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

#### **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

October 23, 2018, 7:00 PM Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

### **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

- 1. Roll Call Call of the Roll. (ID # 19665)
- 2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, (ID # 19666) September 27, 2018.

#### CITATIONS

3. Citation (ID # 19667) By Ald. Clingan, Scott, and the Entire Board Commending Georgio and Louis Trotta, founders and proprietors of Caesar's Pizza and Subs on Somerville Avenue, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this month.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 4. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 114 feet of conduit in Location (ID # 19668) a point of pickup at the rear of 434 McGrath Hwy.
- 5. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to relocate Pole 63/7 on Cherry Location St 7 feet to the north. (ID # 19669)

### ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6.	Communication (ID # 19644)	By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Scott Updating this Board on the progress of the Community Land Trust Working Group.
7.	Order (ID # 19645)	By Ald. Ewen-Campen That the Director of Traffic and Parking install NO IDLING signs on Tower Street, across from the Somerville Hospital.
8.	Resolution (ID # 19646)	By Ald. Ewen-Campen That the Administration update the Ward 3 Alderman on plans to exempt Crocker Street from the odd-even snow parking regulation, due to their unique situation with Somerville Hospital.

9.	Order (ID # 19647)	By Ald. Ewen-Campen That the Director of Engineering update this Board on where, and how many, police details will be stationed during the roll-out of the Somerville Avenue detour, and whether any modifications have been made to the plan since the public meeting on October 10, 2018.
10.	Order (ID # 19648)	By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD and/or the Director of Traffic and Parking report to the Ward 5 Alderman on making Sartwell Avenue a two-way street.
11.	Order (ID # 19649)	By Ald. Niedergang, Clingan That the Director of SPCD or the Director of Traffic and Parking explain to this Board why there are no lane markings or striping on Broadway between Temple Street and Magoun Square.
12.	Resolution (ID # 19650)	By Ald. Niedergang, Davis, Rossetti That the Mayor's Office report to this Board with plans for the police presence around the detour route from the Broadway/Ball Square Bridge closure to protect the Ball Square neighborhood from cut-through traffic, especially at key intersection on Cedar Street, Highland Avenue, College Avenue, and Broadway.
13.	Order (ID # 19651)	By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD develop a physical traffic calming infrastructure on Morrison Avenue between Cedar Street and Willow Avenue, before the Broadway/Ball Square Bridge closes in January 2019.
14.	Order (ID # 19652)	By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO PARKING – HERE TO CURB CUT sign on the sign post at Pescatore's Restaurant on Rogers Avenue, pointing towards 119 Rogers Avenue, as requested by the Licensing Commission.
15.	Order (ID # 19653)	By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the enforcement of 311 complaints about illegal parking, and what provisions exist for enforcement against illegal parking on Sundays and holidays.

16.	Order (ID # 19654)	By Ald. Hirsch That the Director of Health and Human Services work with the Public Schools to allow whole fruits to be saved for use as snacks, given that many children often go without snacks.
17.	Order (ID # 19655)	By Ald. Hirsch, Ewen-Campen That the Chief of Police update this Board on coordinating with the state to place a crossing guard on McGrath Highway, at Highland Avenue.
18.	Resolution (ID # 19656)	By Ald. Hirsch That the Administration consider a public information effort to inform the community about code violations that impact public safety, such as improper lead paint removal.
19.	Order (ID # 19657)	By Ald. Hirsch, Clingan That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss conducting a workshop for parents and adult caregivers to help them better understand risks, indicators of use, and strategies of intervention for tween/teen substance use.
20.	Order (ID # 19658)	By Ald. Hirsch That the Director of Personnel work with the School District to advertise open City or School positions to families of Public School students.
21.	Order (ID # 19659)	By Ald. Hirsch That the Chief of Police share his view of how and when residents should call the Police or 311 for emergency and non-emergency matters, including which number to call, and consider holding a discussion on the topic that includes different stakeholders.
22.	Communication (ID # 19660)	By Ald. Hirsch Updating this Board on the City and School District's combined efforts to expand and improve Out of School Time programming.
23.	Communication (ID # 19661)	By Ald. Hirsch, McLaughlin Sharing information from the internal Rodent Control Task Force on City efforts.
24.	Resolution (ID # 19662)	By Ald. Hirsch That the Administration work with this Board to prioritize implementation of the Clean and Open Elections Task Force recommendations.

