

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 23, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Wilfred N. Mbah	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Kristen Strezo	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 Call of the Roll.
 212651
 (ID:27625) **RESULT: APPROVED**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 212652
 (ID:27626) Councilors McLaughlin, White, Clingan, Ballantyne and Mbah sponsored a moment of silence for Sal Ferro.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 28, 2021.
 212653
 (ID:27627) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4. Officer's Communication 212654 (ID:27629) Chief Assessor presenting proposed FY2022 Tax Classifications and requesting: 1) the adoption of a residential factor of 86.0377, the minimum allowable for the City for FY2022; and 2) the acceptance of MGL c59 s5C, approving a residential exemption of 35% of average assessed value for owner occupied properties for FY2022.

Chief Assessor Frank Golden and Finance Director Ed Bean spoke on this item. Mr. Golden presented the recommendation and explained that this would shift \$23.5 million from the residential burden to the commercial side. He also explained that approval of the 35% residential exemption would save homeowners an average of \$3,656 on their tax bills. Mr. Golden compared FY21-FY22 parcel counts, changes, and valuations. Commercial growth value is down 1% and industrial value remained the same. Residential average assessments have increased throughout the city for a total new residential growth valuation of \$358,287,863 and a residential tax levy growth of \$3,650,953. The tax levy is \$18,069,828 higher than a year ago. The FY22 residential levy share is 72.53% vs. 73.80% for FY21.

Mr. Golden reviewed the cost impact of the new high school on various properties. Mr. Bean noted that the new growth was higher than estimated and revenue is coming in at a higher rate than projected. Councilor Ballantyne commented that the average impact of the new high school on properties in Teele Square is going to be about \$800 in FY22.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing on this item. There being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Councilor Scott moved for approval of the item.

Councilor Scott moved to discharge item #212622 from the Finance Committee and approve it tonight. The item was discharged and approved.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

5. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
212655
(ID:27617) | Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on November 16, 2021. | <p>Councilor Scott presented the Committee Report and spoke about the quality of the candidates.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| B. | Mayor's Request
212526
(ID:27413) | Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Eli D. Kim to the position of Police Sergeant. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| C. | Mayor's Request
212629
(ID:27551) | Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Daniel Costa to the position of Fire Lieutenant. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| D. | Mayor's Request
212630
(ID:27552) | Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Joseph G. Papetti to the position of Fire Lieutenant. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| E. | Mayor's Request
212631
(ID:27571) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Cheri Ruane to the position of Full Member of the Urban Design Commission. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

F. Mayor's Request 212632 (ID:27572) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Timothy Houde to the position of Alternate Member of the Urban Design Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

G. Mayor's Request 212633 (ID:27573) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jacques Thomas, Jr. to the position of Licensing Commission member.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

6. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 212656 (ID:27618) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on November 16, 2021.

Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the Committee Report and reviewed the actions taken by the committee on several zoning amendments. He moved to sever item #212606 in order to amend that item by adding language to the cover sheet. Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to lay #212606 on the table and approve the remainder of the Committee Report. The following items were enrolled and ordained: #211693, #212306, #212540 and #212642. Item #212606 was removed from the table. Councilor Ewen-Campen explained the intent of the amendment and item #212606 was approved, as amended and enrolled and ordained.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

B. Order 210782 (ID:23668) By City Councilor Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan That the Director of SPCD present zoning recommendations addressing the size of ground floor commercial spaces produced by development, to ensure that street level development in certain areas maintains multiple smaller-sized commercial spaces to enhance the pedestrian experience.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Mayor's Request 211693 (ID:24483) Veto - Requesting approval of proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinances at Article 8.2 - Small Business Overlay District, and to the Zoning Map.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: City Council

D. Mayor's Request 212306 (ID:26179) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for Commercial Spaces.

RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

E. Public Communication 212540 (ID:27457) 10 registered voters requesting the adoption of a Zoning Map amendment to change the zoning district of 3 Prescott Street from UR to NR.

RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

F. Mayor's Request 212606 (ID:27495) Requesting approval of amendments to Sections 2.1 and 2.4 of the Zoning Ordinance.

RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne
AMENDED: Section 2.4.5.b.ii Ground Story Commercial Space shall be effective for any discretionary or administrative permit first noticed for a public hearing on November 23, 2021 or later.

G. Officer's Communication 212637 (ID:27559) Director of Planning submitting information relative to the proposed Upper Central Street Local Historic District.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

H. Mayor's Request 212642 (ID:27581) Requesting approval of an Ordinance amending the Local Historic District Map to create a new Upper Central Street Historic District encompassing properties in the area of Central Street and Broadway.

RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

7. LAND USE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 212657 (ID:27619)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on November 22, 2021.</p> | <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the Committee Report and spoke about the items discussed. He spoke about the need for additional parking spaces in Boynton Yards in order to make that area commercially desirable and indicated his desire to have a discussion on this item tonight. Councilor Davis spoke about shadow studies for properties on McGrath Highway. Councilor Scott commented on Boynton Yards parking saying he believes that it's necessary to determine what the city's road networks can handle and feels that data should be used to determine how much parking should be allowed. Item #212301 was enrolled and ordained.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis</p> <p>ABSENT: Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>B. Public Communication 212301 (ID:26188)</p> | <p>AP Davis Square Plaza, LP requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to re-zone four parcels in Davis Square Plaza from MR-4 to Civic and CC-4.</p> | <p>RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis</p> <p>ABSENT: Ballantyne</p> |

8. RULES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 212658 (ID:27620)</p> | <p>Report of the Special Committee on Rules, meeting on November 22, 2021.</p> | <p>Councilor White presented the Committee Report and asked that it be accepted along with the order put forth by the Committee (item #27636). Both were approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis</p> <p>ABSENT: Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>B. Resolution 205107 (ID:17866)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ballantyne, Rossetti, Hirsch, and the Entire Board That the Administration work with this Board to implement a Code of Conduct policy and discuss training all staff and Aldermen.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |

- C. Order 212232 (ID:26193) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan, Strezo
That this Council adopt a code of conduct and anti-harassment policy.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 212659 (ID:27636) By City Councilor White Jr., Rossetti, Davis
That the City Council approve four amendments to the Rules of the City Council, as written herein and as recommended by the Special Committee on Rules.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

9. Mayor's Request 212660 (ID:27628) Requesting approval of amendments to Sections 3.1.14.a and 3.2.13.a Contextual Front Setbacks of the Neighborhood Residence and Urban Residence zoning districts of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

10. Mayor's Request 212661 (ID:27615) Requesting approval of the Clarendon Hill District Improvement Financing (DIF) Development Program.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

11. Mayor's Request 212662 (ID:27616) Requesting approval of Clarendon Hill District Improvement Financing (DIF) Development District.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

12. Mayor's Request 212663 (ID:27609) Requesting the renaming of Cedar Street Place as Carole Place.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

13. Mayor's Request 212664 (ID:27621) Requesting an amendment to the Somerville High School Construction appropriation to a new amount of \$283,859,233 and increasing the amount of bonds, fund transfers, and other available funds of the city authorized to meet said appropriation.

Mayor Curtatone spoke on this item saying that new growth is at record highs, DIF programs for Union Square and Boynton Yards have been successful, stabilization funds have increased 18-fold since 2004, general fund equity has increased 497% since 2004. Finance Director Ed Bean spoke about the high school construction project financing and said that the actual cost will exceed the amount appropriated, therefore, at some point, an additional appropriation will be needed. IAM Director Rich Raiche spoke about changes, corrections, clarifications, site conditions, COVID restrictions/conditions, unforeseen direct costs (asbestos) and schedule impact costs, as reasons for the cost over-run. The revised project budget, as of December 2021, is \$283,859,233. This is up from the March 2017 projection of \$255,982,704. Director Bean told the Council that the resource gap is \$29,859,360. He went on to outline a proposed plan to close that gap by utilizing funds from different revolving accounts, stabilization funds and other funding sources. Following this proposal, the city would still need to borrow \$4,132,729 to close the gap.

Councilor Niedergang inquired about shifting the risk to Suffolk Construction and Director Raiche explained that Suffolk and their trade partners are accepting the burden over the items they have control over. It's in their best interest to get these items settled to move the project to completion. Councilor Ballantyne asked about the MSBA funding and Chad Crittenden, from PMA, explained how the funds get allocated. Councilor Rossetti inquired about a discrepancy in the amount of the contingency line in the presentation and the amount used by the Building Committee and Mr. Crittenden explained that the figure in tonight's presentation includes soft cost contingencies. Councilor Rossetti stated that the Building Committee was told the cost overrun was approximately \$21 million last week. Sean Burke explained the reason for the difference. President McLaughlin suggested that this item be referred to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

14. Mayor's Request 212665 (ID:27623) Requesting the appropriation of \$148,950 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Communications-Office of Immigrant Affairs Salaries Account to establish several new positions.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

15. Mayor's Request 212666 (ID:27622) Requesting the appropriation of \$52,050 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to various Ordinary Maintenance Accounts in the Communications-Office of Immigrant Affairs Department.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

16. Mayor's Request 212667 (ID:27624) Requesting the appropriation of \$22,988 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to Communications-Office of Immigrant Affairs Salaries for salary adjustments.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

17. Mayor's Request 212668 (ID:27561) Requesting approval to create the Assembly Square Off-Site Infrastructure Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to said Fund of \$687,260 from the Alta Xmbly Development project, for off site infrastructure to support and enhance the surrounding neighborhoods.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

18. Mayor's Request 212669 (ID:27566) Requesting approval to create the Assembly Square Public Realm and Area Improvements Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to said Fund of \$549,808 from the Alta Xmbly Development project, to support and enhance the public realm in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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| 19. | Mayor's Request
212670
(ID:27565) | Requesting approval to create the Assembly Square Transit Area Improvements Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to said Fund of \$103,089 from the Alta Xmbly Development project, for transit area improvements to support and enhance the surrounding neighborhoods. | Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 20. | Mayor's Request
212671
(ID:27611) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jennifer Civitella Hilario to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 21. | Mayor's Request
212672
(ID:27612) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Henry Edward Hardy to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 22. | Officer's Communication
212673
(ID:27516) | Planning Board conveying its recommendations for proposed amendments to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (items #212048, #212301, #212305, #212306, #212307, and #212309). | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 23. | Officer's Communication
212674
(ID:27613) | Planning Board conveying its recommendations for the following proposed amendments to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (items #212308 and #212337). | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 24. | Officer's Communication
212675
(ID:27610) | Commissioner of Public Works submitting a memo in response to items #212569 and #211134 regarding the Snow Shoveling Pilot for FY22. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

25. Officer's Communication 212676 (ID:27604) Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of the Teen Center at Somerville High School after Mayor Dorothy Kelly Gay.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
26. Officer's Communication 212677 (ID:27605) Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of the Media/Broadcasting Vocational space at Somerville High School after Barbara Galpin.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

NEW BUSINESS

27. License/Permit 212678 (ID:27589) Renewing Used Car Dealer's Class 2 License, Barnes and Walsh, 224 Somerville Ave.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
28. License/Permit 212679 (ID:27590) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Ed's Used Auto Parts, 516 Columbia St.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
29. License/Permit 212680 (ID:27591) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Executive Auto Leasing and Sales, 30 Medford St.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

30. License/Permit 212681 (ID:27592) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor Pl.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
31. License/Permit 212682 (ID:27593) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
32. License/Permit 212683 (ID:27594) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 0 Windsor St.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
33. License/Permit 212684 (ID:27595) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
34. License/Permit 212685 (ID:27596) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Real Auto Shop, 463 McGrath Hwy.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

35. License/Permit 212686 (ID:27597) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Somerville Motors, 182 Washington St.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
36. License/Permit 212687 (ID:27598) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, United Motors, 188 Broadway.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
37. License/Permit 212688 (ID:27599) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Web Motor Sales, 5 Middlesex Ave.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
38. License/Permit 212689 (ID:27600) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
39. License/Permit 212690 (ID:27601) Renewing Open Air Vendor License, Next Wave-Full Circle School, 8 Bonair St.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

40. License/Permit 212691 (ID:27603) Renewing Outdoor Goods License, When Pigs Fly, 241 Elm St.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

41. License/Permit 212692 (ID:27602) Renewing Outdoor Goods License, 130 Broadway LLC, for Fat Hen and Perfect Dental.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

42. Citation 212693 (ID:27639) By City Councilor Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. Commending Marjorie MacDonald for 43 years as the owner and operator of Margie's Salon.

Councilor Clingan wished Marjorie MacDonald well on her retirement after 43 years in business.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

43. Order 212694 (ID:27630) By City Councilor Strezo That the Executive Director of OSPCD and the Director of Economic Development discuss the city's maintenance plan for tenants and occupants of the Arts at the Armory.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

44. Communication By City Councilor Niedergang
212695
(ID:27631) Reporting on discussions and decisions of the Traffic Commission from July through November 2021.

Councilor Niedergang spoke about some of the past actions of the Traffic Commission and its importance to the city. He listed the members of the Commission and explained the types of decisions it has authority over. Councilor Niedergang noted some of the recent actions of the Commission, e.g., the changes made to parking on College Avenue, which is scheduled to be appealed. He also spoke about parking for the teachers and staff of Somerville High School.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

45. Resolution By City Councilor Davis, Strezo
212696
(ID:27638) That the Traffic Commission install traffic calming on the streets surrounding the Brown School, in particular on Willow Avenue, between Morrison and Kidder Avenues, including consideration of a "Your Speed Is" radar sign.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

46. Mayor's Request
212697
(ID:27641) Submitting proposed amendments to modernize the City's Biotechnology Ordinance.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

47. Mayor's Request
212698
(ID:27567) Requesting approval to create the Encore Artist and Cultural Support Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$100,000 from Encore mitigations payments to support the Arts and Cultural activities and communities.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

48. Mayor's Request
212699
(ID:27614) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$63,474.53 using available funds in the DPW Department from various Admin, Fleet, Buildings, Sanitation, and Highway accounts.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

49. Officer's Communication 212700 (ID:27632) City Clerk requesting confirmation of the appointment of Bernabe Rodriguez to the position of Assistant City Clerk.

Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

50. Officer's Communication 212701 (ID:27640) Planning Board conveying its recommendations for proposed amendments to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (items #212540, #212606, and #212541).

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

51. Officer's Communication 212702 (ID:27635) City Clerk conveying the non-binding votes of the 2022 City Council Caucus.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

52. License/Permit 212703 (ID:27642) New Drainlayer's License, NECM Corp.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

LATE ITEMS

53. Mayor's Request 212622 (ID:27558) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,481,578 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Parking Meter Receipts Account in order to reduce the FY22 Tax Rate.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

54. Order 212704 (ID:27644) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezzo, McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the granite monument at Veterans Memorial Cemetery on Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

55. Order 212705 (ID:27645) By City Councilor Scott
That the Commissioner of Public Works re-stripe the mid-block crosswalk on Perry Street connecting to Lincoln Park, and consider adding signage to call attention to the crosswalk for motorists.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

56. Order 212706 (ID:27646) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Traffic Commission install a speed board on Willow Avenue, between Morrison Avenue and Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:50 PM.