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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 22, 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.			
210732 (ID:23631) RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE		

2. Remembrances 210733 (ID:23632)	Remembrances.	
		Councilor Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for John Corcoran. Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Sybil Falk Sermos. RESULT: APPROVED
3.	Minutes	Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 24, 2020.

(ID:23633)	RESULT:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
(10.23033)	AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
		Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Resolution 210735 (ID:23610)
4. Resolution By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Strezo, Niedergang, Clingan, Rossetti, Ballantyne, Mbah, White Jr., Davis, Scott Supporting the Guaranteed Housing Stability Act (H.5018/S.2918), to prevent a wave of evictions in Massachusetts in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Councilor Ewen-Campen explained that the Governor has decided to end the eviction moratorium that has been in place since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, although the severity of the situation has not subsided. Up to 80,000 households will have trouble meeting their financial needs. These bills would provide safeguards to prevent the eviction of those faced with hardships. Two speakers, Nicole Eigbrett and Cecilia Morales, related their personal experiences regarding housing. Councilor Clingan commended them for exposing some of the techniques used to force people from their apartments. Councilor Strezo said this will be addressed in the Housing and Community Development Committee. Councilor Scott urged support of this resolution and the city's efforts to assist in housing stability. Councilor Mbah underscored that residents should reach out to Council members for assistance.

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

5.Order
210736By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Mbah
That the City Solicitor draft an Ordinance banning the use of tear gas by the
Police Department and other law enforcement agencies operating in
Somerville.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said he has asked the Administration for the city's policy on this subject and has yet to receive it.

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

Resolution 210737
 (ID:23612)
 By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Davis, Mbah, Scott, Clingan That the Administration submit to this Council the Surveillance Technology Impact Reports that are required by the Surveillance Oversight Ordinance, which went into effect on Oct 15, 2020, and which gives this Council 60 days to review and vote on proposed surveillance technologies.

Councilor Ewen-Campen stated that even after delaying the reporting due date, only 4 reports have been received. He noted that the COVID-19 excuse is wearing thin.

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

7. Order 210738 (ID:23621)		By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD report to this Council, no later than December 22, 2020, the Administration's response to the traffic calming petition submitted by 10 residents of Rogers Avenue between Kidder Avenue and Boston Avenue/Broadway.		
		RESULT: AYES: FOLLOWUP:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne Traffic and Parking Committee	
8. Order 210739 (ID:23620)		That the Director of Management urge nearby, as identified	Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Strezo of Engineering and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Eversource to fix gas leaks at 721 Somerville Avenue and ed by HEET, and appear with Eversource staff at the next uncil's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to	
			rgang explained that the escaping methane is harming trees. on has assured him they would do what they could. APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne Public Utilities and Public Works Committee	
9. Resolution 210740 (ID:23622)		Niedergang, Rosse Supporting passage protection of abort	Strezo, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, tti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. e of the ROE Act (S.1209/H.3320) and committing to the ion rights, access to reproductive health care, and an o make reproductive decisions about one's own body.	
		human right and to do what they v	said this resolution recognizes health care as a fundamental it should be validated that it's up to families and individuals vant with their bodies. Massachusetts does not allow late r abnormalities and Councilor Strezo believes that to be a	
		RESULT:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]	
		AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	

10. Resolution By City Councilor Mbah, Ballantyne, Clingan, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen 210741 That the Administration appear before this Council to give a report on the (ID:23623) Public School building reopening plans. Councilor Mbah asked why Somerville's plan to re-open school buildings is different from our neighboring cities. He sponsored Dr. Elizabeth Pinsky, who said Mayor Curtatone's decision to keep schools closed into December was not in line with any recognized data. He also sponsored Dr. Lauren Hanley, who spoke about the harm being done to students by keeping the schools closed, which may become irreversible. Councilor Niedergang spoke about the number of parents who share the speakers' concerns, and said the School Committee should control when the school buildings open. Councilor Scott said while stricter protocols are not necessarily a bad thing, the Mayor is somewhat cavalier with his engagement with the population and his regard for public process. Councilor Davis said that he has faith in the School Committee to deal with school matters. Councilor Rossetti asked for an Administration comment on this item tonight. President McLaughlin said that the Administration will be requesting funding to make the schools safe for students. This concerned Councilor Rossetti because of the time it takes to address financial matters. Councilor Ballantyne said that Incident Commander Omar Boukili told her that numbers would be made available as soon as possible. **RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED.** [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne Insert "Public School" to specify which building re-**AMENDED:** opening plans are requested. Public Health and Public Safety Committee FOLLOWUP: 11. Order By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Scott, 210742 Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr. (ID:23624) That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance similar to Boston's PILOT ordinance, formalizing payments in lieu of taxes to create a fair and transparent system of taxation for large tax-exempt non-profit organizations. Councilor McLaughlin spoke about PILOT agreements and the one-to-one negotiations involved. He sponsored Marianne Walles, who spoke about the lack of a system to calculate the payment amount, and asked that the City Council adopt a transparent plan to make payments more realistic. **RESULT: APPROVED.** [UNANIMOUS] AYES:

AYES:Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, BallantyneFOLLOWUP:Legislative Matters Committee

12.	Resolution 210743		Scott, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Mbah ss to create the Somerville Community Safety Coalition.
	(ID:23625)	Councilor Scott explained that this discussion began during the recent budget sessions and it can't wait for someone else to re-imagine policing, so he is proposing a method to begin the process for change. He sponsored Sarah Courtney, a licensed social worker, who advocated for quality mental health and asked the city to utilize the Sequential Intercept Model to divert certain groups of people out of the criminal justice system and into a mental healthcare system. Councilor Scott asked councilors to review the documents submitted along with this item. Councilor Strezo asked about a possible timeline and Ms. Courtney replied that it could take about a year to get to the RFP stage. Councilor Ballantyne asked how the CORE program differs, and Ms. Courtney elaborated on the differences.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
		AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
		FOLLOWUP:	Public Health and Public Safety Committee
13. Order 210744 (ID:23626)			Scott of Parking address this Council regarding enforcement nt Permit Parking and other regulations during the Covid-19
		Councilor Scott r RESULT:	requested some clarity on parking enforcement policies. APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
		AYES: FOLLOWUP:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne Traffic and Parking Committee
14.	Order 210745 (ID:23627)	That the Commissi collection bins in r	Scott, McLaughlin, Clingan, Mbah ioner of Public Works address the fragility of the trash elation to the rat population and inform this Council as to ature of the contract providing said bins to the City.
		received numeror	stated that there has been a resurgence of rats and he has us inquiries about how to replace the trash bins. He would v long the trash bin contract was for.
		RESULT:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
		AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
		FOLLOWUP:	Rodent Issues Special Committee

15. Communication By City Councilor Rossetti

210746 (ID:23609)	Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of October 1 2020.		
	occupancy of l	setti reported that the project is on target with an expected December 1 for the new wing. COVID-19 related expenses 500,000 and there is about \$500,000 available for	
	RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]	
	AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16.Resolution
210586
(ID:23470)By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Mayor update this Council, in Executive Session, on alleged
suspicious activity in the DPW Fleet yard in March of 2020.

RESULT:	LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP:	City Council

17. Communication By City Councilor Strezo
 210692 Reporting on the demographic breakdown of employees in the E-911 dispatch,
 (ID:23549) Fire Alarm dispatch, and Constituent Services Departments.