25.	Resolution	By Ald. Clingan
	(ID # 19663)	That the Administration report to this Board, the number
		of Somerville residents working on the construction of
		the new high school.

26. Resolution (ID # 19664) By Ald. Clingan That the Administration report to this Board, any instances of businesses found guilty of wage theft by the Attorney General's Office, and what action was taken in accordance with our wage theft ordinance.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

27. Resolution 206690
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Approving "A Call to Prevent Nuclear War," urging the US government to take steps to avoid nuclear war, such as renouncing the first use of nuclear weapons, taking nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert, and ending the unchecked authority of the President to launch a nuclear attack.

# **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### 28. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A.	Committee Report (ID # 19637)	Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on October 15, 2018.
B.	Mayor's Request 205383	Requesting the appointment of Gerald McCue to the Somerville Retirement Board. RECOMMENDED: Withdrawn
C.	Mayor's Request 206609	Requesting the appointment of Richard Scanlon to the Board of Assessors. RECOMMENDED: Approved
D.	Mayor's Request 206717	Requesting the appointment of Jorge Morel to the position of Police Officer. RECOMMENDED: Approved
E.	Mayor's Request 206718	Requesting the appointment of Christopher Allen to the Licensing Commissioner. RECOMMENDED: Approved
29.	CONFIRMATION	OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE
A.	Committee Report (ID # 19640)	Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on October 18, 2018.

B. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Seamus Lynch to the 206809 position of Fire Fighter.

#### RECOMMENDED: Approved

C. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Troy Martini to the 206810 position of Fire Fighter. RECOMMENDED: Approved

### <u>30. FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>

- A. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Report (ID # 19642) Committee of the Whole on October 22, 2018.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$47,940 to 206322 the DPW School Custodians Salaries Account to fund a Jr. Custodian position. RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$18,723.97 grant with no 206807 new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for the Law Enforcement and Youth Partnership Jr. Academy summer program. RECOMMENDED: Approved

## 31. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A.	Committee	Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a
	Report	Committee of the Whole in Joint Session with the
	(ID # 19638)	Planning Board on October 16, 2018.

### 32. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting Report as a Committee of the Whole on October 18, 2018. (ID # 19641)

### 33. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

A.	Committee Report (ID # 19639)	Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on October 17, 2018.
B.	Order	By Ald. Niedergang
	197023	That the Director of SPCD (T&I) develop a plan for a pedestrian crosswalk at Vernon Street and Lowell Street and report to this Board and the Ward 5 Alderman on how that would be incorporated into the Lowell Street
		bridge traffic calming project.
		RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
C.	Order	By Ald. Niedergang
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C.		By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board of the placement of NO IDLING signs at all public school

		RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
D.	Order 199282	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. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
E.	Order 199586	By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment report to this Board on the design, placement, effectiveness and enforcement of "NO IDLING" signs by all schools. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
F.	Officer's Communication 199752	Traffic and Parking Director responding to #199586 re: "No Idling" signage at schools.
		RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
G.	Order 199959	By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing signage or a mirror at the intersection of Woodbine and Lowell Streets so cars exiting onto Lowell Street can see oncoming traffic before pulling out. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
H.	Order 200436	By Ald. McLaughlin, Lafuente, McWatters That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the Gilman Square building and when traffic issues will be alleviated there. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
I.	Order 200526	By Ald. Niedergang, Heuston That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the concrete on the pedestrian and bicycle ramp under the railroad bridge on Sacramento Street, between Somerville Avenue and Miller Street. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
J.	Order 200782	By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to the Ward 5 Alderman on the Traffic Calming Petition that was filed by residents of Highland Road on October 3, 2015, and report to this Board on the process by which such petitions are considered. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
K.	Order 201150	By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking put up a second DO NOT ENTER sign on the west side of the entrance from Medford Street into the CVS parking lot. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

L.	Order 201477	By Ald. Ballantyne That the Traffic Engineer and the Chief of Police suggest traffic calming measures for High, Sterling, Fairfax and Gordon Streets and Woods Avenue and report back to the Ward 7 Alderman. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
M.	Order 201497	By Ald. Niedergang, Heuston, Ballantyne, Davis That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the Traffic Calming Neighborhood Action Program, explain why it has taken over 8 months for petitions to be considered, and clarify when the 25 petitions submitted are likely to receive a response. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
N.	Order 201621	By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to the Ward 5 Alderman on measures to reduce the speed of vehicles around Hoyt-Sullivan Park, including reducing the speed limit on Central Street to 20-25 mph. (3rd request) RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
Ο.	Order 201708	By Ald. Heuston That the Director of Traffic and Parking appear before this Board to address the on-line resident parking permit system and its turn-around times, lack of transaction confirmations, and long lines at the customer service counter. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
P.	Order 202102	By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking, the Director of SomerStat or a representative of the Administration, report to this Board on the time frame for responses to the dozens of traffic calming petitions that have been submitted by residents over the past year. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
Q.	Order 202107	By Ald. Davis That the Director of Engineering install a "bump out" at the terminus of the crosswalk on Elm Street west of Willow Avenue opposite Beech Street. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
R.	Order 202431	By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking work with her counterpart in Medford to improve the intersection of Broadway, Albion and Winchester Streets, where there is no signage or street markings. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
S.	Mayor's Communication 202590	Conveying an update regarding traffic calming petition procedures. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

T.	Order 202728	By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to the Ward 5 Alderman on whether large truck traffic can be curtailed or banned on Cedar Street to avoid disturbing residents' peace and damaging their foundations. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
U.	Officer's Communication 202958	Assistant City Solicitor submitting an opinion regarding the posting of official Speed Limit signs.
	202/00	RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
V.	Order 202975	By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint 20 MPH, highlighted in a circle, on Broadway and Powder House Blvd, to inform drivers entering Somerville from Route 16 of the city's speed limit. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
W.	Order 203598	By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking instruct Parking Control Officers to regularly ticket the NO PARKING spots on the east side of Cedar Street by Trum Field, particularly in the evenings and Saturdays. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
X.	Order 203599	By Ald. Niedergang That the Chief of Police enforce traffic laws at Cedar Street and Franey Road, as cars are making U-turns there and speeding over the Cedar Street bridge, and trucks are backing out into the street and blocking it. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
Y.	Order 204216	By Ald. Davis That Director of Traffic and Parking install 20 MPH Safety Zone signage, including a "speed alert" sign and other traffic calming measures on College Avenue between Powderhouse and Davis Squares. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
Z.	Resolution 204258	By Ald. McWatters, and the Entire Board That the Administration and Director of SPCD consider increasing the number of safety zones throughout the city. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
AA.	Officer's Communication 204287	Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #204236 re: the term of residential parking permits. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
AB.	Order 204345	By Ald. Davis That the Administration review the traffic and pedestrian signals at the Powder House Rotary and propose changes to better address traffic flow and pedestrian safety. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

AC.	Order 204792	By Ald. Davis That the Commissioner of Public Works and/or the Director of Traffic and Parking install an overhead Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon at the crosswalk at the West Branch Library, with bump-outs on either side of the crosswalk. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
AD.	Order 204880	By Ald. Niedergang, Mbah, and the Entire Board That the Director of SPCD report to this Board whether he plans to propose to the Traffic Commission that 20 mph speed zones be adopted citywide. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
AE.	Order 204882	By Ald. Niedergang, Davis That the Director of Traffic and Parking add a second crosswalk and install a flashing PEDESTRIAN CROSSING sign on both sides of Summer Street at Cherry Street to enhance safety for children and parents walking to the Kennedy School. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
AF.	Officer's Communication 206102	DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 5/24/18.
		RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
AG.	Officer's Communication 206332	Traffic and Parking Director responding to Items from this Board's 6/14/18 meeting.
		RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
AH.	Officer's Communication 206333	Traffic and Parking Director responding to Items from this Board's 5/24/18 meeting.
		RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
AI.	Order 206395	By Ald. Niedergang, Scott That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the Administration's traffic calming program, including a report on the traffic petition program and responses to and implementation of petition requests for traffic calming interventions on specific streets. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
AJ.	Order 206579	By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking install 2 CAUTION: CHILDREN CROSSING signs on both sides of Lowell Street around 294 Lowell Street to accommodate the daycare center there. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
AK.	Order 206671	By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of Traffic and Parking install additional pedestrian safety measures at the intersection of Holland Street and Cameron Avenue. (2nd request) RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

AL.	Order 206739	By Ald. Rossetti, Davis That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider placing traffic safety signage at the intersection of Willow Avenue, Broadway and Bristol Road. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
AM.	Order 206763	By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of SPCD meet with Partridge Avenue residents and the Ward 5 Alderman to discuss traffic calming between Medford and Vernon Streets. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
AN.	Order 206766	By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint two additional crosswalks at the intersection of Cherry Street and Highland Avenue. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
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34.	Mayor's Reques (ID # 19621)	t Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoices totaling \$176,891.54 using available funds in various DPW General Fund Accounts.

- 35. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling (ID # 19517) \$ 1,448.13 using available funds in the Engineering Department's Professional and Technical Services Account for professional services for the Murdock Street project.
- Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling (ID # 19631)
   \$885.69 using available funds in the City Clerk's Office Rental-Storage Space Account to pay Apex Information Security for the pickup and storage of records in June, 2018.
- 37. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Berlin Haynes as (ID # 19632) Constable.
- Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Alan Bishop as (ID # 19633) Constable.
- 39. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Browne as (ID # 19634) Constable.
- 40. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Catello Battinelli II as (ID # 19635) Constable.
- 41. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Mary Battinelli as (ID # 19636) Constable.

42.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the appointment of Silvana Dinka to the
	(ID # 19625)	position of Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board
		member.

- 43. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Vickie Choitz to the (ID # 19626) position of Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board member.
- 44. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Anika Van Eaton to the (ID # 19627) position of Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board member.
- 45. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Rand Wilson to the (ID # 19628) position of Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board member.
- 46. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Josh Grehan to the (ID # 19629) position of Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board member.
- 47. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Tom Bent to the position (ID # 19630) of Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board member.

## COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 48. Officer's Assistant City Solicitor responding to #205807 with a Communication (ID # 19643) green space in the City.
- 49. Officer's Special Counsel conveying the City's GLX License Communication Agreements. (ID # 19624)

### NEW BUSINESS

50.	License/Permit (ID # 19670)	Public Event License, Ten Hills Rd Halloween Block Party, from Cresthill Rd to Shore Dr, Oct 31, 5-8PM.
51.	License/Permit (ID # 19671)	Public Event License, Prospect Hill Halloween Block Party, Prospect Hill Ave from Boston St to Monroe St, Oct 31, 5:30-9:30PM.
52.	License/Permit (ID # 19672)	New Livery License, Prospect Hill Limo, 25 Adrian St, 1 vehicle.
53.	Public Communication (ID # 19673)	Tufts University submitting its Fall 2018 University Accountability report.

- 54. Public Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #206489, a Communication Zoning Ordinance amendment for slope protection. (ID # 19674)
- 55. Public Chris Dwan submitting comments re: #206613, a
   Communication proposed Ordinance for short-term rental properties. (ID # 19675)
- 56.PublicMonica Achen submitting comments re: #204755, a<br/>request to transfer a City-owned parcel in the North<br/>(ID # 19676)6.(ID # 19676)7.Prospect Block to the Redevelopment Authority.
- 57. Public Sieh Samura submitting comments re: #206284, an Communication Ordinance regarding adult use marijuana establishments. (ID # 19677)
- 58. Public Michael Dundas submitting comments re: #206284, an
   Communication (ID # 19678) Ordinance regarding adult use marijuana establishments and the Sira Accelerator Program.

## SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

59.	Resolution (ID # 19679)	By Ald. Ewen-Campen That the Administration explain to this Board, in writing how the recently-released US Treasury "Opportunity Zone" tax breaks will apply to the Union Square redevelopment, and whether this is expected to significantly increase the profit for the Union Square Master Developer.
60.	Communication (ID # 19681)	By Ald. Rossetti Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of October 22, 2018.
61.	Order (ID # 19683)	By Ald. Hirsch That the Commissioner of Public Works share information about the installation of gates in school lots.
62.	Communication (ID # 19684)	By Ald. Hirsch Sharing an intent to convene with the Office of Housing Stability and Public Schools staff a focus group of benevolent landlords to better understand what factors contribute to their ability to rent at below-market rates and to rent to children and families.

63.	Communication (ID # 19685)	By Ald. Hirsch Sharing an intent to work with local climate groups and/or City staff to arrange a tour of local homes that have reduced their carbon footprint through such means as the installation of heat pumps, passive house retro-fits, and other approaches.
64.	Ordinance (ID # 19689)	By Ald. Ballantyne That the Tree Preservation Ordinance be amended to expand the membership of the Urban Forestry Committee by adding one or two members between the ages of 14 and 17 who express an interest in urban forestry and landscape design.
65.	Order (ID # 19690)	By Ald. Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on Holland Street, from Teele Square to Paulina Street.
66.	Order (ID # 19691)	By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of Engineering inspect the large portion of Ware Street, from Dow Street to Russell Road, that has been sinking over the last 3 weeks.
67.	Order (ID # 19692)	By Ald. Ballantyne That the Chief of Police monitor the speeding cars on Powderhouse Blvd., especially during school drop off and pick up times.
68.	Resolution (ID # 19693)	By Ald. McLaughlin Supporting the Veterans Day Parade on Sunday, November 4, starting at Noon, and encouraging all veterans and their families to march in the parade (congregate at 11:30AM at City Hall).
69.	Order (ID # 19694)	By Ald. McLaughlin That Commissioner of Public Works fill the sink holes along Gilman Street from Walnut to Cross Streets.
70.	Order (ID # 19695)	By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of Water and Sewer update this Board on a potential sewer main break under the Gilman Street bridge and any actions to remedy the problem.
71.	Order (ID # 19696)	By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of Water and Sewer update this Board on a potential sewer main break on Webster Avenue and any actions to remedy the problem.

72.	Order (ID # 19697)	By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of Water and Sewer update this Board on possible burst pipes on Wellington Street by Walnut Street.
73.	Order (ID # 19698)	By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the NO TRUCKS sign on Mount Pleasant Street by the Broadway intersection.
74.	Order (ID # 19699)	By Ald. McLaughlin That the City Arborist determine if the leaning tree at 11 Melvin Street is in danger of falling and recommend an appropriate solution.
75.	Mayor's Request (ID # 19700)	Requesting the appointment of Patricha Paul to the position of Condominium Review Board member.
76.	Mayor's Request (ID # 19703)	Requesting that the Director of SPCD and the Director of Housing Stability present to this Board the proposed business plan and budget of the Office of Housing Stability.
77.	Public Communication (ID # 19680)	Harvard University submitting its Fall 2018 University Accountability report.
78.	Public Communication (ID # 19686)	Representative Provost submitting comments re: #206481, a proposed zoning amendment for open space requirements for mid-rise and high-rise buildings.
79.	Public Communication (ID # 19687)	Andrew Greenspon submitting comments re: #204755, a request to transfer a City-owned parcel in the North Prospect Block to the Redevelopment Authority.

# LATE ITEMS

# ADJOURNMENT