

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 22, 2016, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

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| 1. | Roll Call
202097
(ID:14805) | Call of the Roll. |
| | | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |

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| 2. | Minutes
202098
(ID:14806) | Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 25, 2016. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. Order 202099 (ID:14785) By Ald. Rossetti, Sullivan, Davis, Lafuente, Ballantyne, McWatters, Heuston That the Director of Traffic and Parking install signage at all traffic light intersections for enforcement of bicycling regulations.

Alderman Rossetti has been approached by many constituents about installing signage at all traffic lights for bicycling regulations. The number of cyclists has doubled over recent years.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

4. Order 202100 (ID:14790) By Ald. Niedergang, McLaughlin, Davis, Ballantyne, Lafuente, White Jr., McWatters That the Director of Personnel and the Manager of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion present a plan to this Board to fill the many vacancies on city boards, with an outreach plan to encourage applications by immigrants and people of color.

Alderman Niedergang would like to see the Board vacancies be filled, and would like the city to reach out to people of color and immigrants.

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

5. Order 202101 (ID:14787) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking assess Sartwell Avenue for immediate traffic calming measures and report to the Ward 5 Alderman by the end of September.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

6. Order 202102 (ID:14788) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking, the Director of SomerStat or a representative of the Administration, report to this Board on the time frame for responses to the dozens of traffic calming petitions that have been submitted by residents over the past year.

Alderman Niedergang would like to see some accountability.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

7. Resolution 202103 (ID:14789) By Ald. Niedergang, Davis, Heuston That the Traffic Commission consider increasing the fine for blocking a driveway from \$30 to \$100.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

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| 8. | Order
202104
(ID:14786) | <p>By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of Engineering report to this Board on the timeframe for re-striping crosswalks that are erased due to repaving or construction.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Alderman Niedergang requested the re-striping of crosswalks.
 RESULT: APPROVED
 FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> </div> |
| 9. | Resolution
202105
(ID:14792) | <p>By Ald. Davis, Niedergang
That the Administration develop a process for interim crosswalk painting and/or other measures to protect pedestrians when road work or other conditions prevent the immediate re-striping of road markings.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Alderman Davis would like to see crosswalks painted in Davis Square and elsewhere, right after road work is done.
 RESULT: APPROVED
 FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> </div> |
| 10. | Order
202106
(ID:14791) | <p>By Ald. Davis
That the Director of Engineering add Burnside Avenue to the 5-year paving plan.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> </div> |
| 11. | Order
202107
(ID:14793) | <p>By Ald. Davis
That the Director of Engineering install a "bump out" at the terminus of the crosswalk on Elm Street west of Willow Avenue opposite Beech Street.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED
 FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> </div> |
| 12. | Resolution
202108
(ID:14794) | <p>By Ald. Davis
That the Administration work with the City of Cambridge to improve pedestrian safety at the intersections of Elm Street with Beech Street and Willow Avenue, including consideration of a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Alderman Davis expressed that this is a very dangerous intersection and would like to see something done for pedestrian safety.
 RESULT: APPROVED
 FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> </div> |
| 13. | Order
202109
(ID:14795) | <p>By Ald. Davis, Ballantyne
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police increase enforcement of the NO IDLING ordinance, particularly around school drop-off and pick-up times.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> </div> |

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| 14. | Order
202110
(ID:14796) | By Ald. Sullivan, Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint the NO SIDEWALK CYCLING decals on the sidewalks in the business districts and post larger signage in both English and Spanish. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">Alderman Sullivan would like to see the No Sidewalk Cycling decals repainted, and a bicyclist safety campaign established. Alderman Davis thinks that a campaign educating drivers that bicyclists have shared rights on the road should be how this is approached. Alderman Niedergang feels both motorist and bicyclist need to be educated.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p style="margin: 0;">FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> | | |
| 15. | Order
202111
(ID:14797) | By Ald. Sullivan, Rossetti, Davis, Lafuente, McWatters, Ballantyne, Niedergang, White Jr., Heuston
That the Director of SPCD implement a bicyclist and pedestrian safety education campaign. (3rd request) |
| <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p style="margin: 0;">FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> | | |
| 16. | Order
202112
(ID:14804) | By Ald. Sullivan, Niedergang, McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works re-pave Trull Lane. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: APPROVED</p> | | |
| 17. | Order
202113
(ID:14798) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Health and Human Services appear before this Board to discuss progress in the city's race dialogs. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p style="margin: 0;">FOLLOWUP: Youth Services Committee</p> | | |
| 18. | Order
202114
(ID:14799) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking provide a response to requests for traffic calming measures on Knowlton Street. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: APPROVED</p> | | |
| 19. | Order
202115
(ID:14800) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works fix the broken handicap access street curb on the Glen Street side of the East Somerville Community School. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: APPROVED</p> | | |

20. Resolution 202116 (ID:14801) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Administration update this Board on the future of Veterans Memorial Park.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Veterans and Public Services Committee

21. Order 202117 (ID:14802) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the dead tree at 28 Illinois Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

22. Order 202118 (ID:14803) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the trash barrel in front of Santander Bank on Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

23. Order 201868 (ID:14534) By Ald. White Jr., and the Entire Board
That the Director of Water and Sewer appear before this Board at its September 13 regular meeting to discuss the new base water charge, the reasons for its adoption, and why the Board was not informed of it during the budget meetings.

Mr. Lawhorne addressed the Board regarding the new base water and sewer charges. They were implemented to modernize an antiquated sewer system and align with industry standards and best practices. 75% of the water mains are 100 years old or older. In the past year alone, \$6,700,000 has been spent on emergency repairs. Over the last 6-7 years, \$45,000,000 has been spent on capital improvements. The cost to deliver water and take away sewer continues to increase. Alderman Niedergang asked why all this information wasn't available before the charges were applied. Mr. Lawhorne apologized, saying that unfortunately the cart went before the horse, that they were dealing with the budget and trying to get everything together before the billing deadline. Alderman Connolly responded that because of the way it was handled, it left the Board in an awkward position. He said that during the budget process, every department was asked if there were any changes coming down, and no changes were reported by the Water Department. Alderman Lafuente stated that being on the Finance Committee, and being a representative of the people, and having no control over this situation, was very frustrating. Alderman Rossetti stated that the Legislative Matters Committee is seriously considering an ordinance change to give Board authority over water and sewer rates. She then asked Mr. Lawhorne about the 15 year plan. Mr. Lawhorne responded that the 15 year plan is an infrastructure capital improvement plan separate from the 5 year rate plan.

Alderman Rossetti requested a copy of it, and asked how the two large institutional facilities are charged. Mr. Lawhorne stated that they are charged depending on their meter size and pipe size. Commercial properties are charged higher rates than residential. Alderman Rossetti requested to be provided before the Board's next meeting a report on the two large institutions and their rates, as well as a report on how many residential properties are being charged as commercial in error, and how many commercial properties are being charged as residential in error, and how long it's been going on. Mr. Lawhorne replied that he is not aware of any residential property being charged a commercial rate, and he's analyzing how many commercial buildings are being charged a residential rate. Alderman Heuston complained that the City website has the 15 year capital plan, but not a list of answers to the questions raised at the recent rate forum. President White said Mr. Lawhorne should have had the answers ready at this meeting. Alderman McLaughlin agreed with Alderman Lafuente that the Board should be an approval authority, along with the Mayor, for water and sewer rates. He asked Mr. Lawhorne about the State law that large developments should have four times as much infrastructure payment, and Mr. Lawhorne responded that he does not have that information. Alderman McLaughlin's motion to get that information was passed and forwarded to the Finance Committee. Alderman Davis stated he sees distrust from his constituents and incidents like this support that distrust. Alderman McWatters said the water charge is unfair, especially for seniors and those on fixed incomes. He would like to see the administration consider separating the water and sewer. Alderman Ballantyne asked for the administration's 3 year plan for debt, so the Board can gauge its impact on residents.

Finance Director Ed Bean gave a slide presentation on the Enterprise Funds. Enterprise Funds are segregated special revenue funds financed and operated with the full costs of goods or services financed through user charges. They are not part of the General Fund, and any actual surpluses in revenues are retained in the Funds. When there isn't sufficient revenue to meet appropriations, the State DOR requires that the deficit go onto the property tax. We are facing that challenge here in 2016. DOR recommends a positive balance of 10% of the appropriated budget, which the city maintained until FY15, when retained earnings were only 2.4% for water and 3.5% for sewer. President White asked why the Board was not alerted to this earlier. Mr. Bean responded that the city will restructure the budget hearings so that future information will be presented to the Board in a timely manner. Perhaps water and sewer rates were set too low, prompting the 11% increase in 2016 to try and deal with the gap in revenue. In April 2016, analysis showed an approximate \$900,000 deficit in the water enterprise fund and a potential \$2,900,000 deficit in the sewer enterprise fund. He also said spending was decreased, so the city ended FY15 with a positive balance. Alderman Lafuente requested an itemization of those spending decreases. President White noted that the expenditures in Mr. Bean's presentation didn't match the FY17 proposed budget, and Mr. Bean said he would look into it.

Woodard and Curran Consultant Toby Fedder stated that he was contracted in May 2104 to perform a water and sewer rate study, and he presented an overview to the Board. They reviewed 5 years' worth of billings and had many meetings with city staff to make sure the budget was fully understood. He said the objective was to generate sufficient revenues to cover the full cost of service, build the reserves back to where they should be, and equitably generate revenue from users. He suggested a 3% rate increase each year over a 5 year term. Alderman Rossetti noted that his numbers on water and capital debt service didn't match those in his more recent memo, and he said he would provide a clarification. She also questioned the fire suppression charge recommendation. President White pointed out that the rate study is based on a \$50,000,000 bond that was never approved. Alderman McLaughlin asked why a plan for large developments and large commercial interests to pay their fair share was left out. Mr. Fedder replied that there was no good way to predict development, and that existing developments would pay more, especially for the fire suppression charges, once they are instituted. Comparing the FY16 rates to the now adopted 2017 rates, there is 5% increase per year for the next 5 years. Statewide, base monthly charges are applied by about 35 to 40% of utilities. Nationally, the average water/sewer base charge is \$12-\$13 per month on each side. Base charges cover costs that have no relation to water or sewer used by a customer, i.e., buying and installing the meter, billing, testing, etc. Alderman Niedergang asked what would happen to the base fee after 5 years. Mr. Fedder responded that as long as there is not a collapse in consumption, there should not be a large adjustment to the base charges in FY22. Alderman McWatters asked which communities in the MWRA have this base fee and where Somerville fits in that range. Mr. Lawhorne responded that out of the 61 MWRA communities, 34 use a base charge, and Somerville falls in the middle. Alderman Rossetti asked Mr. Lawhorne how \$7,000,000 in the stabilization fund was used. Mr. Bean responded that it hasn't been expended. She asked why it wasn't used, and he said it was appropriated for long term capital infrastructure.

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

24. Order
 202008
 (ID:14674)

By Ald. Ballantyne
 That the Director of Finance and the Superintendent of Water and Sewer provide this Board with the total costs associated with emergency water and sewer repairs for FY14, FY15 and FY16 by this Board's September 13 regular meeting.

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

25. Order By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board
202026 That the Water Superintendent report to this Board on the imposition or
(ID:14691) suspension of water and sewer base charges for customers.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

26. Officer's Acting Water Superintendent submitting a Water & Sewer Enterprise Funds
Communication Financial Analysis and a Water & Sewer Rate Study.
202080
(ID:14767)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

27. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on September 21, 2016.
202119
(ID:14780)

Alderman Lafuente reported on the items discussed at the meeting. During this meeting a large number of grants were approved. The City Assessor presented a proposed solar pilot agreement for the solar electric generating facility at the Partner's Health Care site on top of their parking garage, as well as \$150,000 additional money for new trees which will be planted in the spring. There was an additional \$50,000 earmarked for that so that brings the total to \$200,000.
RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to rescind the acceptance of a mitigation payment of
201338 \$47,770 from Berkeley Investments Inc. (#199464), and authorize the refund
(ID:13967) of that amount to that entity.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. Mayor's Request Requesting the creation of the 197 Washington Street Stabilization Fund and
201532 the acceptance of a mitigation payment to the Fund of \$8,322 from A&M
(ID:14152) Realty Trust for striping and sidewalk improvements.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Houston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- D. Officer's Communication City Assessor presenting for approval a proposed Solar PILOT Agreement for
201641 a solar electric generating facility at the Partner's Health Care site.
(ID:14288)

RESULT: APPROVED

E. Mayor's Request 201812 (ID:14427) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$248,922 from the MA Department of Energy Resources, for the Office of Sustainability and Environment's installation of energy efficient indoor lighting.

RESULT: APPROVED

F. Mayor's Request 201813 (ID:14321) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$9,248 from FEMA for the Fire Department's purchase of new highrise firefighting equipment.

RESULT: APPROVED

G. Mayor's Request 201915 (ID:14557) Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of Big Belly trash and recycling units.

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

H. Mayor's Request 201916 (ID:14566) Requesting an appropriation of \$150,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for Tree Planting.

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

I. Mayor's Request 201917 (ID:14561) Requesting an appropriation of \$100,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of decorative benches and barrels.

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

J. Mayor's Request 201918 (ID:14583) Requesting an appropriation of \$47,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for a five-year Elgin Sweeper lease for the DPW.

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

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| K. Mayor's Request 201919 (ID:14570) | Requesting an appropriation of \$45,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase and installation of a Plymal Vent System for DPW Mechanic's Fleet Maintenance Garage. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| L. Mayor's Request 201920 (ID:14572) | Requesting an appropriation of \$14,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the renovation of the call center facility. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| M. Mayor's Request 201921 (ID:14571) | Requesting an appropriation of \$12,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the renovation of the DPW's Fleet Maintenance Garage. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| N. Mayor's Request 201922 (ID:14579) | Requesting a transfer of \$150,565 from certain Police Department Salary and Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to certain DPW Highway Accounts to fund mechanic salaries and maintenance costs now managed within the Fleet Department. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| O. Mayor's Request 201923 (ID:14537) | Requesting approval to pay prior fiscal year invoices in the Department of Public Works totaling \$33,283.92. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| P. Mayor's Request 201924 (ID:14520) | Requesting the acceptance of a \$89,000 grant from the MA DMH Police Based Jail Diversion Program for the Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team Training. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| Q. Mayor's Request 201925 (ID:14526) | Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$87,831 from the MA Office of Elder Affairs for Council on Aging staffing, transportation and services for elder residents. | RESULT: APPROVED |

R.	Mayor's Request 201926 (ID:14412)	Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$37,315 from the Department of Mental Health, for the Police Department's Jail Diversion Program.	RESULT: APPROVED
S.	Mayor's Request 201927 (ID:14533)	Requesting the acceptance of a \$29,685 grant from the MA Urban Area Security Initiative for Critical Infrastructure Investment Area for target hardening at City Hall.	RESULT: APPROVED
T.	Mayor's Request 201928 (ID:14530)	Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$20,004 from the Office of Justice Programs (2015) Byrne JAG Grant for Police Department mental health programs.	RESULT: APPROVED
U.	Mayor's Request 201929 (ID:14519)	Requesting the acceptance of a \$12,581.25 grant from the Metro Mayors Community Safety Initiative, for the Police Department's Shannon Grant for youth violence prevention.	RESULT: APPROVED
V.	Mayor's Request 201930 (ID:14521)	Requesting the acceptance of a \$8,676 grant from the DPH First Responder Naloxone (Narcan) Grant Program for the Police Department.	RESULT: APPROVED
W.	Mayor's Request 201931 (ID:14524)	Requesting the acceptance of 30 concrete planters from Ames Business Park, for the Arts Council's ArtFarm site.	RESULT: APPROVED
X.	Officer's Communication 201937 (ID:14562)	City Solicitor requesting approval to hire outside legal counsel in the matter of Lopez v. City of Somerville et al.	RESULT: APPROVED
Y.	Mayor's Request 201998 (ID:14564)	Requesting the acceptance and appropriation of an additional deposit of \$49,750 from US2 into the Union Square Stabilization and Revitalization Account.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Houston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| Z. | Mayor's Request 201999 (ID:14565) | Requesting an appropriation of \$49,750 from the Union Square Stabilization and Revitalization Fund for services in connection with the redevelopment of Union Square. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| AA. | Mayor's Request 202000 (ID:14602) | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$1,566.61 using available funds in the City Clerk's Office's Office Supplies Account to pay WB Mason for office supplies purchased in FY16. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| AB. | Mayor's Request 202001 (ID:14532) | Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$4,560.09 from the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, for the City's target hardening project. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| AC. | Mayor's Request 202075 (ID:14538) | Requesting approval to expend FY17 funds totaling \$221.88 to pay a prior year invoice in the Police Dept. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| AD. | Mayor's Request 202076 (ID:14678) | Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$34,200 from the MA Cultural Council for the Arts Council's Local Cultural Council grant program. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| AE. | Mayor's Request 202077 (ID:14677) | Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$6,500 from the MA Cultural Council for the Arts Council's general operational support. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |

28. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report 202120 (ID:14778) | Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on September 19, 2016. | <p>Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He discussed reactivating the west branch library renovation project. The administration is now working on a revised plan for a smaller community room. Additional design funds will be required to change the design from a large community room to a smaller one which would not intrude on the setback of the abutting properties. Another item discussed was the Housing Department's plan for implementing the recommendations of the sustainable neighborhoods working group on affordable housing. Lastly, he spoke about the Green Line Extension.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
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B. Order 196366 (ID:8897) By Ald. Ballantyne, Heuston That the Director of SPCD submit a plan to create “Middle Class” housing.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Mayor's Communication 199725 (ID:12418) Updating this Board on the shortfall in Green Line Extension funding.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 200521 (ID:13168) By Ald. Niedergang That the City Solicitor brief Housing Department staff and Condominium Review Board members to ensure they are implementing the Condominium Conversion Ordinance to the fullest extent possible, and report back to this Board.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Order 201508 (ID:14171) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD communicate with state authorities the need for sound proof windows at 240 Pearl Street, which were previously promised as part of the Green Line Extension.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 201698 (ID:14369) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Capital Projects update this Board on the West Branch Library and on any other capital projects that may be of concern to this Board.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order 202007 (ID:14676) By Ald. White Jr. That the Director of SPCD appear before this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development to apprise this Board of the disposition of the Homans Building and any related rights-of-way involved with the Green Line Extension.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

29. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 202121 (ID:14777)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on September 15, 2016.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Alderman Rossetti reported on the items discussed at the meeting. She spoke about the rental registration program for owners of six or more rental units. There was a motion that the administration present its recommendation for the proposed rental registration program to the Committee at its October 20 meeting. She also discussed was the mid-year fiscal year report. She gave an update on water/sewer rates. Alderman McLaughlin proposed adding the words "and the Board of Aldermen" to the ordinance, so rate increases would have to be approved by the Mayor and the Board. There was also a proposal by Alderman White to consider a home rule petition to provide relief from the water/sewer charges to property owners who occupy their homes, shifting the excess costs to non-owner occupied properties. A water/sewer discount rate for seniors and people with disabilities was also discussed.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> </div> |
| <p>B. Order 201902 (ID:14592)</p> | <p>By Ald. Niedergang
That the City Solicitor advise this Board on its powers to call property owners and especially developers before this Board to discuss building code violations, stop work orders, dangerous practices, and repeated violations of the City's laws and regulations.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> </div> |
| <p>C. Resolution 202122 (ID:14772)</p> | <p>By Ald. Rossetti
That the Administration present its recommendations and a draft ordinance for the proposed Rental Registration Program (#199934) to the Committee on Legislative Matters at its meeting on October 20, 2016.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> </div> |
| <p>D. Resolution 202123 (ID:14773)</p> | <p>By Ald. White Jr.
That the Administration consider a Home Rule Petition to provide relief from water and sewer charges and rates to property owners who occupy their homes, by shifting the excess cost to non-owner-occupied property owners.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> </div> |

30. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
202124
(ID:14779)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on September 20, 2016.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Alderman Sullivan reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He spoke about an Eversource request for a grant of location which was approved. He also discussed the mural on Hudson St. The Committee feels the mural adds value, but in the future would like to have more of the neighborhood give their input on such projects. There were concerns that this mural might invoke playing on the street. The Committee would like to get three real estate opinions to see if the mural is negatively impacting the home values in that neighborhood. A neighborhood meeting will be scheduled after November 19, for neighbors to give their opinions and possibly come up with a solution.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> </div> |
| <p>B. Grant of Location
202013
(ID:14721)</p> | <p>Submitted by Eversource to install 31 feet of conduit in Morrison Avenue, from Pole 238/28 to a point of pickup at the rear of 10 Winslow Avenue. (Interim approval issued 8/29/16)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> </div> |

31. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
202125
(ID:14776)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on September 14, 2016.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Alderman Connolly reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Matrix Report was presented to the Committee by Travis Miller. A new Fire Station would be beneficial east of Union Square.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED
AMENDED: #201998 returned to Committee.</p> </div> |
| <p>B. Order
199724
(ID:12444)</p> | <p>By Ald. Rossetti
That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer appear before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss concerns regarding #198703 and #199522 for public safety at Assembly Row and citywide.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> </div> |
| <p>C. Public Communication
200587
(ID:13217)</p> | <p>Ben Asack submitting comments re: establishing a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> </div> |
| <p>D. Officer's Communication
201198
(ID:13752)</p> | <p>DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 3/24/16.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> </div> |

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| E. Order
201308
(ID:13962) | By Ald. McLaughlin, Sullivan
That the Chief of Police extend school crossing guard services from 3:15 PM to 3:30 PM. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| F. Public Communication
201375
(ID:13993) | District Attorney responding to #196432 re: the investigation of the murder of Deanna Cremin. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| G. Order
201475
(ID:14128) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services report to this Board his assessment of whether Stop Work Order fines and penalties are sufficient to deter developers from working without permits, and provide a detailed list of all Stop Work orders issued since May, 2015. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| H. Order
201498
(ID:14161) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Chief of Police and the Animal Control Officer enforce the leash law on the Community Path and around Lexington Park. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| I. Resolution
201565
(ID:14186) | By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board
That the Administration work with this Board to provide evidence of the City's runner-friendly activities to the Road Runners Club of America in order to be designated a Runner Friendly Community. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| J. Order
201789
(ID:14447) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services direct NIT personnel to immediately investigate the property at 40 Columbus Avenue for health and building code violations. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| K. Order
201790
(ID:14448) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services dispatch NIT personnel to investigate 87 Lowell Street for building code violations. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| L. Order
201897
(ID:14576) | By Ald. Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Chief Fire Engineer report to this Board on plans to deal with gas leaks and explain why utilities are not required to repair Level 3 leaks. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |

- M. Order 201988 (ID:14668) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 33-35 Barton Street weekly for continual overgrowth onto the public sidewalk.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

- N. Order 202126 (ID:14769) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Chief of Police assign a crossing guard to the Prospect Hill Academy Charter School location on Franklin Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

32. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 202127 (ID:14781) Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on September 21, 2016.

Alderman McWatters reported on the items discussed at the meeting. At the meeting Alderman McLaughlin wanted clarification whether or not claims could be brought against motorists who damage City trees. According to the DPW there are protocols in place if there is any damage to trees or City property. If they receive a police report, they will seek damages through the driver's insurance company. Alderman McLaughlin was also concerned with was truck traffic early in the morning, before 7 a.m. Parking and snow policies at the schools were also discussed.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 200695 (ID:13324) By Ald. McLaughlin, White Jr.
That the Director of Capital Projects and the Disability Coordinator appear before the Committee on Public Utilities and Works to discuss ADA issues and construction defects at the East Somerville Community School.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 202096 (ID:14765) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Chief of Police report to this Board whether their departments bring claims against, or cite, motorists who damage city trees.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| <p>33. Mayor's Request 202128 (ID:14770)</p> | <p>Requesting the acceptance and appropriation of an additional \$80,000 from US2 Associates into the Union Square Stabilization and Revitalization Fund.</p> <p>Alderman Lafuente requested to waive the readings of items 33 through 41, with item 39 referred to Confirmation of Appointments Committee, items 33, 34 and 40 referred to the Finance Committee, item 41 to be placed on file, and approve items 35 through 38. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| <p>34. Mayor's Request 202129 (ID:14771)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation of \$80,000 from the Union Square Stabilization and Revitalization Fund for services in connection with the redevelopment of Union Square.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| <p>35. Mayor's Request 202130 (ID:14774)</p> | <p>Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$186,976 from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security for the Police Department, for 911 support.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>36. Mayor's Request 202131 (ID:14775)</p> | <p>Requesting the acceptance of a \$58,573 grant from the MA Office of Public Safety for 911 training and emergency medical dispatch services.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>37. Mayor's Request 202132 (ID:14750)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$12,500 grant from MA Department of Energy Resources to the Office of Sustainability & Environment for technical assistance in net metering agreements.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>38. Mayor's Request 202133 (ID:14768)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$100 donation from the USAlliance Federal Credit Union for the city's Haiti and Brazil Hit the 'Ville Festival.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>39. Mayor's Request 202134 (ID:14782)</p> | <p>Requesting the appointment of Candace Cooper to the position of Director of Personnel.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

40. Officer's Communication 202135 (ID:14807) Acting Water Superintendent responding to #202008 re: emergency water and sewer repairs in FY14-FY16.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

41. Officer's Communication 202136 (ID:14749) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 8/25/16.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee

NEW BUSINESS

42. License/Permit 202137 (ID:14809) Public Event Permit, Highland Rd Block Party, from Kidder Ave to Morrison Ave, Sep 25, 2-8PM (raindate Oct 1).

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 42 through 50 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED

43. License/Permit 202138 (ID:14810) Public Event Permit, Sprout Somerville STEAM Celebration, Seven Hills Park and Meacham Rd from Buena Vista Rd to Dover St, Oct 3, 4-9PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

44. License/Permit 202139 (ID:14811) Public Event Permit, Groundwork Somerville Dance Party, 138 South St, Oct 8, 3PM-Midnite (raindate Oct 9).

RESULT: APPROVED

45. License/Permit 202140 (ID:14812) Public Event Permit, Landers Street Birthday Block Party, Oct 10, 1:30-5:30PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

46. License/Permit 202141 (ID:14813) Public Event Permit, Lungevity Foundation Walk-a-thon, Assembly Row and Mystic River area, Nov 5, 89AM-3PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

47. License/Permit 202142 (ID:14814) Public Event Permit, BA Event Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk, Davis Sq and area streets, Dec 18, 7AM-1PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 48. | License/Permit
202143
(ID:14815) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, J Masterson Construction. |
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| 49. | License/Permit
202144
(ID:14816) | Renewing Lodging House License, Alpha Tau Omega, 134 Professors Row. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 50. | License/Permit
202145
(ID:14817) | Renewing Open Air Vendor License, Next Wave/Full Circle School, Foss Park area. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 51. | Citation
202146
(ID:14830) | By Ald. White Jr., the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending the Somerville Little League 10 Year Old All Star Team, who won the 2016 Jimmy Fund Tournament Championship. |
| | | The President and Mayor congratulated the 10 Year Old All Star Little League Team who won the 2016 Jimmy Fund Tournament Championship.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 52. | Order
202147
(ID:14821) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works plant a tree at 26 Montrose Street. |
| | | Alderman McWatters requested to waive the reading of item 52 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 53. | Order
202148
(ID:14822) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD and the Administration discuss pre-planning and planning processes and requirements for private developers and city infrastructure projects, identifying differences and similarities. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee |
| 54. | Resolution
202149
(ID:14823) | By Ald. Ballantyne, McLaughlin
That the Administration discuss requiring adding the word "Somerville" to buildings in the Assembly Square area, to enhance office and commercial marketing efforts. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee |
| 55. | Order
202150
(ID:14824) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Chief of Police monitor traffic speeds on Cameron Avenue. |
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| 56. Order
202151
(ID:14829) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the sewer at 24 Endicott Avenue to mitigate rodent activity. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
 FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee</p> | |
| 57. Mayor's Request
202152
(ID:14825) | Requesting the adoption of MGL Chapter 90, Section 17C, to reduce the prima facie speed limit in the City to 25 MPH. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> | |
| 58. Mayor's Request
202153
(ID:14826) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$94,000 in a bond for additional design services for the West Branch Library Renovation Project. |
| <p>Alderman Niedergang requested to waive the readings of items 58 through 61 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
 RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| 59. Mayor's Request
202154
(ID:14783) | Requesting approval of a transfer of \$140,000 in the Law Department, from the Judgments/Settlements Account to the Legal Services Account, for rendered and anticipated outside counsel services. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| 60. Mayor's Request
202155
(ID:14818) | Requesting a transfer of \$55,577 from the Salary Contingency Account to the SPCD Transportation and Infrastructure Personal Services Salaries Account to fund a Senior Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| 61. Officer's Communication
202156
(ID:14827) | Acting Director of Personnel responding to #201896 re: status of City vacancies. |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |

LATE ITEMS

62. Order By Ald. Rossetti
 202157 That the Water Superintendent provide this Board with a report of the number
 (ID:14837) of commercial customers that are being charged the residential rate, prior to
 this Board's next meeting on October 13, 2016.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

63. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
 202158 That the Water Superintendent inform this Board about the State Law
 (ID:14838) regarding 4 to 1 infiltration in-flow for water and sewer charges for large
 developments, and that the water and sewer fees for Assembly Row, Maxwell
 Green, and other large scale developments be provided as well.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

64. Order By Ald. Heuston
 202159 That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services contact the condo
 (ID:14832) associations and residents at 97, 94 and 96 Prospect Street regarding trash
 pickups prior to 6 AM.

RESULT: APPROVED

65. Order By Ald. Heuston
 202160 That the Commissioner of Public Works adjust if possible the LED street light
 (ID:14833) facing 13 Laurel Street as it is aggravating the residents there.

RESULT: APPROVED

66. Order By Ald. Heuston
 202161 That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect with the Ward 2
 (ID:14834) Alderman the 300 block of Beacon Street, to determine the source(s) of
 increased rodent activity.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

67. Order By Ald. Davis
 202162 That the Director of Health and Human Services advise this Board of any
 (ID:14835) potential public health concerns raised by a recent report that one out of eight
 samples of Somerville tap water showed small amounts of Chromium-6, and
 detail any more recent test results.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

68. Order 202163 (ID:14836) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of Inspectional Services order the business at 121 Washington Street to put their trash out on the Washington Street side of the building.

RESULT: APPROVED

69. Order 202164 (ID:14839) By Ald. Ballantyne, Heuston That the Director of Finance review with this Board a residential and commercial real estate tax bill, clearly identifying all additional fees that taxpayers are paying (e.g. CPA charge).

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

70. Order 202165 (ID:14840) By Ald. Ballantyne, Heuston That the Director of Finance discuss review with this Board a water/sewer bill for all rate payers (tiered), clearly identifying all additional fees that rate payers are paying (e.g. base monthly charge).

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

71. License/Permit 202166 (ID:14831) Public Event Permit, East Somerville Main Streets Brazil Day 5K Road Race, East Branch Library and area streets, Sep 25, 8AM-1:30PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:55 PM.