

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 25, 2017, 7:30 PM
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Alderman At Large William A. White Jr.

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

1. Roll Call
203483
(ID:16229)

Call of the Roll.

Alderman Connolly sponsored a moment of silence for the daughter of Carl Stauffer. Alderman Sullivan sponsored a moment of silence for Louis Ryan. Alderman McWatters sponsored a moment of silence for Mario Travers. Alderman McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for all the veterans who gave their lives for this country.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes
203484
(ID:16230)

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 27, 2017.

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. Citation
203485
(ID:16237)

By Ald. Heuston, McWatters, the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending the Somerville Youth Hockey Pee Wee A Team for winning the 2017 Valley League Championship.

Alderman Heuston and Alderman McWatters presented the citations and commended the team members and coaches.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Resolution 203486 (ID:16191) By Ald. Heuston, Davis, Ballantyne, Lafuente, White Jr., McWatters, Niedergang, McLaughlin, Connolly, Rossetti Supporting legislative efforts at the State House to reform the use of solitary confinement.

Alderman Sullivan recused.
 Alderman Heuston gave a brief summary of solitary confinement. Massachusetts is one of only two states that sends people to disciplinary solitary confinement for up to ten years for a single infraction. There are currently four bills before the Legislature that would limit the amount of time prisons and jails could send people to solitary, prohibit them from sending particularly vulnerable people to solitary, require them to report on their use of solitary, and create an oversight committee.
RESULT: APPROVED

5. Order 203487 (ID:16215) By Ald. Heuston That the Superintendent of Inspectional services bait all public facilities along Merriam Street, including sewers and the Public Safety Building, cite all private properties on the street where conditions exist to attract rodents, and distribute informational door knockers to those properties with evidence of rodent activity.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

6. Resolution 203488 (ID:16216) By Ald. Heuston That the Traffic Commission consider changing Merriam Street to a one way street, from Charlestown Street to Somerville Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

7. Order 203489 (ID:16218) By Ald. Heuston That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 20 and 22 Durham Street for all code violations, including an abandoned vehicle, extensive overgrowth, a decayed building facade, and uninhabited units, and advise, with the City Solicitor, the potential of whether the city can force the owner to fix the property, and whether the city should begin the process of having a receiver appointed for the property.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

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| 8. Order
203490
(ID:16219) | By Ald. Heuston
The Director of Traffic and Parking place a second DO NOT ENTER sign at the corner of Bolton and Oak Streets, and a one way arrow sign on top of the DO NOT ENTER signs. | | | | | | |
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| 9. Resolution
203491
(ID:16220) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Administration facilitate the replacement of the wooden slats that provide the pedestrian foundation on the Webster Avenue Bridge. | | | | | | |
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| 10. Order
203492
(ID:16217) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services direct the owner of 147 Beacon Street to clear the debris and overgrowth from the rear of the property. | | | | | | |
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| 11. Order
203493
(ID:16199) | By Ald. McWatters, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the City Arborist evaluate the vitality of the trees at 70 Craigie Street, 64 Craigie Street, and the intersection of Prospect Hill Avenue and Munroe Street. | | | | | | |
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| 12. Order
203494
(ID:16200) | By Ald. McWatters, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panels at 66 Putnam Street. | | | | | | |
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| 13. Order
203495
(ID:16201) | By Ald. McWatters, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on Porter and Munroe Streets, and on Summer Street between Craigie and Porter Streets. | | | | | | |
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| 14. Order
203496
(ID:16202) | By Ald. McWatters, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Director of Engineering determine why the repaving job on Pitman Street between Belmont and Spring Streets is in its present condition, and why sink holes are now causing issues on the street. | | | | | | |
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| RESULT: | APPROVED | | | | | | |
| FOLLOWUP: | Public Utilities and Public Works Committee | | | | | | |

15. Order 203497 (ID:16203) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services provide a rundown of all rodent control efforts throughout Ward 1 and a plan for rodent control for the summer.

Alderman McLaughlin stated that he has been receiving a lot of rodent activity calls from his constituents.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

16. Order 203498 (ID:16205) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a SLOW – SENIORS sign in front of the Cobble Hill apartments on Washington Street.

Alderman McLaughlin requested to waive the readings of items 16 through 24 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

17. Order 203499 (ID:16206) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a STOP sign by Aggies, on Franklin and Pearl Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

18. Order 203500 (ID:16207) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD plant a tree at 6 Austin Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

19. Order 203501 (ID:16208) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD plant trees at the end of Knowlton Street by the Capuano field. (3rd request)

RESULT: APPROVED

20. Order 203502 (ID:16209) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Chief of Police take appropriate action against speeding motorcycles at the corner of Cross Street and McGrath Highway around 7:30 PM on weekdays.

RESULT: APPROVED

21. Order 203503 (ID:16210) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works paint the entrance sign to East Somerville

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 22. Order
203504
(ID:16211) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the improperly covered patch of turf field at the Capuano School. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 23. Order
203505
(ID:16212) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees at 75 Myrtle Street so the street may be properly illuminated. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 24. Order
203506
(ID:16213) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works make sure the water fountain and sprinkler services are working at Deanna Cremin Park. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 25. Order
203507
(ID:16214) | By Ald. McLaughlin, Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide shaded areas for public pools including Foss Park and Dilboy. |
| Alderman McLaughlin is requesting that shaded areas be provided at the public pools.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee | |
| 26. Order
203508
(ID:16204) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Constituent Services provide the residents of Ward 1 with information regarding rodent control. |
| RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee | |
| 27. Order
203509
(ID:16221) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing Pedestrian Impact Recovery System in the crosswalk at Morrison Avenue and Highland Road. |
| RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee | |
| 28. Order
203510
(ID:16222) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Engineering install the four curb cuts near Maxwell's Green that the city has committed to installing, and notify the Ward 5 Alderman of the timeline for their installation. |
| RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee | |

29. Order 203511 (ID:16223) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to the Ward 5 Alderman on the Murdock Street neighbors' request for four no parking spots on Murdock Street at Cedar Street.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

30. Order 203512 (ID:16224) By Ald. Niedergang, White Jr.
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on the condition of 17 Ashland Street, and advise, with the City Solicitor, whether the city can force the owner to fix the property, and whether the city should begin the process of having a receiver appointed for the property.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

31. Resolution 203513 (ID:16225) By Ald. Davis, Niedergang, and the Entire Board
Opposing the Keystone XL Pipeline, and restricting engagement with the financial institutions supporting the pipeline.

Ald. Davis sponsored Robin Ackerman to address the Board on this Resolution. She said that prominent scientists warn that the pipeline will significantly contribute to climate change, contaminate air and water, and present the risk of a catastrophic explosion. The Resolution asks the City Solicitor and the Finance Department to report on available mechanisms to avoid contracting with financial institutions that support the pipeline.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Houston, McWatters, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Lafuente
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

32. Order 203514 (ID:16226) By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan, Rossetti, White Jr., Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the overgrowth from the rock outcrop behind the field house at Powderhouse Park, extending to the pedestrian walkway.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

33. Resolution 203515 (ID:16227) By Ald. Davis, Niedergang, and the Entire Board
Supporting the local efforts of MOTHERS OUT FRONT on the dangers of climate change and natural gas leaks.

RESULT: APPROVED

34. Order By Ald. White Jr.
 203516 That #202853, the Union Square zoning proposal, be discharged from the
 (ID:16238) Land Use Committee pursuant to Rule 47, for consideration at this Board's
 May 25 meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

35. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole,
 203517 on May 17, 2017.
 (ID:16193)

Alderman Davis reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He said that video of these meetings is at www.somervillema.gov/unionsquarezoning. There was a very detailed conversation about Union Square zoning. Items discussed were the developer's phasing mechanisms: when the commercial and residential developments might happen. There was discussion of offsite affordable housing and when that might happen. Finally, there was a long discussion on the percentage of green/open space in the plan.

RESULT: APPROVED

36. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy,
 203518 meeting on May 24, 2017.
 (ID:16195)

Alderman Ballantyne reported on the items discussed at the meeting. Discussions revolved around Lincoln Park updates, the city's field maintenance plan, infrastructure and storm water management, and some field updates. As a reminder, the City invested \$9.3 million to infrastructure to park and field renovations. The park now has 100% native trees, plants and shrubs to be planted. The fields are being constructed and built but there was a problem with the soccer fields. The contractor used an incorrect field mixture resulting in uneven grass growing and an inability of the field to properly drain. The City has negotiated with the contractor to redo the fields. The opening of those fields is now planned for the spring of 2019. The next discussion was onsite storm water containment. The City has no overall storm water plan and at the present time, it is dealt with on a case to case basis. A plan needs to be developed and the Engineering Department would like to hire a consultant to determine the best options.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Grant of Location Submitted by Envirotrac for Speedway LLC, to advance 3 soil borings in the
 200428 sidewalk at 24 and 26-28 Kensington Avenue, and install monitoring wells in 2
 (ID:13082) of those borings.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| C. | Order
202018
(ID:14681) | By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne, Sullivan, Davis, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Sustainability and Environment report to this Board, and to the School Committee, on the use and necessity of pesticides in city-owned or city-maintained properties, and report on how organic maintenance would compare to current practices. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| D. | Order
202974
(ID:15672) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Parks and Recreation provide this Board with a fields maintenance plan, and comment on the current condition of the East Somerville Community School artificial turf field. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| E. | Order
203362
(ID:16064) | By Ald. Ballantyne, McWatters
That the Director of Capital Projects discuss with this Board's Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, using water from the storm water tanks at Nunziato Field to water the field and the Growing Center gardens. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| F. | Order
203364
(ID:16067) | By Ald. Ballantyne, Davis
That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parks and Open Space consider planting the following list of shrubbery and ground cover at Lincoln Park to meet the goals of sustainability and biodiversity. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| G. | Order
203382
(ID:16126) | By Ald. McWatters, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the City Arborist advise the Ward 3 Alderman of the condition of the tree on Belmont Street adjacent to Bailey Park. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| H. | Resolution
203388
(ID:16134) | By Ald. Niedergang, and the Entire Board
Expressing to Governor Baker, our State Delegation, and DCR this Board's concern about the possible renovation of Draw 7 Park as a concert venue, due to the resulting traffic and air pollution, and its preference for a high-quality soccer and athletic field there instead. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| I. | Officer's
Communication
203413
(ID:16073) | DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 4/27/17. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

- J. Order 203451 (ID:16164) By Ald. Ballantyne That the City Engineer discuss with this Board's Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, requiring new building projects to have storm water tanks on site or underground.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

37. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 203519 (ID:16194) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on May 22, 2017.

Alderman Connolly reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed bicycle safety. The Committee is looking into producing a public safety video with information on the "Dutch Reach," where the driver opens his door with his right hand, allowing him to easily see behind him. Alderman Connolly suggested calling it the "Somerville Stretch." The committee also discussed short-term rentals.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 201794 (ID:14452) By Ald. Niedergang, McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on measures to design streets and bike lanes, and educate drivers and bicyclists, to increase safety with respect to the door-opening zone for parked cars.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 202782 (ID:15487) By Ald. Niedergang, Davis, and the Entire Board That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services and the Chief Fire Engineer report to this Board on the cause of the fire at 8-10 Appleton Street, including whether the AirBnB rental there was in compliance with city and state laws, and whether it played any role in the cause of the fire.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 202991 (ID:15683) By Ald. Davis, Niedergang, Heuston That Directors of SPCD and Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the current policy, or plans, to include bicycle safety education materials in parking permit renewal mailings, and involve this Board and the Bicycle Committee to develop or expand such a program.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 203259 (ID:15969) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services provide a list of all fines issued to the Cobble Hill Plaza since January 2016.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| F. | Order
203285
(ID:15994) | By Ald. Heuston
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services issue citations at 32 Webster Avenue for code violations, and direct the owner to clean and repair the property. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| G. | Order
203520
(ID:16228) | By Ald. Connolly
That the Director of SPCD work with the Bicycle Committee and the Police Department to utilize social media to develop a video to enhance bicycle safety measures. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 38. | Mayor's
Request
203521
(ID:16189) | Requesting acceptance of a 12 month lease of the East Somerville Police Substation and office space at 83 Broadway. |
| | | Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of items 38 and 39 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 39. | Mayor's
Request
203522
(ID:16197) | Requesting the transfer of \$35,000 from various Workers Comp Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to the Workers Comp Salaries Account to cover salaries. |
| | | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 40. | Mayor's
Request
203523
(ID:16188) | Requesting approval of a transfer of \$31,576.76 in the Election Department, from the Salaries & Wages Temporary Account to the Equipment Account, for modems and ancillary items. |
| | | Election Commissioner Nick Salerno spoke on this item, allowing each voting machine to communicate wirelessly to the Election Department on election day. Alderman Rossetti questioned the cost of transmission fees, and he said that would be paid by the IT Department. Since Verizon charges a minimum monthly fee of \$40 per modem, and there would be 25 modems, the total cost would be \$1,000, paid only in those months when there is an election.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 41. | Mayor's
Request
203524
(ID:16166) | Requesting acceptance of a 5,000 grant with no new match required, from Project Bread to the Health and Human Services Department for the Shape Up Somerville Mobile Farmers Market. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| <p>42. Officer's Communication 203525 (ID:16170)</p> | <p>Assistant City Solicitor conveying the letter mailed to the Lottery Commission pursuant to #202722 and #203017 re: starting the process to revoke the Lottery Commission License at Winter Hill Market.</p> |
| <p>Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 42 through 46 and place them on file, with copies sent to the appropriate Committees. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
 RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> | |
| <p>43. Officer's Communication 203526 (ID:16190)</p> | <p>Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203482 re: 32 Webster Avenue.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
 FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> | |
| <p>44. Officer's Communication 203527 (ID:16196)</p> | <p>Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203248 re: issues with the Chicken & Rice Guys food trucks.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
 FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> | |
| <p>45. Officer's Communication 203528 (ID:16240)</p> | <p>Director of SPCD conveying the phasing provisions of the Master Land Disposition Agreement between the Redevelopment Authority and Union Square Station Associates.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
 FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> | |
| <p>46. Officer's Communication 203529 (ID:16198)</p> | <p>Director of Personnel submitting the Municipal Compensation Advisory Board's wage study recommendations.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |

NEW BUSINESS

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| <p>47. License/Permit 203530 (ID:16244)</p> | <p>Public Event Permit, Community Preservation Committee Community Path Ribbon Cutting, Community Path at Lexington Park, May 25, 7:45-9AM.</p> |
| <p>Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 47 through 71 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
 RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>48. License/Permit 203531 (ID:16245)</p> | <p>Public Event Permit, Arts Council Cactushead Puppets performance, Chuckie Harris Park, Jun 2, 5:30-8:30PM (raindate Jun 9).</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |

49.	License/Permit 203532 (ID:16246)	Public Event Permit, Arts Council Good Hearted Entertainment performance, Glen Park, Jun 5, 4-7PM (raindate Jun 6).	RESULT: APPROVED
50.	License/Permit 203533 (ID:16247)	Public Event Permit, Greene St Block Party, Greene St dead end, Jun 9, 4PM-12Midnite (raindate Jun 23).	RESULT: APPROVED
51.	License/Permit 203534 (ID:16248)	Public Event Permit, Waldo-Marion Neighborhood Neighborways Block Party, Dimick St from Calvin St to Marion Ave, Jun 11, 8AM-12Noon (raindate Jun 18).	RESULT: APPROVED
52.	License/Permit 203535 (ID:16249)	Public Event Permit, Arts Council Puppet Short Films, Chuckie Harris Park, Jun 16, 7:30-9:30PM (raindate Jun 23).	RESULT: APPROVED
53.	License/Permit 203536 (ID:16250)	Public Event Permit, Boston Sikh Sangat Society Free Drink Distribution, Union Sq Plaza, Jun 17, 8AM-7PM (raindate Jun 24).	RESULT: APPROVED
54.	License/Permit 203537 (ID:16251)	Public Event Permit, Groundworks Somerville Summah Solstice, 138 South St, Jun 17, 12Noon-12:30AM (raindate Jun 18).	RESULT: APPROVED
55.	Withdrawn 203538 (ID:16252)	Withdrawn.	RESULT: WITHDRAWN
56.	License/Permit 203539 (ID:16253)	Public Event Permit, OpenAir Circus Classes, Perry Park, Jun 27, Jul 11, 18, 25, 4PM-8PM.	RESULT: APPROVED
57.	License/Permit 203540 (ID:16254)	Public Event Permit, Arts Council Tanglewood Marionettes performance, Chuckie Harris Park, Jun 28, 4-7PM (raindate Jun 30).	RESULT: APPROVED
58.	License/Permit 203541 (ID:16255)	Public Event Permit, OpenAir Circus Classes, Powderhouse Park, Jun 29, Jul 6, 13, 20, 27, 4PM-8PM.	RESULT: APPROVED

59. License/Permit 203542 (ID:16256) Public Event Permit, SomerMovie Fest, Seven Hills Park-Jul 6, Jul 13, Aug 24; Assembly Row Sylvester Park-Jul 20; Powderhouse Park-Jul 27; Nunziato Field-Aug 3; ESCS Field-Aug 10; Mystic Housing Development-Aug 17; all 6:30-10:30PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

60. License/Permit 203543 (ID:16257) Public Event Permit, Portuguese American Civic League Holy Ghost Feast, Springfield St, Jul 7 6PM-12Midnite, Jul 8 7PM-Midnite, Jul 9, 9AM-10PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

61. License/Permit 203544 (ID:16258) Public Event Permit, Teen Empowerment Summer Block Party, Cross St East, Jul 20, 3-8:30PM (raindate Jul 21).

RESULT: APPROVED

62. License/Permit 203545 (ID:16259) Renewing Garage License, Jim's Heavy Duty Service, 40 Joy St.

RESULT: APPROVED

63. License/Permit 203546 (ID:16260) Renewing Garage License, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

64. License/Permit 203547 (ID:16261) Renewing Garage License, Pearl St Auto Sales, 182 Pearl St.

RESULT: APPROVED

65. License/Permit 203548 (ID:16262) Renewing Flammables License, Pearl St Auto Sales, 182 Pearl St.

RESULT: APPROVED

66. License/Permit 203549 (ID:16263) Renewing Open Air Vendor License, Somerville Flea, Buena Vista Parking Lot.

RESULT: APPROVED

67. License/Permit 203550 (ID:16264) Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Pat's Towing, 160 McGrath Hwy.

RESULT: APPROVED

68. License/Permit 203551 (ID:16265) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Pepi's Pizzeria, 516 Medford St.

RESULT: APPROVED

69. License/Permit 203552 (ID:16266) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pearl St Auto Sales, 182 Pearl St.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 70. | License/Permit
203553
(ID:16267) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Towing, 160 McGrath Hwy. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 71. | License/Permit
203554
(ID:16268) | New Transient Vendor License, Restoration Hardware, 133 Middlesex Ave, Fri-Sun May 26-Jul 2, May 29, Jul 3-4. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 72. | Public
Communication
203555
(ID:16241) | The Chamber of Commerce, Union Square Main Streets, and Somerville Local First submitting comments re: the Union Sq proposed zoning, the US2 Covenant, and the Community Benefits Ordinance. | <p>Alderman Davis requested to waive the reading of item 72 and refer it to the Land Use and Legislative Matters Committees. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee
 Legislative Matters Committee</p> |
| 73. | Public
Communication
203556
(ID:16242) | The Maurice and Jane Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice submitting comments re: #203098, the Community Benefits Ordinance. | <p>Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 73 and refer it to the Legislative Matters Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |
| 74. | Public
Communication
203557
(ID:16243) | Somerville Garden Club submitting comments re: development at the West Branch Library. | <p>Alderman Davis requested to waive the reading of item 74 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 75. | Order
203558
(ID:16269) | By Ald. Sullivan, McWatters, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr. That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees at 6 and 8 Greenville Street. | RESULT: APPROVED |
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| 76. Order
203559
(ID:16270) | By Ald. Ballantyne, Davis, White Jr.
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment update this Board's Special Committee Open Space, Environment and Energy regarding Community Choice Aggregation. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee</p> | |
| 77. Order
203560
(ID:16271) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD replace the 2 trees that were removed in 2016 at Rudy's Restaurant in Teele Square. |
| <p>Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 77 through 79 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 78. Order
203561
(ID:16272) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD replace the trees along Powder House Blvd. from Dow Street to Alewife Brook Pkwy. to restore the tree canopy. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 79. Order
203562
(ID:16273) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes down the center of Ossipee Road from Curtis Street to Packard Avenue, and on Packard Avenue from Ossipee Road to Powder House Blvd. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 80. Order
203563
(ID:16274) | By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD provide bi-annual progress reports on Assembly Square, Gilman Square, Lowell Street, Winter Hill, and future planned neighborhoods as they are completed. |
| <p>Alderman Ballantyne requested that the Director of SPCD provide bi-annual plans on community development projects.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> | |
| 81. Order
203564
(ID:16275) | By Ald. Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., and the Entire Board
That the Director of SPCD incorporate into the initial notice to abutters of development projects, that they may submit their e-mail address to the Planning Department for updates as the designs or plan change. |
| <p>Alderman Rossetti would like the Director of SPCD to maintain email addresses from abutters so they can be notified of updates on development projects.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> | |

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| 82. Mayor's Request 203565 (ID:16235) | Requesting approval to amend Ordinances 2-322 and 2-323 re: municipal salary ranges. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 83. Mayor's Request 203566 (ID:16234) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,968,259 in a bond for accelerated repair of the Winter Hill Community Innovation School, external windows, doors and roofing system. | <p>Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of items 83 through 89 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 84. Mayor's Request 203567 (ID:16236) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,700,000 in a bond for street resurfacing, sidewalk improvements and ADA ramps and improvements. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 85. Mayor's Request 203568 (ID:16278) | Requesting the appropriation of \$144,050 from the Parks Stabilization Fund to conduct geotechnical engineering at Healey and Conway Parks. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 86. Mayor's Request 203569 (ID:16279) | Requesting the appropriation of \$80,000 from the Free Cash Account to the SPCD Economic Development Account-Special Items for a deposit on the purchase of 45 College Avenue. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 87. Mayor's Request 203570 (ID:16233) | Requesting the transfer within the Law Office of \$25,000 from the Salaries Account and \$20,000 from the Judgments and Settlements Account, all to the Legal Services Account, to pay anticipated outside legal services. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 88. Mayor's Request 203571 (ID:16276) | Requesting the acceptance of a gift of \$10,000 from Wynn for the Memorial on the Mystic Fireworks celebration on May 29, 2017. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

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| 89. Mayor's Request
203572
(ID:16277) | Requesting the acceptance of a gift of \$5,000 from Federal Realty Investment Trust for the Memorial on the Mystic Fireworks celebration on May 29, 2017. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| 90. Mayor's Request
203573
(ID:16231) | Requesting the re-appointment of Alexandra Kleyman to the Design Review Committee. |
| <p>Alderman Heuston requested to waive the reading of item 90 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
 RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 91. Mayor's Request
203574
(ID:16232) | Requesting the appointment of Jordan A. Smith to the Design Review Committee. |
| <p>Alderman Heuston requested to waive the reading of item 91 and refer 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</p> | |
| 92. License/Permit
203575
(ID:16283) | Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Flatbread Company at Sacco's Bowl Haven, 45 Day St. |
| <p>Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 92 through 94 and approve them, except for item 94, which should be sent to the Licenses and Permits Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
 RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 93. License/Permit
203576
(ID:16285) | New Outdoor Seating License, Spoke Wine Bar, 89 Holland St, 4 tables, 8 seats. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 94. License/Permit
203577
(ID:16284) | New Extended Operating Hours License, Big Belly Deli, 513 Medford St, remaining open Mon-Sat to 2 AM for seating, take-out and delivery. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee</p> | |

LATE ITEMS

95. Mayor's Request 203294 (ID:15779) Requesting approval, under the new Municipal Modernization Act, for certain language pertaining to all past and future bond premiums, as required by Bond Counsel.

Discharged from the Finance Committee.
City Treasurer Mike Bertino explained that previously, the city had to budget the closing cost of issuing a bond and then either close it out to free cash or amortize it over the life of the bond. Now, under the new State Municipal Modernization Act, the city must use any extra issuance proceeds to decrease its indebtedness for the purpose of the bonded project, or commit the funds to a like project with an equal or greater term. Alderman Niedergang asked why the Board was considering this rather than the Finance Committee and Mr. Bertino said it was submitted to the Board in late April, but the Finance Committee meeting that was to consider it was cancelled. Since the city is issuing bonds next week, Bond Counsel wants this new required language in place.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Lafuente

96. Mayor's Request 203461 (ID:16095) Requesting approval to enter a 10-year contract with MA DOT for road reconstruction, to reimburse a portion of the city's road reconstruction projects.

Discharged from the Finance Committee.
Public Works Commissioner Stan Koty explained that this is a 10-year contract with MA DOT that allows the city to be reimbursed for road projects from Chapter 9 funds. The contract was last signed in 2007.
RESULT: APPROVED

97. Mayor's Request 203453 (ID:16084) Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from the CPA Fund open space and recreation land and undesignated reserve budgets to the Parks and Open Space Division for the construction of the Winter Hill Schoolyard.

Discharged from the Finance Committee. Alderman White recused.
Community Preservation Act Manager Kristen Stelljez requested the appropriation of \$500,000 from the CPA Fund to the Winter Hill Schoolyard. If the Aldermen approve this project, there could be \$673,805 which would roll over from the 2017 budget to be available for projects next year.
RESULT: APPROVED

98. Officer's Communication 203020 (ID:15685) Asst. City Solicitor responding to #202913 with a draft Home Rule Petition to increase the maximum age of Special Police Officers to 68 years old.
- Discharged from the Public Health and Safety Committee.
- Alderman Connolly moved to approve this Home Rule Petition, to increase the maximum age of Special Police Officers from 65 years old to 68 years old inclusive. This would allow more Police retirees to bring their experience to police details.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
- AYES:** Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- ABSENT:** Lafuente
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99. Order 203578 (ID:16287) By Ald. Heuston That the Director of SPCD work with MA DOT to place a DO NOT BLOCK THE INTERSECTION sign and related street markings at the intersection of Linwood Street and McGrath Highway.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
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100. Order 203579 (ID:16288) By Ald. McWatters That the Director of SPCD plant 2 trees on the corner of Columbus and Prospect Hill Avenues. (2nd request)
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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101. Order 203580 (ID:16289) By Ald. McWatters That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 47 Columbus Avenue.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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102. Mayor's Request 202853 (ID:15547) Requesting an updated amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to create new CCD-55 and CCD-45 Commercial subdistricts, a new Coordinated Development Special Permit, a new Union Square Overlay District, and related changes to Article 5 and the Zoning Map.
- Discharged from the Land Use Committee.
- Planning Director George Proakis distributed an updated draft of the Union Square Zoning plan that incorporated the BOA changes and staff notes since May 2, 2017, and a new Powerpoint explainer. All of this information is available at www.somervillema.gov/unionsquarezoning.
- Members reviewed the document and made the following changes and inquiries:
- Page 6, 5.8.6, B:** Language will be added to incorporate electronic transmission of information to those who have an interest in the item.
- Page 15, 6.7.5, C, 3, b, (g):** Alderman requested that a larger audience be notified.
- Page 16, 6.7.5, C, 7, a:** Capitalize the word "Permit".
- Page 17, 6.7.5, D, 4, b, (g):** Alderman requested that a larger audience be notified.

Page 21, 6.7.6, A, 1, a: Alderman Davis spoke about park size and wanted at least 1 park of 29,000 s/f. Mr. Proakis explained that after deducting the sidewalk areas, it would be 27,000 s/f. There were no objections.

Page 21, 6.7.6, A, 1, c: Mr. Proakis spoke about vegetative landscape and tree canopies. Alderman Niedergang said the definition of vegetative landscape was too inclusive, as it included wood chips, washed stone, etc. Mr. Proakis explained that if a strict number is mandated across all open spaces, it leads to passive spaces. Alderman Niedergang said that he would be amenable to the definition if its scope were narrowed, adding that he would hold off for now so Mr. Proakis could propose different language. Alderman McWatters suggested the term “vegetative landscape” be changed to “green space.” Alderman Rossetti said she has heard from many who believe the green space should be more than 25%, and she sponsored US2’s Greg Karczewski to address the Board on the topic. Mr. Karczewski said US2 feels that increasing the green space percentage would alter the amount of developing capacity and have ancillary effects. Mayor Curtatone said the proposed zoning helps to accomplish the neighborhood plan. Mr. Proakis explained that the city is working with multiple parcels rather than one large parcel, and that certain buildings work on some sites but not others, so it’s difficult to get open space.

Page 21, 6.7.6, A, 3 : There was discussion about ownership and zoning and Mayor Curtatone said zoning is not the place to address this matter. Mr. Proakis was asked to add to the list of definitions, terms that are used in the document, but defined elsewhere.

Page 21, 6.7.6, B: The GLX is slated to start in early 2018 and commercial development must commence within 2 years of the start of the Union Square T station and must be completed within 4 years after that, so potentially 6 years. Alderman Niedergang stated that without a firm date on GLX, the city has no timetable for the development of Union Square. Mayor Curtatone said the Notice to Proceed target is February 9, 2018.

Mr. Karczewski discussed the anticipated development and explained that it came about by prioritizing space for commercial and residential uses. The key to meeting the goal is shared parking. The Post Office project would be the 1st phase, followed by the D2 site and the plan is to move forward with permits for the entire D2 parcel. The city will realize \$18 million in revenue. SPCD Director Mike Glavin said that when the RFP for a master developer went out, the understanding was that the developer would use a lot of resources to get things done and the city, for its part, knew it was necessary to work with the developer in a businesslike fashion, relying on the developer’s expertise. The RFP didn’t set parcel by parcel requirements. President White asked if there is anything in any document to prevent the developer from digging a couple of holes or footings and then claiming that the commercial development has begun so they can build residential developments. Mr. Glavin said if the developer stalls on building, the property could revert to the city. President White asked if there is a meaningful definition for the start of construction and Mr. Glavin said that developer stands to lose much if construction is not performed in a timely fashion. Mr. Karczewski said US2 has expended millions of dollars to get to this point and will spend perhaps another \$5 million to get to the point of pulling permits and starting construction. US2 currently has \$13 billion of development in other areas and their track record is good. US2 has every

incentive to complete the project and needs to recapture their up-front investment, and that can only be done by completing the project. Alderman Niedergang suggested requiring that commercial development be completed before more residential is built or narrowing the construction window from 4 years to 2-2 ½ years. Mr. Karczewski pointed out that there are two constraints to building residential on the D3 parcel; one is the Hospitality Laundry lease and the other is the city's conveyance of property.

This item was referred back to the Land Use Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:40 PM.