

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2016, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Alderman At Large William A. White Jr.

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

1. Roll Call
200696
(ID:13341)

Call of the Roll.

A moment of silence was held by the Board for Alderman Ballantyne's mother, Elektra Ioannidis, as well as Paul DiPasquale and Alice Benn.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes
200697
(ID:13342)

Approval of the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting, January 4, 2016, and the Regular Meeting, January 14, 2016.

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. Citation
200698
(ID:13343)

By Ald. Heuston, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending Lt. James Nolan on the happy occasion of hire retirement from the Fire Department after 36 years of distinguished service.

Alderman Heuston attended a party in honor of Jimmy Nolan's retirement and presented him with this well-deserved Citation.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Communication By Ald. Rossetti
200699 Reporting on the February 3 and February 10 meetings of the High School
(ID:13326) Building Committee.

Alderman Rossetti reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee voted through a preferred design plan and it will be submitted to the MA School Building Authority by March 1. Social media applications will be put in place to take comments from the community. Also, brochures will be distributed all over the community to keep residents informed.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

5. Order By Ald. Niedergang
200700 That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the plan and timeline for
(ID:13327) implementing the recommendations in the recent report of the Sustainable
Neighborhoods Working Group.

Alderman Niedergang is anxious to get started on this work and develop a timeline.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

6. Order By Ald. Niedergang
200701 That the City Solicitor update this Board on the lawsuits against the Wynn
(ID:13328) casino in Everett now that Boston has dropped its opposition to the casino.

Seeing that the Mayor has submitted a request to address the Board on this topic, Alderman Niedergang withdrew this item.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

7. Order By Ald. Niedergang
200702 That the Director of Traffic and Parking fix the flashing speed indicator at the
(ID:13329) Lowell Street bridge on the east side of the street.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. Order By Ald. Niedergang
200703 That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the 3 missing yellow bollards
(ID:13330) on the east side of the Lowell Street bridge at the Community Path Extension
ramp.

RESULT: APPROVED

9. Order 200704 (ID:13331) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works clear the huge pile of snow on the sidewalk at the Warwick Street elbow, and, if appropriate, instruct the manager of Maxwell's Green not to pile snow on the sidewalk.

Alderman Niedergang withdrew this item because Maxwell's Green has resolved the problem.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

10. Order 200705 (ID:13338) By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD add 112 Belmont Street to the tree planting list.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee

11. Order 200706 (ID:13339) By Ald. McWatters
That the Chief of Police conduct directed patrols on Craigie Street on weekday mornings to check for speeding motorists.

RESULT: APPROVED

12. Order 200707 (ID:13340) By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 3 Alderman on renovating the tot lot at Central Hill park.

RESULT: APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

13. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 200708 (ID:13337) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on February 10, 2016.

Alderman Heuston reported on the items discussed at the meeting. Alderman McWatters requested amending the report so that instead of the Director of Personnel, the Administration should be asked to provide the Committee of Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters with a diversity break down of all Boards and Commissions along with the plan to fill vacancies. Alderman Heuston also spoke about Raymond Busi and how his appointment to Permanent Firefighter is well deserved.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Resolution 198974 (ID:11621) By Ald. McLaughlin, Niedergang
That the Administration and the Director of Personnel provide this Board with the ethnic and racial breakdown of the city's workforce and its boards and commissions.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C.	Officer's Communication 199168 (ID:11686)	Personnel Director responding to #198974, to provide an ethnic and racial breakdown of the city's workforce and its boards and commissions.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
D.	Mayor's Request 200556 (ID:13157)	Requesting the appointment of Raymond Busi to the position of Permanent Firefighter, effective March 6, 2016.	RESULT: APPROVED
E.	Mayor's Request 200602 (ID:13230)	Requesting the confirmation of Charles Quigley as City Engineer.	RESULT: APPROVED
F.	Mayor's Request 200605 (ID:13233)	Requesting the confirmation of Goran Smiljic as Superintendent of Inspectional Services.	RESULT: APPROVED
G.	Mayor's Request 200606 (ID:13234)	Requesting the confirmation of Doug Kress as Director of the Board of Health.	RESULT: APPROVED
H.	Mayor's Request 200612 (ID:13240)	Requesting the confirmation of Bryan Bishop as Director of Veterans Services.	RESULT: APPROVED
I.	Mayor's Request 200662 (ID:13259)	Requesting the appointment of Police Officer Michael Holland to the rank of Sergeant. Alderman Houston spoke about Office Michael Holland and his accolades.	RESULT: APPROVED
J.	Mayor's Request 200663 (ID:13284)	Requesting the appointment David Ruff to the position of Police Officer.	RESULT: APPROVED
K.	Mayor's Request 200664 (ID:13285)	Requesting the appointment Roger Desrochers to the position of Police Officer.	RESULT: APPROVED
L.	Mayor's Request 200665 (ID:13286)	Requesting the appointment Michael Marra to the position of Police Officer.	RESULT: APPROVED
M.	Mayor's Request 200666 (ID:13287)	Requesting the appointment Gurpreet Singh to the position of Police Officer.	RESULT: APPROVED

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| N. | Mayor's Request
200667
(ID:13288) | Requesting the appointment Daniel Haley to the position of Police Officer.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| O. | Mayor's Request
200668
(ID:13289) | Requesting the appointment Michael Carroll to the position of Police Officer.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| P. | Mayor's Request
200669
(ID:13290) | Requesting the appointment Robert Hartsgrove to the position of Police Officer.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| Q. | Resolution
200709
(ID:13391) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Administration provide this Board's Committee on Confirmation of Appointments with a diversity breakdown of all boards and commissions and a plan to fill vacancies.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

14. LAND USE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
200710
(ID:13335) | Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on February 9, 2016.
Alderman Davis reported on the items discussed at the meeting. Changes to the zoning code for medical marijuana dispensaries were kept in committee until representatives of affected Wards had a chance to weigh in.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | Mayor's Request
199554
(ID:12157) | Requesting an amendment to Zoning Ordinance 7.15 Re: Medical Marijuana Treatment Facilities.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| C. | Officer's Communication
200001
(ID:12556) | Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #199554, an amendment to Zoning Ordinance 7.15, Medical Marijuana Treatment Facilities.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| D. | Order
200626
(ID:13268) | By Ald. Rossetti
That the Land Use Committee discuss recent benefit agreements with marijuana dispensaries in Shrewsbury, Brockton and Taunton.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

15. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
200711
(ID:13336)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on February 10, 2016.</p> |
| <p>Alderman Sullivan reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He spoke about the violations in the used car dealership at 395 Alewife Brook Parkway regarding the amount of cars they currently have on their lot.
RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>B. License/Permit
200408
(ID:13002)</p> | <p>New Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St., 0 cars in, 22 out, Mon-Fri 9AM-7PM, Sat 9AM-3PM.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED
AMENDED: Approved for 15 vehicles only. Applicant to work with City Traffic Engineer to delineate the parking spaces on the property.</p> | |
| <p>C. Public Communication
200415
(ID:13032)</p> | <p>MA Office of Consumer Affairs submitting Lemon Law Sticker Audit results for American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>D. Grant of Location
200426
(ID:13080)</p> | <p>Submitted by Eversource (NStar Electric) to install 93 feet of conduit in Somerville Avenue from Manhole #8639 to private property at 508-510 Somerville Avenue.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>E. Order
200452
(ID:13119)</p> | <p>By Ald. Heuston
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect 61 Prospect Street to determine the proper number of vehicles for the lot.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>F. Order
200453
(ID:13120)</p> | <p>By Ald. Connolly
That the Director of Traffic and Parking report any violations pertaining to the business at 61 Prospect Street to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>G. Officer's Communication
200559
(ID:13133)</p> | <p>Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders submitted 12/10/15.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>H. License/Permit
200564
(ID:13194)</p> | <p>New Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Mystic Auto Sales, 712 Mystic Ave, 0 cars inside, 10 outside.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |

16. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 200712 (ID:13332) Report of the Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on February 2, 2016.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed the use of City playing fields by non-Somerville leagues. Some fields are regional and are not strictly for use by Somerville residents. The Tree Arborist submitted a list of the trees that were inspected and the trees that will be inspected come the spring. The Committee also discussed Eversource's indiscriminate cuttings when they cleared trees around the power lines last year.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order 199712 (ID:12422) By Ald. Niedergang That the Mayor's Aide and/or the Director of Sustainability and the Environment report to this Board on progress in addressing the litter from Globe Direct circulars, and whether Cambridge's agreement with Globe Direct is being implemented here.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 199715 (ID:12425) By Ald. Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Sustainability and the Environment report to this Board on why the city is not using its authority to request a recycling plan for apartment buildings, which has resulted in some apartment dwellers not being able to participate in recycling.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 200032 (ID:12661) By Ald. Heuston That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board about Eversource's pruning of trees and vegetation near power lines, and whether there will be oversight of such work by city staff.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Order 200040 (ID:12667) By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment and the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Board, curbside gardens or bioswales, to reduce the amount of impervious surfaces, improve the environment, and beautify our streets.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 200045 (ID:12673) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (Transportation and Infrastructure) plant trees at 9-11 Indiana Avenue, along Kensington Avenue and on the corner of Tufts and Cross Streets.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- G. Order 200298 (ID:12955) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works explain why 12 foot high tree stumps remain after trees have been cut.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- H. Order 200300 (ID:12957) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD and the Commissioner of Public Works advise this Board of the minimum ADA requirements for hard surfaces at publicly accessible open space.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- I. Order 200439 (ID:13066) By Ald. McLaughlin, Rossetti That the Mayor's Aide and/or the Director of Sustainability and the Environment update this Board on addressing the litter from Globe Direct circulars.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- J. Order 200531 (ID:13179) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of the Recreation report to this Board on the use of city playing fields by non-Somerville leagues, including the residency of their participants.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

17. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 200713 (ID:13333) Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on February 2, 2016.

Alderman Heuston reported on the items discussed at the meeting. She spoke about the need to review commercial and private trash pick up, especially for commercial dining facilities.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 198190 (ID:10780) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the property and field around 11 Austin Street for rodents.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 198374 (ID:10940) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD communicate with the appropriate state agency to address the rodent issues on, and the underutilization of, the land behind 11 Austin Street and I-93.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| D. Order
199342
(ID:11920) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the corner of Everett Avenue and Cross Street for rodents and bait accordingly. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| E. Order
199367
(ID:11952) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the sewers on Grand View Avenue for rodents. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| F. Order
199368
(ID:11953) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the area on McGrath Highway behind 3 Chester Avenue for rodent activity, issue fines as indicated, and direct the property owner to clean and bait the area. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| G. Order
199422
(ID:12012) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the parking and trash area that opens onto Lowell Street, behind Modelo Bakery and White Sport Pizza in Magoun Square for signs of rodent activity and take appropriate action. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| H. Order
199670
(ID:12381) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect the businesses along East Broadway for rodent issues. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| I. Order
199674
(ID:12385) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services address rodent complaints along Kensington and Pennsylvania Avenues, and Dell, Ellsworth, Cutter, and Medford Streets. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| J. Order
199680
(ID:12430) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Communications use the city's Connect CTY system to remind residents of the importance of rodent prevention. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| K. Order
199682
(ID:12432) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services update this Board on rodent control measures at construction sites. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |

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| L. | Order
199684
(ID:12434) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services consider using rodent birth control on MacArthur Street. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| M. | Order
199687
(ID:12396) | By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect the Healy School for trash and rodents and bait/set traps as necessary. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| N. | Order
199689
(ID:12398) | By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect 41 Marshall Street for overgrowth and rodents and take all appropriate actions. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| O. | Order
199796
(ID:12446) | By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services perform the actions listed within to combat the rodent problem in the city. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| P. | Order
199883
(ID:12548) | By Ald. Heuston
That the City Clerk request of Representative Tim Toomey that the state address the rodent issue behind 11 Austin Street and I-93. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Q. | Order
199884
(ID:12549) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Communications notify the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, within 30 days, of the plan to utilize Connect CTY and other means of communication to remind residents of the importance of rodent prevention, as directed in #199680. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| R. | Order
200043
(ID:12671) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services bait around 240 Pearl street for rodents. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| S. | Order
200055
(ID:12683) | By Ald. Sullivan, Gewirtz, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services update this Board on the rodent control measures recently undertaken on Winter Street. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

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| T. | Order
200180
(ID:12798) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services work with the residents in Kensington Street to alleviate their rodent problems. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| U. | Order
200245
(ID:12938) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services update this Board on the rodent birth control program. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| V. | Order
200268
(ID:12971) | By Ald. Sullivan, McLaughlin, White Jr., Rossetti, Connolly
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services review the attached articles on rodent control in Canada and New Zealand and report back to this board if similar measure could be utilized here. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| W. | Order
200269
(ID:12973) | By Ald. Sullivan, McLaughlin, White Jr., Rossetti, Connolly
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services report to this Board, whether the current rodent bait is a Warfarin product and if not, whether Warfarin might be more successful, | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| X. | Order
200270
(ID:12974) | By Ald. Sullivan, McLaughlin, White Jr., Rossetti, Connolly
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services conduct a follow-up meeting regarding the MacArthur Street rodent infestation. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Y. | Order
200438
(ID:13047) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services address rodent problems on Wigglesworth Street, Cross Street Place, and Everett Avenue. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Z. | Order
200635
(ID:13279) | By Ald. Heuston, and the Entire Board
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inform this Board of rodent baiting services purchased and delivered for the development at 197 Washington Street. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| AA. | Order
200636
(ID:13280) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services describe before this Board the enforcement of rodent baiting requirements during demolition and construction, and the availability of such information to the public. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

AB. Order 200714 (ID:13355) By Ald. Connolly
That the City Solicitor petition the courts to allow the city onto properties requiring remedial action when there is an emergency public health issue.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

AC. Order 200715 (ID:13356) By Ald. Heuston
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services conduct a walk-through of Bonair Street, McArthur Street and Autumn Avenue and order new barrels for those who need them.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

18. VETERANS AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 200716 (ID:13334) Report of the Committee on Veterans and Public Services, meeting on February 3, 2016.

Alderman McLaughlin reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He discussed the requests for dedications and possible event planning for the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.
RESULT: APPROVED

B. Resolution 195831 (ID:8319) By Ald. Heuston, Taylor
That the Dedication Committee name the corner of Tremont Street and Webster Avenue in memory of Vietnam War veteran Arthur J. Downey.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Resolution 199266 (ID:11856) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Administration consider holding a ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Resolution 199517 (ID:12129) By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board
That the Veterans Service Department remain autonomous and separate from the Health and Human Services Department.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

19. Mayor's Request 200717 (ID:13360) Requesting that this Board convene in Executive Session to update the Board on the city's litigation related to the Wynn casino.

The Board recessed at 8:45 PM, and convened in Executive Session at 8:50 PM. No votes were taken in Executive Session. The Session adjourned at 9:35 PM, and the Board reconvened at 9:35 PM.

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

20. Withdrawn 200718 (ID:13361) Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

21. Mayor's Request 200719 (ID:13325) Requesting approval to submit a Statement of Interest to the MSBA for the Winter Hill Community School.

Mr. King is requesting approval for a new roof and window replacement on the Winter Hill Community School. The roof is twenty-five percent original and the windows are all original.

RESULT: APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

22. Officer's Request 200720 (ID:13344) City Clerk requesting approval of his Public Official's Bond.

RESULT: APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

23. License/Permit 200721 (ID:13372) Public Event Permit, Groundwork Somerville Boil Down, Community Growing Center, Mar 11-12, 8:30AM-4PM.

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 23 through 40 and approve, with item 40 referred to Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

24. Withdrawn 200722 (ID:13374) Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

25. License/Permit 200723 (ID:13362) Public Event Permit, St Benedict Parish Passion Procession, Arlington St area, Mar 25, Noon-7PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

26.	License/Permit 200724 (ID:13375)	Public Event Permit, Somerville Birdhouse Project, Community Path, Apr 16, 9AM-3PM (raindate Apr 17).	RESULT: APPROVED
27.	License/Permit 200725 (ID:13371)	Public Event Permit, Independent Film Festival, Davis Sq area, Apr 27-May 4, 6PM-Midnite.	RESULT: APPROVED
28.	License/Permit 200726 (ID:13369)	Public Event Permit, Arts Council Mayor's Spring Clean-up, citywide and Mystic Boathouse, Apr 30, 9AM-3PM (raindate May 1).	RESULT: APPROVED
29.	License/Permit 200727 (ID:13376)	Public Event Permit, Tufts Graduate Student Council 5K Walk/Run, Tufts area, Apr 30, 9AM-3PM (raindate May 1).	RESULT: APPROVED
30.	License/Permit 200728 (ID:13373)	Public Event Permit, Tuftonia's Day, Tufts Campus, May 2, 7AM-11:30PM (raindate May 3).	RESULT: APPROVED
31.	License/Permit 200729 (ID:13363)	Public Event Permit, St Benedict Parish Marion Procession, Arlington St area, May 8, 10:30AM-Noon.	RESULT: APPROVED
32.	License/Permit 200730 (ID:13368)	Public Event Permit, Arts Council Porchfest, citywide, May 21, Noon-6PM (raindate May 22).	RESULT: APPROVED
33.	License/Permit 200731 (ID:13364)	Public Event Permit, Arts Council Squeezebox Slam, Seven Hills Park, Jun 12, 10AM-7PM.	RESULT: APPROVED
34.	License/Permit 200732 (ID:13365)	Public Event Permit, Arts Council Joe's Jazz and Blues Festival, Nathan Tufts Park, Jun 18, 10AM-7PM (raindate Jun 19).	RESULT: APPROVED
35.	License/Permit 200733 (ID:13367)	Public Event Permit, Arts Council Family Fun Day, Trum Field, Jun 25, 10AM-5PM (raindate Jun 26).	RESULT: APPROVED

36.	License/Permit 200734 (ID:13366)	Public Event Permit, Arts Council Mayor's Fireworks, Trum Field area, Jun 30, 1-10:30PM (raindate Jul 7).	RESULT: APPROVED
37.	License/Permit 200735 (ID:13370)	Public Event Permit, Arts Council ArtBeat, Davis Sq, Jul 15 Noon-10PM, Jul 16 8AM-8PM (raindate Jul 17).	RESULT: APPROVED
38.	License/Permit 200736 (ID:13350)	Transferring Taxi Medallion License, Medallion 66 from Somerville Taxi Inc. to LTK Inc.	RESULT: APPROVED
39.	License/Permit 200737 (ID:13352)	New Automatic Amusement Devices License, Cuisine En Locale, 156 Highland Ave, 2 devices.	RESULT: APPROVED
40.	License/Permit 200738 (ID:13351)	New Pool Table License, Cuisine En Locale, 156 Highland Ave, 2 pool tables.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
41.	Public Communication 200739 (ID:13346)	Patricia Wild submitting comments re: #200102, a proposed inclusionary housing ordinance.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee
42.	Public Communication 200740 (ID:13347)	David and Leah Ekbladh submitting comments re: #200639, a raised crosswalk at the West Somerville Neighborhood School. President White requested to waive the readings of items 42 through 46 and refer them to the Traffic Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
43.	Public Communication 200741 (ID:13348)	Dan Rosan submitting comments re: #200639, a raised crosswalk at the West Somerville Neighborhood School.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

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| 44. | Public
Communication
200742
(ID:13349) | Mark Jewell submitting comments re: #200639, a raised crosswalk at the West Somerville Neighborhood School. |
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FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee |
| 45. | Public
Communication
200743
(ID:13353) | Laura Beretsky submitting comments re: #200639, a raised crosswalk at the West Somerville Neighborhood School. |
| | | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee |
| 46. | Public
Communication
200744
(ID:13354) | Coleen Cunningham submitting comments re: #200639, a raised crosswalk at the West Somerville Neighborhood School. |
| | | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 47. | Order
200745
(ID:13377) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services enforce the snow shoveling ordinance on absentee landlords in East Somerville. |
| | | Alderman McLaughlin stated some absentee landlords did not shovel their walkways during the last snow storm.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 48. | Order
200746
(ID:13378) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a SLOW sign on the Cross Street bridge. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee |
| 49. | Order
200747
(ID:13379) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works consider using pet safe salt on city walkways. |
| | | Alderman McLaughlin is hoping the City can use pet safe salt.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee |
| 50. | Order
200748
(ID:13380) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the icing on Assembly Row sidewalks. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee |

51. Order 200749 (ID:13386) By Ald. White Jr. That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services report to this Board on the differences between the Stretch Energy Code and the International Energy Conservation Code 2012, and which Code the City is applying.
- Alderman White reported the state has adopted the Stretch Energy Code. He requested the City follow the code as well, if they are not already.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee
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52. Order 200750 (ID:13387) By Ald. White Jr. That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with a written breakdown of all special permit and variance applications for the last 3 years, broken out by building type, application type, and purpose.
- Alderman White would like to get a breakdown of special permits and categorize them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee
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53. Order 200751 (ID:13388) By Ald. White Jr. That the Chief Assessor provide this Board with the final breakdown of residential exemptions for the current fiscal year, by property type, with comparisons to prior fiscal years.
- Alderman White discussed that residents have until April 1 to file for a residential exemption.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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54. Resolution 200752 (ID:13389) By Ald. White Jr., Rossetti, Lafuente That the Administration provide assistance, including financial where appropriate, to resident homeowners whose property is damaged from the roots of trees planted by the City.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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55. Mayor's Request 200753 (ID:13384) Requesting an appropriation of \$175,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Law Department Legal Services Account to fund the hire of previously approved outside legal counsel.
- City Solicitor Wright explained the need to hire outside counsel, which these funds will help cover. Alderman Niedergang questioned if the Finance Committee discussed this item. President White confirmed it was discussed in Committee.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

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| 56. Mayor's Request 200754 (ID:13264) | Requesting an appropriation of \$100,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Services Account to fund enhanced youth services/youth development programming. |
| | <p>Alderman LaFuente requested to waive the readings of items 56 through 57 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 57. Mayor's Request 200755 (ID:13383) | Requesting the transfer of \$90,000 from the DPW Sanitation Rubbish Removal Account to the DPW Lights and Lines Overtime Account to balance the account. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 58. Mayor's Request 200756 (ID:13357) | Requesting the reappointment of Paula Machado to the Board of Health. |
| | <p>Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of items 58 through 60 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 59. Mayor's Request 200757 (ID:13358) | Requesting the reappointment of Dr. Brian Green to the Board of Health. |
| | <p>Alderman Heuston recused.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 60. Mayor's Request 200758 (ID:13359) | Requesting the reappointment of Babette Mello to the Board of Health. |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 61. Officer's Communication 200759 (ID:13319) | DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 1/14/16. |
| | <p>Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 61 through 64 and refer to Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
Traffic and Parking Committee</p> |
| 62. Officer's Communication 200760 (ID:13382) | DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 1/28/16. |
| | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p> |

63. Public Communication 200761 (ID:13390) 24 residents submitting comments re: #200102, a proposed inclusionary housing ordinance.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

64. Public Communication 200762 (ID:13385) Leiran Biton submitting comments re: #200639, a raised crosswalk at the West Somerville Neighborhood School.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

LATE ITEMS

65. Order 200763 (ID:13399) By Ald. Heuston That the City Solicitor apprise this Board of the votes that will be required to develop and construct a new or renovated High School.

RESULT: APPROVED

66. Order 200764 (ID:13396) By Ald. Heuston That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the broken crosswalk signal at the intersection of Somerville Avenue and School Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

67. Order 200765 (ID:13397) By Ald. Heuston That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inform the Beacon Street Star Market of the city's regulations for cleaning and removing snow from commercial parking lots, including the restrictions on hours and the impacts of noise on the surrounding residential area.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

68. Order 200766 (ID:13392) By Ald. Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes at the following locations: Lowell Street, east side at 235, 231 and between 207 and Albion Street; Highland Avenue, south side, two potholes at Porter Street, two potholes at Eastman Road.

RESULT: APPROVED

69. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
200767 That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the TOW ZONE sign on
(ID:13398) Broadway, near Rent-A-Center, and hold Rent-A-Center responsible for the
cost of the repair.

Alderman McLaughlin stated action is being taken to resolve problems at Rent-A-Center. Alderman Sullivan also expressed concern about this business.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

70. Public Somerville Chamber of Commerce submitting comments re: #200102, a
Communication proposed inclusionary housing ordinance.
200768

(ID:13395)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

71. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance
200455 ("Free Cash") to the Law Department Legal Services Account to fund the hire
(ID:13059) of previously approved outside legal counsel.

Discharged from the Committee on Finance.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:45 PM.