

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2018, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

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

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

1. Roll Call
205267
(ID:18067)

Call of the Roll.
Alderman Ewen-Campen sponsored a moment of silence for J.J. Williams. Alderman Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Alan Keith. Alderman Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Daniel Spinoza, Sr.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes
205268
(ID:18068)

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, January 30, 2018, and the Regular Meeting, February 8, 2018.
RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. Resolution 205269 (ID:18036) By Ald. Rossetti, Ballantyne, and the Entire Board Supporting the students of Somerville High School in their efforts to demand that our country's leaders act to ensure safety in all schools and neighborhoods, and extending our willingness to work together with them.

Alderman Rossetti introduced two students, Anika Nyack, 16, and Amalia Hoffman, 16, who spoke about their demand that our country's leaders act to ensure safety in our schools, by promoting a "Walk Out Movement" and a national assault weapons ban. Several Aldermen thanked them for speaking out, commended their courage, and offered their help with anything they could do.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. Resolution 205270 (ID:18038) By Ald. Davis That the Administration provide this Board with the regulations that govern the extent to which utility companies can cut back trees.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. Resolution 205271 (ID:18039) By Ald. Mbah That the Administration hire more substitute teachers for the high school or contract with a private company to provide them.

Alderman Mbah reported that the system for employing substitutes is antiquated and needs to be updated. After discussion from several Aldermen indicating that this issue is in the domain of the School Committee, Alderman Mbah agreed to withdraw it.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

6. Resolution 205272 (ID:18040) By Ald. Mbah, Ewen-Campen That the Administration update this Board with the parking situation at the high school.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

7. Communication 205273 (ID:18047) By Ald. Niedergang Updating this Board on meetings of the Capital Projects Master Plan Working Group in January and February, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang updated the Board on the Capital Projects Master Plan Working Group. Having held 9 or 10 meetings, the group is making progress and is close to issuing a report to the Mayor and the Board. The report will address the city's physical offices, and how they can best be utilized.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

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8. Order 205274 (ID:18048) By Ald. Niedergang That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services talk with, and if necessary ticket, the Powderhouse Pub in Ball Square for littering on the sidewalk.
- Alderman Niedergang reported that there are scores of cigarette butts all over the sidewalk around this business.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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9. Order 205275 (ID:18049) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Personnel explain to this Board in writing why the City does not give part-time employees who work less than 20 hours a week earned sick time. (2nd request)
- Alderman Niedergang stated that the Director of Personnel responded, saying the City is considering implementing sick time for part-timers in FY19, with the implementation of new software.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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10. Order 205276 (ID:18050) By Ald. Niedergang That this Board discharge from the Legislative Matters Committee #201740, Proposing an ordinance relative to a mid-fiscal year report of municipal finances, with next fiscal-year budget projections.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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11. Order 205277 (ID:18051) By Ald. Niedergang That this Board discharge agenda item 204486 from the Legislative Matters Committee, "Proposing an ordinance for the management and elimination of natural gas leaks" and send a copy of the item to the City Solicitor and the Director of Engineering, in preparation for discussion.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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12. Order 205278 (ID:18052) By Ald. Niedergang That this Board discharge from the Legislative Matters Committee #203711, That the City Solicitor consult with the Commissioner of Public Works to draft an ordinance requiring contractors and utilities to secure metal plates during street construction" and that a copy of the item be sent to the City Solicitor and the Commissioner of Public Works in preparation for discussion.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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13. Order 205279 (ID:18053) By Ald. Niedergang That this Board discharge from the Legislative Matters Committee #203190, Publishers Circulation Fulfillment responding to #203057 re: Globe Direct distribution.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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| 14. Order
205280
(ID:18054) | By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO PARKING sign on the east side of Central Street, about 20 feet from the corner of Summer Street, to increase visibility at this dangerous intersection. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 15. Order
205281
(ID:18055) | By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Manager of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion discuss with the Ward 3 Alderman options for creating additional handicapped parking spaces on Warren Avenue at Properzi Manor. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 16. Order
205282
(ID:18056) | By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on Highland Avenue, from Walnut Street to Greenville Avenue. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 17. Order
205283
(ID:18057) | By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board
That the Director of the Council on Aging meet with the Ward 3 Alderman to discuss forming partnerships between the Housing Authority's elderly housing facilities and the many "maker spaces" in the city, to encourage intergenerational tech assistance. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 18. Resolution
205284
(ID:18058) | By Ald. Hirsch, Ewen-Campen
That the Administration consider hiring a software engineer in the FY19 budget cycle to design and maintain information management systems to link data, such as information related to properties. |
| Alderman Hirsch stated that there are many different departments with data on properties, and she feels that it is important to have this information linked. | |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| FOLLOWUP: Youth Services Committee | |
| 19. Order
205285
(ID:18059) | By Ald. Hirsch, Niedergang, and the Entire Board
That the Director of SPCD share plans, when available, for its upcoming Vision Zero planning process. |
| Alderman Hirsch would like the Director of SPCD to share what plans they have for Vision Zero. | |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee | |

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| 20. | Order
205286
(ID:18060) | <p>By Ald. Hirsch, and the Entire Board</p> <p>That the Director of SPCD share what role the city has, or could have with additional staff, in assisting residents with condo association dilemmas, tenant organizing, or ensuring that inclusionary unit owners or tenants have equal voice in building decisions.</p> |
| | | <p>Alderman Hirsch would like the Director of SPCD share information on the City's role in condominium association issues.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> |
| 21. | Order
205287
(ID:18061) | <p>By Ald. Hirsch</p> <p>That the Community Preservation Act Manager inform this Board whether or not small open spaces can be designated as publicly accessible open space in combination with an affordable housing or historic preservation funding allocation.</p> |
| | | <p>Alderman Hirsch would like to explore whether open space designation could become part of the City's public open space.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> |
| 22. | Resolution
205288
(ID:18062) | <p>By Ald. Hirsch, Niedergang, and the Entire Board</p> <p>Expressing appreciation for the staff of the Departments of Assessing, Communications, Health and Human Services, and the Council on Aging, for designing an excellent mailing notifying seniors of ways to lessen their tax burden, and for responding to requests for information.</p> |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 23. | Order
205289
(ID:18063) | <p>By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Davis, Clingan</p> <p>That the Director of Purchasing share the process for procuring food, food packaging and flatware for the school cafeterias.</p> |
| | | <p>Alderman Hirsch would like the Director of Purchasing to inform the Board about the procurement of food in the school cafeterias.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Youth Services Committee</p> |
| 24. | Order
205290
(ID:18064) | <p>By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Davis</p> <p>That the Commissioner of Public Works share the process of handling different types of cafeteria waste, including recyclables and food waste.</p> |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Youth Services Committee</p> |

25. Communication By Ald. Hirsch, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr.
205291
(ID:18066) Announcing the 2018 Somerville Block Party Challenge, and inviting all residents to participate, in whatever way they are able or interested, in the annual tradition of gathering the block together.

Alderman Hirsch described how the "Block Party Challenge" would work, with the goal recognizing the many ways in which residents can come together, and encouraging such activities in the coming year.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

26. Resolution By Ald. Hirsch
205292
(ID:18065) That, in preparation for his role representing this Board at next Friday's citywide basketball matchup with the Harlem Wizards, Alderman Jesse Clingan helps turn the game around, delivers a perfect spin dribble, plays to make us proud and remembers that, as Yogi Berra once said, "Ninety percent of the game is half mental."

RESULT: APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

27. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
205293
(ID:18023) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on March 7, 2018.

Alderman Scott reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed the legal requirements and standards that may exist for appointments and reappointments. The Committee also recommended the appointment of Charles Conway and the Lysander Amado as Firefighters.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Mayor's Request
205039
(ID:17704) Requesting the appointment of Charles Conway to the position of Fire Fighter.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. Mayor's Request
205040
(ID:17705) Requesting the appointment of Lysander Amado to the position of Fire Fighter.

RESULT: APPROVED

28. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
205294
(ID:18020)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 6, 2018.</p> |
| <p>Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He suggested several amendments to the minutes, which were approved and are incorporated in the Board's minutes. The Committee approved several grants and transfers. There was much discussion about the Mayor's request for several new staff and a new Office of Housing Stability. Members were reluctant to approve most positions, but agreed to fund a Director of Housing Stability, a GLX Liaison, and construction-related translation services.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>B. Mayor's Request
205018
(ID:17721)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$10,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Communications Department Professional and Technical Services Account to fund construction translation services.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>C. Mayor's Request
205029
(ID:17752)</p> | <p>Requesting the approval of funding to establish an Office of Housing Stability in SPCD.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>D. Mayor's Request
205160
(ID:17909)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$18,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a GLX Project Liaison.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request
205166
(ID:17915)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$18,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a Transportation Planner.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: NOT APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>F. Mayor's Request
205171
(ID:17920)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$32,692 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Director of Housing Stability.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>G. Mayor's Request
205212
(ID:17812)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to create the Medical Marijuana Stabilization Fund and accept payments to the Fund from medical marijuana dispensaries.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

H.	Mayor's Request 205214 (ID:17938)	Requesting to transfer CPA funds totaling \$1,214,322 from the CPA Fund Budgeted Reserve to designated CPA reserves per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.	RESULT: APPROVED
I.	Mayor's Request 205215 (ID:17977)	Requesting a transfer of \$205,000 from the Police Department Salaries Account and \$45,000 from the E-911 Salaries Account to the Fire Department Salaries Account to correct an under-funding in the FY18 budget.	RESULT: APPROVED
J.	Mayor's Request 205216 (ID:17978)	Requesting a transfer of \$98,000 from the E-911 Salaries Account and \$77,000 from the Parks & Recreation Field Maintenance Salaries Account to the Law Legal Services Account to fund anticipated outside legal counsel invoices.	RESULT: APPROVED
K.	Mayor's Request 205217 (ID:17834)	Requesting approval to transfer \$60,000 in the Health & Human Services Department from the Salaries Account to the Professional & Technical Services Account, for temporary school nursing services.	RESULT: APPROVED
L.	Mayor's Request 205218 (ID:17933)	Requesting acceptance of a \$400,000 grant that requires a match, from the MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs PARC Grant Program to SPCD for renovations to Lincoln Park.	RESULT: APPROVED
M.	Mayor's Request 205219 (ID:17932)	Requesting acceptance of a \$150,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund Transportation Planning program to SPCD for mitigation at the intersection of Rts 93, 28, and 38.	RESULT: APPROVED
N.	Mayor's Request 205220 (ID:17931)	Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Reserve Fund to SPCD for baseline monitoring of air quality and vehicular traffic in impacted neighborhoods.	RESULT: APPROVED
O.	Mayor's Request 205221 (ID:17936)	Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$59,747 from HUD to support SPCD's Continuum of Care planning efforts.	RESULT: APPROVED

29. LAND USE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
205295
(ID:18016)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on February 27, 2018.</p> | <p>Alderman Davis reported on the items discussed at the meeting. There was a joint public hearing with the Planning Board on a proposed zoning amendment for 3-5 Summer Street, to allow an additional building that would contain five affordable housing units. Alderman White reported on the second half of the meeting, which he had chaired. This included a joint public hearing with the Planning Board on a proposed zoning amendment to institute a study period to review recreational marijuana facilities prior to permitting them. Planning staff recommended the delay to properly determine how recreational facilities will be licensed in the City. The Committee also recommended approval of a zoning ordinance to establish that owners and developers of future planned unit development projects may not seek a waiver of any change to affordable housing requirements.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>B. Mayor's Request
204638
(ID:17373)</p> | <p>Requesting an amendment to Zoning Ordinance Article 7 to institute a study period to review recreational marijuana facilities prior to permitting them.</p> | <p>This item was amended in Committee, changing the end of the study period to December 13, 2018 (from December 21, 2018).</p> <p>RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [10 TO 1]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>NAYS: Ewen-Campen</p> <p>AMENDED: The study period ends on December 13, 2018.</p> |
| <p>C. Public Communication
204669
(ID:17394)</p> | <p>Eric Schwartz submitting comments re: zoning for cannabis that supports small local business owners.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>D. Mayor's Request
204893
(ID:17685)</p> | <p>Requesting the adoption of a zoning amendment to Amend Article 16 to establish that owners or developers of future PUD projects may not seek a waiver of any change to affordable housing requirements.</p> | <p>RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>E. Officer's Communication
205228
(ID:17943)</p> | <p>Planning Board submitting recommendations re: #204638, amending the Zoning Ordinance for a recreational marijuana study period.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |

30. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 205296 (ID:18018) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 1, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The first, item was a proposed Home Rule Petition authorizing the City to impose a real estate transfer fee. It was reiterated that this Home Rule Petition should be submitted by the end of April, for the Legislature to consider it this year. The Committee considered ways to discourage speculation, and who should pay the fee and who should be exempt. The second item taken up in Committee was a Home Rule Petition to preserve affordable housing through a tenants right to purchase, and which apartments should be exempted. Finally, the Committee considered #205201, recommending amending the Union Square development covenant to allow a Neighborhood Council to negotiate the Community Benefits Agreement. Special Counsel Eileen McGettigan distributed proposed language for the Committee's consideration. No action was taken.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Public Communication 205062 (ID:17804) Philip Parsons submitting comments re: #17779, a Resolution recognizing the Union Sq Neighborhood Council.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Public Communication 205063 (ID:17805) Union Sq Main Streets submitting comments re: #17779, a Resolution recognizing the Union Sq Neighborhood Council.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

31. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 205297 (ID:18024) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on March 8, 2018.

Alderman Rossetti reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee recommended approval for a Public Event License for the Big Apple Circus, taking place at Assembly Row from April 7 to May 6, as long as all other needed licenses were obtained. The Committee also recommended approval for a Nepalese Holi Color Fest at the Buena Vista parking lot in Davis Square on April 29.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. License/Permit 205254 (ID:18005) Public Event Permit, Big Apple Circus, Assembly Row Block 7, Mar 26 - May 9 with performances Apr 7 - May 6.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

CONDITION: Approval contingent on the procurement of all other required permits.

- C. License/Permit 205255 (ID:18006) Public Event Permit, Jatra Nepal Holi Color Fest, Buena Vista Parking Lot, Apr 29, 9AM-8PM (raindate May 13).

RESULT: APPROVED

32. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 205298 (ID:18017) Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on February 28, 2018.

Alderman Mbah reported on the items discussed at the meeting, including trees and tree planting, as well as sustainability issues.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 201695 (ID:14363) By Ald. Davis, Ballantyne That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment report to this Board on reducing food waste and expanding composting at city schools.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 202019 (ID:14682) By Ald. Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne, Rossetti That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Sustainability and Environment report to this Board, and to the School Committee, on the type, brand, cost, and use of all cleaning agents used in city and school buildings, and report on how "green," non-toxic cleaning products would compare with current practices.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 202973 (ID:15671) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the tree planting plan for the city, by Ward.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 202993 (ID:15691) By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne, Davis That the Director of Sustainability and Environment update this Board on the planned curbside composting pilot program, and on other possible programs to promote composting.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. Order 204353 (ID:17073) By Ald. Ballantyne, Davis That the Director of SPCD advise the Ward 6 and 7 Aldermen when the tree that was requested 6 years ago will be planted at 80 Bay State Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| G. | Order
204381
(ID:17113) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the City arborist report to the Ward 5 Alderman on the status of the tree at 48 Holyoke Road. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |
| H. | Order
204389
(ID:17122) | By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD consider planting trees on Somerville Avenue from Lowell Street to Central Street. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |
| I. | Order
204435
(ID:17162) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That Director of Sustainability and Environment provide this Board with periodic updates on the Somerville Forward initiatives. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |
| J. | Resolution
204726
(ID:17469) | By Ald. McWatters, and the Entire Board
That the Administration continue to increase the tree canopy by adding 1,000 trees in the next 5 years. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |
| K. | Order
204889
(ID:17656) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the City Arborist trim the tree at 26 Mead Street. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |

33. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee
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205299
(ID:18019) | Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on March 5, 2018. |
| <p>Alderman Clingan reported on the items discussed at the meeting. This Committee discussed Air BnB rentals. The City does not want to ban Air BnB altogether, but wants more oversight, with enhanced safety initiatives and a registration process, The Committee also discussed the public consumption of marijuana. No actions were taken.</p> | | |
| RESULT: APPROVED | | |
| B. | Order
204751
(ID:17441) | By Ald. Rossetti
That the Chief of Police appear before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety by January 2018, with supporting documentation, to report on the shortage of detail officers. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |

- C. Order 205072 (ID:17835) By Ald. White Jr. That the Chief of Police provide this Board with the number of incidents of the circulation of racist, anti-Semitic or hate-speech literature in 2016 and 2017.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 205073 (ID:17828) By Ald. Mbah, Hirsch That the Chief of Police provide this Board with an update on surveillance cameras in the city.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

34. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 205300 (ID:18022) Report of the Committee on Youth Services, meeting on March 7, 2018.

Alderman Hirsch reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed extending the open hours of swimming at the Kennedy School Pool, and opening up to the public the Kennedy School children's playground. The Committee also took up the function of the Recreation Commission, as there are 10 open seats on the Commission, and only 3 filled right now. The last item discussed was out of school time coverage. The Committee found that school-based programs are serving just 14% of low income children, compared to 31% of not-low income children.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 198075 (ID:10636) By Ald. Rossetti, McLaughlin That the Director of the Office of Prevention update this Board's Youth Services Committee of the department's plan to address youth health matters of concern.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Resolution 198227 (ID:10802) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Administration provide this Board, in early 2015, with an update regarding the city's efforts to combat drug addiction.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 198586 (ID:11158) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD update this Board on renovating and taking control of Foss Park.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 198742 (ID:11455) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of Recreation update this Board's Committee on Youth Services on the 100 day plan.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 198955 (ID:11598) By Ald. Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin That the Administration of Teen Empowerment update this Board of its recent accomplishments and plans for the remainder of the calendar year.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order 201166 (ID:13814) By Ald. Rossetti That the Director of Health and Human Services share the report on community conversations regarding race and racism with this Board's Committee on Youth Services when it becomes available.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Order 202113 (ID:14798) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of Health and Human Services appear before this Board to discuss progress in the city's race dialogs.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Resolution 202316 (ID:14989) By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board That the Administration resolve the outstanding issues with Teen Empowerment's contract.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Order 202416 (ID:15101) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Superintendent of Recreation update this Board on the number of youth served, by program and gender, since Spring 2016.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. Officer's Communication 202555 (ID:15192) Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #202416 re: the numbers of youth served since Spring, 2016.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

L. Resolution 204873 (ID:17640) By Ald. Hirsch That the Administration, with the School Department, provide data by student income, school and grade, on children being served after school at school-based and non-profit providers, to identify gaps in service and better coordinate and expand such programming.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

M. Order 205096 (ID:17855) By Ald. Hirsch That the Director of Recreation appear before this Board's Committee on Youth Services to provide information on the membership and function of the Recreation Commission.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 35. Mayor's Request 205301 (ID:18027) | Requesting approval of a Time Only extension of the Weston & Sampson Lincoln Park construction contract, to December 31, 2018. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 36. Mayor's Request 205302 (ID:18043) | Requesting a transfer of \$4,482 from the Police Overtime Account to the Grant Match Account to cover the Metro Mayors Shannon Grant match requirement. | Ald. McLaughlin recused.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 37. Mayor's Request 205303 (ID:17999) | Requesting approval of a transfer of \$2,000 in the Police Animal Control Division, from the Professional & Technical Services Account to the Overtime Account, to cover projected overtime FY18 costs. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 38. Mayor's Request 205304 (ID:17780) | Requesting acceptance of a \$60,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety & Security to the Fire Department for Fire Dept. staffing costs. | Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 38 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 39. Mayor's Request 205305 (ID:17715) | Requesting acceptance of a \$11,388.66 grant that requires a match, from the Metro Mayors Shannon Initiative to the Police Department for youth violence prevention. | Ald. McLaughlin recused.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 40. Mayor's Request 205306 (ID:17980) | Requesting acceptance of a \$1,560.98 grant, with no match required, from the Federation of MA Farmers Markets to the Health and Human Services Dept. for the City's Mobile Farmers Market. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 41. Mayor's Request 205307 (ID:18069) | Requesting the appointment of Chris Ward to the position of Police Captain. | Alderman Scott requested to waive the readings of items 41 through 49 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

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| 42. Mayor's Request 205308 (ID:18028) | Requesting the appointment of Thomas Lambert to the position of Police Officer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 43. Mayor's Request 205309 (ID:18029) | Requesting the appointment of Michael Cleary to the position of Police Officer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 44. Mayor's Request 205310 (ID:18030) | Requesting the appointment of Mark Canty to the position of Police Officer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 45. Mayor's Request 205311 (ID:18031) | Requesting the appointment of Priscilla Ribeiro to the position of Police Officer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 46. Mayor's Request 205312 (ID:18032) | Requesting the appointment of Dylan Lambert to the position of Police Officer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 47. Mayor's Request 205313 (ID:18033) | Requesting the appointment of Allisha Omolade to the position of Police Officer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 48. Mayor's Request 205314 (ID:18034) | Requesting the appointment of Robert Anaya to the position of Police Officer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

49. Mayor's Request 205315 (ID:18035) Requesting the appointment of Nicholas Moreira to the position of Police Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

50. Officer's Communication 205316 (ID:18025) Finance Director submitting the city's FY 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 50 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

51. Officer's Communication 205317 (ID:18003) Director of Libraries responding to #205099 re: the Libraries' vision for neighborhood access to branch libraries and services.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 51 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

52. Officer's Communication 205318 (ID:18026) Legislative Liaison submitting a March 1, 2018 email to this Board conveying a Conway Park update.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 52 through 53 and place them on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

53. Officer's Communication 205319 (ID:18041) Grants Development Manager responding to #205206 re: grant opportunities for the proposed Office of Housing Stability.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

54. Officer's Communication 205320 (ID:18044) Director of Constituent Services responding to #204377 with the city's policy for following up on Inspectional Services issues when ISD is closed.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 54 and place it on file with a copy to the Housing and Community Development Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

NEW BUSINESS

55. License/Permit 205321 (ID:18070) Public Event Permit, Tufts University Tuftonia's Day, Tufts Campus, Apr 27, 7AM-11:30PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

56. License/Permit 205322 (ID:18071) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Top Gear Motor Group, 24 Joy St.

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 56 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED

57. License/Permit 205323 (ID:18072) New Flammables License, Metropolitan Pipe and Supply, 30 Innerbelt Rd, storing 1,215 gallons.

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 57 and 58 and refer them to the Licenses and Permits Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

58. License/Permit 205324 (ID:18073) New Flammables License, Internap Corp, 50 Innerbelt Rd, storing 9,600 gallons.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

59. Public Communication 205325 (ID:18079) Tufts University submitting its Spring 2018 University Accountability report.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

60. Public Communication 205326 (ID:18074) Our Revolution Somerville Steering Committee submitting comments re: #205250, a proposed Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project Home Rule Petition.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

61. Public Communication 205327 (ID:18075) Preservation of Affordable Housing Inc submitting comments re: #205250, a proposed Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project Home Rule Petition.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

62. Public Ronald Cavallo submitting comments re: #205250, a proposed Clarendon Hill
Communication Public Housing Project Home Rule Petition.
205328
(ID:18077)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

63. Public Union Square Main Streets submitting comments re: the role of a Community
Communication Benefits Agreement in supporting the local business community.
205329
(ID:18076)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

64. Public Kevin Walford submitting comments re: #204953, the proposed zoning
Communication ordinance overhaul.
205330
(ID:18078)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

65. Order By Ald. Niedergang, Davis
205331 That the Director of Traffic and Parking add blinking lights to the STOP sign
(ID:18080) on Cherry Street before Summer Street, and install flashing PEDESTRIAN
CROSSING signs on both sides of Summer Street at Cherry Street, all as soon
as possible, since beginning on March 19, traffic will be diverted to this
intersection from the closed Highland Avenue-Cedar Street intersection.

Alderman Niedergang noted that this is a matter of urgency, as there was a
serious traffic accident there on Tuesday.

RESULT: APPROVED

66. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen
205332 That the Director of Parks and Recreation refresh the stone dust at the
(ID:18081) Nunziato dog park and install some form of transparent dust mitigation on the
fence surrounding the dog park.

RESULT: APPROVED

67. Resolution By Ald. Ewen-Campen
205333 That the Traffic Commission revoke the "48-hour parking ban."
(ID:18082)

Alderman Ewen- Campen would like this 48 hour parking ban be revoked.
This is only enforced if there is a complaint or after snow.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

68. Order 205334 (ID:18084) By Ald. White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, and the Entire Board That the Committee on Housing and Community Development investigate the condition of affordable housing units in the City, gathering testimony and data, to determine whether there is an affordable housing crisis that constitutes a public emergency, which may inform any home rule petitions related to affordable housing.

Alderman White would like the Committee on Housing and Community Development to determine if there is an affordable housing crisis that rises to the level of a public emergency.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

69. Officer's Communication 205335 (ID:18083) Director of Personnel responding to #205081 and #18049, re: sick time for part-timers earning less than 20 hours per week.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

70. Public Communication 205336 (ID:18086) Ronald Cavallo submitting further comments re: #205250, a proposed Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project Home Rule Petition.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

LATE ITEMS

71. Order 205337 (ID:18087) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase patrols during business hours and address business parking in front of fire hydrants, on the street and in no parking zones.

RESULT: APPROVED

72. Order 205338 (ID:18088) By Ald. McLaughlin, Clingan, Niedergang That the City Solicitor draft a feral cat ordinance similar to Chicago's, to assist feral cats and address rodent concerns.

Alderman McLaughlin would like set up a draft ordinance to have feral cats help with the rodent problems.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

73. Ordinance 201740 (ID:14401) By Ald. White Jr., and the Entire Board
Proposing an ordinance relative to a mid-fiscal year report of municipal finances, with next-fiscal year budget projections.
- Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters per #205276.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
74. Public Communication 203190 (ID:15870) Publishers Circulation Fulfillment responding to #203057 re: Globe Direct distribution.
- Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters per #205279.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
75. Order 203711 (ID:16425) By Ald. Heuston
That the City Solicitor consult with the Commissioner of Public Works to draft an ordinance requiring contractors and utilities to secure metal plates during street construction.
- Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters per #205278.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
76. Ordinance 204486 (ID:17221) By Ald. White Jr., Davis, McWatters
Proposing an Ordinance for the management and elimination of natural gas leaks.
- Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters per #205277.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:50 PM.