

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 2018, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers, 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 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call
206674
(ID:19492)

Call of the Roll.

Alderman Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Thomas Trane. Alderman Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Paul Miller. Alderman Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Anna Montalto.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes
206675
(ID:19493)

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 23, 2018.

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. Citation
206676
(ID:19494)

By Ald. White Jr., the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending George Wood on the auspicious occasion of his retirement after 36 years of dedicated service to the City.

Alderman White presented the Citation to George Wood, who commented that when you enjoy what you do, it doesn't seem like work.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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| 4. | Grant of Location
206677
(ID:19495) | Submitted by Eversource to install 70 feet of conduit in Montgomery Ave from Pole 549/1 to a point of pickup at 7 Montgomery Ave. |
| | | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 5. | Grant of Location
206678
(ID:19496) | Submitted by Comcast to install 13 feet of conduit in Highland Ave from a Verizon Manhole at 123 Highland Ave to a new manhole, then to continue with another 77 feet of conduit from that manhole to a point of pickup at 117 Highland Ave. |
| | | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Dave Flewelling with Comcast discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 6. | Grant of Location
206679
(ID:19497) | Submitted by Comcast to install 106 feet of conduit in Highland Ave from Pole 198/9 to a point of pickup at 346 Highland Ave. |
| | | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Dave Flewelling with Comcast discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

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| 7. | Resolution
206680
(ID:19454) | By Ald. White Jr., Hirsch
That a representative of the Board of Health and the Administration work with the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to revamp the City's current ordinances and regulations for the use of tobacco and cannabis products in public places, and recommend signage and posting locations to inform the public where the consumption of those products is prohibited, with the fines for violation. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> |
| 8. | Resolution
206681
(ID:19455) | By Ald. Mbah, White Jr., Rossetti, Hirsch
That the Administration update this Board on the wage theft ordinance that was enacted several years ago. |
| | | <p>Alderman Mbah said he realized that Somerville was one of the first cities in the state to enact a wage theft ordinance, and he would like to receive an update.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |

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| 9. | Withdrawn
206682
(ID:19456) | Withdrawn. | RESULT: WITHDRAWN |
| 10. | Resolution
206683
(ID:19457) | By Ald. Mbah, White Jr., Rossetti, Hirsch
That the Administration provide this Board, in writing, the lessons learned from the gas explosion in Lawrence, Andover and North Andover. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 11. | Order
206684
(ID:19458) | By Ald. Mbah, White Jr., Rossetti, Hirsch
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment update this Board on the City's 2050 carbon neutral goals. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 12. | Order
206685
(ID:19460) | By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Hirsch
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on when various necessary improvements to the Union Square traffic pattern, including an "All-Walk" cycle and left-turn arrows at certain intersections, will be implemented. | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee |
| 13. | Order
206686
(ID:19463) | By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Chief of Police consider deploying a traffic safety officer on Summer Street, near Belmont and Lowell Streets, weekdays from 2 to 3 PM to aid children crossing the street, and report back in writing to this Board. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 14. | Order
206687
(ID:19461) | By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Scott, Mbah
That the Director of Engineering build a crosswalk to allow pedestrians to safely cross Washington Street at the Public Safety Building. | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee |
| 15. | Order
206688
(ID:19459) | By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the broken sidewalk panels on Crown Street near Porter Street. | RESULT: APPROVED |

16. Order 206689 (ID:19462) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Hirsch
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services address the dramatic increase in rat sightings on Wesley Park, Bow Street and Montrose Street and discuss baiting and examining nearby garbage dumpsters and public waste bins.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

17. Resolution 206690 (ID:19464) By Ald. Niedergang
Approving “A Call to Prevent Nuclear War,” urging the US government to take steps to avoid nuclear war, such as renouncing the first use of nuclear weapons, taking nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert, and ending the unchecked authority of the President to launch a nuclear attack.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 17 and postpone it to October 25. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen

18. Order 206691 (ID:19465) By Ald. Niedergang, Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Clingan
That the Director of SPCD prioritize for this Board the traffic calming projects in the City, and the process to determine those priorities.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

19. Resolution 206692 (ID:19466) By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne, and the Entire Board
That the Administration update this Board on the contract negotiations regarding the school nurses.

RESULT: APPROVED

20. Order 206693 (ID:19468) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD or the Director of Traffic and Parking alter the cycle of the traffic signals at Lowell Street and Highland Avenue ASAP to allow more time for vehicles to turn onto Highland Avenue from Lowell Street, especially during the morning rush hour, to alleviate the traffic backup on Hudson Street when the Cedar Street/Highland Avenue intersection is closed for construction.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

21. Order 206694 (ID:19469) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Engineering assess the drainage and flooding problems on Alpine Street near Lowell Street and report to the Ward 5 Alderman on what the City can do now and should do in the future to relieve the problems.

RESULT: APPROVED

22. Order 206695 (ID:19470) By Ald. 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.

Alderman Niedergang said that while the City received \$270,000--10 cents per ride--this year from the ride sharing companies Lyft and Uber, the State received 20 cents, and he'd like to find a way to increase the City's payment.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

23. Order 206696 (ID:19467) By Ald. Niedergang
That this Board discharge #206660 from the Legislative Matters Committee for consideration at this meeting: "Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203822 re: regulating the length of real property license agreements."

RESULT: APPROVED

24. Communication 206697 (ID:19471) By Ald. Niedergang
Updating this Board on recent meetings and actions of the Traffic Commission.

Alderman Niedergang said the Traffic Commission is now meeting the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm at the DPW Water Department. The Commission's deals with a variety of matters, i.e., handicapped parking spaces, fire lanes, removal of parking spaces, loading zones, 20 mph safety zones, etc. At the last meeting, the Commission heard about the upcoming bridge closures for the Green Line project, and received from the Administration a request to establish new safety zones.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

25. Order 206698 (ID:19472) By Ald. Hirsch, and the Entire Board
That the Director of SPCD establish an advisory service to help residents learn how to reduce storm water runoff, cool their yards and homes naturally, plant and preserve trees, reduce invasive species, and waive dumpster parking permit fees for households undertaking de-paving efforts.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

26. Resolution 206699 (ID:19473) By Ald. Hirsch
That the Administration provide information regarding the transfer of some Kennedy Pool functions to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Alderman Hirsch commented that last spring, a group of people organized a petition to ask for expanded access to the Kennedy School Pool, and she wants to make sure the Pool really remains a public facility, not a revenue generator.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Youth Services Committee

27. Order
206700
(ID:19474) By Ald. Hirsch, Davis, Ballantyne, McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works explain the city’s options for reducing the number of unused utility lines connecting to properties.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

28. Order
206701
(ID:19475) By Ald. Hirsch
That the Commissioner of Public Works report on the materials and practices used for school cleaning in terms of their impact on childhood health conditions, such as asthma.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Youth Services Committee

29. Resolution
206702
(ID:19476) By Ald. Hirsch
Conveying its appreciation to the Health and Human Services Department for arranging to deliver flu shots to school communities at school drop-off times.

RESULT: APPROVED

30. Order
206703
(ID:19479) By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board
That the Director of Housing Stability create a list of benevolent landlords who charge below market rate for housing, to identify possible homes for residents on housing wait lists.

Alderman McLaughlin described a list with the names of benevolent landlords that people could access if they are on waiting lists for low income housing. This could also be useful in creating a benevolent landlords tax credit.

RESULT: APPROVED

31. Order
206704
(ID:19477) By Ald. McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne
That the Director of SomerStat collect data on drug related arrests and all police stops that don’t result in an arrest and present them to the public at ResiStat meetings.

RESULT: APPROVED

32. Order
206705
(ID:19478) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill all potholes along Otis and Tufts streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

33. Resolution 206706 (ID:19481) By Ald. Scott
That the Administration report, in writing, on the current status of an Acquisition Fund to increase the City's ability to buy parcels for open space. (2nd request)

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

34. Resolution 206707 (ID:19480) By Ald. Scott
That the Administration endeavor to add a properly signed and signaled crosswalk at 45 Beacon Street to enhance safety for residents accessing the Whole Foods Market.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

35. Resolution 206666 (ID:19441) By Ald. Davis
That the Administration adopt a holistic urban development approach, following the Cuidad Dulce (Sweet City) model, that attends to all members of the community, especially marginalized populations, both human and nature.

This item was postponed to October 11.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

36. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 206708 (ID:19482) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on September 17, 2018.

Alderman Scott reported on the Committee's approval of an appointment to the Community Preservation Committee, and several Fire Department promotions. The Committee also approved Traffic and Parking Department employee David Capuano to also work as a Crossing Guard. The Fire Department employees were sworn in.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Mayor's Request 204402 (ID:16943) Requesting the appointment of Jane Carbone to the Community Preservation Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. Mayor's Request 205522 (ID:18366) Requesting the appointment of Marc Ardolino to the position of Fire Captain.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| D. | Mayor's Request
205523
(ID:18365) | Requesting the appointment of Timothy Donovan to the position of Fire Lieutenant. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| E. | Mayor's Request
205524
(ID:18364) | Requesting the appointment of Francis Otting to the position of Fire Lieutenant. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| F. | Mayor's Request
206453
(ID:19167) | Requesting an Exemption Under Section 20(b) of Chapter 268A on behalf of employee David Capuano. | RESULT: APPROVED |

37. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
206709
(ID:19485) | Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on September 24, 2018. | Alderman Scott reported on the approval of several Fire Department promotions, as well as new Fire and Police Department hires. The new appointees were sworn in.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | Mayor's Request
206600
(ID:19354) | Requesting the appointment of David Stiltner to the position of Fire Captain. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| C. | Mayor's Request
206601
(ID:19355) | Requesting the appointment of Jay McKenzie to the position of Fire Lieutenant. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| D. | Mayor's Request
206602
(ID:19356) | Requesting the appointment of Andrew Patriquin to the position of Fire Lieutenant. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| E. | Mayor's Request
206603
(ID:19357) | Requesting the appointment of Michael Kilduff to the position of Fire Fighter. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| F. | Mayor's Request
206604
(ID:19358) | Requesting the appointment of Marika DuVal to the position of Police Officer. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| G. | Mayor's Request
206605
(ID:19359) | Requesting the appointment of Aaron Smith to the position of Police Officer. | RESULT: APPROVED |

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| H. | Mayor's Request
206606
(ID:19360) | Requesting the appointment of Courtney Coulombe to the position of Police Officer. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| I. | Mayor's Request
206607
(ID:19361) | Requesting the appointment of Erik Corricelli to the position of Police Officer. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| J. | Mayor's Request
206608
(ID:19362) | Requesting the appointment of Melissa Dooley to the position of Police Officer. | RESULT: APPROVED |

38. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
206710
(ID:19486) | Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on September 25, 2018. | Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee approved the appropriation of \$250,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase of IT computer equipment, but agreed that in the future, it needs to be funded through the budget. The Committee also discussed in Executive Session the Order of Taking of 90 Washington Street, and left the item in Committee.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | Mayor's Request
206324
(ID:19073) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$250,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase of IT computer equipment. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Rossetti, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Mbah, McLaughlin, Niedergang |
| C. | Mayor's Request
206325
(ID:19075) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$200,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase of Firefighter Protective Bunker Gear. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Rossetti, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Mbah, McLaughlin |
| D. | Mayor's Request
206443
(ID:19156) | Requesting approval of a transfer of \$15,000 in the Police Department, from the Detention Attendants Account to the Salary and Wages Temporary Account, to fund Matron Salaries. | RESULT: APPROVED |

E. Mayor's Request 206444 (ID:19169)	Requesting approval to pay two prior year invoices totaling \$3,550 using available funds in the FY2019 Communications Department Professional Services and Employee Training Courses Accounts.	RESULT: APPROVED
F. Mayor's Request 206446 (ID:19154)	Requesting acceptance of a \$298,280 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Mental Health to the Police Department, for Crisis Intervention Team training.	RESULT: APPROVED
G. Mayor's Request 206448 (ID:19147)	Requesting acceptance of a \$37,315 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Mental Health to the Police Department, for the Jail Diversion Program.	RESULT: APPROVED
H. Mayor's Request 206449 (ID:19146)	Requesting acceptance of a \$12,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and Click It or Ticket Mobilization Programs.	RESULT: APPROVED
I. Mayor's Request 206450 (ID:19145)	Requesting acceptance of a \$3,750 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for pedestrian and bicycle safety enforcement.	RESULT: APPROVED
J. Mayor's Request 206595 (ID:19375)	Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,007,566 from the Parks Stabilization Fund for the renovation and restoration of Prospect Hill Park.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
K. Mayor's Request 206596 (ID:19352)	Requesting approval to appropriate \$17,805.91 from the Union Square Stabilization Fund for legal services.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: Scott
L. Mayor's Request 206597 (ID:19353)	Requesting acceptance of a \$37,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for the Local Cultural Council regrant program.	RESULT: APPROVED

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| M. | Mayor's Request
206598
(ID:19351) | Requesting acceptance of an \$8,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operational support. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| N. | Resolution
206711
(ID:19526) | By Ald. Rossetti
That the Administration provide this Board with a running total of all grant funding, by department, for the last four fiscal years, including the dates and amounts of each grant. | RESULT: APPROVED |

39. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
206712
(ID:19483) | Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on September 19, 2018.

Alderman Ewen-Campen reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed an Affordable Housing Universal Wait List, the Municipal ID Program, and other issues. The Committee learned that the city created in 2018 2.5 acres of new green/open space, mostly due to the ArtFarm's 2.1 acres. The Committee was also updated on the Hundred Homes Program. 47 units have been purchased, and 19 are currently vacant due to necessary renovations. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | Order
200700
(ID:13327) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the plan and timeline for implementing the recommendations in the recent report of the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| C. | Officer's Communication
202258
(ID:14939) | Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #200102 (inclusionary housing), with respect to Tenancy Preservation. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| D. | Officer's Communication
202259
(ID:14940) | Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #200102 (inclusionary housing), with respect to Waiting Lists. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| E. | Resolution
202497
(ID:15182) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Superintendent of Schools share plans with the Ward 7 Alderman to mitigate the negative student enrollment at the West Somerville Neighborhood School caused by the proposed Clarendon/North Street Public Housing project. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

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| F. | Order
203275
(ID:15983) | By Ald. Niedergang, Davis
That the Director of SPCD update this Board on plans developed in 2013-2015 to redevelop the outdoor space at the Brown School, and work with the Superintendent of Schools, the Brown School Council and PTA, neighbors, and other stakeholders to improve the space. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| G. | Order
203698
(ID:16432) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD discuss options property owners have to split lots in residential neighborhoods. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| H. | Order
203981
(ID:16797) | By Ald. Niedergang, Davis
That the Director of SPCD develop a Memorial Bench Program for public parks, the Community Path and other public property, and report back to this Board by October 12, 2017. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| I. | Resolution
204533
(ID:17259) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Administration request that the developers of the long-vacant Cobble Hill Plaza update this Board on their plans. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| J. | Resolution
204851
(ID:17614) | By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne
That the Administration update this Board on its efforts to form an Office of Housing Stability, as recommended by the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group and mentioned in the Mayor's recent inaugural address. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| K. | Resolution
204863
(ID:17626) | By Ald. Clingan
That the Administration update this Board on the former Winter Hill Star Market and the associated lawsuit, as requested in #201772. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| L. | Order
204884
(ID:17651) | By Ald. Scott, and the Entire Board
That this Board explore establishing a community-based independent Community Land Trust that can purchase property in conjunction with non-profit organizations and private citizens, and make housing permanently affordable. |
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| M. | Order
204967
(ID:17711) | By Ald. Mbah
That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the street repaving schedule for 2018. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| N. | Resolution
205098
(ID:17857) | By Ald. Hirsch, Niedergang
That the Administration update this Board on opportunities for expanded advertisement of the city's tax deferral program, and other tools that may help seniors and homeowners on fixed incomes to achieve financial stability. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| O. | Order
205099
(ID:17858) | By Ald. Hirsch
That the Director of Libraries share his vision for neighborhood access to branch libraries and/or library services. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| P. | Officer's
Communication
205127
(ID:17832) | Director of SPCD responding to #203981 re: a memorial bench donation program. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Q. | Resolution
205245
(ID:17979) | By Ald. Clingan, and the Entire Board
Condemning the outsourcing of 100 medical coding jobs by Partners Healthcare to India, and requesting from Partners Healthcare how many of those jobs were based in Somerville and/or held by Somerville residents. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| R. | Order
205287
(ID:18061) | By Ald. Hirsch
That the Community Preservation Act Manager inform this Board whether or not small open spaces can be designated as publicly accessible open space in combination with an affordable housing or historic preservation funding allocation. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| S. | Officer's
Communication
205317
(ID:18003) | Director of Libraries responding to #205099 re: the Libraries' vision for neighborhood access to branch libraries and services. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| T. | Officer's
Communication
205676
(ID:18396) | Community Preservation Manager responding to #205287 re: current practices on designating open space in CPA affordable housing and historic resources projects. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

U. Order By Ald. Hirsch
 205931 That the Director of SPCD inform this Board of any plans to update the
 (ID:18698) Housing Needs Assessment.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

V. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Davis
 206057 That the Director of SPCD make the online decision/report database searchable
 (ID:18841) by applicant name.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

W. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
 206165 That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with an update on apartment
 (ID:18930) vacancies in the 100 Homes Program.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

40. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of
 206713 the Whole on September 20, 2018.
 (ID:19484)

Alderman Niedergang reported on the four items discussed at the meeting. First was the amendment or replacement of the current Condominium Conversion Ordinance. Asst. City Solicitor Dave Shapiro provided an update on relevant Superior Court cases. There have been lawsuits against the City claiming that the current Condominium Conversion Ordinance isn't legal. Mayor's Assistant Annie Connor said the Administration was putting together a webpage gathering all relevant condo conversion documents, at www.somervillema.gov/ccco. Next was the proposed ordinance to regulate recreational marijuana. Planner Alex Mello highlighted the key points, saying the Licensing Commission would be the licensing authority. Third, the Committee approved an ordinance requiring this Board's approval of certain real estate licenses entered into by the city for a term of more than 3 years. Finally, the Committee considered increasing the membership of the Redevelopment Authority from 5 to 7, with one new member, an Alderman, appointed by the President and the other new member appointed by the Mayor, subject to Board confirmation. The Committee asked the City Solicitor to draft an appropriate Home Rule Petition.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order By Ald. Davis, White Jr.
 203822 That this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters draft appropriate language
 (ID:16514) to require this Board's approval of certain licenses entered into by the City for a term of more than 3 years.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order By Ald. Rossetti
 206714 That the City Solicitor draft a Home Rule Petition to increase the membership
 (ID:19519) of the Somerville Redevelopment Authority from 5 to 7.

For the approved Home Rule Petition, see #206752.

RESULT: APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

41. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$7,350,000 in a bond
 206716 for the renovation/construction of the West Branch Library.
 (ID:19489)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

42. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a Confirmatory Reciprocal Easement over Block 11
 206715 in Assembly Square.
 (ID:19363)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

43. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Jorge Morel to the position of Police Officer.
 206717

(ID:19451)

Alderman Scott requested to waive the readings of items 43 through 46 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

44. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Christopher Allen to the Licensing
 206718 Commissioner.
 (ID:19488)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

45. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Eleanor Rances to the Housing Authority Board
 206719 of Commissioners.
 (ID:19423)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

46. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Paula Vancini to the Ethics Commission.
 206720

(ID:19424)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 47. | Officer's Communication
206721
(ID:19487) | City Solicitor requesting approval of Pierce Atwood as outside legal counsel.

Asst. City Solicitor Dave Shapiro asked the Board for authorization to appoint Pierce Atwood as outside legal counsel, to deal with environmental issues at Conway Park. Alderman Scott questioned the need for outside counsel, and Mayor's Asst. Annie Connors responded that immediate consideration is requested because their expertise is needed for the city to file certain reports.

RESULT: APPROVED |
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NEW BUSINESS

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| 48. | License/Permit
206722
(ID:19499) | Public Event License, HONK! Festival, Davis Sq area, Oct 5 2-9:30PM, Oct 6 10AM-10PM, Oct 7 10AM-2PM.

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 48 through 54 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED |
| 49. | License/Permit
206723
(ID:19500) | Public Event License, HONK! Festival Musicians Party, ArtFarm, Oct 6-7, 4PM-2AM.

RESULT: APPROVED |
| 50. | License/Permit
206724
(ID:19501) | Public Event License, SomerStreets Monster Mashed Up, Somerville Ave from Park St to Warren Ave, Oct 14, Noon-8PM (raindate Oct 28).

RESULT: APPROVED |
| 51. | License/Permit
206725
(ID:19502) | Public Event License, Boston-Prichard Block Party, Boston Ave from Kidder Ave to Prichard Ave, Oct 14, 3:30-6PM (raindate Oct 21).

RESULT: APPROVED |
| 52. | License/Permit
206726
(ID:19507) | Public Event License, Haunted Hall, City Hall Concourse, Oct 18, 5-8PM (raindate Oct 25).

RESULT: APPROVED |
| 53. | License/Permit
206727
(ID:19503) | Public Event License, Taza Chocolate Day of the Dead Celebration, Windsor Pl from Windsor St to Columbia St, Oct 27, 10AM-6PM (raindate Oct 28).

RESULT: APPROVED |
| 54. | License/Permit
206728
(ID:19504) | Public Event License, Lexington Ave Halloween Block Party, Lexington Ave from Willow Ave to Cedar St, Oct 31, 5-10PM.

RESULT: APPROVED |

55.	License/Permit 206729 (ID:19505)	Public Event License, Somerville Honor Run, Davis Sq area, Nov 11, 5AM-3PM.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
56.	License/Permit 206730 (ID:19506)	Public Event License, Boston Turkey Trot 8K Run, Assembly Row-Mystic Reservation, Nov 22, 4AM-Noon.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
57.	License/Permit 206731 (ID:19508)	Renewing Flammables License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St. Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 57 through 59 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.	RESULT: APPROVED
58.	License/Permit 206732 (ID:19509)	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Nine Bar Espresso, 11 Holland St.	RESULT: APPROVED
59.	License/Permit 206733 (ID:19510)	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, The Burren, 247 Elm St.	RESULT: APPROVED
60.	Public Communication 206735 (ID:19512)	Attorney Robert McLaughlin, Sr., submitting a court decision relevant to #206003, an Order of Taking for 90 Washington St.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
61.	License/Permit 206734 (ID:19511)	New Outdoor Seating License, Thai Massage, 55 Union Sq. President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 61 and place it on file with a copy to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.	RESULT: APPROVED
62.	Public Communication 206736 (ID:19513)	Eric Schwartz submitting comments re: #206285, a proposed Adult Use Marijuana Zoning Ordinance. President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 62 and place it on file with a copy to the Land Use Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

63. Public Communication 206737 (ID:19514) SMEA President Ed Halloran submitting comments re: #205501, an Administrative Order for the appointment of school physicians and nurses by the School Committee.

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 63 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

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

64. Communication 206738 (ID:19490) By Ald. Rossetti Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of September 24, 2018.

Alderman Rossetti reported that subcontractor final bids are still being analyzed. The Committee will receive an update at its October meeting. The project overall is still on time and on budget. Concrete footings will be installed in October/November, followed by steel framing in mid-December.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

65. Order 206739 (ID:19491) By Ald. Rossetti, Davis That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider placing traffic safety signage at the intersection of Willow Avenue, Broadway and Bristol Road.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

66. Order 206740 (ID:19523) By Ald. Rossetti That the City Clerk and/or the appropriate city staff, discuss with this Board the current event permit application process for public event street closures.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

67. Order 206741 (ID:19515) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, White Jr. That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board how a utility pole on Belmont Street, behind St. Catherine's Church, came down on September 23, 2018.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

68. Order 206742 (ID:19516) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board why a previous Order, #205803, regarding a dangerously curved utility pole on Belmont Street, has not been responded to.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

69. Resolution 206743 (ID:19527) By Ald. Ballantyne, Hirsch, and the Entire Board
Opposing a Federal Communications Commission Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order regarding Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment.

RESULT: APPROVED

70. Order 206744 (ID:19520) By Ald. Ballantyne, White Jr., Rossetti
That the City Solicitor appear before this Board on September 27, 2018 and explain how a City asset, and physical building, like the Homans Building, can be demolished without the approval of this Board.

Alderman White said he expects an explanation of how a structure under the control of this Board can be legally demolished without a Board vote. This matter was postponed to October 11.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen

71. Order 206745 (ID:19521) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Somerville Climate Coalition provide this Board with updates on their attempts to address climate change.

Alderman Ballantyne sponsored Leigh Meunier from the Climate Coalition of Somerville, who presented slides and information about how the City can address climate change.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

72. Order 206746 (ID:19522) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD, with the Finance and SomerStat Departments, construct modeling that demonstrates the likely economic impacts of various commercial types on commercial development, jobs, housing, and other factors, and advise if there should there be caps on any business type when in conflict with SomerVision's goals.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

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| 73. Mayor's Request
206747
(ID:19498) | Requesting the adoption of a New Zoning Ordinance (9/2018 update) to supersede the current Zoning Ordinance as originally adopted on March 23, 1990. |
| <p>Also referred to the Planning Board.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> | |
| 74. Mayor's Request
206748
(ID:19525) | Requesting the position of School Committee Members be classified as a Special Municipal Employees pursuant to MGL c268A. |
| <p>Assistant City Solicitor David Shapiro said the Board has been requested to designate the position of School Committee Member as a Special Municipal Employee. That would give members more flexibility to represent individuals or companies before city boards and departments on matters unrelated to the School Department. Members could also hold a second City position, if approved on a case-by-case basis by this Board.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 75. Mayor's Request
206749
(ID:17893) | Requesting a transfer of \$10,000 from the Housing Division Personal Services Account to the Housing Sustainability Division Ordinary Maintenance Account for department startup costs. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 76. Mayor's Request
206750
(ID:19453) | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$114.85 using available funds in the Personnel Department's Office Supplies Account for printer toner. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 77. Mayor's Request
206751
(ID:19452) | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$87 using available funds in the Personnel Office Supplies Account for printer toner. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 78. Officer's Communication
206752
(ID:19524) | Assistant City Solicitor submitting a Home Rule Petition that would increase the membership of the Redevelopment Authority from 5 to 7 members. |
| <p>For discussion of this item, see #206714 and #206581.</p> <p>Alderman White proposed amendments to make this item consistent with the Home Rule Petition on this subject that he recently submitted (see #206581).</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>AMENDED: Insert, after the first instance of "Board of Aldermen" the phrase "to serve coterminous with the term of the President" and insert, after the second instance of "Board of Aldermen" the phrase "to serve for a term of five years."</p> | |

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| 79. | Officer's
Communication
206753
(ID:19518) | Finance Director responding to #206385 Re: Projected State Aid.

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 79 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 80. | License/Permit
206754
(ID:19528) | Renewing Lodging House License, Theta Delta Chi, 123 Packard Ave.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |

LATE ITEMS

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| 81. | Officer's
Communication
206660
(ID:19432) | Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203822 re: regulating the length of real property license agreements.

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters pursuant to #206696.
RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 82. | Public
Communication
206755
(ID:19531) | Somerville Climate Coalition updating this Board on their attempts to address climate change, pursuant to #206745.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:40 PM.