

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

October 23, 2018, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

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| 1. | Roll Call<br>206839<br>(ID:19665) | Call of the Roll.             |
|    |                                   | <b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b> |

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| 2. | Minutes<br>206840<br>(ID:19666) | Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 27, 2018. |
|    |                                 | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |

**CITATIONS**

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| 3. | Citation<br>206841<br>(ID:19667) | By Ald. Clingan, Scott, and the Entire Board<br>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. |
|    |                                  | Aldermen Clingan and Scott presented Georgio and Louis Trotta, proprietors of Caesar's Pizza and Subs, with the Citation, and they thanked the Board for the recognition.<br><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>                 |

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 4. Grant of Location 206842 (ID:19668) Submitted by Eversource to install 114 feet of conduit in Greenville St, from Manhole 14541 at McGrath Hwy to a point of pickup at the rear of 434 McGrath Hwy.

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

**RESULT: APPROVED**
  
- 5. Grant of Location 206843 (ID:19669) Submitted by Eversource to relocate Pole 63/7 on Cherry St 7 feet to the north.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. Alderman Rossetti asked if, when Eversource notifies customers of issues, they leave voice messages if no one's home. (This related to a recent incident on Claremon St.) Ms. Duffy said she would look into it and get back to the Board.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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

- 6. Communication By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Scott 206844 (ID:19644) Updating this Board on the progress of the Community Land Trust Working Group.

Alderman Ewen-Campen said a Land Trust Task Force has been formed to promote a Community Land Trust in Somerville. This is one way a non-profit can own land and can use it to promote permanently affordable housing.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
  
- 7. Order 206845 (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.

**RESULT: APPROVED**
  
- 8. Resolution 206846 (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.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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| <p>9. Order<br/>206847<br/>(ID:19647)</p>  | <p>By Ald. Ewen-Campen<br/>That the Director of Engineering update this Board in writing 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.</p>  |
| <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>   |  |
| <p>10. Order<br/>206848<br/>(ID:19648)</p>   | <p>By Ald. Niedergang<br/>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.</p>   |
| <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>   |  |
| <p>11. Order<br/>206849<br/>(ID:19649)</p>   | <p>By Ald. Niedergang, Clingan<br/>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.</p>  |
| <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br/><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Traffic and Parking Committee</p>  |  |
| <p>12. Resolution<br/>206850<br/>(ID:19650)</p>  | <p>By Ald. Niedergang, Davis, Rossetti, Ballantyne<br/>That the Mayor's Office report to this Board in writing 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 intersections on Cedar Street, Highland Avenue, College Avenue, and Broadway.</p> |
| <p>Alderman Niedergang requested details about traffic planning, in advance of the Ball Square bridge detours being put in place.<br/><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br/><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Traffic and Parking Committee</p> |  |
| <p>13. Order<br/>206851<br/>(ID:19651)</p>   | <p>By Ald. Niedergang<br/>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.</p>  |
| <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br/><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Traffic and Parking Committee</p>  |  |
| <p>14. Withdrawn<br/>206852<br/>(ID:19652)</p>   | <p>Withdrawn.<br/><b>RESULT: WITHDRAWN</b></p>   |

15. Order  
206853  
(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.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

16. Order  
206854  
(ID:19654)
- By Ald. Hirsch, Mbah  
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.

Alderman Hirsch asked the Health and Human Services Director to find a way for whole fruits, which are generally discarded uneaten by children after meals, to be instead saved and used as snacks later in the day.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

17. Order  
206855  
(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.

Alderman Hirsch stated that McGrath Hwy. is a State Road and there has been a lot of back and forth with the State Delegation.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

18. Resolution  
206856  
(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.

Alderman Hirsch said education could help residents identify violations of health or building codes in their neighborhoods, and let them know who to contact for potential violations.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

19. Order  
206857  
(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.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

20. Order By Ald. Hirsch  
206858 That the Director of Personnel work with the School District to advertise open  
(ID:19658) City or School positions to families of Public School students.

Alderman Hirsch would like a letter to go home with students, notifying families of open city or school positions. Alderman Rossetti commented that the RESISTAT newsletter goes out to thousands of people and links to all open positions in the city.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP: Youth Services Committee**

21. Order By Ald. Hirsch  
206859 That the Chief of Police share his view of how and when residents should call  
(ID:19659) 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.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee**

22. Communication By Ald. Hirsch  
206860 Updating this Board on the City and School District's combined efforts to  
(ID:19660) expand and improve Out of School Time programming.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

23. Communication By Ald. Hirsch, McLaughlin  
206861 Sharing information from the internal Rodent Control Task Force on City  
(ID:19661) efforts.

Alderman Hirsch attended an interdepartmental Rodent Control Task Force and said the Rodent Liaison position was posted, and the city is now reviewing 45 resumes.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

24. Resolution By Ald. Hirsch  
206862 That the Administration work with this Board to prioritize implementation of  
(ID:19662) the Clean and Open Elections Task Force recommendations.

Alderman Hirsch asked the status of some of the high priority task force items, like public financing, ranked choice voting, voting age, and immigration status. Alderman Niedergang said the items that the Administration has submitted are in the Legislative Matters Committee, and he would be happy to work with members on prioritizing the initiatives. Alderman White suggested that a single Home Rule Petition, grouping the items that need State approval, might have a better chance of success than a series of individual proposals.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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| 25.   | Resolution<br>206863<br>(ID:19663) | By Ald. Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, McLaughlin, Scott, Mbah<br>That the Administration report to this Board, the number of Somerville residents working on the construction of the new high school.  |
| <b>RESULT:            APPROVED</b>  |                                    |  |
| 26.   | Resolution<br>206864<br>(ID:19664) | By Ald. Clingan, and the Entire Board<br>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. |
| Alderman Clingan stated that there is a Wage Theft Ordinance but he has heard from many people that it is not enforced. |                                    |  |
| <b>RESULT:            APPROVED</b>  |                                    |  |
| <b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Licenses and Permits Committee   |                                    |  |

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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| 27.  | Resolution<br>206690<br>(ID:19464) | By Ald. Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott<br>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. |
| Ald. White and Ballantyne were excused from voting.  |                                    |   |
| Alderman Niedergang stated that while generally, the Board does not get into foreign policy, he feels that this issue affects everyone. He said that President Trump announced plans to pull out of a major arms control treaty with Russia. He said the language of this resolution came from a conference attended by more than 200 people at Harvard University last year. He sponsored Christopher Spicer-Hinkley, a member of the disarmament movement, who spoke of families seeking peace, and the moral imperative to prevent a nuclear war. |                                    |   |
| <b>RESULT:            APPROVED</b>   |                                    |   |

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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| 28.  | <u>CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE</u> |   |
| A.   | Committee<br>Report<br>206865<br>(ID:19637)                         | Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on October 15, 2018. |
| Alderman Scott reported that the Committee reviewed a series of positions. The appointment of Gerald McCue to the Retirement Board was withdrawn, as he has taken another position elsewhere. The Committee interviewed a candidate for Police Officer, and several board and commission candidates. After acceptance of the Committee Report, Jorge Morel was sworn in as Police Officer. |   |   |
| <b>RESULT:            APPROVED</b>   |   |   |

B. Mayor's Request 205383 (ID:18101) Requesting the appointment of Gerald McCue to the Somerville Retirement Board.  
**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

C. Mayor's Request 206609 (ID:19374) Requesting the appointment of Richard Scanlon to the Board of Assessors.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**

D. Mayor's Request 206717 (ID:19451) Requesting the appointment of Jorge Morel to the position of Police Officer.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**

E. Mayor's Request 206718 (ID:19488) Requesting the appointment of Christopher Allen to the Licensing Commissioner.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**

29. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206866 (ID:19640) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on October 18, 2018.  
 Alderman Scott reported that the Committee took up two items that had been laid on the table at the previous meeting, the appointments of Seamus Lynch and Troy Martini to the positions of Firefighter. Both candidates were recommended for approval, and were sworn in after approval of the Committee Report.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**

B. Mayor's Request 206809 (ID:19549) Requesting the appointment of Seamus Lynch to the position of Fire Fighter.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**

C. Mayor's Request 206810 (ID:19550) Requesting the appointment of Troy Martini to the position of Fire Fighter.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**

**30. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- A. Committee Report  
206867  
(ID:19642)

Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on October 22, 2018.

Alderman White reported that the Committee held a public hearing on the proposal to transfer a parcel in Union Square's D2 block to the Redevelopment Authority. Many persons spoke, and the item was kept in Committee. The Committee also discussed the request to take by eminent domain 90 Washington Street for the construction of a public safety building. Cost was a major concern, and this was also kept in Committee. The Committee considered other financial matters, and discussed an Order by Alderman Scott seeking outside counsel to issue legal opinions and address questions that arose in the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee. There has not been a formal response from the City Solicitor as of yet, and this item was kept in Committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED**
  
- B. Mayor's Request  
206322  
(ID:19072)

Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$47,940 to the DPW School Custodians Salaries Account to fund a Jr. Custodian position.

**RESULT: APPROVED**
  
- C. Mayor's Request  
206807  
(ID:19529)

Requesting acceptance of a \$18,723.97 grant with no 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.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**31. LAND USE COMMITTEE**

- A. Committee Report  
206868  
(ID:19638)

Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole in Joint Session with the Planning Board on October 16, 2018.

Alderman Davis reported on the items discussed at the meeting. First was the Administration's presentation of the third draft of the zoning overhaul. Planning Director George Proakis noted that the slides he and Planner Dan Bartman presented were posted at [www.somervillezoning.com](http://www.somervillezoning.com). The Committee then discussed a zoning amendment for regulating adult use marijuana establishments. Vice Chairman White presided, with Aldermen Scott and Davis recused. Alderman McLaughlin said he had no objections to locating establishments on Broadway, as long as the City's other main streets were also utilized. He and other members approved several amendments to the map that added or removed streets. Alderman Rossetti asked that Mr. Proakis make sure there were no residential locations left on the map. Alderman Mbah's motion to exclude any marijuana establishment from within 500 feet of a school was not approved. Mr. Proakis said he would redraw the map, and said certain areas cannot be excluded due to State law. Alderman White requested that the proposed map be sent to the Committee members prior to the next meeting.

**RESULT: APPROVED**



**32. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE**

A. Committee Report 206869 (ID:19641) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on October 18, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported that the Committee addressed ordinances for adult marijuana licensing, condominium conversion, and establishing the City's current green space as a minimum allowed amount. The Committee considered three key issues for marijuana licensing: 1) Should the 3 existing medical marijuana dispensaries be considered priority applicants? 2) What is the length of time during which only priority applicants can apply? and 3) Should the Committee cap the number of licenses that can be issued by the Licensing Commission? City Solicitor Frank Wright said the City can cap the number of licenses, as long as a minimum of 6 are allowed (20% of the 29 package stores). All items remained in Committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**33. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE**

A. Committee Report 206870 (ID:19639) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on October 17, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported that the Committee discussed Green Line Extension bridge closures and detours, traffic light signalization, traffic calming priorities and the traffic calming petition program that the Administration put into place 3 years ago. Transportation Director Brad Rawson discussed the Ball Square bridge detours, saying that Cambridge, Medford and the MBTA have been helping to mitigate the expected traffic problems, and the bridge will not be closed for more than a year. The Committee discussed various methods of traffic calming including safety zones, police presence, speed bumps, raised crosswalks, speed tables, on-street parking and the use of street trees. The Committee also discussed traffic signal changes, especially at Powder House Circle. Mr. Rawson stated that this is a priority area and the GLX team may purchase new equipment as part of the GLX project. The Committee also discussed the traffic light at Lowell St. and Highland Ave. which backs traffic up on Lowell St. Mr. Rawson said many of the signals including that one were installed in 1990 and have not been updated since, and only minor changes are possible with the equipment. He said the Administration is working on plans to upgrade these signals. Finally, the Committee discussed rethinking how traffic calming works in both local streets and major roadways, and investing in both environments simultaneously.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

B. Order 197023 (ID:9577) By Ald. Niedergang 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.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- C. 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: WORK COMPLETED**

- D. 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: WORK COMPLETED**

- E. Order 199586 (ID:12187) 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.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- F. Officer's Communication 199752 (ID:12243) Traffic and Parking Director responding to #199586 re: "No Idling" signage at schools.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- G. Order 199959 (ID:12579) 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.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- H. Order 200436 (ID:13045) 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.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- I. Order 200526 (ID:13173) 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.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

J. Order 200782 (ID:13448) 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.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

K. Order 201150 (ID:13849) 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.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

L. Order 201477 (ID:14135) 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.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

M. Order 201497 (ID:14160) 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.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

N. Order 201621 (ID:14284) 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)

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

O. Order 201708 (ID:14378) 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.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

P. Order 202102 (ID:14788) 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.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

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| Q. | Order<br>202107<br>(ID:14793)                      | By Ald. Davis<br>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.   |
|    |  | <b>RESULT:            WORK COMPLETED</b>   |
| R. | Order<br>202431<br>(ID:15118)                      | By Ald. Niedergang<br>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.                    |
|    |  | <b>RESULT:            WORK COMPLETED</b>   |
| S. | Mayor's<br>Communication<br>202590<br>(ID:15275)   | Conveying an update regarding traffic calming petition procedures.   |
|    |  | <b>RESULT:            WORK COMPLETED</b>   |
| T. | Order<br>202728<br>(ID:15434)                      | By Ald. Niedergang<br>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.  |
|    |  | <b>RESULT:            WORK COMPLETED</b>   |
| U. | Officer's<br>Communication<br>202958<br>(ID:15617) | Assistant City Solicitor submitting an opinion regarding the posting of official Speed Limit signs.  |
|    |  | <b>RESULT:            WORK COMPLETED</b>   |
| V. | Order<br>202975<br>(ID:15673)                      | By Ald. Ballantyne<br>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.                      |
|    |  | <b>RESULT:            WORK COMPLETED</b>   |
| W. | Order<br>203598<br>(ID:16315)                      | By Ald. Niedergang<br>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.        |
|    |  | <b>RESULT:            WORK COMPLETED</b>   |
| X. | Order<br>203599<br>(ID:16316)                      | By Ald. Niedergang<br>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. |
|    |  | <b>RESULT:            WORK COMPLETED</b>   |

Y.	Order 204216 (ID:16924)	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.	<b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b>
Z.	Resolution 204258 (ID:16979)	By Ald. McWatters, and the Entire Board That the Administration and Director of SPCD consider increasing the number of safety zones throughout the city.	<b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b>
AA.	Officer's Communication 204287 (ID:17004)	Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #204236 re: the term of residential parking permits.	<b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b>
AB.	Order 204345 (ID:17065)	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.	<b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b>
AC.	Order 204792 (ID:17514)	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.	<b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b>
AD.	Order 204880 (ID:17647)	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.	<b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b>
AE.	Order 204882 (ID:17649)	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.	<b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b>
AF.	Officer's Communication 206102 (ID:18826)	DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 5/24/18.	<b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b>

<p>AG. Officer's Communication 206332 (ID:19037)</p>	<p>Traffic and Parking Director responding to Items from this Board's 6/14/18 meeting.</p>	<p><b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b></p>
<p>AH. Officer's Communication 206333 (ID:19002)</p>	<p>Traffic and Parking Director responding to Items from this Board's 5/24/18 meeting.</p>	<p><b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b></p>
<p>AI. Order 206395 (ID:19183)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b></p>
<p>AJ. Order 206579 (ID:19365)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b></p>
<p>AK. Order 206671 (ID:19447)</p>	<p>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)</p>	<p><b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b></p>
<p>AL. Order 206739 (ID:19491)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b></p>
<p>AM. Order 206763 (ID:19545)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b></p>
<p>AN. Order 206766 (ID:19548)</p>	<p>By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint two additional crosswalks at the intersection of Cherry Street and Highland Avenue.</p>	<p><b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b></p>

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

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| <p>34. Mayor's Request<br/>206871<br/>(ID:19621)</p>  | <p>Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoices totaling \$176,891.54 using available funds in various DPW General Fund Accounts.</p>  |
| <p>Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 34 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.<br/> <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br/> <b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee</p>  |  |
| <p>35. Mayor's Request<br/>206872<br/>(ID:19517)</p>  | <p>Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$ 1,448.13 using available funds in the Engineering Department's Professional and Technical Services Account for professional services for the Murdock Street project.</p>      |
| <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>  |  |
| <p>36. Mayor's Request<br/>206873<br/>(ID:19631)</p>  | <p>Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$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.</p> |
| <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>  |  |
| <p>37. Mayor's Request<br/>206874<br/>(ID:19632)</p>  | <p>Requesting the re-appointment of Berlin Haynes as Constable.</p>  |
| <p>President Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 37 through 47 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.<br/> <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br/> <b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |  |
| <p>38. Mayor's Request<br/>206875<br/>(ID:19633)</p>  | <p>Requesting the re-appointment of Alan Bishop as Constable.</p>  |
| <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br/> <b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p>  |  |
| <p>39. Mayor's Request<br/>206876<br/>(ID:19634)</p>  | <p>Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Browne as Constable.</p>   |
| <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br/> <b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p>  |  |
| <p>40. Mayor's Request<br/>206877<br/>(ID:19635)</p>  | <p>Requesting the re-appointment of Catello Battinelli II as Constable.</p>  |
| <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br/> <b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p>  |  |

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| 41. Mayor's Request 206878 (ID:19636) | <p>Requesting the re-appointment of Mary Battinelli as Constable.</p> <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br/> <b>FOLLOWUP:</b>      Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p>   |
| 42. Mayor's Request 206879 (ID:19625) | <p>Requesting the appointment of Silvana Dinka to the position of Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board member.</p> <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br/> <b>FOLLOWUP:</b>      Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p>   |
| 43. Mayor's Request 206880 (ID:19626) | <p>Requesting the appointment of Vickie Choitz to the position of Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board member.</p> <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br/> <b>FOLLOWUP:</b>      Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p>   |
| 44. Mayor's Request 206881 (ID:19627) | <p>Requesting the appointment of Anika Van Eaton to the position of Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board member.</p> <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br/> <b>FOLLOWUP:</b>      Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 45. Mayor's Request 206882 (ID:19628) | <p>Requesting the appointment of Rand Wilson to the position of Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board member.</p> <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br/> <b>FOLLOWUP:</b>      Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p>     |
| 46. Mayor's Request 206883 (ID:19629) | <p>Requesting the appointment of Josh Grehan to the position of Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board member.</p> <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br/> <b>FOLLOWUP:</b>      Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p>     |
| 47. Mayor's Request 206884 (ID:19630) | <p>Requesting the appointment of Tom Bent to the position of Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board member.</p> <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br/> <b>FOLLOWUP:</b>      Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p>        |



**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

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| 48. | Officer's<br>Communication<br>206885<br>(ID:19643) | Assistant City Solicitor responding to #205807 with a draft Ordinance to establish and preserve the amount of green space in the City.  |
|     |  | President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 48 and refer it to the Legislative Matters Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.<br><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Legislative Matters Committee |
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| 49. | Officer's<br>Communication<br>206886<br>(ID:19624) | Special Counsel conveying the City's GLX License Agreements.   |
|     |  | President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 49 and place it on file with a copy to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.<br><b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |

**NEW BUSINESS**

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| 50. | License/Permit<br>206887<br>(ID:19670) | Public Event License, Ten Hills Rd Halloween Block Party, from Cresthill Rd to Shore Dr, Oct 31, 5-8PM.   |
|     |  | Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 50 through 52 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.<br><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b> |
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| 51. | License/Permit<br>206888<br>(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. |
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| 52. | License/Permit<br>206889<br>(ID:19672) | New Livery License, Prospect Hill Limo, 25 Adrian St, 1 vehicle. |
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| 53. | Public<br>Communication<br>206890<br>(ID:19673) | Tufts University submitting its Fall 2018 University Accountability report.   |
|     |   | President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 53 and place it on file with a copy to the Committee on Housing and Community Development. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.<br><b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Housing and Community Development Committee |

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54. Public Communication 206891 (ID:19674) Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #206489, a Zoning Ordinance amendment for slope protection.
- President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 54 and place it on file with a copy to the Land Use Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**  
**FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee**
55. Public Communication 206892 (ID:19675) Chris Dwan submitting comments re: #206613, a proposed Ordinance for short-term rental properties.
- President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 55 and place it on file with a copy to the Legislative Matters Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**  
**FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee**
56. Public Communication 206893 (ID:19676) Monica Achen submitting comments re: #204755, a request to transfer a City-owned parcel in the North Prospect Block to the Redevelopment Authority.
- President Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of item 56 and place it on file with a copy to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**  
**FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee**
57. Public Communication 206894 (ID:19677) Sieh Samura submitting comments re: #206284, an Ordinance regarding adult use marijuana establishments.
- President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 57 and place it on file with a copy to the Legislative Matters Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**  
**FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee**
58. Public Communication 206895 (ID:19678) Michael Dundas submitting comments re: #206284, an Ordinance regarding adult use marijuana establishments and the Sira Accelerator Program.
- President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 58 and place it on file with a copy to the Legislative Matters Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**  
**FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee**

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

- 59. Resolution 206896 (ID:19679) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board  
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.

Alderman Ewen-Campen stated that several large parts of Somerville are included in new federally-designated "Opportunity Zones," including the D2 parcel in Union Sq. He said this could significantly enhance the bottom line for investors, and he would like the Administration to comment on possible impacts.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee**

- 60. Communication 206897 (ID:19681) By Ald. Rossetti  
Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of October 22, 2018.

Alderman Rossetti said the team continues to monitor the areas remaining for contract, to maximize potential State reimbursements. Suffolk expressed concerns about potential asbestos findings, and said they are removing soils from the footprint of the building, with an expert on site communicating with DEP. The Committee also discussed a covered walkway from the main building to the vocational wing, but it would cost \$300,000. The Superintendent will look into other avenues to protect students.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- 61. Order 206898 (ID:19683) By Ald. Hirsch, and the Entire Board  
That the Commissioner of Public Works share information about the installation of gates in school lots.

Alderman Rossetti said that after talking with Legislative Liaison Tim Snyder, it appears that the Board approved the school lot gates as part of the FY19 budget. They gates are being installed at all of the schools. Policies have to be put in place, to govern the use of the lots during snow emergencies when schools are or are not open.

**RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE**  
**FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen**

- 62. Order 206899 (ID:19684) By Ald. Hirsch  
That the Director of Housing Stability invite the Public School Superintendent to join in convening with Alderman Hirsch 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.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee**

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| 63.<br>Communication<br>206900<br>(ID:19685)   | By Ald. Hirsch<br>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. |
| <b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b>  |   |
| 64.<br>Ordinance<br>206901<br>(ID:19689)   | By Ald. Ballantyne, Niedergang<br>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.   |
| <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Legislative Matters Committee |   |
| 65.<br>Order<br>206902<br>(ID:19690)   | By Ald. Ballantyne<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on Holland Street, from Teele Square to Paulina Street.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |   |
| 66.<br>Order<br>206903<br>(ID:19691)   | By Ald. Ballantyne<br>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.  |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |   |
| 67.<br>Order<br>206904<br>(ID:19692)   | By Ald. Ballantyne<br>That the Chief of Police monitor the speeding cars on Powderhouse Blvd., especially during school drop off and pick up times.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |   |
| 68.<br>Resolution<br>206905<br>(ID:19693)  | By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board<br>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).                                    |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |   |

69. Order 206906 (ID:19694) By Ald. McLaughlin That Commissioner of Public Works fill the sink holes along Gilman Street from Walnut to Cross Streets.

Alderman McLaughlin requested to waive the readings of items 69 through 74 and refer them all, except item 73, to the Public Utilities and Public Works Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

70. Order 206907 (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.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

71. Order 206908 (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.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

72. Order 206909 (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.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

73. Order 206910 (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.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

74. Order 206911 (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.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

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| 75.  | <p>Mayor's Request<br/>206912<br/>(ID:19700)</p> | <p>Requesting the appointment of Patricha Paul to the position of Condominium Review Board member.</p> |
| <p>Alderman Scott requested to waive the reading of item 75 and refer it to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |  |  |
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| 76.   | <p>Mayor's Request<br/>206913<br/>(ID:19703)</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 76 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee</p> |  |   |
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| 77.  | <p>Public Communication<br/>206914<br/>(ID:19680)</p> | <p>Harvard University submitting its Fall 2018 University Accountability report.</p> |
| <p>President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 77 and place it on file with a copy to the Committee on Housing and Community Development. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p><b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Housing and Community Development Committee</p> |   |  |
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| 78.  | <p>Public Communication<br/>206915<br/>(ID:19686)</p> | <p>Representative Provost submitting comments re: #206481, a proposed zoning amendment for open space requirements for mid-rise and high-rise buildings.</p> |
| <p>President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 78 and place it on file with a copy to the Committee on Land Use. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p><b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Land Use Committee</p> |   |  |
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| 79.  | <p>Public Communication<br/>206916<br/>(ID:19687)</p> | <p>Andrew Greenspon submitting comments re: #204755, a request to transfer a City-owned parcel in the North Prospect Block to the Redevelopment Authority.</p> |
| <p>President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 79 and place it on file with a copy to the Committee on Finance. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p><b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee</p> |   |  |

**LATE ITEMS**

80. Order 206917 (ID:19701) By Ald. Niedergang  
That this Board discharge #206773 re: a fair housing enforcement program, from the Legislative Matters Committee and refer it to the Committee on Housing and Community Development for discussion.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

81. Order 206918 (ID:19705) By Ald. Scott  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a DO NOT ENTER sign at the intersection of Morgan and Beacon Streets.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

82. Order 206919 (ID:19706) By Ald. Scott  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place an ABUTTERS ONLY, NO THRU TRAFFIC sign at the intersection of Morgan and Park Streets.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

83. Order 206920 (ID:19707) By Ald. Scott  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking relocate the ABUTTERS ONLY sign at the intersection of Beacon and Durham Street, and add a NO TRUCKS sign as well, to prevent cut-through commercial traffic.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

84. Order 206921 (ID:19708) By Ald. Scott  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking restore the ABUTTERS ONLY sign at the intersection of Dane and Skehan Streets as soon as possible, ahead of the planned Somerville Avenue detour.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

85. Resolution 206922 (ID:19709) By Ald. Scott  
That the Mayor direct the Director of Personnel to immediately begin filling vacancies in the promotion hierarchy of the Police Department.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

86. Public Communication 206923 (ID:19704) Jessica Turner submitting comments re: the Union Square Neighborhood Council's negotiation for a Union Sq Community Benefit Agreement.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

87. Resolution 206773 (ID:19559) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board That the Administration establish a widely-advertised Fair Housing enforcement program that proactively tests for illegal housing discrimination.

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters pursuant to #206917.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:45 PM.