

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 2014, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Alderman At Large William A. White Jr.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Robert J. McWatters	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah L. Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. Roll Call 197759 (ID:10321) Call of the Roll.

<p>Alderman Sullivan requested a moment of silence for John Colbert Sr. and Lenny DeCicco. Alderman Rossetti requested a moment of silence for Mary Carafotis. Alderman Connolly requested a moment of silence for Bill Livingston.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p>
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2. Minutes 197760 (ID:10323) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 11, 2014.

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CITATIONS

- 3. Citation 197761 (ID:10389) By Ald. McWatters, and the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Edward Ciampa for the decades of tireless service he has provided this city.

The Board spoke about Mr. Ciampa and thanked him for his work and inspiration for many years in the City.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4. Grant of Location 197762 (ID:10396) Submitted by NStar Electric, for 173 feet of conduit in Lowell Street from a pole to 235 Lowell Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy from NStar Electric discussed the importance of this installation. Alderman Niedergang spoke about street closures during the project. With no other speakers, the President closed the hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 5. Grant of Location 197763 (ID:10394) Submitted by Lightower Fiber Networks, for 20 feet of conduit in Park Street from a manhole to 24 Park Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Todd Fagnoli from Lightower Fiber Networks discussed the details of this project in regards to service and installation. With no other speakers, the President closed the hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6. Grant of Location 197764 (ID:10395) Submitted by Comcast, for 75 feet of conduit in Third Avenue from a manhole to an existing pole, and for 42 feet of conduit in Inner Belt Road from a manhole to another pole.

The President opened the public hearing. Rick Malcolm from American Construction discussed the details of this project. Alderman White mentioned that Comcast has been un-cooperative with the transfer of equipment from one pole to the other to reduce double poles. Steve Fowelling from Comcast spoke about their process called Lifecycle Management and that they are trying to work with other utilities to clean up double poles. With no other speakers, the President closed the hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 7. Order 197765 (ID:10333) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works deliver 6 trash receptacles to 75-77 Mount Vernon Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

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8. Order 197766 (ID:10334) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works explore ways to prevent soccer balls from entering the Capuano School tot lot, hitting children in the play area.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
9. Order 197767 (ID:10335) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (ISD) investigate the constant odor of gas at 59 Mount Vernon Street.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
10. Order 197768 (ID:10336) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility companies to remove the double poles at the corner of Wheeler and Mount Vernon Streets and Perkins and Mount Vernon Streets.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
11. Order 197769 (ID:10337) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 17 and 19 Mount Pleasant Street for signs of rodent activity.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
12. Order 197770 (ID:10338) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the depression in the roadway just before 22 Mount Pleasant Street.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
13. Order 197771 (ID:10339) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 19 Lincoln Street for overgrown grass and signs of rodent activity.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
14. Order 197772 (ID:10340) By Ald. McLaughlin, Lafuente That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a temporary speed bump along Fellsway West, by the Century Bank and the nearby school.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

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15. Order 197773 (ID:10341) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works devise a strategy to address instances of low hanging utility/cable wires throughout Somerville.
- Alderman McLaughlin brought up this issue that was discussed about 8 months ago about a low hanging wire. Alderman McWatters stated that utility companies have taken action this week. He also stated that in the future they will delay permits if low hanging wires do not get fixed.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
16. Order 197774 (ID:10342) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 26 Kensington Street for code violations.
- Alderman McLaughlin requested to waive the readings of items 16 through 20 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
17. Order 197775 (ID:10343) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect and bait Kensington Street for rodents.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
18. Order 197776 (ID:10344) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the street lights in the vicinity of Mount Vernon Street and Broadway are operating at full capacity.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
19. Order 197777 (ID:10345) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (ISD) ensure the Hess Gas station is abiding by the city's trash and litter policies.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
20. Order 197778 (ID:10346) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the roadway underneath McGrath Highway, on Washington Street, to ensure that it is up to par.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
21. Order 197779 (ID:10347) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (ISD) or the Commissioner of Public Works explain the excessive, repeated construction at 184 Broadway.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

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| 22. | Order
197780
(ID:10348) | By Ald. Rossetti, Ballantyne
That the City Solicitor review the attached 311 data as it relates to airplane noise pollution and report to this Board on a recommended course of action. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">Alderman Rossetti discussed the number of complaints coming in by constituents regarding noise pollution.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p style="margin: 0;">FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> | | |
| 23. | Order
197781
(ID:10349) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works add more lighting and electrical outlets to the Atrium for Election Day to ensure there is sufficient lighting for the two precincts that will be voting there. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">Alderman McLaughlin requested to waive the readings of items 23, 25 and 26 and approve them. Also, he moved to withdraw item 24. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: APPROVED</p> | | |
| 24. | Withdrawn
197782
(ID:10350) | Withdrawn. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: WITHDRAWN</p> | | |
| 25. | Order
197783
(ID:10352) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) contact the owner of 7 Craigie Terrace about the overgrowth on the property. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: APPROVED</p> | | |
| 26. | Order
197784
(ID:10353) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the sewers at the bottom of Craigie Street. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: APPROVED</p> | | |
| 27. | Ordinance
197785
(ID:10355) | By Ald. Lafuente
Proposing an Anti-Nepotism Ordinance. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">Alderman Lafuente spoke about who should be able to apply for city positions, and spoke out against nepotism.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p style="margin: 0;">FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> | | |
| 28. | Resolution
197786
(ID:10357) | By Ald. White Jr., Lafuente, Sullivan, Rossetti, Connolly
Requesting that DCR remove ragweed from the shoreline of Mystic River. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: APPROVED</p> | | |

29. Order 197787 (ID:10356) By Ald. White Jr., Lafuente, Sullivan That the Director of SPCD apprise this Board of the Memorandum of Understanding being negotiated with the MA DOT for the city-owned parcels of land in Gilman Square.
- Alderman White stated that the City is in the process of negotiating a memorandum of understanding with MA DOT for property in the Gilman Square area, but the Board has not been informed of this.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
30. Order 197788 (ID:10358) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the pop-up caution sign that has disappeared from the crosswalk at Central and Albion Streets.
- Alderman Niedergang requested to waive the readings of items 30 through 32 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
31. Order 197789 (ID:10359) By Ald. Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the bulb in the only streetlight on the south side of Junction Park.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
32. Order 197790 (ID:10360) By Ald. Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the bulb in the streetlight on Woodbine Street that is second closest to Junction Park. (4th request)
- RESULT: APPROVED**
33. Resolution 197791 (ID:10361) By Ald. Niedergang That the Administration and the City Engineer organize with the Ward 5 Alderman a meeting with the developer of 35R Lexington Avenue and the neighbors, to discuss new drainage issues that arose over the summer.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
34. Order 197792 (ID:10362) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD (Transportation and Infrastructure) and the Director of Traffic and Parking consider improving the intersection at Highland Road and Boston Avenue by moving the STOP sign 10 feet back and installing a pedestrian crosswalk, and report to the Ward 5 Alderman on the prospects and timeline for each.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

35. Order
197793
(ID:10363)
- By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the street, sidewalk, handicapped ramp and catch basin work at Berwick and Hinckley Streets is completed before winter.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

36. Order
197794
(ID:10365)
- By Ald. Niedergang
That the City Solicitor report to this Board whether it may enact an ordinance that would prohibit elected officials from employment or contracting with the City for a specific period of time following the termination of their service.

Alderman Niedergang spoke with someone with the Ethics Commission, and there is a 30 day blackout period. He does not think this is long enough and suggested a range of 18 months to 2 years. Members also mentioned their concerns and the need for further discussion.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

37. Order
197795
(ID:10367)
- By Ald. Sullivan
That this Board explore an ordinance to allow restaurants with outdoor seating the option to be dog friendly.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

38. Order
197796
(ID:10369)
- By Ald. Sullivan, Lafuente, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Director of Traffic and parking review the timing of traffic lights at Shore Drive and Mystic Avenue, consider reinstating two lanes on Shore Drive, and consider other improvements, all to improve traffic flow at this intersection.

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the reading of item 38 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

39. Order
197797
(ID:10370)
- By Ald. Sullivan
That the Director of Information Technology develop a smart phone application to provide information on city services.

Alderman Sullivan suggested a city app that would allow people to be aware of traffic, trash, and construction.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 40. | Order
197798
(ID:10371) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD explain the reason for the delay in completing the North Street Veterans Playground. | | | | |
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| 41. | Order
197799
(ID:10372) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works re-install the NO LEFT TURN sign at the corner of Cameron Avenue and Mead Street. | | | | |
| <p style="margin: 0;">Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of item 41 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">RESULT:</td> <td>APPROVED</td> </tr> </table> | | | RESULT: | APPROVED | | |
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| 42. | Order
197800
(ID:10373) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO LEFT TURN sign on the corner of Broadway and Clarendon Avenue. | | | | |
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| 43. | Order
197801
(ID:10374) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the flickering street light across from 11 and 13 Hardan Road. | | | | |
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| 44. | Order
197802
(ID:10375) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD replace the trees that were cut down at 47 and 75 Gordon Street. | | | | |
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| 45. | Order
197803
(ID:10376) | By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Niedergang
That the Chief of Police take steps to prevent the blocking of the box at Central and Medford Streets during the morning and afternoon rush hours. | | | | |
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| 46. | Order
197804
(ID:10377) | By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Niedergang, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the community path from Cedar Street to the Cambridge line, including removing overgrown shrubs and weeds. | | | | |
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47. Order 197805 (ID:10378) By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin That the Chief of Police enforce the traffic STOP requirement at Pearl and Myrtle Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

48. Communication 197806 (ID:10388) By Ald. White Jr. Acting as President, Directing all Committee Chairs to contact the Administration to determine which items currently in their committees, if any, the Administration prefers be acted on before the end of the calendar year.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

49. ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 197807 (ID:10386) Report of the Environment and Energy Special Committee, meeting on October 8, 2014.

The meeting was cancelled.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

50. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 197808 (ID:10385) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on October 8, 2014.

Alderman Lafuente reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He spoke about the details of the new HR and payroll system and the savings it will bring to the City. He also mentioned the increase in the bond for the Union Square Urban Renewal.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Mayor's Request 196164 (ID:8500) Requesting an appropriation of \$490,000, and authorization to borrow \$490,000 in a bond, for a new HR and Payroll system.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Houston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne

- C. Mayor's Request 197517 (ID:10026) Requesting an appropriation of \$253,620 in unused bond funds for renovations and safety improvements at the Kennedy School Playground.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

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| D. Mayor's Request 197608 (ID:10007) | Requesting permission to enter into a 5 year contract for AED medical supervision, training, and support. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| E. Mayor's Request 197676 (ID:10187) | Requesting an appropriation of \$62,000 from the Parks Stabilization Fund for Kenney Park improvements. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne |
| F. Mayor's Request 197677 (ID:10190) | Requesting the appropriation of \$39,400 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for Capuano Field lighting. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne |
| G. Mayor's Request 197678 (ID:10185) | Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$31,670 from the Mass Cultural Council, for the Arts Council's LCC grant program. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| H. Mayor's Request 197679 (ID:10154) | Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$18,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts, for the Arts Council to conduct a city wide dance series in 2015. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| I. Mayor's Request 197680 (ID:10155) | Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$5,800 from the Mass Cultural Council, for the Arts Council's general operational support. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| J. Mayor's Request 197731 (ID:10186) | Requesting acceptance of a gift of up to \$2,435.71 from the Boston 4 Celebrations Foundation to reimburse the Police Department for assistance to the Foundation. | RESULT: APPROVED |

51. FLOOD FORUM SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 197809 (ID:10382) Report of the Flood Forum Special Committee, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on October 7, 2014.

Alderman Heuston reported on the items discussed at the meeting. She mentioned that the city has to come up with a master plan for short term and long term flooding issues, to help with future development. Alderman Gewirtz mentioned concern with flooding and raw sewage. She also stated the need to take action so no developments would be approved without separating the lines, or the installation of back flow preventers. Members discussed their concerns with flooding and the need for immediate action.

RESULT: APPROVED

52. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 197810 (ID:10387) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on October 8, 2014.

Alderman Gewirtz reported on the item discussed at the meeting. She stated the need for the university accountability ordinance to maintain quality of life for residents, and to prohibit more than 4 unrelated students from living together in a unit.

RESULT: APPROVED

53. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 197811 (ID:10383) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on October 7, 2014.

Alderman Sullivan reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He discussed the public event review and approval process that is in place.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Officer's Communication 196740 (ID:9269) Deputy Director of Communications responding to #196239, conveying a calendar of FY14 public events and providing information about the public event review process.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Resolution 196789 (ID:9329) By Ald. Sullivan, Niedergang, Heuston, Ballantyne That the Administration appoint a point person to provide an explanation, cost analysis, and recommendation to this Board about whether an application for a public event permit should be approved, unless the application is by the City or is for a block party or other localized event on a residential street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D.	Order 196800 (ID:9387)	By Ald. Heuston That the City Clerk determine the amount of public event fees charged by other communities.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
E.	License/Permit 197342 (ID:9891)	Public Event Permit, SVG Films filmshoot, Lincoln Park, Jul 17-18, 9AM-6PM (raindate Jul 25-26).	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
F.	License/Permit 197442 (ID:9986)	Public Event Permit, Team Chase Autism 5k Road Race, East End Grill and area streets, Oct 12, 8AM-2PM.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
G.	Officer's Communication 197536 (ID:10159)	Deputy Director of Communications responding to #196760 re: updating this Board with respect to the public event review process.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
H.	Officer's Communication 197537 (ID:10160)	City Clerk responding to #196800 re: fees for public events charged by other communities.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
I.	License/Permit 197552 (ID:10152)	Public Event Permit, 5Point Film Festival, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Nov 5-6, 3-9PM.	RESULT: APPROVED
J.	License/Permit 197556 (ID:10076)	New Outdoor Seating License, Reliable Market, 45 Union Sq., 1 A-frame sign.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
K.	License/Permit 197630 (ID:10184)	Public Event Permit, CBS Radio-Comcast Fall Rush Table, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Aug 30 4-7PM, Aug 31 12:30-3:30 PM.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
L.	License/Permit 197734 (ID:10293)	Public Event Permit, Wolf Blitzer Band Concert, Perry Park, Oct 18, 2-9:30PM (raindate Oct 19).	RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED AMENDED: Closing hours are changed to 7:00 PM.

- M. Order 197812 (ID:10411) By Ald. Heuston That the City Clerk and/or the City Solicitor explore the option of charging an application fee for public events, considering profit vs. non-profit.

RESULT: APPROVED

54. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 197813 (ID:10384) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on October 8, 2014.

Alderman Sullivan reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He discussed the 3 public hearings regarding used car dealer and garage licenses. He said the majority of the meeting was spent on Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Parkway, which continues to have parking and overcrowding issues.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. License/Permit 197445 (ID:9987) New Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave., 3 autos outside.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. License/Permit 197558 (ID:10149) New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, John's Auto Sales, 181 Somerville Ave., 38 autos outside, Su 10-5PM, Mo-Th 8-8PM, Fr 8-7PM, Sa 8-5PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

- D. License/Permit 197559 (ID:10151) New Garage License, John's Auto Sales, 181 Somerville Ave., 2 autos inside, Su 10-5PM, Mo-Th 8-8PM, Fr 8-7PM, Sa 8-5PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

- E. Order 197814 (ID:10412) By Ald. Sullivan That the City Clerk schedule a Show Cause hearing during the month of November for the Committee on Licenses and Permits to determine why the Garage License for Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Parkway, should not be suspended or revoked.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

55. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 197815 (ID:10380) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on September 24, 2014.

Alderman Connolly reported on the items discussed at the meeting, including towing procedures, bike enforcement tickets, and air traffic.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Resolution 194296 (ID:6774) By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Bastardi, Taylor, Sullivan, Lafuente, Heuston, Trane, White Jr., O'Donovan, and the Mayor
That this Board requests that the Mayor consider implementing a Community Emergency Response Team, a volunteer citizen support group which is part of FEMA, to assist response efforts during emergencies.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 196373 (ID:8904) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the MBTA to shovel the sidewalk at the bus turn-around by Clarendon Hill Towers.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Resolution 196374 (ID:8917) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Administration contact the owner of 1060 Broadway and inquire about the reuse of the property.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 196433 (ID:9084) By Ald. Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Chief of Police explain the reasoning for not towing vehicles obstructing a city fire hydrant.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. Order 196456 (ID:9075) By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the MBTA to repair the broken street lamps at the Davis Sq. Busway.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- G. Order 196458 (ID:9077) By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken street lamps at Davis Square Plaza.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- H. Officer's Communication 196613 (ID:9143) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted March 27, 2014.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- I. Order 196758 (ID:9294) By Ald. Connolly
That the Director of Personnel appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to report on the process for, and status of, the search for a new Police Chief.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| J. | Order
196890
(ID:9434) | By Ald. Lafuente
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) appear before this Board to provide an update on complaints, fines and resolutions associated with 100 The Fellsway. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |
| K. | Officer's
Communication
196958
(ID:9413) | DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted April 24, 2014. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |
| L. | Resolution
197032
(ID:9585) | By Ald. Connolly, Lafuente, Sullivan, Rossetti, Niedergang, McWatters, White Jr.
That this Board urges the Cambridge Health Alliance to reverse its decision to consolidate its Psychiatric Emergency Room with its general Emergency Room. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |
| M. | Order
197132
(ID:9678) | By Ald. McWatters, Niedergang
That the Chief of Police enforce the NO BIKING ON SIDEWALK ordinance citywide, especially in business districts, and attend the next Public Health and Safety Committee meeting to discuss bicycle safety education and enforcement. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |
| N. | Order
197144
(ID:9710) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works investigate and remedy the low pressure of the water fountains at the ESCS and the strange taste of the water from the school's second floor faucets. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |
| O. | Order
197222
(ID:9767) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the fire damaged property at 27 Dickinson Street for violations and hazards which negatively impact the neighborhood, and direct the owners to make all required changes. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |
| P. | Officer's
Communication
197253
(ID:9789) | DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 6/12/14. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |

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| Q. Order
197268
(ID:9816) | By Ald. Rossetti, Sullivan, Connolly, Ballantyne
That the City Clerk request of MassPort an explanation for the increase of air traffic noise recently in West Somerville, and that the Director of Communications add to the website information about the most effective method to complain about such noise. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| R. Order
197435
(ID:9979) | By Ald. White Jr., Rossetti, Sullivan, Connolly
That the Director of Communications place a link on the City's web site to allow residents to complain about noise from Logan Airport flights as had been done in the past and also notify residents via social media about that link. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| S. Order
197458
(ID:10004) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 21 Michigan Avenue to ensure compliance with all applicable codes and ordinances relative to its rental by the day. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| T. Order
197463
(ID:10085) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 50 Oliver Street for reports of an illegal basement apartment and a broken water main. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| U. Order
197467
(ID:10092) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the sewer at McGrath Highway and Cross Street and take corrective action to prevent it from flooding when it rains. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| V. Order
197483
(ID:10109) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) and the Chief Fire Engineer inspect 29 Dickinson Street for deterioration, safety and security, and contact the owner regarding actions they must take to remediate the building. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| W. Public
Communication
197604
(ID:10134) | MassPort responding to #197268 re: airplane overflight noise. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| X. Resolution
197628
(ID:10178) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Administration inform the various constituencies surrounding the McGrath Highway overpass about the ongoing work there. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |

Y. Order 197642 (ID:10201) By Ald. White Jr., Rossetti, Ballantyne That the Chief of Police appear before this Board’s Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss enforcement of Ordinance 9-97. Nuisance Control, especially for students hosting loud parties and creating noise disturbances.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Z. Officer's Communication 197684 (ID:10176) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 8/28/14.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AA. Resolution 197816 (ID:10319) By Ald. Rossetti That the Administration provide the previously requested information relative to airline traffic noise, ASAP.

RESULT: APPROVED

56. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 197817 (ID:10381) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on October 2, 2014.

Alderman Connolly reported on the items discussed at the meeting, including vacant and foreclosed buildings.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order 194984 (ID:7459) By Ald. Connolly That the Committee on Public Health and Safety request that the Executive Director of the Cambridge Health Alliance appear to explain, at a public hearing, its recent proposal to reduce funding for services to Somerville’s youth community.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 197484 (ID:10110) By Ald. Heuston That the City Solicitor inform this Board or City and State requirements for property owners with condemned or fire-damaged buildings, including time frames to secure the buildings and obligations to maintain them.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

57. Mayor's Request 197818 (ID:10328) Requesting approval to pay FY2014 invoices totalling \$8,542 from FY2015 Personnel Dept. Ordinary Maintenance funds.

Alderman Lafuente requested to waive the readings of item 57 through 61 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

58. Mayor's Request 197819 (ID:10330) Requesting approval to pay FY2014 invoices totalling \$1,575 From FY2015 Personnel Dept. Ordinary Maintenance funds for NWI Investigative Services.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

59. Mayor's Request 197820 (ID:10244) Requesting the expenditure of FY15 funds totaling \$961.05 to pay prior year invoices in the Police Dept.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

60. Mayor's Request 197821 (ID:10329) Requesting approval to pay FY2014 invoices totalling \$380 from FY2015 Personnel Dept. Ordinary Maintenance funds for North Shore Psychiatric Services.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

61. Mayor's Request 197822 (ID:10318) Requesting the acceptance of a gift of \$4,137.46 from Federal Realty Investment Trust for Fire Department overtime expenses incurred for the Riverfest Fireworks.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

62. Mayor's Request 197823 (ID:10351) Requesting the appointment of Lt. James Stanford to the position of Police Captain.

Alderman McWatters requested to waive the readings of item 62 through 71 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 Committee

63.	Mayor's Request 197824 (ID:10354)	Requesting the appointment of Lt. Bernard Cotter to the position of Police Captain.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee
64.	Mayor's Request 197825 (ID:10364)	Requesting the appointment of Officer Michael Kennelly to the position of Police Sergeant.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee
65.	Mayor's Request 197826 (ID:10366)	Requesting the appointment of Officer Christopher Ward to the position of Police Sergeant.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee
66.	Mayor's Request 197827 (ID:10368)	Requesting the appointment of Officer Michael Kiely to the position of Police Sergeant.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee
67.	Officer's Request 197828 (ID:10317)	Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Flynn to the Board of Assessors.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee
68.	Mayor's Request 197829 (ID:10302)	Requesting the appointment of Daniel Eden as Constable.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee
69.	Mayor's Request 197830 (ID:10306)	Requesting the appointment of Jean Alex Narcisse as Constable.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee
70.	Mayor's Request 197831 (ID:10307)	Requesting the appointment of Henseley Elysee as Constable.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee
71.	Mayor's Request 197832 (ID:10308)	Requesting the appointment of Lohan Moreira as Constable.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

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| 72. | Officer's
Communication
197833
(ID:10324) | City Assessor responding to #197431 re: revenue projections.

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of item 72 through 75 and place them on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 73. | Officer's
Communication
197834
(ID:10288) | Chief Fire Engineer responding to #197662 re: removing double pole at 33 Columbus Avenue.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee |
| 74. | Officer's
Communication
197835
(ID:10327) | Assistant City Solicitor responding to #197668 re: 75-77 Gordon Street.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| 75. | Officer's
Communication
197836
(ID:10295) | DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 9/11/14.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Flood Forum Special Committee
Public Utilities and Public Works Committee |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 76. | License/Permit
197837
(ID:10393) | Public Event Permit, School Street Block Party, School St between Summer St and Preston Rd, Oct 5, 1-5PM.

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of item 76 through 85 and approve them, with the exception of 84 and 85 which should be referred to the Licenses and Permits Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 77. | License/Permit
197838
(ID:10392) | Public Event Permit, Taza Chocolate Day of the Dead Celebration, Windsor Place, Nov 1, 9AM-7PM (raindate Nov 2).

RESULT: APPROVED |
| 78. | License/Permit
197839
(ID:10391) | Public Event Permit, BA Events Jingle Bell Run, Davis Sq area, Dec 14, 6AM-3PM.

RESULT: APPROVED |
| 79. | License/Permit
197840
(ID:10390) | Public Event Permit, BA Events Race of Ireland, Davis Sq area, Mar 15, 2015, 6AM-3PM.

RESULT: APPROVED |

80.	License/Permit 197841 (ID:10401)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Metro Equipment. RESULT: APPROVED
81.	License/Permit 197842 (ID:10399)	New Outdoor Seating License, Taco Loco, 44 Broadway, 2 tables, 4 seats. RESULT: APPROVED
82.	License/Permit 197843 (ID:10400)	New Outdoor Seating License, Tapatio Mexican Grill, 82A Broadway, 2 tables, 8 seats. RESULT: APPROVED
83.	License/Permit 197844 (ID:10402)	Sign/Awning Permit, Community Credit Union, 377 Summer St., 3 signs. RESULT: APPROVED
84.	License/Permit 197845 (ID:10398)	New Extended Operating Hours License, Hess, 709 McGrath, operating 24/7. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
85.	License/Permit 197846 (ID:10397)	New Mobile Food Vendor, Wizard Catering. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

86.	Order 197847 (ID:10413)	By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking advise when the signs limiting entrance and exit from the 118 Holland Street driveway will be installed. Alderman Ballantyne expressed her concern with the delay of this signage being posted. RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
87.	Order 197848 (ID:10415)	By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD, the City Engineer, the Director of Finance, the Chief Assessor and the Director of Sustainability research incentives to encourage property owners to install permeable surfaces instead of blacktop, to reduce storm water run-off and the urban heat island effect. Alderman Niedergang requested to waive the readings of item 88 and 90 and approve. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Environment and Energy Special Committee

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| 88. | Order
197849
(ID:10416) | <p>By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD (Planning and ISD) report to this Board on enforcement of the pervious surfaces ordinances, and consider providing incentives to property owners to reduce the amount of concrete and asphalt and replace it with pervious surfaces.</p> <p style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px;">Alderman Niedergang requested to waive the readings of item 88 and 90 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Environment and Energy Special Committee</p> |
| 89. | Order
197850
(ID:10417) | <p>By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Finance and/or the City Treasurer report to this Board on what categories of grants, gifts, payments, donations, etc. and by what type of entities need to be formally accepted by a vote of this Board and which do not require official acceptance.</p> <p style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px;">RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 90. | Order
197851
(ID:10418) | <p>By Ald. Niedergang
That the Administration develop a comprehensive de-paving plan for city properties, especially school playgrounds, to alleviate flooding by reducing the 73% of Somerville that is covered by concrete, asphalt or other impervious surfaces.</p> <p style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px;">RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Environment and Energy Special Committee</p> |
| 91. | Mayor's
Request
197852
(ID:10325) | <p>Requesting an Order of Taking of real estate property at 515 Somerville Avenue to provide for the relocation of the Fire Department from its current facility in Union Square.</p> <p style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px;">RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 92. | Mayor's
Request
197853
(ID:10403) | <p>Requesting the appointment of Juliana Pereira as Constable.</p> <p style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px;">Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of item 92 through 94 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 Committee</p> |
| 93. | Mayor's
Request
197854
(ID:10404) | <p>Requesting the appointment of Oscar Perez as Constable.</p> <p style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px;">RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee</p> |

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| <p>94. Mayor's Request
197855
(ID:10406)</p> | <p>Requesting the appointment of Frenchy Bonnet as Constable.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee</p> |
| <p>95. Officer's Communication
197856
(ID:10379)</p> | <p>Planning Board conveying its recommendations with respect to amending Zoning Ordinance Sections 1.2, 5.1.2, & 5.1.4 to address affordable housing.</p> <p>Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the reading of item 95 and refer it to the Land Use Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
 FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> |
| <p>96. Officer's Communication
197857
(ID:10261)</p> | <p>Director of Traffic and Parking submitting responses to various Board Orders.</p> <p>Alderman McWatters requested to waive the readings of item 96 through 97 and place them on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
 FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> |
| <p>97. Officer's Communication
197858
(ID:10405)</p> | <p>DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 9/23/14.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
 FOLLOWUP: Flood Forum Special Committee
 Traffic and Parking Committee
 Public Health and Public Safety Committee
 Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p> |

LATE ITEMS

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| <p>98. Mayor's Request
197859
(ID:10414)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation of \$40,000 from the Parks Stabilization Fund for architectural, design and engineering services for the Kennedy School Playground renovations.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Houston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne</p> |
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99. Mayor's Request 197516 (ID:10016) Requesting approval of the second amendment to the Assembly Row Economic Development Proposal as it pertains to I-Cubed financing for Assembly Row infrastructure.
- Discharged from the Finance Committee.
- Economic Development Director Edward O'Donnell gave a presentation regarding the second amendment to the Assembly Row economic development proposal pertaining to I-Cubed financing for Assembly Row infrastructure. Mike Buker from Federal Reality Investment Trust discussed the phase 2 planning and the variety of housing options, and explained the events and funding sources that will lead to paying back the bonds.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
- AYES:** Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne
100. Order 197860 (ID:10419) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 83 Ossipee Road for having upholstered furniture on the front porch.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
101. Order 197861 (ID:10422) By Ald. Ballantyne That the City Solicitor and the Director of SPCD (ISD) update this Board on the court filing for 75-77 Gordon Street (as requested in July), pertaining to operating a business and storing construction materials at the site.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee
102. Order 197862 (ID:10423) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD (Planning) update this Board on the construction start date at 77-83 North Street.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk.