

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

September 11, 2014, 7:30 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Alderman At Large William A. White Jr.

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

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| 1. | Roll Call<br>197632<br>(ID:10234) | Call of the Roll.             |
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| 2. | Minutes<br>197633<br>(ID:10235) | Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 10, 2014. |
|    |                                 | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>  |

**CITATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

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| 3. | Order<br>197634<br>(ID:10193) | By Ald. Gewirtz<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works place additional trash barrels in Davis Square and empty the solar trash bins more frequently. |
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| 4. | Order<br>197635<br>(ID:10194)      | <p>By Ald. Gewirtz<br/>That the Director of Traffic and Parking explore the feasibility of making College Avenue two lanes, heading south into Davis Square, on weekday mornings.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Alderman Gewirtz discussed the heavy traffic in the area.<br/> <b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b><br/> <b>FOLLOWUP:</b>   Traffic and Parking Committee</p> </div>  |
| 5. | Resolution<br>197636<br>(ID:10195) | <p>By Ald. Gewirtz, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br/>That the Administration provide this Board with a detailed explanation of how future flooding events throughout the city will be mitigated and a plan to upgrade the dated city piping infrastructure.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b><br/> <b>FOLLOWUP:</b>   Flood Forum Special Committee</p> </div>   |
| 6. | Order<br>197637<br>(ID:10196)      | <p>By Ald. Gewirtz, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br/>That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring developers of new residential projects to install backflow preventers to prevent combined sewer overflow during heavy rains.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Alderman Gewirtz spoke about residential flooding with the rain a few weeks back and how to prevent it, and members expressed the need for immediate attention and comprehensive planning.<br/> <b>RESULT:           REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br/> <b>FOLLOWUP:</b>   Flood Forum Special Committee</p> </div> |
| 7. | Order<br>197638<br>(ID:10197)      | <p>By Ald. Gewirtz<br/>That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider limiting parking on Broadway at the corner of Liberty Avenue, as visibility there is severely limited.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b></p> </div>   |
| 8. | Order<br>197639<br>(ID:10198)      | <p>By Ald. Gewirtz<br/>That the Commissioner of Public Works plant two trees near 159 Morrison Ave, in the vicinity of the lost large tree.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b></p> </div>   |
| 9. | Order<br>197640<br>(ID:10199)      | <p>By Ald. Gewirtz<br/>That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Board on the installation of new posts on Elm Street, near Posto, for decorative purposes during the upcoming holiday season.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b></p> </div>  |

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| <p>10. Order<br/>197641<br/>(ID:10200)</p>   | <p>By Ald. Gewirtz<br/>That the Administration coordinate the Davis Square tree lighting with Midnight Madness on Thursday, December 4, 2014.</p>  |
| <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>   |  |
| <p>11. Order<br/>197642<br/>(ID:10201)</p>   | <p>By Ald. White Jr., Rossetti, Ballantyne<br/>That the Chief of Police appear before this Board’s Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss enforcement of Ordinance 9-97. Nuisance Control, especially for students hosting loud parties and creating noise disturbances.</p> |
| <p>Alderman White spoke about the concerns of noise violations in the area, particularly with absentee landlords.<br/><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br/><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> |  |
| <p>12. Order<br/>197643<br/>(ID:10202)</p>   | <p>By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., McLaughlin<br/>That the Commissioner of Public Works request that the state clean the space under I-93 in the Ten Hills area and in Ward One, and remove all vehicles and stored items.</p>  |
| <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br/><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p>  |  |
| <p>13. Order<br/>197644<br/>(ID:10203)</p>   | <p>By Ald. Lafuente<br/>That the Director of Traffic and Parking stripe the crosswalks on Broadway at School, Dartmouth and Sycamore Streets.</p>  |
| <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>   |  |
| <p>14. Order<br/>197645<br/>(ID:10205)</p>   | <p>By Ald. Lafuente<br/>That the Commissioner of Public Works investigate the sewer overflow problems on Richdale Avenue, especially in front of 12 Richdale Avenue.</p>   |
| <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br/><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Flood Forum Special Committee</p>  |  |
| <p>15. Order<br/>197646<br/>(ID:10204)</p>   | <p>By Ald. Lafuente<br/>That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 50 E. Albion Street.</p>  |
| <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>   |  |

