duty Service, 42 Joy St.

RESULT: APPROVED

55. License/Permit 199332 (ID:11864) Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Star Market, 275 Beacon St.

RESULT: APPROVED

56. License/Permit 199333 (ID:11865) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Kee Kar Lau, 626C Somerville Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED

57. License/Permit 199334 (ID:11869) New Drainlayer's License, JR & Sons Construction.

RESULT: APPROVED

58. License/Permit 199335 (ID:11870) New Drainlayer's License, MT Mayo Corp.

RESULT: APPROVED

59. License/Permit 199336 (ID:11872) New Outdoor Seating License, Ward Maps, 24 Park St. #2, 1 A-Frame sign.

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 59 through 62 and refer them to Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

60. License/Permit 199337 (ID:11873) New Outdoor Seating License, Forge Baking Company, 626A Somerville Ave., 1 Parklet on street.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

61. License/Permit 199338 (ID:11871) New Garage License, Mass Inspection, 712 Mystic Ave., 3 autos inside, 7 outside

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

62. License/Permit New Mobile Food Vendor, Bon Me Foods.
199339
(ID:11910)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

63. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
199340 That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the defective lights along
(ID:11918) Grand Union Blvd. behind Home Depot.

Alderman McLaughlin requested to waive the readings of items 63 through 64 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED

64. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
199341 That the Commissioner of Public Works water all plants and grass along lower
(ID:11919) Broadway regularly.

RESULT: APPROVED

65. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
199342 That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the corner of Everett Avenue and
(ID:11920) Cross Street for rodents and bait accordingly.

Alderman McLaughlin requested to waive the reading of item 65 and refer it to the Rodent Control Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

66. Resolution By Ald. McLaughlin, Sullivan
199343 That the Administration arrange for members of the Boxing Club to park in the
(ID:11921) East Somerville Community School parking lot weekdays 4-9PM.

Alderman McLaughlin requested to waive the reading of item 66 and Alderman Sullivan requested it be referred to the Traffic and Parking Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

67. Order By Ald. McLaughlin, Sullivan
199344 That the Director of Traffic and Parking limit parking permits for the Boxing
(ID:11922) Club and encourage parking in the East Somerville Community School lot.

Alderman McLaughlin requested to waive the readings of items 67 through 71 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED

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| 68. | Order
199345
(ID:11923) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the utility pole on the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Cross Street East that is crooked and shooting off sparks. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 69. | Order
199346
(ID:11924) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works determine if the tree at 6 Gilman Terrace is a hindrance for handicapped persons. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 70. | Order
199347
(ID:11925) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking address traffic flow issues at the intersection of Broadway and McGrath Highway. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 71. | Order
199348
(ID:11926) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the broken benches in front of the Rent-a-Center on Broadway and in front of 99 Broadway. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 72. | Order
199349
(ID:11927) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the faded DO NOT ENTER sign on the corner of Lowell and Summer Streets. | Alderman McWatters requested to waive the readings of items 72 through 75 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 73. | Order
199350
(ID:11928) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Chief of Police order directed patrols, during morning rush hours on Summer and Lowell Streets to ensure that motorists are coming to a complete stop at the blinking red light. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 74. | Order
199351
(ID:11929) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 19A Stone Avenue for the proper containment of trash. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 75. | Order
199352
(ID:11940) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the metal pole and repair the cracked sidewalk panel on the corner of Summer and Lowell Streets. | RESULT: APPROVED |

