

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2020, 7:00 PM
 City Council Chamber-City Hall-93 Highland Avenue

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OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin.

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	Absent	
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.
 209755
 (ID:22619) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 209756
 (ID:22620) Councilor Mbah sponsored a moment of silence for the 22 people, including 14 children, who were recently killed in a massacre in Camaroon.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 23, 2020.
 209757
 (ID:22621) **RESULT: APPROVED**

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4. Order 209758 (ID:22615) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD update this Council on creating a Bicycle Master Plan, and requiring that future road work adhere to this plan.

Councilor Ewen-Campen expressed happiness that the City is initiating a Bicycle Master Plan, to reduce traffic, increase walkability and bike-ability, and enhance ADA accessibility. He would like the Plan enshrined in local law. Councilor Niedergang said the Traffic and Parking Committee would take up the Plan in March or April.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

- 5. Order 209759 (ID:22618) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD update the City Council on the status of the Union Square D4.3 block.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted the passive-house apartment building on the Union Square D4.3 block should coincide with the first phase of construction in Union Square, and he requested an update on this affordable-housing component of the project.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

- 6. Order 209760 (ID:22616) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 3 Councilor on plans to paint "bump-outs" on the northeast corner of Vinal Avenue and Summer Street, and on the southeast corner of Quincy and Summer Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 7. Resolution 209761 (ID:22617) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, Niedergang, Ballantyne, Scott That the Administration routinely distribute the Redevelopment Authority's meeting agendas to all City Councilors via email, and submit regular written updates to this Council.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that a benefit of serving on the Redevelopment Authority is that he receives regular updates on major projects in the City, and, while this information is available to the public, he'd like these updates sent to all Councilors.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. Order 209762 (ID:22626) By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch
That the City Solicitor draft language to amend the Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance to require full disclosure of all ownership interests, including names and percentage interest of all owners or shareholders.

Councilor Niedergang said that the Licensing Commission is often unable to identify the actual applicants applying for marijuana licenses, as the applications are submitted by LLCs or corporations. He said it's important to know exactly who owns these licenses.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

9. Order 209763 (ID:22628) By City Councilor Niedergang
That this Council consider amending the Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance to remove Somerville residency as a qualifier for being a priority applicant in Group A, in order to prioritize Economic Empowerment applicants.

Councilor Niedergang noted that this Council's priority was to enable economic empowerment applicants to apply for marijuana licenses. But the first three local applications approved by the Mayor's Advisory Committee have all had connections to local businessmen, which was not the intention. He recommended removing the local preference in the Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

10. Order 209764 (ID:22627) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD list the members of the Marijuana Advisory Committee on the city's website.

Councilor Niedergang noted this request is in the interest of transparency.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. Order 209765 (ID:22629) By City Councilor Niedergang
That #207449 be discharged from this Council's Traffic and Parking Committee and referred to a committee which the Director of Inspectional Services attends.

Councilor Niedergang said this item, to waive the permit fees when people depave their driveways, should be taken up by a committee that meets with the Director of Inspectional Services.

RESULT: APPROVED

12. Communication 209766 (ID:22631) By City Councilor McLaughlin
In his capacity as President, rescheduling to Tuesday, April 28, 2020 the regular meeting of this Council that had been scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2020.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 13. Resolution 209284 (ID:22154) By City Councilor Scott Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.

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FOLLOWUP:	City Council

- 14. Order 209643 (ID:22538) By City Councilor Rossetti That the Director of Inspectional Services report to this Council by February 25, 2020 the policy for communicating to the Police Department special conditions imposed for city wide projects, such as working hours.

<p>Councilor Rossetti said she called the Police last weekend to report a Special Permit violation and was told they don't have a way to know what the Permit allows. She sponsored Inspectional Services Director Nick Antanavica, who said his department doesn't give the Police a copy of Special Permit conditions; they already have too much paperwork. However, going forward, contractors will be required to post allowed work hours on the work site. And when he receives a second complaint about work hours for existing projects, he is requiring these contractors to post their hours onsite, too.</p>	
RESULT:	APPROVED

- 15. Resolution 209644 (ID:22539) By City Councilor Rossetti, Davis, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Hirsch, White Jr., Scott That the Administration update this Council by February 25, 2020 of any negotiated relief related to the recently-announced GLX delayed timeline and resultant impact to the city's residents and businesses.

<p>Councilor Rossetti noted that the response has been submitted as #309787, and the City is currently waiting for a response from the MBTA.</p>	
RESULT:	APPROVED
FOLLOWUP:	Traffic and Parking Committee

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 16. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

 - A. Committee Report 209767 (ID:22610) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on February 19, 2020.

<p>Councilor Rossetti noted that the Committee took up several items. They reviewed School Committee Member Sarah Phillip's request for an exemption under MGL c268A s20D. Ms. Phillip's informed the Committee she works for Mass Insight Education and Research, which contracts with the City. Many requests of this nature have not been approved by this Committee, but with 2 in favor and 1 opposed, this one was approved. Next was David Gibbs' request for an exemption under MGL c268A s20D. He is a member of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the Director of the Community Action Agency of Somerville. Councilor</p>	
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Rossetti noted that he is not paid from this contract, and Councilor Scott expressed confidence in his understanding of the need to disclose any potential conflict. This request was unanimously approved. The Committee also reviewed 3 appointments to various commissions, and all were approved. Finally, the Committee considered requests to promote Police Officers Wolff Berrouet and Steve St. Hilaire to the position of Sergeant. Councilor Rossetti noted the Police Officers' strengths are detailed in the report. The Committee approved both promotions, because in Executive Session, they were urged to take expedited action on them.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 209404 (ID:22019) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Titania Ng to the Conservation Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

C. Mayor's Request 209405 (ID:22194) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Henry Ayanna to the Urban Forestry Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

D. Mayor's Request 209406 (ID:22195) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Conor Guidarelli to the Urban Forestry Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

E. Mayor's Request 209491 (ID:22291) Requesting approval of an exemption for David Gibbs pursuant to MGL c268A, s20(d).

RESULT: APPROVED

F. Officer's Communication 209550 (ID:22390) School Committee Member Sarah Phillips requesting an exemption under MGL c268A s20(d).

RESULT: APPROVED

G. Mayor's Request 209590 (ID:22422) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Police Officer Wolff Berrouet to the position of Police Sergeant.

RESULT: APPROVED

H. Mayor's Request 209591 (ID:22423) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Police Officer Steve St. Hilaire to the position of Police Sergeant.

RESULT: APPROVED

- I. Order 209642 (ID:22524) By City Councilor Mbah, Niedergang That the Director of Personnel appear before this Council to explain the failure to urge the Council to take expedited action on two Police Department promotions that would have diversified the superior officer ranks had the civil service list not expired before the Council was able to consider the promotions.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

17. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209768 (ID:22612) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on February 25, 2020.

Councilor Rossetti noted that in the Executive Session held on February 19, 2020, the Committee asked to review the professional standards folders for the two candidates for Police promotion. They were told the folders were unavailable, but one of them was empty. Councilor Scott was granted permission from the Committee to review the Police Department files the next day, and he reported that the folder was not empty. He then worked with the City Solicitor's Office to draft a FOIA request, and that Office forwarded the redacted results to Councilors Scott and Rossetti. As Chair, Councilor Rossetti called another meeting, with an Executive Session, to review the candidates' professional standards folders. The Committee agreed to stand by their recommendation to approve the two promotions.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Mayor's Request 209590 (ID:22422) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Police Officer Wolff Berrouet to the position of Police Sergeant.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. Mayor's Request 209591 (ID:22423) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Police Officer Steve St. Hilaire to the position of Police Sergeant.

RESULT: APPROVED

18. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209769 (ID:22611) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on February 20, 2020.

Councilor Niedergang noted that all items are available in the Committee report. He said 3 items were discussed. First were stormwater and pervious surface issues. He said the Administration was drafting a Storm Water Ordinance, with an EPA deadline of June 30, 2020 for enactment. Next was the city's General Use Policy required by the Surveillance Technology Ordinance. The Committee reviewed the regulations on how the ordinance would be implemented, and kept the item in Committee for further work. Finally, the Committee discussed a revision to the Noise Ordinance to ban gas powered leaf blowers. The City Solicitor said it's impossible to regulate pollution from leaf blowers, but the Noise Ordinance can regulate them. Staff from the Parks and Recreation Department shared how they use leaf

blowers and their concerns with the proposed ordinance. The Committee will continue working on this.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order
198398
(ID:11000)

By City Councilor White Jr.
That this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters review the current pervious surfaces ordinances for their effectiveness and sufficiency.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

19. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

A. Committee
Report
209770
(ID:22609)

Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on February 19, 2020.

Councilor Niedergang noted there are 7 pages of completed orders in the minutes. The first item discussed was the intersection of McGrath Highway, Mystic Avenue and I-93. The MA DOT presented \$5M in improvements to be made in 2022, including new striping and signage, improved ADA ramps, and improved crosswalks. The major concern is the right hand turn off McGrath Highway onto I-93, which, unfortunately, the project will not address. The Mobility Division is looking for funding to address it instead. The second item discussed was the intersection of Lowell and Albion Streets, which has frequent car accidents. Residents, worried that someone will be seriously injured or killed, discussed with the Committee how to address the dangers. The third item discussed was Central Street in Ward 5, which has become a commuting corridor for people who don't live in the City. Daily vehicle trips have increased from 5,500 in 2017 to 7,500 in 2020. The Mobility Division informed the Committee that when the School Street Bridge is closed, the Washington Street Bridge will be open to help mitigate traffic and soon after the Broadway Bridge will be re-opened as well. The Mobility Division informed the Committee that there are no plans for the community path extension crossing on Central Street. Councilor Niedergang noted that Mobility Director Brad Rawson will roll out 20 mph safety zones this year.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order
197981
(ID:10588)

By City Councilor McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works determine if it is feasible to place a bump out at the corner of Bonner and Columbus Avenues.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order
199456
(ID:12047)

By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking conduct a traffic study on Lincoln and Perkins Streets and propose traffic calming measures.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| D. Resolution
199700
(ID:12408) | By City Councilor White Jr., Lafuente, Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti
That the Traffic Commission consider installing a temporary speed bump on Governor Winthrop Road near Grimmons Park to protect children from speeding vehicles. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| E. Resolution
199846
(ID:12472) | By City Councilor McWatters, McLaughlin
That MASS DOT consider placing a pedestrian signal at Chester Street and McGrath Highway. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| F. Order
200223
(ID:12850) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works create clearly defined lines along Walnut Street, by Pearl Street and Broadway, to eliminate two lane traffic problems. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| G. Order
200240
(ID:12933) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a sign on Cross Street East prohibiting cutoff traffic onto I-93. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| H. Order
200290
(ID:12945) | By City Councilor Gewirtz, Rossetti
That the Director of Traffic and Parking add an additional stop sign on Meacham Road facing Buena Vista Road to clarify that Buena Vista Road drivers must stop before turning onto Meacham Road. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| I. Order
200746
(ID:13378) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a SLOW sign on the Cross Street bridge. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| J. Order
200856
(ID:13503) | By City Councilor Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install signs at appropriate sections of Osgood Street indicating that it is not a through way. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| K. Order
201135
(ID:13792) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking investigate making Brook Street a one way street, going away from Cross Street. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |

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| L.
Order
201142
(ID:13830) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install parking meters in front of 161 Broadway. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| M.
Order
201377
(ID:14033) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking remove the NO TURN ON RED sign on the corner of Broadway and Franklin Street. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| N.
Order
201406
(ID:14039) | By City Councilor Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a DEAD END or NO THRU WAY sign at the entrance to Kent Court. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| O.
Order
201407
(ID:14040) | By City Councilor Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a PRIVATE WAY sign at the entrance to Kent Court. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| P.
Order
201487
(ID:14141) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking devise a strategy to more forcefully implement the DO NOT ENTER restriction on Perkins Street, by the Boston line. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| Q.
Order
201615
(ID:14278) | By City Councilor Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the absence of parking regulations and signage on large portions of Somerville Avenue. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| R.
Order
201694
(ID:14362) | By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a flashing STOP sign on Buena Vista Road, where it meets Meacham Road. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| S.
Order
201780
(ID:14438) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider adding an "except Perkins Street abutters" note to the Do Not Enter sign on Perkins Street, on the Boston line. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |

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| T. | Order
201783
(ID:14441) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a blinking SLOW - CHILDREN sign on Lincoln Avenue. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| U. | Order
201785
(ID:14443) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install YIELD signs along the rotary in Assembly Row, by Legal Seafood, as well as signage indicating who has the right of way. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| V. | Order
201786
(ID:14444) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking address traffic issues at the intersection of Bonair, Dana and Edmands Streets. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| W. | Order
201829
(ID:14468) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain the reason for the NO PARKING – DRIVEWAY sign at the West Branch Police sub-station. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| X. | Order
202173
(ID:14889) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking put a DO NOT ENTER sign on the corner of Walnut Street and Medford street to stop cars from going the wrong way on Walnut Street. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Y. | Order
202351
(ID:15057) | By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a blinking SLOW sign at 240 Pearl Street. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Z. | Order
202791
(ID:15495) | By City Councilor Sullivan, Lafuente, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install reflective material on the STOP sign post at Governor Winthrop and Ten Hills Roads. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| AA. | Order
202799
(ID:15505) | By City Councilor McLaughlin, Sullivan, Rossetti
That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider placing warning signs at the entrance of East Broadway, at McGrath Highway, to let drivers know the street will merge to one lane. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

AB. Order 202860 (ID:15559) By City Councilor Rossetti, McLaughlin, Sullivan That the Chief of Police send a directed patrol to monitor Mount Vernon Street for wrong-way traffic 5-6PM.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AC. Order 202861 (ID:15560) By City Councilor Rossetti, McLaughlin, Sullivan That the Chief of Police monitor lower Broadway regularly for illegal u-turns.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AD. Order 203054 (ID:15750) By City Councilor Heuston That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the line of site for traffic turning from Summer Street onto Preston Road and recommend changes to parking and signage.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AE. Order 203055 (ID:15749) By City Councilor Heuston That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider a resident petition for a change to Merriam Street from 2-way to 1-way and provide residents with related information.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AF. Order 203067 (ID:15783) By City Councilor Rossetti That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of Information Technology provide Parking Control Officers with the ability to review local infraction history by license plate.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AG. Order 203070 (ID:15874) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with data on car ownership and parking issues at developments permitted in the past five years.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AH. Order 203074 (ID:15878) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider prohibiting car traffic around Artisan Way and Assembly Row to allow for increased pedestrian accessibility.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AI. Order 203274 (ID:15995) By City Councilor McWatters, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr. That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider placing a raised crosswalk at the intersection of Summer and Lowell Streets.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AJ. Resolution 203363 (ID:16065) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Administration advise why speed dampening options were denied for Fairfax Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AK. Order 203372 (ID:16078) By City Councilor Heuston That the Directors of SPCD and Traffic and Parking place appropriate signs and signals for safety zones in Ward 2, especially around the Argenziano School.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AL. Order 203396 (ID:16139) By City Councilor Sullivan, McLaughlin, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr. That the Director of Traffic and Parking determine whether fire trucks and ambulances can safely access Maine, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Rhode Island Avenues from Pennsylvania Avenue, and make appropriate recommendations to this Board.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AM. Resolution 203397 (ID:16140) By City Councilor Sullivan The Traffic Commission consider making Mt. Vernon Street an ABUTTERS ONLY roadway, from Pearl Street to Broadway, during peak travelling hours.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AN. Resolution 203488 (ID:16216) By City Councilor Heuston That the Traffic Commission consider changing Merriam Street to a one way street, from Charlestown Street to Somerville Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AO. Order 203490 (ID:16219) By City Councilor Heuston The Director of Traffic and Parking place a second DO NOT ENTER sign at the corner of Bolton and Oak Streets, and a one way arrow sign on top of the DO NOT ENTER signs.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AP. Order 203578 (ID:16287) By City Councilor Heuston That the Director of SPCD work with MA DOT to place a DO NOT BLOCK THE INTERSECTION sign and related street markings at the intersection of Linwood Street and McGrath Highway.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AQ. Order 203591 (ID:16309) By City Councilor Heuston That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a sign at the entrance of Prentiss Street to indicate its Private Way status.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AR. Order 203993 (ID:16809) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a NO PARKING sign between 129 and 133 Cross Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AS. Order 204228 (ID:16936) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the speed signs on Florence Street with 20 MPH signs.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AT. Order 206695 (ID:19470) By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on any discussions with our state delegation to increase the per-ride assessment that ride-share companies pay, and how this Board could advocate for an increase.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AU. Order 207165 (ID:20002) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a STOP sign at the intersection of Temple Road and Governor Winthrop Road.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AV. Order 207368 (ID:20190) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the contribution of ride-hailing services, including Uber and Lyft, to traffic congestion, and suggest policies to reduce this impact.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AW. Order 207449 (ID:20246) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Traffic and Parking waive parking dumpster fees for property owners who are de-paving their driveways.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

AX. Resolution 207490 (ID:20327) By City Councilor Davis, Hirsch, Mbah, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, White Jr. That the Administration update this Council on any agreements with ride share companies, including their designated drop-off/pick-up areas in Davis Square, and advise on any efforts to contract with additional companies or introduce additional designated areas, and discuss with this Council the enforcement of illegal parking in those areas.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AY. Resolution 207491 (ID:20328) By City Councilor Davis That the Administration consider signage in high-usage areas directing ride share users to the existence and location of designated drop-off/pick-up areas.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AZ. Order 207713 (ID:20519) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a NO OUTLET TO WASHINGTON STREET sign on the corner of George Street and Broadway to prevent cut through traffic due to the GLX bridge closures.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BA. Resolution 207890 (ID:20696) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Niedergang, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr. That the Administration work with MassDOT and the GLX team to address the 3 primary safety issues with the Community Path Extension between Washington Street and Lechmere that have been identified by the Friends of the Community Path.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BB. Order 208249 (ID:21079) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah That the Director of SPCD modify the Central Hill Campus plan to include an elevator from the new Gilman Square MBTA station to the Central Hill Campus, so that people with mobility issues are able to use the new station to access City Hall, the Library, and the High School.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BC. Order 208256 (ID:21086) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD identify both a temporary and longer-term Lyft/Uber pick-up point in Union Square.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BD. Order 208378 (ID:21217) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD install traffic calming infrastructure on Morrison Avenue, such as a speed bump between Cedar Street and Willow Avenue, as soon as possible to protect pedestrians crossing Morrison Avenue, especially at Highland Road near Lexington Park and the Community Path.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BE. Order 208483 (ID:21325) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Director of Traffic and Parking provide an update on progress regarding processing residential permits.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BF. Order 209445 (ID:22282) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD adjust the light signal timing at Central and Medford Streets so pedestrians have enough time to cross safely.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BG. Order 209658 (ID:22552) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD update this Council on plans shared with the Ward 5 and Ward 4 Councilors in November for “expansions in the network of 20 MPH safety zones in December, January and February until all local streets are covered.”

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

20. Mayor's Request 209771 (ID:22608) Requesting approval of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to correct procedural requirements, unintended conflicts between regulations, numerical errors, or inadvertent omissions.

Also referred to the Planning Board.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

21. Mayor's Request 209772 (ID:22630) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Katharine Milton to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

22. Mayor's Request 209773 (ID:22622) Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Santangelo as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 23. | Officer's
Communication
209774
(ID:22576) | Director of SomerStat responding to #204874 re: publishing de-identified parking permit data. | | | | |
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| 24. | Officer's
Communication
209775
(ID:22607) | Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry responding to #207167 re: updated Capital Investment Plan progress reports for parks and open space projects. | | | | |
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NEW BUSINESS

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| 25. | License/Permit
209776
(ID:22613) | Public Event License, Independent Film Festival, Davis Sq near the Somerville Theater, Apr 22-27, various times. | | |
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| 26. | Public
Communication
209777
(ID:22623) | Nikhilesh Gorukanti proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property at 365-369 Somerville Ave to remove the Pedestrian Street designation. | | | | | | |
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| 27. | Public
Communication
209778
(ID:22624) | 4 residents submitting comments re: the removal of Foss Park trees. | | |
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SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 28. | Order
209779
(ID:22633) | By City Councilor Rossetti
That this Council review with the Administration, Cambridge's recent Home Rule Petition to improve the safety of transportation network company vehicles operating there. | | | | | | |
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| FOLLOWUP: | Legislative Matters Committee | | | | | | | |

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| 29. Mayor's Request
209780
(ID:22596) | Requesting a transfer of \$20,279.78 from the Police Public Safety Account to the Grant Match Account to cover the bulletproof vest grant match requirement. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 30. Officer's Communication
209781
(ID:22632) | Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management responding to #s 209656, 209641, 209546, 209348 & 209174 re: flooding in various locations. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee |
| 31. License/Permit
209782
(ID:22635) | Public Event License, Race of Ireland, Davis Sq and surrounding area, Mar 22, 7am-1pm. | RESULT: APPROVED |

LATE ITEMS

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| 32. Order
209783
(ID:22638) | By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott
That the Director of SPCD and the Chief of Police discuss what can be done to mitigate delivery trucks' use of bike lanes and cycling tracks as parking when making deliveries. | <p>Councilor Ballantyne noted she is a member of the Bicycle Advisory Committee, and wants a plan developed to stop delivery trucks from obstructing cycle tracks and bike lanes.</p> RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee |
| 33. Order
209784
(ID:22639) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Environmental Health Coordinator work with the Ward 7 Councilor to arrange a community meeting to discuss methods to reduce the increase in rats in the neighborhoods. | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee |
| 34. Order
209785
(ID:22640) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Director of SPCD inform the Ward 7 Councilor of the location and width of the Algonquin gas line easement under Route 16, Stop & Shop and any other locations which are not state-owned. | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee |

35. Resolution 209786 (ID:22641) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Somerville Education Foundation share their organizational priorities with this Council's Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

36. Mayor's Communication 209787 (ID:22642) Responding to #209644 re: GLX mitigation requests.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

37. Order 209788 (ID:22637) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Director of SPCD produce quarterly updates on affordable housing to increase predictability and coherence of discussions.

Councilor Hirsch asked the City to provide quarterly updates on topics related to affordable housing and projects in the pipeline.
RESULT: APPROVED

38. Order 209789 (ID:22643) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Scott That this Council's Committee on Finance discuss the peoples' budget and priorities for FY21.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

39. Order 209790 (ID:22644) By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen That this Council modify or eliminate the Zoning Ordinance's Use Limitations for parcels that front a Pedestrian Street in various locations such as 4.1.13.b, 4.3.13.b, 5.1.15.b, etc.

Councilor Scott said the Land Use Committee will discuss zoning provisions that are impacting people who want to open businesses.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:20 PM.