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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Alderman At Large William A. White Jr.

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| 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 | Absent | |
| Robert J. McWatters | Ward Three Alderman | Present | |
| Tony Lafuente | Ward Four Alderman | Absent | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five Alderman | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six Alderman | Present | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven Alderman | Present | |

1. Roll Call 201862 (ID:14580) Call of the Roll.

Alderman Connolly and the Board held a moment of silence for William O'Keefe and John Corrigan.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 201863 (ID:14581)

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 23, 2016.

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. Citation 201864 (ID:14604)

By Ald. White Jr., the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending the Somerville City Club on the happy occasion of its 50th anniversary.

President White thanked the City Club for its 50 years of service to the youth of the community.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location 201865 (ID:14607) Submitted by Eversource to install 6 feet of conduit in Wheatland Street, from Pole 141/9 to a point of pickup at 74 Wheatland Street.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

5. Grant of Location 201866 (ID:14608) Submitted by Eversource to install 38 feet of conduit in Loring Street, from Pole 214/1 to a point of pickup on Loring Street at 483 Somerville Avenue.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

6. Grant of Location 201867 (ID:14609) Submitted by Eversource to install 18 feet of conduit in Cedar Street, from Manhole 14362 to a point of pickup at 290 Highland Avenue.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

7. Order 201868 (ID:14534)

By Ald. White Jr., Lafuente, McLaughlin, Sullivan, Rossetti, McWatters, Niedergang, Connolly, Ballantyne, Davis

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.

Acting Superintendent of the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund Mark Lawhorne addressed the Board. He said that at the September 13 Board meeting, consultants will be present to supply all the necessary information about the new \$60 base charge. He explained why the Board was not aware of the rate increase during the budget review, and said it was not intentionally withheld from the Board or the public. At budget time, they were still gathering information to calculate the rates. Alderman Rossetti said she was very upset that she and the Board was not aware of the increase, and she requested a Cease and Desist of all water bills until it could be reviewed. President White didn't think the Board had the legal ability to Cease and Desist the bills since Water and Sewer is a separate entity. He asked Mr. Lawhorne if he would be willing to hold off on mailing the bills until after the September 13 meeting, and Mr. Lawhorne stated he would have to talk to the Treasurer. David Shapiro, Assistant City Solicitor, said he would check on the legality of a Cease and Desist order. Alderman Sullivan said he was blindsided by this new water charge. Alderman Connolly said it

was incomprehensible. Alderman Niedergang said it should be suspended until it can be rectified. Alderman McLaughlin questioned the rate increase. Alderman McWatters spoke of his irate constituents and said the Board should have been informed beforehand. Alderman Davis wanted to know if any residential units would receive a higher rate. Mr. Lawhorne explained tier pricing, saying smaller pipe size meters would be \$60 and larger pipe size meters would be more. A letter explaining this will be going out to the public. President White said the city may not have complied with the rate-setting Ordinance, and the Board approved an order to the City Solicitor to determine whether it did comply with the provisions of Ordinance 11-125.

RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen

8. Ordinance 201869 (ID:14535)

By Ald. White Jr.

Amending Ordinance 11-125 to include notification to this Board with respect to water rates.

For discussion, see #201868.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

9. Order 201870 (ID:14539) By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan

That the Commissioner of Public Works explain why the trees at the Healy School where removed and what trees are going in their place.

Alderman Niedergang requested the DPW give public notice on their plans for removing trees on City property. Alderman Davis agreed that notice and communication with the School Department should occur prior to changing school landscapes.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee

10. Order 201871 (ID:14540) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 22 Wigglesworth Street.

Alderman McLaughlin requested to waive the readings of items 10 through 27 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. Order 201872 (ID:14541)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update on construction for McGrath Highway and the bridge on Medford and Gilman Streets with an expected timeline of completion.

12. Order By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works fix the street light on the corner of 201873 (ID:14542) Franklin and Pearl Streets. **RESULT: APPROVED** 13. Order By Ald. McLaughlin 201874 That the Commissioner of Public Works install a street light on the corner of (ID:14543) Oliver and Cross Streets. **RESULT:** APPROVED 14. Order By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works address the slanted electrical pole on 201875 (ID:14544) the corner of Oliver and Cross Streets. **RESULT: APPROVED** 15. Order By Ald. McLaughlin 201876 That the Commissioner of Public Works address the dead trees on the corner of (ID:14545) Franklin and Flint Streets. **RESULT: APPROVED** 16. Order By Ald. McLaughlin 201877 That the Commissioner of Public Works address the low hanging wire in front (ID:14546) of 26 Crescent Street. **RESULT: APPROVED** 17. By Ald. McLaughlin Order 201878 That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the collapsing garage on the corner of Pearl and Cross Streets for violations. (ID:14547) **RESULT: APPROVED** 18. Order By Ald. McLaughlin That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait Cross Street, Gilman 201879 Street, Chester Avenue and Cross Street Place for rodents. (ID:14548) **RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee

19. Order By Ald. McLaughlin 201880 That the Chief of Pol

(ID:14549)

That the Chief of Police monitor traffic on New Washington Street weekdays 5-6 PM.

| 20. | Order 201881 (ID:14550) | By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint a crosswalk on New Washington Street behind Cobble Hill. (2nd request) | | |
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| | | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 21. | Order 201882 (ID:14551) | | ghlin r of Traffic and Parking install a SLOW sign on New set by Cobble Hill. | |
| | | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 22. | Order 201883 (ID:14552) | By Ald. McLaug That the Director Franklin and Pea | r of Traffic and Parking install a STOP sign on the corner of | |
| | | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 23. | Order 201884 (ID:14553) | By Ald. McLaug That the Director sign at Franklin | r of Traffic and Parking replace the missing Webster Avenue | |
| | | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 24. | Order 201885 (ID:14554) | | ghlin r of Traffic and Parking place SLOW - CHILDREN and ns prominently at the beginning of Knowlton Street by Tufts | |
| | | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 25. | Order 201886 (ID:14555) | By Ald. McLaug That the Director and Cross Street | r of Traffic and Parking paint a crosswalk on Everett Avenue | |
| | | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 26. | Order 201887 (ID:14556) | By Ald. McLaug That the Director Pinckney Streets | r of Traffic and Parking fix the falling sign at Cross and | |
| | | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 27. | Order 201888 (ID:14596) | By Ald. McLaug That the Director Somerville. | ghlin r of Traffic and Parking enforce all parking regulations in East | |
| | | RESULT: | APPROVED | |

28. Order 201889 (ID:14567) By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., Niedergang That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 15-17-19 Henderson Street for all code violations and unauthorized removals of stop work orders and unsafe building notices, and report back to this Board on recommended actions to ensure the public's health and safety.

Alderman Connolly expressed his concern for this developer who disregards stop work orders. Alderman Niedergang would like to know what powers the Board has to rectify this.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

29. Order 201890 (ID:14568) By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan

That the City Solicitor research the potential illegality of the Condominium Conversion Ordinance and provide a written opinion to this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters at the earliest opportunity.

Alderman Connolly would like to hear from the City Solicitor on the potential illegality of the Condominium Conversion Ordinance. Alderman Niedergang expressed his support and would like have it revised.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

30. Order 201891 (ID:14569) By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., Niedergang, McWatters That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the shade trees on the corner of Central and Albion Streets so they don't block the light from the streetlamps.

RESULT: APPROVED

31. Resolution 201892 (ID:14587)

By Ald. Connolly, Niedergang, Lafuente, Rossetti, Sullivan That the Administration and the Director of Capital Projects reactivate the West Branch Library renovations project ASAP to inform the community of the latest information available, including informational meetings and the likelihood of the start of renovations.

Alderman Connolly requested the Director of Capital Projects reactivate the West Branch Library renovations.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

32. Order 201893 (ID:14589)

By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan, Rossetti, White Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove improperly posted flyers, notices and postings on all city-owned light poles and traffic signals and, where possible, notify offenders of possible fines for future violations.

Alderman Connolly stated he would like all flyers and other paperwork to be cleaned up from City poles.

33. Resolution 201894 (ID:14588)

By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, McWatters, Lafuente, White Jr.

That the Administration immediately suspend the \$60 per billing cycle base charge added to water/sewer bills until all interested parties are formally advised of the need for such a charge, including community meetings and/or public hearings.