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| 76. | Order
199353
(ID:11937) | <p>By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the Sacramento Street pedestrian underpass, set a regular cleaning schedule, and communicate that schedule to the Ward 2 Alderman.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">RESULT:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">APPROVED</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">FOLLOWUP:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | APPROVED | FOLLOWUP: | Public Utilities and Public Works Committee | | | | |
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| 77. | Order
199354
(ID:11938) | <p>By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sink hole at 62 Marion Street.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">RESULT:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">APPROVED</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | APPROVED | | | | | | |
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| 78. | Resolution
199355
(ID:11939) | <p>By Ald. Heuston
That the Administration institute a plan to notify and update affected residents during water main breaks, distribute bottled water to them, and check on their well-being.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">RESULT:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">APPROVED</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">FOLLOWUP:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Public Health and Public Safety Committee</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | APPROVED | FOLLOWUP: | Public Health and Public Safety Committee | | | | |
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| 79. | Order
199356
(ID:11941) | <p>By Ald. White Jr., Sullivan
That the Legislative Matters Committee work with the City Solicitor on a home rule petition to amend the City Charter by removing the restriction that registered voters may only sign nomination papers for one candidate for each municipal office (and four for alderman at large).</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="padding: 5px;">Alderman White recommended that the current City Charter regarding nomination papers be modernized with a home rule petition. Alderman Sullivan agreed this would open up the democratic process and make it easier for people to get on the ballot.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">RESULT:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">APPROVED</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">FOLLOWUP:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Legislative Matters Committee</td> </tr> </table> | Alderman White recommended that the current City Charter regarding nomination papers be modernized with a home rule petition. Alderman Sullivan agreed this would open up the democratic process and make it easier for people to get on the ballot. | | RESULT: | APPROVED | FOLLOWUP: | Legislative Matters Committee | | |
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| RESULT: | APPROVED | | | | | | | | | |
| FOLLOWUP: | Legislative Matters Committee | | | | | | | | | |
| 80. | Mayor's Request
199357
(ID:11949) | <p>Requesting that this Board convene in Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining strategy.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="padding: 5px;">The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:55 PM. No votes were taken in Executive Session. The Board adjourned the Session at 9:40 PM.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">RESULT:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">AYES:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">ABSENT:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Rossetti, Ballantyne</td> </tr> </table> | The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:55 PM. No votes were taken in Executive Session. The Board adjourned the Session at 9:40 PM. | | RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | AYES: | Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz | ABSENT: | Rossetti, Ballantyne |
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| ABSENT: | Rossetti, Ballantyne | | | | | | | | | |
| 81. | Officer's Request
199358
(ID:11951) | <p>City Clerk requesting approval to release seven sets of Executive Session minutes as described within.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">RESULT:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">APPROVED</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | APPROVED | | | | | | |
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| 82. | Officer's
Communication
199359
(ID:11677) | DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 4/9/15.

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 82 through 85, place them on file, and refer them to the appropriate committees. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee |
| 83. | Officer's
Communication
199360
(ID:11855) | DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 4/23/15.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
Traffic and Parking Committee |
| 84. | Officer's
Communication
199361
(ID:11950) | DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 5/14/15.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee |
| 85. | Officer's
Communication
199362
(ID:11860) | Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders submitted 4/23/15.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee |
| 86. | License/Permit
199363
(ID:11946) | Public Event Permit, Mountain Ave/Conwell St Block Party, Jun 20, 2-9PM (raindate Jun 27).

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 86 through 88 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 87. | License/Permit
199364
(ID:11947) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, My Cab, Med #61.

RESULT: APPROVED |
| 88. | License/Permit
199365
(ID:11948) | Sign/Awning Permit, Momo n Curry, 431 Somerville Ave., 2 signs.

RESULT: APPROVED |

LATE ITEMS

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| 89. | Resolution
199366
(ID:11954) | <p>By Ald. Sullivan, and the Entire Board
Supporting the Ryan Harrington Foundation and its efforts throughout the community.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Alderman Sullivan sponsored David Harrington to speak about the loss of his son Ryan to drug addiction. Mr. Harrington spoke about a Night of Hope and Awareness he is organizing, and he hopes people will take advantage for themselves and/or family members. He emphasized hope and awareness for a disease that is out of control.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> </div> |
| 90. | Order
199367
(ID:11952) | <p>By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the sewers on Grand View Avenue for rodents.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee</p> </div> |
| 91. | Order
199368
(ID:11953) | <p>By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the area on McGrath Highway behind 3 Chester Avenue for rodent activity, issue fines as indicated, and direct the property owner to clean and bait the area.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee</p> </div> |
| 92. | Order
199369
(ID:11955) | <p>By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately assess the stability of the listing utility pole at 6 Windsor Road and act expeditiously to remediate the double pole.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p> </div> |

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk.