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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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
Rebekah L. Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present

1. Roll Call 200127 (ID:12779) Call of the Roll.

The Board held a moment of silence for Tom O'Connor. Alderman Sullivan and Alderman McWatters held a moment of silence for Ryan McSweeney. Alderman McWatters and Alderman Heuston held a moment of silence for Rosemary Robinson. Alderman Connolly held a moment of silence for Tom Buckley.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 200128 (ID:12780)

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 24, 2015.

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Grant of Location 200129 (ID:12785) Submitted by Eversource, with Verizon, to install new joint-owned Pole #36/3 in Bonner Avenue, 40 feet south of Columbus Avenue.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

4. Grant of Location 200130 (ID:12786)

Submitted by Eversource, with Verizon, to install new joint-owned Pole #316/7 1/2 in South Street, then install 17 feet of conduit from that pole to 47 Hunting Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Everett Ryan with Verizon presented the details of the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. Alderman Heuston questioned the location of the pole, and whether it was necessary, and Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource stated that the DPW recommended that it be installed.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. Grant of Location 200131 (ID:12787) Submitted by Eversource to install 274 feet of conduit in Assembly Sq Drive, then Mystic Avenue, from Manhole #29178 to a point of pickup in Mystic Avenue at the Charlestown border.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

6. Grant of Location 200132 (ID:12784) Submitted by Eversource to install 103 feet of conduit in Assembly Sq Drive from Manhole #26212 to the Partners Healthcare Administrative Campus.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

7. Grant of Location 200133 (ID:12788) Submitted by Partners Healthcare Corp to install 133 feet of conduit from an existing telephone manhole on Grand Union Blvd to a proposed manhole on the Partners Healthcare Administrative Campus.

The President opened the public hearing. Dan Boyd representing Partners Healthcare discussed the details of work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

8. Grant of Location 200134 (ID:12789) Submitted by Federal Realty Investment Trust to 153 feet of conduit from an existing telephone manhole on Grand Union Blvd to a proposed manhole on the Partners Healthcare Administrative Campus.

The President opened the public hearing. Dan Boyd representing Partners Healthcare discussed the details of work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

9. Resolution 200135

By Ald. Niedergang

200135 That the Administration report to this Board about communicating with (ID:12757) Federal Realty Investment Trust regarding #199601, a request that FRIT provide the wages, hours and residency of everyone employed at the parcel 6 site, pursuant to the attached letter from Rand Wilson.

Alderman Niedergang explained that work in Parcel 6 is being completed by non-union sub-contractors. There has been controversy about the contractor's employment practices. Alderman McLaughlin added that FRIT has made promises recently that they have not followed through on.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

10. Order 200136 (ID:12758)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works fix the broken pedestrian warning signal for the exit from the Magoun Square CVS onto Medford Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

11. Order 200137 (ID:12759)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD provide the Ward 5 Alderman with the locations in Ward 5 on the tree planting list.

RESULT: APPROVED

12. Order 200138 (ID:12760)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD plant a tree at 20 Albion Street to replace the one slated to be cut down.

13. Resolution 200139 (ID:12761)

By Ald. Connolly, McWatters, Sullivan, Heuston

That the Administration appear before this Board on October 22, 2015, to explain the rationale for scheduling meetings from 1 to 8 PM for the public benefits process in Union Square in November and January.

Alderman Connolly expressed his concern that constituents could not attend daytime meetings. Alderman Heuston discussed the public process for this undertaking.

RESULT: APPROVED

14. Order 200140 (ID:12762)

By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan, Rossetti, White Jr.

That the Chief of Police, the Chief Fire Engineer and the Director of Traffic and Parking consider a "Don't Block the Box" program at key intersections that impede the flow of traffic and present a public safety hazard, and report back to this Board in writing within 30 days.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

15. Order 200141 (ID:12763)

By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan, Rossetti, White Jr., Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works install additional trash receptacles on Elm Street from the Goodwill store to Au Bon Pain and on Highland Avenue from Cutter Avenue to College Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

16. Order 200142 (ID:12764)

By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk panels at 56 Boston Street and 36 Greenville Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

17. Order 200143

By Ald. McWatters

200143 That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD commission the arborist and tree warden to inspect the trees on Greenville Avenue, from Munroe Street to Boston Street, to determine their vitality and report back to the Ward 3 Alderman.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee

18. Order 200144 (ID:12766)

By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 36 Greenville Avenue, as it is entangled with the utility wires.

19. Order 200145 (ID:12767)

By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the grass at Prospect Hill and Dickerman Park.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

Alderman Sullivan spoke about the traffic delays, mostly due to construction. He requested an action plan to resolve the heavy traffic in East Somerville. The Board spoke about specific areas with heavy traffic and the need to find a resolution. Alderman Heuston recommended the City carefully review MA DOT projects, and if their impacts are not properly mitigated, reject them.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

21. Order 200147 (ID:12769) By Ald. Sullivan, McLaughlin, White Jr., Rossetti, Connolly That the city's arborist inspect the recently planted trees on East Broadway to determine their viability.

RESULT: APPROVED

22. Order 200148 (ID:12770)

By Ald. Sullivan, McLaughlin, White Jr., Rossetti, Connolly That the Commissioner of Public Works install trash receptacles on Broadway, between Austin Street and Mt. Pleasant Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

23. Order 200149 (ID:12771)

By Ald. Sullivan, McLaughlin, White Jr., Rossetti, Connolly That the Commissioner of Public Works plant grass in front of the East Branch Library.

Alderman Sullivan commented that the poor landscaping in front of the Library was unacceptable.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

24. Order 200150 (ID:12772)

By Ald. Sullivan, Lafuente, White Jr., Rossetti, Connolly That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken street lights on Broadway, from Fellsway West to Grant Street.

Alderman Heuston spoke about the upkeep of street lights, which has been unacceptable, and urged a review of the maintenance contract.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

25. Order 200151 (ID:12773)

By Ald. Sullivan, Lafuente, White Jr., Rossetti, Connolly

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken street lights at 10 Wheatland Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

26. Order 200152 (ID:12774) By Ald. Sullivan

That the appropriate city department work with business owners to encourage residents not to litter.

Alderman Sullivan explained there are nips littering the city. Alderman Lafuente recommended outlawing nips. Alderman McLaughlin also expressed his frustration with businesses not cleaning up their property.

RESULT: APPROVED

27. Order 200153 (ID:12775)

By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works NOT paint the double yellow line on Kidder Avenue when the road is repaved and instead, add a clearly marked bike lane.

Alderman Gewirtz commented on the area and the limited number of left turns, causing an overflow of traffic on Kidder Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

28. Order 200154 (ID:12776)

By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 44 Kidder Avenue so that there isn't a steep drop from the residential walk.

RESULT: APPROVED

29. Order 200155 (ID:12777)

By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services determine the source of fumes at Morrison Avenue and Clifton Street that are bothering local residents.

RESULT: APPROVED

30. Order 200156 (ID:12778)

By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Director of SPCD make a timeline available to the public for breaking ground on the new infrastructure project in Davis Square.

Alderman Gewirtz discussed the work completed thus far, including plans and budgeting, and expressed concern that the project is being delayed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

200079

(ID:12645)

RESULT:

31.	FINANCE COMN	<u> MITTEE</u>		
A.	Committee	Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on October 14, 2015.		
Report 200157 (ID:12743)	approval to pur	nente reported on the items discussed at the meeting, including rehase new voting machines.		
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
B. Mayor's Request 198160			oppropriation of \$500,000 and authorization to borrow that d for a comprehensive planning effort for Assembly Square.	
	(ID:10692)	RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE	
C. Mayor's Communication 198399 (ID:10981)		opear before this Board to discuss the City's economic outlook		
	198399 (ID:10981)	RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
D.	Resolution 199414 (ID:12004)	Resolution By Ald. Rossetti, and the Entire Board That the Administration, with the Fire and Police Departments, compile a		
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
199750	Communication	Chief Fire Engin exempt facilities	neer responding to #199414 re: needed-assistance calls to tax-	
	199750 (ID:12298)	RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
F. Officer's Communication 199897	Director of Perso	onnel responding to #199656 re: employee vacancies.		
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
G. Mayor's Request 200078 (ID:12692)		oval for the Inspectional Services Department to use FY16 Y15 invoice of \$122.		
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
H. Mayor's Request			acceptance of a \$59,791 grant from the MA Office of Public aining and emergency medical dispatch services.	
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APPROVED

I. Mayor's Request 200080 (ID:12644) Requesting the acceptance of a grant totaling \$39,446.00 from FEMA, For the Fire Dept's Fire Prevention and Safety Program.

RESULT: APPROVED

J. Mayor's Request 200081 (ID:12643) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$13,050 from Mass Cultural Council, for the Arts Council's Union Square cultural economic development work--ArtsUnion.

RESULT: APPROVED

K. Mayor's Request 200082 (ID:12642) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$6,100 from the Mass Cultural Council, for the Arts Council's operational support.

RESULT: APPROVED

L. Mayor's Request 200083 (ID:12627) Requesting the acceptance of a gift of \$3,922.61 from Federal Realty Investment Trust for Fire Department overtime expenses incurred for the Riverfest Fireworks.

RESULT: APPROVED

M. Mayor's Request 200109 (ID:12691) Request an appropriation of \$188,344 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase of new DS 200 Voting Machines, and authorization to use those machines effective March, 2016.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin,

Heuston, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz

ABSENT: McWatters, Ballantyne

N. Officer's Police Department Communication exempt properties.

Police Department responding to #199414 re: needed-assistance calls to tax-

200117 (ID:12735)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

32. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 200158 (ID:12744) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on October 15, 2015.

Alderman Rossetti reported on the items discussed at the meeting. She spoke about the pervious surfaces strategies, and gave an update on the plastic bag ordinance.

LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE 33.

Α. Committee Report 200159 (ID:12747) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on October 21, 2015.

Alderman Sullivan reported on the items discussed at the meeting. There was a public hearing for new owner Speedway's request to keep their 709 McGrath Hwy. Gas station open 24/7. The Committee denied it, citing problems with trash, rodents, and late-night drunkenness and loud music. The Committee believed that extended hours were not in the best interests of the community. There was also a public hearing for Intellident's garage at 471 Somerville Ave. Abutters complained about the quantity of vehicles spilling onto city streets, and other businesses claimed unfair and possibly illegal marketing tactics. Finally, there was a public hearing on Mr. B's request to remain open until 4 AM at 142 Cross St. Currently they are licensed to remain open to 2 AM for deliveries only. Neighbors complained about loud noise late at night, and the Committee concluded that the extension was not in the best interests of the community.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. 197553 (ID:10077)

License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Brazil Express, 429 Somerville Ave., 1 sign.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

C. 199449

License/Permit New Mobile Food Vendor, Dino's Market.

(ID:12037)

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

D. License/Permit 199913

New Garage License, ABJ Auto Repair, 91 Marshall St, 6 cars inside, 25 outside.

(ID:12526)

RESULT: APPROVED

E. 200008

License/Permit Transferring Flammables License, Speedway, 709 McGrath Hwy.

(ID:12613)

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS **RESULT:**

CONDITIONS: 1. That the gas station and retail store be opened daily from 6AM to 11PM only.

- 2. That no music be played outside at the pumps.
- 3. That the property be regularly cleaned and baited for rodents, and invoices be provided upon request.

F. 200009 (ID:12612)

License/Permit New Extended Operating Hours License, Speedway, 709 McGrath Hwy, Operating 24/7.

RESULT:

NOT APPROVED

G. 200023 (ID:12638)

License/Permit New Garage License, Intellident, 471 Somerville Ave, 5 autos inside, 6 outside, auto body work only, M-F 8AM-6PM, Sa-Su by appointment only.

H. 200101

License/Permit Amending Extended Operating Hours License, Mr. B's, 142 Cross St, seeking to remain open to 4AM, 7 days/week.

(ID:12705)

RESULT: NOT APPROVED

I. Order 200160 By Ald. Sullivan

(ID:12806)

That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment inquire of the EPA regarding the monitoring wells on private properties near the Speedway gas

station at 709 McGrath Hwy.

RESULT: APPROVED

J. Order By Ald. Heuston

200161 (ID:12807) That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services insure that Intellident, at 471 Somerville Avenue, is vacated within one week.

APPROVED

K. Order By Ald. Connolly

RESULT:

200162 (ID:12808) That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services routinely inspect Mr. B's, 142 Cross Street, to ensure that the business is not open for on-premises dining after midnight.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 200163 (ID:12746)

Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on October 20, 2015.

Alderman McWatters reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He reported that the amount of double poles has increased significantly, and said utility companies were instructed to remove 100 poles within 2 weeks. Alderman Lafuente expressed his frustration on the double poles, and the Board discussed denying utility permits until this issue is resolved.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

AMENDED: That #196302 be returned to the Committee on Public

Utilities and Public Works.

В. Order 195746

(ID:8297)

By Ald. Connolly

That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the Committee on Public Utilities and Works with a year end report on the performance of the street light repair vendor, including the number of lights repaired vs. replaced.

C. Order 195994 (ID:8505) By Ald. O'Keefe

That the Director of SPCD (ISD) consider revising its scheduling system for inspections so that it is more predictable for home owners.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 196302 (ID:8827) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board on the performance of the contractor who maintains the street lights, the terms of the contract and deliverables, and the process to ensure that street lights are maintained and operable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATIONPublic Utilities and Public Works Committee

E. Order 196445 (ID:9063) By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan

That the Commissioner of Public Works, in conjunction with the State Delegation, request that the MA Dept. Of Transportation remove all equipment and inventory from, and clean and improve the entire area under, I-93, between Temple Street and McGrath Highway.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 196624 (ID:9166) By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of Traffic and Parking place new pedestrian crossing signs at crosswalks located at Perry Park, Calvin and Beacon Streets, Newton Street and other pedestrian crossing locations in Ward 2.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order 196768 (ID:9304) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works direct all parties involved in the construction work along lower Broadway to provide better communication with neighbors in the construction areas.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Order 196888

By Ald. Gewirtz

(ID:9432)

That the Director of SPCD publicize the Davis Square Streetscapes construction timeline.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Order 196946 (ID:9487) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that there are enough trash receptacles along the Assembly Square waterway, adding additional barrels where needed.

J. Officer's DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted April 24, Communication 2014. 196958 **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED (ID:9413) K. Officer's DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 5/8/14. Communication **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED 197063 (ID:9503) L. Officer's Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting responses to various Board Communication Orders. 197065 WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:** (ID:9429) M. Order By Ald. Gewirtz 197266 That the Commissioner of Public Works add Meacham Road and Cottage (ID:9814) Avenue to this year's street paving list. WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:** N. Officer's DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 5/22/14. Communication **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED 197314 (ID:9634) Officer's O. DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 6/26/14. Communication **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED 197354 (ID:9892) P. Officer's DPW Commissioner responding to supplemental Board Orders submitted Communication 6/12/14. 197355 **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED (ID:9894) Q. By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., Gewirtz Order That the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the utility maintaining the transfer 197387 station on Willow Avenue and Whipple Street to cut back the overgrown (ID:9937) weeds. **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED R. Resolution By Ald. Niedergang 197395 That the Administration add Hall Street, Cherry Street, and Josephine Avenue between Kidder and Morrison Avenues to the street repaying list and report to (ID:9945) the Ward 5 Alderman when they are likely to be repaved. **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED S. Officer's DPW Commissioner responding to #197238 re: Shore Drive drainage. Communication **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

197423 (ID:9900)

T. Order 197482

By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works confer with SPCD on the proper maintenance of Quincy Park, and clear the Park of overgrowth.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

U. Order

By Ald. Niedergang

197495 (ID:10118)

(ID:10108)

That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the Ward 5 Alderman with the timeline for repaying Linden Avenue and Porter Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

V. Order

By Ald. McWatters

197502 (ID:10128) That the Commissioner of Public Works direct the appropriate utility company to remove the leaning double pole at 33 Columbus Avenue immediately.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

W. Order

By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., McLaughlin

197643 (ID:10202) That the Commissioner of Public Works request that the state clean the space under I-93 in the Ten Hills area and in Ward One, and remove all vehicles and stored items.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

X. Order

By Ald. Niedergang

197650 (ID:10209) That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the bulbs in the three street lights in Junction Park nearest to Woodbine Street and Centre Street that have been out for many months. (3rd Request)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Y. Order

By Ald. Niedergang

197651 (ID:10210)

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the bulb in the street light on Woodbine Street that is second closest to Junction Park. (3rd Request)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Z. Order 197659 (ID:10218) By Ald. Connolly, McLaughlin, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works contact Mass Highway to request that they cut back the overgrowth on the right-hand side of the Broadway -

Somerville exit ramp off of Route 93.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AA. Order 197662 (ID:10221) By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Chief Fire Engineer order the appropriate utility companies to remove the double pole at 33 Columbus Avenue as it is creating a public safety issue.

AB. Officer's DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 8/28/14. Communication **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED 197684 (ID:10176) AC. Order By Ald. Niedergang 197722 That the Commissioner of Public Works notify immediate abutters in advance when a tree of a certain minimum size is cut down near their residence. (ID:10275) **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED AD. Order By Ald. Niedergang 197723 That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board of any public (ID:10276) process that must be followed to cut down a tree of significant size. **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED AE. Public NStar Electric responding to #197625 re: planning for the redevelopment of Communication Union Square. 197737 **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED (ID:10289) AF. Order By Ald. Niedergang 197793 That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the street, sidewalk, (ID:10363) handicapped ramp and catch basin work at Berwick and Hinckley Streets is completed before winter. **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED AG. Officer's Chief Fire Engineer responding to #197662 re: removing double pole at 33 Communication Columbus Avenue. 197834 **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED (ID:10288) AH. Officer's DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 9/11/14. Communication **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED 197836 (ID:10295) AI. Officer's DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 9/23/14. Communication **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED 197858 (ID:10405) AJ. Order By Ald. McLaughlin 197873

197873 That the Director of SPCD and the DPW Commissioner update this Board on (ID:10428) the lower Broadway construction, including e a timeline for completion, updates on any problems and explanations of tree selections and trash barrel distributions.

AK. Order

By Ald. Niedergang

197883 (ID:10447) That the Commissioner of Public Works direct the developers of 143 and 181 Cedar Street to repair the sidewalks in front of their properties.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AL. Order

By Ald. McWatters

197892 (ID:10456) That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panel in front of 7 Belmont Place. (Second request)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AM. Officer's

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 10/9/14.

Communication 197905 (ID:10437)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AN. Order

By Ald. Niedergang

197972 (ID:10571) That the Commissioner of Public Works complete all work before the winter in the Magoun Square neighborhood on the street, sidewalk, handicapped ramp and catch basin at Berwick and Hinckley Streets and also at Fennell and Hinckley Streets.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AO. Order

By Ald. McWatters

197984 (ID:10591) That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the broken and upraised sidewalk panels on Warren Avenue from Properzi Manner to Citizens Bank.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AP. Officer's

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 10/23/14.

Communication 198025 (ID:10508)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AQ. Order

By Ald. Lafuente

198092 (ID:10657) That the Commissioner of Public Works appear before this Board with a list of sidewalks that will be redone with new ADA accessibility under the \$2,700,000 bonding recently approved.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AR. Order

By Ald. Ballantyne

198110 (ID:10689) That the Commissioner of Public Works re-install the street light that was removed 4 years ago at 72 Curtis Street.

AS. Order

198156 (ID:10721) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works attach an explanatory tag to bicycles that are suspected of being abandoned to provide due notice to owners of impending removal.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AT. Order

By Ald. McLaughlin

198195 (ID:10768) That the Commissioner of Public Works communicate with state snow removal agencies to ensure that state properties, such as Foss Park and Sullivan Square, are having snow removed in an expedient manner.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AU. Order

By Ald. Ballantyne

198215 (ID:10796)

That the Commissioner of Public Works advise the Ward 7 Alderman on eliminating water pooling at 128 Powderhouse Blvd., caused by the new raised intersection at Powderhouse Blvd. and Packard Ave.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AV. Officer's Communication

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 11/13/14.

Communication 198256 (ID:10722)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AW. Order

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By Ald. Niedergang

198280 (ID:10841) That the Commissioner of Public Works schedule another yard waste pickup this month, and report to this Board whether yard waste pickupsc can be extended through December in the future.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AX. Order

By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz

198315 (ID:10892)

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street lamps at the locations described within.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AY. Order

By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz

198316 (ID:10893) That the Commissioner of Public Works arrange for the ash trees on Chapel Street, and citywide, if necessary, be treated to prevent the infestation of the

Emerald Ash Borer.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AZ. Order

By Ald. McWatters

198351 (ID:10933) That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the street light at Harvard and Monmouth Streets.

BA. Order

198352 (ID:10928) By Ald. Lafuente

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street lamp in front of 58 Dartmouth Street. (2nd Request)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BB. Order

198381 (ID:10951) By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works note the lack of repairs to the city's streetlamps, as previously noted at this Board's last meeting, and attend the next meeting of the this Board's Public Utilities and Works Committee with the streetlamp maintenance vendor.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BC. Officer's

Communication 198420 (ID:10987)

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 1/8/15.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BD. Officer's

Communication 198421 (ID:10854)

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 11/25/14.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BE. Order 198442

198442 (ID:11035) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works look into the deployment of plow arm extensions, which can be lowered to clear driveways that have had snow plowed into them, and report to this Board about their potential use here.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BF. Order

198575 (ID:11142)

By Ald. McWatters

That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility company regarding low hanging wires at the corner of Columbus and Bonner Avenues.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BG. Officer's

Communication 198602 (ID:11131)

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 2/12/15.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BH. Order

198729 (ID:11442) By Ald. McWatters, Connolly, Sullivan, Rossetti, White Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk on Warren Avenue from Properzi Manor to Citizen's Bank.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BI. Officer's Communication 198778

(ID:11280)

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 3/12/15.

BJ. Order 198944 (ID:11587) By Ald. Lafuente

That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the stairs and surrounding area from Mystic Housing to the Healey School.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BK. Order By Ald. Niedergang

199129 (ID:11763)

That the Commissioner of Public Works or the City Solicitor report to this Board on making the Albion Street sidewalk contractor repair the sidewalks there or refund the city, and that the Commissioner repair those sidewalks.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BL. Order 199245 By Ald. Ballantyne

(ID:11790)

That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Board with the street paving plan for the upcoming season.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Order BM.

By Ald. Heuston

199289 (ID:11876) That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the Ward 2 Alderman with an explanation regarding a patched section of roadway on Hammond Street, which was recently paved.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BN. Order By Ald. Heuston

199353 (ID:11937) That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the Sacramento Street pedestrian underpass, set a regular cleaning schedule, and communicate that schedule to the Ward 2 Alderman.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BO. Officer's DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 4/9/15.

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 4/23/15.

Communication 199359 (ID:11677)

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

BP. Officer's

Communication 199360

(ID:11855)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BO. Officer's Communication DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 5/14/15.

199361 (ID:11950)

BR. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, Connolly

199499 (ID:12096)

That the Administration begin charging rent, or additional charges, to the owner of 240 Elm Street for every day his scaffolding remains on the public

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BS. Order 199516 By Ald. Heuston, and the Entire Board

That the Director of SPCD report to this Board monthly on the Beacon Street reconstruction project.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BT. Officer's Communication

(ID:12142)

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 5/28/15.

199564 (ID:12063)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BU. Order 199699 (ID:12407)

By Ald. White Jr., Gewirtz, Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti That the Commissioner of Public Works examine 88 Pearson Road for connection to the city sewer system, including replacement of any pipes, and provide appropriate assistance to the homeowner.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BV. Order 199843 (ID:12469) By Ald. McWatters, Connolly, Sullivan, Rossetti, White Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the cement curbs and the bench in Kelley Park that were put in the skate board area without

authorization from the city. (Photos attached)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BW. Order By Ald. Heuston, Rossetti

199856 (ID:12482) That the Director of SPCD (Transportation and Infrastructure) update this Board on the Beacon Street reconstruction project and work with the Ward 2 Alderman on a Community meeting to update the public.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BX. Order By Ald. Heuston

199860 (ID:12486)

That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board of the plan for fall plantings and flowers for Union Square and Somerville Avenue.

WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:**

BY. Order By Ald. Heuston

199862 (ID:12488)

That the Commissioner of Public Works maintain and make needed repairs to all of the tree wells and traffic islands along Somerville Avenue.