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| 16. | Order<br>197647<br>(ID:10206) | By Ald. Lafuente, Ballantyne<br>That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance similar to the Boston Trust Act.  | <p>Alderman Lafuente discussed the issue of undocumented workers and suggested to look at what Boston did to come up with a solution.</p> <p><b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>   Legislative Matters Committee</p> |
| 17. | Order<br>197648<br>(ID:10207) | By Ald. McLaughlin<br>That the Director of Traffic and Parking remove one, or more, of the NO U TURN signs on the newly constructed lower Broadway.  | <p>Alderman McLaughlin spoke about residents having to drive a long distance in order to turn around.</p> <p><b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>   Traffic and Parking Committee</p>                                 |
| 18. | Order<br>197649<br>(ID:10208) | By Ald. Niedergang<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works clear sewer drains of leaves and other debris on Cedar Street between Highland Avenue and Summer Street, and on surrounding streets.                                     | <p><b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>   Flood Forum Special Committee</p>   |
| 19. | Order<br>197650<br>(ID:10209) | By Ald. Niedergang<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the bulbs in the three street lights in Junction Park nearest to Woodbine Street and Centre Street that have been out for many months. (3rd Request)             | <p><b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>   Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p>   |
| 20. | Order<br>197651<br>(ID:10210) | By Ald. Niedergang<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the bulb in the street light on Woodbine Street that is second closest to Junction Park. (3rd Request)   | <p><b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>   Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p>   |
| 21. | Order<br>197652<br>(ID:10211) | By Ald. Niedergang<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works closely monitor NSTAR'S re-pavement of Linden Avenue to ensure that the pavement around the crosswalk at Summer Street is flat and even so that pedestrians do not trip. | <p><b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b></p>   |

22. Order 197653 (ID:10212) By Ald. Niedergang, Rossetti  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect at least once a week the dumpsters and trash at 154 Cedar Street and apply the maximum fines as necessary.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
23. Order 197654 (ID:10213) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) increase the effort to get CVS and Magoun Square LLC to repair the retaining wall behind the parking lot so repairs can be made before winter to protect the properties of abutters.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
24. Order 197655 (ID:10214) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) review the permitting at 42 Clyde Street and report to the Ward 5 Alderman who is responsible for replacing the current asphalt sidewalk with a new concrete sidewalk.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
25. Order 197656 (ID:10215) By Ald. Niedergang, and the Entire Board  
That the Director of SPCD develop a plan for a substantial increase in low and moderate income affordable housing, given the affordable housing crisis and the need to increase the SomerVision target of 1,200 units over the next 20 years, and present the plan, in writing, to this Board before the end of 2014.
- Alderman Niedergang spoke about the need for more affordable housing, and members amplified the importance of this issue. Alderman White suggested looking at the formula used to analyze affordable housing to make sure it accurately gauges net increases/decreases when existing housing is replaced.
- RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee
26. Order 197657 (ID:10216) By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., Lafuente  
That the Commissioner of Public Works prevent storm drain backups on Richdale Avenue.
- RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Flood Forum Special Committee
27. Order 197658 (ID:10217) By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz  
That the Director of SPCD notify the residents of Leonard Street, in writing, why it is not possible to plant trees on one side of that street.
- Alderman Connolly explained the Dig Safe issue and why trees could not be planted.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

28. Order 197659 (ID:10218) By Ald. Connolly, McLaughlin, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr. That the Commissioner of Public Works contact Mass Highway to request that they cut back the overgrowth on the right-hand side of the Broadway - Somerville exit ramp off of Route 93.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

29. Order 197660 (ID:10219) By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr. That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of the Traffic and Parking, rename the ROAD CLOSED signs used to redirect SomerStreet events notices. (cc to the Director of the Arts Council)

**RESULT: APPROVED**

30. Order 197661 (ID:10220) By Ald. McWatters, Lafuente That the Commissioner of Public Works and the City Engineer determine if there are infrastructure problems on Richdale Avenue that contributed to the severe flooding during the last two storms.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Flood Forum Special Committee

31. Order 197662 (ID:10221) By Ald. McWatters That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Chief Fire Engineer order the appropriate utility companies to remove the double pole at 33 Columbus Avenue as it is creating a public safety issue.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

32. Order 197663 (ID:10222) By Ald. McWatters That the Chief of Police conduct directed patrols on Madison Avenue, between 7:00 - 9:00 AM and at various times on weekdays, for vehicular speed violations.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

33. Order 197664 (ID:10223) By Ald. McWatters That the Chief of Police conduct directed patrols at various times at Lowell and Summer Streets to ensure that motorists are coming to a complete stop at the blinking red light.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

34. Resolution 197665 (ID:10224) By Ald. Sullivan, Gewirtz, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr. That the MBTA install NO SMOKING signs at the benches outside the Davis Square MBTA stop on Holland Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

35. Order 197666 (ID:10225) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works reposition the manhole covers in front of 33 Claremon Avenue so they are properly closed.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

36. Order 197667 (ID:10226) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works trim all dead branches from the tree at 186-188 Powderhouse Blvd.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

37. Order 197668 (ID:10227) By Ald. Ballantyne That the City Solicitor and the Director of SPCD (ISD) update this Board on the court filing for 75-77 Gordon Street (as requested in July), pertaining to operating a business and storing construction materials at the site.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

38. Order 197669 (ID:10228) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD (Planning) update this Board on the construction start date at 77-83 North Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

39. Order 197670 (ID:10229) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD (ISD) enforce that city streets are not being used by Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Parkway.

Alderman Ballantyne expressed her concern and would like the Licenses and Permits Committee to consider possible next actions.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

40. Officer's Request 197438 (ID:9978) Assistant City Solicitor submitting an updated version of the "Pay-to-Play" Ordinance regulating campaign contributions (see #194968 and #195024) as approved by the 7-9-14 Legislative Matters Committee meeting.
- Alderman Gewirtz spoke about limitations needing to be put in place for campaign contributions. Alderman Niedergang expressed his support for this item. Alderman Lafuente said the influence of contributions is obvious in the City. Alderman Ballantyne spoke about campaign contributions being transparent and being fair for everyone. Alderman Rossetti said there are many unanswered questions and many what if scenarios to consider. Alderman Connolly discussed State changes in rules and regulations for 2015, and the limit on contributions being raised at this time. Alderman White spoke about an affidavit being in place to satisfy many of the concerns. Alderman Heuston discussed the contribution maximum being raised next year and argued that the item needs to be discussed further. Alderman McLaughlin spoke about his concerns with the increase in campaign limits coming up next year and the importance of this ordinance. Alderman Sullivan supported this as a first step and wanted it approved.
- RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [7 TO 4]**  
**AYES:** Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne  
**NAYS:** Connolly, Rossetti, Heuston, McWatters

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

41. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 197671 (ID:10230) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on September 2, 2014.
- Alderman Heuston reported on the items addressed at the meeting. She spoke about the interview process that took place at the meeting for the new Police Chief, David Fallon. She introduced David and discussed his background in great detail.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- B. Mayor's Request 197513 (ID:10010) Requesting the confirmation of the appointment of David Fallon to the position of Chief of Police.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- C. Mayor's Request 197514 (ID:10153) Requesting approval of a contract for five years with David Fallon for the Police Chief position in the Police Department.
- RESULT: APPROVED**



42. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| A. Committee Report 197672 (ID:10231) | <p>Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on September 3, 2014.</p> <p>Alderman Lafuente reported on the items addressed at the meeting. He spoke about grants and appropriations, and discussed the Assembly Row Economic Development proposal and the continuing talks about that project.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>                              |
| B. Mayor's Request 197515 (ID:10024)  | <p>Requesting the extension of the Non-Participating Items Agreement with MassDOT related to the East Broadway streetscape.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>  |
| C. Mayor's Request 197519 (ID:10023)  | <p>Requesting an appropriation of \$25,519 from the Trash Transfer Stabilization Fund for environmental testing of the Municipal Waste Transfer Facility.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br/> <b>AYES:</b> Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Houston, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne<br/> <b>ABSENT:</b> McWatters</p> |
| D. Mayor's Request 197520 (ID:10082)  | <p>Requesting a transfer of \$6,591 from the Health Department's Salaries Account to the Constituent Services Salaries and Wages Temporary Account to fund wage adjustments for fill-in telephone operators.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>   |
| E. Mayor's Request 197521 (ID:10081)  | <p>Requesting a transfer of \$2,000 from two Constituent Services Department Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to the Constituent Services Salaries and Wages Temporary Account, to fund a rate adjustment for fill-in telephone operators.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>  |
| F. Mayor's Request 197522 (ID:10080)  | <p>Requesting approval to pay FY14 invoices in the Department of Public Works from FY15 appropriations totaling \$28,486.24.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>   |
| G. Mayor's Request 197523 (ID:10019)  | <p>Requesting approval to pay 6 prior year invoices totaling \$4,669.50 for the Treasury Department using FY2015 funds.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>  |
| H. Mayor's Request 197524 (ID:10020)  | <p>Requesting approval to pay prior fiscal year invoices totaling \$1,204 in SPCD for police details related to the setup of Hubway stations.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>  |

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| I. | Mayor's Request<br>197525<br>(ID:10014) | Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$186,976.00 from The MA Office of Public Safety and Security for the Police Department.                               | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b> |
| J. | Mayor's Request<br>197526<br>(ID:10015) | Requesting the acceptance of a \$60,704 grant from the MA Office of Public Safety for 911 training and emergency medical dispatch services.                | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b> |
| K. | Mayor's Request<br>197527<br>(ID:10006) | Requesting the approval of a gift from the Union Square Master Developer bidders, valued at \$18,140.77, for reimbursement of travel expenses.             | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b> |
| L. | Mayor's Request<br>197609<br>(ID:10175) | Requesting the extension of a contract for architectural and engineering services with CDR Maguire to ensure the completion of repairs at the High School. | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b> |

43. LAND USE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report<br>197673<br>(ID:10232) | Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board, on September 4, 2014. | Alderman Sullivan reported on the items addressed at the meeting, in particular, an item regarding affordable housing.<br><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b> |
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44. LAND USE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report<br>197674<br>(ID:10233) | Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on September 4, 2014.  | Alderman Sullivan reported on the items addressed at the meeting. He said the Committee recommended approval of an ordinance on ground floor uses in buildings and what types of businesses may be included.<br><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b> |
| B. | Mayor's Request<br>196971<br>(ID:9502)   | Requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Section 7.13.A, to require a special permit to establish ground floor office uses in the corridor commercial and transit oriented districts. | <b>RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne   |

- C. Officer's Communication 197613 (ID:10157) Planning Board conveying its recommendations re #196971, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to require a special permit for certain ground floor office uses.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

45. Mayor's Request 197675 (ID:10189) Requesting authorization to amend #193816, an authorization to borrow and bond for Union Square Urban Renewal Block D2, by increasing the total amount to \$9,500,000.

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

46. Mayor's Request 197676 (ID:10187) Requesting an appropriation of \$62,000 from the Parks Stabilization Fund for Kenney Park improvements.

Alderman Lafuente moved to waive the readings of items 46 through 50 and send them to committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

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

47. Mayor's Request 197677 (ID:10190) Requesting the appropriation of \$39,400 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for Capuano Field lighting.

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

48. Mayor's Request 197678 (ID:10185) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$31,670 from the Mass Cultural Council, for the Arts Council's LCC grant program.

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

49. Mayor's Request 197679 (ID:10154) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$18,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts, for the Arts Council to conduct a city wide dance series in 2015.

