

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Seven City Councilor Katjana Ballantyne.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Stephanie Hirsch	City Councilor At Large	Absent	
Wilfred N. Mbah	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	City Councilor At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One City Councilor	Present	
Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott	Ward Two City Councilor	Present	
Ben Ewen-Campen	Ward Three City Councilor	Present	
Jesse Clingan	Ward Four City Councilor	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five City Councilor	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six City Councilor	Absent	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven City Councilor	Present	

1. Roll Call
 207647
 (ID:20484)

Call of the Roll.
Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored a moment of silence for Philip Peck. Councilor McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for Leanis Almanzar. On behalf of Councilor Hirsch, Councilor McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for Sarah Romanowski.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes
 207648
 (ID:20485)

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, January 30, 2019, and the Regular Meeting, February 14, 2019.
RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

- 3. Citation 207649 (ID:20486) By City Councilor Rossetti, Ballantyne, the Entire City 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.

Councilor Rossetti presented Kathy Carey with a citation for her years of dedicated service to the City's veterans.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4. Order 207650 (ID:20472) By City Councilor Mbah, Niedergang That the Director of Water and Sewer take the steps described within regarding lead service lines.

Councilor Mbah met with the Director of the MWRA, who said Somerville has problems with lead pipes like most old cities. There are approximately 1,800 lead service lines currently. He asked that the Director of Water and Sewer make public an inventory of those lines and suspected lines, along with the associated health risks, and then replace them. Councilor Niedergang said there is a MWRA 0% loan program to help with repairs.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 5. Order 207651 (ID:20473) By City Councilor Niedergang 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.

Councilor Niedergang requested to waive the reading of item 5 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- 6. Order 207652 (ID:20475) By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch 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.

Councilor Niedergang said there is a huge pedestrian safety issue in the City, and he wants a campaign to bring awareness to the problem.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

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| <p>7. Communication
207653
(ID:20474)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen
Reporting on the March 5, 2019 meeting of the GLX Project Community Working Group.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Niedergang reported that both he and Councilor Ewen-Campen attended the Greenline Project Community Working Group meeting on March 5. Concerns were expressed that the station designs are not satisfactory, and lack proper accessibility per the ADA. Councilor Ewen-Campen echoed that there are serious esthetic and accessibility station design issues, and the community is not ready to accept this as is.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> | |
| <p>8. Withdrawn
207654
(ID:20476)</p> | <p>Withdrawn.
RESULT: WITHDRAWN</p> |
| <p>9. Withdrawn
207655
(ID:20477)</p> | <p>Withdrawn.
RESULT: WITHDRAWN</p> |
| <p>10. Withdrawn
207656
(ID:20478)</p> | <p>Withdrawn.
RESULT: WITHDRAWN</p> |
| <p>11. Withdrawn
207657
(ID:20479)</p> | <p>Withdrawn.
RESULT: WITHDRAWN</p> |
| <p>12. Order
207658
(ID:20480)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Clingan
That the Chief of Police provide this Council with a list of the unsolved homicides over the past 35 years.

Councilor Clingan asked for a list of unsolved homicides from the past 35 years.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> |
| <p>13. Order
207659
(ID:20481)</p> | <p>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.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> |

14. Order By City Councilor Clingan
207660 That the Commissioner of Public Works clean or replace the right turn signal
(ID:20482) at the corner of Broadway, turning onto Temple Street, as it is not visible during the day.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

15. Communication By City Councilor Ballantyne
207661 Acting as President, appointing City Councilor Matt McLaughlin to the
(ID:20487) Municipal Job Creation and Retention Board of Trustees.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16. Order By City Councilor Ballantyne
207481 That the Chief Fire Engineer and the Chief of Police discuss with this Council,
(ID:20337) at its February 14, 2019 meeting, detailed safety plans for the upcoming bridge closures due to GLX construction.

Police Chief David Fallon described how the Police will handle the upcoming bridge closures, to make sure that bicyclists, pedestrians and vehicles can move in the safest manner possible. Contacts have been established with the GLX Transit Police and Medford Police, and all bridge-related police transmissions will be on Police Channel #1. There will be an emergency operations center, and more than 6 security cameras near the Ball Square Bridge and the surrounding area. There will be 14 detail Officers per day during the initial period and during peak rush hours, and staffing will be evaluated daily. At the Brown School, a team that includes police, city and school personnel will walk routes traveled by parents and students to ensure safety. 3 Officers will be assigned to bicycles. Councilor Niedergang said it's a good plan but he has concerns about certain areas, especially at Highland Road and Morrison Avenue. Chief Fallon said an Officer will be posted there. Councilor Rossetti asked that the Transit Police be provided with maps, and the Chief said there will be very few of them; most will be local Officers. Councilor McLaughlin suggested a detail at the base of Washington Street for the Washington St Bridge closure, and Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that having an Officer present makes a huge difference. Councilor White suggested using Auxiliary Police Officers, and the Chief responded that they have been disbanded. President Ballantyne asked about communication between Fire and Police units, and the Chief said they have worked with Fire Chief Breen, and extra ambulances will be on scene and waiting, east and west of the Ball Square Bridge. Councilor Niedergang suggested "Residents Only" or "Abutters Only" signs at neighborhood entrances. Officer Polito said those signs will be there as a deterrent, but unfortunately, Police would have to stop every motor vehicle to ask where they live, and it's unconstitutional to stop motor vehicles without a valid reason.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

17. Citation 207587 (ID:20416) 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.

Councilor Ewen-Campen requested that the Citation for Ms. Morano be sent to her since she could not attend tonight's meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

18. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 207662 (ID:20455) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on March 4, 2019.

Councilor Scott reported on the several appointments considered at the meeting. The committee discussed the appointment of Zachary Baum to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate Member. It was noted that he is a developer, and while members recommended that he maintain his commitment to the City in a variety of ways, they decided not to approve him. Another Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Member, Drew Kane, was not approved on a tie vote. Councilor Niedergang moved to sever the Committee Report to take up his appointment separately, because Mr. Kane is a professional with vast experience who lives in Union Square, is a renter and a bicyclist, who loves the public sphere and the public square. Councilors Ewen-Campen, Mbah, and McLaughlin expressed support. Councilor White sponsored Mr. Kane to speak, and asked his opinion on density in the City. Mr. Kane responded that residents want to preserve their neighborhoods, and from an urban planning perspective, they're at an appropriate scale and density. There is room for density in the Squares and along some of the corridors, especially with respect to affordable housing, and an increased commercial tax base. On a voice vote, Mr. Kane's appointment was confirmed.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

AMENDED: #207542 was severed from the Committee Report. The balance of the Report was Approved. On a voice vote, the recommendation of the Committee was not accepted with respect to #207542, and it was Approved.

- B. Mayor's Request 207302 (ID:20037) Requesting the appointment of Jessica Turner to the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. Mayor's Request 207539 (ID:20276) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Anne Brockelman to the position of Zoning Board of Appeals full member.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| D. | Mayor's Request
207540
(ID:20350) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Danielle Fillis Evans to the Zoning Board of Appeals. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| E. | Mayor's Request
207541
(ID:20274) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Zachary Baum to the position of Zoning Board of Appeals alternate member. | RESULT: NOT APPROVED |
| F. | Mayor's Request
207542
(ID:20275) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Drew Kane to the position of Zoning Board of Appeals alternate member. | RESULT: APPROVED |

19. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
207663
(ID:20459) | Report of the Committee on Finance - meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 11, 2019. | Councilor White reported that the Committee dealt with a number of bond requests, for DPW vehicles, Fire vehicles, sewer manhole rehabilitation, and field and playground improvements. The purchase of police cruisers from Capital Stabilization funds was also approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | Mayor's Request
207394
(ID:20135) | 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. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| C. | Mayor's Request
207520
(ID:20308) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,105,050 in a bond for the cost of purchasing certain DPW Vehicles. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Hirsch, Davis |
| D. | Mayor's Request
207522
(ID:20295) | 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. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Hirsch, Davis |

<p>E. Mayor's Request 207525 (ID:20307)</p>	<p>Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$202,698 in a bond for the purchase of vehicles for the Fire Department.</p>						
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AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne						
ABSENT:	Hirsch, Davis						
<p>F. Mayor's Request 207526 (ID:20306)</p>	<p>Requesting approval to appropriate \$600,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the cost of purchasing Police Cruisers.</p>						
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AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne						
ABSENT:	Hirsch, Davis						
<p>G. Mayor's Request 207533 (ID:20258)</p>	<p>Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice of \$2,540 for the Recreation Department's purchase of pool supplies.</p>						
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<p>H. Mayor's Request 207534 (ID:20259)</p>	<p>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.</p>						
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<p>I. Mayor's Request 207535 (ID:20260)</p>	<p>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.</p>						
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<p>J. Mayor's Request 207537 (ID:20298)</p>	<p>Requesting the authorization of an increase of the Council on Aging Revolving Fund Expenditure Cap to \$160,000 for FY19.</p>						
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<p>K. Mayor's Request 207538 (ID:20302)</p>	<p>Requesting the authorization of an increase of the Shape Up Somerville Mobile Market Revolving Fund Expenditure Cap for FY19 to \$45,000.</p>						
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<p>L. Officer's Communication 207551 (ID:20304)</p>	<p>City Engineer requesting to address this Council with a construction costs presentation.</p>						
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M. Mayor's Request 207607 (ID:20393) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$752,000 in a bond for field/playground improvements.

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

N. Order 207664 (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.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

O. Order 207665 (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.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

20. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207666 (ID:20456) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 5, 2019.

Councilor White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. First was the new Zoning Overhaul, for which the map will go to GIS consultants. Next was a proposal for open space requirements for mid-rise and high-rise buildings, and a discussion of buildings near heavily trafficked roadways.

RESULT: APPROVED

21. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207667 (ID:20460) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 12, 2019.

With little time to review this report before the meeting, Councilor White moved that it be laid on the table until the next meeting, and his motion was approved.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

22. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 207668 (ID:20458) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters - meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 7, 2019.

Councilor Niedergang reported that most of the meeting was spent discussing the updated Condominium Cooperative Conversion Ordinance. Housing Stability Director Ellen Shachter responded to points raised at the January 31 public hearing. The Committee voted to make the revised Ordinance effective after passage, on July 31, 2019. A final Ordinance may be recommended for approval at the next meeting. The Committee briefly discussed a Home Rule Petition similar to Boston's Jim Brooks Act, with less rigid language to encourage passage, that would provide some protection to tenants who are being evicted.

RESULT: APPROVED

23. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 207669 (ID:20457) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on March 6, 2019.

Councilor Clingan reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The main focus of this meeting was getting a Drug Court implemented in Somerville. There would be funding issues, and the Magistrate is not a fan of Specialty Courts. The Committee learned that a Drug Court is not mandatory and you can ask to be transferred to a Drug Court. There are currently 25 Drug Courts in the State, with 10 more underway, but none of them in Somerville.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 205496 (ID:18420) 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Resolution 205826 (ID:18601) 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 207670 (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.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 24. Mayor's Request 207671 (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.

Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 24 through 26 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 25. Mayor's Request 207672 (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.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 26. Mayor's Request 207673 (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.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 27. Mayor's Request 207674 (ID:20461) Requesting approval of the attached 2019 Local Election Calendar.

Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 27 and refer it to the Finance Committee, so it could be addressed quickly. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 28. Mayor's Request 207675 (ID:20469) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Timothy McKenzie to the position of Fire Fighter.

Councilor Scott requested to waive the readings of items 28 through 30 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 29. Mayor's Request 207676 (ID:20470) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of John Gullage to the position of Fire Fighter.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

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| 30. | Mayor's Request
207677
(ID:20471) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Virgilio Garcia to the position of Fire Fighter. |
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FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 31. | Officer's Communication
207678
(ID:20415) | Director of Personnel responding to #206767 re: vacant positions. |
| | | Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 31 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |

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| 32. | Officer's Communication
207679
(ID:20401) | Director of Personnel responding to #207443 re: plans to publicize upcoming civil service exam opportunities. |
| | | Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 32 and 33 and place them on file with a copy to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

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| 33. | Officer's Communication
207680
(ID:20402) | Director of Personnel responding to #207444 re: the 2016 Fire Department eligibility list. |
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FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

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| 34. | Officer's Communication
207681
(ID:20462) | Assistant City Solicitor responding to #207623 re: state and local regulations on public notices. |
| | | Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 34 and place it on file with a copy to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

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| 35. | Officer's Communication
207682
(ID:20454) | Council on Aging Director responding to #207633 re: the availability of the Council's bus services. |
| | | Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 35 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 36. License/Permit
207683
(ID:20499) | Public Event License, Connexion United Methodist Church Easter Egg Hunt, Chuckie Harris Park, Apr 20, 12-4PM. | <p>Councilor Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 36 through 43 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 37. License/Permit
207684
(ID:20500) | Public Event License, Tufts Graduate Student Council 5K Run/Walk for Charity, Tufts Campus area sidewalks, Apr 27, 8AM-1PM. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 38. License/Permit
207685
(ID:20501) | Public Event License, Arts Council Porchfest, Citywide, May 11, 11AM-7PM (raindate May 18). | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 39. License/Permit
207686
(ID:20502) | Public Event License, Arts Council Big Gay Dance Party, Union Sq Plaza, Jun 1, 2-9:30PM. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 40. License/Permit
207687
(ID:20503) | Public Event License, Arts Council Joe's Jazz and Blues Fest, Powderhouse Park, Jun 15, 10AM-7PM (raindate Jun 16). | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 41. License/Permit
207688
(ID:20504) | Public Event License, Arts Council Evolution of Hip Hop Festival, Union Sq Plaza, Sep 7, 1-8:30PM (raindate Sep 14). | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 42. License/Permit
207689
(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). | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 43. License/Permit
207690
(ID:20507) | Public Event License, Glenwood Rd Block Party, from Medford to Vernon Sts, Sep 21, 12-8:30PM (raindate Sep 22). | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 44. License/Permit
207691
(ID:20508) | New Lodging House License, Tufts University, 123 Packard Ave, 9 residents. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee</p> |

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| 45. | License/Permit
207692
(ID:20509) | New Outdoor Seating License, Taco Loco Mexican Grill, 46 Broadway, 7 tables, 14 chairs. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 46. | License/Permit
207693
(ID:20510) | Renewing Flammables License, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy. | Councilor Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 46 through 48 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 47. | License/Permit
207694
(ID:20511) | Renewing Garage License, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 48. | License/Permit
207695
(ID:20512) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 49. | Public
Communication
207696
(ID:20488) | Tufts University submitting its Spring 2019 University Accountability report. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee |
| 50. | Public
Communication
207697
(ID:20489) | 16 residents submitting comments re: #207498, the Tree Protection Ordinance. | Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 50 through 51 and place them on file with a copy to Legislative Matters. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
| 51. | Public
Communication
207698
(ID:20494) | Greater Boston Real Estate Board submitting comments re: #205420, the proposed condominium review ordinance. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
| 52. | Public
Communication
207699
(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. | Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 52 and place it on file with a copy to Land Use. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee |

53. Public Communication 207700 (ID:20498) David Gibbs submitting comments re: #207544, requesting the appointment of Tim Talun to the Planning Board.
- Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 53 and place it on file with a copy to Confirmation of Appointments. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

54. Order 207701 (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.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
55. Order 207702 (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.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
56. Order 207703 (ID:20492) By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin 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.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
57. Order 207704 (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.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
58. Order 207705 (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.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
59. Order 207706 (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.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

60. Resolution 207707 (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.
- Councilor McLaughlin requested creating some short-term uses for 90 Washington St. while we wait for permanent uses.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
61. Order 207708 (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.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
62. Order 207709 (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.
- Councilor McLaughlin requested to waive the readings of items 62 through 64 and 66 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
63. Order 207710 (ID:20516) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works address all potholes and cracks along Pennsylvania Avenue as soon as possible.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
64. Order 207711 (ID:20517) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the newly appointed Environmental Health Liaison address potential rodent issues emanating from 117 Washington Street.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
65. Order 207712 (ID:20518) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan That the Director of SPCD present to the Council a list of City-owned alcohol licenses issued to determine the program's impact on small businesses.
- Councilor McLaughlin requested information on the distribution of the city's alcohol licenses, to see if local entrepreneurs are being supported in the same manner as the adult-use marijuana ordinance proposes.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

66. 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: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

LATE ITEMS

67. Order 207714 (ID:20521) By City Councilor White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah That the Director of SPCD apprise this Council on the redesign of the various GLX stations with respect to the removal of elevators and the accommodations that had been made to provide reasonable access for all users.

Councilor White said the bid on this project came in lower than anticipated, so there is a cushion for better station designs, and the City Council should be informed what the costs would be to put in elevators or otherwise ensure access.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

68. Order 207715 (ID:20526) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Mbah That the Director of SPCD inform the Ward 5 and Ward 6 Councilors and the public as soon as possible the route and schedule for the City shuttle van that will ferry passengers around the closed Broadway/Ball Square Bridge.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:50 PM.