

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 14, 2019, 7:00 PM
City Council Chamber, City Hall-93 Highland Avenue

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # 20484)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, January
(ID # 20485) 30, 2019, and the Regular Meeting, February 14, 2019.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By City Councilor Rossetti, Ballantyne, the Entire City
(ID # 20486) Council and the Mayor
 Commending Kathy Carey, who is retiring after 24 years
 of dedicated service to the City, including the last 19 in
 the Office of Veterans Services.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Order By City Councilor Mbah, Niedergang
(ID # 20472) That the Director of Water and Sewer take the steps
 described within regarding lead service lines.

5. Order By City Councilor Niedergang
(ID # 20473) That the Director of SPCD, the Chief of Police and the
 Director of Traffic and Parking inform the Ward 5 City
 Councilor no later than March 20 what steps have been
 taken to protect pedestrians crossing Morrison Avenue
 between Cedar Street and Willow Avenue when the
 Broadway Ball Square Bridge closes on March 22.

6. Order By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch
(ID # 20475) That the Director of SPCD, the Chief of Police the
 Director of Traffic and Parking, and/or the Director of
 Communications report to this Council on developing a
 citywide campaign focused on getting motorists to stop
 for pedestrians in crosswalks and to fully stop at STOP
 signs.

7. Communication By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen
(ID # 20474) Reporting on the March 5, 2019 meeting of the GLX
 Project Community Working Group.

8. Withdrawn (ID # 20476) Withdrawn.
9. Withdrawn (ID # 20477) Withdrawn.
10. Withdrawn (ID # 20478) Withdrawn.
11. Withdrawn (ID # 20479) Withdrawn.
12. Order (ID # 20480) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Chief of Police provide this Council with a list of the unsolved homicides over the past 35 years.
13. Order (ID # 20481) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install NO PARKING signs near 48 Bradley Street, to prevent parking along the short curb at the row housing complex.
14. Order (ID # 20482) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean or replace the right turn signal at the corner of Broadway, turning onto Temple Street, as it is not visible during the day.
15. Communication (ID # 20487) By City Councilor Ballantyne
Acting as President, appointing City Councilor Matt McLaughlin to the Municipal Job Creation and Retention Board of Trustees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16. Order 207481 By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Chief Fire Engineer and the Chief of Police discuss with this Council, at its February 14, 2019 meeting, detailed safety plans for the upcoming bridge closures due to GLX construction.
17. Citation 207587 By City Councilor Ballantyne, Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, the Entire City Council and the Mayor
Commending Gale Morano, who is retiring after 41 years of dedicated service as Executive Director of the Somerville-based Open Center for Children.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

18. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 20455) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on March 4, 2019.

- B. Mayor's Request 207302 Requesting the appointment of Jessica Turner to the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- C. Mayor's Request 207539 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Anne Brockelman to the position of Zoning Board of Appeals full member.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- D. Mayor's Request 207540 Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Danielle Fillis Evans to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- E. Mayor's Request 207541 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Zachary Baum to the position of Zoning Board of Appeals alternate member.
RECOMMENDED: Not Approved

- F. Mayor's Request 207542 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Drew Kane to the position of Zoning Board of Appeals alternate member.
RECOMMENDED: Not Approved

19. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 20459) Report of the Committee on Finance - meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 11, 2019.

- B. Mayor's Request 207394 Requesting approval of a transfer of \$25,500 in the Fire Department, from the Ordinary Maintenance Account to the Personal Services Account, to fund the Support Services Technician position.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- C. Mayor's Request 207520 Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,105,050 in a bond for the cost of purchasing certain DPW Vehicles.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- D. Mayor's Request 207522 Requesting an appropriation of \$1,999,100 and authorization to borrow \$499,775 in a bond, and acceptance of a \$1,499,325 grant from the MWRA for Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- E. Mayor's Request 207525 Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$202,698 in a bond for the purchase of vehicles for the Fire Department.

- RECOMMENDED: Approved
- F. Mayor's Request 207526 Requesting approval to appropriate \$600,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the cost of purchasing Police Cruisers.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- G. Mayor's Request 207533 Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice of \$2,540 for the Recreation Department's purchase of pool supplies.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- H. Mayor's Request 207534 Requesting approval to pay 8 prior year invoices totaling \$1426.33 using available funds in the Information Technology Leased Equipment Account one monthly lease payment of 8 separate leased printers/copiers.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- I. Mayor's Request 207535 Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$165.73 using available funds in the Information Technology Leased Equipment Account for one month's lease payment for a printer/copier machine.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- J. Mayor's Request 207537 Requesting the authorization of an increase of the Council on Aging Revolving Fund Expenditure Cap to \$160,000 for FY19.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- K. Mayor's Request 207538 Requesting the authorization of an increase of the Shape Up Somerville Mobile Market Revolving Fund Expenditure Cap for FY19 to \$45,000.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- L. Officer's Communication 207551 City Engineer requesting to address this Council with a construction costs presentation.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- M. Mayor's Request 207607 Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$752,000 in a bond for field/playground improvements.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- N. Order (ID # 20483) By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Director of Purchasing report to this Council's Committee on Finance on the City's ability to separate out bid items to detail labor and material costs.
- O. Order (ID # 20520) By City Councilor White Jr.
That the City Auditor analyze the City's debt structure, including current and pending borrowing, borrowing requests that the City anticipates, and the anticipated cost of the new public safety building.

20. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 20456) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 5, 2019.

21. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 20460) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 12, 2019.

22. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 20458) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters - meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 7, 2019.

23. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 20457) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on March 6, 2019.
- B. Order 205496 By City Councilor McLaughlin That the City Clerk invite the Clerk Magistrate of the Somerville District Court to meet with the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss drug courts. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Resolution 205826 By City Councilor Hirsch That the Administration consider, as part of its facilities planning process and its ongoing development of programs like 311, libraries, recreation and neighborhood policing, ways to establish multi-purpose neighborhood-based service centers. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order (ID # 20464) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Hirsch That the Chief of Police and the Director of Health and Human Services promote the drug court system and monitor cases of transfer and eligible candidates from Somerville to the court in Cambridge.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

24. Mayor's Request (ID # 20467) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 in a bond for Owner's Project Manager professional services to support the renovation of various buildings recommended in the Building Master Plan.

25. Mayor's Request (ID # 20468) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$596,450 in a bond for the costs of installing a new boiler in City Hall.
26. Mayor's Request (ID # 20284) Requesting acceptance of a \$16,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for traffic enforcement programs.
27. Mayor's Request (ID # 20461) Requesting approval of the attached 2019 Local Election Calendar.
28. Mayor's Request (ID # 20469) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Timothy McKenzie to the position of Fire Fighter.
29. Mayor's Request (ID # 20470) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of John Gullage to the position of Fire Fighter.
30. Mayor's Request (ID # 20471) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Virgilio Garcia to the position of Fire Fighter.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

31. Officer's Communication (ID # 20415) Director of Personnel responding to #206767 re: vacant positions.
32. Officer's Communication (ID # 20401) Director of Personnel responding to #207443 re: plans to publicize upcoming civil service exam opportunities.
33. Officer's Communication (ID # 20402) Director of Personnel responding to #207444 re: the 2016 Fire Department eligibility list.
34. Officer's Communication (ID # 20462) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #207623 re: state and local regulations on public notices.
35. Officer's Communication (ID # 20454) Council on Aging Director responding to #207633 re: the availability of the Council's bus services.

NEW BUSINESS

36. License/Permit (ID # 20499) Public Event License, Connexion United Methodist Church Easter Egg Hunt, Chuckie Harris Park, Apr 20, 12-4PM.

37. License/Permit (ID # 20500) Public Event License, Tufts Graduate Student Council 5K Run/Walk for Charity, Tufts Campus area sidewalks, Apr 27, 8AM-1PM.
38. License/Permit (ID # 20501) Public Event License, Arts Council Porchfest, Citywide, May 11, 11AM-7PM (raindate May 18).
39. License/Permit (ID # 20502) Public Event License, Arts Council Big Gay Dance Party, Union Sq Plaza, Jun 1, 2-9:30PM.
40. License/Permit (ID # 20503) Public Event License, Arts Council Joe's Jazz and Blues Fest, Powderhouse Park, Jun 15, 10AM-7PM (raindate Jun 16).
41. License/Permit (ID # 20504) Public Event License, Arts Council Evolution of Hip Hop Festival, Union Sq Plaza, Sep 7, 1-8:30PM (raindate Sep 14).
42. License/Permit (ID # 20505) Public Event License, Arts Council Rock and Roll Yard Sale, Union Sq Plaza and Parking Lot, Sep 8, 8AM-7PM (raindate Sep 15).
43. License/Permit (ID # 20507) Public Event License, Glenwood Rd Block Party, from Medford to Vernon Sts, Sep 21, 12-8:30PM (raindate Sep 22).
44. License/Permit (ID # 20508) New Lodging House License, Tufts University, 123 Packard Ave, 9 residents.
45. License/Permit (ID # 20509) New Outdoor Seating License, Taco Loco Mexican Grill, 46 Broadway, 7 tables, 14 chairs.
46. License/Permit (ID # 20510) Renewing Flammables License, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy.
47. License/Permit (ID # 20511) Renewing Garage License, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy.
48. License/Permit (ID # 20512) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy.
49. Public Communication (ID # 20488) Tufts University submitting its Spring 2019 University Accountability report.

- 50. Public Communication (ID # 20489) 12 residents submitting comments re: #207498, the Tree Protection Ordinance.
- 51. Public Communication (ID # 20494) Greater Boston Real Estate Board submitting comments re: #205420, the proposed condominium review ordinance.
- 52. Public Communication (ID # 20497) Andrew Greenspon submitting comments re: #206481, a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to add a new Section 17.8 re: open space requirements for mid-rise and high-rise buildings.
- 53. Public Communication (ID # 20498) David Gibbs submitting comments re: #207544, requesting the appointment of Tim Talun to the Planning Board.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 54. Order (ID # 20490) By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing STOP sign at the base of Bonner Avenue's intersection with Washington Street.
- 55. Order (ID # 20491) By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a flexible crosswalk YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS sign at the intersection of Bonner Avenue and Washington Street.
- 56. Order (ID # 20492) By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a flexible sign at Washington and Tufts Streets to discourage vehicles turning from Tufts Street onto Washington Street from blocking the crosswalk.
- 57. Order (ID # 20493) By City Councilor Scott That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing STOP sign at the east end of the Portuguese Park at Newton Street.
- 58. Order (ID # 20495) By City Councilor Scott That the Director of Traffic and Parking install or replace the missing PERMIT PARKING ONLY signs on Newton Street between Webster Avenue and Prospect Street.
- 59. Order (ID # 20496) By City Councilor Scott That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the flexible crosswalk YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS sign at the intersection of Hawkins and Washington Streets.

60. Resolution (ID # 20513) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Administration, in accordance with the proposed Demonstration Project Plan, consider short term uses for 90 Washington Street such as mobile food markets, food trucks and public parking.
61. Order (ID # 20514) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Engineering and the Director of Traffic and Parking paint crosswalks on the corners of Alston Street to increase pedestrian safety in light of upcoming GLX construction.
62. Order (ID # 20515) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure the bike lane on Mt. Vernon Street is thoroughly plowed after snowstorms.
63. Order (ID # 20516) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works address all potholes and cracks along Pennsylvania Avenue as soon as possible.
64. Order (ID # 20517) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the newly appointed Environmental Health Liaison address potential rodent issues emanating from 117 Washington Street.
65. Order (ID # 20518) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Davis
That the Director of SPCD present to the Council a list of special alcohol licenses issued to determine the program's impact on small businesses.
66. Order (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.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT