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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 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	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven City Councilor	Present	

1. Roll Call 208967 (ID:21821) Call of the Roll.

Councilor Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Rose O'Brien and John Rogan. Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored a moment of silence for William Murphy. Councilor Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Patricia and Donald Norton, and several Councilors commented on their passing. Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Marjorie Tomeo and Nicole Miller. President Ballantyne recognized October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and welcomed Commission for Women members Stephanie Galatsis and Crystal Turner, who read the names of those victims who lost their lives in the last year from Massachusetts. Councilor Clingan remembered an acquaintance from the past who was also a victim of domestic violence, Melissa Hurlihy.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 208968 (ID:21822)

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 12, 2019.

RESULT: APPROVED

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CITATIONS

3. Citation 208969 (ID:21825)

By City Councilor Ballantyne, and the Mayor

Commending each of the 55 Crossing Guards who protect our children on school days, as they cross busy streets made busier this year by the bridge closures and construction activities.

President Ballantyne paid tribute to the Crossing Guards for their daily duties protecting the children of Somerville. Councilors Hirsch and Rossetti presented them with Citations.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location 208970 (ID:21826) Submitted by Eversource to install 408 feet of conduit in Broadway from Manhole 2635 to a point of pickup at 725 Broadway.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. Grant of Location 208971 (ID:21827) Submitted by Eversource to install 121 feet of conduit in Broadway from Manhole 3636 to a point of pickup at 1070 Broadway.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

6. Grant of Location 208972 (ID:21828) Submitted by Eversource to install 102 feet of conduit in Broadway from Pole 144/6 to a point of pickup at 41 Myrtle St.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. Grant of Location 208973 (ID:21829) Submitted by Eversource to install 100 feet of conduit in Broadway from Manhole 1905 to an Extenet wireless facility near 328 Broadway.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. Grant of Location 208974 (ID:21830) Submitted by Eversource to install 93 feet of conduit in Somerville Ave from Manhole 20650 to a new Extenet handhole near 411 Somerville Ave.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. Councilor Scott noted that the handhole is not rated to use on roadways and is concerned about the pedestrian bumpout that is not shown on the plans. He feels the plan submitted is insufficient and would like this sent to Committee for clarification. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

9. Grant of Location 208975 (ID:21831) Submitted by Eversource to install 71 feet of conduit in Vinal Ave from Pole 248/1 to a point of pickup at 3 Summer St.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. Grant of Location 208976 (ID:21832) Submitted by Eversource to install 57 feet of conduit in Cedar St from Pole 238/1 to a point of pickup at 171 Cedar St.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. Councilor Niedergang requested this be sent to Committee, as he believes the work should be deferred until after the Broadway bridge opens. Cedar St. has just been re-paved and there is a 5-year moratorium on such streets. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

11. Grant of Location 208977 (ID:21833) Submitted by Eversource to install 44 feet of conduit in Elmwood St from Pole 113/3 to a point of pickup at 17 Elmwood St.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

12. Grant of Location 208978 (ID:21834) Submitted by Eversource to install 9 feet of conduit in College Ave from Pole 156/5 to a point of pickup at 40 College Ave.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

13. Grant of Location 208979 (ID:21835) Submitted by Eversource to install 7 feet of conduit in Willow Ave from Pole 198/22 to a point of pickup at 201 Willow Ave.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. Councilor Davis requested that this be sent to Committee, as he's concerned that the placement of the equipment unnecessarily interferes with the outdoor play area. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

14. Grant of Location 208980 (ID:21836)

Submitted by ExteNet Systems to replace a City-owned streetlight at 479 Canal St with a similar streetlight that includes a wireless small cell antenna and related equipment.

The President opened the public hearing. Rosanna Ferrante with Extenet discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

15. Grant of Location 208981 (ID:21837)

Submitted by ExteNet Systems to replace a City-owned streetlight at 411 Somerville Ave with a similar streetlight that includes a wireless small cell antenna and related equipment.

The President opened the public hearing. Rosanna Ferrante with Extenet discussed the work to be completed. Councilor Scott had questions about the equipment and the power supply to this pole and requested that this be sent to Committee while waiting for further information. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

16. Grant of Location 208982 (ID:21838)

Submitted by ExteNet Systems to replace a City-owned streetlight at 497 Broadway with a similar streetlight that includes a wireless small cell antenna and related equipment.

The President opened the public hearing. Rosanna Ferrante with Extenet discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

17. Grant of Location 208983 (ID:21839)

Submitted by ExteNet Systems to replace a City-owned streetlight at 75 Mystic Ave with a similar streetlight that includes a wireless small cell antenna and related equipment.

The President opened the public hearing. Rosanna Ferrante with Extenet discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

18. Order 208984 (ID:21803) By City Councilor Davis, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Scott, Hirsch, Rossetti, Niedergang, Ballantyne, McLaughlin

That the City Solicitor take all actions available to enforce any applicable law or regulation requiring utilities to remove wires that are no longer in use.

Councilor Davis stated that Asst. City Solicitor David Shapiro mentioned there is a State statute regarding the removal of abandoned wires, and he would like to learn more.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

19. Resolution 208985 (ID:21804)

By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Mbah, Scott, Hirsch, Rossetti, Davis, Niedergang, Ballantyne, White Jr.

That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and others in the Administration work with this Council to convene a task force to provide recommendations to eliminate the use of natural gas and other fossil fuels in new buildings.

Councilor Ewen-Campen suggested that the City convene a Task Force to provide recommendations to eliminate the use of natural gas and fossil fuels in new buildings, to help reach the goal of net zero by 2050. 64% of the City's emissions come from buildings.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

20. Resolution 208986 (ID:21811)

By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, Mbah, Clingan That the Administration update this Council on plans to preserve onsite affordable senior housing and care for the current and future residents of the Little Sisters of the Poor facility.

Councilor Ewen-Campen reported that the Little Sisters of the Poor is leaving their Highland Avenue campus, and he would like to find ways to keep the nursing home going, or make sure the residents find housing.

City Councilor White recused.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

21. Order 208987 (ID:21812) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Commissioner of Public Works commence regular sidewalk cleaning outside the Nunziato Dog Park, and provide the Ward 3 City Councilor with a written policy for scheduled sidewalk cleaning.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

22. Order 208988 (ID:21805) By City Councilor White Jr.

That the Chief Assessor utilize a valuation method for commercial real estate that takes into account the financial impact of the bridge closings on businesses located in such properties.

Councilor White requested this go to the Finance Committee to determine with the Chief Assessor what options are available.

RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

23. Order 208989 (ID:21806) By City Councilor White Jr., Ballantyne

That the Chief of Police report to this Council on any enforcement actions undertaken under Ordinance 9-97, especially with regard to disturbances of the peace in the vicinity of Tufts College.

Councilor White requested an update from the Chief of Police on enforcement actions taken under Ordinance 9-97 to control loud or unruly gatherings in neighborhoods.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

24. Order 208990 (ID:21788) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Rossetti, Hirsch

That the Commissioner of Public Works install traffic dampening tools at the intersection of Broadway and Simpson Avenue to slow the traffic speeding on Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

25. Order 208991 (ID:21807) By City Councilor Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD report on the bus and bike lanes on Broadway on Winter Hill, including an assessment of their effectiveness, a response to the many complaints that have been received, and a description of any changes that are planned or being investigated.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

26. Order 208992 (ID:21808) By City Councilor Niedergang, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Clingan, Ballantyne, Mbah

That the Chief of Police redeploy as soon as possible at least 6 Police Officers full-time into the Traffic Division, to conduct traffic enforcement to regain control over our increasingly chaotic streets in the interest of public and especially pedestrian safety.

Councilor Niedergang said something needs to be done about traffic enforcement to regain control of the chaotic streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

27. Resolution 208993 (ID:21809)

By City Councilor Niedergang

That the Administration provide an update on implementation of the Tree Preservation Ordinance, with any recommendations for amendments to make it as effective and enforceable as possible.

Councilor Niedergang said he had a conversation with Mayor's Aide Annie Connor and was told the City is moving forward with implementation.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

28. Order 208994 (ID:21810) By City Councilor Niedergang

Proposing amendments to the Tree Preservation Ordinance to allow the Tree Warden and Senior Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner to designate a coworker to perform their duties and attend, count towards the quorum for, and participate and vote in, the meetings of the Urban Forestry Committee.

Councilor Niedergang said he had some minor amendments to propose.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

29. Order 208995 (ID:21813) By City Councilor Hirsch, Rossetti, Ballantyne, Mbah, Davis, White Jr. That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer provide an update on upcoming and past meetings with Spectra Energy (now Enbridge) related to the Algonquin Gas Transmission line and the J2 loop and any communications on risks and safety procedures related to those pipelines.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

30. Order 208996 (ID:21815) By City Councilor Hirsch

That the Director of SPCD or the Chief of Police discuss whether or not "residents only" and "abutters only" driving restrictions are enforceable, and whether this information can currently be reflected in mapping applications like Google and WAZE.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

31. Communication By City Councilor Hirsch

208997 (ID:21814) Providing updates on metric development for the 2040 SomerVision Housing Working Group.

Councilor Hirsch said that Somerville was ranked 21st of 1,200 municipalities in increased property values from 1998 to present. Unless there is an affordable housing metric in the Somervision 2040 Plan, there will be a complete change in our population.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

32. Resolution 208998 (ID:21820)

By City Councilor Clingan

That the Administration perform an ADA accessibility audit of the entire city, including state property, and devise a compliance plan complete with a timeline for implementation.

Councilor Clingan requested information on the timeline for the ADA Compliance Plan.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

33. Order 208999 (ID:21816)

By City Councilor Clingan

That the Chief of Police forgive all traffic violations to date for drivers fined for using the new 'bus only' lane on Broadway until residents are educated on the changes.

Councilor Clingan stated that anyone who has received a citation for using the bus lane should appeal it and he will do his best to put something in writing or show up in court with them to testify on their behalf.

RESULT: APPROVED

34. Order 209000 (ID:21817) By City Councilor Clingan

That the Director of SPCD create an education campaign for the new 'bus only' lane on Broadway.

Councilor Clingan said not enough education was provided about the new bus lanes.

RESULT: APPROVED

35. Resolution 209001 (ID:21818)

By City Councilor Clingan

That the Administration provide an update addressing the Winter Hill in Motion project, including links to the educational materials created.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

36. Order 209002 (ID:21819)

By City Councilor Clingan, Hirsch

That the Director of SPCD assess the implementation of the Winter Hill in Motion project and how the city can better roll out such a new experimental set of changes.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

37.	CONFIRMAT	TION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE
A.	Committee Report 209003 (ID:21792)	Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on October 7, 2019.
		Councilor Scott reported that the Committee reviewed and approved several board and commission appointments. RESULT: APPROVED
B.	Mayor's Request	Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sarah Sweeting to the Urban Forestry Committee.
	208172 (ID:20951)	RESULT: APPROVED
C.	Mayor's Request	Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Deborah Lormeus to the Commission for Women.
	208427 (ID:21072)	RESULT: APPROVED
D.	Mayor's Request	Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Crystal Turner to the Commission for Women.
	208428 (ID:21160)	RESULT: APPROVED
E. Mayor's Request		Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Henson to the Human Rights Commission.
	208538 (ID:21156)	RESULT: APPROVED
F. Mayor's Request		Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Fabia Oliveira to the Commission for Women.
	208539 (ID:21297)	RESULT: APPROVED
G.	Mayor's Request	Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Louis Ferrara to the Housing Authority.
	208584 (ID:21385)	RESULT: APPROVED
H. Mayor's Request		Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Larry Yu to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
	208716 (ID:21488)	RESULT: APPROVED
I.	Mayor's Request	Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Elizabeth Galloway to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
	208717 (ID:21489)	RESULT: APPROVED

EQUITY, GENDER, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS SPECIAL 38. **COMMITTEE**

Committee 1. Report 209004 (ID:21793) Report of the Special Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations, meeting on October 7, 2019.

Councilor Hirsch reported on the two items of discussion. First was the creation of a local Title IX Ordinance to ensure equal opportunity spending on the basis of gender, and whether it should include other types of activities in addition to sports. Second was making sure that young people and adults who identify as non-binary have access to City facilities and programs.

RESULT: APPROVED

2. Order 208682 (ID:21557) By City Councilor Hirsch, Davis, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

3. Officer's 208960 (ID:21778)

Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #208682 re: opportunities and Communication barriers for non-binary youth and adults to participate in athletics and access public facilities.

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

LAND USE COMMITTEE 39.

A. Committee Report 209005 (ID:21789) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on October 1, 2019.

Councilor Davis reported that the only item on the agenda was the Zoning Overhaul. The meeting video is available at the MinuteTraq portal, and all of the documentation is at www.somervillezoning.com. The primary objective was to identify issues we still want to discuss or gather information about, before a potential vote.

RESULT: APPROVED

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE 40.

A. Committee Report 209006 (ID:21791) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on October 3, 2019.

Councilor Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Planning Department presented information on the proposed update of the Demolition Review Ordinance, viewable at www.somervillema.gov/dro. But most of the meeting was spent on an ordinance for public oversight of surveillance technology. Councilor Ewen-Campen explained a few amendments he was recommending. Two other items were discussed. First was a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City to appoint Police Cadets. Deputy Chief Stanford said that Police candidates are dropping out before completing their Police Academy training. He said a new Cadet program

could recruit Somerville High School seniors with work in the Police Department all the way through college. The Committee approved the proposal unanimously. The last item was the deployment of 5G small wireless facilities. Asst. City Solicitor David Shapiro told the Committee that design standards are now available online on the City's website, and the Committee discussed them.

The report was severed so #208703, the Police Cadet Home Rule Petition, could be addressed separately. Councilor Scott said that as drafted, it was open to abuse, and needs some revision, ideally in the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. Councilor Niedergang had no objection, and the item was so referred. The balance of the report was approved as amended: #208815 was Placed on File, and an updated version, #209044, was Ordained.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

AMENDED: - #208703 was referred to the Committee on

Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters for

a recommendation.

- #208815 was Placed on File.

B. Ordinance 207364 (ID:20186) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Mbah, Davis, Ballantyne, McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, White Jr., Rossetti, Hirsch Draft ordinance that would increase public oversight of surveillance technology, in order to balance public safety with the individual right to privacy.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

C. Mayor's Request 208703 (ID:21511) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City to appoint Police Cadets under certain circumstances.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

D. Ordinance 208815 (ID:21649)

By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis, Scott, Mbah, Clingan, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, White Jr., Ballantyne

Proposing a revised amendment to the Municipal Ordinances to provide public oversight over the procurement and usage of surveillance technology, including a summary of the major revisions.

See #209044 for the approved text of this Ordinance.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

41. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 209007 (ID:21790) Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on October 2, 2019.

Councilor Mbah reported that the main topic of the meeting was open space. Councilor Mbah encouraged everyone to go online to obtain all the information. The Committee also discussed the expansion of Community Gardens and the High School fields.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order 202021 (ID:14684) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD report to

this Board on the feasibility of demolishing the bus shelter at Broadway and Cedar Street and replacing it with a garden, small park or sitting area. (2nd request)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 202995 (ID:15693) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis

That the Director of SPCD redesign the asphalt front playground at the Kennedy School and work with all stakeholders to make it usable by more people for a broader range of activities.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Resolution 203387

(ID:16133)

By City Councilor Niedergang, McLaughlin

That the Mayor update this Board on discussions with DCR about the fields at Draw 7 Park and Foss Park.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Resolution 204588 (ID:17317)

By City Councilor Davis

That the Administration prioritize restorative and preventative maintenance in Seven Hills Park, including the statues and pillars, the brick Community Path, and the soil and grass.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 205369 (ID:18133)

By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD share with this Board the exact open space inventory, and clarify why there is a discrepancy between SomerVision's Open Space Plan and the State inventory of the city's open space.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order 205370 (ID:18134) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD specify what projects increased the 17 acres of open space in the SomerVision Progress Report.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Resolution 205706 (ID:18538) By City Councilor Scott, Hirsch, Ballantyne

That the Administration report in writing on the net change in green and open space based on all projects planned for 2018.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Resolution 206231 (ID:19060) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne

That the Administration develop an open space acquisition plan to achieve the city's SomerVision goal of adding 125 acres of open space.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Order 206393 (ID:19181)

By City Councilor Niedergang

That, in the interest of tree preservation, the City Solicitor draft a revision of the Tree Ordinance to include restrictions and regulations on cutting trees of at least six inches in diameter on private property, and explain how the proposed revision differs from the ones that Cambridge, Lexington and Newton that have already passed to protect trees on private property.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. Resolution 206770 (ID:19556) By City Councilor Mbah

That the Administration create a Task Force to develop a master plan for green and open spaces.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

L. Resolution 206786 (ID:19572) By City Councilor Hirsch

That the Administration update this Board on transferring the management of Foss Park to the City, to improve conditions and access.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

M. Order 206824 (ID:19605) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Clingan

That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parks and Recreation share a 5-year master design plan and financial investment plan for any DCR parks like Draw 7, Foss, Dilboy, Blessing of the Bay, etc.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

N. Resolution 207030 (ID:19816) By City Councilor Hirsch

That the Administration provide updates on the timelines for the design and construction phases for CPA-funded open space projects that have been approved since the program started.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

O. Order 207063 (ID:19864) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne, Mbah

That the Director of SPCD update this Board on changes to and progress on the Fields Master Plan, including facilities controlled by DCR.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

P. Order 207156 (ID:20006) By City Councilor Hirsch, Mbah

That the Director of SPCD provide an updated list of all open space projects in the queue, with anticipated cost, funding, and timeline to completion.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Q. Resolution 207726 (ID:20647) By City Councilor Hirsch

That the Administration select a pilot location to solicit interest from residents to acquire a walking path right of way, such as across Parkdale and Perry Streets for access to Lincoln Park, or across Albion and Hudson Streets for access to Albion Park.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

R. Resolution 207905 (ID:20709) By City Councilor Davis, Hirsch, Mbah, Clingan

That the Administration work with the High School Building Committee to explore any options to sever construction (or take similar actions) of the playing field as part of the High School project, with the intention to incorporate it into a future capital project to include a parking garage beneath the playing surface.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

S. Resolution 207914 (ID:20786) By City Councilor Ballantyne

That Administration investigate hiring a landscaper to maintain the investments in our city parks' planted areas, softscape, flowerbeds etc.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

T. Order 208148 (ID:20997) By City Councilor Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD report to this Council the status of and staffing for the City's community gardens program, and the plan and steps being taken to develop new community gardens for the hundreds of residents on the waiting lists.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

42. Mayor's Request 209008 (ID:21486) Requesting the adoption of MGL Chapter 200A, Section 9A, regarding the disposition of abandoned funds.

Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 42 through 53 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

43. Mayor's Request 209009 (ID:21799) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$6,500,000 in a bond for annual water system improvements.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

44. Mayor's Request 209010 (ID:21798) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,730,000 in a bond for streets and sidewalk reconstruction.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

45. Mayor's Request 209011 (ID:21802) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,380,000 in a bond for the Flint Street Sewer Replacement Project.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

46. Mayor's Request 209012 (ID:21801) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,740,000 in a bond for sewer replacement from Willow Avenue to Grove Street.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

47. Mayor's Request 209013 (ID:21800) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,660,000 in a bond for a Sewer System Evaluation Study and Infiltration/Inflow Assessment.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

48. Mayor's Request 209014 (ID:21823) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$160,000 in a bond for design and improvements at Dilboy Stadium and auxiliary fields.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

49. Mayor's Request 209015 (ID:21795) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices from Home Depot totaling \$4,732.72 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Fleet Division and Highway Division Accounts for under-funded Home Depot purchases in June.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

50. Mayor's Request 209016 (ID:21757)

Requesting acceptance of a \$236,976.00 grant with no new match required, from the State 911 Office to the Police Department to fund E911 personnel costs.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

51. Mayor's Request 209017 (ID:21758) Requesting acceptance of a \$80,749.62 grant with no new match required, from the State E911 Office to the Police Department for 911 training and emergency medical dispatch services.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

52. Mayor's Request 209018 (ID:21733) Requesting acceptance of a \$77,047.27 grant that requires a match, from the Department of Homeland Security to the Fire Department for active shooter/hostile event training.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

53. Mayor's Request 209019 (ID:21759)

Requesting acceptance of a \$24,500 grant with no new match required, from the State 911 Office to the Police Department to fund E911 emergency medical dispatch services.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

54. Officer's

Historic Preservation Planner responding to #204278 with a presentation Communication regarding the draft Demolition Review Ordinance.

209020 (ID:21796)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee 55. Officer's 209021 (ID:21797)

Director of Health and Human Services responding to #208956 with Communication information on the implications for Somerville of the statewide vaping ban.

> President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 55 and place it on file with a copy to the Public Health and Public Safety Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

NEW BUSINESS

56. License/Permit 209022

(ID:21840)

Public Event License, Russell Rd Block Party, Russell Rd from Ware St to the dead end, and Hamilton Rd from Russell Rd to Barton St, Oct 19, 3-9PM.

Councilor Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 56 through 67 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

57. 209023

License/Permit Public Event License, Somerville Haunted Hall, City Hall Concourse, Oct 24, 4-7:45PM.

(ID:21841)

RESULT: APPROVED

58. 209024 (ID:21842)

License/Permit Public Event License, Taza Chocolate Day of the Dead Block Party, Windsor Pl from Windsor St to Columbia St, Oct 26, 10AM-6PM (raindate Oct 27).

RESULT:

APPROVED

59. 209025

License/Permit Public Event License, Franklin Ave Halloween Block Party, Oct 26, 1-8PM (raindate Oct 27).

(ID:21843)

RESULT: APPROVED

60. 209026

License/Permit Public Event License, Lexington Ave Halloween Block Party, Oct 31, 5-9PM.

(ID:21844)

RESULT:

APPROVED

61. License/Permit 209027 (ID:21845)

Public Event License, Prospect Hill Halloween Block Party, Munroe St from Bigelow St to Prospect Hill Ave, Oct 31, 5-9:30PM (raindate Nov 2).

RESULT: APPROVED

62. License/Permit 209028 (ID:21846)

Public Event License, Prospect Hill Halloween Block Party, Prospect Hill Ave from Munroe St to Boston St, Oct 31, 5-10:30PM.

RESULT:

APPROVED

License/Permit Public Event License, Teen Empowerment Yoga and Campfire, Growing 63. 209029 Center, Nov 19, 3-6:30PM (raindate Nov 26). (ID:21847) **RESULT:** APPROVED 64. License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Atlantic Excavation and Utility. 209030 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:21848) 65. License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Legacy Building and Development. 209031 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:21849) 66. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Zeta Psi Fraternity, 80 Professors Ave. 209032 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:21850) 67. License/Permit Sign/Awning License, JP Morgan Chase Bank, 8 Broadway, one awning and 209033 sign. (ID:21851) **RESULT: APPROVED** 68. **Public** Washington TN LLC proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property Communication at 373 Washington St to UR. 209034 President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 68 and refer it to (ID:21852) the Committee on Land Use, and to the Planning Board. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

FOLLOWUP:

69.	Mayor's Request 209035 (ID:21854)	Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Charles Houghton to the position of Student Police Officer.		
		President Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 69 through 74 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. RESULT: APPROVED		
70.	Mayor's Request 209036 (ID:21855)	Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Charles O'Leary to the position of Student Police Officer.		
		RESULT: APPROVED		
71.	Mayor's Request 209037 (ID:21856)	Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sergio Garcia to the position of Student Police Officer.		
		RESULT: APPROVED		

Land Use Committee

72. Mayor's Request 209038 (ID:21857)

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ryan Sullivan to the position of Student Police Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED

73. Mayor's Request 209039 (ID:21858) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Daniel Del'Isola to the position of Student Police Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED

74. Mayor's Request 209040 (ID:21860) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Robert Taylor to the position of Student Police Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED

75. Mayor's Request 209041 (ID:21863) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition that would authorize the City to provide tenants the right to purchase the residential property in which they reside when that property is being offered for sale.

Councilor Niedergang commented that this was for a tenant's right of first refusal when their home is being sold.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

76. Mayor's Request 209042 (ID:21862) Requesting the appropriation of \$624,578 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to the Fire Department Other Lump Sum Benefits Account, to fund the FY19 compensation portion of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Firefighters Association of Somerville Local 76.

Councilor White said this was needed to fund the recent contract settlement.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

77. Mayor's 209043

Conveying an Administrative Order issued by the US Environmental Communication Protection Agency with respect to the City's combined sewer and drainage system.

(ID:21861)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE Finance Committee **FOLLOWUP:**

78. Officer's 209044 (ID:21864)

Director of Intergovernmental Affairs submitting an updated Surveillance Communication Technology Ordinance inclusive of amendments from the Legislative Matters Committee meeting on 10/3/19.

For discussion of this item see #208815.

ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] **RESULT:**

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- Add paragraph numbers in Section 1.3(C). **AMENDED:**

- Add a comma after "using" in Section 1.5.

- Adjust paragraph numbers in Section 1.6(B).

79. Public 209045

(ID:21865)

Rachel Turek submitting comments re: #204323, a proposal for Powderhouse Communication Blvd. safe bicycling.

> President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 79 and place it on file with a copy to the Traffic and Parking Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

LATE ITEMS

80. Resolution 209046 (ID:21867)

By City Councilor Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr. That this City Council hereby recognizes the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Councilor Clingan requested that the second Monday in October be recognized as Indigenous People's Day by the City Council.

RESULT: APPROVED

81. Resolution 209047 (ID:21868) By City Councilor Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr. That this City host an annual Indigenous Peoples' celebration on the second Monday in October and make a good faith effort to consult with local Indigenous people about the nature of the celebration.

Councilor Clingan requested that the City hold an Indigenous People's Celebration, and read a message from Matuen Monroe, the Founder of Indigenous Peoples Day Massachusetts.

RESULT: **APPROVED** 82. Order 209048 (ID:21870) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Hirsch, Rossetti, Mbah

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management, the Chief Fire Engineer, the Chief of Police and other necessary departments advise this Council of the impacts of any further development along Alewife Brook Parkway on the Algonquin Gas Transmission Pipeline running along Alewife Brook.

APPROVED RESULT:

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

83. Resolution 209049 (ID:21869)

By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Scott, Mbah, Hirsch, Niedergang, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Rossetti

That the Administration report whether any per- and poly-fluoroalkyl chemicals are present in any artificial turf in the City.

RESULT: APPROVED

Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee **FOLLOWUP:**

84. Order 209050 (ID:21871) By City Councilor Hirsch, McLaughlin

That the City Solicitor and the Director of Health and Human Services provide options to increase the City's authority to address rodent issues on private property.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

85.

License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Super Service Today.

209051 (ID:21872)

RESULT: APPROVED

86.

License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, New England Style.

209052 (ID:21873)

RESULT: APPROVED

87.

License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Sciaba Construction.

209053 (ID:21874)

RESULT: APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:15 PM.