

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

May 24, 2018, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call  
205914  
(ID:18719)      Call of the Roll.

Alderman McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for all veterans who have given their lives for this country. <b>RESULT:      PLACED ON FILE</b>
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2. Minutes  
205915  
(ID:18721)      Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, April 26, 2018, and the Regular Meeting, April 26, 2018.

<b>RESULT:      APPROVED</b>
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**CITATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. Grant of Location 205916 (ID:18763) Submitted by Eversource to install 49 feet of conduit in Dover St from Pole 195/4 to a point of pickup at 88 Dover St.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the details of work to be completed. Tori Antonina requested that Eversource check for gas leaks. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. Alderman Rossetti said that a different branch of Eversource would have to look into this request. She requested Ms. Duffy provide a written response to the request prior to the next meeting.

**RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

**CONDITION:** Work is not to begin before June 15, 2018, so the Board of Aldermen can review Eversource's report on its ability to check for gas leaks when installing underground conduit, which is due by the Board's meeting on June 14, 2018.
  
4. Grant of Location 205917 (ID:18764) Submitted by Comcast to install 26 feet of conduit in Mt Pleasant St from Pole 243/1 to a point of pickup at 6 Broadway.

The President opened the public hearing. Dave Flewelling with Comcast discussed the details of work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT: APPROVED**
  
5. Public Communication 205782 (ID:18548) 55 voters requesting a Public Hearing on Tufts University's Payments in Lieu of Taxes and other benefits provided to the community.

The President opened the public hearing. Elan Axelbank stated that Tufts pays their full 25% to Boston but doesn't pay it to Somerville. Somerville should mandate that Tufts pay at least 25% of what their property taxes should be. This money should be used for affordable housing. Rand Wilson commented that affordable housing, better jobs, etc. cannot be achieved without additional revenue. Tufts can provide that revenue. John Heymann spoke in favor of Tufts paying 25% of its property tax bill instead of just 4%. This could raise funds for the Green Line Extension, the new high school and affordable housing. It's a better solution than the Transfer Tax, which will cost homeowners and renters money. Ian Adelman stated that Tufts can do much better. There might have been a time when everyone looked at Tufts as helping to create opportunities and investments in Somerville to help bring things up, but that's just not the way things are anymore. Marianne Walles stated that as a resident, she pays her fair share of taxes in order to receive services from the City, and Tufts should, too. Tufts should also allow their employees to have free elections on unionizing. Joe Walles is a lifelong resident and feels that Tufts needs to pay 25% of their tax bill to Somerville. Partners Healthcare pays 25% as part of their Pilot Agreement. Tufts also should hire building trades. Larry Yu lives very close to Tufts and feels that the people of Tufts make great neighbors, but he feels differently about Tufts as an institution. Susan Eldridge stated the annual revenue from Tufts would be \$6.7 million if they paid 25%; now they

only pay \$275,000 which is a wash because the City pays \$300,000 to lease the Tufts Administration Building. Somerville should get an itemized list of benefits received from Tufts. Penelope Taylor commented that Tufts, as one of the largest developers in the City, should offer substantial community benefits as part of its Pilot Agreement. They're the biggest employer in town and their employees deserve the right to organize. Bonny Zeh feels that Tufts should house all of its undergrads in university supported housing, and adopt a residential college model where faculty members reside in the dorms instead of RAs. Tufts should also give a deep discount for adult education to West Somerville residents who are 50+ years old, with better communications via newsletters or emails. Edward Beuchers, on the Board of the West Somerville Neighborhood Association, said that Somerville should match Boston's successful Pilot Agreement for 25% of property taxes, half in services and half in cash. Joyce Shortt called the Tufts campus her backyard. While she enjoys the open space, trees and flowers, Tufts should be and can be a better neighbor. Alex Pirie questioned why Somerville has been willing to settle for so much less than Boston. Nate Krinsky lives on campus at Tufts University. He feels that Tufts is letting down both the student body and the host communities with their lack of on-campus housing for students. As part of the new Pilot Agreement, Tufts should build a new dorm on campus. Right now, undergraduate enrollment is 5,451 but there are only 3,374 on campus beds. Only 62% of students can live on campus. No new dorms have been built since 2006. Rachael White said Tufts has not shared the benefits of its educational services with our public-school students. She would like to see free or reduced tuition, outreach programs and internship programs for local students. Fred Berman said Tufts needs to address housing for their grads and undergrads. Tori Antonino stated that Tufts charges its students \$75,000 per year, and should pay 25% in cash with an additional 15% paid in lieu. Chris Boniotta commented no one wants Tufts to go away but there are costs in the neighborhood, the cost to public safety, the costs of lost revenue on the land that they own and, costs in the housing pressure. Jim Monagle said he was here 30 years ago discussing the same issue. Then, Tufts presented themselves as good neighbors, but since then, they have been buying up homes for housing and transferring them to tax-exempt status. Larry Rich has been thinking about things other than cash and feels that we should ask Tufts to utilize renewable energy more. Jack Zhang spoke in favor of mandating that Tufts pay at least 25% of its property tax bill. Tuition is out of reach for most children growing up in Somerville. Joe Beckmann commented that the most important thing we can get from Tufts is course offerings for our high school students. Susan Fendell supports Tufts paying 25% of its property taxes, addressing its student housing issue, and offering courses to seniors. Alderman Rossetti said she received a list of last year's Police and Fire Department service calls to all non-tax paying institutions, and the Administration should review it before negotiating a new Pilot Agreement. President Ballantyne followed up that the Administration should look back at least five years. Written testimony will be received until May 31, 2018. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

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

6. Resolution 205918 (ID:18683) By Ald. McLaughlin, Davis, Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board That the Administration submit a Home Rule Petition similar to Boston's "Jim Brooks Act," but with less rigid language, to encourage passage by the State.

Alderman McLaughlin explained the "Jim Brooks Act". It requests that any eviction notice be sent to the City, so we gain data on evictions, and can inform tenants of their rights.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

7. Order 205919 (ID:18684) By Ald. McLaughlin, The Entire Board That the Director of SPCD promote bicycle-safe infrastructures on all future Assembly Square development.

Ald. McLaughlin stressed that bike access needs to be addressed in all future development.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

8. Order 205920 (ID:18685) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works install a street light on the corner of Grand Union Boulevard and Artisan Way.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

9. Order 205921 (ID:18689) By Ald. Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works install trash bins (closed Big Belly bins if possible) on the two corners at Broadway and Cedar Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10. Order 205922 (ID:18690) By Ald. Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken light in Junction Park.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

11. Order 205923 (ID:18691) By Ald. Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works address the soil erosion at the eastern edge of Junction Park.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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| 12. Order<br>205924<br>(ID:18692)   | By Ald. Niedergang<br>That the Director of Traffic and Parking place two pop-up caution signs on Central Street where they have been previously, near Hoyt Sullivan Park and Rogers Foam, one at Vernon Street, the other at the crosswalk near Albion Street.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |
| 13. Order<br>205925<br>(ID:18693)   | By Ald. Niedergang<br>That the Director of SPCD cut down the dead tree at 149 Central Street, and if possible, plant a new one in its place.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |
| 14. Order<br>205926<br>(ID:18694)   | By Ald. Niedergang, Ewen-Campen<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the large pothole in front of Somerville Hospital again.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |
| 15. Order<br>205927<br>(ID:18695)   | By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Hirsch<br>That the Directors of Traffic and Parking and SPCD install a bicycle corral in place of the first parking spot on the northeast corner of the intersection of Washington Street and Washington Terrace.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Traffic and Parking Committee |  |
| 16. Order<br>205928<br>(ID:18696)   | By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Scott<br>That the Director of Traffic and Parking re-paint the NO BICYCLING ON THE SIDEWALK markings in Union Square and all central business districts.  |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |
| 17. Order<br>205929<br>(ID:18697)   | By Ald. Ewen-Campen<br>That the Director of Water and Sewer and the Director of Finance include in their upcoming presentation of the proposed Fire Suppression Charge, the fiscal impacts of an owner-occupant exemption, as well as the per-household cost if the fee was evenly split among all households. |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee             |  |
| 18. Order<br>205930<br>(ID:18707)   | By Ald. Scott<br>That the Director of Traffic and Parking add an item to the June Traffic Commission meeting requesting a change of the two 2-hour-parking spaces in front of 483 Somerville Avenue to metered parking spaces.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |  |

19. Order 205931 (ID:18698) By Ald. Hirsch  
That the Director of SPCD inform this Board of any plans to update the Housing Needs Assessment.
- RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee
20. Order 205932 (ID:18699) By Ald. Hirsch  
That the Director of SPCD or the Director of Housing Stability develop an evidenced-based scale of qualifying income levels that reflects the cost of housing, to guide residents' access to subsidies for City or District programming.
- Alderman Hirsch said there is a debate about who should qualify for subsidies for after-school care. She wants the City to help develop a more refined scale for people requiring subsidies.
- RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee
21. Order 205933 (ID:18700) By Ald. Hirsch, Davis, Ballantyne  
That the Director of SPCD inform this Board of plans to regulate or enable dockless bikes, and share information on the City's contractual relationship with Hubway/BlueBikes.
- Alderman Hirsch said that dockless bikes could be a tool used to increase mobility but they can also block mobility on sidewalks. She would like to figure out what the Board's role is, if any, in regulating or discouraging this new business model.
- RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee
22. Order 205934 (ID:18701) By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne  
That the City Solicitor inform this Board of any applicable regulations related to the use of drones.
- Alderman Hirsch would like to hear from the Police Chief whether drones are fun, annoying, a privacy violation or a safety concern.
- RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee
23. Resolution 205935 (ID:18702) By Ald. Hirsch, McLaughlin, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan  
That the Administration inform this Board of any opportunities to incentivize waste reduction, such as opt-in composting, PAYT, or charges to phone book distributors for disposal costs.
- Alderman Hirsch would like to look at waste reduction strategies; recycling rates are up to \$170.00 per ton as compared to \$158.00 per ton for trash disposal. Maybe the Board could look at more incentive-based programs.
- RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

24. Resolution 205936 (ID:18703) By Ald. Hirsch  
That the Administration work with this Board on a fund for traffic calming and pedestrian/transit infrastructure pilot projects through such sources as demand pricing for meters in business districts and the creation of incentives for residents to forgo residential permits so as to create more business permits.

Alderman Hirsch reported that at the Pedestrian/Transit Working Group has looked at the Cambridge Resident Budgeting Process, where residents can suggest what to spend money on. Many of the projects suggested were transit- or pedestrian-related. She would like to find a way to create a revenue stream that people could experiment with.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

25. Order 205937 (ID:18704) By Ald. Hirsch  
That the Director of Purchasing inform this Board of how it monitors the gender and ethnicity/race of employees of City contractors in compliance with “good faith” efforts as specified in the City’s procurement guide.

Alderman Hirsch would like to know how this is monitored.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

26. Communication 205938 (ID:18705) By Ald. Hirsch  
Reporting on the recent Community Cabinet “By All Means” conference.

Alderman Hirsch informed the Board of the items discussed at the "By All Means" Conference. There were people from the City and the School District who discussed such children and family issues as early childhood out-of-school time and health and human services. The keynote speaker was Angela Glover-Blackwell, CEO of Policy Link.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

27. Communication 205939 (ID:18706) By Ald. Hirsch  
Reporting on the 2018 Block Party Challenge.

Alderman Hirsch reported that the Block Party Challenge is underway. There were 36 block parties last year that were run by individual residents. We are trying to get that up to 100.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

28. Committee Report 205837 (ID:18569) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 1, 2018.

Alderman Davis reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The report is lengthy and available online at [www.somervillezoning.com](http://www.somervillezoning.com). The first issue discussed was adult use of cannabis and potential regulations. Next was the proposed minimum mixed use ratio amendment to the zoning ordinance, which would create a 68-32 commercial to residential ratio requirement in certain areas. The last item discussed was the zoning overhaul. The primary topic was discussion of the unit count allowed in the NR Zone and the degree to which the current RA and RB zones allow more than two units, and whether that should continue in the NR Zone.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

29. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 205940 (ID:18717) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on May 23, 2018.

Alderman Scott reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed what it is legally allowed to discuss regarding candidates, including criminal records and financial conflicts. The Committee then considered and recommended the appointment of Joseph P. Lynch, Jr. to the Licensing Commission and Holly Fox to the Women's Commission. Three items on the agenda were kept in Committee because the liaison wasn't present. Finally, the Committee considered and recommended the reappointment of Rona Fishman and Dennis Fishman to the Fair Housing Committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. Mayor's Request 203896 (ID:16543) Requesting the appointment of Holly Fox to the Commission for Women.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- C. Mayor's Request 204678 (ID:17434) Requesting the appointment of Joseph P. Lynch, Jr., to the Licensing Commission.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- D. Mayor's Request 205226 (ID:17870) Requesting the re-appointment of Dennis Fischman to the Fair Housing Commission.

**RESULT: APPROVED**



E. Mayor's Request 205227 (ID:17871) Requesting the re-appointment of Rona Fischman to the Fair Housing Commission.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

F. Resolution 205941 (ID:18771) By Ald. Ewen-Campen That the Administration describe for the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters the relevant law governing financial disclosure for commission members, and the existing remedies for ethical violations.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

30. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205942 (ID:18716) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 22, 2018.

Ald. Scott recused.  
Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee conducted a Public Hearing on a request for an Administrative Order providing for the appointment of school physicians and nurses by the School Committee. 11 of the 13 school nurses were present, and they did not support the school nurse positions going to the School Department. Next was a discussion as to when the City would receive certain funds from the Federal Realty Investment Trust. There was also discussion on raising the living wage to \$15 per hour. Alderman Rossetti requested that the Administration adopt MGL c58 s8C, which would allow the City to abate a portion of outstanding property taxes to create affordable housing. The Committee also considered the transfer of a City-owned parcel 82D1 (an old parking lot on Somerville Ave.) in the North Prospect Block to the Redevelopment Authority, and the possibility of a lab that might be constructed there.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

B. Order 205816 (ID:18591) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD provide to this Board before the submission of the FY19 budget, a description and status of each major commercial development that has applied to, or been permitted by, the Planning Board in FY17 and FY18.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

C. Mayor's Request 205843 (ID:18563) Requesting acceptance of a \$32,000 grant with no new match required, from the Metro North Regional Employment Board Summer Youth Works Grant to the Health & Human Services Department for youth employment programming.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- D. Mayor's Request 205907 (ID:18613) Requesting the appropriation of \$200,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance to the Law Department's Legal Services Account to fund anticipated outside legal counsel invoices.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

31. FINANCE COMMITTEE IN JOINT SESSION WITH THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 205943 (ID:18711) Report of the Committees on Finance and Legislative Matters, meeting in Joint Session as a Committee of the Whole on May 16, 2018.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The entire meeting was dedicated to the Clarendon Hill Redevelopment Project.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**

32. FINANCE COMMITTEE IN JOINT SESSION WITH THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 205944 (ID:18714) Report of the Committees on Finance and Legislative Matters, meeting in Joint Session as a Committee of the Whole on May 21, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. This was a continuation of the meeting held on May 16, dedicated to the Clarendon Hill Redevelopment Project. The meeting started with a Public Hearing on the subject, including the conditions for a \$10 million award that the City may contribute to it, along with Home Rule Petitions to authorize the Housing Authority to do the reconstruction, and to allow the State to convey land to the Housing Authority as part of the project. About 50 people spoke, with approximately 2/3 speaking in favor and 1/3 speaking against.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**

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

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

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

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

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

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

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| E. | Public Communication<br>205336<br>(ID:18086) | Ronald Cavallo submitting further comments re: #205250, a proposed Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project Home Rule Petition.  | <b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b> |
| F. | Public Communication<br>205407<br>(ID:18157) | Clarendon Residents United submitting comments re: #205250, a proposed Clarendon Hill Public Housing Home Rule Petition.  | <b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b> |
| G. | Public Communication<br>205681<br>(ID:18430) | Our Revolution Somerville submitting comments re: #205250, a Home Rule Petition for the reconstruction of the Clarendon Hill Housing Project.   | <b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b> |
| H. | Public Communication<br>205682<br>(ID:18432) | 9 unions submitting comments re: #205250, a Home Rule Petition for the reconstruction of the Clarendon Hill Housing Project.  | <b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b> |
| I. | Public Communication<br>205896<br>(ID:18619) | Building and Construction Trades Council of the Metropolitan District submitting comments re: #205250, a Home Rule Petition for the reconstruction of the Clarendon Hill Housing Project. | <b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b> |
| J. | Public Communication<br>205897<br>(ID:18620) | Our Revolution Somerville submitting comments re: #205250, a Home Rule Petition for the reconstruction of the Clarendon Hill Housing Project.   | <b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b> |
| K. | Public Communication<br>205898<br>(ID:18621) | Clarendon Residents United submitting comments re: #205250, a Home Rule Petition for the reconstruction of the Clarendon Hill Housing Project.  | <b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b> |

**33. LAND USE COMMITTEE**

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| A. | Committee Report<br>205945<br>(ID:18709) | Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 15, 2018. | <p>Alderman Davis reported that the proposed Zoning Overhaul was discussed. The discussion primarily centered on the proposed NR Zone, which essentially combines the existing RA and RB Zones. There are 758 lots in the current RB Zone on which a third unit could be built right now under the existing zoning. The Committee discussed the impact of allowing three units throughout the NR Zone. Concerns were expressed about the stock of family-sized units if existing units were chopped up into three units, and the impact that would have on pricing, although it would increase the supply.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p> |
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34. LAND USE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report<br>205946<br>(ID:18718) | Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on May 23, 2018.   |
|    |  | <p>The Chair reported that the Committee Report was not yet properly prepared, and asked that the item be laid on the table for the Board's next meeting.</p> <p><b>RESULT:            LAID ON THE TABLE</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:        Board of Aldermen</b></p> |

35. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report<br>205947<br>(ID:18713) | Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 17, 2018.  |
|    |  | <p>Alderman Niedergang reported that the Committee discussed the real estate transfer fee. Alderman Davis proposed amending language of the Home Rule Petition for clarity, without making substantive changes. One change was proposed: an owner-occupant with three or fewer units would be exempt, while one with four or more units would not be exempt. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the amendments. Alderman Rossetti explained that she will be supporting the fee, because, with its amendments, it addresses the early concerns of community members. Alderman Niedergang spoke on behalf on Alderman Mbah, who was absent, and expressed his support for the fee. Alderman McLaughlin thanked the Aldermen for their support, and said it demonstrated the fight needed to make progress in this State and Country. Alderman White spoke about the frustration heard during public testimony, but said times have changed and Somerville for the millennials is different from what it was in the 1960's and 1970's. He said the fee would help create a balanced community. Alderman Ewen-Campen expressed his support for the fee, applauding that Somerville is doing something to address the housing crisis.</p> <p><b>RESULT:            APPROVED</b></p> |
| B. | Mayor's Request<br>204954<br>(ID:17693)  | Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City to impose a Real Estate Transfer Fee.   |
|    |  | <p>For the adopted Home Rule Petition, see #206007.</p> <p><b>RESULT:            PLACED ON FILE</b></p>   |
| C. | Order<br>205439<br>(ID:18202)            | By Ald. Hirsch<br>That the Director of SPCD prepare a detailed explanation of how funding from a transfer fee or other local sources could fund housing initiatives.  |
|    |  | <p><b>RESULT:            WORK COMPLETED</b></p>   |
| D. | Order<br>205440<br>(ID:18203)            | By Ald. Hirsch<br>That the Director of SPCD share options for establishing the residency status of prospective buyers, as related to exemptions and the proposed transfer fee.  |
|    |  | <p><b>RESULT:            WORK COMPLETED</b></p>   |

- E. Resolution 205493 (ID:18440) By Ald. Scott, Rossetti, White Jr. That the Administration draft the minimally necessary language to amend the Real Estate Transfer Fee Home Rule Petition to allow a separate fee on the buyer and seller based on their status as a resident/owner-occupant, and including estate protection for a decedent who has such status.  
**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- F. Public Communication 205680 (ID:18429) 5 residents submitting comments re: #204954, a Home Rule Petition for a Real Estate Transfer Fee.  
**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- G. Public Communication 205783 (ID:18547) 6 residents submitting comments re: #204954, a Home Rule Petition for a Real Estate Transfer Fee.  
**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

**36. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

- A. Committee Report 205948 (ID:18708) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on May 14, 2018.  
Alderman Clingan reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed a request that the Administration refrain from appointing any further candidates to the position of Reserve Firefighter and seek to discontinue use of the Fire Reserve List at the earliest possible opportunity. This was kept in Committee until the Fire Chief can attend a Committee meeting. Next was an update from the City Solicitor on the status of the draft ordinance regulating Air B&Bs. There are concerns around the State Building Code, and the impact on buildings with three or more units that want to offer Air B&Bs. The Committee discussed going forward with the ordinance for one and two unit buildings and waiting for the State's three-plus unit determination. Legislative Liaison Annie Conners said the Administration will sponsor two community meetings in June on the subject.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- B. Order 203802 (ID:16484) By Ald. Heuston, Davis That the City Solicitor and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services provide this Board with a plan to address the use of AirBnB for whole house rentals, including communications to residents who report such uses.  
**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- C. Order 204960 (ID:17702) By Ald. McLaughlin, Rossetti That the Director of SPCD update this Board on plans to renovate the area under I-93, near the Stop & Shop, for pedestrian access to Assembly Square.  
**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- D. Order 205075 (ID:17830) By Ald. Mbah, Niedergang That the Director of Water and Sewer report to this Board on whether our municipal tap water is safe to drink.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

**37. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE**

- A. Committee Report 205949 (ID:18710) Report of the Committee on Youth Services, meeting on May 16, 2018.

Alderman Hirsch reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed recycling in schools and why it is not done, whether the City's Summer Youth Program can allow young people to work in nonprofits, whether the Kennedy Pool can be opened for more hours, and why the Kennedy Playground its locked.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. Order 205359 (ID:18123) By Ald. Hirsch That the Director of SPCD share a report on the CDBG program as it relates to inter-division cooperation and the city's larger Health and Human Service goals.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

38. Mayor's Request 205950 (ID:18680) Requesting approval of a reciprocal easement over portions of Block 6 in Assembly Row.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 38 through 48 and refer them to the Finance Committee, except for item 41 which should be approved. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

39. Mayor's Request 205951 (ID:18673) Requesting a transfer of \$30,000 from the School Custodian Salary Account to the Electrical OT Labor Account to provide sufficient overtime funding for the Electrical Department.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

40. Mayor's Request 205952 (ID:18545) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$90 using available funds in the Personnel Advertising Account for an advertisement on Idealist.com.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

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| 41. | Mayor's Request<br>205953<br>(ID:18675) | Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Public Health to the Health and Human Services Department for the Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative Grant. | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED</b>  |
| 42. | Mayor's Request<br>205954<br>(ID:18676) | Requesting acceptance of a \$94,622.16 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Public Health to the Health and Human Services Department for Tobacco Control Prevention.                       | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
| 43. | Mayor's Request<br>205955<br>(ID:18679) | Requesting acceptance of a \$32,354.14 bequeath from the Estate of Mary M. Fontaine to the Council on Aging.   | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
| 44. | Mayor's Request<br>205956<br>(ID:18564) | Requesting acceptance of a rapid deployment vehicle, ballistics helmets, and sunglasses from OEM, with no match required, for the Police Department's Special Response Team.                                       | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
| 45. | Mayor's Request<br>205957<br>(ID:18678) | Requesting approval of a time-only extension of the CBI Consulting House Doctor contract, to June 28, 2019, to allow for the closeout of construction projects.  | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
| 46. | Mayor's Request<br>205958<br>(ID:18682) | Requesting approval of a time-only extension to the contract with D&R General Contracting for the 2015 Street Resurfacing Project to April 30, 2019.   | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

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| 47. | Officer's Communication<br>205959<br>(ID:18686) | Legislative Liaison responding to #200593 with updated reports on Police and Fire services rendered to tax-exempt facilities. | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>PLACED ON FILE</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
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| 48. | Officer's<br>Communication<br>205960<br>(ID:18720) | Legislative Liaison responding to #205477 re: Block 8 payments.   |
|     |  | <b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee   |
| 49. | Officer's<br>Communication<br>205961<br>(ID:18672) | DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 5/10/18.  |
|     |  | Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 49 and refer it to any appropriate Committees. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.<br><b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b> |

**NEW BUSINESS**

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| 50. | License/Permit<br>205962<br>(ID:18727) | Public Event License, Lupus Research Alliance Boston Walk with Us to Cure Lupus, Baxter Park and Mystic River Loop, Jun 2, 6AM-1PM.                                       |
|     |  | Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 50 through 56 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.<br><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b> |
| 51. | License/Permit<br>205963<br>(ID:18728) | Public Event License, Knowlton St Block Party, from Morton St to the dead end, Jun 2, 12Noon-10PM (raindate Jun 3).   |
|     |  | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |
| 52. | License/Permit<br>205964<br>(ID:18729) | Public Event License, Ryan Harrington Foundation Just One Run, Blessing of the Bay Boathouse and Mystic River Loop, Jun 3, 7AM-3PM.                                       |
|     |  | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |
| 53. | License/Permit<br>205965<br>(ID:18730) | Public Event License, Arts Council SomerStreets Carnival, Broadway from McGrath Hwy to Pennsylvania Ave, Jun 3, 12Noon-8PM (raindate Jun 10).                             |
|     |  | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |
| 54. | License/Permit<br>205966<br>(ID:18731) | Public Event License, Mindful Revolutions Namaste Brunch, Albion Park, Jun 9, 9AM-2:30PM (raindates Jun 16,23).   |
|     |  | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |
| 55. | License/Permit<br>205967<br>(ID:18732) | Public Event License, Warwick St Block Party, Jun 9, 2:30PM-7PM (raindates Jun 10,16,17).   |
|     |  | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |
| 56. | License/Permit<br>205968<br>(ID:18733) | Public Event License, Homeless Coalition Save Our Homes Walk, High School Concourse and area streets, Jun 10, 12Noon-4:30PM.  |
|     |  | <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |



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| 57. License/Permit<br>205969<br>(ID:18734) | Public Event License, BRAIN Arts Organization New England Underground Music Festival, ArtFarm, Jun 16, 12Noon-1AM.                              | <p>Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 57 and refer it to Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Licenses and Permits Committee</p> |
| 58. License/Permit<br>205970<br>(ID:18735) | Public Event License, Columbus Ave Block Party, from Prospect Hill Pkwy to Bonner Ave, Jun 21, 4:30PM-9PM.                                      | <p>Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 58 through 66 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>   |
| 59. License/Permit<br>205971<br>(ID:18736) | Public Event License, Wayside Youth and Family Support Network HIV Free Testing Awareness Day, Statue Park, Jun 23, 11AM-5PM (raindate Jun 24). | <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>   |
| 60. License/Permit<br>205972<br>(ID:18737) | Public Event License, St Anthony Brazilian Festival, 12 Properzi Way, Jun 23, 1PM-1AM.  | <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>   |
| 61. License/Permit<br>205973<br>(ID:18738) | Public Event License, Arts Council Night Market, Union Sq Plaza, Jun 30, 3PM-11:30PM (raindate Jul 7).  | <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>   |
| 62. License/Permit<br>205974<br>(ID:18739) | Public Event License, JCC of Greater Boston PJ Library Family Yoga in the Park, Dickerman Park, Jul 28, 10:30AM-1:30PM.                         | <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>   |
| 63. License/Permit<br>205975<br>(ID:18740) | Public Event License, Arts Council August SomerStreets, Holland St from Winter St to Newbury St, Aug 5, 12Noon-8PM.                             | <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>   |
| 64. License/Permit<br>205976<br>(ID:18741) | Public Event License, Arts Council Ignite Fire and Food Festival, Union Sq Plaza, Aug 11, 3PM-12Midnite (raindate Aug 12).                      | <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>   |
| 65. License/Permit<br>205977<br>(ID:18742) | Public Event License, Garden Club Plant Sale, Statue Park, Sep 15, 7AM-1PM.   | <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>   |

66.	License/Permit 205978 (ID:18743)	Public Event License, Road Runners Gobble Gobble Gobble Road Race, Teele Sq-Ball Sq-Davis Sq area streets, Nov 22, 6:30AM-12Noon.	<b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>
67.	License/Permit 205979 (ID:18744)	New Extended Operating Hours License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Dr, staying open in-store with no alcohol service until 2AM daily.	Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 67 and refer it to the License and Permits Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b> <b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Licenses and Permits Committee
68.	License/Permit 205980 (ID:18746)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Jones Contracting.	Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 68 through 84 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>
69.	License/Permit 205981 (ID:18747)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, McGue Excavating.	<b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>
70.	License/Permit 205982 (ID:18748)	Renewing Flammables License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St.	<b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>
71.	License/Permit 205983 (ID:18749)	Renewing Flammables License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St.	<b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>
72.	License/Permit 205984 (ID:18750)	Renewing Garage License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St.	<b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>
73.	License/Permit 205985 (ID:18751)	Renewing Garage License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St.	<b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>
74.	License/Permit 205986 (ID:18752)	Renewing Garage License, Modern Floors, 22 Marshall St.	<b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>
75.	License/Permit 205987 (ID:18753)	Renewing Garage License, Fellsway Auto Repair, 693 McGrath Hwy.	<b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>

76.	License/Permit 205988 (ID:18754)	Renewing Garage License, Hawkins St Automotive, 9 Hawkins St. <b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b>
77.	License/Permit 205989 (ID:18755)	Renewing Garage License, JN Phillips Auto Glass, 47 Webster Ave. <b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b>
78.	License/Permit 205990 (ID:18756)	Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Cuisine En Locale, 156 Highland Ave. <b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b>
79.	License/Permit 205991 (ID:18757)	Renewing Livery License, Mass Cab, 45 Endicott Ave. <b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b>
80.	License/Permit 205992 (ID:18758)	Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Pat's Towing, 160 McGrath Hwy. <b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b>
81.	License/Permit 205993 (ID:18759)	Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Wang's Fast Food, 509 Broadway. <b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b>
82.	License/Permit 205994 (ID:18760)	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Union Sq Pizza, 63 Union Sq. <b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b>
83.	License/Permit 205995 (ID:18761)	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Mike's Restaurant, 8 Davis Sq. <b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b>
84.	License/Permit 205996 (ID:18762)	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Taco Loco, 44 Broadway. <b>RESULT:           APPROVED</b>
85.	Public Communication 205997 (ID:18724)	5 residents submitting comments re: #204954, a Home Rule Petition for a Real Estate Transfer Fee. Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 85 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. <b>RESULT:           PLACED ON FILE</b>

86. Public Communication 205998 (ID:18725) 3 residents submitting comments re: #205728, a proposed Fire Suppression Charge.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 86 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

87. Public Communication 205999 (ID:18726) 4 residents submitting comments re: dockless bikeshares in Somerville.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 87 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

88. Order 206000 (ID:18767) By Ald. Clingan  
 That the Director of Engineering report to the Ward 4 Alderman the feasibility of installing a crosswalk on Marshall Street near the Marshall Street Playground.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

89. Order 206001 (ID:18768) By Ald. Clingan  
 That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a “THROUGH TRAFFIC FOR ABUTTERS ONLY 7AM–9AM” sign on Governor Winthrop Road at Shore Drive.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

90. Resolution 206002 (ID:18769) By Ald. Rossetti, and the Entire Board  
 That the Administration consider offering childcare assistance for attendees of ResiStat meetings.

Alderman Rossetti stated that during a recent ResiStat meeting some families with children and had to leave early due to the disruption caused by the children. She asked if child care could be offered during such meetings.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

91. Mayor's Request 206003 (ID:18674) Requesting approval of an Order of Taking for 90 Washington Street.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 91 through 94 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

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| 92.  | Mayor's Request<br>206004<br>(ID:18766)         | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$8,745,000 in a bond to purchase land by eminent domain.   | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee   |
| 93.  | Mayor's Request<br>206005<br>(ID:18765)         | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,860,000 in a bond for new Public Safety Building design, architectural, engineering, and owner's and contractual project management services. | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee   |
| 94.  | Mayor's Request<br>206006<br>(ID:18770)         | Requesting approval of a Clean Cab Proposal to waive taxi medallion fees for qualifying vehicles.   | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee   |
| 95.  | Officer's Communication<br>206007<br>(ID:18776) | Asst. City Solicitor submitting an updated Home Rule Petition to Impose a Real Estate Transfer Fee.   | For discussion of this item, see #204954.<br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Hirsch, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Mbah |
| 96.  | License/Permit<br>206008<br>(ID:18778)          | New Drainlayer's License, The Welch Corp.   | Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 96 through 107 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.<br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED</b>   |
| 97.  | License/Permit<br>206009<br>(ID:18779)          | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Jason Anthony.   | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED</b>  |
| 98.  | License/Permit<br>206010<br>(ID:18780)          | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Ferrante Construction.   | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED</b>  |
| 99.  | License/Permit<br>206011<br>(ID:18781)          | Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul, 600 Mystic Valley Pksy.  | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED</b>  |
| 100. | License/Permit<br>206012<br>(ID:18782)          | Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul, 151 Linwood St.  | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED</b>  |

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| 101. | License/Permit<br>206013<br>(ID:18783) | Renewing Flammables License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St. | <b>RESULT:        APPROVED</b> |
| 102. | License/Permit<br>206014<br>(ID:18784) | Renewing Garage License, U-Haul, 151 Linwood St.                     | <b>RESULT:        APPROVED</b> |
| 103. | License/Permit<br>206015<br>(ID:18785) | Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St.     | <b>RESULT:        APPROVED</b> |
| 104. | License/Permit<br>206016<br>(ID:18786) | Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 381 Washington St.     | <b>RESULT:        APPROVED</b> |
| 105. | License/Permit<br>206017<br>(ID:18787) | Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 141 Beacon St.         | <b>RESULT:        APPROVED</b> |
| 106. | License/Permit<br>206018<br>(ID:18788) | Renewing Garage License, Chicken and Shakes Automotive, 6 Beach Ave. | <b>RESULT:        APPROVED</b> |
| 107. | License/Permit<br>206019<br>(ID:18789) | Renewing Garage License, Mac's Auto Body, 53 Russell St.             | <b>RESULT:        APPROVED</b> |

**LATE ITEMS**

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| 108. | Communication<br>206020<br>(ID:18790) | By Ald. Ballantyne<br>Updating this Board on the Clerks of Committees regarding reporting structure, job description, hiring position vacancy and interim plan moving into FY19. | <p>President Ballantyne updated the Board on the vacant Clerk of Committees position and on all of the Clerks. She has been reviewing the job descriptions. The three Clerks of Committee are currently appointed by the Mayor and report to the President. Over the last month of discussions, the Administration agreed that this structure could change, with the hiring and management of all Clerks of Committee conducted by the Board of Aldermen. President Ballantyne will be working with the Administration to post the vacant position and hire a new Clerk of Committees, hopefully to be hired and trained over the summer.</p> <p><b>RESULT:        PLACED ON FILE</b></p> |
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109. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Davis, Scott, Hirsch  
206021 That the City Solicitor draft an amendment to Ordinance 7-46(c) so the non-  
(ID:18791) profit representative on the Fair Housing Commission has to work, but not  
necessarily reside, in Somerville.

Alderman Ewen-Campen learned at the Confirmation of Appointments Committee meeting that the Fair Housing Commission has not been able to establish a quorum because there is a residency requirement for all of the commissioners.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:35 PM.