

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2018, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Stephanie Hirsch	Alderman At Large	Present	
Wilfred N. Mbah	Alderman At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Alderman At Large	Absent	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Ben Ewen-Campen	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Jesse Clingan	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
206567
(ID:19385) | Call of the Roll. |
| | | Alderman Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Bob Snow, Rich Cheney and Dennis Lennon.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |

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| 2. | Minutes
206568
(ID:19386) | Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 12, 2018. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

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| 3. | Withdrawn
206569
(ID:19391) | Withdrawn. |
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| <p>4. Grant of Location 206570 (ID:19392)</p> | <p>Submitted by Lightower Fiber Networks to install 252 feet of conduit from Manhole 5A in New Washington St southerly in Cobble Hill Rd to a point of pickup at 32 Cobble Hill Rd. (Interim approval granted.)</p> |
| | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Chris Finneran with Lightower Fiber Networks discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>5. Grant of Location 206571 (ID:19393)</p> | <p>Submitted by Lightower Fiber Networks to install 274 feet of conduit from Manhole 8653 in Somerville Ave southerly in Merriam Ave to a new Handhole at the intersection of Merriam Ave and Merriam St, then continuing with 38 feet of conduit to a point of pickup at 35 Charlestown Rd. (Interim approval granted.)</p> |
| | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Chris Finneran with Lightower Fiber Networks discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>6. Grant of Location 206572 (ID:19394)</p> | <p>Submitted by Eversource to install 66 feet of conduit in Highland Ave from Manhole 14703 to a point of pickup at 117 Highland Ave. (Interim approval granted.)</p> |
| | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>7. Grant of Location 206573 (ID:19395)</p> | <p>Submitted by Eversource to install 57 feet of conduit in Thorpe St from Manhole 334/2 to a point of pickup at 18 Highland Ave.</p> |
| | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>8. Grant of Location 206574 (ID:19396)</p> | <p>Submitted by Eversource to install 33 feet of conduit in Medford St from Manhole 4781 to a point of pickup at 44 Medford St, and 38 feet of conduit in Ward St from 44 Medford St to a point of pickup at 46 Medford St.</p> |
| | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>9. Withdrawn 206575 (ID:19397)</p> | <p>Withdrawn.
RESULT: WITHDRAWN</p> |

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

10. Resolution 206576 (ID:19381) By Ald. Davis, and the Entire Board Supporting the "Yes on 3 Coalition" and re-affirming this Board's commitment to equal protection under the laws for all people.

Alderman Davis read the text of the Resolution, and sponsored Sage Fotis, who spoke about the importance of the protections that are currently enshrined in law. Alderman Scott also expressed his support for the Resolution.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. Order 206577 (ID:19367) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD explain to this Board why not a single tree was spared when they were cut along the commuter rail line, including trees far from the tracks, and what the GLX Team's plans are to replant trees to prevent erosion on the hills.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

12. Order 206578 (ID:19379) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on whether the City plans to plant trees by the fence at the north edge of Junction Park to replace the nearby trees lost when they were cut down recently for the GLX project.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

13. Order 206579 (ID:19365) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking install 2 CAUTION: CHILDREN CROSSING signs on both sides of Lowell Street around 294 Lowell Street to accommodate the daycare center there.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

14. Order 206580 (ID:19366) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD install a crosswalk on Lowell Street at the Wilton Street bumpouts, as there is no crosswalk on Lowell Street between Magoun Square and the bridge.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

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| 15. | Home Rule
Petition
206581
(ID:19376) | <p>By Ald. White Jr.
Increasing the membership of the Redevelopment Authority from 5 to 7, with one new member an Alderman appointed by the President, and the other new member appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by this Board.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Alderman White proposed increasing the membership of the Redevelopment Authority to add an Alderman appointed by the President. This would insure better communication between the Board and the Authority.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> </div> |
| 16. | Order
206582
(ID:19377) | <p>By Ald. White Jr., Ballantyne
That the Chief of Police report to this Board the number of times the Chief has sent a notice to landlords whose tenants have violated the provisions of Ordinance 9-97, and whether such a notice was sent to the owner of 38 Chetwynd Road for the incident on September 1, 2018.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Alderman White expressed interest in knowing if any notices were sent out pertaining to Ordinance 9-97, particularly for an incident at 38 Chetwynd Road on September 1.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> </div> |
| 17. | Order
206583
(ID:19378) | <p>By Ald. White Jr.
That this Board amend the Rules of the Board as noted in the attached list.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Alderman White proposed several minor revisions, primarily to clarify the Rules with respect to Committee meetings.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Rules Special Committee</p> </div> |
| 18. | Resolution
206584
(ID:19380) | <p>By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Administration explain to this Board why the new textile recycling contract was not subject to the city's Living Wage ordinance, and inform this Board when that contract will be re-negotiated.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> </div> |
| 19. | Resolution
206585
(ID:19382) | <p>By Ald. Hirsch
That the Administration share a more comprehensive set of goals related to air quality based on CAFEH study results, when or if available.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Alderman Hirsch asked for different ways the Board could act regarding the CAFEH study results with respect to air quality.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> </div> |

20. Order 206586 (ID:19383) By Ald. Hirsch
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide information on challenges with recycling items that go into recycling bins in parks and on streets.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

21. Order 206587 (ID:19384) By Ald. Hirsch, and the Entire Board
Thanking the Department of Public Works, the Superintendent of Schools Office, and the Office of Sustainability and the Environment for implementing a pilot composting and recycling program in the Public School cafeterias.

RESULT: APPROVED

22. Communication 206588 (ID:19390) By Ald. Ballantyne
In her capacity as President, Rescheduling this Board's 2nd regular meeting in October to Tuesday, October 23, 2018, at 7PM, in order to accommodate the early voting that will be occurring in the Aldermanic Chambers on Thursday, October 25.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

23. Order 206384 (ID:19174) By Ald. Rossetti, Scott, Hirsch, Mbah, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Davis, White Jr., Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the status of the Urban Forestry Committee.

The Board noted that the Administration has begun recruiting applicants for the Urban Forestry Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

24. Resolution 206487 (ID:19292) By Ald. Scott, and the Entire Board
That the Administration discuss with this Board a plan to create a permanent space for the Groundworks Somerville program, currently known as the South Street Farm, which is planned for displacement.

Alderman Scott noted that the South Street Farm is a project of Groundworks Somerville and he would like the Administration to create more permanent space for the program. He sponsored Executive Director Kat Rutkin, who explained that Groundworks Somerville is a non-profit that focuses on environmental justice, economic justice and food justice. The South Street Farm in the only urban farm in Somerville, where food gets systematically redistributed to the community. The farm produces about 2,000 lbs of produce per year. Members of the Green Team, which farms the South Street Farm, spoke on behalf of their organization.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

25. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
206589
(ID:19368) | Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on August 28, 2018. | Alderman Scott reported on the Committee's recommendations, and noted that the re-appointments of Nancy Busnach and Joseph Favaloro were not approved, and that Richard Rossetti and Pooja Phaltankar withdrew.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | Mayor's Request
204649
(ID:17340) | Requesting the re-appointment of Nancy Busnach to the Redevelopment Authority. | RESULT: NOT APPROVED |
| C. | Mayor's Request
204652
(ID:17354) | Requesting the re-appointment of Joseph Favaloro to the Planning Board. | RESULT: NOT APPROVED |
| D. | Mayor's Request
204654
(ID:17356) | Requesting the re-appointment of Richard Rossetti to the Zoning Board of Appeals | RESULT: WITHDRAWN |
| E. | Mayor's Request
204655
(ID:17357) | Requesting the re-appointment of C. Anne Brockelman as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| F. | Mayor's Request
205224
(ID:17946) | Requesting the reappointment of Elaine Severino to the Zoning Board of Appeals. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| G. | Mayor's Request
205225
(ID:17945) | Requesting the re-appointment of Pooja Phaltankar as an Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals. | RESULT: WITHDRAWN |

26. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
206590
(ID:19371)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on September 12, 2018.</p> | <p>Alderman White reported that Alderman Scott recused himself from all matters pertaining to the Redevelopment Authority in Union Square. The Committee discussed the transfer of the City-owned parcel in North Prospect block to the Redevelopment Authority. A public hearing is scheduled on this matter for October 22. The Committee also discussed the \$5,000,000 settlement agreement that the Redevelopment Authority executed in connection with an eminent domain action, as well as the taking of 90 Washington Street by eminent domain. The Committee recommended referring Item #204582 to the Youth Services Committee. Finally, multiple appropriations were approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>B. Officer's Communication
204582
(ID:17311)</p> | <p>Director of Parks & Recreation and City Solicitor responding to #204160, #203889, and #203733 re: nonprofit soccer and football organizations' use of Dilboy Field.</p> | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Youth Services Committee</p> |
| <p>C. Mayor's Request
206327
(ID:19074)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to appropriate \$150,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for tree planting.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti</p> |
| <p>D. Mayor's Request
206328
(ID:19100)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to appropriate \$35,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for Nibble kitchen equipment.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [8 TO 2]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis
NAYS: Clingan, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti</p> |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request
206372
(ID:19099)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to appropriate \$180,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the Central Hill Campus Plan.</p> | <p>This item was replaced by #206651.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> |

F. Mayor's Request 206502 (ID:19171) Requesting appropriation of \$272,795.10 from the Receipts Reserved-Transportation Network Company Revenue Fund to the Transportation Network Company Special Revenue Fund, for Vision Zero road safety efforts.

RESULT: APPROVED

G. Mayor's Request 206503 (ID:19236) Requesting approval to appropriate \$241,390 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the construction of the Nibble Kitchen.

RESULT: APPROVED. [8 TO 2]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis
NAYS: Clingan, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti

H. Mayor's Request 206504 (ID:19234) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$61,691 to the SPCD Transportation & Infrastructure Salaries Account, to establish the Sr. Urban Forestry & Landscape Planner position.

RESULT: APPROVED

I. Mayor's Request 206505 (ID:19235) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$47,175 to the Health & Human Services Salaries Account to establish the position of Environmental Health Liaison.

RESULT: APPROVED

J. Mayor's Request 206506 (ID:19168) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice of \$10,700 using available funds in the Planning and Zoning Professional Services Account for Central Hill Campus planning services.

RESULT: APPROVED

K. Mayor's Request 206507 (ID:19223) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$34,185 using available funds in the DPW Snow Account for snow removal services.

RESULT: APPROVED

27. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 206591 (ID:19372) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board on September 6, 2018.

Alderman Davis reported that the Committee held three public hearings on proposed zoning amendments. The first, submitted by residents, would amend the Assembly Square mixed use districts to create new open space requirements. The second, also submitted by residents, would address air quality concerns in certain buildings near heavily trafficked roadways. The third, submitted by the Administration, would create a Zoning Overlay District for adult use Marijuana establishments.

RESULT: APPROVED

28. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 206592 (ID:19369) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on August 30, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported that three Ordinances and a Home Rule Petition were passed. The Home Rule Petition would change the name from Alderman to City Counselor. There are hopes it will be passed at the Statehouse by the end of the year. The Committee also approved amending the City's Fair Housing Commission Ordinance to allow the non-profit representative to live or work in Somerville, amending the Noise Ordinance relative to construction, and passing a new Ordinance to require voter registration forms in certain public buildings. The Committee also took up the approval of real estate licenses that the City enters into with a term of more then three years, but the Board sent the item back to resolve a question about the number of votes needed to approve the licenses.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Mayor's Request 199603 (ID:12160) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City to appropriate funds to assist commercial properties in maintaining and improving exterior storefronts.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

- C. Order 200625 (ID:13267) By Ald. Rossetti, McWatters, Heuston, Ballantyne, Niedergang That the City Solicitor review the recently approved Home Rule Petitions for Natick and Framingham re: double pole removals and utility company fines, and report back to this Board.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Officer's Communication 202313 (ID:14987) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #201997 with a proposed amendment of Ordinance 11-71(a) regarding requirements for the construction of conduits and lines.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

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| E. Order
202401
(ID:15085) | By Ald. Heuston, McWatters
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to regulate car rental businesses. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| F. Order
203218
(ID:15918) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on whether the city can ban gay conversion therapy and if it can, prepare a draft ordinance. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| G. Order
203822
(ID:16514) | By Ald. Davis, White Jr.
That this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters draft appropriate language to require this Board's approval of certain licenses entered into by the City for a term of more than 3 years. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
| H. Order
204886
(ID:17653) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the City Solicitor and the City Arborist clarify the ordinance requiring tree removal for a new driveway or other construction project. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| I. Ordinance
205464
(ID:18380) | By Ald. Davis
That the Ordinances be amended to provide fines for violating Ordinance 9-116 Subsection 3 (Construction) of \$100 for first offense and \$300 for each subsequent offense as described within. | RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti |
| J. Order
205492
(ID:18441) | By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD prepare a report analyzing why the current 20% affordable housing requirement, the \$10.00 per sq ft linkage fee, and other city initiatives are not sufficient to meet the affordable housing needs of the city. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| K. Officer's
Communication
205789
(ID:18458) | Housing Programs Coordinator submitting a summary of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund FY18 activity. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

- L. Order 205801 (ID:18576) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to require voter registration forms to be displayed and available at Libraries, Public Schools, and the Traffic and Parking Department, and to allow high school students to arrive late to school on any election day if they present proof of voting.

For approved ordinance see #206655.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- M. Order 206021 (ID:18791) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Davis, Scott, Hirsch
That the City Solicitor draft an amendment to Ordinance 7-46(c) so the non-profit representative on the Fair Housing Commission has to work, but not necessarily reside, in Somerville.

For approved ordinance see #206652.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- N. Order 206394 (ID:19182) By Ald. Niedergang
That the City Solicitor provide update this Board on drafting a home rule petition to change the name Alderman to City Councilor.

For approved home rule petition see #206656.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

29. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 206593 (ID:19370) Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on September 11, 2018.

Alderman White reported that the meeting primarily addressed the ongoing Beacon Street reconstruction project. The City Solicitor advised that the Beacon Street street trees may have been improperly removed, and that the contractor could be fined in accordance with State Law. A Civil Action could also be possible. The Committee directed him to draft a civil complaint filing for its review. The Committee also discussed the current contractual obligations for the Beacon Street reconstruction, including costs incurred and work still outstanding.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Resolution 205499 (ID:18428) By Ald. Scott
That the Administration provide a written response to the petition in #204944 for an accounting of street trees removed from Beacon Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 206594 (ID:19431) By Ald. White Jr. That the City Solicitor prepare a document for review by this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works in preparation for filing a complaint regarding the removal of trees along Beacon Street.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

30. Mayor's Request 206595 (ID:19375) Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,007,566 from the Parks Stabilization Fund for the renovation and restoration of Prospect Hill Park.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 30 through 33 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

31. Mayor's Request 206596 (ID:19352) Requesting approval to appropriate \$17,805.91 from the Union Square Stabilization Fund for legal services.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

32. Mayor's Request 206597 (ID:19353) Requesting acceptance of a \$37,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for the Local Cultural Council regrant program.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

33. Mayor's Request 206598 (ID:19351) Requesting acceptance of an \$8,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operational support.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

34. Mayor's Request 206599 (ID:19364) Requesting acceptance of an in-kind gift of event space from Remnant Brewing to hold an appreciation event for the City's unpaid board and commission members.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 35. Mayor's Request 206600 (ID:19354) | <p>Requesting the appointment of David Stiltner to the position of Fire Captain.</p> <p>Alderman Scott requested to waive the readings of items 35 through 45 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 36. Mayor's Request 206601 (ID:19355) | <p>Requesting the appointment of Jay McKenzie to the position of Fire Lieutenant.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 37. Mayor's Request 206602 (ID:19356) | <p>Requesting the appointment of Andrew Patriquin to the position of Fire Lieutenant.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 38. Mayor's Request 206603 (ID:19357) | <p>Requesting the appointment of Michael Kilduff to the position of Fire Fighter.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 39. Mayor's Request 206604 (ID:19358) | <p>Requesting the appointment of Marika DuVal to the position of Police Officer.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 40. Mayor's Request 206605 (ID:19359) | <p>Requesting the appointment of Aaron Smith to the position of Police Officer.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 41. Mayor's Request 206606 (ID:19360) | <p>Requesting the appointment of Courtney Coulombe to the position of Police Officer.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

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| 42. | Mayor's Request
206607
(ID:19361) | Requesting the appointment of Erik Corricelli to the position of Police Officer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 43. | Mayor's Request
206608
(ID:19362) | Requesting the appointment of Melissa Dooley to the position of Police Officer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 44. | Mayor's Request
206609
(ID:19374) | Requesting the appointment of Richard Scanlon to the Board of Assessors. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 45. | Mayor's Request
206610
(ID:19373) | Requesting the appointment of Stephanie Galaitsi to the Commission for Women. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 46. | Withdrawn
206611
(ID:19345) | Withdrawn. | RESULT: WITHDRAWN |
| 47. | Officer's Communication
206612
(ID:19350) | City Solicitor responding to #206046 re: an ordinance for the registration and maintenance of vacant commercial and industrial buildings. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
| 48. | Officer's Communication
206613
(ID:19388) | City Solicitor submitting an ordinance to require the registration of short term rental properties. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |

49. Officer's Communication 206614 (ID:19162) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #205377 re: establishing preference for women and minority owned businesses in granting liquor licenses.

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 49 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

50. Officer's Communication 206615 (ID:19346) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted at the 6/14/18 meeting.

President Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 50 through 52 and place them on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
 Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

51. Officer's Communication 206616 (ID:19348) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted at the 6/28/18 meeting.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
 Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

52. Officer's Communication 206617 (ID:19349) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted at the 7/12/18 meeting.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

NEW BUSINESS

53. License/Permit 206618 (ID:19398) Public Event License, Tufts Housing League Community Block Party, Powderhouse Park, Sep 16, 4-7:30PM (raindate Sep 23).

Alderman Mbah requested to waive the readings of items 53 through 70 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED

54. License/Permit 206619 (ID:19399) Public Event License, East Somerville Main Streets Foodie Crawl, Broadway from Kensington Ave to Lincoln St, Sep 18, 9AM-11PM (raindate Sep 19).

RESULT: APPROVED

55. License/Permit 206620 (ID:19400) Public Event License, Somerville Overcoming Addiction Vigil, Trum Field Bandstand Sidewalk, Sep 21, 4-9PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

56.	License/Permit 206621 (ID:19401)	Public Event License, Puritan Rd Block Party, from Temple Rd to Ten Hills Rd, Sep 22, 12:30-5PM (raindate Sep 23).	RESULT: APPROVED
57.	License/Permit 206622 (ID:19402)	Public Event License, Arts Council MUM Dance Party, ArtFarm, Sep 22, 4PM-2AM.	RESULT: APPROVED
58.	License/Permit 206623 (ID:19403)	Public Event License, Glenwood Rd Block Party, from Medford St to Vernon St, Sep 23, 11AM-8:30PM (raindate Sep 22).	RESULT: APPROVED
59.	License/Permit 206624 (ID:19404)	Public Event License, Highland Rd Block Party, from Morrison Ave to Kidder Ave, Sep 23, 2-9PM (raindate Sep 30).	RESULT: APPROVED
60.	License/Permit 206625 (ID:19405)	Public Event License, Waldo Ave/Dimick St/Marion St Block Party, Waldo Ave and Dimick St from Calvin St to Marion St, with the Dimick/Marion intersection, Sep 29, 7AM-6PM (raindate Sep 30).	RESULT: APPROVED
61.	License/Permit 206626 (ID:19406)	Public Event License, Arts Council Evolution of Hip Hop Festival, Union Sq Plaza and Parking Lot, Sep 29, 1-8:30PM (raindate Sep 30).	RESULT: APPROVED
62.	License/Permit 206627 (ID:19407)	Public Event License, Redbones Oktoberfest, Chester St from Elm St to Herbert St, Sep 30, 7AM-7PM (raindate Oct 14).	RESULT: APPROVED
63.	License/Permit 206628 (ID:19408)	Public Event License, Thorndike St Block Party, Sep 30, 2-6PM.	RESULT: APPROVED
64.	License/Permit 206629 (ID:19409)	Public Event License, Women's Commission Candlelight Vigil for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Statue Park, Oct 3, 2-8:30PM.	RESULT: APPROVED
65.	License/Permit 206630 (ID:19410)	Public Event License, Wade Ct Block Party, Oct 6, Noon-8PM (raindate Oct 7).	RESULT: APPROVED

66.	License/Permit 206631 (ID:19411)	Public Event License, Dysautonomia International POTS Walk and 5K Race, Mystic River Reservation, Oct 20, 8AM-3PM.	RESULT: APPROVED
67.	License/Permit 206632 (ID:19412)	Public Event License, Veterans' Memorial Parade, Highland Ave from Walnut St to Holland St to Broadway with adjacent streets, Nov 4, 8AM-6PM.	RESULT: APPROVED
68.	License/Permit 206633 (ID:19413)	New Drainlayer's License, Manet Contracting. (Interim approval granted.)	RESULT: APPROVED
69.	License/Permit 206634 (ID:19414)	New Drainlayer's License, JR and Sons Construction. (Interim approval granted.)	RESULT: APPROVED
70.	License/Permit 206635 (ID:19415)	Renewing Garage License, Auto Mechanic Souza, 308 McGrath Hwy.	RESULT: APPROVED
71.	Withdrawn 206636 (ID:19266)	Withdrawn.	RESULT: WITHDRAWN
72.	Withdrawn 206637 (ID:19264)	Withdrawn.	RESULT: WITHDRAWN
73.	Withdrawn 206638 (ID:19265)	Withdrawn.	RESULT: WITHDRAWN
74.	Withdrawn 206639 (ID:19318)	Withdrawn.	RESULT: WITHDRAWN
75.	License/Permit 206640 (ID:19319)	Renewing Lodging House License, Delta Tau Delta Foundation, 98 Professors Row. Alderman Mbah requested to waive the reading of item 75 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.	RESULT: APPROVED

76. Public Communication 206641 (ID:19416) Matthew Pakos submitting comments re: Grant of Location application submitted by Eversource to re-locate a pole on Banks St.
- President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 76 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

77. Order 206642 (ID:19418) By Ald. Hirsch That the Commissioner of Public Works and Director of Parks and Recreation explain how DPW develops maintenance plans, staffing, and budgets for new parks, especially parks that have significant landscaped areas or new types of play equipment, benches, or other features.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

78. Resolution 206643 (ID:19417) By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne That the Administration report on how the port-a-potty pilot went this summer, whether or not it can be expanded, and how residents should notify the city if port-a-potties need cleaning.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Youth Services Committee

79. Order 206644 (ID:19419) By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne That the Director of SomerPromise or Health and Human Services provide this Board with an overview of the Somerville Learning 2030 initiative and how the Board may be involved.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Youth Services Committee

80. Resolution 206645 (ID:19425) By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board That the Administration use permitting and community benefits revenue for future Assembly Row developments to address pollution mitigation along I-93.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

81. Order 206646 (ID:19426) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services coordinate with Mass DOT to address rodent issues along the GLX, particularly along Gilman Street, and update the Ward 1 Alderman on progress.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

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| 82. Order
206647
(ID:19427) | By Ald. McLaughlin, Hirsch, Clingan
That the Director of Parks and Recreation express to DCR the importance of keeping public pools and water fountains open later in the season due to climate change. | | | | | | | | |
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| 83. Order
206648
(ID:19428) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD install a blinking STOP sign on the corner of Aldrich and Gilman Streets. | | | | | | | | |
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| 84. Order
206649
(ID:19429) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at the corner of Gilman and Aldrich Streets. | | | | | | | | |
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| 85. Order
206650
(ID:19430) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO LEFT TURN sign by the rotary next to the Burger Dive in Assembly Row. | | | | | | | | |
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| 86. Mayor's Request
206651
(ID:19433) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$154,050 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the Central Hill Campus Plan. | | | | | | | | |
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| For discussion of this item see #206372. | | | | | | | | | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | | | |
| ABSENT: | Rossetti | | | | | | | | |
| 87. Mayor's Request
206652
(ID:19420) | Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 7-46(c) re: residency of Fair Housing Commission members. | | | | | | | | |
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| For discussion of this item see #206021. | | | | | | | | | |
| RESULT: | ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | | | |
| ABSENT: | Rossetti | | | | | | | | |
| 88. Mayor's Communication
206653
(ID:19389) | Proclaiming the 2nd Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day. | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>89. Officer's Communication
206654
(ID:19387)</p> | <p>City Solicitor submitting an amendment to Ordinance 8-69 re: defining holidays with respect to junk collection.</p> | <p>President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 89 and refer it to the Legislative Matters Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |
| <p>90. Officer's Communication
206655
(ID:19421)</p> | <p>Assistant City Solicitor responding to #205801 with an Ordinance to provide voter registration accessibility.</p> | <p>For discussion of this item see #205801.
RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti</p> |
| <p>91. Officer's Communication
206656
(ID:19347)</p> | <p>City Solicitor responding to #206394 re: a home rule petition to change the Board of Aldermen to a City Council.</p> | <p>For discussion of this item see #206394.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti</p> |
| <p>92. Public Communication
206657
(ID:19435)</p> | <p>Ananda Lowe submitting comments re: #206285, proposed zoning for adult use marijuana establishments.</p> | <p>President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 92 and place it on file with a copy to the Land Use Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> |
| <p>93. Public Communication
206658
(ID:19434)</p> | <p>Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #206504, to establish a Sr. Urban Forestry & Landscape Planner position.</p> | <p>President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 93 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> |

LATE ITEMS

94. Communication By Ald. Niedergang
206659
(ID:19442) Advising that the Legislative Matters Committee will take up at the September 20 Committee of the Whole meeting the Administration’s proposed Condominium Conversion Ordinance and proposed Adult Use Marijuana Establishments Ordinance.

Alderman Niedergang reviewed some of the controversial issues coming up in Legislative Matters: the Adult Use of Marijuana Ordinance, the revised Condominium Conversion Ordinance, the Air BnB Ordinance, and the Demolition Review Ordinance. After these four items are addressed, the Committee will consider the Community Benefits Ordinance.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

95. Officer's Communication 206660
(ID:19432) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203822 re: regulating the length of real property license agreements.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

96. Order 206661
(ID:19436) By Ald. Davis
That the City Arborist advise whether the discovery of an Emerald Ash Borer in the city will result in any changes to the plan for monitoring/non-removal of Ash trees and, advise the Ward 6 Alderman on the status of the remaining Ash trees on Willow Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

97. Order 206662
(ID:19437) By Ald. Davis
That the Tree Warden and the City Arborist replace the small dead trees on Day Street and Grove Street adjacent to the public parking lots.

RESULT: APPROVED

98. Order 206663
(ID:19438) By Ald. Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the overgrowth at the base of the tree at 370 Highland Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

99. Order 206664
(ID:19439) By Ald. Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the broken street light at the corner of Highland Avenue and West Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 100. Resolution
206665
(ID:19440) | By Ald. Davis
That the Mayor advise the Ward 6 Alderman on near term plans for overdue maintenance in Davis Square and longer term plans for major infrastructure and public realm improvements. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 101. Resolution
206666
(ID:19441) | By Ald. Davis
That the Administration adopt a holistic urban development approach, following the Ciudad Dulce (Sweet City) model, that attends to all members of the community, especially marginalized populations, both human and nature. |
| <p>Alderman Davis asked to take this up at the next meeting, so he can sponsor a speaker to address the issue.</p> <p>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen</p> | |
| 102. Order
206667
(ID:19443) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Engineering inspect Russell Road at the corner of Ware Street for repeated sink holes. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee | |
| 103. Order
206668
(ID:19444) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Chief of Police monitor illegal left turns onto Raymond Avenue from Curtis Street during drop-off and pick-up times at the West Somerville Neighborhood School. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 104. Order
206669
(ID:19445) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Chief of Police, the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of SPCD monitor traffic speeds on North Street, High Street, Fairfax Street, Sterling Street, Gordon Street and Woods Avenue, and suggest traffic calming measures. (3rd request) |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 105. Order
206670
(ID:19446) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Chief of Police cite motorists traveling in the wrong direction on Clarendon Avenue and Victoria Street from Woodstock Street. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |

106. Order 206671 (ID:19447) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install additional pedestrian safety measures at the intersection of Holland Street and Cameron Avenue. (2nd request)

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

107. Order 206672 (ID:19448) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the implementation of neighborhood safety zones. (2nd request)

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

108. Resolution 206673 (ID:19449) By Ald. Ballantyne, and the Mayor, and the Entire Board
That this Board and Mayor honor the lasting memory of those who serve our country, and condemn, in the strongest possible terms, the desecration or disrespect of monuments or memorials recognizing their memory, service and sacrifice.

President Ballantyne spoke about an incident at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in which two individuals removed flags and urinated on them. This was an unacceptable insult to our community and our veterans, and she condemned their actions in the strongest possible terms.

RESULT: APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:20 PM.