RESULT:	LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP:	City Council

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

18. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on October 20, 2020. A. Report Councilor Scott reported on the meeting. Councilor Ballantyne commented 210747 on statements made by Finance Director Ed Bean that the city's cash flow (ID:23630) was good, and expressed her opposition to artificial turf at Conway Park. Votes were taken to approve 2 bonds and a 5-year lease for IT upgrades. Councilor White moved for reconsideration of the 2 bond votes in the hope that it does not prevail. Reconsideration was approved with 9 Councilors in favor, Councilor Strezo opposed, and Councilor Mbah recused. The bonds were then reconsidered individually with no Councilor changing his or her vote and Councilor Mbah remaining recused on the Conway Park bond. APPROVED. [10 TO 0] **RESULT:** AYES: Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne **RECUSED:** Mbah

B. Mayor's Request			ropriation and authorization to borrow \$6,086,250 in a bond and renovation of Conway Park.
210645 (ID:23440)	RESULT: AYES: NAYS: RECUSED:	APPROVED. [8 TO 2] Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis Scott, Ballantyne Mbah	
C.		Urban Forestry Co of Conway Park.	mmittee conveying a statement on the planned remediation
	210662 (ID:23535)	RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
D.	Mayor's Request		ropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,440,000 in a bond and construction of the West Branch Library.
210698 (ID:23557)		RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
E. Mayor's Request 210699 (ID:23561)		available funds in	al to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$36,000 using the DPW Fleet Division Professional and Technical unt for Stoneham Motor Company, for the rental of plow
		RESULT:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
		AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
F.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approvupgrades.	al of a 5-year Lease to procure equipment for IT network
210704 (ID:23570)	210704 (ID:23570)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
G. Mayor's Request			al of a time-only contract extension for Design Technique ministration at the West Branch Library through 4/30/21.
	210705 (ID:23554)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
H.	Mayor's Request		al of a time-only extension for Designlab for construction ne West Branch Library until 4/30/21.
210706 (ID:23555)	210706	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

I. Public 2 residents submitting comments re: #210645, Conway Park remediation and Communication renovation. 210728 **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED (ID:23599) J. Order By City Councilor Rossetti 210748 That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Council with a report of (ID:23666) total known expenses for FY19, FY20 and FY21 to date. **RESULT: APPROVED.** [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne Finance Committee FOLLOWUP:

19. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A.	Committee Report 210749 (ID:23628)	Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on October 13, 2020.		
		briefly about th	en-Campen reported on the Committee meeting and spoke ne Affordable Housing Overlay District, for which there will uring on November 19.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]	
		AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
B.	Order 207172 (ID:20005)	That the Director other policies for	or Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board r of SPCD work with this Board to create overlay districts or r "Opportunity Zones" in order to maximize community ed by developments in these areas.	
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
C.	Resolution 209222 (ID:22005)		or Rossetti stration advise the Committee on Land Use how compliance and will be monitored and enforced post-certificate of	
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
D.	Order 210294 (ID:23166)	That the Land U	or White Jr., Ballantyne, Strezo, Rossetti, Mbah, Davis se Committee review the proposed amendment to Zoning 2.b.iii when developing its own proposal to amend that	
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
E.			submitting comments re: #210364, to re-zone six parcels along between School Street and Marshall Street.	
	210677 (ID:225.48)	RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	

(ID:23548)

20.	TRAFFIC AN	D PARKING COMM	ITTEE	
A.	Committee	Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on October 14, 2020.		
	Report 210750 (ID:23629)	the parking task f bike lanes and ac	gang reported on the Committee meeting and spoke about orce, 'Don't Block the Box', interim crosswalk painting, cident reporting, blocked bike lanes and the Holland venue improvement project. APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]	
		AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
B.	Order 201993 (ID:14663)		Ballantyne f Traffic and Parking stripe street arrows for Teele Square, d on Broadway, at the intersection of Broadway and Route	
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
C.	Resolution 202105 (ID:14792)	and/or other measu	Davis, Niedergang ation develop a process for interim crosswalk painting res to protect pedestrians when road work or other the immediate re-striping of road markings.	
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
 D. Order By City Councilor Davis 204791 That the Commissioner of Public Works and/or the Director of (ID:17515) Parking install a second crosswalk at the intersection of Collection Kidder Avenue and Summit Street, with additional pedestriar 		oner of Public Works and/or the Director of Traffic and		
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
E.	Order 204890 (ID:17658)		Ballantyne f Traffic and Parking install signs on the eastbound side of ct traffic on Victoria Street, Garrison Avenue and Farragut	
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
205197That the(ID:17970)161 and			McLaughlin f Traffic and Parking Place a NO PARKING sign between way, between the bus stop and the metered spot, to increase	
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	

G.	Order 206178	That the Chief of Police enforce the state law requiring a white light	
(ID:18945)			and a red reflector or light on the back when operated from a- nset to a half-hour before sunrise.
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
H.	Order 206202 (ID:18992)		or Hirsch of Traffic and Parking share how it enforces the prohibition s parked in bus lanes and bike lanes.
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
I.	I. Order 206693 (ID:19468) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD or the Director of Traffic and Parking alter cycle of the traffic signals at Lowell Street and Highland Avenue AS allow more time for vehicles to turn onto Highland Avenue from Low Street, especially during the morning rush hour, to alleviate the traffic on Hudson Street when the Cedar Street/Highland Avenue intersection closed for construction.		of SPCD or the Director of Traffic and Parking alter the ic signals at Lowell Street and Highland Avenue ASAP to for vehicles to turn onto Highland Avenue from Lowell during the morning rush hour, to alleviate the traffic backup t when the Cedar Street/Highland Avenue intersection is
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
J. Order By City Councilor Ewen-Campen 206776 That the Director of Engineering consider using colored a (ID:19562) paint, for bike lanes.		of Engineering consider using colored asphalt rather than	
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
		That the Chief of Highland Avenue	or Ewen-Campen Police enforce the speed limit on Sycamore Street, between e and Medford Street, and inform the Ward 3 Alderman on the
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
L.	Order 207281 (ID:20084)		or Ewen-Campen of SPCD work with the Ward 3 Alderman to address long- ion at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Hamlet Street.
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
M.	Order 207463 (ID:20254)	By City Councilor McLaughlin, Hirsch That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain the recent addition of NO PARKING signs on Glen Street and remove them if there is no practical reas for them.	
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED

N.	Order 207894 (ID:20700)	By City Councilor Davis That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor on the timeframe for acquiring new signal switching equipment to allow additional traffic/pedestrian cycles in Davis Square.	
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	
0.	Order 207917 (ID:20774)	By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of Traffic and Parking implement traffic calming measures on Avon Street.	
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	
P.	Order 208031 (ID:20835)	By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch, Rossetti That the Director of SPCD use the \$220,000 in traffic mitigation funds paid by Maxwell's Green in 2011 for traffic calming on Lowell Street, between Highland Avenue and Albion Street, by constructing a traffic-calming table at the Albion Street crosswalk.	
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	
Q.	Order 208252 (ID:21083)	By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD perform traffic volume and speed studies on Summit Avenue and Boston Street during morning and evening rush hours and report the findings to the Ward 3 City Councilor.	
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	
R.	Order 208823 (ID:21643)	By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang That the Director of SPCD provide information about ensuring that pedestrians on the Community Path can travel safely given the sometimes high speeds and volume of bicycles or scooters.	
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	
208826That the Director of SPCI(ID:21646)Bicycle Friendly Commu		By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD provide an update on progress made on the 2017 Bicycle Friendly Community report card, including plans for actions steps on metrics where Somerville lags other communities.	
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	
T.	Order 208891	By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of SPCD deploy traffic calming measures on Jacques Street.	
	(ID:21708)	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	

U.	Order 208921 (ID:21744)	By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD schedule a meeting with the residents of Partridge Avenue who filed a traffic calming petition, or respond to them with a written communication.	
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	
V.	Order 209189 (ID:22047)	By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Parking install the respective missing street signs at the intersection of North Street and Powderhouse Blvd.	
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	
W. Order 209421 (ID:22260)		By City Councilor Niedergang, Clingan That the Director of SPCD implement traffic-calming measures for Central Street between Highland Avenue and Broadway as soon as possible, since traffic has increased dramatically with the Broadway reconfiguration, and will increase even more with the coming School Street closure.	
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	
X.	Order 209648 (ID:22542)	By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD use the \$220,000 in traffic mitigation funds paid by Maxwell's Green in 2011 for a traffic-calming table on Lowell Street at the Albion Street crosswalk. (3rd request)	
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	
(ID:22638) mitigate delivery trucks' use of bike lanes and cycling trad		By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott That the Director of SPCD and the Chief of Police discuss what can be done to mitigate delivery trucks' use of bike lanes and cycling tracks as parking when making deliveries.	
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	
Z.	Order 210479 (ID:23370)	By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of SPCD deploy traffic calming measures to reduce speeding vehicles on Heath Street from Moreland to Temple Streets, on Sycamore Street from Medford Street to Broadway, and on Shore Drive from Rts 16 to 38.	
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	
AA.	Order 210500 (ID:23383)	By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott, Strezo, Mbah That the Chief of Police, the Director of Parking and the Director of SPCD discuss enforcement to eliminate delivery and other vehicles from parking on the Beacon Street cycle track, in order to provide a safe biking route for bicyclists.	
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	

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AB.	Order 210542 (ID:23425)	That the Director of	Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne, Mbah of SPCD update this Council on the plans and process for the College Avenue mobility improvements.
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
AC.	Order 210673 (ID:23539)	By City Councilor That the Director of that began last yea	of SPCD update this Council on the citywide parking study
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
	COMMUNICA	TIONS OF THE N	IAYOR
21.	Mayor's Request 210751	available funds in	val to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$473.54 using the Health & Human Services Supply Account for rs Market bags and folders for a training.
	(ID:23597)	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Finance Committee
22.	Mayor's Request 210752 (ID:23569)	Requesting the app award to the Some	proval for a change in the scope of the CPA FY16 and FY19 arville Museum.
		Councilor White RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	recused. REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Finance Committee
23.	Mayor's Request		nation of the appointment of Christine Stone to the elopment Authority.
	210753 (ID:23575)	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

Officer's Special Counsel submitting a Home Rule Petition to permit Cambridge to Communication provide, at no cost to Somerville, snow plowing and removal, water, storm vater drainage, sanitary sewer, police, fire, and other emergency services to the Somerville building in the development known as Cambridge Crossing.

RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP:	Finance Committee

25.	Officer's	City Clerk requesting approval of his Public Official's Bond.	
	Communication 210755	RESULT:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
	(ID:23651)	AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen Campon, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
			Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

26.		Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #s 210452 and 210472, 2 requests for zoning map amendments.	
	210756 (ID:23607)	RESULT: AYES: FOLLOWUP:	PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne Land Use Committee
27.		Licensing Commis in the coming year	sion conveying its policy for outdoor seating for restaurants.
	210757 (ID:23656)	RESULT: AYES:	PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
	NEW BUSINES	S	
28.		Renewing Drainlay	yer's License, Tascon Corp.
	210758 (ID:23649)	Councilor White 48.	moved to waive the readings and approve items 28 through
		RESULT:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
		AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
29.		Renewing Flamma	bles License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.
	210759 (ID:23645)	RESULT:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
		AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
30.	License/Permit 210760 (ID:23644)	Renewing Flamma	bles License, Trum Field Sunoco, 541 Broadway.
		RESULT:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
		AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
31.		Renewing Garage	License, Barnes and Walsh, 224 Somerville Ave.
	210761 (ID:23653)	RESULT:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
	()	AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
32.	License/Permit	Renewing Taxi Me	edallion License, Somerville Transportation, Med #69,71.
	210762 (ID:23655)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
			Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

33.	License/Permit 210763 (ID:23634)	Small Wireless Facility License, Extenet Systems attaching small cell equipment on a replacement pole near 278 Broadway.		
		RESULT:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]	
		AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
34.		Renewing Outdoo	or Seating License, Thai Massage, 55 Union Sq.	
	210764 (ID:23646)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
35.		Renewing Outdoo	or Seating License, When Pigs Fly, 241 Elm St.	
	210765 (ID:23647)	RESULT:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]	
	(ID.23047)	AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
36.		Renewing Used C	Car Dealers License Class 2, DM Auto Body, 48 Joy St.	
	210766 (ID:23582)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,	
			Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
37.	License/Permit	Renewing Used C	Car Dealers License Class 2, Teele Sq Auto, 1284 Broadway.	
	210767 (ID:23637)	RESULT:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]	
	(ID.23037)	AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
38.	License/Permit 210768 (ID:23638)	Renewing Used C Washington St.	Car Dealers License Class 2, Union Gulf Service, 231	
	(ID.23038)	RESULT:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]	
		AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
39.		Renewing Used C	Car Dealers License Class 2, United Motors, 188 Broadway.	
	210769 (ID:23639)	RESULT:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]	
	(11).23039)	AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	

40.	License/Permit 210770 (ID:23640)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Enterprises, 308 McGrath Hwy.		
		RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
41.	License/Permit 210771	Renewing Used Ca Washington St.	r Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Enterprises, 182	
	(ID:23641)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
42.	License/Permit 210772	Renewing Used Ca Hwy.	r Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Towing, 160 McGrath	
	(ID:23642)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
43.	License/Permit	Renewing Used Ca	r Dealers License Class 2, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St.	
	210773 (ID:23643)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
44.	License/Permit 210774 (ID:23650)	Renewing Used Ca Washington St.	r Dealers License Class 2, Somerville Motors, 182	
		RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
45.	License/Permit 210775 (ID:23652)	Renewing Used Ca Somerville Ave.	r Dealer's Class 2 License, Barnes and Walsh, 224	
		RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
46.	License/Permit 210776	Renewing Used Ca Columbia St.	r Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480	
	(ID:23635)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,	
			Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	

47.	210777	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 0 Windsor St.		
	(ID:23636)	RESULT:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]	
		AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
48.	210778	Renewing Used Car Columbia St.	r Dealers License Class 3, Ed's Used Auto Parts, 516	
	(ID:23648)	RESULT:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]	
		AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
49.	Public Communication 210779 (ID:23654)		ng comments re: #210645, Conway Park remediation and PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
	SUPPLEMENT	AL ITEMS	Liven Cumpen, Chingan, Medergang, Duvis, Danakyne	
50.	Communication 210780	By City Councilor S Reporting on the Cl		
	(ID:23657)	Reopening protoc YMCA programs	reported on a recent meeting of the Children's Cabinet. ols were discussed as well as COVID-19 matters and for youths. The Head Start program is open with a hybrid Strezo noted that there has been difficulty acquiring students' use. PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]	

		AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
51.	Order 210781 (ID:23667)	By City Councilor Strezo That the Director of Health and Human Services appear before this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss the Teen Snow Shoveling Program for the 2020-2021 winter season.		
1 0		commented that this program was downgraded last winter n interest. She would like to know what plans are in place		
		RESULT:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]	
		AYES:	Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
		FOLLOWUP:	Housing and Community Development Committee	

(ID:23668) size of ground floor commercial spaces produced by development, to	That the Director of SPCD present zoning recommendations addressing the size of ground floor commercial spaces produced by development, to ensure that street level development in certain areas maintains multiple smaller-sized		
Councilor Davis said he has been working with Planner Dan Bartma draft a proposal on this matter for the Land Use Committee's consid RESULT:APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]AYES:Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Stresco, White Jr.,	eration.		
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ball FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee	antyne		
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	That the Director of SPCD present zoning recommendations to establish density bonuses in certain areas, including increased building height, in		
For discussion of this item see #210782.			
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]			
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, S Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Bal			
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee	untyne		
	That the Director of SPCD work with the Ward Six Councilor to prioritize pedestrian uses of public space in Davis Square, including on-street dining		
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]			
AYES:Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, S Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ball			
55.Mayor's Request 210785Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 to the Executiv Administration Special Items Charter Reform Study Account, to cont 			
(ID:23659) President McLaughlin asked for approval this evening. Councilor Niedergang asked for an explanation of the \$100,000 price tag. May Aide Khushbu Webber replied that it's an estimate of the amount ne retain a qualified expert for a review of 9 to 12 months. The Admini will put out a call for residents to participate, and if the item is appro- tonight, the needed personnel could be in place by December. Preside McLaughlin pointed out that the City Council, the Mayor and the St House must approve charter changes. Councilor Ballantyne asked if charter review meetings would be public and Ms. Webber said she	eded to		
check to see that access to the community is provided. RESULT:APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]	oved lent ate the		

56.	Mayor's Request 210786 (ID:23660)	Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$24,000 to the Executive Administration Salaries and Wages Temporary Account, to hire part-time staff to manage the Charter Reform Study effort.		
		For discussion of this item see #210785. After a unanimous vote to approve this item, Councilor Scott called for reconsideration, saying that he couldn't stand by his previous vote to approve. He said the Council was "talked down" months ago when it requested additional staff. Councilor Davis explained that when the Council sought to hire staff at a specific salary to work on a police reform policy, the Mayor reduced that salary to less than what is being requested here. Reconsideration passed unanimously. On reconsideration, the item remained approved with Councilors Scott and Rossetti changing their votes to "opposed."		
		RESULT:	APPROVED. [9 TO 2]	
		AYES:	Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
		NAYS:	Rossetti, Scott	
57.	Mayor's	Requesting approv	al of the Winter Hill Urban Renewal Plan.	
	Request 210787	RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION	
	(ID:23613)	FOLLOWUP:	Housing and Community Development Committee	
58.	Mayor's Request 210788 (ID:23672)	Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Homeland Security Cameras.		
			Campen moved to waive the reading of items 58 through to the Committee on Legislative Matters.	
		RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION	
		FOLLOWUP:	Legislative Matters Committee	
59.	Mayor's Request 210789 (ID:23673)	Requesting approv Cameras.	al of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GLX	
		RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION	
		FOLLOWUP:	Legislative Matters Committee	
60.	Mayor's Request 210790 (ID:23674)	Requesting approv	al of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for 911.	
		RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION	
		FOLLOWUP:	Legislative Matters Committee	
61.	Mayor's Request 210791 (ID:23675)	Requesting approv ShotSpotter.	al of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for	
		RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION	
		FOLLOWUP:	Legislative Matters Committee	

62.	Mayor's Request 210792 (ID:23614)	Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Justin Bonner to the position of Fire Captain.		
		Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the reading of items 62 through 67 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.		
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
63.	Mayor's Request 210793 (ID:23615)	Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Khoury to the position of Fire Captain.		
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
64.	Mayor's Request 210794 (ID:23616)	Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Dennis Sullivan to the position of Fire Captain.		
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
65.	Mayor's Request 210795 (ID:23617)	Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Thomas Bellini to the position of Fire Lieutenant.		
		RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION	
		FOLLOWUP:	Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
66.	Mayor's Request 210796 (ID:23618)	Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Eric Saulnier to the position of Fire Lieutenant.		
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
67.	Mayor's Request 210797 (ID:23619)	Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Danielle O'Hearn to the position of Fire Lieutenant.		
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	

68.	-	Responding to #210586, a Resolution that the Mayor update this Council on the DPW Fleet Division.		
	Communication 210798 (ID:23671)	President McLaughlin said the Law Office told him that a discussion of alleged suspicious activity in the DPW Fleet yard (#210586) was not appropriate for Executive Session. Councilor Scott suggested the matter be discussed in open session then. The President noted that Administrative staff had left the meeting, leaving the Council with unanswered questions again. He said the Council was told that it would be apprised of the situation in June, and now, 4 months later, there is still no information. Councilors Clingan and Davis expressed their displeasure with the Administration, and Councilor Davis reminded the Council that it has subpoena power and could look into the matter on its own. Councilor Niedergang commented that maybe there was something to the rumors of malfeasance in the DPW Fleet Division. Councilor Rossetti wondered if the Inspector General would provide information. Councilor Clingan said it appears that there has been mishandling of funds and invoices. Councilor Scott said it was a question of job performance, not character. He moved that the City Council convene in Executive Session to discuss the reputation, discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, Ron Bonney, who was last known as the Director of Fleet (see #210805). City Solicitor Frank Wright then joined the meeting. Councilor White said it was imperative for the Administration to provide pertinent staff at the Executive Session, and asked Mr. Wright how it would not be in the power of the City Council to convene the Executive Session. Mr. Wright said that there were apparent contract and procurement irregularities and that the documents were turned over to the Inspector General's Office. Councilor White said that guestion should be addressed to the Administration. Councilor Davis said that is exactly what the Council is trying to do. He moved that the City Council should have been informed and Mr. Wright said that question should be addressed to the Administration. Councilor Davis said that is exactly what the		
			Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
69.	Officer's Interim Director of Water and Sewer submitting a draft Scope of Services Communication the long-term Water and Sewer Rate Study and Affordability Analysis.			
	210799 (ID:23658)	Councilor Scott said there were tense discussions about a Home Rule petition that was worked on by the Council and approved by the State, which the Mayor has now refused to implement. He said while it's a recurring theme of the Administration ignoring the will of the Council, this item is a step in the right direction, with the Council given the chance to provide input.		
		RESULT: AYES: FOLLOWUP:	PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne Finance Committee	

70.		The Somerville Community Corp nominating Bill Dovhan to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.		
		Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading of items 70 through 74 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. He then moved for adjournment citing the Administration's lack of cooperation with the Council. The motion failed with Councilor Scott in favor and 10 Councilors opposed.		
		RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION	
		FOLLOWUP:	Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
71.	Communication	The Carpenters Union nominating Juan Novoa to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.		
	210801	RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION	
	(ID:23662)	FOLLOWUP:	Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
72.	Public Communication 210802 (ID:23663)	MassCOSH nominating Mirna Morales to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.		
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
73.		The Building and Construction Trades Council nominating Jorge Rivera to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.		
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
74.		The Brazilian Worker Center nominating José Venancio to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.		
	210804 (ID 22((5))	RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION	
	(ID:23665)	FOLLOWUP:	Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	

	LATE ITEMS			
75.	Order 210805 (ID:23677)	By City Councilor Scott That this Council meet in Executive Session to discuss the reputation, discipline, or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, Ron Bonney, who was last known as the Director of Fleet.		
		For discussion of RESULT: AYES: FOLLOWUP:	this item see #210798. APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne City Council	
76.	Order 210806 (ID:23678)	By City Councilor Davis That this Council invoke its right to engage outside counsel to compel the Administration to update this Council in Executive Session on alleged suspicious activity in the DPW Fleet Yard in March, 2020.		
		For discussion of RESULT: AYES: FOLLOWUP:	this item see #210798. APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne City Council	
77.	Order 210807 (ID:23676)	By City Councilor Strezo That the Director of the Arts Council and the Director of SPCD appear before this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss adapting how the city celebrates the 2020 holiday season, with the emphasis on neighborhood connections and local businesses.		
		Councilor Strezo said that many people want to support local businesses and she would like to explore ways to do that.		
		RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
		FOLLOWUP:	Housing and Community Development Committee	

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:30 PM.