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

50. Mayor's Request 197680 (ID:10155) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$5,800 from the Mass Cultural Council, for the Arts Council's general operational support.

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

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| 51. Mayor's Request<br>197681<br>(ID:10012) | Requesting the reappointment of Andrea Ranger to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.   |
|   | <p>Alderman Heuston moved to waive the readings of items 51 through 53 and send them to committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments Committee</p> |
| 52. Mayor's Request<br>197682<br>(ID:10162) | Requesting the reappointment of Eliza Johnston to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.  |
|   | <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments Committee</p>  |
| 53. Mayor's Request<br>197683<br>(ID:10163) | Requesting the reappointment of Juliette Rooney-Varga to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.   |
|   | <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments Committee</p>  |

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

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| 54. Officer's Communication<br>197684<br>(ID:10176) | DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 8/28/14.   |
|   | <p><b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Legislative Matters Committee<br/>Public Health and Public Safety Committee<br/>Public Utilities and Public Works Committee<br/>Flood Forum Special Committee</p> |

**NEW BUSINESS**

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| 55. License/Permit<br>197685<br>(ID:10238) | Public Event Permit, East Somerville Main Streets Foodie Crawl, Lower Broadway, Sep 16, Noon-10:30PM (raindate Sep 17).  |
|  | <p>Alderman Sullivan moved to waive the readings of items 55 through 58 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p> |
| 56. License/Permit<br>197686<br>(ID:10237) | Public Event Permit, Women's Commission Domestic Violence Awareness Candlelight Vigil, Union Sq., Oct 1, 5:30-6:45PM.  |
|  | <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>   |
| 57. License/Permit<br>197687<br>(ID:10236) | Public Event Permit, Arts Council's Taste of A Cappella, Prospect Hill Park, Oct 5, 11AM-6PM (raindate Oct 19).  |
|  | <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>   |

58. License/Permit 197688 (ID:10239) New Drainlayer License, Tascon Corp.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

59. Citation 197689 (ID:10255) By Ald. The Entire Board, and the Mayor Commending Acting Police Chief Charles Femino for his outstanding service over this past year.

Alderman Connolly spoke about the outstanding work that Chief Femino has provided over the years. Mayor Curtatone also expressed his appreciation of Chief Femino's work as Acting Police Chief.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

60. Order 197690 (ID:10240) By Ald. Connolly That the City accepts the 4th paragraph of MGL c59 s5C with respect to the property tax residential exemption for cooperative corporations.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

61. Order 197691 (ID:10241) By Ald. McWatters That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street light at 17 Thorpe Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

62. Order 197692 (ID:10242) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works empty the trash barrels along lower Broadway and temporarily place additional trash barrels in the area, prior to the planned September 16th event there.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

63. Order 197693 (ID:10246) By Ald. Heuston That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing lamp post at 425 Somerville Avenue.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

64. Order 197694 (ID:10247) By Ald. Heuston That the Commissioner of Public Works assess the adequacy of street lighting along Chester, Fitchburg and Poplar Streets, install additional lighting where needed and repair street lights which are not working on those streets.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

65. Order 197695 (ID:10248) By Ald. Heuston, Lafuente  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) explain the process for building permit approvals that require both ISD and Planning Department sign offs, and create a process that expedites simple applications and provides improved customer service.

Alderman Heuston questioned the current permitting process. Alderman Lafuente expressed concern with ISD's customer service.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

66. Order 197696 (ID:10249) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking amend the city's parking regulations to address the problem of the "warehousing" of vehicles that abuse the 48 hour parking rule.

Aldermen Heuston, Gewirtz and Sullivan discussed the 48-hour rule and considered alternatives.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

67. Order 197697 (ID:10250) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking revise the resident parking sticker regulations for campers.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

68. Order 197698 (ID:10251) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking limit cut through traffic on Dane, Village and Skehen Streets by installing signage prohibiting turns onto Village and Skehen Streets from Dane Street 6-10 AM and installing a STOP sign at Dane and Village Streets.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

69. Order 197699 (ID:10252) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of Traffic and parking install a temporary speed bump on Allen Street to provide for the safety of children attending the day care center located on that street.

Alderman McWatters said that speed bumps need 67% of constituents to sign a petition in order to be approved. Alderman Heuston suggested a revision to this rule to make them easier to install, especially for temporary speed bumps. Alderman Niedergang supported Alderman Heuston for a revision to this rule. Alderman McWatters will discuss this at the next Traffic Commission meeting. (See Agenda #77.)

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

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| 70. Mayor's Request<br>197700<br>(ID:10256)       | Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition that would increase the number of liquor licenses that the Licensing Commission may issue.                       | <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Legislative Matters Committee  |
| 71. Mayor's Request<br>197701<br>(ID:10192)       | Requesting authorization to borrow \$200,000 in a bond, and appropriate the same amount, for Citywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Upgrades.                       | <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee  |
| 72. Mayor's Request<br>197702<br>(ID:10253)       | Requesting the appointment of Sean Keane to the rank of Lieutenant in the Fire Dept.   | <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments Committee   |
| 73. Mayor's Communication<br>197703<br>(ID:10254) | Conveying information regarding #197438, known as the "Pay to Play" ordinance.   | <b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b>   |
| 74. License/Permit<br>197704<br>(ID:10243)        | Transferring Flammables License, Hess Corporation to Hess Retail Operations, 709 McGrath Hwy.  | Alderman Sullivan moved to waive the readings of items 74 through 75 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.<br><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b> |
| 75. License/Permit<br>197705<br>(ID:10257)        | Public Event Permit, First Church Somerville Block Party, Francesca Ave adjacent to Church at 89 College Ave., Sep 21, moving the starting time to Noon-6PM. | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |

**LATE ITEMS**

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| 76. Order<br>197706<br>(ID:10259) | By Ald. Gewirtz, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br>That the Director of SPCD (ISD) report to the Flood Forum Special Committee on the enforcement of Ordinances 11-33 and 11-145 regarding increasing pervious surfaces. | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Flood Forum Special Committee |
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77. Resolution 197707 (ID:10260) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Traffic Commission consider eliminating the requirement that before a temporary speed bump can be installed, 66% of residents on the street must formally agree to request it.

See Agenda #69 for discussion.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

78. Resolution 197708 (ID:10258) By Ald. Rossetti, McLaughlin, Ballantyne  
That a representative of the Mayor's Office and the Director of Personnel attend the next meeting of this Board's Committee on Youth Services to provide an update on the hiring of a new Director of Recreation.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

79. Resolution 197158 (ID:9707) By Ald. Connolly, Niedergang, McLaughlin  
Supporting Mayor Curtatone's May 22, 2014, Executive Order regarding the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Secure Communities Program.

Discharged from this Board's Committee of the Whole.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

80. Mayor's Request 197414 (ID:9957) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 in a bond for a feasibility study and schematic design for the renovation and/or construction of the High School.

Discharged from the Committee on Finance.

Superintendent Pierantozzi spoke about the history of the High School. He discussed the details of the feasibility study taking place in order to put plans together for future renovations, as well as the process of choosing the contractors for the study. Aldermen Gewirtz and Heuston questioned the use of the funds, and possible State reimbursement percentages. Superintendent Pierantozzi said they will not be known until a future time, although he feels they will be around the maximum of 80%. Alderman Niedergang expressed concern about this item not going through Committee first. School Committee Chair Rafal discussed the details of the MSBA's process and the School Committee's involvement. Alderman Niedergang questioned why a decision has not been made whether to renovate or rebuild the High School. Superintendent Pierantozzi discussed the dilemma, and how this feasibility study will determine which route to take. Alderman Rossetti was excited to see this bond and is looking forward to this work being completed. Alderman Lafuente expressed he would like to see this go to Committee for further discussion.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee



81. License/Permit 197557 (ID:10150) New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, top Gear Motor Group, 24 Joy St., 40 autos outside.

Discharged from the Committee on Licenses and Permits.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:50 PM.

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk.