

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

May 27, 2021, 7:00 PM  
 Meeting by Remote Participation  
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**OPENING CEREMONIES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Wilfred N. Mbah	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Kristen Strezo	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	Absent	

1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
 211922  
 (ID:24873)                      **RESULT:            PLACED ON FILE**
  
2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
 211923  
 (ID:24874)                      Councilor Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Elaine M Sullivan.  
    Councilor Scott sponsored a moment of silence for Attorney Peter Hoban.  
    President McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for all veterans who  
    paid the ultimate price in the defense of our country.  
    **RESULT:            APPROVED**
  
3. Minutes                              Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 22, 2021.  
 211924  
 (ID:24875)                      **RESULT:            APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
    **AYES:**                Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,  
    Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
    **ABSENT:**             Ballantyne

**CITATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

4. Resolution 211925 (ID:24851) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. Calling on the federal government to cancel student debt.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said the pandemic has exposed how unjust our economy is. 19% of Somerville residents have student debt and that, he said, is a racial justice issue, adding that the time has come to forgive student debt. He sponsored resident Marcus Harken, who said he obtained a degree to secure a job, and he spoke about the difficulty in securing one due to the credentials now being required. He pays \$750 a month towards his student debt and said if it were cancelled, it would provide him some breathing space to get ahead.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

5. Resolution 211926 (ID:24852) By City Councilor Strezo, Clingan That the Director of the Housing Authority make sure all exterior locks on residential buildings are functional, and replace any that are not within 30 days.

Councilor Clingan commented that he has received constituent complaints on this matter.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

6. Resolution 211927 (ID:24853) By City Councilor Strezo, Clingan That the Director of the Housing Authority make sure all resident building intercom systems are connected to the assigned apartment and working properly, and replace any that are not within 60 days.

Councilor Clingan commented that he has received constituent complaints on this matter.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

7. Order 211928 (ID:24861) By City Councilor Clingan, Strezo  
That the Chief of Police assign a nightly detail to patrol the Mystic Housing Development until the end of Labor Day weekend.

Councilor Clingan said there is a need for a police presence to reduce the number of shootings in the city.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

8. Order 211929 (ID:24862) By City Councilor Clingan, Strezo  
That the Chief of Police request an update from the Housing Authority on the 2020-discussed reforms such as marked vehicles, uniformed officers, body cameras, and updated policies and procedures for officer accountability and discipline.

Councilor Clingan said this is a follow-up on discussions held last year.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

9. Order 211930 (ID:24863) By City Councilor Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
That the Director of SPCD draft a zoning amendment enabling owners of homes in historic districts to add up to 4 additional units to discourage the demolition of historic homes and to create additional affordable housing.

Councilor Clingan explained that the details of this idea haven't been worked out yet but he thinks that it might be a way to add more affordable housing. Councilor Niedergang said the idea is worth exploring as a way to provide an incentive to creating additional housing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne  
**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

10. Resolution 211931 (ID:24854) By City Councilor Clingan, Strezo, Niedergang, White Jr., Davis, Mbah, Ballantyne, Scott  
Endorsing the attached letter from the Wage Theft Advisory Committee, and directing the City Clerk to forward it to the named parties and the federal delegation.

Councilor Clingan explained that this would prioritize workers' rights over documentation.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

11. Resolution 211932 (ID:24859) By City Councilor Clingan, Scott  
That the Administration provide the Wage Theft Advisory Committee with all current city vendor contracts, city licensed businesses, and issued permits.

Councilor Clingan asked for this information to assist the Wage Theft Advisory Committee in enforcing the wage theft ordinance.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

12. Resolution 211933 (ID:24860) By City Councilor Clingan, Scott, Mbah  
That the Administration provide to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee a flow chart detailing the process and steps for issuing licenses and permits, and the departments responsible.

Councilor Clingan asked for this information to assist the Wage Theft Advisory Committee in enforcing the wage theft ordinance.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

13. Order 211934 (ID:24855) By City Councilor Clingan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street lights between 9 and 39 Bailey Road.

Councilor Clingan waived the reading of items 13-16 and moved for their approval.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

14. Order 211935 (ID:24856) By City Councilor Clingan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street lights on the corner of Puritan and Ten Hills Roads.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

15. Order 211936 (ID:24857) By City Councilor Clingan  
That the Director of Parking replace the faded STOP sign on Lee Street at Medford Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

16. Order 211937 (ID:24858) By City Councilor Clingan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk panels with the massive dog imprints on Richdale Avenue at Thurston Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

17. Communication 211938 (ID:24840) By City Councilor Rossetti  
Reporting on the High School Building Committee meetings of April 26 and May 17, 2021.

Councilor Rossetti reported that there are 759 items remaining on the punch list and that the project is \$6,784,000 over budget. The spending for details has more than doubled what was budgeted for and she has asked the leadership team to look into it. The expected completion date of phases 1 and 2 is August 8. She said the contingency line grew to over \$7 million. She said she was told the original estimate was less than it should have been and that there had been contractual issues that added to the cost of the details.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**18. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE**

- A. Committee Report 211939 (ID:24866) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on May 18, 2021.
- Councilor Rossetti listed the appointments that had been confirmed.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
- AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
- ABSENT:** Ballantyne
- B. Mayor's Request 208284 (ID:21071) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nicholas Antanavica to the position of Director of Inspectional Services.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
- AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
- ABSENT:** Ballantyne
- C. Mayor's Request 209512 (ID:22348) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Nick Antanavica as Director of Inspectional Services.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
- AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
- ABSENT:** Ballantyne
- D. Mayor's Request 211296 (ID:24177) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nick Antanavica as Director of Inspectional Services.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
- AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
- ABSENT:** Ballantyne
- E. Mayor's Request 211904 (ID:24818) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Erin Geno to the Planning Board.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
- AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
- ABSENT:** Ballantyne

F. Mayor's Request 211905 (ID:24819) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Deborah Howitt-Easton as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

G. Order 211940 (ID:24831) By City Councilor Mbah That the Director of SPCD re-evaluate SomerVision post-pandemic, and ways to mitigate the impact from the pandemic.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

19. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211941 (ID:24867) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on May 20, 2021.

Councilor Rossetti listed the appointments that had been confirmed.  
**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

B. Mayor's Request 211741 (ID:24645) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Daniel O'Donnell to the position of Reserve Firefighter.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

C. Mayor's Request 211742 (ID:24646) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jeffrey Querusio to the position of Reserve Firefighter.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

D. Mayor's Request 211743 (ID:24647) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Patrick Soares to the position of Reserve Firefighter.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

E. Mayor's Request 211744 (ID:24648) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Matthew Sullivan to the position of Reserve Firefighter.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

F. Mayor's Request 211745 (ID:24649) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brittany Taylor to the position of Reserve Firefighter.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

G. Mayor's Request 211907 (ID:24821) Requesting that this Council confirm the appointment to the Urban Design Commission of the same members previously appointed to the Interim Urban Design Commission, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 15.4.7.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

H. Mayor's Request 211908 (ID:24822) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Frank Valdez to the Urban Design Commission.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne



20. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report  
211942  
(ID:24872)

Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 25, 2021.

Councilor Scott said the meeting included a review of Police Department recommendations over the past 20 years as well as proposed water and sewer rates and various appropriations requests. He said the eminent domain taking of the Aldersey Street property was kept in committee, waiting until the Administration is ready to take it up again. President McLaughlin recused himself, Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair, and Councilor Scott's motion to sever #211469 and #211826 from the report was approved 8-0 with Councilors White and McLaughlin recused and Councilor Ballantyne absent. On the main portion of the report, Councilor Strezo expressed concern for residents on fixed incomes and their ability to pay water and sewer bills, and Councilor Scott explained that discussions are being held to determine financial thresholds for assistance. Councilor Ewen-Campen commented about building structural defects into the water and sewer rates and said he's concerned about borrowing against the stabilization fund. Councilor White spoke about the need to establish a reserve fund. The main portion of the report was approved 8-0 with Councilors White and McLaughlin recused and Councilor Ballantyne absent. Councilor Scott's motion to approve #211469 was then approved by the same vote, and #211826 was referred back to Committee.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** White Jr., McLaughlin, Ballantyne

B. Mayor's Request  
211466  
(ID:24415)

Requesting the appropriation of \$1,005,971.23 from the CPA Community Housing Reserve Fund to the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the FY21 Community Housing Allocation.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** White Jr., McLaughlin, Ballantyne

C. Mayor's Request  
211469  
(ID:24322)

Requesting to rescind the approval and appropriation of \$87,114 for the Somerville Museum Collection Care project, to be re-appropriated.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [8 TO 0]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** McLaughlin, Ballantyne  
**RECUSED:** White Jr.