BZ. Order By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board how the city addresses the increase in trash during late August and early September due to

the influx of students.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

CA. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

199872 That the Commissioner of Public Works modify the sidewalk at 69 Pearl Street

(ID:12498) to make it ADA accessible.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

CB. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

199877 That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the sidewalk at 43 Cross

(ID:12503) Street is ADA compliant.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

CC. Order By Ald. Niedergang

199950 That the Director of SPCD (Transportation) update the Ward 5 Alderman on (ID:12570) the planned reconstruction of Cedar Street between Broadway and Highland

Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

CD. Order By Ald. Niedergang

199953 That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the curbs and install sidewalk

(ID:12573) ramps at the intersection of Clyde and Warwick Streets, by Maxwell's Green.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

CE. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

199960 That the Commissioner of Public Works install new benches in the park area of

(ID:12580) Bryant Manor.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

CF. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

199961 That the Commissioner of Public Works dispose of the trash in barrels on

(ID:12581) Cross Street East, by the Stop and Shop.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

CG. Order By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the three (of six) bollards that

(ID:12662) have come unglued on the Lowell Street bridge sidewalk at the end of the

Community Path Extension ramp.

CH. Order

200035

(ID:12665)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the curb at the Warwick Street elbow by the Community Path Extension ramp (as promised as part of the Maxwell's Green development), and provide the public a chance to comment on the proposed design.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

CI. Order 200036

By Ald. Niedergang, Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board on plans to repave the Community Path between Cedar Street and Willow Avenue, and fix the damaged section near Willow Avenue.

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RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

CJ. Order

By Ald. Ballantyne

200049 (ID:12677)

(ID:12668)

That the Commissioner of Public Works report on the safety of the tilting telephone pole at Clarendon and Weston Avenues.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

CK. Order 200051

By Ald. Ballantyne

200051 (ID:12679) That Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken utility light at 1036 Broadway.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

CL. Officer's

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 9/10/15.

Communication 200087 (ID:12637)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

35. Mayor's Request 200164 (ID:12756) Requesting approval to transfer \$11,000 in the Health and Human Services Department, from its Personal Services Account to its Professional and Technical Services Account, to pay for summer school contracted nursing services.

Alderman Lafuente requested to waive the readings of items 35 through 41 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

36. Mayor's Request 200165 (ID:12741) Requesting approval to pay an FY15 Dell Marketing invoice of \$81,312.50 from the Information Technology Department's FY16 budget, for Exchange online licensing.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

37. Mayor's Request 200166 (ID:12742) Requesting approval pay an FY15 invoice totaling \$4,995 from the Information Technology Department's FY16 budget, for the Recreation Department's online registration system.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

38. Mayor's Request 200167 (ID:12753) Requesting approval to pay a FY15 invoice of \$1,613.03 in the Information Technology Department using FY16 funds, for the leasing of eight printers.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

39. Mayor's Request 200168 (ID:12748) Requesting approval to pay a FY15 invoice of \$225.79 in the Information Technology Department using FY16 funds, for a copy machine rental.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

40. Mayor's Request 200169 (ID:12752) Requesting approval to pay a FY15 invoice of \$183.52 in the Information Technology Department using FY16 funds, for a copy machine rental.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

41. Mayor's Request 200170 (ID:12740) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$\$4,048.60 from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council for the Shape Up Somerville Program.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

42. Officer's

City Solicitor responding to #200048 re: compensating property owners for Communication damages incurred by city plows.

200171 (ID:12754)

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 42 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

43. Officer's

City Solicitor Responding to #200075 re: Ordinances and Traffic Regulations Communication regarding bicycles.

200172 (ID:12755)

Alderman Connolly requested to waive the reading of item 43 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

NEW BUSINESS

44. 200173

License/Permit Public Event Permit, Sion Seven Day Adventist Church Acoustic Concert, Davis Sq Statue Park, Oct 25, 3:30-6PM.

(ID:12790)

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 44 through 46 and approve 44 and 45, with item 46 sent to the Committee on Licenses and Permits. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

APPROVED RESULT:

45. 200174

License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Community Laundry, 211 Pearl St, 1 sign.

(ID:12791)

RESULT: APPROVED

License/Permit 46. 200175 (ID:12792)

New Garage License, Sullivan Tire, 263 Beacon St, mechanical repairs, 6 autos inside, 4 outside, M-F 7AM-7PM, Sa 7AM-5:30PM, Su Closed.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

47. Public 200176

(ID:12793)

MA DOT Highway Administrator responding to #199846 re: a pedestrian Communication crossing at Chester Avenue and McGrath Highway.

> Alderman McWatters requested to waive the reading of item 47 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

48. Public

195 registered voters submitting a petition for a public hearing on economic Communication inequality, pursuant to Section 8 of the City Charter.

200177 (ID:12794)

Alderman Niedergang sponsored Rand Wilson to speak. Mr. Wilson thanked the Board for holding a public hearing on inequality. He urged an increase in minimum wage and an increase in sick time for employees. President White said he would schedule the public hearing promptly.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

49. Order 200178 (ID:12796) By Ald. McLaughlin, Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr. That the Commissioner of Public Works work with MA DOT to fix the stop

light at Mt. Vernon Street and Broadway that is backing up traffic.

50. Resolution

By Ald. McLaughlin

200179 (ID:12797) That the Administration consider placing signs on handicapped parking poles prohibiting bikes from being locked on those poles.

RESULT: APPROVED

51. Order

By Ald. McLaughlin

200180 (ID:12798)

(ID:12799)

That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services work with the residents in Kensington Street to alleviate their rodent problems.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

52. Order 200181

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of Traffic and Parking communicate to MA DOT the need for painted lanes and signs to slow traffic along I-93 and Mystic Avenue along the underpass by Stop and Shop.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

53. Resolution 200182 (ID:12800)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Administration consider implementing the Racism Assessment Tools offered by Race Forward, that were implemented in Seattle to gauge municipal bias.

Alderman McLaughlin explained how this tool could help address racial issues in the City.

RESULT: APPROVED

54. Order 200183 (ID:12801)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works paint the inside of bike lanes on Broadway green.

RESULT: APPROVED

55. Resolution 200184 (ID:12781)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Administration provide this Board with a written update on the first report of the University Accountability Ordinance.

Alderman Ballantyne questioned what action is needed. Alderman Rossetti suggested the University reports go to Committee, as there are unanswered questions and conflicting formats.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

56. Order 200185 (ID:12782)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Arborist inspect the health of the trees at the locations described within.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee

57. Order 200186 (ID:12783)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 7 Alderman on the start date of the bike path project behind the Tannery Brook Condominiums.

Alderman Niedergang said he received a communication from a Cambridge resident urging the completion of this work.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

58. Order 200187 (ID:12795)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD install a U-shaped bicycle parking post on the sidewalk at 278 Highland Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

59. Mayor's Request 200188 (ID:12751) Requesting approval pay a FY15 invoice of \$221.19 using FY16 Information Technology Department funds, for a leased copier.

Alderman Lafuente requested to waive the readings of items 59 and 60 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

60. Mayor's Request 200189 (ID:12749) Requesting approval to pay a FY15 invoice of \$215.70 using FY16 Information Technology Department funds, to pay for a copier lease.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

61. Mayor's Request 200190 (ID:12810) Requesting the appointment of Sergey Vasilyev as a Special Police Officer for the Housing Authority Police.

Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of items 61 and 62 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

62. Mayor's Request 200191 (ID:12811) Requesting the appointment of Anthony Crutchfield as a Special Police Officer for the Housing Authority Police.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

63. Officer's
Communication
200192
(ID:12736)

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 9/24/15.

Alderman McWatters requested to waive the reading of item 63 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee

64. License/Permit 200193

(ID:12804)

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Nelm Corp.

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the reading of item 64 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

65. Public

Harvard University submitting its Fall 2015 University Accountability report.

Communication 200194 (ID:12805)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

LATE ITEMS

66. Public

Tufts University submitting its Fall 2015 University Accountability report.

Communication 200195 (ID:12813)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

67. Order 200196 (ID:12816)

By Ald. White Jr.

That the Chief Assessor provide this Board with a breakdown of the residential exemption for 1, 2, 3 and 4 family homes, and the number owned by residents, and that this be provided annually going forward.

Alderman White spoke about affordable housing units. He explained how the residential exemption is calculated and urged analysis to determine resident versus absentee landlords. Currently the market supports investors who buy houses for cash and rent them out as absentee landlords.

RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

68. Public Communication 200197 (ID:12814)

Public Speedway LLC requesting that the Committee on Licenses and Permits Communication reconvene to consider Speedway's Extended Operating Hours application.

Alderman Sullivan discussed the negative impact the Speedway gas station's overnight hours have in the area, and said the Committee on Licenses and Permits was not interested in re-considering this item. Board members expressed their support for the Committee's position.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk.