

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

August 22, 2019, 7:00 PM
City Council Chamber, City Hall-93 Highland Avenue

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 21581)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, June
 (ID # 21582) 27, 2019.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By City Councilor Ballantyne
 (ID # 21579) Commending Gene Brune on the auspicious occasion of
 his 90th birthday.

4. Withdrawn Withdrawn.
 (ID # 21580)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Submitted by Crown Castle Fiber to install 12 feet of
 Location conduit in Medford St from Manhole #15216 to a point
 (ID # 21553) of pickup at 252 Medford St.

6. Grant of Submitted by ExteNet Systems to install a wireless small
 Location cell antenna and related equipment on the pole on
 (ID # 21554) Bradley St adjacent to 32 Jackson Rd.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

7. Resolution By City Councilor Ballantyne, Clingan, McLaughlin
 (ID # 21578) That September, 2019 be designated Recovery Month in
 Somerville.

8. Resolution By City Councilor Mbah
 (ID # 21509) Urging the State Delegation to support all gun reform
 bills currently pending at the State House.

9. Resolution By City Councilor Mbah
 (ID # 21507) That the Administration, in conjunction with the
 Somerville Homeless Coalition, create programs with
 specific goals to end homelessness in the City.

10. Order (ID # 21506) By City Councilor Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the City Solicitor determine whether the City may draft an ordinance to address the Black Swallow-wort problem, based on current policy, but limited to absentee landlords.
11. Order (ID # 21508) By City Councilor Mbah
That the Chief of Police update this Council quarterly on high risk domestic violence and sexual assault cases.
12. Order (ID # 21557) By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Director of Parks and Recreation work with the Administration and the School Department to assess opportunities and barriers non-binary youth and adults have when wanting to participate in athletics and access public facilities, such as Dilboy Pool.
13. Order (ID # 21558) By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Director of SPCD facilitate a community meeting about airplane noise and include information about how flight path decisions get made, what (if any) local leverage we have, and how different neighborhoods are currently or potentially affected by noise.
14. Resolution (ID # 21559) By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Administration report on how the City could lobby for a wider width for the proposed bridge from Everett to Draw 7 Park.
15. Order (ID # 21560) By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Director of SPCD explain how decisions are made about Blue Bike rack placement, including how the public gets informed.
16. Order (ID # 21561) By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Director of Engineering report on flooding by neighborhood for this summer's storms and any steps taken to mitigate it or work with residents.
17. Order (ID # 21562) By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Director of Public Works inform this Council of any recent challenges relative to yard waste pickup.
18. Order (ID # 21563) By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang
That the Director of Mobility discuss with advocates and Councilors, options for the selection process for the new Pedestrian/Transit Committee and discuss its possible relationship to the Vision Zero Task Force and the Bicycle Committee.

19. Order (ID # 21564) By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management update the Ward 6 Councilor on plans for interim improvements to sidewalks and crosswalks in Davis Square.
20. Order (ID # 21565) By City Councilor Davis
That the Senior Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner inspect the newly planted tree at 76 Willow Avenue and seek warranty replacement as appropriate.
21. Order (ID # 21566) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan
That members of the recently established Safe Injection Site Task Force appear before this Council's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss their findings in a public forum.
22. Order (ID # 21567) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan
That the Director of Health and Human Services provide the City Council with a copy of the Safe Injection Site Task Force recommendations.
23. Order (ID # 21568) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan
That the Director of SomerStat provide this Council with a citywide heat map of areas where overdoses and improperly disposed needles are reported to identify a location for a safe injection facility.
24. Order (ID # 21569) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD work with the City of Boston and MA DOT to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety at state highway intersections including Sullivan Square, McGrath Highway at Broadway and at Washington Street, and the Northern Expressway at the Kensington Avenue Underpass.
25. Order (ID # 21570) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase signage along Wigglesworth Street to discourage speeding.
26. Order (ID # 21571) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the two broken street lights by 60 Alston Street.
27. Resolution (ID # 21572) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Administration consider granting free use of Blue Bikes to city staff.

- 28. Resolution (ID # 21573) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Traffic Commission approve the installation of a stop light at the intersection of Grand Union Boulevard and Canal Street.
- 29. Order (ID # 21574) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD install a "Your Speed Is" sign and rubber speed bumps on Hamlet Street, directed at northbound traffic.
- 30. Order (ID # 21575) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase enforcement of double-parking at the intersection of Hamlet Street and Highland Avenue.
- 31. Communication (ID # 21505) By City Councilor Rossetti
Reporting on the SHS Building Committee meetings of July 15 and August 12, 2019.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 32. Grant of Location 208355 Submitted by Eversource to install 133 feet of conduit in Chestnut St from Manhole #27931 to a point of pickup at 28 Fitchburg St.
- 33. Grant of Location 208356 Submitted by Eversource to install 56 feet of conduit in Beacon St from Utility Pole 24/13 to a point of pickup at 104 Beacon St.
- 34. Grant of Location 208598 Submitted by Eversource to install 33 feet of conduit in Pearl St from Pole 273/3 to a point of pickup at 14 Pearl St.
- 35. Grant of Location 208599 Submitted by Eversource to install 7 feet of conduit in Governor Winthrop Rd from Pole 494/9 to a point of pickup at 70 Governor Winthrop Rd.
- 36. Grant of Location 208600 Submitted by Eversource to install 35 feet of conduit in Laurel St from Pole 199/6 to a point of pickup at 36 Laurel St.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 37. Mayor's Request (ID # 21576) Requesting the adoption of a New Zoning Ordinance (v4.0 update) to supersede the current Zoning Ordinance as originally adopted on March 23, 1990.

38. Mayor's Request (ID # 21511) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City to appoint Police Cadets under certain circumstances.
39. Mayor's Request (ID # 21502) Requesting approval of an Amended Grant of Tieback Easement as part of the GLX project.
40. Mayor's Request (ID # 21503) Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 2-273 - Revolving Funds, to establish a Nibble Kitchen Revolving Fund.
41. Mayor's Request (ID # 21504) Requesting the approval of a \$125,000 expenditure limitation for the Nibble Kitchen Revolving Fund for FY2020.
42. Mayor's Request (ID # 21499) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$817,000 in a bond for demolition, legal fees, and site preparation work at 90 Washington St.
43. Mayor's Request (ID # 21501) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$537,000 in a bond for environmental remediation and design services at Conway Park.
44. Mayor's Request (ID # 21500) Requesting the appropriation of \$36,000 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation- Parking Meter Receipts Account to the Parking Department Rentals Account, to lease temporary parking spaces resulting from the High School construction project.
45. Mayor's Request (ID # 21490) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$63,503.53 using available funds in the Redevelopment Authority Ordinary Maintenance Account for Legal services for the 90 Washington Demonstration Project.
46. Mayor's Request (ID # 21494) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$7,945.50 using available funds in the Personnel Department Professional and Technical Services Account for pre-employment drug screening.
47. Mayor's Request (ID # 21498) Requesting acceptance of a \$37,315 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Mental Health to the Police Department for the Jail Diversion Program.
48. Mayor's Request (ID # 21485) Requesting acceptance of a \$4,656.90 grant with no new match required, from the MA Emergency Management Agency to the Fire Department for emergency management equipment.

- 49. Mayor's Request (ID # 21487) Requesting acceptance of a \$3,000 grant with no new match required, from the Mt Auburn Hospital to the Health and Human Services Department for mental health education training.
- 50. Mayor's Request (ID # 21492) Requesting approval to extend the time of a contract with Weston and Sampson by 6 months, to 12/30/19, for the Cedar Street Separation Project.
- 51. Mayor's Request (ID # 21488) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Larry Yu to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
- 52. Mayor's Request (ID # 21489) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Elizabeth Galloway to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 53. Officer's Communication (ID # 21512) City Solicitor requesting to appear in Executive Session to discuss pending and potential litigation.
- 54. Officer's Communication (ID # 21510) Affordable Housing Trust conveying quarterly activity reports for the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

- 55. License/Permit (ID # 21584) Public Event License, Tibetan Prayer Flag and Peace Vigil, Statue Park, Aug 28, 10AM-2PM.
- 56. License/Permit (ID # 21585) Public Event License, Tufts Discover Davis Square, Statue Park, Sep 1, 10:30AM-6PM.
- 57. License/Permit (ID # 21586) Public Event License, Spring Hill Block Party, Brastow Ave, Sep 7, Noon-10PM (raindate Sep 8).
- 58. License/Permit (ID # 21587) Public Event License, Adams/Bartlett Block Party, Adams St, Sep 7, 2:30-10PM (raindate Sep 8, 11:30AM-6PM).
- 59. License/Permit (ID # 21588) Public Event License, Rogers Ave Block Party, from Morrison Ave to Kidder Ave, Sep 8, Noon-10PM (raindate Sep 7).
- 60. License/Permit (ID # 21589) Public Event License, Assembly Row Riverfest, Baxter Park area, Sep 14, 6AM-11PM (raindate Sep 15).

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- 61. License/Permit (ID # 21590) Public Event License, Fairfax St Block Party, Sep 14, 11AM-7PM.
 - 62. License/Permit (ID # 21591) Public Event License, Irving St Block Party, Sep 14, 11:30AM-9PM (raindate Sep 15).
 - 63. License/Permit (ID # 21592) Public Event License, Josephine Ave Block Party, from Morrison to Kidder Aves, Sep 14, 2-9:30PM (raindate Sep 15).
 - 64. License/Permit (ID # 21593) Public Event License, Chandler St Block Party, from Chapel to Park Sts, Sep 14, 2:30-8PM (raindate Sep 15).
 - 65. License/Permit (ID # 21594) Public Event License, Kingston Neighborhood Block Party, from Shea St to Campbell Park, Sep 14, 4-10PM (raindate Sep 21).
 - 66. License/Permit (ID # 21595) Public Event License, Prospect Hill Block Party, Munroe St from Walnut to Bigelow Sts and Prospect Hill Parkway/Prospect Hill Street from Stone Ave to Boston St, Sep 15, Noon-5PM.
 - 67. License/Permit (ID # 21596) Public Event License, Arts Council Fluff Festival, Somerville Ave from Church St to Warren Ave and Bow St from Summer St to Somerville Ave, Sep 21, Noon-9PM (raindate Sep 22).
 - 68. License/Permit (ID # 21597) Public Event License, Redbones Oktoberfest, Chester St from Elm to Herbert Sts, Sep 29, 7AM-7PM (raindate Oct 6).
 - 69. License/Permit (ID # 21598) Public Event License, East Somerville Main Streets Howl-o-Ween Pet Parade, Zero New Washington St Dog Park and New Washington St from Cobble Hill to Inner Belt Rds, Oct 19, 11AM-5PM (raindate Oct 20).
 - 70. License/Permit (ID # 21599) Public Event License, All Community Events Somerville Hot Cider Hustle 8K Road Race, Baxter Park/Mystic River Reservation Loop with Shore Dr, Nov 9, 4AM-Noon.
 - 71. License/Permit (ID # 21600) Public Event License, Somerville Road Runners Gobble Gobble Road Race, Davis Sq and area streets, Nov 28, 6:30AM-Noon.
 - 72. License/Permit (ID # 21556) New Drainlayer's License, Sacca Group.

- 73. License/Permit (ID # 21555) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Mirra.
- 74. Withdrawn (ID # 21514) Withdrawn.
- 75. License/Permit (ID # 21515) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 100 Talbot Ave.
- 76. License/Permit (ID # 21516) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 101 Talbot Ave.
- 77. License/Permit (ID # 21517) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 106 Professors Row.
- 78. License/Permit (ID # 21518) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 12 Dearborn Rd.
- 79. License/Permit (ID # 21519) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 125 Powderhouse Blvd.
- 80. License/Permit (ID # 21520) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13 Sawyer Ave.
- 81. License/Permit (ID # 21521) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13-15 Talbot Ave.
- 82. License/Permit (ID # 21522) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 136 Curtis St.
- 83. License/Permit (ID # 21523) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 14 Professors Row.
- 84. License/Permit (ID # 21524) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 15 Whitfield Rd.
- 85. License/Permit (ID # 21526) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 176 Curtis St.
- 86. License/Permit (ID # 21527) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 21 Whitfield Rd.
- 87. License/Permit (ID # 21528) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 28 Professors Row.
- 88. License/Permit (ID # 21529) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 29 Latin Way.

- 89. License/Permit (ID # 21530) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 32 Dearborn Rd.
- 90. License/Permit (ID # 21531) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 37 Sawyer Ave.
- 91. License/Permit (ID # 21532) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 39R Latin Way.
- 92. License/Permit (ID # 21533) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 40A-F Latin Way.
- 93. License/Permit (ID # 21534) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 43 Latin Way.
- 94. License/Permit (ID # 21535) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Sawyer Ave.
- 95. License/Permit (ID # 21536) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Talbot Ave.
- 96. License/Permit (ID # 21537) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 56-64 Professors Row.
- 97. License/Permit (ID # 21538) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 73 Powderhouse Blvd.
- 98. License/Permit (ID # 21539) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 75-85 Packard Ave.
- 99. License/Permit (ID # 21540) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Professors Row.
- 100. License/Permit (ID # 21541) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Whitfield Rd.
- 101. License/Permit (ID # 21542) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 90-92-94 Curtis St.
- 102. License/Permit (ID # 21543) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 9-11 Sunset Rd.
- 103. License/Permit (ID # 21544) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 92 Professors Row.

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- 104. License/Permit (ID # 21545) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 98 Packard Ave.
 - 105. License/Permit (ID # 21546) Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Alpha Omicron Pi, 25 Whitfield Rd.
 - 106. License/Permit (ID # 21547) Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Alpha Phi, 14 Sawyer Ave.
 - 107. License/Permit (ID # 21548) Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Theta Chi, 100 Packard Ave.
 - 108. License/Permit (ID # 21549) Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Zeta Beta Tau, 126 Packard Ave.
 - 109. Withdrawn (ID # 21550) Withdrawn.
 - 110. Withdrawn (ID # 21551) Withdrawn.
 - 111. Withdrawn (ID # 21552) Withdrawn.
 - 112. Public Communication (ID # 21583) Representative Provost submitting comments re: #208482, opposing the MBTA fare hike.
 - 113. Public Communication (ID # 21601) MBTA submitting comments re: #204860, a request for a bus stop for Route 95 on Mystic Ave.
 - 114. Public Communication (ID # 21602) MBTA submitting comments re: #205828, a request for a bus shelter for Route 90 at Assembly Sq.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 115. Order (ID # 21603) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Rossetti, White Jr., Hirsch, Mbah
That the Director of Engineering ensure that gas leaks along Pearl Street and Washington Street are addressed before reconstruction of said streets is completed.
- 116. Order (ID # 21604) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parking develop a city-wide traffic signaling policy that includes guidelines for temporary signaling during construction.

- 117. Order (ID # 21605) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD develop a city-wide signage policy to equitably inform pedestrians, cyclists and vehicle operators during construction, closing of sidewalks, etc.

- 118. Order (ID # 21606) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Inspectional Services update the Ward 7 Councilor in writing by September 15 of all violation notices issued for 38-40 Barton Street.

- 119. Order (ID # 21607) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on Holland Street, between Teele Square and Thorndike Street.

- 120. Order (ID # 21608) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Chief of Police consider assigning a crossing guard at Broadway at Farragut Avenue.

- 121. Mayor's Request (ID # 21496) Requesting approval for an extension of time for a Contract with Design Technique for construction administration at the West Branch Library, until 12/31/2020.

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- 123. License/Permit (ID # 21612) Public Event License, Ball Square Business Association Ball Square Festival, Broadway from Lowden to Boston Aves, Sep 22, 10AM-6PM (raindate Sep 29).

- 124. License/Permit (ID # 21613) Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Broadway Cell Phone and Services, 1206 Broadway.

- 125. License/Permit (ID # 21614) New Garage License, Dino's Auto Center, 308 McGrath, 10 cars inside, 3 outside for mechanical repairs only, Mon-Fri 8AM-6PM, Sat 8AM-2PM, Sun closed.

- 126. License/Permit (ID # 21615) New Extended Operating Hours License, Dakzen, 195 Elm St, opening Wed-Sun until 2 AM for delivery service only.

- 127. License/Permit (ID # 21616) New Extended Operating Hours License, Lemon Thai Cuisine, 215 Highland Ave, opening Sun-Sat until 2AM for in-store, take-out, and delivery services.

128. Public Communication (ID # 21611) Don Hughes submitting comments re: #208600, an application for a Grant of Location at 36 Laurel St submitted by Eversource.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT