

City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the City Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2019, 7:00 PM
 City Council Chamber, City Hall-93 Highland Avenue

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Seven City Councilor Katjana Ballantyne.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Stephanie Hirsch	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Wilfred N. Mbah	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	City Councilor At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One City Councilor	Present	
Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott	Ward Two City Councilor	Present	
Ben Ewen-Campen	Ward Three City Councilor	Present	
Jesse Clingan	Ward Four City Councilor	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five City Councilor	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six City Councilor	Absent	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven City Councilor	Present	

1. Roll Call
208241
(ID:21099)

Call of the Roll.
Councilor McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for all fallen veterans.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes
208242
(ID:21100)

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, April 25, 2019, and the Regular Meeting, April 25, 2019.
RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. Order 208243 (ID:21058) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD identify the financial lending tools available for the Somerville Housing Trust Fund and the MA Non-profit Housing Finance Corp. for financing development.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

4. Resolution 208244 (ID:21090) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Niedergang
That the Administration consider not collecting parking meter receipts from Ball Square until March, 2020, as a way to encourage patronage to the local businesses located there.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

5. Order 208245 (ID:21091) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Chief of Police monitor North, High, Sterling, Fairfax, Woods and Gordon Streets and Alewife Brook Parkway for speeding vehicles.

RESULT: APPROVED

6. Resolution 208246 (ID:21078) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Hirsch
That the Administration explore the constituent suggestion that would allow designating streets as block party zones or car-free zones when a certain number of bands are registered during Porch Fest.

Councilor Ballantyne said she has spoken with City Clerk John Long, who is exploring ideas on how this can be implemented.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

7. Order 208247 (ID:21069) By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Director of the Arts Council, the Chief of Police and the Commissioner of Public Works appear before this Council's Committee on Licenses and Permits to discuss future preparations for Porchfest.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

8. Communication 208248 (ID:21070) By City Councilor Rossetti
Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of May 20, 2019.

Councilor Rossetti reported that right now, it looks like the end of Phase 1 has been moved to the end of January 2020. Weather has played a part in the delay. The project is still on time and on budget. The contractor feels that by October 1, they will have completed any outdoor construction.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

9. Order 208249 (ID:21079) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah
That the Director of SPCD modify the Central Hill Campus plan to include an elevator from the new Gilman Square MBTA station to the Central Hill Campus, so that people with mobility issues are able to use the new station to access City Hall, the Library, and the High School.

Councilor Ewen-Campen stated that at the most recent meeting of the Housing and Community Development Committee, they went station by station through the new GLX project with the Administration and representatives of the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities, and isolated the stop at Gilman Square, which does not provide access for people with disabilities to the city's Central Hill campus.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

10. Order 208250 (ID:21080) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development with a progress report on the Lead Paint Safe Somerville program, including the number of applications received and completed, average timelines, and any issues that have arisen.

Councilor Ewen-Campen requested to waive the reading of item 10, approve it, and refer it to the Committee on Housing and Community Development. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

11. Order 208251 (ID:21081) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss the specific steps required to fill inclusionary units in new developments, and any suggestions for ways to increase the efficiency of this process.

Councilor Ewen-Campen requested to waive the reading of item 11, approve it, and refer it to the Committee on Housing and Community Development. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

12. Order 208252 (ID:21083) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD perform traffic volume and speed studies on Summit Avenue and Boston Street during morning and evening rush hours and report the findings to the Ward 3 City Councilor.

Councilor Ewen-Campen requested to waive the readings of items 12 and 13, approve them, and refer them to the Traffic and Parking Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

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| 13. Order
208253
(ID:21084) | By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD suggest traffic calming solutions for Sycamore Street between Highland Avenue and Medford Street. (2nd request) |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> | |
| 14. Order
208254
(ID:21082) | By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill in the potholes and depressions in the Union Square Plaza parking lot. |
| <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen requested to waive the reading of item 14 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 15. Resolution
208255
(ID:21085) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang
That the Administration consider implementing a Driveway Safety Program, modeled after one implemented by the New York City DOT. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> | |
| 16. Order
208256
(ID:21086) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD identify both a temporary and longer-term Lyft/Uber pick-up point in Union Square. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> | |
| 17. Order
208257
(ID:21087) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Davis, Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD identify all intersections with incomplete crosswalk crossings and suggest ways to remedy them. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> | |
| 18. Communication
208258
(ID:21088) | By City Councilor Hirsch
Providing an update on the activities of the Community Cabinet. |
| <p>Councilor Hirsch said she is the Council's appointee on the Community Cabinet, which is a joint Committee of administrators from the city, the schools, and non-profits, that meets monthly. The Community Cabinet has two main focus areas: early childhood from birth to school (the City recently received a state grant to build universal coverage for pre-K), and schoolchildren's out-of-school time (there is currently a significant gap in out-of-school time coverage). The Cabinet is partnering with the Somerville Education Foundation to raise money to send lower income kids to summer programming.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> | |

19. Communication By City Councilor Hirsch
208259
(ID:21089)
Providing an update on the activities of the Open Space Task Force.
- Councilor Hirsch said she is the appointee on the Open Space Task Force. At the last meeting, the Task Force looked at the goal of 125 acres that was included in Somervision 2030. The City has been having trouble getting to this goal, and the Task Force discussed strategies.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
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20. Resolution
208260
(ID:21097)
By City Councilor Clingan, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah
Supporting Senate Bill 1081, An Act to authorize public health workers to pursue new measures to reduce harm and stigma for people affected by substance use disorder and House Bill 1712, An Act relative to preventing overdose deaths and increasing access to treatment.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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21. Order
208261
(ID:21095)
By City Councilor Clingan, McLaughlin
That the Director of Health and Human Services highlight any funding for drug treatment during the budget process.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
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22. Order
208262
(ID:21096)
By City Councilor Clingan, McLaughlin
That the Director of Health and Human Services, with this Council's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety and regional substance abuse service providers, prepare an Opioid Response Report similar to one published by Cambridge.
- Councilor Clingan requested an opioid response report, similar to one from Cambridge, to assess the overall problem.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
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23. Resolution
208263
(ID:21093)
By City Councilor Clingan
That the Administration provide this Council with a list of the all the shops, both union and non-union, being used by Suffolk Construction on the construction of the new high school.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

24. Resolution 208264 (ID:21094) By City Councilor Clingan That the Administration inform this Council of any efforts by Suffolk Construction to hire Somerville residents, both union and non-union, for the high school project.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

25. Order 208265 (ID:21092) By City Councilor Clingan That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the monkey bars from the Healey Playground immediately.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

26. Order 208266 (ID:21098) By City Councilor Mbah That the Director of SPCD report to this Council, within 30 days, the impact on our residents if President Trump’s public charge and HUD’s new proposed rule change on public housing is adopted.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

27. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 208267 (ID:21065) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 21, 2019.

Councilor White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The first item discussed was an Ordinance regarding Fire Department salaries. Currently, the Fire Chief is set by Civil Service and there is no contract, with the salary set at double that of a private. But Civil Service has stopped administering tests for Fire Chiefs, so the City proposes using an agency for hiring in collaboration with Civil Service. The ordinance would set the salary at \$175,000 to \$180,000 with a maximum 5-year contract, subject to approval by the City Council. The Committee recommended approval. Next the Committee discussed and recommended approving matching Newtown's Tax Deferral Program for seniors, raising the income cap to \$86,000 at 2.5% interest. The Committee also approved an appropriation of \$996,947 to debt service. The Committee expressed interest in meeting with Green Cab on proposed license fee reductions./

The Committee Report was severed in order to take up #206099, the Fire Salaries Ordinance, separately. The balance of the report was approved, and #206099 was returned to the Committee on Finance for further deliberation.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED
AMENDED: #206099 was returned to the Committee on Finance for further deliberation.

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| B. | Resolution
204989
(ID:17768) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Administration provide an update on the "DIF for Affordable Housing" plan identified as one of the Mayor's goals for the upcoming year. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| C. | Resolution
205663
(ID:18390) | By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Administration consider adopting MGL c58 s8(c), which would allow the city to abate a portion of outstanding property taxes to create affordable housing. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| D. | Officer's
Communication
206099
(ID:18830) | City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance to replace Ordinance 5-32 regarding Fire Department salaries. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| E. | Public
Communication
206153
(ID:18897) | KP Law requesting this Board's consent to represent Powderhouse Studios, including its development of the new innovation school. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| F. | Order
206235
(ID:19064) | By City Councilor Rossetti
That this Board discuss with the Administration and appropriate personnel, the implementation of an annual Municipal Revenue Growth Factor Report. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| G. | Order
206236
(ID:19065) | By City Councilor Rossetti, Ballantyne
That this Board discuss with the Administration and appropriate personnel, the implementation of a Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account for proceeds earmarked for particular purposes. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| H. | Officer's
Communication
206753
(ID:19518) | Finance Director responding to #206385 Re: Projected State Aid. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| I. | Resolution
206787
(ID:19573) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen
That the Administration update this Board on establishing a waste reduction position, ideally using revenue saved from reducing recycling and solid waste costs. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

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| J. | Order
207059
(ID:19855) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Personnel review the compensation for the Clerk of Committees and propose necessary modifications. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| K. | Resolution
207168
(ID:20009) | By City Councilor Ballantyne, Clingan, Hirsch, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, White Jr.
That the Administration and Director of Finance implement opportunities for community participatory budgeting for FY20. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| L. | Resolution
207248
(ID:20033) | By City Councilor Ballantyne, Hirsch
That the Administration and Director of Finance discuss the impact to the budget if the FCC redefines cable franchising. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| M. | Order
207274
(ID:20077) | By City Councilor Hirsch
That Director of SPCD provide an estimate of projected short-term rental revenue under the new state law. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| N. | Communication
207485
(ID:20297) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
Reporting on recent School Committee activities. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| O. | Resolution
207496
(ID:20334) | By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Davis, Hirsch, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ballantyne
That the Administration significantly increase the funding for traffic-calming physical infrastructure improvements in the FY20 budget. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| P. | Officer's
Communication
207549
(ID:20283) | Special Counsel responding to #207171 re: nondisclosure agreements with prospective developers or commercial tenants. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Q. | Officer's
Communication
207550
(ID:20286) | City Solicitor submitting the suit titled Somerville v. Purdue Pharma, filed in Middlesex Superior Court. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

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| R. | Order
207623
(ID:20430) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the City Solicitor provide this Council with a written explanation of any City and State regulations regarding public notifications. (2nd request) | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| S. | Officer's
Communication
207681
(ID:20462) | Assistant City Solicitor responding to #207623 re: state and local regulations on public notices. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| T. | Resolution
207725
(ID:20646) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Mbah
That the Administration discuss matching Newton's 41(A) tax deferral program income limits and interest, which are \$86,000 at 2.5% interest, vs. Somerville's \$57,000 at 3% interest. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| U. | Order
207741
(ID:20661) | By City Councilor White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah
That the Director of Finance report to this Council on the financial impact of the reduction in Cable TV Franchise Fees on the FY19 budget. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| V. | Resolution
207947
(ID:20812) | By City Councilor Davis
That the Administration include in the FY20 Budget, the funding necessary to expand school cafeteria recycling and food waste reduction and collection programs to all schools. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| W. | Mayor's
Request
207953
(ID:20712) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$37,778.81 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings and Grounds and Highway Division Accounts for invoices received after the close of FY18. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| X. | Order
208001
(ID:20807) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Finance provide this Council a 10-year revenue projection before the Council's Finance Committee meeting on April 23. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

Y. Resolution 208149 (ID:20998) By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Administration consider including funds for the following FY20 requests: 1) An analysis of how to reach 30-40% deed-restricted units by 2040; 2) Project management, service delivery and coordination for out-of-school time, especially for underserved populations; and 3) A software engineer to support technology architecture and integration across divisions.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Z. Order 208154 (ID:21037) By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Chief Fire Engineer provide the Finance Committee with the allocation of apparatus while some city bridges are closed due to the GLX project.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AA. Mayor's Request 208165 (ID:21015) Requesting the appropriation of \$996,947 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") Account to the Debt Service - Interest on Notes-BAN Account in order to pay interest on notes due on June 7, 2019.

RESULT: APPROVED

AB. Mayor's Request 208239 (ID:21041) Requesting an adjustment to income limits and interest rates with respect to the senior property tax deferral under MGL c59 s5(41A).

RESULT: APPROVED

AC. Resolution 208268 (ID:21138) By City Councilor White Jr.
Supporting Senate Bill 1184, An Act Relative to Proceeds from the Sale of Bonds, to give municipalities flexibility in the use of BAN premiums.

RESULT: APPROVED

AD. Resolution 208269 (ID:21137) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Administration and Director of Finance implement opportunities for community participatory budgeting for FY21.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

28. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
208270
(ID:21060)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on May 13, 2019.</p> | <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen reported that the Committee discussed GLX station accessibility, the Community Path Extension, Gilman Square planning, high school parking, municipal IDs, a proposed radius for meeting notifications, and some ideas put forward by Councilor Hirsch to increase the City's management efficiency.
RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>B. Resolution
205191
(ID:17964)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board
That the Administration inform this Board on the annual number of eviction cases heard in Somerville District Court, the proportion for which the tenant has no legal representation, and the estimated cost of ensuring that all Somerville tenants have such representation.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>C. Officer's Communication
205320
(ID:18044)</p> | <p>Director of Constituent Services responding to #204377 with the city's policy for following up on Inspectional Services issues when ISD is closed.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>D. Mayor's Communication
205386
(ID:18140)</p> | <p>Conveying information about the Tufts Partnership Agreement process.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>E. Order
205412
(ID:18174)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Clingan
That the Director of SPCD suggest strategies to mitigate ground floor commercial retail space vacancies.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>F. Resolution
206391
(ID:19179)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Niedergang, and the Entire Board
That the Administration submit an update to this Board on efforts to create a Municipal ID, including a plan for dealing with the encryption of information that appears to be holding back progress.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>G. Order
207277
(ID:20080)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove graffiti from the back of the Argenziano School and consider ways to reduce future graffiti, such as bushes or a mural.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |

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| H. | Resolution
207599
(ID:20412) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Mbah
That the Administration consider re-establishing a Technology Task Force to make recommendations about municipal and district information technology, including increasing data integration across divisions. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| I. | Officer's
Communication
207771
(ID:20532) | Affordable Housing Trust submitting quarterly activity reports for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2018. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| J. | Public
Communication
207864
(ID:20671) | Harvard University submitting its Spring 2019 University Accountability report. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

29. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee
Report
208271
(ID:21067) | Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on May 21, 2019.

Councilor Ewen-Campen reported that the sole purpose of the meeting was to review and ultimately approve the Administration's 1-year HUD Action Plan. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | Mayor's
Request
208164
(ID:20957) | Requesting approval of the 2019-2020 HUD One Year Action Plan, for CDBG, HOME, and ESG programming. | RESULT: APPROVED |

30. LAND USE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee
Report
208272
(ID:21061) | Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 14, 2019.

Councilor Hirsch reported that the main purpose of the meeting was to go through a number of proposed zoning overhaul issues before turning the work back to SPCD Planner Dan Bartman, to draft a 4th iteration of the zoning overhaul. The Committee also discussed affordable housing and lottery preferences, and reviewed language regarding payments to either the Somerville Housing Trust Fund or the MA nonprofit Housing Finance Corp. The Committee also discussed a small business overlay district, and learned of a website called www.somerville.cornerwise.org which allows people to look at specific projects that are underway. | RESULT: APPROVED |
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31. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
208273
(ID:21063)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 16, 2019.</p> <p>Councilor Niedergang reported that the Committee discussed four items, two of which are Ordinances that require approval from the Council tonight. First was the Short-Term Rental Ordinance. Discussion focused on two changes: to drop the registration requirement and just state what is allowed and what is not allowed, and to apply the change to booking agents, like AirBnB. The Committee eliminated the option to short-term rent an entire adjacent unit, but allowed renting bedrooms in one’s own unit any time, and renting one’s own entire unit up to 90 days a year. The next item for approval was the Vacant Property Ordinance, which originally covered commercial properties and now includes vacant residential properties as well. The Committee required registering with ISD any property within 90 days of its becoming vacant, maintaining the vacant property and paying the City an annual registration fee. The next item discussed was the Tree Preservation Ordinance, which included substantial revisions, and the role of the Urban Forestry Committee. Finally, the Committee discussed a revised Food Truck Ordinance to enable a pilot program with an approved list of locations. The Committee will discuss these last two items in coming meetings. Councilor Rossetti asked about displaying artwork in vacant properties, and Councilor McLaughlin responded that such a program wouldn’t work with most vacant properties that are empty lots or residential homes. Councilor Scott asked if a property would be a vacant property if a second structure, like a cottage, was vacant. Councilor Niedergang said that if only part of the property was vacant, and some part was occupied, then it would not be considered a vacant property.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>B. Officer's Communication
206612
(ID:19350)</p> | <p>City Solicitor responding to #206046 re: an ordinance for the registration and maintenance of vacant commercial and industrial buildings.</p> <p>For the approved text of this Ordinance, see #208286.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> |
| <p>C. Officer's Communication
206613
(ID:19388)</p> | <p>City Solicitor submitting an ordinance to require the registration of short term rental properties.</p> <p>For the approved text of this Ordinance, see #208325.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> |
| <p>D. Public Communication
206892
(ID:19675)</p> | <p>Chris Dwan submitting comments re: #206613, a proposed Ordinance for short-term rental properties.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |

- E. Resolution 207062 (ID:19863) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Mayor update this Board in writing by January 10, 2019 on all Home Rule Petitions pending at the Statehouse, with an assessment of likely progress in 2019.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. Public Communication 207698 (ID:20494) Greater Boston Real Estate Board submitting comments re: #205420, the proposed condominium review ordinance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- G. Public Communication 207869 (ID:20676) 3 residents submitting comments re: #206613, a proposed Ordinance for short-term rental properties.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

32. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 208274 (ID:21059) Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on May 13, 2019.

Councilor White reported on a variety of items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed the possible registration of paving contractors, with respect to an ordinance that driveways be paved with pervious surfaces. The Committee also discussed adding a sidewalk at 45 Beacon Street to enhance safety for residents accessing the Whole Foods Market, and approved a Resolution for the Traffic Commission. The Committee learned that House Bill 2683, an Act relative to protecting consumers of gas and electricity for paying for leaked and unaccounted for gas, died but has now been incorporated into a larger Act at the Statehouse. The Committee also discussed the City Engineer's algorithm for the 5-year street paving plan, as well as items relating to snow plowing.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 200773 (ID:13439) By City Councilor Davis That the Commissioner of Public Works describe to this Board, the rationale for treating multi-unit residences the same as single family residences for purposes of volume-based escalation of water rates.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- C. Order 205811 (ID:18586) By City Councilor Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, Ballantyne, Scott, Mbah That the Director of Engineering and Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on the registration of paving contractors pursuant to Ordinance 11-33.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 206303 (ID:19078) By City Councilor Hirsch, Davis
That the Director of Engineering share how pedestrian detours are required for planned street work resulting in sidewalk closures.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Resolution 206707 (ID:19480) By City Councilor Scott
That the Administration endeavor to add a properly signed and signaled crosswalk at 45 Beacon Street to enhance safety for residents accessing the Whole Foods Market.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. Resolution 206780 (ID:19566) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Administration work with other municipalities for the creation of a DPU community advisory board, similar to the MWRA’s advisory board, to provide input on the regulation of utilities.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- G. Resolution 206783 (ID:19569) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Administration and this Board support Bill H2683, “An Act relative to protecting consumers of gas and electricity from paying for leaked and unaccounted for gas.”

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- H. Order 207190 (ID:20020) By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of Engineering report to this Board on his review of the process and algorithm use for the 5-year street paving plan and any revisions that may be considered.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- I. Resolution 207191 (ID:20021) By City Councilor Scott
That the Administration update this Board on legal action against Newport Construction regarding the improper removal of trees on Beacon St.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- J. Order 207360 (ID:20192) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board on an alternative to snow plows completely burying the already-shoveled sidewalks on the south side of Summer Street between Cedar and Porter Streets.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| K. | Order
207363
(ID:20141) | By City Councilor White Jr., Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the unsafe sidewalk at 50 Dartmouth Street. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| L. | Order
207462
(ID:20253) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Board, why the snow is not plowed to the curb during snow emergencies. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| M. | Officer's
Communication
207581
(ID:20305) | Commissioner of Public Works responding to #206594 re: a complaint for the removal of trees on Beacon St. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| N. | Order
207595
(ID:20408) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD prioritize Cameron Avenue for street paving this year. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| O. | Order
208010
(ID:20819) | By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of Engineering and appropriate staff report on the date and method of implementation of the residential exemption for sewer and water charges. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| P. | Order
208011
(ID:20820) | By City Councilor Scott, Davis
That the Director of Engineering and appropriate staff discuss with this Council the legal limits of progressive water and sewer rate assessments. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Q. | Resolution
208275
(ID:21056) | By City Councilor Scott
That the Traffic Commission approve the creation of a crosswalk at 45 Beacon Street. | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee |

- R. Order 208276 (ID:21057) By City Councilor White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD provide a written response to #207193, for the Arts Council to host events to bring pedestrians to Union Square and Ball Square during construction detours.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

33. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 208277 (ID:21062) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on May 15, 2019.

Councilor Niedergang reported that the Committee began talking about top strategic priorities for making the streets safer, and discussed with Police Sergeant John Gobiell the enforcement of traffic laws and pedestrian safety.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Resolution 196311 (ID:8839) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Administration report to this Board the timetable for using the \$220,000 in traffic mitigation funds paid by Maxwell's Green in 2011 for traffic-slowing measures on both sides of the Lowell Street bridge.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Resolution 196436 (ID:9055) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Administration report to this Board on plans to slow traffic on Lowell Street, make its intersections safer, and use the \$220,000 contributed by Maxwell's Green for traffic calming.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 200052 (ID:12680) By City Councilor Sullivan, McLaughlin, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti
That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the feasibility of a traffic light at Foley Street and Middlesex Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 200146 (ID:12768) By City Councilor Sullivan, McLaughlin, White Jr., Rossetti, Connolly
That the Director of Traffic and Parking, the Chief of Police and the Director of SPCD review the traffic problems in East Somerville and develop a traffic improvement plan.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. Order 200153 (ID:12775) By City Councilor Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works NOT paint the double yellow line on Kidder Avenue when the road is repaved and instead, add a clearly marked bike lane.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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- G. Order 200232 (ID:12925) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic and Parking explore speed reducing measures on New Washington Street, behind Cobble Hill and by the dog park.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- H. Order 200247 (ID:12940) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain the policy of guest parking passes expiring on Saturdays.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- I. Order 200640 (ID:13291) By City Councilor Davis That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a flashing PEDESTRIAN CROSSING sign and/or take other measures to ensure pedestrian safety at College Avenue at Kidder Avenue.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- J. Order 202104 (ID:14786) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of Engineering report to this Board on the timeframe for re-stripping crosswalks that are erased due to repaving or construction.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- K. Order 202984 (ID:15679) By City Councilor Rossetti That the Director of Traffic and Parking report the number of guest passes and resident parking stickers issued for FY15, FY16 and FY17 to date.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- L. Order 203859 (ID:16576) By City Councilor Heuston That the Director of Traffic and Parking limit cut through traffic on Hanson Street by installing signage that allows abutters only at 7–9AM and 4–7 PM at identified locations, and ensure that this matter is addressed at the Traffic Commission's next meeting, on July 20, 2017.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- M. Order 204126 (ID:16849) By City Councilor Heuston That the Director of the Traffic and Parking erect signs at strategic points of entry to the City which state: "Entering a bike community, be aware of cyclists and bike lanes."
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- N. Order 204572 (ID:17307) By City Councilor 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 dampening measures.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- O. Order 205691 (ID:18515) By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the possibility of re-stripping faded crosswalks whenever necessary, instead of once a year.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- P. Order 206851 (ID:19651) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD develop a physical traffic calming infrastructure on Morrison Avenue between Cedar Street and Willow Avenue, before the Broadway/Ball Square Bridge closes in January 2019.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- Q. Resolution 206946 (ID:19752) By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang Requesting the formation of a Resident Transit Advisory Committee as first proposed on February 8, 2018 (see #205100).
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- R. Order 207163 (ID:20000) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of SPCD make lane markings on Broadway in Winter Hill a top priority for next year's construction season.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- S. Order 207331 (ID:20130) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis That the Director of SPCD report to this Board in writing no later than February 4 about traffic calming measures to be deployed in the Ball Square area to slow down cut-through traffic before the Ball Square Broadway Bridge closes, currently scheduled for about March 1.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- T. Order 207738 (ID:20657) By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch, Ballantyne That the Chief of Police report to this Council how, in this time of bridge closures and traffic frustrations, the Police Department can assign more Officers to the Traffic Enforcement Division, instruct more Patrol Officers to prioritize traffic enforcement, and increase the ratio of payable to warning citations.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

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| <p>U. Order
207882
(ID:20686)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Chief of Police discuss the feasibility of detail officers issuing moving violation citations during detail work connected with detours and road reconstruction.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>V. Order
207919
(ID:20773)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Traffic and Parking prioritize pedestrian safety at the intersection of Vinal and Highland Avenues with re-painting and additional signage.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>W. Order
207927
(ID:20777)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of Traffic and Parking reset the NO LEFT TURN (at certain times) sign at the corner of College and Kidder Avenues so it's clearly visible to traffic traveling south on College Avenue. (2nd request)</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>X. Order
208032
(ID:20836)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place flexible YIELD FOR PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALK signs at the intersections of Lowell and Hudson Streets and Lowell and Albion Streets.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>Y. Order
208044
(ID:20848)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Scott
That the Director of SPCD place speed bumps across Craigie Street near the entrances to the Morse Kelley and Dickerman playgrounds.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>Z. Order
208278
(ID:21068)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of SPCD advise the Committee on Traffic and Parking of any plans for traffic calming on Morrison Avenue between Cedar Street and Willow Avenue.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> | |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| <p>34. Mayor's Request 208279 (ID:21066)</p> | <p>Requesting a transfer of \$11,000 from the SomerPromise Professional and Technical Services Account to three Public School Accounts, to fund student programming for children and teens.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Rossetti requested to waive the reading of items 34-38 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
 RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>35. Mayor's Request 208280 (ID:21051)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$20,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Public Health to the Police Department for the SOR Program.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>36. Mayor's Request 208281 (ID:21050)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$2,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Dept. of Public Health to the Fire Department for Mass Decontamination Unit equipment and training costs.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>37. Mayor's Request 208282 (ID:21054)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$2,000 grant with no new match required, from Project Bread to the Health & Human Services Department to support the summer meals program.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>38. Mayor's Request 208283 (ID:21077)</p> | <p>Requesting creation of a Consolidated Gift Account to support the "One Somerville" campaign.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>39. Mayor's Request 208284 (ID:21071)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nicholas Antanavica to the position of Director of Inspectional Services.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Scott requested to waive the reading of item 39 and refer it 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</p> | |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 40. | Officer's
Communication
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(ID:21074) | Director of Water and Sewer submitting amended proposed water and sewer rates for FY20. |
| | | <p>Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 40 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
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| 41. | Officer's
Communication
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(ID:21075) | Assistant City Solicitor submitting a proposed amendment to Ordinance 11-111 to require the registration and maintenance of vacant buildings, as approved by the Legislative Matters Committee on 5/16/19. |
| | | <p>For discussion of this item, see #206612.</p> <p>RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> |
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| 42. | Officer's
Communication
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(ID:21053) | Assistant City Solicitor responding to #207904 with an update on Newport Construction communications. |
| | | <p>Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 42 and place it on file with a copy to the Public Utilities and Public Works Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p> |
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| 43. | Officer's
Communication
208288
(ID:20529) | Director of Communications requesting appointment of Epstein & August, LLP as outside legal counsel in the pending cable license renewal negotiations. |
| | | <p>Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 43 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 44. | License/Permit
208289
(ID:21104) | Public Event License, St Benedict Parish Marion Parade, Hathorn St and area streets, May 26, 9:45-11AM. |
| | | <p>Councilor Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 44 through 60 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |

45.	License/Permit 208290 (ID:21105)	Public Event License, Ivaloo/Harrison Block Party, Ivaloo St from Park St to Harrison St, Jun 1, Noon-5PM (raindate Jun 2).	RESULT: APPROVED
46.	License/Permit 208291 (ID:21106)	Public Event License, Warwick St Block Party, Jun 1, 2-8PM (raindates Jun 2,8,9).	RESULT: APPROVED
47.	License/Permit 208292 (ID:21107)	Public Event License, Growing Center Activities, 22 Vinal Ave, Jun 11-Oct 31, various dates and times.	RESULT: APPROVED
48.	License/Permit 208293 (ID:21108)	Public Event License, Gorham St Block Party, Gorham St at Tannery Brook Row and Howard St, Jun 22, 8AM-10PM (raindate Jun 23).	RESULT: APPROVED
49.	License/Permit 208294 (ID:21109)	Public Event License, OpenAir Circus Rehearsals, Nunziato Field, Tuesdays Jun 25-Jul 23, 4-8PM.	RESULT: APPROVED
50.	License/Permit 208295 (ID:21110)	Public Event License, OpenAir Circus Rehearsals, Powderhouse Park, Thursdays Jun 27-Jul 25, 4-8PM.	RESULT: APPROVED
51.	License/Permit 208296 (ID:21111)	Public Event License, Madison St Pig Roast Block Party, Jun 29, 8AM-7PM (raindate Jul 6).	RESULT: APPROVED
52.	License/Permit 208297 (ID:21112)	Public Event License, Tennyson St Block Party, Tennyson St from Pembroke St to Medford St, Jun 29, 10AM-8PM.	RESULT: APPROVED
53.	License/Permit 208298 (ID:21113)	Public Event License, OpenAir Circus Final Rehearsals, Nunziato Field, Jul 30-31, 4-9PM.	RESULT: APPROVED
54.	License/Permit 208299 (ID:21114)	Public Event License, St James Ave Block Party, St James Ave from Elm St to Summer St, Aug 11, Noon-8PM (raindate Aug 25).	RESULT: APPROVED

55.	License/Permit 208300 (ID:21115)	Public Event License, Collier Kickball Extravaganza, Trum Field and Franey Road, Sep 28, 8AM-6PM.	RESULT: APPROVED
56.	License/Permit 208301 (ID:21116)	New Drainlayer's License, Water Falls Construction and Equipment Rental.	RESULT: APPROVED
57.	License/Permit 208302 (ID:21117)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Rhino Construction.	RESULT: APPROVED
58.	License/Permit 208303 (ID:21118)	Renewing Garage License, Arco Tire and Service, 16 Clarendon Ave.	RESULT: APPROVED
59.	License/Permit 208304 (ID:21119)	Renewing Garage License, Frongillo Realty, 0 Spring Hill Terrace.	RESULT: APPROVED
60.	License/Permit 208305 (ID:21120)	Renewing Garage License, Drain Doctor, 612 Broadway.	RESULT: APPROVED
61.	License/Permit 208306 (ID:21073)	New Garage License, Automotive Transport Service, 40 Joy St, for mechanical repairs, washing cars and operating a tow service, 15 cars outside, 9 inside, Mon-Fri 8AM-6PM, Sat-Sun 9AM-3PM.	<p>Councilor Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 61 and 62 and refer them to the Licenses and Permits Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee</p>
62.	License/Permit 208307 (ID:21122)	New Extended Operating Hours License, Papa Johns Pizza, 622 Somerville Ave, seeking to remain open for in-store, take-out, and delivery service until 1AM Sun-Thu, and 2AM Fri-Sat.	<p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee</p>
63.	License/Permit 208308 (ID:21123)	Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Mr. B's, 142 Cross St.	<p>Councilor Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 63 through 67 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p>

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| 64. | License/Permit
208309
(ID:21124) | Renewing Open Air Vendor License, The Somerville Flea, Buena Vista Parking Lot. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 65. | License/Permit
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(ID:21125) | Renewing Used Car Dealer's Class 2 License, Barnes and Walsh, 224 Somerville Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 66. | License/Permit
208311
(ID:21126) | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Forge Baking Company, 626 Somerville Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 67. | License/Permit
208312
(ID:21127) | Sign/Awning Permit, Grainmaker, 246 Elm St, 1 wall sign and 1 blade sign. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 68. | Public
Communication
208313
(ID:21128) | 3 residents submitting comments re: #204323, a proposal for Powderhouse Blvd. safe bicycling. | <p>Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 68 and place it on file with a copy to the Committee on Traffic and Parking. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> |
| 69. | Public
Communication
208314
(ID:21129) | Eric Grimaldi submitting comments re: #208142, a proposed ordinance to ban the use of facial recognition technology. | <p>Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 69 and place it on file with a copy to the Committee on Legislative Matters. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |
| 70. | Public
Communication
208315
(ID:21130) | Meagan Maguire submitting comments in support of a curbside composting program. | <p>Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 70 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 71. | Resolution
208316
(ID:21135) | <p>By City Councilor Ballantyne
That members of Climate Coalition of Somerville and the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change present information regarding passive housing design.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; background-color: #f9f9f9;"> <p>Councilor Ballantyne sponsored Michelle Apigian of ICON Architecture to discuss passive house design. Councilor Scott asked about the cost difference between building passive houses and normal stick-built houses, and she responded that while there isn't enough data to give a truly accurate answer, 2-5% would be a safe guess. She said there are increasing incentives. Councilor Ewen-Campen asked about the scale of passive house design, and whether developers should be trusted when they argue that a small size makes it prohibitive. She responded that it is challenging to create a passive house in a small space. Councilor Hirsch asked if there is a way to retro-fit older homes, and she responded that guidance unfortunately is not yet available.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> </div> |
| 72. | Resolution
208317
(ID:21133) | <p>By City Councilor Ballantyne, Hirsch, Rossetti, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, McLaughlin, Mbah
Reaffirming support for the 1973 US Supreme Court decision which affirmed that access to safe and legal abortion is a constitutional right.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; background-color: #f9f9f9;"> <p>Councilor Ballantyne stated that the recent Alabama vote to ban abortion has outraged the community. This Resolution confirms the correct understanding that safe and legal abortion is a Constitutional right.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> </div> |
| 73. | Resolution
208318
(ID:21134) | <p>By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the East Somerville Community School middle school students, participating in an internship with Citizens Schools, present their findings and thoughts about affordable housing.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; background-color: #f9f9f9;"> <p>East Somerville Community Middle School students Emily Aravaro, Aidsa Rivera Arias, Seline Pierre, Maria Benavides, and Leiosha O'Connor-Vital presented their findings on the affordable housing crisis to the Council. They focused on Union Square and concluded that the root cause is the Green Line Extension. The Council thanked them for coming and sharing their findings.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> </div> |
| 74. | Order
208319
(ID:21101) | <p>By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install flashing STOP signs at the intersections of Lowell Street with Hudson and with Albion Streets to prevent accidents caused by cars entering onto Lowell Street.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; background-color: #f9f9f9;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> </div> |

75. Order 208320 (ID:21102) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a second DO NOT ENTER sign at Prichard and Kidder Avenues to help prevent cut-through traffic from the Ball Square Bridge closure from going down one-way Prichard Avenue in the wrong direction.

RESULT: APPROVED

76. Resolution 208321 (ID:21131) By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch, Ballantyne That the Mayor convene a committee to make recommendations by early 2020 for changes in City and residential parking permit policies such as those suggested by the Nelson/Nygaard consultant, as presented to the Land Use Committee on April 30, 2019.

Councilor Niedergang stated the City desperately needs parking reform, as our policies are outdated and antiquated.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

77. Mayor's Request 208322 (ID:21136) Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinances 8-361 through 8-372 to revise the permitting process for Mobile Food Vendors.

Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 77 and refer it to the Legislative Matters Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

78. Mayor's Request 208323 (ID:20831) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$4,000 in the Police Animal Control Division, from the Professional & Technical Services Account to the Overtime Account, to cover projected overtime FY19 costs.

Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 78 and 79 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

79. Mayor's Request 208324 (ID:21076) Requesting acceptance of a \$508 grant with no new match required, from the MA Sewer Rate Relief Fund to the Sewer Department for the purpose of reducing sewer rates.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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| <p>80. Officer's
Communication
208325
(ID:21132)</p> | <p>Assistant City Solicitor submitting an updated Ordinance Regulating Short-Term Residential Rentals as approved by the Legislative Matters Committee on 5/16/19.</p> |
| <p>For discussion of this item, see #206613.
Mr. Shapiro identified the issues regarding the lawsuit filed by Air BnB against the City of Boston and discussed changes made in this Short-Term Rental Ordinance in response.
RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis</p> | |
| <p>81. License/Permit
208326
(ID:21139)</p> | <p>Public Event License, OpenAir Circus Performances, Nunziato Field, Aug 1-5, various times.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 81 through 85 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>82. License/Permit
208327
(ID:21140)</p> | <p>Renewing Drainlayer's License, Dewcon.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>83. License/Permit
208328
(ID:21145)</p> | <p>Renewing Garage License, A Plus Autobody, 295 Medford St.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>84. License/Permit
208329
(ID:21144)</p> | <p>Renewing Garage License, A Plus Auto Body, 297 Medford St.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>85. License/Permit
208330
(ID:21143)</p> | <p>Renewing Used Car Dealer's Class 2 License, A Plus Auto Body, 297 Medford St.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>86. License/Permit
208331
(ID:21141)</p> | <p>Renewing Mobile Food Vendor License, Wizard Catering.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 86 and 87 and approve them with a condition that licensing must comply with any new conditions approved or authorized by the City Council. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
CONDITION: Licensee must comply with any new conditions approved or authorized by the City Council.</p> | |

87. License/Permit 208332 (ID:21142) Renewing Mobile Food Vendor, The Chef Grill.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
CONDITION: Licensee must comply with any new conditions approved or authorized by the City Council.

LATE ITEMS

88. Ordinance 208333 (ID:21146) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Municipal Ordinances be amended to provide for the appointment of the Clerks of Committee by this City Council.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

89. Resolution 208334 (ID:21147) By City Councilor Scott That the Vision Zero Task Force provide the City Council with an update on its activities.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:30 PM.