

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

July 10, 2014, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

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

1. Roll Call 197356 (ID:9968) Call of the Roll.

Alderman Heuston requested a moment of silence for Edward Sullivan, Joseph Downey and John Ercolini. President White requested a moment of silence for Benedetto Viola. <b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b>
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2. Minutes 197357 (ID:9967) Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, June 5, 2014, and the Regular Meeting, June 12, 2014.

<b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>
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**CITATIONS**

3. Citation 197358 (ID:9973) By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending High School Track Coach David Dickerson and High School Soccer Coach George Scarpelli, who have both been elected to the State Coaches Hall of Fame.

Alderman Connolly spoke about Coach Dickerson and Coach Scarpelli's acceptance into the Hall of Fame and their great achievements. Nicole Viele accepted the award on behalf of Coach Scarpelli. Coach Dickerson said he is honored to receive this award.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

4. Citation 197359 (ID:9972) By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Humphrey Moynihan, retiring after 24 years of dedicated service on the Board of Assessors.

Alderman Connolly spoke about Mr. Moynihan's achievements in the Assessor's office and congratulated Mr. Moynihan on his career. Mr. Moynihan thanked the Board and the citizens of Somerville.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5. Grant of Location 197360 (ID:9975) Submitted by NStar Electric, for 8 feet of conduit installed in the sidewalk from pole 298/0 to a point of pickup at 170 School St.

President White opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy from NStar Electric spoke about the work needed to be completed. There were no other speakers, and the public hearing was closed.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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

6. Order 197361 (ID:9911) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of Human Services and/or the ADA Coordinator investigate the lack of handicapped parking and accessibility at Foss Park.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

7. Order 197362 (ID:9912) By Ald. McLaughlin, Lafuente That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the uneven roadway in front of the Winter Hill Bank on Broadway, as it poses a safety risk.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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| 8. Order<br>197363<br>(ID:9913)   | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Director of SPCD (Parks and Infrastructure) examine the parking lot of the old American Legion Post on Tufts and Glen Streets as a possible location for a park, with a theme of veteran's service.                    |                |                 |                  |   |
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| <b>FOLLOWUP:</b>  | Housing and Community Development Committee   |                |                 |                  |   |
| 9. Order<br>197364<br>(ID:9914)   | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works re-paint the yellow curbs along Oliver and Glen Streets and Oliver and Knowlton Streets and install signage on Oliver and Knowlton Streets indicating where parking is not allowed.       |                |                 |                  |   |
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| 10. Order<br>197365<br>(ID:9915)  | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the crooked sidewalk by Oliver and Knowlton Streets.   |                |                 |                  |   |
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| 11. Order<br>197366<br>(ID:9916)  | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Chief of Police determine if 16-wheel vehicles are allowed to drive down Tufts Street at odd hours of the night and if they are allowed to park there.   |                |                 |                  |   |
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| 12. Order<br>197367<br>(ID:9917)  | By Ald. McLaughlin, Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr.<br>That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide updates on the problems reported at 38 Illinois Avenue and 39-41 Michigan Avenue, detailing a plan of how these properties will be dealt with. |                |                 |                  |   |
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| 13. Order<br>197368<br>(ID:9918)  | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the corner of Hathorn Street and Broadway.  |                |                 |                  |   |
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| 14. Order<br>197369<br>(ID:9919)  | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Director of SPCD (ISD) investigate the reason for debris from the empty building at 22 Cross Street East falling into neighbors yards.   |                |                 |                  |   |
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| 15. | Order<br>197370<br>(ID:9920) | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the trash from the corner of Illinois Avenue and Broadway.                          | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED</b>   |
| 16. | Order<br>197371<br>(ID:9921) | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the security light on top of the East Branch library.                               | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED</b>   |
| 17. | Order<br>197372<br>(ID:9922) | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the trash from the site of the old Harris Park, and place a trash receptacle there. | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED</b>   |
| 18. | Order<br>197373<br>(ID:9923) | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inform the Rent-a-Center on Broadway about the allowed times for trash pickup.                   | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED</b>   |
| 19. | Order<br>197374<br>(ID:9924) | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works re-paint the crosswalk at Tufts Street and Broadway.                                       | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED</b>   |
| 20. | Order<br>197375<br>(ID:9925) | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing a traffic light at the intersection of Tufts Street and Broadway.   | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Traffic and Parking Committee   |
| 21. | Order<br>197376<br>(ID:9926) | By Ald. Gewirtz, Niedergang<br>That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the area around 80 and 82 Morrison Avenue for rodents.                             | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Rodent Issues Special Committee |
| 22. | Order<br>197377<br>(ID:9927) | By Ald. Gewirtz<br>That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the efforts undertaken to control the noise coming from 236 Elm Street.           | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED</b>   |

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| 23. Order<br>197378<br>(ID:9928)  | By Ald. Gewirtz<br>That the Director of SPCD (Parks and Infrastructure) plant new trees near Cutter Park and on Elm Street, towards Porter Square.                           |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |
| 24. Order<br>197379<br>(ID:9929)  | By Ald. Gewirtz<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works install new posts near 187 Elm Street for winter lights and banners.  |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |
| 25. Order<br>197380<br>(ID:9930)  | By Ald. Gewirtz<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalk panels in front of 741 Broadway.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |
| 26. Order<br>197381<br>(ID:9931)  | By Ald. Gewirtz, Niedergang<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalk panels in front of 289 Highland Avenue.                                      |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |
| 27. Order<br>197382<br>(ID:9932)  | By Ald. Gewirtz<br>That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the STOP sign at the corner of Chandler Street and Park Avenue.  |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Traffic and Parking Committee |  |
| 28. Order<br>197383<br>(ID:9933)  | By Ald. Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, Niedergang<br>That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the back area of 154 Cedar Street for dumpster and recycle bins being kept open. |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |
| 29. Order<br>197384<br>(ID:9934)  | By Ald. McWatters<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes at 17 Aldersey Street.  |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |
| 30. Order<br>197385<br>(ID:9935)  | By Ald. McWatters<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalks at 42 and 45 Vinal Avenue.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |

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| 31. Order<br>197386<br>(ID:9936)  | By Ald. McWatters<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken sidewalk panel at 7 Belmont Place.  |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |
| 32. Order<br>197387<br>(ID:9937)  | By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., Gewirtz<br>That the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the utility maintaining the transfer station on Willow Avenue and Whipple Street to cut back the overgrown weeds. |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Public Utilities and Public Works Committee |  |
| 33. Order<br>197388<br>(ID:9938)  | By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works remove and replace the dead tree at 14 Winslow Avenue.  |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |
| 34. Order<br>197389<br>(ID:9939)  | By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the depressions on the roadway at College Avenue and Broadway.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |
| 35. Order<br>197390<br>(ID:9940)  | By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz<br>That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the open dumpster at 53 Winslow Avenue for all compliance requirements.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |
| 36. Order<br>197391<br>(ID:9941)  | By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the remnants of the bicycle chained to the traffic sign at College Avenue and Winter Street.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |
| 37. Order<br>197392<br>(ID:9942)  | By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street lamp at Highland and College Avenues.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |
| 38. Order<br>197393<br>(ID:9943)  | By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the tree branches in front of 76 Winslow Avenue.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |

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| 39. Order<br>197394<br>(ID:9944)  | By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz<br>That the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the MBTA to remove the unsightly handbills and posters from the outside wall of the College Avenue subway entrance.  |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |
| 40. Resolution<br>197395<br>(ID:9945)   | By Ald. Niedergang<br>That the Administration add Hall Street, Cherry Street, and Josephine Avenue between Kidder and Morrison Avenues to the street repaving list and report to the Ward 5 Alderman when they are likely to be repaved.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</b> |  |
| 41. Order<br>197396<br>(ID:9946)  | By Ald. Niedergang<br>That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a pop-up caution sign in the crosswalk at Lowell Street and Albion Street.  |
| <b>RESULT: WITHDRAWN</b>  |  |
| 42. Order<br>197397<br>(ID:9947)  | By Ald. Niedergang<br>That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the No Parking regulation on the east side of Cedar Street, immediately south of Clyde Street, especially during morning and evening rush hours.  |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |
| 43. Order<br>197398<br>(ID:9948)  | By Ald. Niedergang<br>That the Director of Traffic and Parking and/or the Commissioner of Public Works install a sign with flashing lights at the intersection of Morrison Avenue and Highland Road, to ensure safety for the children crossing to get to Lexington Park and the Community Path. |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |
| 44. Order<br>197399<br>(ID:9949)  | By Ald. Niedergang<br>That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Traffic Engineer consider bicycle sharrows on Central Street between Highland Avenue and Broadway, and report to the Ward 5 Alderman on their feasibility.  |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |
| 45. Order<br>197400<br>(ID:9950)  | By Ald. Niedergang<br>That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a CHILDREN PLAYING sign on the east side of Trull Street, between Vernon Street and Medford Street, as close to 31-33 Trull Street as possible.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</b>               |  |

