

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

June 11, 2020, 7:00 PM  
 Meeting by Remote Participation  
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**OPENING CEREMONIES**

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

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

1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
 210222  
 (ID:23152)                      **RESULT:            PLACED ON FILE**
  
2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
 210223  
 (ID:23153)                      Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored a moment of silence for George Pierce. Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Carol Atherton. Councilor Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for 29 residents who have died from COVID-19. Councilor Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Warren Fencil.  
**RESULT:            APPROVED**
  
3. Minutes                              Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 14, 2020.  
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 (ID:23154)                      **RESULT:            APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:                Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne**

**CITATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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| 4. | Grant of Location 210225 (ID:23090) | Submitted by Eversource to install 64 feet of conduit in Heath Street, from utility pole 165/15 to a point of pickup at 128 Heath Street.  |
|    |                                     | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until June 19, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.</p> <p><b>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> City Council</p> |
| 5. | Grant of Location 210226 (ID:23091) | Submitted by Eversource to install 42 feet of conduit in Heath Street, from utility pole 165/15 to a point of pickup at 126 Heath Street.  |
|    |                                     | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until June 19, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.</p> <p><b>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> City Council</p> |
| 6. | Grant of Location 210227 (ID:23089) | Submitted by Eversource to install 43 feet of conduit in Murdock Street, from utility pole 246/4 to a point of pickup at 32 Murdock Street.  |
|    |                                     | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until June 19, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.</p> <p><b>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> City Council</p> |

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

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| 7. | Resolution 210228 (ID:23109) | By City Councilor McLaughlin, Rossetti, Mbah, Strezo, Niedergang, White Jr., and the Mayor<br>Supporting full implementation of body worn cameras by sworn personnel in the Police Department.  |
|    |                              | <p>Councilor McLaughlin noted this Resolution was submitted with the Mayor. Councilor Scott sponsored resident Willie Burnley Jr. to speak. Mr. Burnley said he is one of the protest organizers demanding justice for George Floyd and other victims of police brutality. He spoke against the resolution, stating that body cameras for Police Officers is not justice for victims, and requires the public to give more money to Police. He noted that the Officers involved in the George Floyd murder were wearing body cameras. The city allocated more than \$17 Million to the Police Department and only 1/24 of that to help housing stability. The City needs to protect the public, restore safety and end poverty. Data shows the safest communities have the most resources</p> |

available to the public. He requested that the Council defund the Police Department and reallocate the budget to help the community during the pandemic.

Councilor Strezo said she appreciates Mr. Burnley's testimony, but believes that body cameras can be a great resource if accompanied by an independent review board to review the footage. She noted that the Council should establish penalties for Officers who turn their body cameras off.

Councilor Scott said he supports the needs of the community and is not in favor of body cameras. Councilor Ballantyne expressed concern with the storage of data and said the use of body cameras could conflict with the Facial Recognition Ordinance. Councilor Mbah said he supports the resolution, and that the structure of the Police Department needs to be evaluated, with a system created to manage body camera footage.

Councilor Davis opposed the resolution, arguing that the funds should be used to help support the community. Councilor Niedergang supported the resolution as a step forward in helping protect the public, and increasing transparency and accountability. Councilor McLaughlin appreciated Mr. Burnley's testimony, but said the use of body cameras will decrease violence, and this Council will continue to find ways to help protect the public.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

8. Order  
210229  
(ID:23140)

By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Scott, Mbah, White Jr., Rossetti, Strezo, Niedergang

That the Chief of Police prohibit the purchase and use of military technology and eliminate any military stockpiles the department currently has.

Councilor McLaughlin supported the resolution. He has seen positive changes in the Police Department and expressed concern about military equipment being used among the public. Councilor Scott urged an accounting of all military hardware, such as tear gas launchers. He noted that there is military equipment that is not owned by the city, but accessible through the regional law enforcement collective. Councilor Mbah said this is one step in supporting community needs. Councilor Niedergang noted that he worked in the Police Department from 1995 to 1998 and he has seen great improvements within the Police Department since then.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**

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

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

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| <p>9. Resolution<br/>210230<br/>(ID:23081)</p>  | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr.<br/>Supporting an application to create a state-authorized Cultural District in East Somerville.</p>                       |
| <p>Councilor McLaughlin noted that there are grant opportunities for a Cultural District in East Somerville.<br/><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br/><b>AYES:</b>               Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>   |   |
| <p>10. Order<br/>210231<br/>(ID:23141)</p>  | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin<br/>That the Director of SPCD utilize short-term traffic safety measures at the corner of Washington and Tufts Streets until the GLX construction is finalized.</p>   |
| <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br/><b>AYES:</b>               Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>   |   |
| <p>11. Order<br/>210232<br/>(ID:23142)</p>  | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin<br/>That the Director of SPCD expand the Safer Streets initiative to the Ward 1 side of Washington, Myrtle and Mt. Vernon Streets, and Assembly Row, to increase pedestrian safety and reduce through traffic.</p>        |
| <p>Councilor McLaughlin said he has become passionate about expanding the Safer Streets initiative to protect the public.<br/><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br/><b>AYES:</b>               Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>  |   |
| <p>12. Order<br/>210233<br/>(ID:23128)</p>  | <p>By City Councilor Davis, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Strezo, Rossetti, Mbah, Ballantyne, Clingan, White Jr., McLaughlin<br/>That this Council draft an ordinance to establish a Use of Force Policy applicable to municipal law enforcement agencies.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Davis noted that data shows a Use of Force Policy reduces violence, and can improve the safety of the community.<br/><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br/><b>AYES:</b>               Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne<br/><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>       Legislative Matters Committee</p> |   |
| <p>13. Withdrawn<br/>210234<br/>(ID:23082)</p>  | <p>Withdrawn.<br/><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>WITHDRAWN</b></p>   |

14. Resolution 210235 (ID:23129) By City Councilor Mbah, Scott, Davis, Ewen-Campen, Strezo, Rossetti, Ballantyne, Clingan, White Jr. Calling upon this Council to create a Police Commission and a Community Police Review Agency.

Councilor Mbah noted there have been several acts of police brutality against people of color. The Council will evaluate the Police Department budget to support the needs of the community. Councilor Davis thanked Councilor Mbah for his leadership, and supported a Civilian Review Board. Councilor Scott also thanked Councilor Mbah and said the Council will set an example for all communities, letting the voices of the people be heard. Councilor Strezo said the resolution supports the community. Councilor Niedergang requested the Council not vote on the item tonight because it is challenging and controversial. He requested information on how the two Boards would be structured, and urged discussions with the Police Department and the Mayor. Councilor Strezo supported voting on the resolution. Councilor Davis expressed disappointment with Councilor Niedergang, who responded he would vote no if a vote were taken.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [10 TO 1]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis, Ballantyne  
**NAYS:** Niedergang  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

15. Resolution 210236 (ID:23137) By City Councilor Mbah, McLaughlin, Clingan, Strezo, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Scott That this Council supports the Just Us Somerville organization of local residents of color and considers their demands regarding policing.

Councilor Scott commented he looks forward to bringing the public's demands to the table, while Councilor McLaughlin noted the group has not formalized its demands yet.

**RESULT:** LAID ON THE TABLE  
**FOLLOWUP:** City Council

16. Resolution 210237 (ID:23146) By City Councilor Mbah, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, White Jr. That the Administration re-assess its hiring policies to include people of color in leadership positions and update this Council on efforts to promote equity across all departments.

Councilor Mbah commented it is important to promote equality in the workplace. Councilor Clingan said he wanted to improve the hiring process to give people of color career opportunities. Councilor Scott said the Council would evaluate hiring policies to promote diversity, and Councilor Strezo suggested improving the hiring process for women as well.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne  
**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

17. Order 210238 (ID:23147) By City Councilor Mbah That the Director of SPCD update this Council on the minority-owned business initiative and provide data on the number of businesses that have been helped from being gentrified.

Councilor Mbah noted this an ongoing program and requested an update.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

18. Resolution 210239 (ID:23138) By City Councilor Clingan, McLaughlin, Davis, Niedergang, Scott That the Mayor work with the Director of the Somerville Housing Authority to abolish the Housing Authority Police Department and reallocate the funds for social services for Housing Authority residents.

Councilor Clingan noted confusion regarding the authority of the Housing Authority Police Department, and said it should be abolished with the funds re-allocated to help residents. Councilor Scott supported the resolution, saying there are many issues with the Housing Authority Police. Councilor Strezio asked about the process, and President McLaughlin responded it would require cooperation from the Housing Authority and the Police. Once abolished, the Council could discuss ways to re-purpose the federal funds. He noted the Housing Authority Police are held to the same level of accountability as City Police, but are not able to provide emergency services. He supported the resolution.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

19. Resolution 210240 (ID:23139) By City Councilor Clingan, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Scott, Strezio, Davis That the Director of the Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) develop a formal process for SHA residents to report SHA Police misconduct, in lieu of an outright abolition.

Councilor Clingan said the goal is to establish accountability in the Housing Authority Police Department if it can't be abolished. He said the City could revoke their ability to carry firearms.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

20. Order 210241 (ID:23148) By City Councilor Clingan, Rossetti, Mbah, Ballantyne, Strezo That the Chief of Police expand the Community Outreach, Help and Recovery program.

Councilor Clingan discussed the importance of expanding the COHR program, which is known for helping individuals who have overdosed. Councilor Scott said the program should be separate from the Police Department, and Councilor Clingan agreed.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

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

21. Order 210242 (ID:23149) By City Councilor Clingan, Davis, Ballantyne That the Chief of Police convene a summit to discuss any changes in policies and procedures that have been enacted to improve policing by taking on more of a harm-reduction approach to policing.

Councilor Clingan noted that the Police Department has been in the forefront in addressing drug abuse, and has greatly improved its level of service. He noted that layoffs in the Department would reduce the number of newer, younger police officers. Councilor Scott said that methods like buyouts could help manage a force reduction. He said he had filed a FOIA request for the number of vacant Police Officer positions, but believed there were about 16 such positions, which he said could be cut from the budget.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

22. Order 210243 (ID:23150) By City Councilor Clingan That the Chief of Police and the Director of Personnel establish an Officer Wellness Program for physical fitness and other mental wellness programs, that most importantly includes a mandatory annual mental wellness evaluation by a mental health professional to address any potential mental health issues.

Councilor Clingan noted there is a stigma regarding mental health, and this program could be very beneficial for Police Officers' well-being. Councilor White expressed concern with the item, saying mental health evaluations would have to be collectively bargained.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

23. Order 210244 (ID:23151) By City Councilor Clingan That the Chief of Police establish a Superior Officer Training Program to ensure that superior officers communicate clear expectations of performance and conduct of those officers under their command and include a system of accountability when expectations are not met.
- Councilor Clingan noted that Police Officers can rise through the ranks without acquiring management skills. He urged the establishment of guidelines and accountability among the Superior Officers. Councilor White noted that this Council's Committee on Appointments does an amazing job of evaluating candidates for promotion, but supported additional training to teach command skills to officers who are promoted.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
24. Resolution 210245 (ID:23131) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Ballantyne, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, White Jr., Scott Supporting Congresswoman Pressley's Congressional Resolution against "police brutality, racial profiling, and the use of excessive and militarized force throughout the country."
- Councilor Ewen-Campen said changes are taking place at the Federal and State level, and this resolution supports the city's Congressional and State delegations.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
25. Order 210246 (ID:23132) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Scott, Strezo, Mbah, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Rossetti That the Director of Health and Human Services work with City Council to create and fund an unarmed agency that responds to mental health emergencies, addiction and substance-abuse emergencies, and other non-violent crises.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that the Police receives many calls (90%) that aren't crime-related, and the public is dependent on them for non-criminal issues. He would like a public process to help create an unarmed agency to handle these situations. Councilors Strezo and Mbah thanked Councilor Ewen-Campen for this resolution and his efforts in this regard.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee



26. Resolution 210247 (ID:23133) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Administration provide an update on the Disparity Study regarding racial equity in city spending submitted as #208809 on September 12, 2019.

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

27. Resolution 210248 (ID:23134) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Strezo, Ballantyne, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr., Clingan, McLaughlin That this City support the "Stop The Money Pipeline" movement by calling on the insurance industry to end its insurance for and investments in fossil fuels.

Councilor Ewen-Campen requested the Council support the "Stop The Money Pipeline" movement to support climate change. The city is a leader in the municipal investments movement, and the Mayor supports moving pension funds from fossil fuel companies. This resolution's goal is to end insurance companies' support of fossil fuels with both insurance and investment. He urged the city to screen insurance companies to verify they don't invest in fossil fuels. He noted that the Mayor will bring this issue forward at the Metro Mayors Coalition.

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

28. Order 210249 (ID:23135) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the public recycling bins at the locations specified within.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said public recycling bins in Ward 3 have been removed.

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

29. Order 210250 (ID:23136) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That this Council's Special Committee on Rodent Issues discuss ways for renters to address rodent issues at their residences without fear of retribution from their landlords.

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

30. Resolution 210251 (ID:23145) By City Councilor Ballantyne  
That the Mayor, the Chief of Police and the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council, at its June 11, 2020 meeting, their declaration of Systemic Racism as a Public Safety and Health Emergency.
- Councilor Ballantyne said the Mayor made this declaration, but unfortunately was unable to discuss it with the Council tonight. Legislative Liaison Khushbu Webber said the Administration would discuss it when the Mayor, Chief of Police and Director of Health and Human Services are all able to attend.
- RESULT:** LAID ON THE TABLE  
**FOLLOWUP:** City Council
31. Order 210252 (ID:23143) By City Councilor Ballantyne, McLaughlin  
That the Director of Finance submit to this Council by June 17, 2020, an updated FY21 Capital Projects Plan, taking into account the Administration's freeze on all capital projects during the COVID-19 health emergency.
- Councilor Ballantyne said the Council is waiting to hear back from the Administration regarding capital projects.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
32. Order 210253 (ID:23144) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott, McLaughlin  
That the Director of Finance submit to this Council, a list of all anticipated new and renewal contracts to be signed in July 2020.
- Councilor Ballantyne said the Administration is reluctant to offer a 1/12 budget, partly because of its inability to sign year-long contracts, so she asked for a list of anticipated contracts.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
33. Resolution 210254 (ID:23130) By City Councilor Niedergang  
That the Administration provide this Council with an updated list of all Home Rule Petitions before the State Legislature and a brief summary of their status.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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| 34. | Resolution<br>209284<br>(ID:22154)           | By City Councilor Scott<br>Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.   |
|     |  | <p><b>RESULT:</b>        <b>LAID ON THE TABLE</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>    City Council</p>   |
| 35. | Grant of<br>Location<br>210174<br>(ID:23046) | Submitted by Eversource to install 452 feet of conduit in Washington St from manhole 15059 at the intersection of Washington and Franklin Sts, to a point of pickup at 130 Washington St. (Interim approval granted.)   |
|     |  | <p>Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 35 to 41 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p><b>RESULT:</b>        <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>           Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br/>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 36. | Grant of<br>Location<br>210175<br>(ID:23047) | Submitted by Eversource to install a total of 804 feet of conduit as follows:<br>Starting from manhole 25391 at the intersection of Prospect St and Webster Ave and running 363 feet to manhole 4118 on Webster Ave, then 276 feet to a new manhole 30846 on Columbia St, and then another 165 feet to manhole 26723 on Windsor Pl.                   |
|     |  | <p><b>RESULT:</b>        <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>           Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br/>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>  |
| 37. | Grant of<br>Location<br>210176<br>(ID:23048) | Submitted by Eversource to install a total of 207 feet of conduit in Earle St, with 69 feet running from manhole 26730 in Earle St to a point of pickup at the rear of 153 South St, and 138 feet running from that same manhole to a point of pickup at the intersection of Earle St and Windsor Pl.   |
|     |  | <p><b>RESULT:</b>        <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>           Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br/>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>  |
| 38. | Grant of<br>Location<br>210177<br>(ID:23027) | Submitted by Eversource to install 70 feet of conduit in Irving St, from pole 178/8 to a point of pickup at 39 Irving St.   |
|     |  | <p><b>RESULT:</b>        <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>           Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br/>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>  |
| 39. | Grant of<br>Location<br>210178<br>(ID:23026) | Submitted by Eversource to install 25 feet of conduit in Broadway, from Manhole 12854 to a point of pickup at 112 Broadway.   |
|     |  | <p><b>RESULT:</b>        <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>           Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br/>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>  |

40. Grant of Location 210179 (ID:23028) Submitted by Level 3 Communications to install 22 feet of conduit in Holland St from existing Level 3 manhole #0515-3107 to a new handhole, then continuing another 43 feet from that handhole to existing manhole #8247 near 37 Holland St.

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

41. Grant of Location 210180 (ID:23029) Submitted by Level 3 Communications to install 15 feet of conduit in Highland Ave from manhole #8237 to a new handhole, then another 5 feet of conduit from that handhole to a point of pickup at 403 Highland Ave.

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

42. License/Permit 210205 (ID:23060) Renewing Dog Kennel License, Elliots House Pet Care and More, 230 Somerville Avenue, to board 10 dogs overnight only.

Councilor Scott asked if postcards were mailed to abutters recently, and City Clerk John Long said the abutters had not been recently notified. Councilor Scott explained that this business has suffered from the all of the re-construction in Union Square, and the pandemic, and requested that the Council approve the license.

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

43. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210255 (ID:23084) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 1, 2020.

Councilor Scott noted that it was a short meeting. The Committee discussed timelines and fiscal issues with respect to the FY21 budget review.

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

44. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report  
210256  
(ID:23088)

Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 4, 2020.

Councilor Scott said the Committee discussed water and sewer rates. The Council had previously been informed there would not be an increase in such rates in the coming year, but a proposal was made to increase them by 4% and a public hearing was held on the matter. He noted that there are outstanding infrastructure issues, and said increasing the rates by 2.5%-7.5% would affect the city's funds. The Committee also discussed gender equity in spending on programs offered by the Recreation Department and the High School Athletic Department. They also discussed the Police Department budget and other spending priorities.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**

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

45. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report  
210257  
(ID:23113)

Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 10, 2020.

Councilor Scott noted the Committee had a training session on the new "Open Gov" platform to view the FY21 budget online. The School budget is not online, but the preliminary proposal from the Mayor is. The Committee discussed the logistics for budget review, and the Council will receive the budget on June 19. The Mayor could propose a 1/12 continuing resolution to allow city services to continue while the Council does its review. The public hearing on the budget will be on June 24.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**

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

46. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report  
210258  
(ID:23086)

Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on June 3, 2020.

Councilor Strezio said the Committee discussed the purchase of the Little Sisters of Poor by the Visiting Nurses Association. The Committee requested that the Administration establish a Fair Housing Enforcement Program, and noted that Suffolk University has secured funds for such a program. The Committee also discussed rent controls during the COVID-19 pandemic and a bill that would lift the Statewide ban on rent control to allow municipalities to enact protections for renters. She said a Home Rule Petition would allow tenants to purchase their property if it were for sale. The Committee reviewed the effectiveness of the Tenant Notification Act and noted a city-wide mailing would cost \$15,000. Finally, the Committee reviewed the plan for an Affordable Housing Universal Wait List.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**

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

- B. Resolution 208986 (ID:21811) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, Mbah, Clingan  
That the Administration update this Council on plans to preserve onsite affordable senior housing and care for the current and future residents of the Little Sisters of the Poor facility.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

47. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210259 (ID:23085) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on June 2, 2020.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said the Committee reviewed the first draft of the Affordable Housing Overlay District, which the public can view online. He encouraged everyone to watch the video to review the proposed concepts. The Committee will further review the draft, which is designed to encourage affordable housing construction.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**

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

48. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210260 (ID:23087) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on June 4, 2020.

Councilor Davis said the Committee discussed an ordinance to formally recognize domestic partnerships, and he requested feedback from the public. The Committee also discussed an amendment to the Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance, to make applications available online for public review, further support economic empowerment applicants, and remove priority status for Somerville residents.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]**

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

**RECUSED:** McLaughlin

- B. Order 209762 (ID:22626) By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch  
That the City Solicitor draft language to amend the Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance to require full disclosure of all ownership interests, including names and percentage interest of all owners or shareholders.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- C. Order 209763 (ID:22628) By City Councilor Niedergang  
That this Council consider amending the Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance to remove Somerville residency as a qualifier for being a priority applicant in Group A, in order to prioritize Economic Empowerment applicants.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

49. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210261 (ID:23083) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 1, 2020.

Councilor Clingan noted that the minutes are extensive and referred interested persons to review them online.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

50. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210262 (ID:23099) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 8, 2020.

Councilor Clingan noted that the minutes are extensive and referred interested persons to review them online.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

51. Mayor's Request 210263 (ID:23117) Requesting the adoption of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54, to exempt small personal property accounts from taxation.

Councilor Ballantyne noted the City has over \$250 Million in revenue, and the proposed exemption would return \$16,000 to small businesses by exempting personal property totaling less than \$5,000 from taxation. City Assessor Frank Golden reported the Board of Assessors' support for the exemption limit of \$5,000, saying it would significantly reduce administrative expenses and collection costs. Councilor Rossetti proposed an exemption limit of \$10,000 to further support small businesses. Mr. Golden noted that \$40,000 in tax revenues would be lost at that level of exemption. Councilor Rossetti's motion was approved as #210304.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [10 TO 0]

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

**RECUSED:** Scott

52. Mayor's Request 210264 (ID:23114) Requesting approval of an Order to not require this Council's authorization pursuant to Ordinance 12-14 for businesses seeking outdoor food and beverage service on the public way through November 1, 2020.

Councilor White said the Council currently approved outdoor seating on public ways, and if a business serves alcohol, they must also gain approval from the Licensing Commission. The Administration now requests a temporary waiver of Ordinance 12-14 to allow the Licensing Commission to authorize outdoor seating on public ways for restaurants that wish to serve food and drink outdoors during the pandemic. This would simplify and speed the approval process. Councilor Ewen-Campen supported the request, as did Councilor Rossetti. She said she'd like the proposed limit of November 1 to be extended to December 31, 2020. Licensing Commission Chairman Joe Lynch testified that the Governor set his temporary order to expire on November 1, when authority would revert to the Council. He noted that the Commission would not issue alcohol licenses to businesses that do not currently have an alcoholic beverage license. Mr. Lynch said the Commission would work with the Council to help the restaurant industry and protect the public, and would issue violations to businesses who violate their license.

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

53. Mayor's Request 210265 (ID:23105) Requesting a transfer of \$500,000 from the Engineering Capital Outlay Street Repairs Account to the Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing Stabilization Fund to preserve funds for needed street repairs.

Councilor Scott requested to waive the readings of items 53 to 59, 65 and 66 and refer the items to the Committee on Finance. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

54. Mayor's Request 210266 (ID:23108) Requesting the appropriation of \$80,000 from the Snow Removal Account to the Sanitation Recycling Account to fund the May/June recycling invoice.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

55. Mayor's Request 210267 (ID:23112) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$40,000 from the DPW Snow Removal Account to the Sanitation Rubbish Removal Account to fund the June Waste Management rubbish removal invoice.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee



56. Mayor's Request 210268 (ID:23103) Requesting a transfer of \$3,900 from various City Clerk's Office Accounts to the Clerk of Committees Salaries Monthly Account to fund an FY20 deficit.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

57. Mayor's Request 210269 (ID:23110) Requesting a transfer of \$1,000 from the Economic Development Personal Services Account to the Redevelopment Authority Personal Services Account to cover a year-end deficit.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

58. Mayor's Request 210270 (ID:22896) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$31,291.50 using available funds in the DPW's Lights and Lines Account.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

59. Mayor's Request 210271 (ID:22895) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$10,975.06 using available funds in various DPW General Fund Accounts.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

60. Mayor's Request 210272 (ID:23116) Requesting acceptance of a \$54,538 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Justice to the Fire Department for overtime costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councilor Scott requested to waive the readings of items 60, 61, 63 and 64 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

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

61. Mayor's Request 210273 (ID:22878) Requesting acceptance of a \$43,700 grant with no new match required, from Commonwealth Corporation (formerly Metro North Regional Employment Board) to the Health and Human Services Department for summer youth employment.

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

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| 62. Mayor's Request 210274 (ID:23075) | Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$3,110 with no new match required from the MA Council on Aging to the Council of Aging for Care Givers and Memory Cafe support.  | <p>Councilor McLaughlin noted that the Administration requested the Council vote on this item tonight to support the Council on Aging's programming.</p> <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>             Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 63. Mayor's Request 210275 (ID:23078) | Requesting acceptance of a \$2,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Public Health - The 84 Movement to the Health and Human Services Department for youth substance use prevention effort. | <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>             Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>  |
| 64. Mayor's Request 210276 (ID:23079) | Requesting acceptance of a \$730.60 grant with no new match required, from the MA Dept of Health to the Health and Human Services Department for a youth photo voice gallery on gambling prevention.                  | <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>             Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p>  |
| 65. Mayor's Request 210277 (ID:22888) | Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for the street resurfacing contract with D&R General Contracting Inc.   | <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>       Finance Committee</p>  |
| 66. Mayor's Request 210278 (ID:23107) | Requesting the approval of FY21 expenditure limitations for departmental Revolving Funds.   | <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>       Finance Committee</p>  |
| 67. Mayor's Request 210279 (ID:23100) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Carla Lillvik as a Trustee for the Board of Library Trustees.   | <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>       Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p>   |

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

68. Officer's Communication 210280 (ID:23102) Assistant City Solicitor submitting an amendment to Ordinance 2-221 regarding Adult Use Marijuana Establishments, as approved by the Legislative Matters Committee on 6/4/20.

Councilor Davis pointed out that this is the proposed amendment that was approved by the Legislative Matters Committee, primarily to make applications available online for public review, further support economic empowerment applicants, and remove priority status for Somerville residents. Councilor Niedergang noted there were other provisions regarding ownership and property owner interest.

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

69. Officer's Communication 210281 (ID:23104) Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #209814 with the disposition of funds for the Boat House.

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

70. Officer's Communication 210282 (ID:23115) Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #210208 and #210209 on plans to re-open Dilboy Pool and Summer Camps.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

**NEW BUSINESS**

71. License/Permit 210283 (ID:23097) Renewing Flammables License, Home Depot, 75 Mystic Ave.

Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 71 to 77 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

72. License/Permit 210284 (ID:23096) Renewing Flammables License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St.

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

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| 73. License/Permit<br>210285<br>(ID:23094)          | Renewing Garage License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St.<br><br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne  |
| 74. License/Permit<br>210286<br>(ID:23095)          | Renewing Garage License, Mike's Auto Services, 6 Beach Ave.<br><br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne  |
| 75. License/Permit<br>210287<br>(ID:23092)          | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Mayer Campus Center, 44 Professors Row.<br><br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne   |
| 76. License/Permit<br>210288<br>(ID:23093)          | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Tisch Library Cafe, 35 Professors Row.<br><br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne  |
| 77. License/Permit<br>210289<br>(ID:23155)          | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, J and J Transportation, Med #74.<br><br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne  |
| 78. Public<br>Communication<br>210290<br>(ID:23156) | 3,380 citizens (approx.) submitting comments re: redistributing Police Department funding.<br><br>Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that since the death of George Floyd the public has increased its calls for racial equality. The Council has received numerous emails and calls to defund the Police Department, including a petition with over 3,000 signatures. He sponsored resident Kathryn Anderson, who said the petition demands fundamental changes in support of the "Black Lives Matter" movement. She discussed Police brutality last Fall at Boston's Pride event, which resulted in a letter with 117 signatures. This petition has 3,800 signatures and the goal is to gain more social supports to the community. Resident Matthew Kennedy spoke next, saying the Police are antagonizing the working class and protecting the property of the wealthy, and defunding them is the first step in making a difference. He said body cameras and other technology have not helped protect the public, and he requested the Council reject any proposed increase in Police funding. He said Police contract negotiations should be made public and Police Officers should be held |

liable for misconduct and violence. He argued that the funds saved should be invested in the community. Councilor Mbah said the Police Department's structure needs to change, while Councilor Rossetti noted that the Council can only cut the budget, but not re-allocate the savings. Councilor Davis requested the Administration look for programs that can reduce Police interventions. Councilor Scott said the Mayor has the opportunity to make a change in his FY21 budget. Councilor Ballantyne noted that even if the Council cuts a departmental budget, the department can often find ways to re-appropriate the money.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne  
**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

79. Order 210291 (ID:23157) By City Councilor Mbah That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance, prior to this Council's June 25 meeting, banning racial profiling.

Councilor Mbah noted the public's many calls reporting racial profiling and said this ordinance would make a difference.

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

80. Order 210292 (ID:23163) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Chief of Police or the Director of Personnel report to this Council, no later than June 18, the number and rank of all sworn officers and civilian employees (including job titles) in the Police Department, yearly from 1987 to 2020.

Councilor Niedergang noted that crime has decreased 60% in the city and requested the number of Police Officers since 1987 for a data comparison.

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

81. Order 210293 (ID:23165) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne  
That the Chief of Police verify whether the Marshall Project website's report that the Police Department received 26 5.56 millimeter rifles worth \$4,257 from the federal government is accurate, whether those rifles are currently in the Department's possession, and what their purpose and potential use is.

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

82. Order 210294 (ID:23166) By City Councilor White Jr., Ballantyne, Strezo, Rossetti, Mbah, Davis  
That the Land Use Committee review the proposed amendment to Zoning Ordinance 15.4.2.b.iii when developing its own proposal to amend that ordinance.

Councilor White noted that several Councilors have expressed concerns with construction projects that were approved that weren't in compliance Special Permit conditions. He proposed drafting an ordinance to address this issue and protect neighborhoods.

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

83. Mayor's Request 210295 (ID:23160) Requesting an appropriation of \$26,004,509 to fund the FY21 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget.

Councilor Scott requested to waive the readings of items 83 to 89 and refer them to the Committee on Finance. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

84. Mayor's Request 210296 (ID:23159) Requesting the appropriation of \$15,914,535 to fund the FY21 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

85. Mayor's Request 210297 (ID:23158) Requesting the appropriation of \$699,725 from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY21 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

86. Mayor's Request 210298 (ID:23168) Requesting the repurposing of \$300,000 in CPA funds awarded to the City's Public Space and Urban Forestry Division for the rehabilitation of the Central Hill Campus.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

87. Mayor's Request 210299 (ID:23169) Requesting the appropriation of \$206,080 from the CPA Fund Open Space/Recreational Land Reserve to the Public Space/Urban Forestry Division for the rehabilitation of the Central Hill Playground.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

88. Mayor's Request 210300 (ID:23167) Requesting approval to extend the contract for the Somerville Museum's FY16 CPA grant for an additional three years.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

89. Mayor's Request 210301 (ID:23127) Requesting the appropriation of \$91,324 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to the Fire Alarm Personal Services Account to fund the FY20 Agreement with the Firefighters Local 76 Fire Alarm Unit.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

**LATE ITEMS**

90. Order 210302 (ID:23174) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne That the Chief of Police report to this Council, no later than June 18, 2020 a description of any military equipment purchased or received as a federal grant, currently in the possession of the Police Department.

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

91. Order 210303 (ID:23173) By City Councilor Rossetti  
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact Eversource for an explanation of its reasoning for not having to notify homeowners when randomly installing bollards on private property.

Councilor Rossetti reported that two bollards were installed on private property--her property and a neighbor's property--without their consent. She said the city didn't know why this was done, and Eversource is supposed to notify property owners before trespassing on their property. She expressed concern with Eversource not following the rules. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy said this isn't normal company practice, and that bollards are only installed for public safety. She will investigate why they were installed without notifying the property owners.

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

92. Order 210304 (ID:23177) By City Councilor Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang  
That the Board of Assessors set the exemption amount under MGL c59 s5 Clause 54 at \$10,000.

For discussion of this item see #210263.

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

93. Order 210305 (ID:23175) By City Councilor Ballantyne  
That the Director of Finance and Director of Budgeting update and submit the 10-year budget forecast in preparation for the FY21 budget review.

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

94. Resolution 210306 (ID:23176) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezo  
That the Administration move away from a policy to turn all Parks and Recreation programming to co-ed programming and equitably and equally invest in girls programming.

Councilor Ballantyne said she is opposed to the Administration turning all Parks and Recreation programming into co-ed programming, and she urged gender equity funding for girls' recreation programming.

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



**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:20 PM.