

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2020, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 210127
 (ID:23015) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 210128
 (ID:23016) Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Tanya Schuman and Elizabeth Simione. Councilor McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for Norrinne Forster and for all persons who have passed away from COVID-19 and the families who have been affected by COVID-19.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 7, 2020.
 210129
 (ID:23017) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
 ABSENT: Clingan

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location 210130 (ID:22998)

Submitted by Eversource to install 25 feet of conduit in Smith Avenue from pole 525/1 to a point of pickup at 5 Smith Avenue.

The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until May 22, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council
5. Grant of Location 210131 (ID:22999)

Submitted by Eversource to install 46 feet of conduit in Prospect Street from pole 291/15 to a point of pickup at 109 Prospect Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Eversource representative Jackie Duffy described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until May 22, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council
6. Grant of Location 210132 (ID:23000)

Submitted by Verizon to install 130 feet of conduit in Broadway from existing manhole 333 to a new handhole at the intersection of Broadway and Boston Avenue.

The President opened the public hearing. Verizon representative Ross Bilodeau described the work to be completed. Councilor White discussed concerns with dead drops from disconnected communications services that remain connected to houses. He asked if Verizon is aware of these concerns and how they plan to address them. Mr. Bilodeau said he is unaware of these concerns and will follow up. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until May 22, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council
7. Grant of Location 210133 (ID:23001)

Submitted by Verizon to install 291 feet of conduit in South Street and Earle Street, from existing manhole 464 to a new manhole 44/464A, then to a point of pickup at the rear of 111 South Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Verizon representative Ross Bilodeau described the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President kept the public hearing open until May 22, 2020, so anyone who could not connect remotely would have an opportunity to testify.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

8. Order 210134 (ID:22986) By City Councilor Strezo, Ballantyne
That the Director of Communications create signage to post citywide reminding the public of the penalties and public health risks associated with COVID-19 for littering used masks, gloves and wipes.

Councilor Strezo requested that the Communications Department create a public campaign to address the littering of PPE (disposable masks, gloves and wipes) using community signage and social media platforms. If this material isn't cleaned up before rainfall it could affect the city's water. Councilor Clingan noted that he had requested that the DPW set out designated receptacles, but the DPW Commissioner had said it was a union issue. He expressed the need for the public to properly discard these items. Councilor Strezo said the litter is present around grocery stores and parking lots, and Councilor White suggested the Health Department ask businesses to install designated receptacles.

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

9. Order 210135 (ID:23005) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD and a representative from the MBTA discuss with the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, the plan to recapture the trees and green space lost after the decimation of the GLX forested corridor.

Councilor Ballantyne noted that trees and plants are very effective in fighting global warming. She will work with residents to recapture lost GLX trees and green space. Councilor Niedergang discussed areas where trees have been cut down, and Councilors Clingan and Mbah thanked her for addressing the problem.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

10. Resolution 210136 (ID:23006) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr., and the Mayor Supporting Somerville restaurants by capping fees charged by third party delivery services during the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said many businesses are dependent on third-party delivery services like GrubHub, UberEats and Doordash, which charge outrageous fees, up to 25%-30% per order. Many communities have capped such fees to protect local businesses that are already suffering due to COVID-19, but Somerville doesn't have the legal authority to do so, so he urged supporting HD.5054 to cap the fees statewide for the duration of the pandemic. He also encouraged ordering directly from restaurants instead of third-party services. Councilors Clingan and Davis said business owners are in favor of capping these fees. Councilor Ballantyne said she would file a late Order that the Communications Department urge residents to order directly from businesses. Councilor Davis noted that some third-party delivery services websites mimic the local business websites to draw traffic.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

12. License/Permit 209973 (ID:22787) New Extended Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 282 Somerville Avenue, for 24/7 operation for in-store and take-out service only.

Councilor Scott said he has been unsuccessful in speaking with the owner, and recommended the item be referred to Committee for follow-up.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

13. Grant of Location 209992 (ID:22858) Submitted by Eversource to install 56 feet of conduit in the intersection of Linden Avenue and Elm Street from Pole 112/6A to a point of pickup at 36 Elm Street.

Councilor White asked the City Clerk if any public comments had been received on this item, and was told none were. Councilor Niedergang said he had been in touch with the applicant, and this item was ready for approval.

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

14. Grant of Location 209997 (ID:22863) Submitted by Eversource to install 70 feet of conduit in Broadway from manhole #2572 to a new handhole in front of Trum Field.
- Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 14 and 15 and leave them on the table. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE**
FOLLOWUP: City Council
15. Grant of Location 209998 (ID:22864) Submitted by Eversource to install 80 feet of conduit in Broadway from manhole #2569 to a new handhole at the intersection of Broadway and Dexter Street.
- RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE**
FOLLOWUP: City Council
16. Order 210031 (ID:22884) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott, Rossetti, Davis, McLaughlin, Niedergang, White Jr., Hirsch, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Strezo That the Election Commissioner discuss mailing absentee applications to registered voters for the upcoming primary and general elections.
- Councilor Niedergang discussed Bill HD.5075, which addresses voting by mail. Three members of the City's state delegation have signed onto the bill, but many of the provisions in previous legislation have been removed, such as making Election Day a holiday. He encouraged the public to read the bill.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan
17. Grant of Location 210041 (ID:22959) Submitted by Comcast to install 6 feet of conduit in the intersection of Linwood and Poplar Streets, from an existing Comcast manhole to a new manhole, then continuing with another 46 feet of conduit to a point of pickup at 135 Linwood Street.
- Councilor White asked the City Clerk if any public comments had been received on items 17 to 20, and was told none were. He then requested to waive the readings and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan

18. Grant of Location 210042 (ID:22961) Submitted by Verizon to install 10 feet of conduit in Medford Street, from existing conduit near Ward Street to pole 228/8-1 near the rear of 39R Medford Street.

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

19. Grant of Location 210043 (ID:22962) Submitted by Verizon to install 10 feet of conduit in Medford Street, from Manhole #101 to existing conduit at the intersection of Medford Street and Bartlett Street.

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

20. Grant of Location 210044 (ID:22963) Submitted by Verizon to install 63 feet of conduit in Broadway, from Manhole #437 to an existing handhole near 546 Broadway.

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

21. Communication 210053 (ID:22951) By City Councilor Niedergang Reporting on the discussions and decisions of the Traffic Commission during the first four months of 2020.

Councilor Niedergang said the Commission revised the Residential Parking Permit rules, voted to reduce speed limits on Broadway, Cameron Avenue, Middlesex Avenue and Washington Street to 25 miles per hour, and designated 20 mile per hour safety zones in Union Square, Prospect Hill and Gilman Square. The Commission also removed parking spaces to enhance traffic safety, designated handicap parking and loading zones, extended school pickup zones, and made many more changes.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

22. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 210137 (ID:23009)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 6, 2020.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Councilor Scott said the Committee reviewed and took action on several items. The Mayor joined the meeting, and will join the next meeting to discuss the relief the City will receive resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee discussed this year’s budget review, and its plans to streamline the process. The public hearing for feedback regarding the budget will come early. The Committee will provide a summary of policy-driven issues and receive public feedback. The goal will be to agree on a collaborative budget with the Administration before the end of June deadline. Councilor Scott hopes to provide a detailed budget schedule in 10 days to the Councilors. Councilor Rossetti mentioned that she supports holding the public hearing before the Committee reviews the budget, but opposed an item funding design work at City Hall because it included no provisions for more parking.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |
| <p>B. Mayor's Request 208856 (ID:21577)</p> | <p>Requesting the repurposing of \$200,000 in CPA funds awarded to the City's Capital Project Division for the rehabilitation of City Hall.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |
| <p>C. Order 209922 (ID:22778)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of Finance prepare for this Council a year-to-date update on the E-911 Salaries Account.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |
| <p>D. Resolution 209937 (ID:22811)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Mbah
That the Administration provide financial relief to small businesses as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |

- E. Resolution 210054 (ID:22954) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Scott, Hirsch, Niedergang, Mbah, Ballantyne That the Administration appropriate funds from the dedicated Union Square Community Benefits Contributions to support two outside staff positions, one for job placement/workforce development services and one for local small business services, similar to the Community Benefits Agreement recommendations and now particularly urgent due to the COVID-19 crisis.

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

- F. Mayor's Request 210068 (ID:22893) Requesting approval of the attached Order of Taking of 31 Tufts Street.

Councilor Strezio requested more information. Councilor McLaughlin responded this is regarding vacant land next to the affordable housing development. The plan is to build more affordable housing on the vacant land the City is acquiring.

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

- G. Mayor's Request 210070 (ID:22950) Requesting the transfer of \$94,015 from the Parking Department Repairs to Highway Account to the IAM Engineering Division Repairs to Highway Account, to provide pavement marking services.

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

23. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210138 (ID:23007) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on April 30, 2020.

Councilor Davis noted the Committee made revisions to the Stormwater and Engineering Ordinances. The goal is to create a robust Stormwater Ordinance that is good for the environment and compliant with the EPA. The Committee looked at an ordinance for pollution mitigation in new housing built along transit roads and highways, and is waiting on a response from the City Solicitors Office on possible regulations for certain require pollution control measures.

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

24. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 210139 (ID:23010) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 7, 2020.

Councilor Davis said the Committee has begun work on a backlog of legislative matters. The Committee passed amendments to the city’s Stormwater and Engineering Ordinances, as well as its Condominium Conversion Ordinance. It reviewed but took no action on the Demolition Ordinance and the Adult Use Cannabis Ordinance. He encouraged the public to view the minutes online.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
AMENDED: #205833 was replaced by #210146, which was Ordained. #210067 was replaced by #210166, which was Ordained.

B. Order 205833 (ID:18610) By City Councilor Rossetti That the Directors of Capital Projects and Engineering work with the City Solicitor to craft a DEP-required Storm Water Ordinance as discussed at the April 16, 2015 meeting of the Legislative Matters Committee.

This item was replaced by #210146, which was Ordained.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

C. Mayor's Request 210067 (ID:22634) Requesting approval of amendments to the Condominium/Cooperative Conversion Ordinance with the specific amended language attached.

This item was replaced by #210166, which was Ordained.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

25. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 210140 (ID:23008) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 4, 2020.

Councilor Davis noted that the Covid-19 slides viewed by the Committee are available online for the public. The Committee discussed the impacts of enforcing the Mask Requirements Order with possible fines, and the Administration said they would continue following the CDC’s advice and encourage the public to comply with all safety precautions.

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

26. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
210141
(ID:23011)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 11, 2020.</p> | <p>Councilor Davis noted the Committee report is available online. The city is making tests available to everyone and there is no shortage of available tests. Residents must schedule an appointment to get tested.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>B. Resolution
210001
(ID:22875)</p> | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Administration take measures to ensure that first responders and essential personnel are prioritized for COVID-19 testing for personal and public safety purposes.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>C. Resolution
210047
(ID:22906)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Mbah
That the Administration update this Council on what is being done to help communities of color during this COVID-19 pandemic.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>D. Resolution
210048
(ID:22907)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Mbah, Ballantyne
That the Administration update this Council on what is being done to help the homeless, who are most at risk during this COVID-19 pandemic.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>E. Order
210115
(ID:22974)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Administration's weekly update on COVID-19 include a dedicated update from the Police Department on the implementation of the mandatory mask policy, and what steps are being taken to ensure that enforcement is fair and unbiased.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

- F. Order 210124 (ID:22980) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of the Council on Aging provide this Council with updates and ways to help seniors living in our community.

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

27. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 210142 (ID:23012) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on May 13, 2020.

Councilor Niedergang noted the Committee heard an update from the Director of Mobility on that Division’s activities. Traffic and parking issues have disappeared since the COVID-19 outbreak, but the Division’s design and construction work continues. Most construction projects are small due to impending budget restraints and the main priorities are quick build solutions. The Division is reviewing the Powderhouse Boulevard Protected Bicycle Lane project concept.

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

- B. Order 204874 (ID:17641) By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking publish de-identified parking permit data in the city’s open data portal so as to permit community analysis and discussion of issues related to the supply and demand of parking.

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

- C. Order 204965 (ID:17709) By City Councilor Mbah, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr., Hirsch That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a crosswalk at Woods Avenue and Route 16.

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

- D. Resolution 205700 (ID:18530) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Administration report on the feasibility of giving parking permits to cars that are part of car-share programs and housed in Somerville for an extended period of time.

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

- E. Resolution 205936 (ID:18703) By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Administration work with this Board on a fund for traffic calming and pedestrian/transit infrastructure pilot projects through such sources as demand pricing for meters in business districts and the creation of incentives for residents to forgo residential permits so as to create more business permits.

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

- F. Order 206778 (ID:19564) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Engineering work with the Ward 3 Alderman to use \$75,000 contributed by the 125 Lowell developers, to enhance traffic calming in the vicinity.

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

- G. Order 207660 (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.

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

- H. Resolution 208334 (ID:21147) By City Councilor Scott
That the Vision Zero Task Force provide the City Council with an update on its activities.

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

- I. Order 209372 (ID:22216) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah
That the Director of SPCD prepare a plan for congestion pricing tolls to address traffic and air pollution.

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

J. 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.

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

K. Order 209657 (ID:22551) By City Councilor Niedergang
That this Council's Committee on Traffic and Parking provide feedback on SomerVision 2040's chapter on Mobility.

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

L. Officer's Communication 209774 (ID:22576) Director of SomerStat responding to #204874 re: publishing de-identified parking permit data.

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

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

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

N. Order 209806 (ID:22735) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD inform this Council about who is planning the traffic management for the GLX stations at Lowell Street and at Ball Square, and the timeline for any infrastructure and streetscape work that may be necessary.

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

O. Order 210051 (ID:22952) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne
That the Director of Mobility update this Council on that Division's work over the past few months and plans for the rest of the spring and summer.

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

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 28. | Mayor's Request
210143
(ID:22944) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$76,000 from the Wynn/Encore Small business Assistance Stabilization fund to pay for technical assistance for small businesses impacted by COVID-19. | <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">RESULT:</td> <td>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOLLOWUP:</td> <td>Finance Committee</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION | FOLLOWUP: | Finance Committee |
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| 29. | Mayor's Request
210144
(ID:22399) | Requesting approval to create the Alpine Street Stabilization fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$10,000 from 2-13 Alpine St. LLC for Open Space improvements. | <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">RESULT:</td> <td>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOLLOWUP:</td> <td>Finance Committee</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION | FOLLOWUP: | Finance Committee |
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| 30. | Mayor's Request
210145
(ID:23013) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Joseph P. Lynch, Jr., to the Licensing Commission. | <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">RESULT:</td> <td>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOLLOWUP:</td> <td>Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION | FOLLOWUP: | Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
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COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 31. | Officer's Communication
210146
(ID:23018) | Assistant City Solicitor submitting amendments to the ordinances in Chapter 11, Articles VI-Engineering and VII-Sewers, pursuant to the Legislative Matters Committee's recommendations on 5/7/20. | <p>For discussion of this item see #205833.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">RESULT:</td> <td>ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AYES:</td> <td>Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] | AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| RESULT: | ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | |
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| 32. | Officer's Communication
210147
(ID:22985) | City Clerk informing this Council that Councilor at Large Kristen E. Strezo was administered the oath of office on May 4, replacing former Councilor at Large Stephanie Hirsch, who resigned on April 30. | <p>Councilor McLaughlin welcomed Councilor Strezo to her first City Council meeting.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">RESULT:</td> <td>PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AYES:</td> <td>Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] | AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | |
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| 33. | Officer's Communication
210148
(ID:23004) | Director of the Council on Aging submitting a response to #210124 with an update on assistance to senior residents in this time of COVID-19. | <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">RESULT:</td> <td>PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AYES:</td> <td>Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</td> </tr> </table> | RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] | AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 34. License/Permit
210149
(ID:22990) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Milltown Plumbing and Heating. | <p>Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 34 to 45 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 35. License/Permit
210150
(ID:22988) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Borges Sewer and Drain. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 36. License/Permit
210151
(ID:22989) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, LVMJ Corporation. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 37. License/Permit
210152
(ID:22995) | Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 38. License/Permit
210153
(ID:22993) | Renewing Garage License, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 39. License/Permit
210154
(ID:22991) | Renewing Garage License, Boston Sand and Gravel, 492 Rutherford Ave. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 40. License/Permit
210155
(ID:22992) | Renewing Garage License, M. Korson and Company, 91 Washington St. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

41. License/Permit 210156 (ID:22994)	Renewing Garage License, BBC Auto Repair, 42 Joy St.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
42. License/Permit 210157 (ID:22996)	Renewing Garage License, Partners HealthCare System, 399 Revolution Dr.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
43. License/Permit 210158 (ID:23002)	Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Domino's Pizza, 201 Elm St.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
44. License/Permit 210159 (ID:22997)	Renewing Livery License, Mass Cab, 45 Endicott Ave.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
45. License/Permit 210160 (ID:22987)	Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Flatbread Company at Sacco's Bowl Haven, 45 Day St.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
46. Public Communication 210161 (ID:23014)	Chamber of Commerce submitting comments re: #204278, the Demolition Review ordinance.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

47. Order 210162 (ID:23020) By City Councilor Rossetti, Niedergang, Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Inspectional Services explain why Stop Work Orders are not accompanied by a fine.

Councilor Rossetti discussed a case that started in 2017. She learned that fines were only assessed in the last few months, and multiple stop-work orders were issued with no fines assessed. Councilor Niedergang noted he spent a lot of time dealing with developers and there are many issues with inspectional services. He thanked Councilor Rossetti for bringing this item before the Council.

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

48. Communication 210163 (ID:23023) By City Councilor McLaughlin In his capacity as President, conveying information regarding appointments.

Councilor McLaughlin said he spoke to a member of the Appointments Advisory Committee on how it screens applicants for recommendation to the Mayor. He said they use a good process, better than what was done before. The details are in this communication. With respect to the Planning Board, he asked the Mayor to re-open the application process, and he encouraged the public to submit applications. Councilor Scott asked if an alternate Planning Board member could apply for a full membership, and Councilor McLaughlin replied that it would be possible, on the Mayor's recommendation.

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

49. Communication 210164 (ID:23022) By City Councilor McLaughlin In his capacity as President, conveying information regarding the reopening of schools.

Councilor McLaughlin stated there is a lot of uncertainty regarding the re-opening of the schools at this time due to COVID-19. The School Department has drafted its own guidance policies, and is waiting for State guidance. He encouraged the public to read the Communication.

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

50. Communication By City Councilor McLaughlin
210165
(ID:23021) In his capacity as President, conveying an update on the School Committee's negotiations with Somerville Teachers Association Unit C Paraprofessionals.

Councilor McLaughlin noted that the School Committee decided to withdraw the offer made to the Teachers Union Paraprofessionals, due to budget uncertainties caused by COVID-19. He encouraged the public to read the Communication.

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

51. Mayor's Request
210166
(ID:23019) Submitting amendments to the Condominium/Cooperative Conversion Ordinance as approved by the Legislative Matters Committee on 5/7/20.

For discussion of this item see #210067.

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

52. Mayor's Request
210167
(ID:23003) Requesting approval to create the Union Square Community Benefits Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$214,000 from the US2 Master Developer escrow account for Covid-19 pandemic-related economic relief efforts.

Councilor Scott noted this was a payment placed in escrow which will be used to create two RFPs for Community Partner positions.

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

53. Mayor's Request
210168
(ID:22891) Requesting acceptance of a \$325,000 grant with no new match required, from the MBTA for public safety emergency first responder costs.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

LATE ITEMS

54. Ordinance
210169
(ID:23024) By City Councilor McLaughlin Proposing an amendment to the Zoning Map, to rezone 31 Tufts Street to the Urban Residence District.

Also referred to the Planning Board.

Councilor McLaughlin noted this item is related to a Tufts Street development. Councilor Ewen-Campen commented that it will appear on the agenda for a joint public hearing with the Planning Board next Tuesday, along with map amendments that were submitted by property owners.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

55. Order 210170 (ID:23025) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Communications and the Director of Economic Development publicize that one of the best ways to support small businesses offering take-out service is to call them directly to place an order, and pick it up instead of using third party delivery services, to help save them unwanted costs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For discussion of this item, see #210136.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:00 PM.