For discussion, see #201868.

RESULT: APPROVED

34. Order 201895 (ID:14575)

By Ald. Rossetti, McLaughlin, Lafuente, Connolly

That the Water Superintendent or other responsible individual cease all mailings of water and sewer bills until discussion is held with this Board.

For discussion, see #201868.

RESULT: APPROVED

35. Order 201896

(ID:14573)

By Ald. Rossetti

That the Director of Personnel provide an updated report of any and all positions filled and/or vacated since the FY17 budget discussions.

RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

36. 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.

Aldermen Rossetti, Davis and Ballantyne requested a plan be put in place to address the City's gas leak safety issues.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

37. Communication By Ald. Rossetti

201898 (ID:14574) Reporting on the SHS Building Committee meetings held during the summer months.

Alderman Rossetti reported on the SHS Building Committee meeting. The website www.somervillema.gov/highschool is very informative, and there are also Facebook and Twitter accounts. The MSBA approved going to the design phase. They are still waiting to hear from the MA Historical Society. The final design of the GLX in Gilman Square is a work in progress. This construction will run simultaneously with the High School. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education recently approved the Chapter 74 section of the project. Full schematic design plans are due by December 1. The vote on the final schematic plan will be September 29. The next meeting will be held at Somerville High School.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

38. Resolution 201899 (ID:14577)

By Ald. Niedergang, McLaughlin, McWatters, Lafuente, Sullivan, Davis, White Jr., Rossetti, Ballantyne, Connolly

That this Board calls upon developers that receive any form of public financial support to use responsible prevailing-wage contractors that provide health insurance, worker's compensation, retirement benefits, and apprenticeship training to build their projects.

Alderman Niedergang stated this is a general resolution for the types of work we should have in the City, providing responsible prevailing-wage contractors that provide health insurance. Currently, there are contractors working at Assembly Square that do not treat their workers right, have trouble with the law, etc. The goal in Somerville should be to have responsible employers. Mark Ehrlich, Executive Secretary Treasurer of the New England Regional Council of Carpenters, spoke on behalf of union workers.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

39. Order 201900 (ID:14590) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board by its September 22 regular meeting on plans to implement new legislation to reduce speed limits on local streets to 25 mph in "thickly settled areas" and 20 mph in "designated safety zones."

Alderman Niedergang spoke about lowering speed limits in certain areas to 25 mph.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

40. Order 201901 (ID:14591)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the City Solicitor and Director of SPCD develop with this Board a revised Condominium Conversion Ordinance to remove the illegal sections in the current ordinance, and provide maximum protections to prevent the displacement of tenants or ease their transition.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

41. Order 201902 (ID:14592)

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.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

42. Order 201903 (ID:14593)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board about plans to relandscape any school properties, since both the Kennedy and Healey School yards were re-landscaped this summer without public notice.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee

43. Order 201904 (ID:14594)

By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne, Sullivan, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, McWatters, White Jr., Connolly

That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on keeping city trees alive by watering them during this and future droughts.

Alderman Niedergang commented that during a drought, the City trees need water and said the City needs to have a full-time arborist.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee

44. Order 201905 (ID:14595)

By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne

That this Board, with the City Solicitor, develop an ordinance for trees on cityowned property that extends to them the requirements for public notices and hearings currently in place for all "public shade trees."

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

45. Order 201906 (ID:14597)

By Ald. McWatters, Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works direct the contractor who recently did work on Porter Street to repair and resurface the sink hole that is beginning to develop on Summer and Porter Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

46. Order 201907 (ID:14598)

By Ald. McWatters

That the city's arborist determine the vitality of the tree across from 67 Craigie Street and report back to the Ward 3 Alderman.

RESULT: APPROVED

47. Order 201908 (ID:14599)

By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panels from Properzi Manner to Bow Street as they have become a public safety hazard.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

48. Order 201909

(ID:14600)

By Ald. Sullivan, Lafuente, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the two trees in front and on the

side of 71-73 Bailey Road. (2nd request)

RESULT:

APPROVED

49. Order 201910 (ID:14601) By Ald. Sullivan, McLaughlin, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street light in front of 93

Flint Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

50. Communication By Ald. White Jr.

> 201911 (ID:14605)

In his capacity as President, Appointing Gerald McCue to the Municipal Compensation Advisory Board, replacing Phil Ercolini, who has resigned.

RESULT:

PLACED ON FILE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 201912 (ID:14536) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on August 23, 2016.

Alderman Rossetti reported on the Committee of Legislative Matters. She discussed the Home Rule Petition, for which the City Solicitor is waiting for an opinion from the Department of Revenue: Alderman Niedergang is opposed. Another item requested the Supervisor of Inspectional Services to create a rental registration program. ISD Superintendent Goran Smiljic said it would create a logistical nightmare, with at least three inspectors and multiple clerks to handle the workload. The Committee also discussed the two non-zoning proposals on a tenancy preservation waiting list. Assistant City Solicitor David Shapiro reviewed the Noise Ordinance and added two amendments, with a new effective date of October 1, 2016. Finally, with a new State Early Voting Law, voting will be at City Hall Chambers, and computers will be set up so electronic votes are entered instantly into the system.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order 197795 (ID:10367) By Ald. Sullivan

That this Board explore an ordinance to allow restaurants with outdoor seating the option to be dog friendly.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED C. Order 200523

By Ald. Niedergang

200523 (ID:13170) That the Election Commissioner report to this Board on implementing the new state early voting law, and respond to the recommendations of the MA Election Modernization Coalition Early Voting Challenge.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 201151 (ID:13850) By Ald. Niedergang, White Jr.

That the Legislative Matters Committee with the City Solicitor review the Noise Ordinance for any changes with regard to permitted construction noise in residential areas early on Saturdays and holidays, so it's consistent for contractors and residents.

See #202002 for the ordained amendment to the Noise Control Ordinance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Mayor's Request 201275 (ID:13941) Requesting approval of an Administrative Order relative to the organization of administrative offices.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

F. Resolution 201913 (ID:14657)

By Ald. Connolly

That the Administration meet with Alderman Heuston and other Alderman as necessary to prepare recommendations re: #199934 before the Legislative Matters Committee's next meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

52. Mayor's Request 201914 (ID:14584) Requesting approval of an ordinance establishing a senior citizen water/sewer rate discount program.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

53. 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.

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 53 through 69 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

Requesting an appropriation of \$150,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund 54. Mayor's Request for Tree Planting. 201916 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:14566) **FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee 55. Mayor's Requesting an appropriation of \$100,000 from the Capital Projects Request Stabilization Fund for the purchase of decorative benches and barrels. 201917 REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** (ID:14561) **FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee 56. Mayor's Requesting an appropriation of \$47,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Request Fund for a five-year Elgin Sweeper lease for the DPW. 201918 REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** (ID:14583) **FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee 57. Mayor's Requesting an appropriation of \$45,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Request Fund for the purchase and installation of a Plymal Vent System for DPW 201919 Mechanic's Fleet Maintenance Garage. (ID:14570) **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee** 58. Requesting an appropriation of \$14,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Mayor's Request Fund for the renovation of the call center facility. 201920 REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** (ID:14572) **FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee 59. Mayor's Requesting an appropriation of \$12,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the renovation of the DPW's Fleet Maintenance Garage. Request 201921 REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** (ID:14571) **FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee 60. Mayor's Requesting a transfer of \$150,565 from certain Police Department Salary and

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to certain DPW Highway Accounts to fund

mechanic salaries and maintenance costs now managed within the Fleet

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

Department.

Request 201922

(ID:14579)

61. 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: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

62. 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: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

63. 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: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

64. 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: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

65. 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: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

66. 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: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

67. 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: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

68. 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: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

69. 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: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

70. Mayor's Request 201932 (ID:14578) Requesting the adoption of the 2016 Update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the reading of item 70 and refer to the Public Health and Safety Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

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

71. Mayor's Request 201933 (ID:14582) Requesting approval of an exemption for Annie Schapira, a municipal employee, under MGL c268A s20(b).

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 71 through 72 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

72. Mayor's Request 201934 (ID:14525) Requesting the appointment of Michael Lapiana to the position of Animal Control Officer in the Police Department.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

73. Mayor's Request 201935 (ID:14563) Requesting the appointment of retired Somerville Police Officer Neil Collins as a Special Police Officer.

74. Mayor's Communication 201936 (ID:14585)

Mayor's Requesting to appear before this Board to provide an update regarding the Communication Wynn casino project.

The Mayor appeared before the Board to provide an update on the Wynn Casino project. He said the City appealed the Chapter 91 license. The outcome was to reduce the 85 year term license to 50 years, to provide an additional two acres of publicly-accessible open space, and to provide ferry service for the life of the license. The Mayor said many environmental and traffic impacts will be worked on with Wynn but there are no solutions to report on currently. Attorney Gareth Orsmond from Pierce-Atwood spoke in more in depth on Chapter 91. Alderman Rossetti asked about the ferry service. The Mayor replied that both Wynn and the City would be working on it.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

75. Officer's City Solicitor requesting approval to hire outside legal counsel in the matter of Communication Lopez v. City of Somerville et al.

201937

(ID:14562)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

76. Officer's Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders Communication submitted 5/26/16.

201938 (ID:14522)

Alderman McWatters requested to waive the readings of items 76 through 77 and refer them to the Traffic and Parking Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

77. Officer's Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders Communication submitted 6/23/16.

201939

(ID:14527)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

NEW BUSINESS

78. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Starlab Studios Music and Arts Festival, 10 Poplar St, 201940 Sep 2 10AM-10PM, Sep 3 10AM-11PM, Sep 4 10AM-5PM (raindate Sep 9-(ID:14610) 11).

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 78 through 124 and approve them, except item 96 which will be referred to the Licenses and Permits Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

| 79. License/Permit 201941 (ID:14611) | 201941 | Public Event Permit, FRIT Riverfest, Assembly Row area, Sep 10, 8AM-10PM (raindate Sep 11). | | |
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| | (ID:14611) | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 80. License/F 201942 (ID:14612 | 201942 | Public Event Peri Sep 11). | mit, Irving Street Block Party, Sep 10, 11AM-7PM (raindate | |
| | (ID:14612) | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 20 | License/Permit 201943 | Public Event Peri | mit, Fairfax Street Block Party, Sep 10, 11AM-7PM. | |
| | (ID:14613) | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 82. | License/Permit 201944 | Public Event Peri 1-9PM (raindate | mit, Oxford Street Block Party, School St to Trull Ln, Sep 10, Sep 11). | |
| | (ID:14614) | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 83. License/Perm 201945 (ID:14615) | 201945 | Public Event Peri | mit, Walker Street Block Party, Sep 10, 2-8PM (raindate Sep | |
| | (ID:14615) | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 84. | License/Permit 201946 (ID:14616) | Public Event Peri 4-10PM (raindate | mit, Kingston Street Block Party, 35-48 Kingston St, Sep 10, e Sep 17). | |
| | | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 85. | 85. License/Permit 201947 (ID:14617) | | mit, East Somerville Main Streets Foodie Crawl, 14-192 3, 4-9:30PM (raindate Sep 14). | |
| | | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 86. | License/Permit 201948 (ID:14618) | Public Event Peri Sep 17, 1-7PM. | mit, Arts Council Evolution of Hip Hop Festival, Union Sq, | |
| | | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 87. | 87. License/Permit 201949 (ID:14619) | Public Event Peri 1:30-8PM (rainda | mit, Hudson St Block Party, Waldo St to Central St, Sep 24, ate Sep 25). | |
| | | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 88. | 201950 | Public Event Peri 5PM-2AM. | mit, Arts Council MUM Dance Party, 10 Poplar St, Sep 24, | |
| (ID: | (ID:14620) | RESULT: | APPROVED | |

| 201951 | 201951 | Public Event Permit, Ossipee Rd Block Party, Packard Ave to Curtis St, Sep 25, 3:30-6:30PM (raindate Sep 24). | | |
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| | (ID:14621) | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 201952 | 201952 | Public Event Perm 9AM-11PM (raind | nit, Arts Council Agricultural Festival, 10 Poplar St, Oct 1, late Oct 2). | |
| | (ID:14622) | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 91. | License/Permit 201953 | Public Event Perm (raindate Oct 2). | nit, Thorpe St Block Party, Oct 1, 11:30AM-6:30PM | |
| | (ID:14623) | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 92. License/Pern 201954 (ID:14624) | | | nit, Honk! Festival, Hodgkins Park Oct 7 4-9PM, Davis Sq M, Davis Sq to Beech St Oct 9 9AM-2PM, 10 Poplar St Oct | |
| | | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 2 | 201955 | | nit, SomerStreets Monster Mashed Up, Somerville Ave from well St, Oct 23, Noon-7PM. | |
| | (ID:14625) | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 94. | License/Permit 201956 (ID:14626) | Renewing Garage RESULT: | License, Automotive Transport Services, 495 Columbia St. APPROVED | |
| 95. | | Sign/Awning Pern | nit, Column Health, 401 Highland Ave, Sign and Awning. | |
| | 201957 (ID:14627) | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 201958 | License/Permit | Sign/Awning Pern | nit, Extra Space Storage, 460 Somerville Ave, 5 Signs. | |
| | (ID:14628) | RESULT: FOLLOWUP: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Licenses and Permits Committee | |
| 97. | 97. License/Permit 201959 (ID:14656) | New Lodging Houresidents. | ise License, Tufts University, 98 Professors Row, 21 | |
| | | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 98. | License/Permit 201960 | Renewing Lodging Packard Ave. | g House License, Walnut Hill Properties Zeta Beta Tau, 126 | |
| (ID:14629) | (ID:14629) | RESULT: | APPROVED | |

| 99. License/Permit 201961 (ID:14630) | 201961 | Renewing Lodging 25 Whitfield Rd. | House License, Walnut Hill Properties Alpha Omicron Pi, |
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| | RESULT: | APPROVED | |
| 100. License/Permit 201962 | Renewing Lodging Packard Ave. | House License, Walnut Hill Properties Theta Chi, 100 | |
| | (ID:14631) | RESULT: | APPROVED |
| 101. | License/Permit 201963 | Renewing Lodging Sawyer Ave. | House License, Walnut Hill Properties Alpha Phi, 14 |
| | (ID:14632) | RESULT: | APPROVED |
| 102. | | Renewing Lodging | House License, Tufts University, 98 Packard Ave. |
| | 201964 (ID:14633) | RESULT: | APPROVED |
| 103. | | Renewing Lodging | House License, Tufts University, 125 Powderhouse Blvd. |
| 201965 (ID:14634) | | RESULT: | APPROVED |
| 104. | License/Permit 201966 | Renewing Lodging | House License, Tufts University, 17 Latin Way. |
| | (ID:14635) | RESULT: | APPROVED |
| 105. | | Renewing Lodging | House License, Tufts University, 106 Professors Row. |
| 201967 (ID:14636) | | RESULT: | APPROVED |
| 106. | License/Permit 201968 | Renewing Lodging | House License, Tufts University, 92 Professors Row. |
| | (ID:14637) | RESULT: | APPROVED |
| | License/Permit 201969 | Renewing Lodging | House License, Tufts University, 8 Professors Row. |
| | (ID:14638) | RESULT: | APPROVED |
| 20 | License/Permit 201970 | Renewing Lodging | House License, Tufts University, 90-92-94 Curtis St. |
| | (ID:14639) | RESULT: | APPROVED |
| 20 | License/Permit 201971 | Renewing Lodging | House License, Tufts University, 101 Talbot Ave. |
| | (ID:14640) | RESULT: | APPROVED |
| 110. | | Renewing Lodging | House License, Tufts University, 29 Latin Way. |
| | 201972 (ID:14641) | RESULT: | APPROVED |

| 111. | License/Permit 201973 (ID:14642) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 21 Whitfield Rd. RESULT: APPROVED |
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| 112. | License/Permit 201974 (ID:14643) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 39R Latin Way. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 113. | License/Permit 201975 (ID:14644) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13 Sawyer Ave. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 114. | License/Permit 201976 (ID:14645) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 37 Sawyer Ave. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 115. | License/Permit 201977 (ID:14646) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 12 Dearborn Rd. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 116. | License/Permit 201978 (ID:14647) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 75-85 Packard Ave. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 117. | License/Permit 201979 (ID:14648) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 73 Powderhouse Blvd. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 118. | License/Permit 201980 (ID:14649) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 176 Curtis St. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 119. | License/Permit 201981 (ID:14650) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 136 Curtis St. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 120. | License/Permit 201982 (ID:14651) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13-15 Talbot Ave. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 121. | License/Permit 201983 (ID:14652) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 15 Whitfield Rd. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 122. | License/Permit 201984 (ID:14653) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Whitfield Rd. RESULT: APPROVED |

123. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 9-11 Sunset Rd.

201985 (ID:14654)

RESULT: APPROVED

License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Sawyer Ave.

201986 (ID:14655)

RESULT: APPROVED

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

125. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

201987 That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 26 Conwell Avenue.

(ID:14669)

RESULT: APPROVED

Order 126. By Ald. Ballantyne

> 201988 (ID:14668)

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 33-35 Barton Street weekly for continual overgrowth onto the public sidewalk.

Alderman Ballantyne requested like an inspector to show up at this residence on a weekly basis.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

127. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

> 201989 (ID:14667)

That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking determine if the substantial increase in truck traffic on Powderhouse Boulevard is violating any ordinances restricting such traffic, and that the Traffic Engineer and Director of Capital Projects discuss with this Board's Committee on Traffic and Parking the reconstruction of the street and the installation of traffic calming measures.

Alderman Ballantyne spoke about complaints received about truck traffic on Powderhouse Blvd.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

APPROVED

128. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

201990

That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees with dead branches at

Veterans Park on North Street. (ID:14666) **RESULT:**

129. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

> 201991 (ID:14665)

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services regularly bait the sewer at 66 Newbury Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee 130. Order 201992

(ID:14664)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works regularly empty the trash bin at the West Somerville Neighborhood School, across from 17 Raymond Avenue, and check for rodents.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

131. Order 201993 (ID:14663) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of Traffic and Parking stripe street arrows for Teele Square, in all directions, and on Broadway, at the intersection of Broadway and Route 16.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

132. Order 201994 (ID:14662) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Chief of Police monitor traffic on Elmwood Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

133. Order 201995 (ID:14661) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of Communication post the annual road race calendar on the city website.

RESULT: APPROVED

134. Order 201996 (ID:14660) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken sidewalk at 239-241 Holland Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

135. Order 201997 (ID:14658)

By Ald. Heuston, Rossetti

That the City Solicitor draft language to amend Ordinances 11-51 and 11-71 to require that all new building construction provide utilities that are underground.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

136. 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.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 136 through 139 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

137. 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.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

138. 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.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

139. 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.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

140. Officer's 202002 (ID:14659)

Assistant City Solicitor submitting an amendment to Ordinance 9-116(3) Communication regulating noise disturbances during construction, as approved by the Legislative Matters Committee on 8/23/16.

See #201151 for discussion of this item.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] **AYES:** Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin,

McWatters, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Heuston, Lafuente

141. Officer's 202003

(ID:14606)

Assistant City Solicitor responding to #201689 re: legal avenues available to Communication recover losses due to leaks in the natural gas infrastructure.

> Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 141 through 142 and place them on file and refer them to the appropriate Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee

142. Officer's 202004

Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders Communication submitted 6/9/16.

(ID:14523)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

143. 202005

License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Junior Auto Body, 486 Columbia St.

(ID:14670)

LATE ITEMS

144. Order By Ald. White Jr.

202006 (ID:14675) That the City Solicitor determine if the recently imposed \$60 (per billing cycle) water bill fee was properly levied with respect to Ordinance 11-125 and its mandated timelines.

is mandated timelines.

For discussion, see #201868. **RESULT:** APPROVED

145. Order

By Ald. White Jr.

202007 (ID:14676) 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: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

146. Order

By Ald. Ballantyne

202008 (ID:14674) 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: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen

147. Communication By Ald. Niedergang

202009 (ID:14673) Conveying the Department of Public Works' response to questions about landscaping at the Healey School.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee

148. Mayor's Request 202010

(ID:14671)

Requesting the appointment of Michael Bertino as Treasurer/Collector of Taxes.

RESULT:

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:45 PM.