46. Order 197401 (ID:9951) By Ald. Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Josephine Avenue near the Brown School, between Kidder and Morrison Avenues.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

47. Order 197402 (ID:9952) By Ald. Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes in front of 37 Cherry Street and on the north side of Elm Street just west of Cherry Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

48. Order 197403 (ID:9953) By Ald. Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the weeds, trash and broken glass on Somerville Avenue by the railroad tracks between Mossland Street and the car wash.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

49. Order 197404 (ID:9954) By Ald. Sullivan, Gewirtz, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr. That the Commissioner of Public Works install a NO PARKING IN BUS STOP sign at the bus stop on Elm Street in front of Dunkin Donuts, and that the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce this restriction.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

50. Order 197405 (ID:9955) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees in front of 18 and 20 Ware Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

51. Order 197406 (ID:9956) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the door on solar trash bin in front of 1188 Broadway.

**RESULT: APPROVED**



**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

52. Order 197264 (ID:9812) By Ald. Gewirtz That the Director of SPCD (ISD) report to this Board, in writing no later than July 10, 2014, the specific enforcement activities his department has carried out to ensure compliance with the polystyrene ban as well as any written notifications that were sent.

Alderman Gewirtz spoke about the timeline of enforcement on the polystyrene ban. She discussed all of the marketing that will be put in place and applauded this approach on the ban. She mentioned the fact that this is way past the deadline, however all the hard work to get this enforced is finally being seen. Alderman Niedergang expressed concern about business owners who have already banned Styrofoam and are incurring higher costs than those who haven't enacted the ban, and he hopes enforcement for all businesses will help resolve this problem.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

53. Citation 196196 (ID:8813) By Ald. Niedergang, and the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Emma DiMasi on the happy occasion of her Ninety Ninth birthday.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

54. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 197407 (ID:9905) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on July 2, 2014.

Alderman Lafuente reported on the items addressed at the meeting, as well as the discussion regarding requests for grants and bonds. Following the approval of the Report, the Board conducted several roll call votes. Because of an error by the Clerk, the Board conducted a roll call vote on an item that had NOT been recommended for approval, and that the Committee had instead recommended remain in Committee for further consideration. That item, #197186, was Approved by roll call on a 10-0 vote with Ald. McWatters absent. At the conclusion of the meeting, under suspension of the rules, the vote was rescinded and the item was returned to the Committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. Order 196919 (ID:9493) By Ald. White Jr. That the City Solicitor advise whether this Board has the authority to pass an ordinance that requires the approval of this Board for any agreement for payment in lieu of taxes.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

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| C. Mayor's Request 196952 (ID:9268) | Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$22,125.85 from the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, for the Police Department's target hardening project.   | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |
| D. Mayor's Request 197050 (ID:9299) | Requesting the acceptance of a mitigation payment of 5 Electronic parking meters   | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |
| E. Mayor's Request 197083 (ID:9618) | Requesting the acceptance of a gift of a piano valued at \$500 to be used in the new Sound Studio for young musicians.   | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |
| F. Mayor's Request 197174 (ID:9693) | Requesting an appropriation of \$750,000 for the cost of replacing DPW equipment and authorization to borrow \$750,000 in a bond to meet the appropriation.  | <b>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne |
| G. Mayor's Request 197188 (ID:9647) | Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$35,000 from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council for the Police Department's Bicycle-Pedestrian Traffic Enforcement Program.   | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |
| H. Mayor's Request 197239 (ID:9730) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$171,000 in a bond to install lighting for the turf field at the Capuano School.  | <b>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne |
| I. Mayor's Request 197240 (ID:9731) | Requesting an appropriation of \$64,300 and authorization to borrow that amount in a bond for additional final phase work pertaining to the design and engineering contract for the Davis Square streetscape improvements. | <b>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne |

J. Mayor's Request 197308 (ID:9806) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$415,000 from ArtPlace, for the Arts Council's use to creative uses of the former waste transfer site.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

K. Resolution 197350 (ID:9897) By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr. That the Retirement Board increase the cost of living base from \$12,000 to \$13,000.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

55. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 197408 (ID:9908) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board, on July 10, 2014.

Alderman Sullivan reported on the public hearing regarding #196971. President White spoke about changes on the item.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

56. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 197409 (ID:9904) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on July 1, 2014.

Alderman Gewirtz reported on the items addressed at the meeting.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

57. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 197410 (ID:9906) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on July 9, 2014.

Alderman Gewirtz reported on the items that were in Committee. Alderman Rossetti added she witnessed a gentleman delivering Globe Direct and spoke about the change that is needed. Alderman Heuston discussed Globe Direct and how they still deliver the package even if you request to stop. She also spoke maintaining public access to the mural in Union Square and suggested that the Board may need to get involved as this is a Federal building.

The Committee Report was severed. The portion related to the "Pay to Play" campaign contributions ordinance was approved by a roll call vote of 7-4, with Ald. Heuston, Rossetti, McWatters, and Connolly opposed. The balance was approved by voice vote.

**RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED**

**AMENDED:**#194968 and #195024 were Placed on File, replaced with #19743

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| B. | Ordinance<br>194968<br>(ID:7444)          | By Ald. White Jr., Gewirtz, Lafuente, Sullivan<br>Requesting approval of the attached Ordinance Regulating Campaign Contributions from Those Seeking Contracts, Zoning Relief, the Purchase of City Property, or Financial Assistance from the City.              |
|    |   | <b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b>   |
| C. | Mayor's<br>Request<br>195024<br>(ID:7497) | Requesting, with the sponsorship of Ald. Desmond, Bastardi, Sullivan, O'Keefe and Trane, approval of an Ordinance regulating "pay-to-play" public contracting and campaign contributions for municipal elected office.  |
|    |   | <b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b>   |
| D. | Order<br>196780<br>(ID:9314)              | By Ald. Heuston, and the Entire Board<br>That the City Solicitor advise this Board of the city's ability to control the dissemination of advertisements from "Globe Direct", and inquire why individual requests to stop unsolicited deliveries are not followed. |
|    |   | <b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b>   |
| E. | Resolution<br>197411<br>(ID:9980)         | By Ald. White Jr.<br>That the Mayor's Office inform this Board of its dealings with Catalog Choice.   |
|    |   | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Legislative Matters Committee   |

58. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee<br>Report<br>197412<br>(ID:9907) | Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on July 9, 2014.<br><br>Alderman Sullivan reported on the items addressed at the meeting. He reported on ending a Used Car Dealers license at 395 Alewife Brook Parkway. Alderman Niedergang spoke about a few items that the Committee has been waiting for the administration to respond to regarding public event policies and procedures, so the Board can move forward on them. Alderman Heuston supported Alderman Neidergang's statement, emphasizing that the public event permitting process needs to improve. |
|    |  | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |
| B. | License/Permit<br>195198<br>(ID:7676)      | New Mobile Food Vendor, Tenoch Mexican.  |
|    |  | <b>RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS</b><br><b>CONDITIONS:</b> Approved for the Tufts Campus location only, and for Monday-Saturday 4-9 PM only.  |
| C. | License/Permit<br>195222<br>(ID:7700)      | New Mobile Food Vendor, Bon Me Foods.  |
|    |  | <b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b>  |

D.	License/Permit 196487 (ID:9095)	New Mobile Food Vendor, Fugu Foods.	<b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b>
E.	License/Permit 196869 (ID:9407)	Renewing Garage License, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy.	<b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>
F.	License/Permit 196959 (ID:9495)	New Extended Operating Hours License, Papa John's Pizza, 622 Somerville Ave., opening Sun-Thu to 2 AM, Fri-Sat to 3 AM.	<b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b>
G.	Grant of Location 196980 (ID:9603)	Submitted by Comcast to install a manhole in the sidewalk and 8 feet of conduit from that manhole to 265 Medford St.	<b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b>
H.	Public Communication 197078 (ID:9600)	Central Medford Trust submitting comments re: the petition for a Grant of Location by Comcast at 265 Medford St.	<b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b>
I.	Order 197172 (ID:9685)	By Ald. Sullivan, Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide the Committee on Licenses and Permits with an explanation of how the work on St. James Avenue, referenced in #196765, was performed prior to the issuance of a permit and whether the work has been inspected.	<b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b>
J.	License/Permit 197208 (ID:9751)	Renewing Flammables License, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy.	<b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>
K.	License/Permit 197216 (ID:9759)	Renewing Garage License, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy.	<b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b>
L.	License/Permit 197217 (ID:9760)	Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy.	<b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b>
M.	License/Permit 197244 (ID:9785)	Public Event Permit, Vecna Cares 5K/Robot Run, Davis Square-Highland Ave-Summer St, changing the date to Sep 21, 6-11AM.	<b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b>

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

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| 59. | Mayor's Request<br>197413<br>(ID:9869) | Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 2-322 regarding salary ranges.  |
|     |  | <p><b>RESULT:</b>        <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>    Legislative Matters Committee</p>   |
| 60. | Mayor's Request<br>197414<br>(ID:9957) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 in a bond for a feasibility study and schematic design for the renovation and/or construction of the High School.  |
|     |  | <p>Alderman Lafuente moved to waive the readings of items 60 through 62. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p><b>RESULT:</b>        <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>    Finance Committee</p>  |
| 61. | Mayor's Request<br>197415<br>(ID:9959) | Requesting authorization to borrow \$1,700,000 in a bond, and appropriate the same amount, for public street and sidewalk repairs.   |
|     |  | <p><b>RESULT:</b>        <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>    Finance Committee</p>   |
| 62. | Mayor's Request<br>197416<br>(ID:9960) | Requesting authorization to borrow \$1,000,000 in a bond, and appropriate the same amount, for ADA Accessibility - Curb Ramp installation and improvements.  |
|     |  | <p><b>RESULT:</b>        <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>    Finance Committee</p>   |
| 63. | Mayor's Request<br>197417<br>(ID:9901) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$875,000 in a bond to participate in the MWRA's Local Water System Assistance Program.  |
|     |  | <p>Water Superintendent Ginger Barrett requested approval of this Bond, which would be used for repairs on Webster Avenue.</p> <p><b>RESULT:</b>        <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>            Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Houston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne</p> |
| 64. | Mayor's Request<br>197418<br>(ID:9910) | Requesting an appropriation of \$110,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to conduct a Street Light Conversion Energy Audit.  |
|     |  | <p>Alderman Lafuente moved to waive the reading of item 64. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p><b>RESULT:</b>        <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>    Finance Committee</p>   |

65. Mayor's Request 197419 (ID:9903) Requesting appropriation of \$28,705 from the Salary Contingency Account to the School Custodian Salaries Account to fund the NCFO Local 13 School Custodians collective bargaining agreement.

Finance Director Ed Bean discussed the details of the Custodians' agreement.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**

66. Mayor's Request 197420 (ID:9860) Requesting the acceptance of a \$20,000 grant from the MA Public Safety and Security Highway Safety Division for the Police's Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and Click It or Ticket Mobilization Program.

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

67. Mayor's Request 197421 (ID:9861) Requesting the acceptance of 3 Electronic Meters as mitigation from Kung Fu Tea at 237 Elm Street.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

68. Officer's Communication 197422 (ID:9902) City Solicitor's responding to the question of whether the BOA may vote on a resolution urging the Retirement Board to vote for a COLA for retirees.

President White moved to waive the reading of items 68 and 69. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

69. Officer's Communication 197423 (ID:9900) DPW Commissioner responding to #197238 re: Shore Drive drainage.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

**NEW BUSINESS**

70. License/Permit 197424 (ID:9974) New Drainlayer, Tri Construction.

Alderman Sullivan moved to waive the readings of items 70 through 73. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**

71. License/Permit 197425 (ID:9971) Renewing Garage License, Brazil Auto Repair, 621 Somerville Ave.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

72. License/Permit 197426 (ID:9969) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Reunion Christian Church, 55 Davis Sq.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

73. License/Permit 197427 (ID:9970) Sign/Awning Permit, Royal Bengal Restaurant, 123 Central St., 1 sign.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

74. Order 197428 (ID:9961) By Ald. Connolly, Lafuente That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the depression in the roadway in the east bound lane on Broadway just past its intersection with School Street.

Alderman Connolly stated that this is on the schedule to be completed this year.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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

75. Order 197429 (ID:9962) By Ald. Connolly, McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the depression in the roadway on Mt. Pleasant Street, just after its intersection with Broadway.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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

76. Order 197430 (ID:9963) By Ald. Connolly, Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works remove and replace the dead tree in front of 46 Morrison Avenue.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

77. Order 197431 (ID:9966) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD, the Chief Assessor and the Director of Finance provide this Board with a 5 year revenue projection, to include real estate taxes by building type and specific projections for Assembly Square, Assembly Square (expanded), Union Square, East Somerville, Central Somerville, and West Somerville.

Alderman Ballantyne discussed the importance of having a strategic plan in place for revenue generation.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

78. Order 197432 (ID:9964) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees at 1, 10, 14, and 26 Mead Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**



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| 79. Order<br>197433<br>(ID:9965)   | By Ald. Ballantyne<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the 3 trees near 17 Claremon Street and 49 Moore Street.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |   |
| 80. Order<br>197434<br>(ID:9976)   | By Ald. Niedergang<br>That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a pop-up caution sign in the crosswalk by Albion Park.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |   |
| 81. Order<br>197435<br>(ID:9979)   | By Ald. White Jr., Rossetti, Sullivan, Connolly<br>That the Director of Communications place a link on the City's web site to allow residents to complain about noise from Logan Airport flights as had been done in the past and also notify residents via social media about that link. |
| President White explained the importance of residents making complaints, as complaints are tracked by Logan Airport.   |   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |   |
| <b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Public Health and Public Safety Committee   |   |
| 82. Mayor's Request<br>197436<br>(ID:9984)   | Requesting authorization to amend #196037, an authorization to borrow and bond to repair the High School Auditorium, Kitchen, & Cafeteria, by increasing the total amount to \$3,090,000.   |
| Stephen Vitello discussed the on-going project at the High School and requested additional funds in order to complete it in a timely matter. Alderman Rossetti asked when the auditorium, kitchen and cafeteria would be completed. Mr. Vitello stated the expected date for completion is August 29. Alderman Rossetti inquired about this bond being an additional amount of money, on top of the money received through an insurance carrier. Mr. Vitello confirmed this is additional money and negotiations are continuing with the insurance carrier. Alderman Rossetti asked how the Board would be notified when the negotiations are complete, and President White said the Board would have to accept the settlement. Alderman Rossetti expressed her support for this item and spoke about how important it is to have this work completed as soon as possible. |   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b>   |   |
| <b>AYES:</b> Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Houston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne  |   |
| 83. Mayor's Request<br>197437<br>(ID:9981)   | Requesting approval to pay a FY14 invoice for \$2,171.40 with FY2015 funds in the Constituent Services Professional and Technical Services Account  |
| <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>   |   |
| <b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee   |   |

84. Officer's Request 197438 (ID:9978)

Assistant City Solicitor submitting an updated version of the "Pay-to-Play" Ordinance regulating campaign contributions (see #194968 and #195024) as approved by the 7-9-14 Legislative Matters Committee meeting.

The Board scheduled the vote for Ordainment for the first regular meeting in September (September 11, 2014).

Alderman Gewirtz spoke about the history of the "Pay to Play" ordinance, explaining the differences between the two proposed ordinances and applauding the Law Department for their work during the Committee's deliberations. She voiced support for the ordinance and pointed out that the big developers in the city would have no more influence than its citizens. Mayor Curtatone commended the Board for its work, but stated he would veto it and discussed changes that would resolve the loopholes. He commented that businesses should be able to be active with contributions in any dollar amount. He spoke about working together with the Board to come up with a solution to the concerns. Alderman Heuston emphasized her support of the goals for this ordinance, but explained that individuals must be limited how much they can donate to their own campaigns and public employee contributions must be limited as well. Alderman White stated that you cannot restrict a candidate from donating to their own campaign. He spoke about the importance of this ordinance, and said it's human nature for people to favor those who give large campaign contributions. He stated this doesn't mean it's happening at this time, but this ordinance aims to prevent it in the future. He spoke about the development pressures in Somerville. Alderman Niedergang expressed his support and explained that this is a great first step to build on. He spoke about the developers and powerful businesses coming into the City and how they can easily raise money for candidates. Alderman Rossetti stated that the item is a great start, but needs additional work. Alderman Sullivan expressed his support for this item and explained it is a step in the right direction, though it will not completely resolve the problem. Alderman McLaughlin agreed with Alderman Sullivan and commented on necessary changes. Alderman Ballantyne stated she supports this ordinance, as Somerville is changing and this helps to adapt to those changes. Alderman McWatters spoke about the necessity of reform and added that he has reservations regarding this ordinance and cannot support it. Alderman Lafuente expressed his support for this item and stated he would like to see no contributions from developers. Alderman Connolly stated his concern with the Mayor's veto and hopes this does not delay the process. He spoke about how developers want to come into the community at this time, and how the city has set up the right parameters for these projects. He discussed how the Board members have good characters and know the difference between right and wrong.

**RESULT: ORDINANCE ENROLLED. [7 TO 4]**

**AYES:** Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne

**NAYS:** Connolly, Rossetti, Heuston, McWatters

**FOLLOWUP:** Board of Aldermen

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| 85. | License/Permit<br>197439<br>(ID:9983) | Public Event Permit, Boston Sikh Sangat Society Free Drink Distribution, Union Sq, Jul 19, 8AM-8PM (raindate Jul 26).   | Alderman Sullivan moved to waive the readings of items 85 through 91. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.<br><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b> |
| 86. | License/Permit<br>197440<br>(ID:9985) | Public Event Permit, Teen Empowerment Shannon Grant Basketball Tournament, Trum Field, Aug 2, 8AM-2:30PM (raindate Aug 3).  | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |
| 87. | License/Permit<br>197441<br>(ID:9982) | Public Event Permit, Friends of the Community Path Celebration, Community Path from Willow Ave to Cedar St and Lexington Park, Sep 6, Noon-8PM (raindate Sep 20). | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |
| 88. | License/Permit<br>197442<br>(ID:9986) | Public Event Permit, Team Chase Autism 5k Road Race, East End Grill and area streets, Oct 12, 8AM-2PM.  | <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Licenses and Permits Committee  |
| 89. | License/Permit<br>197443<br>(ID:9989) | Sign/Awning Permit, Pepe Bocca, 414 Highland Ave, 2 awnings.  | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |
| 90. | License/Permit<br>197444<br>(ID:9988) | New Outdoor Seating License, Pepe Bocca, 414 Highland Ave., 4 tables, 8 seats.  | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |
| 91. | License/Permit<br>197445<br>(ID:9987) | New Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave., 3 autos outside.  | <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Licenses and Permits Committee  |

**LATE ITEMS**

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| 92. | Officer's<br>Communication<br>197446<br>(ID:9991) | Mayor, Director of SPCD (ISD) and Director of Sustainability and Environment responding to #197264 re: an update on compliance with and enforcement of the ordinance banning polystyrene containers. | <b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b> |
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93. Order 197447 (ID:9992) By Ald. McLaughlin That the City Solicitor provide the Ward One Alderman with an explanation of the discrepancies between state and local law with regard to the allowed time for businesses to remove trash.

Alderman McLaughlin requested an explanation on differences between City and State law as to when trash can be picked up. Alderman Heuston emphasized that this is a problem that needs addressing.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

94. Order 197448 (ID:9993) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a temporary road block on Everett Avenue.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

95. Order 197449 (ID:9994) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 14 Otis Street and 27 Pinckney Street for rodents and bait the area.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee

96. Officer's Communication 197450 (ID:9977) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 7/10/14.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

97. License/Permit 197451 (ID:9990) Public Event Permit, SVG Films filmshoot, Nunziato Field, Jul 17-18, 8PM-Midnight (raindate Jul 19).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk.