

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2015, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Alderman At Large William A. White Jr.

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

1. Roll Call
198430
(ID:11027)

Call of the Roll.

Alderman Connolly held a moment of silence for Patrick Sullivan. Alderman Sullivan held a moment of silence for James Saverse. Alderman McWatters held a moment of silence for Albert D'Ovidio.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes
198431
(ID:11028)

Approval of the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting, January 5, 2015, and the Regular Meeting, January 8, 2015.

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. Citation
198432
(ID:11006)

By Ald. Ballantyne, and the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Zoe Colt, on the happy occasion of her 90th birthday.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location 198433 (ID:11009)

Submitted by Crown Castle to install 350 feet of fiber optic cable in new conduit from Pole 211/6 at Line Street along Smith Avenue to a point of pickup on the southeast side of Beacon Street near Smith Avenue.

The President opened the public hearing. Kosta Jovanovic, with Crown Castle, spoke about the details of the project. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. He said the work being completed is underground, and re-paving will be completed satisfactory to Public Works.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

5. Grant of Location 198434 (ID:11010)

Submitted by Crown Castle to install 1,533 feet of fiber optic cable in new conduit from Pole 142/29 at Kent Street proceeding northwest to Prentiss Street, then along Prentiss Street to Pole 161/2.

The President opened the public hearing. Kosta Jovanovic, with Crown Castle, spoke about the details of the project. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

6. Grant of Location 198435 (ID:11011)

Submitted by Crown Castle to install optical repeater equipment, a pole-top antenna, and fiber optic cable from existing facilities to an existing wood utility pole at 181-183 Tremont Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Kosta Jovanovic, with Crown Castle, spoke about the details of the project. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

7. Grant of Location 198436 (ID:11012)

Submitted by Crown Castle to install optical repeater equipment, a pole-top antenna, and fiber optic cable from existing facilities to an existing wood utility pole at 281 Beacon Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Kosta Jovanovic, with Crown Castle, spoke about the details of the project. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

8. Grant of Location 198437 (ID:11013) Submitted by Crown Castle to install optical repeater equipment, a pole-top antenna, and fiber optic cable from existing facilities to an existing wood utility pole at the corner of Beacon and Park Streets.

The President opened the public hearing. Kosta Jovanovic, with Crown Castle, spoke about the details of the project. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

9. Resolution 198438 (ID:11034) By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board Commending the Mayor and his Administration for their professionalism and dedicated efforts during the recent snowstorms.

Alderman Connolly spoke about the recent snow storms the City has encountered, and the extraordinary effort that has been made to clear the roads and preserve the public safety. The Board echoed these sentiments. Mayor Curtatone spoke about the hard work that hundreds of the City employees have accomplished through the storms. He expressed his concerns for the fatigue of the workers and equipment. He also spoke about relief crews from New York and New Jersey assisting in the snow removal. President White spoke about the demand for parking spots in the City and the challenges that brings for plows.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. Resolution 198439 (ID:11033) By Ald. Rossetti That the Administration, with the Fire and Police Departments, compile a report of the number of "needed assistance" calls made by each tax-exempt facility in the City over the past 2 years.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. Resolution 198440 (ID:11029) By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board That this Board supports the Don't Leave Seniors Behind Healthcare Campaign of the MA Senior Action Council.

Alderman McLaughlin spoke about the excessive healthcare costs that seniors encounter. Resident John Robinson, who works with Mass Senior Action, was sponsored to address the Board, and stated that while Medicare is a good foundation, there is a need to help fill the gap for seniors. Alderman Sullivan thanked Mr. Robinson for his work on this. Alderman Heuston discussed some basic services that are not covered by Medicare. Mr. Robinson confirmed that this is a State campaign, not a federal one.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Senior Services Committee

12. Order 198441 (ID:11039) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Chief of Police take notice of the fire lane on Pinckney Street, to prevent snow from being dumped there.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
13. Order 198442 (ID:11035) By Ald. Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works look into the deployment of plow arm extensions, which can be lowered to clear driveways that have had snow plowed into them, and report to this Board about their potential use here.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
14. Order 198443 (ID:11036) By Ald. Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board why, after the snowstorm on January 28, snow plows inundated sidewalks on the even side of the street with snow and large ice boulders, causing residents to shovel their sidewalks several times, and what measures are being taken so this doesn't happen again.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
15. Order 198444 (ID:11037) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD (ISD) report to this Board on the process for issuing citations during snowstorms to private plowing and shoveling contractors who are plowing snow into the street or onto neighbors' sidewalks.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
16. Order 198445 (ID:11038) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD (Transportation and Infrastructure) report to this Board on why the Tree Advisory Committee, created under the Tree Preservation Ordinance, appears to be completely inactive, and present a plan for activating it by March 26, 2015.
- Alderman Niedergang discussed preserving and protecting the trees around the City. Alderman McWatters also spoke about planting and preserving them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

17. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 198446 (ID:11032) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on February 5, 2015.

Alderman Rossetti reported on the items discussed at the meeting. She discussed different possibilities for a time frame on snow removal for residences and businesses, for which there will be a public hearing to further discuss. She also spoke about changes to liquor licenses that were discussed. Alderman Rossetti recused herself from #197413.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Mayor's Request 197413 (ID:9869) Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 2-322 regarding salary ranges.

Alderman Niedergang spoke about the difficulties to fill top positions in the City, and said this would increase the salary of new employees in hopes of filling these positions. Alderman Rossetti was recused.

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

- C. Mayor's Request 197700 (ID:10256) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition that would increase the number of liquor licenses that the Licensing Commission may issue.

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

- D. Order 198447 (ID:11042) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD give preference to local businesses when submitting recommendations to the Licensing Commission for liquor licenses issued under #197700, a Home Rule Petition to increase the number of licenses in the city.

RESULT: APPROVED

18. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 198448 (ID:11031) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on February 4, 2015.

Alderman Sullivan reported on the items discussed at the meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED

B.	License/Permit 197913 (ID:10474)	New Outdoor Seating License, Tony C's Sports Bar and Grill, 699 Assembly Row, 46 tables, 184 seats.	RESULT: APPROVED
C.	License/Permit 197914 (ID:10475)	New Outdoor Seating License, Atelier Pilates, 7 Landers Street, 1 A-frame sign.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
D.	License/Permit 198028 (ID:10535)	Sign/Awning Permit, Gardini Law Office, 24 Dane St., 1 blade sign.	RESULT: APPROVED
E.	License/Permit 198261 (ID:10811)	New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Best Cars of MA, 1 Virginia St., no cars on site.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
F.	License/Permit 198262 (ID:10812)	New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Instacar, 38-42 Medford St., 10 autos outside.	RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED AMENDED: Approved for 4 autos outside, for 30 days only.
G.	License/Permit 198339 (ID:10917)	New Garage License, Car Zone, 486 Columbia St., 3 cars inside, 3 outside.	RESULT: APPROVED
H.	License/Permit 198340 (ID:10915)	New Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 19 Joy St., 22 cars inside, 20 outside.	RESULT: APPROVED
I.	License/Permit 198341 (ID:10914)	New Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood St., 25 cars inside.	RESULT: APPROVED
J.	License/Permit 198342 (ID:10916)	New Outdoor Parking License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood St., 63 cars.	RESULT: APPROVED
K.	License/Permit 198343 (ID:10918)	New Livery License, Mass Cab, 45 Endicott Ave., 1 vehicle.	RESULT: APPROVED

19. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
198449
(ID:11030) | Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on January 29, 2015.

Alderman McWatters reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He spoke about truck traffic restrictions in the City, and explained its origination in 2002. He said that in order to change the truck traffic, a study must be completed.

RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | Order
196587
(ID:9119) | By Ald. Rossetti, Ballantyne
That the Director of Traffic and Parking monitor truck traffic on and around Powderhouse Boulevard, paying special attention to areas surrounding the Tufts campus.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| C. | Officer's Communication
196659
(ID:9155) | Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting responses to #196587 re: truck traffic on Powderhouse Blvd.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| D. | Order
197017
(ID:9571) | By Ald. Rossetti, Sullivan, Heuston, Niedergang, McWatters
That this Board's Committee on Traffic and Parking investigate the reasoning of truck traffic restrictions in our city last being ordered in 2002.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 20. | Mayor's Request
198450
(ID:11002) | Requesting an appropriation of \$34,779.40 From Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Personnel Professional and Technical Services Account to pay an FY2014 training invoice.

Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of items 20 through 22 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 21. | Mayor's Request
198451
(ID:10980) | Requesting the acceptance of grant funds totaling \$250,000 from the MA Office of Housing and Economic Development for the East Broadway Streetscape Project.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

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| 22. | Mayor's Request
198452
(ID:10996) | Requesting the acceptance of a \$4,314 grant from the MA Vest-a-Dog program for a cruiser insert for the Police Dept.'s K-9 dog. |
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FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

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| 23. | License/Permit
198453
(ID:11008) | Public Event Permit, Somerville Birdhouse Project, Union Square, Apr 25, 8:30AM-5PM (raindate May 2).

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 23 through 31 and refer items 23, 27, 29 and 30 to Committee, and approve all others. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 24. | License/Permit
198454
(ID:11007) | Public Event Permit, NStar Walk for Boston Children's Hospital, Assembly Row, Jun 14, 5:30AM-3PM.

RESULT: APPROVED |
| 25. | License/Permit
198455
(ID:11014) | Renewing Garage License, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy.

RESULT: APPROVED |
| 26. | License/Permit
198456
(ID:11015) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Automotive Transport Service, 495 Columbia St.

RESULT: APPROVED |
| 27. | License/Permit
198457
(ID:11040) | New Garage License, Top Car Auto Repair, 497 Columbia St., 8 autos inside, 2 outside.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 28. | License/Permit
198458
(ID:11016) | New Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, John's Auto Sales Inc., 181 Somerville Ave., 38 autos outside, Mo-Th 9AM-8PM, Fr-Sa 9AM-6PM, Su 10AM-5PM.

RESULT: APPROVED |
| 29. | License/Permit
198459
(ID:11017) | New Mobile Food Vendor, Pennypackers.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |

30.	License/Permit 198460 (ID:11018)	New Mobile Food Vendor, Rhythm n Wraps. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
31.	License/Permit 198461 (ID:11019)	New Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties dba Zeta Beta Tau, 126 Packard Ave., 4 residents. RESULT: APPROVED
32.	Public Communication 198462 (ID:11020)	Linda Siraco submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance. Alderman Niedergang requested to waive the readings of items 32 through 38 and refer them to the Legislative Matters Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
33.	Public Communication 198463 (ID:11021)	Kate Wheeler and David Guss submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
34.	Public Communication 198464 (ID:11022)	Rob Cheyne submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
35.	Public Communication 198465 (ID:11023)	Karen Molloy submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
36.	Public Communication 198466 (ID:11024)	Jennifer Grande submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
37.	Public Communication 198467 (ID:11025)	Mark Gallagher submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
38.	Public Communication 198468 (ID:11026)	MaJa Kietzke submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

39. Order 198469 (ID:11041) By Ald. Ballantyne, Rossetti
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Recreation confer with DCR about installing lights in the parking lot adjacent to the Dilboy swimming pool.

RESULT: APPROVED

40. Resolution 198470 (ID:11043) By Ald. Ballantyne, Niedergang
That the Administration appear before this Board to explain the closing of schools and municipal buildings due to safety concerns.

Mayor Curtatone explained the planning that takes place around schools after snow. The city inspected the snow on the roofs of the schools, which had increased to well over 3 feet of snow. He has been working with the Superintendent with regards to making sure that all safety concerns have been addressed before the schools are re-opened. Alderman Niedergang requested clarification on how the decision was made to close the schools. Capital Projects Director Rob King explained that architects that had looked at two buildings, and made the assessment on the snow building up on the roofs. He stated that their assessment showed the weight of the snow on one roof was over the structural limit. Alderman Lafuente explained the residents' frustration, and how the decisions made were the right decisions to ensure everyone's safety. Alderman Ballantyne requested an explanation for the snow removal from the roofs of the schools. Mr. King replied that crews are working on clearing the snow before the next round of storms, and will be around to clear the next round of snow as well. Alderman McWatters commended Mr. King on bringing in an Architect, and keeping the safety of the children in mind.

RESULT: APPROVED

41. Order 198471 (ID:11044) By Ald. Rossetti
That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the city's trash collector close all barrel lids after collection during inclement weather.

RESULT: APPROVED

42. Order 198472 (ID:11045) By Ald. White Jr., Rossetti, Ballantyne, Sullivan
That the Land Use Committee, during the upcoming zoning overhaul review, examine whether a provision should be added for universities to obtain a special permit before operating housing outside a University District.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

43. Order
198473
(ID:11046)
- By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board whether it is possible to have the Public Schools open when there is a declared snow emergency, and, if it is possible, to also report the plan for teacher and staff parking, since school parking lots are used then for resident parking. (2nd request)

Mayor Curtatone explained that the city cannot remove the parking ban at this time. The city was exploring having snow chompers clear out spots in the streets for staff parking. He also spoke about taking charge for clearing snow in other areas in the City, which would normally be the State's responsibility.

RESULT: APPROVED

44. Order
198474
(ID:11047)
- By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works shovel a sidewalk path through the huge mound of snow where the sidewalk should be on the east side of Cedar Street by the Community Path Extension next to the parking lot at 2 Alpine Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

45. Mayor's Request
198475
(ID:10942)
- Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$64,423 from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security for Fire Department staffing.

Alderman Heuston requested to waive this reading and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

46. Mayor's Request
198476
(ID:11060)
- Requesting the appointment of Mark Sternman to the Historical Preservation Commission.

Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of items 46 through 48 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

47. Mayor's Request
198477
(ID:11061)
- Requesting the appointment of Todd Zinn to the Historical Preservation Commission.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

48. Mayor's Request
198478
(ID:11066)
- Requesting the appointment of Heather Davies as an Alternate Member of the Historical Preservation Commission.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

49. Mayor's Request 198479 (ID:11062)	Requesting the re-appointment of Eric Parkes to the Historical Preservation Commission.
	Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of items 49 through 53 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. RESULT: APPROVED
50. Mayor's Request 198480 (ID:11063)	Requesting the re-appointment of Ryan Falvey to the Historical Preservation Commission.
	RESULT: APPROVED
51. Mayor's Request 198481 (ID:11064)	Requesting the re-appointment of Derek Snare as an Alternate Member of the Historical Preservation Commission.
	RESULT: APPROVED
52. Mayor's Request 198482 (ID:11065)	Requesting the re-appointment of George Born as an Alternate Member of the Historical Preservation Commission.
	RESULT: APPROVED
53. Mayor's Request 198483 (ID:11067)	Requesting the re-appointment of Richard Bauer to the Historical Preservation Commission.
	RESULT: APPROVED
54. Mayor's Request 198484 (ID:11048)	Requesting the re-appointment of Robert Sweeney as Constable.
	Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of items 54 through 63 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee
55. Mayor's Request 198485 (ID:11049)	Requesting the re-appointment of James Pero as Constable.
	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee
56. Mayor's Request 198486 (ID:11050)	Requesting the re-appointment of James DiFraia as Constable.
	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee
57. Mayor's Request 198487 (ID:11051)	Requesting the re-appointment of Scott Kingsley as Constable.
	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

58.	Mayor's Request 198488 (ID:11052)	Requesting the re-appointment of Thathyanno Desa as Constable. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee
59.	Mayor's Request 198489 (ID:11053)	Requesting the re-appointment of Derek Morrison as Constable. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee
60.	Mayor's Request 198490 (ID:11054)	Requesting the re-appointment of Gladynere Brevil as Constable. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee
61.	Mayor's Request 198491 (ID:11055)	Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Browne as Constable. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee
62.	Mayor's Request 198492 (ID:11056)	Requesting the re-appointment of Albert Darling as Constable. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee
63.	Mayor's Request 198493 (ID:11057)	Requesting the re-appointment of Geovanne Colon as Constable. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

LATE ITEMS

64.	Mayor's Request 198402 (ID:10881)	Requesting the appointment of Paul Savage to the position of Permanent Firefighter. Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments. RESULT: APPROVED
65.	Mayor's Request 198403 (ID:10882)	Requesting the appointment of Douglas Henry to the position of Permanent Firefighter. Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments. RESULT: APPROVED
66.	Mayor's Request 198418 (ID:10883)	Requesting the appointment of Sean Layton to the position of Permanent Firefighter. Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments. RESULT: APPROVED

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| 67. Mayor's Request 198404 (ID:10884) | Requesting the appointment of Ryan Layton to the position of Permanent Firefighter. |
| Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments.
RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 68. Mayor's Request 198405 (ID:10885) | Requesting the appointment of Robert Whelan to the position of Permanent Firefighter. |
| Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments.
RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 69. Mayor's Request 198406 (ID:10886) | Requesting the appointment of Joseph Laudano to the position of Permanent Firefighter. |
| Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments.
RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 70. Mayor's Request 198407 (ID:10887) | Requesting the appointment of Hallam Massiah to the position of Permanent Firefighter. |
| Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments.
RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 71. Public Communication 198494 (ID:11059) | Federal Realty Investment Trust requesting to address this Board re: #198410, a Resolution urging FRIT to employ union labor and give preference to Somerville residents for all construction work. |
| <p>Don Briggs, representing Federal Realty Investment Trust, was sponsored and spoke about some concerns that were brought up regarding union labor at Assembly Square. He spoke about recent projects throughout the City, and that nearly 70% of jobs have been union jobs. He added that more than 50% of jobs for Phase 1 at Assembly Square are held by Somerville residents. He stated that the cost premium to use union labor would ultimately significantly increase rents for the apartments being constructed. President White requested a break down of the figures for the rent projections, in particular the increase from construction costs. Alderman Rossetti requested to know what percentage of work in Phase 2 will be union labor. Alderman Niedergang spoke about the need to do better in regards to union labor. Alderman Lafuente spoke about the public money invested, and because of that there should be more union labor involved. Mr. Briggs spoke about the tax revenue that has been generated to date. Alderman McLaughlin spoke about the need to keep moving forward with union hires. Alderman McWatters also expressed the need for more union labor, and the concern over affordable housing. Alderman Heuston stated this development is setting a precedent for future developments, and the importance of continuing to move forward with more union labor.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> | |

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| 72. | Mayor's
Communication
198495
(ID:11070) | Conveying a request from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition to the State for additional assistance to address snow removal. |
| | | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| 73. | Resolution
198496
(ID:11069) | By Ald. White Jr., and the Entire Board
That this Board supports the request of the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition for additional assistance from the State to address this winter's record levels of snowfall. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 74. | Order
198497
(ID:11058) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the area around 74 Gilman Street for rodents. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee |

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk.