

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 26, 2019, 7:00 PM
 City Council Chamber, City Hall-93 Highland Avenue

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by Ward Seven City Councilor Katjana Ballantyne.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Stephanie Hirsch	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Wilfred N. Mbah	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	City Councilor At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One City Councilor	Absent	
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
 209279
 (ID:22160)

Call of the Roll.

Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored a moment of silence for John F. Burns.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes
 209280
 (ID:22161)

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 24, 2019.

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. Citation
 209281
 (ID:22162)

By City Councilor Niedergang, Clingan, White Jr.
 Commending Phillip Weiss, in recognition of his 40 years as Darshan, spiritual leader, at Temple B'nai Brith.

Councilor Niedergang said that he'd present the Citation at a celebration in honor of Phillip Weiss.
RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location 209282 (ID:22114) Submitted by Eversource to install 36 feet of conduit in Hudson Street, from Pole 202/21 to a point of pickup at 150 Hudson Street.
- The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. Councilor Niedergang asked if the street would be dug up, and Ms. Duffy responded yes, in the spring. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
5. Grant of Location 209283 (ID:22113) Submitted by Eversource to install 8 feet of conduit in Fremont Street, from Pole 136/2 to a point of pickup at 17 Fremont Street.
- The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. Resolution 209284 (ID:22154) By City Councilor Scott Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.
- Councilor Scott requested to have this Resolution laid on the table so he could refine the text.
- RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE**
FOLLOWUP: City Council
7. Order 209285 (ID:22141) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD advise the Ward 7 Councilor in writing by November 27, 2019, of the Parking Policy identified in the recent Traffic and Parking Committee meeting, and advise how it affects 395 Alewife Brook Parkway and 1244 Broadway.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
8. Order 209286 (ID:22149) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of Engineering and the Commissioner of Public Works repave the crosswalk on Aberdeen Road at Highland Avenue, as it remains a tripping hazard for pedestrians.
- Councilor Niedergang commented on the severity of this tripping hazard.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

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| <p>9. Resolution
209287
(ID:22150)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne, Mbah
That the Administration find a way for this Council to provide feedback on the draft SomerVision 2040 Committee report prior to its finalization.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Hirsch requested that the Administration present their draft version to this Council and to the Planning Board, and then open a comment period to accept formal comments.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> | |
| <p>10. Order
209288
(ID:22151)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen
That the City Solicitor provide guidance on whether the City can take property by eminent domain to create affordable housing.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> | |
| <p>11. Order
209289
(ID:22152)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Director of Inspectional Services provide preliminary feedback on how the zoning overhaul, if passed, will affect ISD staffing needs, practices, and systems.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Hirsch asked that departments most affected by the zoning overhaul discuss how it might affect their staffing.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> | |
| <p>12. Order
209290
(ID:22153)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Director of SPCD provide an update on affordable housing units created in 2019, relative to the projected 51 units outlined in SomerVision update documents.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> | |
| <p>13. Communication
209291
(ID:22118)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Rossetti
Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of November 18, 2019.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> | |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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| <p>14. Grant of Location
209187
(ID:22040)</p> | <p>Submitted by ExteNet Systems to install a small cell wireless antenna and related equipment on an existing utility pole near 59 Dartmouth Street.</p> |
| <p>The Clerk reported that the applicant asked that this item be left on the table.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> | |

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

15. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209292 (ID:22155) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on November 19, 2019.

Councilor Davis reported that the only item discussed was the proposed Zoning Overhaul. The Committee focused on proposed amendments, and a list of these amendments is available in table form on the www.somervillezoning.com website.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Resolution 209293 (ID:22126) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Administration advise this Council on what policy would be necessary to enforce green roof and related requirements in the future.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

16. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209294 (ID:22158) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on November 21, 2019.

Councilor Davis reported that the sole item discussed was the proposed Zoning Overhaul and how the Master Plan Development works.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 209295 (ID:22168) By City Councilor Scott That the City Solicitor advise the Committee on Land Use whether the regulation of bedrooms through the zoning ordinance would be allowable by law.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

17. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 209296 (ID:22159) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on November 25, 2019.

Councilor Rossetti reported on the items discussed at the meeting. First was a public hearing on a new Garage License at Dino’s Auto Center, 308 McGrath Hwy. The Committee approved an amended application, eliminating the outdoor parking for 3 vehicles. Next was a public hearing on a new Extended Operating Hours License for Dakzen, 195 Elm St. The applicant failed to appear, and no members of the public spoke. The item was left in Committee. The last public hearing was on a new Extended Operating Hours License for Lemon Thai Cuisine, 215 Highland Ave.

Again, the applicant failed to appear, no one from the public spoke, and the Committee left the item in Committee.

Next, Assistant City Solicitor David Shapiro spoke on regulating communications utilities' dead drops on utility poles. He addressed a low voltage court case initiated by the City of Boston. He reported that that case was not germane to Somerville's situation, but that the Superintendent of Highways, Lights and Lines could take charge in the removal of the dead lines. The Committee then discussed a series of Grant of Location applications from Eversource and ExteNet, and 15 "6409" applications to modify existing installations submitted by Crown Castle.

Finally, the Committee held a Show Cause Hearing on 10 licenses held by the Herb Chambers Company, to determine why its Used Car, Garage, Flammable, and Outdoor Parking Licenses shouldn't be suspended or revoked for violation of the Wage Theft Ordinance. Representatives of the company explained that the Attorney General had found an error in the company's collection of employees' uniform cleaning fees. They reported that all employees had been compensated, and produced an email from the AG's Office confirming that they had fulfilled all requirements. The Committee decided not to take further action against the company.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. License/Permit 207227 (ID:19948) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 1, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. License/Permit 207228 (ID:19949) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 1, Smart Center Boston, 257 McGrath Hwy.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. License/Permit 207229 (ID:19950) Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 1, Herb Chambers Mercedes Benz of Boston Commercial Vans, 161 Linwood St.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. License/Permit 208129 (ID:20935) Renewing Flammables License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. License/Permit 208211 (ID:20975) Renewing Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 19 Joy St.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- G. License/Permit 208212 (ID:20976) Renewing Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood St.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. License/Permit 208213 (ID:20977) Renewing Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston Commercial Vans, 161 Linwood St.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. License/Permit 208214 (ID:20978) Renewing Garage License, Herb Chambers I-93, 71 Linwood St.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. License/Permit 208215 (ID:20979) Renewing Garage License, Herb Chambers I-93, 259 McGrath Hwy.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. License/Permit 208216 (ID:20985) Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood St.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

L. License/Permit 208790 (ID:21614) New Garage License, Dino's Auto Center, 308 McGrath, 10 cars inside, 3 outside for mechanical repairs only, Mon-Fri 8AM-6PM, Sat 8AM-2PM, Sun closed.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

AMENDED: No cars allowed outside.

M. Grant of Location 208800 (ID:21690) Submitted by Eversource to install 76 feet of conduit in Farragut Ave from Pole 220/1 to a point of pickup at the rear of 1244-1248 Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

N. Order 208957 (ID:21781) By City Councilor Scott, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Niedergang, Mbah, White Jr., Ballantyne, Hirsch, Clingan That this Council's Committee on Licenses and Permits schedule a Show Cause hearing to determine why any business licenses issued to the Herb Chamber companies by this body should not be suspended or revoked for violations of the City's Wage Theft Ordinance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

O. Grant of Location 208981 (ID:21837) Submitted by ExteNet Systems to replace a City-owned streetlight at 411 Somerville Ave with a similar streetlight that includes a wireless small cell antenna and related equipment.

RESULT: APPROVED

P. License/Permit 209115 (ID:21915) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 1, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| Q. | License/Permit
209116
(ID:21916) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 1, Smart Center Boston, 257 McGrath Hwy. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| R. | License/Permit
209117
(ID:21917) | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 1, Herb Chambers Mercedes Benz of Boston Commercial Vans, 161 Linwood St. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| S. | Officer's
Communication
209162
(ID:21985) | Assistant City Solicitor conveying 15 "Eligible Facilities Requests" from Crown Castle, which is requesting approval to modify 15 of its existing transmission installations. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| T. | Order
209297
(ID:22178) | By City Councilor Scott
That the Commissioner of Public Works communicate with Comcast and report back to the Committee on Licenses and Permits with results of the request for removal of all dead drops. | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |

18. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee
Report
209298
(ID:22156) | Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on November 20, 2019. | Councilor White reported that the Committee discussed 22 items, which are described in detail online. Among the items discussed were the enforcement of the city's requirements for driveway construction and paving, ways to sanction Newport Construction and Northern Tree for their reckless removal of healthy trees from Beacon Street, and city monitoring of utility replacement of defective or dangerous utility poles to ensure compliance. There was also a discussion of the questionable placement of concrete and electrical equipment at the Brown School.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | Order
205813
(ID:18588) | By City Councilor Niedergang, Rossetti
That the Director of Engineering and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on enforcement of the ordinance on driveway construction and paving over front, back or side yards, with a list of violations and fines levied in 2016 and 2017. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

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| C. Order
206960
(ID:19716) | By City Councilor White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works with the number of outstanding requests to replace defective or dangerous utility poles. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| D. Resolution
207193
(ID:20023) | By City Councilor Scott
That the Administration, SPCD, and Arts Council host events to bring pedestrians to the affected Union Square and Ball Square areas during construction detours. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| E. Order
207592
(ID:20405) | By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Rossetti
That the Commissioner of Public Works direct the appropriate utility to remove and/or bury the utility poles on Trull Lane prior to upcoming construction there, and that the Commissioner express in writing to the Committee on Public Utilities and Works the feasibility of this work prior to construction. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| F. Order
207904
(ID:20708) | By City Councilor Rossetti
That the City Solicitor update this Council as it relates to the communication received from Newport Construction Corp. on March 25, 2019. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| G. Order
208240
(ID:21052) | By City Councilor White Jr., Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk at 50 Dartmouth Street as it poses a significant safety hazard. (2nd request) |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| H. Order
208276
(ID:21057) | By City Councilor White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD provide a written response to #207193, for the Arts Council to host events to bring pedestrians to Union Square and Ball Square during construction detours. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| I. Officer's
Communication
208287
(ID:21053) | Assistant City Solicitor responding to #207904 with an update on Newport Construction communications. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| J. Officer's
Communication
208431
(ID:21228) | Arts Council Director responding to #208276 re: Arts Council activities to bring pedestrians to Union Square and Ball Square during construction detours. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |

- K. Order 208687 (ID:21562) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Director of Public Works inform this Council of any recent challenges relative to yard waste pickup.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- L. Order 208780 (ID:21603) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Rossetti, White Jr., Hirsch, Mbah, Ballantyne That the Director of Engineering ensure that gas leaks along Pearl Street and Washington Street are addressed before reconstruction of said streets is completed.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- M. Order 208812 (ID:21633) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Commissioner of Public Works instruct all utilities to clearly mark potholes, even temporary ones, created in the course of work in order to prevent bicycle and pedestrian accidents.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- N. Order 208822 (ID:21642) By City Councilor Hirsch, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Clingan That the Director of Public Works and the Director of Inspectional Services discuss how trash pickup and enforcement occurs during the high-volume move-in weeks.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- O. Order 208824 (ID:21644) By City Councilor Hirsch, Clingan That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss ways of cleaning sidewalks in neighborhoods that have experienced sewage-contaminated flooding on sidewalks.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- P. Order 208838 (ID:21658) By City Councilor Scott That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately re-evaluate for usability, the placement of benches on Beacon Street.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- Q. Order 208839 (ID:21659) By City Councilor Scott, Ballantyne, Clingan, Mbah That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (Mobility) address this Council regarding handicap accessibility protocols for bus boarding at stops along Beacon Street and other routes in the city and propose remedies for resident concerns.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

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| R. | Order
208890
(ID:21707) | By City Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean inside the metal barrel holders in and around Foss Park in addition to emptying them. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |
| S. | Order
208918
(ID:21749) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD place signage on Medford Street letting pedestrians know where they can walk. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |
| T. | Order
209082
(ID:21938) | By City Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace all of the streetlights along Fellsway West between Mystic Avenue and Broadway with new LED lights, and, in the meantime, replace the bulbs of the 11 streetlights that are out. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | | |
| U. | Order
209299
(ID:22166) | By City Councilor White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works report to the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works about DPW monitoring of utility pole complaints to determine whether the utilities follow through on them. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | | |
| FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee | | |
| V. | Order
209300
(ID:22167) | By City Councilor White Jr., Ballantyne
That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer provide a written response to the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works by November 26, 2019, on meetings with Spectra Energy/Enbridge about the Algonquin Gas transmission line and the J2 loop, and on any communications about risks and safety procedures. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | | |
| FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee | | |

19. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee
Report
209301
(ID:22157) | Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on November 20, 2019. |
| <p>Councilor Niedergang reported that most of the meeting was spent discussing parking issues, specifically related to restrictions in transit oriented districts. Planner Dan Bartman explained that the goal is to prohibit parking in high density transit oriented districts within a half mile of a subway station, by banning all resident and guest parking permits unless a waiver is approved by the Traffic Commission. Those living in affordable housing units and those having handicapped stickers from the State would be given waivers if they applied for them. The Committee approved a motion that the draft language for the deed-based parking permit restriction be provided to the City Council for review, and to the Traffic Commission</p> | | |

for implementation, as well as a motion that the City Solicitor advise the extent to which the Council can regulate the issuance of parking permits. The Committee also discussed the parking study task force that will begin meeting in December, as well as a number a traffic issues.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order
200181
(ID:12799)

By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking communicate to MA DOT the need for painted lanes and signs to slow traffic along I-93 and Mystic Avenue along the underpass by Stop and Shop.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order
200692
(ID:13321)

By City Councilor Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate all traffic signage at Webster Avenue and Prospect Street and restore the NO RIGHT TURN ON RED sign to its proper location where it is visible to vehicular traffic.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order
201510
(ID:14173)

By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking request that MA DOT address traffic hazards at the intersection of McGrath Highway and Mystic Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Order
202318
(ID:14991)

By City Councilor Heuston, Rossetti
That the Director of Traffic and Parking appear before this Board to discuss the issuance of business parking permits, especially between 5 PM and 3 AM, and the impact of those permits on residential streets.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order
202764
(ID:15457)

By City Councilor Heuston
That the Director of SPCD discuss the Inman Square intersection redesign with the Administration, Cambridge transportation planners, and the MBTA business group, and assign planning staff to address Somerville's concerns at Cambridge planning meetings, and direct said staff to brief this Board and organize with the Ward 2 Alderman a neighborhood meeting to share findings.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order
202862
(ID:15561)

By City Councilor Rossetti, McLaughlin, Sullivan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain its policy of reporting back to citizens who submit traffic calming petitions.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- H. Order 202903 (ID:15589) By City Councilor Heuston That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking arrange a meeting with the Ward 2 Alderman to discuss a proposal for new parking regulations upon the completion of Beacon Street.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- I. Order 202933 (ID:15644) By City Councilor Davis That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking advise this Board whether diagonal crosswalk markings can be painted at certain intersections.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- J. Order 203921 (ID:16630) By City Councilor Davis, Rossetti That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the policies for issuing business parking permits.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- K. Order 203975 (ID:16790) By City Councilor McWatters, Heuston, Ballantyne, Rossetti, Connolly, White Jr., Sullivan, Davis, Niedergang That the Director of SPCD consider making all neighborway locations, safety zones.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- L. Order 204251 (ID:16972) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD and the City Engineer consider adding a crosswalk as part of the redevelopment of Cedar Street at Warwick or Clyde Streets, and include the Bicycle Advisory Committee in any discussions.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- M. Order 204323 (ID:17047) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD, the Director of Traffic and Parking, and the Commissioner of Public Works suggest additional measures to slow the speeding traffic at the crosswalk in front of the West Somerville Neighborhood School.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- N. Order 204430 (ID:17156) By City Councilor White Jr., Lafuente, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the intersection of School Street and Medford Street to determine whether traffic flow can be improved.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- O. Order 204876 (ID:17643) By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch, and the Entire Board That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking meet with the Committee on Traffic and Parking to discuss policies and procedures to limit residential parking permits for residents of properties that are granted relief from parking requirements by the Zoning Board of Appeals or the Planning Board.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- P. Order 204972 (ID:17736) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of Traffic and Parking remove the leftover sign stump on Sycamore Street, at the corner of Evergreen Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- Q. Order 205690 (ID:18514) By City Councilor Niedergang, and the Entire Board That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on using trees in planters on streets instead of bump outs as a low-cost way to calm traffic and to place trees on streets where the sidewalks are too narrow to accommodate street trees.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- R. Order 206064 (ID:18856) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD report to this Board and the Ward 5 Alderman on plans to expend the \$220,000 contributed by the Maxwell's Green developer for traffic calming in the Lowell Street area.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- S. Order 206067 (ID:18859) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Hirsch That the Director of Traffic and Parking install audible pedestrian signals so people can cross safely at the busy intersection of Highland Avenue and Central Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- T. Resolution 206077 (ID:18851) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Administration work with relevant department heads to create a written policy requiring written notifications to abutters regarding street closings.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- U. Order 206580 (ID:19366) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD install a crosswalk on Lowell Street at the Wilton Street bumpouts, as there is no crosswalk on Lowell Street between Magoun Square and the bridge.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- V. Order 206672 (ID:19448) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the implementation of neighborhood safety zones. (2nd request)
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- W. Order 207445 (ID:20238) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of SPCD make the intersection of Jacques Street and Edgar Avenue safer for both drivers and pedestrians.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- X. Order 207575 (ID:20381) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis, Hirsch, Scott That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking immediately implement "only onsite parking" requirements for those proposed projects which have been confirmed during neighborhood meetings as not being granted residential or guest parking permits.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- Y. Order 207876 (ID:20682) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of Traffic and Parking deploy traffic calming measures on Jacques Street.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- Z. Order 207877 (ID:20683) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider restricting parking along parts of Temple Street during morning and evening rush hours, on a temporary basis, to help the traffic flow during the city's bridge closures.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- AA. Order 208253 (ID:21084) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD suggest traffic calming solutions for Sycamore Street between Highland Avenue and Medford Street. (2nd request)
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- AB. Order 208278 (ID:21068) By City Councilor Davis That the Director of SPCD advise the Committee on Traffic and Parking of any plans for traffic calming on Morrison Avenue between Cedar Street and Willow Avenue.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

AC. Resolution 208321 (ID:21131) By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch, Ballantyne That the Mayor convene a committee to make recommendations by early 2020 for changes in City and residential parking permit policies such as those suggested by the Nelson/Nygaard consultant, as presented to the Land Use Committee on April 30, 2019.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AD. Order 208694 (ID:21569) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah That the Director of SPCD work with the City of Boston and MA DOT to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety at state highway intersections including Sullivan Square, McGrath Highway at Broadway and at Washington Street, and the Northern Expressway at the Kensington Avenue Underpass.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AE. Order 208814 (ID:21635) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 3 City Councilor on placing a digital speed board on School Street, just south of Highland Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AF. Order 208833 (ID:21653) By City Councilor Scott, Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parking provide this Council with a timeline for implementing resident parking restrictions for certain new developments.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AG. Order 208990 (ID:21788) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Rossetti, Hirsch That the Commissioner of Public Works install traffic dampening tools at the intersection of Broadway and Simpson Avenue to slow the traffic speeding on Broadway.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AH. Order 208991 (ID:21807) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD report on the bus and bike lanes on Broadway on Winter Hill, including an assessment of their effectiveness, a response to the many complaints that have been received, and a description of any changes that are planned or being investigated.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AI. Order 209002 (ID:21819) By City Councilor Clingan, Hirsch That the Director of SPCD assess the implementation of the Winter Hill in Motion project and how the city can better roll out such a new experimental set of changes.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AJ. Order
209062
(ID:21920)

By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch
That the Director of Communications and the Director of Parking implement a plan to better publicize Traffic Commission meetings and decisions, and share that plan with this Council.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AK. Order
209063
(ID:21921)

By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD, the Director of Parking, the Director of Mobility and/or the Director of SomerStat report to this Council on whether proposed restrictions on resident parking stickers for new developments in transit-oriented areas would also apply to guest passes.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AL. Order
209074
(ID:21931)

By City Councilor Hirsch, Clingan, Mbah
That the City Council and appropriate city staff hold a public hearing on the decision-making process, timing, and implementation of the Broadway bus lane, in response to resident requests and petitions.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AM. Order
209147
(ID:21971)

By City Councilor Scott, Hirsch
That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately replace the missing signal at the intersection of Washington and Webster Streets.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AN. Resolution
209302
(ID:22142)

By City Councilor Davis
That the Administration submit draft language for the deed-based parking permit restriction program to this Council for review and to the Traffic Commission for implementation.

RESULT: APPROVED

AO. Order
209303
(ID:22143)

By City Councilor Davis
That the City Solicitor advise on how this Council can regulate by ordinance the issuance of parking permits, and prohibit the issuance of parking permits to residents of new construction or renovation that doesn't provide on-site parking.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 20. Mayor's Request
209304
(ID:22125) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$4,351,000 in a bond for Central Hill Campus Park and Open Space Improvements. |
| | <p>Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 20 and 21, 23 through 30, and 32 and 33, and refer them all to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 21. Mayor's Request
209305
(ID:22131) | Requesting approval to dedicate Central Hill Playground to Open Space and Recreational Use in perpetuity. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 22. Mayor's Request
209306
(ID:22107) | Requesting the appropriation of \$1,500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance Account to the Law Department's Damages to Persons and Property Account in order to settle a lawsuit. |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 23. Mayor's Request
209307
(ID:22138) | Requesting the appropriation of \$300,000 from the CPA FY20 Fund for the construction of Central Hill Campus Phase I. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 24. Mayor's Request
209308
(ID:22136) | Requesting the appropriation of \$205,436 from the CPA FY20 Fund to the Somerville Museum for construction of an elevator. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 25. Mayor's Request
209309
(ID:22137) | Requesting the appropriation of \$200,000 from the CPA FY20 Fund for the Open Space Acquisition and Improvements Stabilization Fund. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 26. Mayor's Request
209310
(ID:22135) | Requesting the appropriation of \$38,000 from the CPA Fund Historic Resources Reserve Account to the Elizabeth Peabody House Association for an addressable fire alarm system. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |

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| 27. Mayor's Request 209311 (ID:22053) | Requesting the appropriation of \$250,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Conway Park Construction Special Revenue Account in order to fund Conway Park fields design services. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 28. Mayor's Request 209312 (ID:22052) | Requesting the appropriation of \$25,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund in order to fund design services for Dilboy Field improvements. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 29. Mayor's Request 209313 (ID:22140) | Requesting an appropriation of \$150,000 from Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings for design services for field improvements. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 30. Mayor's Request 209314 (ID:22097) | Requesting a transfer of \$43,000 from the Engineering Salaries Account to the Parking Professional and Technical Account to provide traffic engineering consulting services while the Traffic Engineer position remains vacant. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 31. Mayor's Request 209315 (ID:22170) | Withdrawn. | RESULT: WITHDRAWN |
| 32. Mayor's Request 209316 (ID:22123) | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$3,117.96 using available funds in the Building and Grounds Fire Alarm Account for the payment of the Settlement Agreement with Simplex Grinnell. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 33. Mayor's Request 209317 (ID:22124) | Requesting acceptance of a \$32,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Environmental Protection for the Recycling Dividend program, under the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

34. Mayor's Request 209318 (ID:22130) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Heather D. Heimarck to the Community Preservation Committee.
- Councilor Scott requested to waive the reading of item 34 and refer it 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

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

35. Officer's Communication 209319 (ID:22106) Assistant City Solicitor requesting to appear with outside legal counsel in Executive Session to discuss a matter of pending litigation.
- The City Council recessed for the Executive Session at 8:10 PM, and reconvened at 8:30 PM. No votes were taken in Executive Session.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
- AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- ABSENT:** McLaughlin

36. Officer's Communication 209320 (ID:22139) Community Preservation Act Manager submitting a summary of FY20 Community Preservation Act funding recommendations.
- President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 36 and place it on file with a copy to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

37. Officer's Communication 209321 (ID:22092) Director of Health and Human Services conveying the Somerville Opioid Overdose Data Report for 2018.
- President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 37 and place it on file with a copy to the Public Health and Public Safety Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

38. Officer's Communication 209322 (ID:22165) Retirement Board notifying this Council of the election of John Memory as the 3rd member, and the declaration of Thomas Ross as the 4th member.
- President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 38 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

NEW BUSINESS

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| 39. License/Permit
209323
(ID:22109) | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Vinal Bakery, 222 Somerville Ave.

Councilor Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 39 through 53 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 40. License/Permit
209324
(ID:22119) | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, The Burren, 247 Elm St.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 41. License/Permit
209325
(ID:22128) | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Comicazi, 407 Highland Ave.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 42. License/Permit
209326
(ID:22129) | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Ola Gifts Cafe, 112 Broadway.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 43. License/Permit
209327
(ID:22127) | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Tony C's Sports Bar and Grill, 699 Assembly Row.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 44. License/Permit
209328
(ID:22144) | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Reliable Market, 45 Union Sq.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 45. License/Permit
209329
(ID:22145) | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, The Independent, 75 Union Sq.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 46. License/Permit
209330
(ID:22146) | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm St.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 47. License/Permit
209331
(ID:22121) | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, NU Cafe and Juice Bar, 195 Washington St.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 48. License/Permit
209332
(ID:22111) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Top Gear Motor Group, 24 Joy St.
RESULT: APPROVED |

49. License/Permit 209333 (ID:22112) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Web Motor Sales, 5 Middlesex Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED

50. License/Permit 209334 (ID:22147) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Motorcycles and More, 109 Bailey Rd.

RESULT: APPROVED

51. License/Permit 209335 (ID:22110) Renewing Dog Kennel License, Riverdog Daycare, 321 Somerville Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED

52. License/Permit 209336 (ID:22120) Sign/Awning License, Lux Dental Inc., 185 Washington Street, 1 flat and 2 blade signs.

RESULT: APPROVED

53. License/Permit 209337 (ID:22163) New Transient Vendor License, Not Just Co., 1 Bow Market Way Stall 27, selling shelf-stable packaged foods.

RESULT: APPROVED

54. Public Communication 209338 (ID:22164) Jack Saade withdrawing a zoning amendment he proposed on 9/12/19, #208899, to re-zone his property at 453 Somerville Ave.

Councilor Davis requested to waive the reading of item 54 and refer it to the Land Use Committee with a copy to the Planning Board. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

55. Mayor's Request 209339 (ID:22173) Requesting the adoption of a New Zoning Ordinance to supersede the current Zoning Ordinance as originally adopted on March 23, 1990.

Councilor Davis requested to waive the reading of item 54 and refer it to the Land Use Committee with a copy to the Planning Board. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

56. Mayor's Communication 209340 (ID:22171) Submitting draft language for residential permit parking restriction waivers.
- Councilor Scott commented on the draft language proposed for resident parking permit restriction waivers, and, with Councilor Niedergang, requested that Planner Dan Bartman provide clarification.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

LATE ITEMS

57. Resolution 209341 (ID:22183) By City Councilor Mbah, Hirsch That the Administration incorporate the Green New Deal into all aspects of SomerVision 2040.
- Councilor Mbah argued that the Green New Deal should be incorporated into the Somervision 2040 Plan whenever possible.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

58. Communication 209342 (ID:22174) By City Councilor Hirsch Providing compiled property and zoning relief application data, to inform the affordability requirements built into the zoning overhaul.
- Councilor Hirsch stated that everyone has the right to have a good home, but when the home becomes a profitable business, she's not sure it is really helping the community.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

59. Resolution 209343 (ID:22175) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Administration provide (in the socrata portal) data in database-ready format on zoning relief requests, so the public may better understand the impact of Zoning and Planning Board requests on neighborhoods and housing stock.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

60. Grant of Location 208974 (ID:21830) Submitted by Eversource to install 93 feet of conduit in Somerville Ave from Manhole 20650 to a new Extenet handhole near 411 Somerville Ave.
- Discharged from the Committee on Licenses and Permits.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

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| 61. | Order
209344
(ID:22177) | By City Councilor White Jr.
That the Chief of Police inform this Council as to the Police Department's policy on ticketing vehicles parked in front of fire hydrants and whether that policy has been consistently enforced. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">Councilor White stated he had received a phone call from a constituent about vehicles parking in front of a fire hydrant, and he wants to know about enforcement of this safety hazard.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: APPROVED</p> | | |
| 62. | Order
209345
(ID:22176) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works repaint the "No-Cycling" decals on business district sidewalks. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p style="margin: 0;">FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p> | | |
| 63. | Order
209346
(ID:22179) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD and the Administration advise the Ward 7 City Councilor in writing by Nov. 27, 2019 what instructions and process they are allowing for parking in new projects. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: APPROVED</p> | | |
| 64. | Order
209347
(ID:22181) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Inspectional Services determine whether 107 Electric Avenue is being used to operate a contracting business storing contracting equipment and supplies in a RA-zoned neighborhood. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p style="margin: 0;">FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> | | |
| 65. | Order
209348
(ID:22182) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management advise this Council what can be done immediately to lessen the continual flooding of Alewife Brook Pkwy when it rains. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p style="margin: 0;">FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p> | | |
| 66. | Public
Communication
209349
(ID:22184) | 18 residents requesting that the MBTA bus stop that was at 95 Beacon St and has been moved to 97 Beacon St, be returned to 95 Beacon St. |
| <p style="margin: 0;">RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> <p style="margin: 0;">FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p> | | |

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:55 PM.