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|--|---|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------|---|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| <p>D. Mayor's Request<br/>211472<br/>(ID:24416)</p>  | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$50,000 from the CPA FY21 Fund for the Open Space Acquisition and Improvements Stabilization Fund.</p>  |                |                                    |              |   |                |                                   |
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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</b>  |                |                                    |              |   |                |                                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>   | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis   |                |                                    |              |   |                |                                   |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | White Jr., McLaughlin, Ballantyne   |                |                                    |              |   |                |                                   |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request<br/>211566<br/>(ID:24016)</p>  | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$50,000 from the CPA FY21 Open Space/Recreational Land Reserve Budget for the Open Space Acquisition and Improvements Stabilization Fund.</p> |                |                                    |              |   |                |                                   |
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| <b>AYES:</b>   | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis   |                |                                    |              |   |                |                                   |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | White Jr., McLaughlin, Ballantyne   |                |                                    |              |   |                |                                   |
| <p>F. Officer's Communication<br/>211618<br/>(ID:24581)</p>  | <p>Director of Water and Sewer submitting the FY22 water and sewer rate proposal.</p>   |                |                                    |              |   |                |                                   |
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| <b>AYES:</b>   | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis   |                |                                    |              |   |                |                                   |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | White Jr., McLaughlin, Ballantyne   |                |                                    |              |   |                |                                   |
| <p>G. Mayor's Request<br/>211842<br/>(ID:24611)</p>  | <p>Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,520,000 in a bond for building improvements.</p>   |                |                                    |              |   |                |                                   |
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| <b>AYES:</b>   | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis   |                |                                    |              |   |                |                                   |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | White Jr., McLaughlin, Ballantyne   |                |                                    |              |   |                |                                   |
| <p>H. Officer's Communication<br/>211858<br/>(ID:24795)</p>  | <p>Water and Sewer Director of Administration conveying testimony received relative to the proposed FY22 water and sewer rates.</p>   |                |                                    |              |   |                |                                   |
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| <p>I. Mayor's Request<br/>211898<br/>(ID:24803)</p>  | <p>Requesting an appropriation of \$630,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to ADA Improvements Fund 5148 for ADA building accessibility improvements.</p>             |                |                                    |              |   |                |                                   |
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| <b>AYES:</b>   | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis   |                |                                    |              |   |                |                                   |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | White Jr., McLaughlin, Ballantyne   |                |                                    |              |   |                |                                   |

J. Resolution 211943 (ID:24906) By City Councilor White Jr. That the Administration submit to the City Council an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Water and Sewer Stabilization Fund to the upcoming FY22 budget to reduce the increase in the water rate from 7% to 6%.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** White Jr., McLaughlin, Ballantyne  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

K. Order 211944 (ID:24907) By City Councilor White Jr. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide this Council with all documents, emails and correspondence regarding the overflow from the EPA and MWRA.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** White Jr., McLaughlin, Ballantyne  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

21. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211945 (ID:24869) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on May 19, 2021.

Councilor Strezio reported that among the topics the committee discussed were the eviction moratorium, the One+ Program and Encore Casino’s payments to the city per the Surrounding Communities Agreement.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

B. Resolution 204462 (ID:17174) By City Councilor Davis, Ballantyne, and the Entire Board That the Administration advise this Board on enforcing city ordinances, and develop a better response to repeat violations, including whether eyewitness reports or submitted evidence can be the basis for a citation.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

C. Resolution 205183 (ID:17954) By City Councilor Rossetti, McLaughlin, Ballantyne That the Administration reassess the city's agreement with Globe Direct regarding stopping deliveries upon request.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 205286 (ID:18060) By City Councilor Hirsch, and the Entire Board That the Director of SPCD share what role the city has, or could have with additional staff, in assisting residents with condo association dilemmas, tenant organizing, or ensuring that inclusionary unit owners or tenants have equal voice in building decisions.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- E. Order 209361 (ID:22207) By City Councilor Ballantyne, McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD discuss the impact on small businesses city-wide since the expansion and growth of Assembly Square and the opening of the Encore Casino.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

22. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211946 (ID:24868) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on May 18, 2021.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said the committee discussed rooftop mechanical system heights and learned that life science rooftop mechanicals are often higher than for other building types. The committee also discussed a small overlay district to set limits on commercial storefronts and ways to select tenants for an affordable third unit in an owner-occupied property. Councilor White noted it's difficult to get financing for a third affordable unit.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**

**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis

**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

- B. Order 211136 (ID:24034) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD discuss with the Land Use Committee whether tattoo parlors should need a Special Permit to operate on Pedestrian Streets and in other areas.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- C. Resolution 211448 (ID:24428) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis That the Administration convene a working group of members of the public and Planning staff to prepare recommendations for a zoning amendment Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- D. Mayor's Request 211611 (ID:24484) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Body Art Services use standards and Table 9.1.1 Permitted Uses.

**RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE**

**FOLLOWUP:** City Council

23. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211947 (ID:24870) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 20, 2021.

Councilor Davis said the committee approved 2 new uses of surveillance technology. The committee also approved 2 ordinances. The first was presented as #211971, to create a PILOT Advisory Committee for Payment In Lieu Of Taxes matters. The second was the Demolition Delay Ordinance, #211948, which City Clerk John Long confirmed had been approved with the approval of the committee report. Councilor Scott argued that changing the delay period is not in alignment with what was previously passed by this Council. Councilor Niedergang said several historic properties would be lost under the current 12-month delay. Councilor Clingan said the delay is by no means an attempt to stop development and noted that the additional 6 months would provide more time to negotiate agreements with developers. Councilor Scott said that using the delay as a tool to preserve historic buildings is the wrong choice, as it adds carrying costs, which, in turn increase housing costs. Councilor Davis said another method needs to be found to preserve historic properties since developers would just wait out the delay period as a cost of doing business. Councilor Niedergang said there isn't enough staff to create the number of local historic districts needed to preserve individual properties. Councilor Rossetti said she would prefer a 24-month delay. Councilor McLaughlin explained that the Council settled on 12 months because that's how long it takes to work through the process. He didn't think increasing the delay to 18 months would yield the desired results.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

B. 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 Environment draft with the Ward 5 Councilor an ordinance to ban or regulate the use of gas-powered leaf blowers.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

C. Mayor's Request 211901 (ID:24760) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for an OSPCD Drone.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne  
**AMENDED:** Add to the end of the last sentence in Section 1.a: “, and the images are not shared with the Somerville Police Department except to the extent that some of the images are made available to the general public on the City’s website.”

D. Mayor's Request 211902 (ID:24761) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Coord App License Plate Collection.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

E. Ordinance 211948 (ID:24836) By City Councilor Niedergang That this Council approve an amendment to the Demolition Review Ordinance to extend the maximum demolition delay period that the Historic Preservation Commission can impose on buildings of historical value from 12 months to 18 months, as recommended by the Committee on Legislative Matters on 5/20/21.

**RESULT:** ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [9 TO 1]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**NAYS:** Scott  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

24. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211949 (ID:24871) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on May 24, 2021.

Councilor White spoke about the renewal of the Junk Dealer license for Tosh Enterprises at 260 Elm St. He said this was the second committee meeting on the matter. Both the applicant and the objector provided additional information for the committee’s review, and retired Police Detective Ernie Nadile testified as well. Councilor White said that as Chair, he presented several findings of fact that were unanimously approved by the committee. The Committee determined unanimously that pawnbroking at the business should not continue because of the applicant’s own acknowledgment that he didn’t follow state law. On the question of whether any of the applicant’s operations should continue, the Chair said that as it was an ongoing business, and as the only issues were with pawnbroking, he felt the junk-dealer aspect could continue. Councilor Scott countered that the applicant’s failures were egregious and opposed renewing the license. Ultimately the Committee voted 2-1, with Councilor Scott opposed, to allow the applicant to continue as a junk dealer, with no pawnbroking. Several conditions were added and unanimously approved to protect the applicant’s current pawn customers. The committee then reviewed a proposed junk dealer ordinance submitted by City Clerk John Long. Councilor Mbah asked if the city could just ban pawn shops, and Assistant City Solicitor Hannah Pappenheim asked for time to research the matter.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

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| <p>B. Grant of Location 208979 (ID:21835)</p>  | <p>Submitted by Eversource to install 7 feet of conduit in Willow Ave from Pole 198/22 to a point of pickup at 201 Willow Ave.</p>  |                |  |              |  |                |            |                    |   |
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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b>  |                |  |              |  |                |            |                    |   |
| <b>AYES:</b>   | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  |                |  |              |  |                |            |                    |   |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Ballantyne  |                |  |              |  |                |            |                    |   |
| <p>C. Public Communication 211425 (ID:24323)</p>   | <p>Matthew Shannon submitting a petition to revoke the Junk Dealer License held by Tosh Enterprises LLC.</p>  |                |  |              |  |                |            |                    |   |
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| <b>AYES:</b>   | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  |                |  |              |  |                |            |                    |   |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Ballantyne  |                |  |              |  |                |            |                    |   |
| <p>D. License/Permit 211921 (ID:24827)</p>   | <p>Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Tosh Enterprises, 260 Elm St.</p>  |                |  |              |  |                |            |                    |   |
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| <b>AYES:</b>   | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  |                |  |              |  |                |            |                    |   |
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25. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

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|--|--|---|--|----------------|------------------------------|--------------|--|----------------|------------|
| <p>A. Committee Report 211950 (ID:24865)</p>   | <p>Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on May 17, 2021.</p>              |   |  |                |                              |              |  |                |            |
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| <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen referred members to the meeting minutes and asked that the report be accepted.</p>  |  |   |  |                |                              |              |  |                |            |
| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b>   |   |  |                |                              |              |  |                |            |
| <b>AYES:</b>   | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis |   |  |                |                              |              |  |                |            |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Ballantyne   |   |  |                |                              |              |  |                |            |

- B. Order 209824 (ID:22715) By City Councilor Rossetti  
That the Director of Communications utilize the CTY system, in April, to send out a high-alert to remind residents not to put out water or food for birds, as a method to help combat the rodent issue.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- C. Order 210381 (ID:23250) By City Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Inspectional Services communicate with the community via mail, email and/or other means, its 2020 plan for combating rat infestations, including monthly updates during peak infestation periods and quarterly updates otherwise.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

26. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211951 (ID:24864) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on May 17, 2021.

Councilor Niedergang said that most of the meeting was spent discussing the I-93 viaduct project, pedestrian improvements in the area, and the possibility of installing sound walls on I-93, which was essentially dismissed by MA DOT officials. Councilor Strezo asked about the Kennington underpass and Councilor Niedergang replied that MA DOT isn't exactly sure what's going to be done there.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

- B. Resolution 203004 (ID:15698) By City Councilor White Jr., McWatters, Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti  
That the Mayor work with the State Delegation on an agreement with the State to permit City crossing guards at the crosswalks at Highland Avenue and McGrath Highway, and to permit the Police Department to enforce traffic laws there.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

27. Mayor's Request 211952 (ID:24848) Requesting adoption of the attached Rental Registration and Energy Disclosure Ordinance.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee



28. Mayor's Request 211953 (ID:24850) Requesting adoption of an amendment to Ordinance 12-14 to grant licensing authority to the Licensing Commission for restaurants' outdoor seating on the public way.

Councilor White spoke about the benefits of allowing the Licensing Commission to license restaurants' outdoor seating, and sponsored Licensing Commission Chair Joseph Lynch, who recounted that the Commission was given temporary authority during the pandemic to approve outdoor dining on the public way. He asked that this authority be made permanent. Councilor Niedergang noted that many restaurants have not complied with ADA requirements, and felt that the enforcement of outdoor dining has been lax. Councilor Scott expressed grave concerns about ceding this authority to the Licensing Commission, and Councilor Mbah concurred. Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke in favor of approval.

**RESULT:**           **ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [8 TO 1]**  
**AYES:**             Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**NAYS:**             Scott  
**ABSENT:**          Strezo, Ballantyne

29. Mayor's Request 211954 (ID:24824) Requesting adoption of MGL c48, s59A, authorizing the Fire Department to Provide Mutual Aid.

**RESULT:**           **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:**      Legislative Matters Committee

30. Mayor's Request 211955 (ID:24839) Requesting the appropriation of \$3,245,814 to specified accounts from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to fund the retro FY16-20 salaries and benefits pursuant to the contract with the Somerville Police Employees Association.

President McLaughlin recused himself from 30, 31, 34, and 39-40, and Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings and approve them.

**RESULT:**           **APPROVED. [9 TO 0]**  
**AYES:**             Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:**          Ballantyne  
**RECUSED:**        McLaughlin

31. Mayor's Request 211956 (ID:24838) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,026,224 to specified accounts from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to fund retro FY21 salaries and benefits pursuant to the contract with the Somerville Police Employees Association.

**RESULT:**           **APPROVED. [9 TO 0]**  
**AYES:**             Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:**          Ballantyne  
**RECUSED:**        McLaughlin

32. Mayor's Request 211957 (ID:24842) Requesting the appropriation of \$21,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the Health Insurance Opt-Out Budget, in order to correct a year end deficit.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of 32-33 and 35-38 and approve them.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Strezo, Ballantyne

33. Mayor's Request 211958 (ID:24887) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$75,000 in the Law Department, from the Judgments/Settlements Account to the Legal Services Account, to fund anticipated outside legal counsel invoices.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Strezo, Ballantyne

34. Mayor's Request 211959 (ID:24477) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$5,612 from the Police Overtime Account to the Grant Match Account to cover the Metro Mayors Shannon Grant match requirement.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED. [9 TO 0]**  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne  
**RECUSED:** McLaughlin

35. Mayor's Request 211960 (ID:24841) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$3,530 within the Veterans Services Department from the Professional and Technical Services Account to the Personal Services Account, to correct a year end deficit.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Strezo, Ballantyne

36. Mayor's Request 211961 (ID:24837) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$3,000 in Constituent Services, from the Overtime Account to the Professional and Technical Service Account, to cover year-end invoices for 311 vendor support services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Strezo, Ballantyne

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| <p>37. Mayor's Request 211962 (ID:24723)</p>  | <p>Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$3,295.25 using available funds in the Constituent Services Overtime Account for payment of 311 vendor support services.</p>   |   |                              |                |   |                  |  |                 |            |
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| <b>RESULT:</b>  | <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b>  |   |                              |                |   |                  |  |                 |            |
| <b>AYES:</b>  | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis   |   |                              |                |   |                  |  |                 |            |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>  | Ballantyne  |   |                              |                |   |                  |  |                 |            |
| <p>38. Mayor's Request 211963 (ID:24724)</p>  | <p>Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$68.37 using available funds in the Constituent Services Printing and Stationary Account for department printing services.</p> |   |                              |                |   |                  |  |                 |            |
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| <b>RESULT:</b>  | <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b>  |   |                              |                |   |                  |  |                 |            |
| <b>AYES:</b>  | Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis   |   |                              |                |   |                  |  |                 |            |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>  | Strezo, Ballantyne  |   |                              |                |   |                  |  |                 |            |
| <p>39. Mayor's Request 211964 (ID:24814)</p>  | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$40,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Public Health to the Police Department for the State Opioid Response Program.</p>        |   |                              |                |   |                  |  |                 |            |
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| <b>AYES:</b>  | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis   |   |                              |                |   |                  |  |                 |            |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>  | Ballantyne  |   |                              |                |   |                  |  |                 |            |
| <b>RECUSED:</b>   | McLaughlin  |   |                              |                |   |                  |  |                 |            |
| <p>40. Mayor's Request 211965 (ID:24476)</p>  | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$25,602 grant that requires a match, from the Metro Mayors Shannon Initiative to the Police Department for youth violence prevention.</p>                    |   |                              |                |   |                  |  |                 |            |
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| <b>RESULT:</b>  | <b>APPROVED. [9 TO 0]</b>   |   |                              |                |   |                  |  |                 |            |
| <b>AYES:</b>  | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis   |   |                              |                |   |                  |  |                 |            |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>  | Ballantyne  |   |                              |                |   |                  |  |                 |            |
| <b>RECUSED:</b>   | McLaughlin  |   |                              |                |   |                  |  |                 |            |
| <p>41. Mayor's Request 211966 (ID:24844)</p>  | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Timothy Bakey to the position of Fire Captain.</p>   |   |                              |                |   |                  |  |                 |            |
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| Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the readings of 41-45 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters   |   |   |                              |                |   |                  |  |                 |            |
| <b>RESULT:</b>  | <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>  |   |                              |                |   |                  |  |                 |            |
| <b>FOLLOWUP:</b>  | Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee  |   |                              |                |   |                  |  |                 |            |

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| 42. Mayor's Request<br>211967<br>(ID:24845) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Barry Hamilton to the position of Fire Lieutenant.   | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 43. Mayor's Request<br>211968<br>(ID:24846) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Andrew Guralnick to the position of Fire Lieutenant. | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 44. Mayor's Request<br>211969<br>(ID:24847) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brendan Noonan to the position of Fire Lieutenant.   | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 45. Mayor's Request<br>211970<br>(ID:24712) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christina Morone to the Commission for Women.        | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

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| 46. Officer's Communication<br>211971<br>(ID:24877) | Assistant City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance to establish a PILOT Advisory Task Force. | For discussion of this item see #211947.<br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Ballantyne |
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**NEW BUSINESS**

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| 47. License/Permit<br>211972<br>(ID:24895) | Public Event License, Edward Jones 529 day, 628 Somerville Ave, May 28, 8am-6pm. | Councilor White moved to waive the readings of 47-62 and approve them.<br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Ballantyne |
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| 48. License/Permit 211973 (ID:24889) | Public Event License, East Somerville Main Streets Carnival, Broadway westbound between Michigan Ave and Illinois Ave, June 4-6, 10am-8pm (raindates June 11-13). | <p><b>RESULT:</b> APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> Ballantyne</p> |
| 49. License/Permit 211974 (ID:24890) | Public Event License, Pack 3 Somerville Blue and Gold Awards, Trum Field, June 5, 6pm-8pm (raindate June 6).  | <p><b>RESULT:</b> APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> Ballantyne</p> |
| 50. License/Permit 211975 (ID:24885) | Public Event License, Anikaya/Akhra Inc performing The Cage solo dance, Perry Park, June 12, 4pm-8:30pm.  | <p><b>RESULT:</b> APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> Ballantyne</p> |
| 51. License/Permit 211976 (ID:24891) | Public Event License, Carol Sabin's birthday surprise, Henderson Street, June 19, 9am-9pm.  | <p><b>RESULT:</b> APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> Ballantyne</p> |
| 52. License/Permit 211977 (ID:24888) | Public Event License, Midsummer Block Party, Summit Ave from Vinal Ave to 15 Summit Ave, June 26, 10am-10pm (raindates June 27 & July 3).                         | <p><b>RESULT:</b> APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> Ballantyne</p> |
| 53. License/Permit 211978 (ID:24892) | Public Event License, Jean Appolon Expressions performing Traka dance, Seven Hills Park, June 26, 2pm-9pm (raindate June 27).                                     | <p><b>RESULT:</b> APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> Ballantyne</p> |

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| 54. License/Permit<br>211979<br>(ID:24886) | Public Event License, OpenAir Circus Classes, Perry Park, July 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29 Aug 3-5, 10-12, 4pm-8pm. | <p><b>RESULT:</b>        <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>            Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b>        Ballantyne</p> |
| 55. License/Permit<br>211980<br>(ID:24833) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, BSI Engineering Inc.  | <p><b>RESULT:</b>        <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>            Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b>        Ballantyne</p> |
| 56. License/Permit<br>211981<br>(ID:24834) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, LVMJ Corporation.   | <p><b>RESULT:</b>        <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>            Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b>        Ballantyne</p> |
| 57. License/Permit<br>211982<br>(ID:24878) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, JET Holding Corp.   | <p><b>RESULT:</b>        <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>            Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b>        Ballantyne</p> |
| 58. License/Permit<br>211983<br>(ID:24884) | Renewing Flammables License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St.                                    | <p><b>RESULT:</b>        <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>            Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b>        Ballantyne</p> |
| 59. License/Permit<br>211984<br>(ID:24883) | Renewing Garage License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St.  | <p><b>RESULT:</b>        <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>            Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b>        Ballantyne</p> |

60. License/Permit 211985 (ID:24835)	Renewing Garage License, Mass Inspection, 712 Mystic Ave.  <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b> <b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis <b>ABSENT:</b> Ballantyne
61. License/Permit 211986 (ID:24882)	Renewing Garage License, GE Auto Repair, 631 Somerville Ave.  <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b> <b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis <b>ABSENT:</b> Ballantyne
62. License/Permit 211987 (ID:24832)	Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Top Speed Vehicles, 631 Somerville Ave.  <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b> <b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis <b>ABSENT:</b> Ballantyne
63. Public Communication 211988 (ID:24876)	Moshe Safdie proposing a zoning amendment to extend the Small Business Overlay to his property at 92 Properzi Way.  Also referred to the Planning Board. <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b> <b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Land Use Committee
64. Public Communication 211989 (ID:24879)	MBTA submitting comments re: #211462 and #211463, tree plantings along the GLX Extension.  <b>RESULT:</b> <b>PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</b> <b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis <b>ABSENT:</b> Ballantyne
65. Public Communication 211990 (ID:24880)	Tufts submitting comments re: #211918, supporting Tufts Dining workers.  <b>RESULT:</b> <b>PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</b> <b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis <b>ABSENT:</b> Ballantyne

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

66. Resolution 211991 (ID:24881) By City Councilor Strezo  
That the Administration update the Committee on Housing and Community Development in writing on the work of the committee that was established pursuant to the Surrounding Community Agreement with Encore Casino.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

67. Communication 211992 (ID:24893) By City Councilor White Jr.  
Reporting on the Charter Review Committee meeting of May 20, 2021.

Councilor White reported that the committee has retained the Collins Center for assistance, and is reviewing the budget to make sure there is maximum public participation. The goal is to present recommendations to this Council and Mayor later this year or next that can be approved as a home rule petition that the city submits to the state for adoption.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

68. Order 211993 (ID:24894) By City Councilor White Jr., Strezo  
That the Director of SPCD consider with the Affordable Housing Trust Fund the advisability of combining anticipated affordable housing linkage payments for commercial development and seeking an affordable housing developer to leverage additional funding to maximize the number of affordable units that can be built.

Councilor White spoke about pooling funds to maximize the number of affordable units that can be built.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee



69. Resolution 211994 (ID:24905) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Administration urgently address the insufficient number of crossing guards and present to this Council their plan to ensure student safety in the absence of guards at multiple large intersections.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen said this is an inter-ward issue. 13 crossing guards have recently retired thus many locations do not have a guard on duty. Councilor Rossetti commented that this has been going on for years and it's history repeating itself.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
70. Mayor's Request 211995 (ID:24899) Requesting acceptance of a \$30,850,472 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 grant from the U.S. Treasury.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of 70 and 71 and approve them.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
71. Mayor's Request 211996 (ID:24903) Requesting acceptance of a \$250,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Public Health to the Health and Human Services Department in FY22 and FY23 for youth prevention services.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne
72. Officer's Communication 211997 (ID:24900) City Solicitor requesting approval to amend the scope of services in its contract with Seyfarth Shaw LLP to incorporate wage and hour and other pay-related compliance matters.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

73. Officer's Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of the new High School  
Communication sports field after Philip Reavis Sr.

211998  
(ID:24896)

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,  
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

74. Officer's Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of the High School's Center  
Communication for Career and Technical Education wing after Leo G. DeSimone Jr.

211999  
(ID:24897)

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,  
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

75. Officer's Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of the new High School  
Communication Library/Media Center after David Wendell Jones Sr. and Margaret J. Jones.

212000  
(ID:24898)

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,  
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

76. License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, A.A. Will Corporation.

212001  
(ID:24908)

Councilor White moved to waive the reading of 76 and approve it.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,  
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

**LATE ITEMS**

77. Order By City Councilor McLaughlin  
212002 That the Director of Parks and Recreation replace the basketball rims and  
(ID:24911) hoops at Florence Street Park.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,  
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:20 PM.