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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 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 7:00 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	Present	
Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott	Ward Two City Councilor	Present	
Ben Ewen-Campen	Ward Three City Councilor	Present	
Jesse Clingan	Ward Four City Councilor	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five City Councilor	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six City Councilor	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven City Councilor	Present	

1.	Roll Call	Call of the Roll.
	209054 (ID:21940)	Councilor Scott sponsored a moment of silence for Katherine Widmer. Councilor McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for Maureen Lauretano.
		RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 209055 (ID:21941) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 26, 2019. **RESULT: APPROVED**

CITATIONS

Citation
 209056
 (ID:21951)
 By City Councilor Ballantyne, and the Mayor
 Commending Ronald Castile on the happy occasion of his retirement after 27 years of distinguished service at the Central Library, including the last 16 years as the Teen Librarian.
 Councilor Ballantyne presented the citation to Ronald Castile.

RESULT: APPROVED

4.Citation
209057
(ID:21952)By City Councilor Ballantyne, and the Mayor
Commending the Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church, which is celebrating its
100th year of spiritual service to our community.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Order 209058 By City Councilor Rossetti
 (ID:21904) That the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Council the plan for an emergency response to the increased risk of disruption to the potable water supply due to water contamination from strong storms caused by climate change.

Councilor Rossetti expressed the need for a plan for potable water.**RESULT:APPROVEDFOLLOWUP:**Public Health and Public Safety Committee

Resolution 209059 By City Councilor Rossetti That the Administration consider erecting banners along roadways, as college campuses do, highlighting actual photos of our community's families and individuals, both young and aged, walking or bicycling.

Councilor Rossetti suggested that banners be placed throughout the City highlighting our community members with their photos.

RESULT:APPROVEDFOLLOWUP:Housing and Community Development Committee

7. Communication By City Councilor Rossetti 209060 Report of the High School Building Committee Meeting of October 21, 2019. (ID:21906) Councilor Rossetti reported that the High School project is still running on time but there is very little margin for error. There are about 178 workers on site daily. A third shuttle van has been added to get students between the High School and the Edgerly School where some classes are held. Shadowing internship and co-op opportunities are being offered to all seniors this year. A Dedication Committee has been formed. The Department of Education will be reviewing the Career Tech Ed Program, since there has been some disruption with those classes. Finally, the contingency account has increased to \$3.2 million. **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

8.	Order 209061 (ID:21919)	 By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch That the City Solicitor and the Director of Sustainability and the Environr draft with the Ward 5 Councilor an ordinance to ban or regulate the use of powered leaf blowers. 	
		Councilor Niedergang sponsored Peyton Kennedy, a constituent who explained why it is important to ban gas powered leaf blowers. She said one leaf blower emits as much pollution as hundreds of cars, and their noise is as loud as 100 decibels, which can cause hearing loss to the operator. Councilor Hirsch said she'd like the opinion of the DPW since they use leaf blowers. RESULT: APPROVED	
		FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee	
9. 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.	
		Councilor Niedergang commented that the Traffic Commission made significant decisions about parking and bike/bus lanes on Broadway, and no one in the public knew about it. RESULT:APPROVEDFOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee	
10.	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:APPROVEDFOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee	
11.	Order 209064 (ID:21922)	By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD report on how the funds allocated for the "Bridge Hopper" shuttle will be re-allocated, in light of data showing that the Bridge Hopper shuttle has shown low ridership.	
		Councilor Niedergang reported that Bridge Hopper ridership is very low and would like to know what can be done with the funds.	
		RESULT:APPROVEDFOLLOWUP: Finance Committee	

12. Order 209065 (ID:21907)		By City Councilor McLaughlin That Rule 2 of the Rules of the City Council be hereby suspended for 2019 only, to instruct the City Clerk to schedule the Annual Caucus of the 2020 City Council at 6:30 PM on Thursday, November 14, 2019.		
		 Councilor McLaughlin said he was unable to attend a Caucus at its regular time, and requested the re-scheduling so he could be present. RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne AMENDED: That the Rules of this Council are suspended so that the Caucus of the 2020 City Council can meet at 6:30 PM on Thursday, November 14, 2019. 		
13.	Order 209066 (ID:21923)	By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works address the graffiti on the fence separating Connecticut Street from I-93.		
		Councilor McLaughlin requested to waive the readings of items 13 through 20 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. RESULT: APPROVED		
14.	14.Order 209067 (ID:21924)By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management address sidewalk at 20 Rhode Island Avenue.			
		RESULT: APPROVED		
15.Order 209068 (ID:21925)By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Parking ensure that Alston Str on street cleaning days.		That the Director of Parking ensure that Alston Street is patrolled and ticketed		
		RESULT: APPROVED		
16.	Order 209069 (ID:21926)	By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Parking place signage well before the intersection of Pearl and Cross Streets, indicating it is a school zone.		
		RESULT: APPROVED		
17.	Order 209070 (ID:21927)	By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the trees on Pennsylvania Avenue are watered.		
		RESULT: APPROVED		

18.	 8. Order By City Councilor McLaughlin 209071 That the Commissioner of Public Works address the street lights o (ID:21928) from Sullivan Square to Indiana Avenue, that are on 24 hours a da 	
		RESULT: APPROVED
19.	Order 209072 (ID:21929)	By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the dead trees on Medford Street.
		RESULT: APPROVED
20.	Order 209073 (ID:21930)	By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works address the missing gas cover at 52- 54 Pinckney Street.
		RESULT: APPROVED
21.	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.
		Councilor Hirsch requested a public hearing about the Broadway bus lane implementation. Councilor Rossetti said it should include the Traffic Commission, but Councilor White felt, as the Traffic Commission is an independent body, it may not be appropriate. President Ballantyne said she would confer with the City Solicitor, and Councilor Niedergang said he would communicate with the Commission. RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
22.	Order 209075 (ID:21932)	By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne That the Director of Finance provide feedback on the attached data on Somerville's revenue growth from 2003 to 2018 as compared to other MA municipalities.
		Councilor Hirsch shared her analysis of the revenue growth for every municipality in Massachusetts and found that the average growth of the 47 largest communities is 63% between 2003 and 2018, and Somerville is below average at 59%.
		RESULT:APPROVEDFOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

23. Resolution 209076 (ID:21933)		By City Councilor Hirsch That the Administration inform this Council how, if it all, the city may recoup from utility companies its costs for a public safety response to gas leaks.		
			wondered whether the City could recoup expenses re Department in response to gas leaks. APPROVED Public Utilities and Public Works Committee	
		FOLLOWUP:	Public Outlities and Public Works Committee	
24.	Resolution 209077 (ID:21934)		Hirsch ation inform this Council of any pros and cons of delines for trick-or-treating prior to Halloween.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
25.	Communication 209078 (ID:21935)	By City Councilor Thanking Ward Co issues.	Hirsch uncilors for sharing information on ward meetings and	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
209079 That the (ID:21936) represe 2019, o School,		representative of th 2019, on the placen	f Infrastructure and Asset Management or another e Administration report to each Councilor by November 1, nent of concrete for electrical equipment at the Brown lternate locations could be less impactful on the school's	
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	APPROVED Public Utilities and Public Works Committee	
27.	Order 209080 (ID:21939)		Clingan, Mbah f Health and Human Services reach out to the numerous mping out in Foss Park and work to address their needs.	
		Councilor Clingar Foss Park the help RESULT:	n hoped outreach could begin to get the homeless people at they need. APPROVED	
		FOLLOWUP:	Public Health and Public Safety Committee	
28.	Order 209081 (ID:21937)		Clingan f Health and Human Services bait and put down new traps ol Tot Lot and address any burrow holes and food sources.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	

29. Order		By City Councilor Clingan		
	209082	That the Commissioner of Public Works replace all of the streetlights along		
	(ID:21938)	Fellsway West between Mystic Avenue and Broadway with new LED lig		
		and, in the meantir	ne, replace the bulbs of the 11 streetlights that are out.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
		FOLLOWUP:	Public Utilities and Public Works Committee	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

<u>30. FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>

A. (Committee	Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on October 15, 2019.
2	Report 209083 ID:21875)	Councilor Rossetti recused on Communications Department items. Councilor White reported on several items discussed at the meeting. There was a request to improve increased parking fines that was approved. There were several bonds for water and sewer projects approved, in line with plans previously submitted. There was a follow-up with Weston and Sampson on the design and remediation of Conway Park. The main item of discussion was the Administrative Order from the US Environmental Protection Agency regarding deficiencies in the City's combined sewer and drainage system. Councilor Hirsch commented, in response to the increased parking fines, that there should be a hardship plan in place. RESULT: APPROVED

B.	Mayor's	Requesting approx	oval to increase selected parking fines.
	Request 208518	RESULT:	APPROVED
	(ID:21296)		
C.	Mayor's		oval of an amendment to Ordinance 2-273 - Revolving Funds,
	Request	to establish a Nil	bble Kitchen Revolving Fund.
	208705 (ID:21503)	RESULT:	ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
	(ID.21505)	AYES:	Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
			Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
D.	Mayor's	Requesting the a	pproval of a \$125,000 expenditure limitation for the Nibble
υ.	Request	1 0	ng Fund for FY2020.
	208706 (ID:21504)	RESULT:	APPROVED
E.	Mayor's	Requesting the s	upplemental appropriation of \$30,719 to the Communications
	Request		Engagement Salary and Wages Temporary Account to hire a
	208857	temporary US C	ensus 2020 Complete Count Coordinator.
	(ID:21675)	Councilor Ross	setti recused.
		RESULT:	APPROVED

F. Resolution 208964 (ID:21787)		By City Councilor White Jr. That the Administration invite representatives from Weston & Sampson and relevant outside counsel to appear before this Council's Finance Committee to discuss all issues pertaining to the remediation and design of Conway Park.		
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	
	Mayor's Request		ropriation and authorization to borrow \$6,500,000 in a bond ystem improvements.	
	209009 (ID:21799)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
H.	Mayor's Request		ropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,730,000 in a bond walk reconstruction.	
	209010 (ID:21798)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
I. Mayor's Request 209011 (ID:21802)	Request		ropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,380,000 in a bond Sewer Replacement Project.	
		RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
J.	Mayor's Request		ropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,740,000 in a bond nent from Willow Avenue to Grove Street.	
	209012 (ID:21801)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
K.	Mayor's Request	1 0 11	ropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,660,000 in a bond n Evaluation Study and Infiltration/Inflow Assessment.	
	209013 (ID:21800)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
L.	Mayor's Communication 209043		ninistrative Order issued by the US Environmental with respect to the City's combined sewer and drainage	
(ID:21861)	(ID:21861)	RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED	

<u>31.</u>	LAND USE CO	MMITTEE
A.	Committee	Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on October 22, 2019.
	Report 209084 (ID:21878)	Councilor Davis reported that the Committee discussed the Zoning Overhaul. The Committee decided that accessory buildings should be limited to one and a half stories for new construction. The Committee discussed landscaping and impervious surfaces and suggested that the definition of landscaping not include driveways. Councilor Niedergang asked whether future meetings on the Zoning Overhaul could be Committee of the Whole meetings so all members could participate. Councilor Davis said he would continue with regular Committee meetings, to expedite consideration of the overhaul. He said it's almost impossible to find nights where there are no meeting conflicts, and Councilors can provide input through the Planning staff or directly to him. RESULT: APPROVED

32. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A.	Committee	Report of the Com	mittee on Legislative Matters, meeting on October 17, 2019.
	Report 209085 (ID:21877)	Councilor Nieder discussing an ord Mayor's Aide Ar standards have yy final design stand distance between levels. The Comm committee and d tenants with incr Schachter said he The Committee s by volunteers, an Home Rule Petit Fund, to allow it new affordable h DOR has change like homelessness McLaughlin prop receive funding f with that amendr After the Commit to the City Count said that an ordir by the State, and Council then vot	rgang reported that most of the meeting was spent dinance for the deployment of 5G small wireless facilities. nnie Connor recommended approval, even though the design et to be finalized, but the Committee wanted to first see dards. The Committee urged increasing the minimum a antennas and windows to 20-25 feet, and restricting noise mittee then left the Tenant Right of First Refusal in iscussed the Jim Brooks Home Rule Petition, to provide eased rights and powers. Director of Housing Stability Ellen er Office doesn't have the staff to take this on at this time. suggested that it could be done by Committee members or nd took no action. Finally, the Administration presented a ion to expand the scope of the Affordable Housing Trust to support housing-related programs and start-up costs for rousing initiatives. Expansion is needed because the State ed the rules and the Trust is no longer able to fund things as prevention, domestic violence programs, etc. Councilor posed an amendment stating that no City Department could from the Trust, and the Home Rule Petition was approved nent. ittee report was presented, Ms. Schachter expressed concern cil that the amendment could tie the hands of the City. She nance would be required anyway if the Petition were passed that would be a better place for any restrictions. The City ed to approve the original Petition, without the amendment.
		RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED
		AMENDED:	An amended version of #208958 was approved in Committee and submitted to the Council as #209096, but the amendment was not approved by the Council, which instead approved #208958 as originally submitted.

 B. Mayor's Request 208958 (ID:21784)
 Result: Approved of a Home Rule Petition to expand the funding scope of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

33. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on October 16, 2019. Committee Report Councilor Niedergang reported on that most of the meeting was spent on the 209086 Broadway Winter Hill bus and bike lanes. Councilor Clingan expressed (ID:21876) concern about the Thurston Street crosswalk that was part of the project design but has not been implemented, and he urged the Administration to get it done before the snow. There was a detailed discussion about traffic enforcement with Sergeant Gobiel and Lieutenant Polito, and in response to an Order to add more police officers to the traffic division, they said they would be adding two additional officers. The Bravo Unit of 6 officers doing traffic enforcement on bicycles have now been pulled off that assignment and will not be replaced. The Committee discussed enforcing nonresident use of residential streets, but Sergeant Gobiel said it would be impossible to enforce, as they would have to stop everyone and ask for proof of residence, which isn't legal without cause. The Committee also discussed implementing parking restrictions for certain new developments, and limiting residential parking permits for properties that are granted zoning relief from parking requirements. **RESULT: APPROVED**
- B. Order By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Rossetti
 206774 That the Director of SPCD send a mailer and place flyers on doors and cars to all residents within the High School parking zones, informing them of the ongoing survey for parking needs.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 206853 (ID:19653) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the enforcement of 311 complaints about illegal parking, and what provisions exist for enforcement against illegal parking on Sundays and holidays.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D.Order
206943
(ID:19749)By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Ballantyne
That the Chief of Police inform this Board how decisions are made to balance
enforcement of cyclist violations, and the enforcement of vehicles driving or
parking in bicycle lanes.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E.	Order 207061 (ID:19860)	By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Rossetti That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the pro pro-rating residential parking permits.	
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
F.	Order 207361 (ID:20193)		of Traffic and Parking enhance the STOP signs on Summer Street with solar-powered blinking lights, similar to those at
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
G.	Resolution 207501 (ID:20340)		or Hirsch, Niedergang tration consider adding parking ticket data to the Socrata
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
H.	Order 207570 (ID:20371)	PEDESTRIAN si	or Ewen-Campen of Traffic and Parking install STOP signs and YIELD TO gns in the Summer Street intersection with Prescott Street, ional safety recommendations for this intersection.
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
I.	Order 207571 (ID:20377)	That the Director attached Police re intersection of Su	or Niedergang, Davis of Traffic and Parking and the Director of SPCD review the eport suggesting traffic safety improvements at the immer and Cherry Streets, including a fourth crosswalk, and these improvements can be made and when.
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
J.	Order 207652 (ID:20475)	That the Director Parking, and/or th developing a city	or Niedergang, Hirsch of SPCD, the Chief of Police, the Director of Traffic and ne Director of Communications report to this Council on wide campaign focused on getting motorists to stop for osswalks and to fully stop at STOP signs.
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
K.	Order 207737 (ID:20656)	to adjust the traff	or Niedergang of SPCD work with the City of Medford and the GLX Team ic lights in Magoun Square, as traffic is getting backed up sual due to the Ball Square Bridge closure.
		RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED

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RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	
O.Order 208818 (ID:21638)By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang, Ballantyne, Clingan That the Chief of Police provide a list of fatal or debilitating crashe past ten years by victim's mobility method, including car, bicycle, pedestrian and including both local and state-managed roads.	
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	
P.Order 208992By City Councilor Niedergang, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Clingan, Ball Mbah(ID:21808)That the Chief of Police redeploy as soon as possible at least 6 Polic full-time into the Traffic Division, to conduct traffic enforcement to control over our increasingly chaotic streets in the interest of public especially pedestrian safety.	ice Officers to regain
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	
Q. Order 208996 (ID:21815) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Director of SPCD or the Chief of Police discuss whether of "residents only" and "abutters only" driving restrictions are enforce whether this information can currently be reflected in mapping app like Google and WAZE. RESULT: WORK COMPLETED	eable, and

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- Mayor's Request 209087 (ID:21794)
 Result: APPROVED
- 35. Mayor's Request 209088 (ID:21953)
 Request to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
 Councilor Scott requested to waive the readings of items 35 through 41 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

Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

 36.
 Mayor's Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Finn Gardner to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

 209089 (ID:21959)
 RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP:

37. Mayor's Request 209090 (ID:21960)
 Result: Result: Reference of Appointment of Brian Postlewaite to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
 Reference of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

- Committee

 38. Mayor's Request
 Requesting the re-appointment of Catello Battinelli II as Constable.
 - Request
209091
(ID:21908)RESULT:
FOLLOWUP:REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters
Committee
- 39. Mayor's Requesting the re-appointment of Mary Battinelli as Constable. Request **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION RESULT:** 209092 **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters (ID:21909) Committee 40. Mayor's Requesting the re-appointment of Alan Bishop as Constable. Request **RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION** 209093 **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters (ID:21910) Committee

41. Mayor's Request 209094 (ID:21911)
Requesting the re-appointment of Berlin Haynes as Constable.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

42. Officer's City Solicitor requesting to appear in Executive Session to discuss settlement Communication of a pending claim, pursuant to SCO Section 2-124 209095

(ID:21853) Councilor White requested to waive the reading of item 42 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. **RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 43. Officer's Assistant City Solicitor submitting a Home Rule Petition updating #208958, Communication which further defines the purposes of the Affordable Housing Trust, as 209096 approved by the Legislative Matters Committee on 10/17/19. (ID:21945) Councilor Niedergang sponsored Ellen Schachter, Director of Housing Stability, who expressed concerned about excluding City Departments from funding in the Affordable Housing Trust Home Rule Petition. She asked that the language be stricken from the Home Rule Petition and added instead to an ordinance, if needed, which is under the control of the City Council. She said the City would could conceivably want to use the funds for affordable housing in the future. Councilor Niedergang's amendment to remove the sentence restricting City use of funds was approved, and the original text of the Home Rule Petition (#208958) was approved. **RESULT: NOT APPROVED**
- 44. Officer's Communication 209097 (ID:21943)
 Assistant City Solicitor responding to #208922 re: civil asset forfeiture funds.
 President Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 44 and 45 and place them on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
 RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
- 45. Officer's Communication 209098 (ID:21956)
 Police Sgt. responding to #208906 re: overserving alcohol to inebriated customers along East Broadway.
 RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

	NEW BUSINES	SS
46.	209099	Public Event License, Ten Hills Road Halloween Block Party, from Cresthill Road to Shore Drive, Oct 31, 5-8PM.
	(ID:21950)	Councilor Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 46 through 61 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. RESULT: APPROVED
47.	209100	Public Event License, Boston International Kids Film Festival, Statue Park, Nov 16-17, 9:30AM-5:30PM.
	(ID:21954)	RESULT: APPROVED
48.	209101	Public Event License, Christ the King procession, 21 Hathorn St to Broadway to Kensington Ave and back, Nov 24, 1-2PM.
	(ID:21957)	RESULT: APPROVED
49.	License/Permit 209102	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, 130 Broadway LLC for Fat Hen and Perfect Dental.
	(ID:21885)	RESULT: APPROVED
50.	License/Permit 209103	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Spoke Wine Bar, 89 Holland St.
	(ID:21888)	RESULT: APPROVED
51.	License/Permit 209104	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Dali Restaurant, 415 Washington St.
	(ID:21883)	RESULT: APPROVED
52.		Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Boston Burger Company, 37 Davis Sq.
	209105 (ID:21902)	RESULT: APPROVED
53.	License/Permit	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Five Horses Tavern, 400 Highland Ave.
	209106 (ID:21903)	RESULT: APPROVED
54.	License/Permit	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Elm St Taproom, 256 Elm St.
	209107 (ID:21912)	RESULT: APPROVED
55.	License/Permit	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, El Potro Mexican Grill, 61 Union Sq.
	209108 (ID:21944)	RESULT: APPROVED

56.	License/Permit 209109		Seating License, Genki Ya of Somerville, 246 Elm St.
	(ID:21884)	RESULT:	APPROVED
57.	License/Permit 209110	Renewing Outdoor	Seating License, Mr. Crepe, 51 Davis Sq.
	(ID:21886)	RESULT:	APPROVED
58.		Renewing Outdoor	Seating License, La Brasa, 124 Broadway.
	209111 (ID:21887)	RESULT:	APPROVED
59.	License/Permit	Renewing Outdoor	Seating License, PJ Ryans, 239 Holland St.
	209112 (ID:21901)	RESULT:	APPROVED
60.	License/Permit	Renewing Outdoor	Seating License, Soundbites, 704 Broadway.
	209113 (ID:21913)	RESULT:	APPROVED
61.	License/Permit	Renewing Outdoor	Seating License, Taco Loco, 44 Broadway.
	209114 (ID:21963)	RESULT:	APPROVED
62.	209115	Renewing Used Ca McGrath Hwy.	ar Dealers License Class 1, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259
	(ID:21915)	and refer them to	ti requested to waive the readings of items 62 through 64 the License and Permits Committee. There being no otion was approved.
		RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
		FOLLOWUP:	Licenses and Permits Committee
63.	209116	Renewing Used Ca McGrath Hwy.	ar Dealers License Class 1, Smart Center Boston, 257
	(ID:21916)	RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
		FOLLOWUP:	Licenses and Permits Committee
64.	License/Permit 209117	Renewing Used Ca Commercial Vans,	ar Dealer Class 1, Herb Chambers Mercedes Benz of Boston 161 Linwood St.
	(ID:21917)	RESULT:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
		FOLLOWUP:	Licenses and Permits Committee

65.	209118	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway.	3
	(ID:21889)	Councilor Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 65 throand approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was appr RESULT: APPROVED	÷
66.	License/Permit 209119	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Enterprises, 182 Washington St.	
	(ID:21890)	RESULT: APPROVED	
67.	License/Permit 209120	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Master Used Cars, 121 St.	Prospect
	(ID:21893)	RESULT: APPROVED	
		RECONSIDERATION MOVED by Councilor Rossetti on 10/25 FOLLOWUP: City Council	/19.
		FOLLOWUP: City Council	
68.		Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Valente Enterprise, 154	Glen St.
	209121 (ID:21894)	RESULT: APPROVED	
69.	License/Permit 209122 (ID:21895)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Union Gulf Service, 23 Washington St.	31
		RESULT: APPROVED	
70.		Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, DM Auto Body, 48 Joy	y St.
	209123 (ID:21896)	RESULT: APPROVED	
71.	209124	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Executive Auto Leasin Sales, 30 Medford St.	g and
	(ID:21897)	RESULT: APPROVED	
72.	License/Permit 209125	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, United Motors, 188 Br	oadway.
	(ID:21898)	RESULT: APPROVED	
73.	License/Permit 209126	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Brake, 45 B	roadway.
	(ID:21900)	RESULT: APPROVED	
74.	License/Permit 209127 (ID:21918)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, William Doucette Auto 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy.) Sales,
	(ID:21918)	RESULT: APPROVED	

75.	209128	Renewing Used Car Washington St.	Dealers License Class 2, Somerville Motors, 182
	(ID:21946)	RESULT: RECONSIDERA FOLLOWUP:	APPROVED TION MOVED by Councilor Rossetti on 10/25/19. City Council
76.	License/Permit 209129	Renewing Used Car Columbia St.	Dealers License Class 3, Joseph Talewsky and Son, 517
	(ID:21891)	RESULT:	APPROVED
77.	License/Permit 209130	Renewing Used Car Columbia St.	Dealers License Class 3, Joseph Talewsky and Son, 512
	(ID:21892)	RESULT:	APPROVED
78.	209131	Renewing Used Car Columbia St.	Dealers License Class 3, Ed's Used Auto Parts, 516
	(ID:21899)	RESULT:	APPROVED
79.	License/Permit 209132	Renewing Used Car Windsor St.	Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 0
	(ID:21947)	RESULT:	APPROVED
80.	License/Permit 209133	Renewing Used Car Columbia St.	Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480
	(ID:21948)	RESULT:	APPROVED
81.		Renewing Garage L	icense, GE Auto Repair, 631 Somerville Ave.
	209134 (ID:21882)		i requested to waive the readings of items 81 through 83. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. APPROVED
82.	License/Permit 209135 (ID:21958)	Extended Operating Highland Ave.	Hours License, Sam's Falafel and Shawarma, 215
		RESULT:	APPROVED
83.	License/Permit	Sign/Awning Licen	se, Flow Realty, 327 Highland Ave, 1 awning.
	209136 (ID:21955)	RESULT:	APPROVED

84.	Public	Tufts University su	bmitting its Fall 2019 University Accountability report.
	Communication 209137 (ID:21961)		one requested to waive the readings of items 84 and 85 and b. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
		RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
		FOLLOWUP:	Housing and Community Development Committee
85.	Public	Harvard University	submitting its Fall 2019 University Accountability report.
	Communication	RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
	209138 (ID:21962)	FOLLOWUP:	Housing and Community Development Committee
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86.	Public	Sasha Chanoff subr	nitting comments re: re-turfing Dilboy Field.
	Communication 209139		one requested to waive the reading of items 86 and place it no opposition, the motion was approved.
	(ID:21866)	RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
		FOLLOWUP:	Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee
	SUPPLEMENT	AL ITEMS	
87.	Order	By City Councilor	Davis, Mbah, Ballantyne
	209140 (ID:21967)		f SPCD develop with the Ward 6 Councilor language in the o require that developers provide affordable commercial
		RESULT:	APPROVED
		FOLLOWUP:	Housing and Community Development Committee

88. Order By City Councilor Davis
 209141 That the Director of Parking install signage directing cyclists to slow down or dismount through Statue Park and the Holland Street MBTA head house.

RESULT: APPROVED

89. Order 209142 By City Councilor Davis
 (ID:21965) That the Director of SPCD report to the Ward 6 Councilor on plans to improve cyclist wayfinding through Davis Square.

RESULT:APPROVEDFOLLOWUP:Traffic and Parking Committee

90.Order
209143
(ID:21966)By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of Parking paint the portion of Chester Street, just past the
intersection with Herbert Street, to indicate the area in which no parking is
allowed.

RESULT: APPROVED

91. Order 209144 (ID:21968)		By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD consider installing ADA/bicycle accessible ramps at the opposite ends of Edward Leathers Park to enhance the Neighborways bike path.		
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	APPROVED Public Health and Public Safety Committee	
92.	Order 209145 (ID:21969)		Scott of Parking install a STOP sign at the southern end of as intersection with Tyler Street.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
93.	Order 209146 (ID:21970)	By City Councilor That the Director of sign near 17-19 W	of Parking add blinking visibility lights to the speed limit	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
94.Order 209147 (ID:21971)By City Councilor Scott, Hirsch That the Commissioner of Public Works immed signal at the intersection of Washington and Weil		oner of Public Works immediately replace the missing		
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	APPROVED Traffic and Parking Committee	
95.	Order 209148 (ID:21972)	That the Commissi	Scott, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah ioner of Public Works immediately replace the HAWK Street with more suitable and effective RYG pedestrian-	
		HAWK lights, pu	aaid there are hours of video showing cars ignoring these atting pedestrians in danger. There are four HAWK signals d two of them have had fatalities. APPROVED	
		FOLLOWUP:	Traffic and Parking Committee	
96.	Resolution 209149 (ID:21973)	That the Mayor and this Council for 2 i	Niedergang, Hirsch, Davis, Clingan d the Director of SPCD immediately seek the approval of new Mobility Division positions, and funding for traffic sure, to address the many dangerous areas on our streets.	
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	APPROVED Traffic and Parking Committee	

97. Resolution 209150 (ID:21982)		By City Councilor Niedergang, Clingan, Hirsch Supporting a proposal to "Speed Up Construction, Reduce Harm, and Offset the Current Impacts to our Communities," by replacing service on the Lowell Commuter Rail Line with bus service during non-peak travel times, in order to mitigate current disruptions and speed the completion of the Green Line Extension.		
		Councilor Niedergang said that this proposal came from 3 members of the Green Line Working Group. It proposes using buses instead of commuter trains during non-peak hours, to give workers more time to work on the GLX project so it can be finished more quickly. RESULT: APPROVED		
98.	Resolution 209151 (ID:21974)	By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Administration update this Council on its negotiations for a contract renewal with DCR for the management and use of DCR lands, including Dilboy stadium and adjacent facilities.		
		RESULT:APPROVEDFOLLOWUP: Finance Committee		
99.	Order 209152 (ID:21975)	By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Parks and Recreation update this Council regarding quality control review, contractor warranty policy, and field use data of the Lincoln Park athletic field.		
		RESULT:APPROVEDFOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee		
100.	Order 209153 (ID:21976)	By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Sustainability and Environment provide this Council with an update on Somerville Climate Forward's goal #11, the plan for implementation in the short term.		
		RESULT:APPROVEDFOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee		
101.	Order 209154 (ID:21977)	By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and the Director of SPCD plan to incentivize property owners to use clean ways of cooking and heating, since buildings are the greatest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions.		
		RESULT:APPROVEDFOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee		

102.	Order 209155 (ID:21978)	By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Sustainability and Environment update this Council on the Community Choice Aggregation bulk purchase of electricity.		
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	APPROVED Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee	
103.	Order 209156 (ID:21979)	environmentally-re	Ballantyne of Purchasing and all departments procure services from esponsible companies for city operations (e.g. electric ge pickup, zero emissions equipment for landscaping, etc.).	
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	APPROVED Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee	
104.	Resolution 209157 (ID:21980)		Ballantyne ration enforce vehicle idling laws for city vehicles, es and personal vehicles.	
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	APPROVED Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee	
105.	Resolution 209158 (ID:21981)	Climate Change to	Ballantyne point a member from the Commission of Energy Use and the Planning Board and Design Review Committee, to tise on these bodies.	
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	APPROVED Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
106.	Mayor's Request		option of an Order of Taking for the acquisition of 217 the creation of neighborhood open space.	
	209159 (ID:21942)	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Finance Committee	
107.	Mayor's Request 209160		ropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,400,000 in a bond of 217 Somerville Ave for the creation of neighborhood	
	(ID:21949)	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Finance Committee	

108.		Conveying an update on the Police Department's investigation into the August 1, 2019 Boston Straight Pride parade and counter-protest.
	209161 (ID:21986)	Councilor Scott reported the Police Department investigation has been ongoing. They've been reviewing statements and videos and are preparing an after-action report. After the after-action report is received, he would like to set up a neighborhood forum. Councilor Rossetti asked Mayor's Aide Annie Connor if the Chief had had the opportunity to review a video submitted by a citizen, since every time she asked the Chief of Police if he received any videos, he said no. She was concerned that this video, and maybe others, sent in per the Chief and Mayor's request, may have been lost.Ms. Connor said it was being looked into.
		RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
		FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
109.	Officer's Communication 209162	Assistant City Solicitor conveying 15 "Eligible Facilities Requests" from Crown Castle, which is requesting approval to modify 15 of its existing ransmission installations.
	(ID:21985)	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

110.	License/Permit	Renewing Drainla	yer's License, Strongback Systems.
	209163 (ID:21983)		tti requested to waive the reading of item 110 and approve o opposition, the motion was approved.
		RESULT:	APPROVED

Licenses and Permits Committee

FOLLOWUP:

LATE ITEMS

111.	Order 209164 (ID:21987)	By City Councilor Ballantyne, Rossetti That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management inform the Ward 7 Councilor, by November 1, 2019, if a planned "blow down" release of all the gas in a segment of gas transmission supply pipeline occurred or will occur in Somerville/Arlington/Medford.
		RESULT: APPROVED
112.	Order 209165 (ID:21988)	By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken street lights along McGrath Highway by Alston Street.
		RESULT: APPROVED
113.	Order 209166 (ID:21989)	By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Parking paint crosswalks at the intersection of Alston Street and McGrath Highway.
		RESULT: APPROVED

114.	Order 209167 (ID:21990)	By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Parking paint crosswalks at the intersection of McGrath Highway and Otis Street.
		RESULT: APPROVED
115.	Order 209168 (ID:21991)	By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Parking replace the broken ONE WAY sign at the corner of Everett Avenue and McGrath Highway.
		RESULT: APPROVED
116.	Order 209169 (ID:21992)	By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Parking repair the leaning street sign at Pennsylvania Avenue and Broadway.
		RESULT: APPROVED
117.	Order 209170 (ID:21993)	By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Water and Sewer update the Ward 1 Councilor on renovations to streets where construction is completed, such as Alston Street and Pearl Street.
		RESULT: APPROVED
118.	Order 209171 (ID:21994)	By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes in the middle of Benedict Avenue.
		RESULT: APPROVED
119.	Order 209172 (ID:21995)	By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the East Somerville Community School grounds, particularly behind 47 Glen Street, to address rodent issues.
		RESULT: APPROVED
120.	Order 209173 (ID:21996)	By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the hanging electrical box in front of 94-96 Perkins Street.
		RESULT: APPROVED

121.	Order 203646 (ID:16335)	By City Councilor Ballantyne That the City Solicitor draft a Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by requiring owners of larger buildings to disclose annual energy use.
		Discharged from the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy. RESULT:REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP:Legislative Matters Committee
122.	Order 209174 (ID:21997)	By City Councilor Scott, Rossetti, Mbah That the City Engineer provide information on the flooding problems in the Dane Street/Duck Village area and whether the problem has been permanently resolved.
		RESULT:APPROVEDFOLLOWUP: Flood Forum Special Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:00 PM.