

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 22, 2014, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

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

1. #196975 Call of the Roll.
Roll Call

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Alderman McWatters requested a moment of silence for John Joyce and expressed his condolences to the family. Alderman Ballantyne requested a moment of silence for Jay Carr, who was a film critic for the Boston Globe. Alderman Connolly remembered Mr. John "Jack" Cameron, former board member. Alderman Sullivan remembered Elizabeth Pomfret, Leon Moreau, Josephine Caton, and Joe Hancock, Sr. President White requested a moment of silence for Emmy Thegerman. Alderman McLaughlin reminded the board that Memorial Day is approaching and requested that the board also remember all veterans.

2. #196976 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 24, 2014.
Minutes

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. #196977 Citation By Ald. McLaughlin, Connolly, Gewirtz, and the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Colonel Mark Cremin, Grand Marshal of the 2014 Memorial Day Parade.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Connolly spoke about Col. Cremin and invited everyone to attend the Memorial Day Parade beginning Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at the high school concourse.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. #196978 Grant of Location Submitted by Lighttower Fiber Networks to install 55 feet of conduit from an existing Metro Media manhole to an existing NStar manhole in New Washington Street, and 65 feet of conduit from an existing NStar manhole in Inner Belt Road to private property

RESULT: APPROVED

Jay Dunne, representing Lighttower, provided details on the item.

5. #196979 Grant of Location Submitted by NStar Electric to install 145 feet of conduit in Prospect Street from Pole 292/12 to 97 Prospect St.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

Jacqueline Duffy, NStar Electric, testified the work is necessary. Alderman Heuston questioned how the conduit will be laid. Ms. Duffy responded the conduit will go underground. Alderman Heuston expressed concerns about digging up Prospect Street.

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

6. #196980 Grant of Location Submitted by Comcast to install a manhole in the sidewalk and 8 feet of conduit from that manhole to 265 Medford St.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

Earle Lawson, Project Coordinator for Comcast, spoke about the work. President White noted the board has received a communication from the property owner regarding the project. Alderman Sullivan questioned whether the work will take place on private property. Mr. Larson responded in the affirmative and noted they are obtaining a signed agreement with the property owner. President White asked if the case requires an agreement before board approval and requested that petitions be filed after all agreements are signed.

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

7. #196981 Resolution By Ald. McLaughlin Requesting that the State Delegation ensure passage of S 1965: An Act to increase opportunities for long-term substance abuse recovery.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. #196982 Resolution By Ald. McLaughlin Supporting the efforts of our State Representatives as they endeavor to obtain sound barriers along I-93.

RESULT: APPROVED

9. #196983 Resolution By Ald. McLaughlin That the Administration dedicate certain public buildings for community use.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

10. #196984 Resolution By Ald. McLaughlin Requesting that the Administration and the Arts Council explore the possibility of public art spaces, such as the Venice Beach art wall, in blighted areas to increase visibility and reduce pollution.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. #196985 Order By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD plant additional trees along Pennsylvania Avenue, particularly near Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman McLaughlin requested the readings of items 11 through 41 be waived. Alderman Heuston requested that items related to rodents be sent to the Rodent Committee. There being no opposition, the motions were approved.

12. #196986 Order By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works determine who is responsible for the large metal plate in the roadway at the juncture of Route 28 and McGrath Highway, (heading towards the 93-S on ramp), and provide the Ward One Alderman with information as to when it will be removed.

RESULT: APPROVED

13. #196987 Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works place Mt. Pleasant and Tufts Streets On The Repaving List.

RESULT: APPROVED

14. #196988 Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the dog waste on Pearl Street, between Myrtle and Florence Streets, and install signage reminding residents to pick up after their pets and to not feed animals in the area.

RESULT: APPROVED

15. #196989 Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the property and residences at 38 Illinois Avenue and cite the owner for any violations.

RESULT: APPROVED

16. #196990 Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree in front of 3 Kensington Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

17. #196991 Order By Ald. McLaughlin, Lafuente
That the Commissioner of Public Works make the walkway in front of 371 Medford Street handicapped accessible.

RESULT: APPROVED

18. #196992 Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the street signs at Rush Street and Illinois Avenue, at Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

19. #196993 Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works install a temporary speed bump on Mt. Vernon Street, between Pearl Street and Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

20. #196994
Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works take the appropriate measures to raise the low hanging wires on Everett Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

21. #196995
Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works make the sidewalk in front of 17 Mt. Pleasant Street accessible for handicapped individuals.

RESULT: APPROVED

22. #196996
Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works inform the Ward One Alderman when the metal roadway plate on McGrath Highway, near the Stop and Shop, will be removed.

RESULT: APPROVED

23. #196997
Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the roadway and/or the sewer opening at the corner of Broadway and Melvin Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

24. #196998
Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the temporary STOP signs with permanent signs in Assembly Square, at the corner of New Road, Grand Union Blvd. and Assembly Drive.

RESULT: APPROVED

25. #196999
Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the street lights along Broadway and repair any that are not working.

RESULT: APPROVED

26. #197000
Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD provide the Ward 1 Alderman with a long term plan for the streets and sidewalks of Pearl Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

27. #197001 Order By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the bricks scattered along Hillside Avenue and 94 Pearl Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

28. #197002 Order By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works install temporary trash receptacles along lower Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

29. #197003 Order By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the front of the East Somerville Library.

RESULT: APPROVED

30. #197004 Order By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic and Parking ensure that construction vehicles do not use Pennsylvania Avenue and the streets north of Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

31. #197005 Order By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of Health and the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the building manager at Bryant Manor to inform the residents not to throw food out their windows to feed the birds, as they are inadvertently feeding the rats as well.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

32. #197006 Order By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait George Street and inspect the area for rodent related problems.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

33. #197007 Order By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the corner of Cross Street East and Pennsylvania Avenue for rodents and install signage prohibiting the feeding of animals at the intersection.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

34. #197008 Order By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait Myrtle Street for rodents.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

35. #197009 Order By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (ISD) investigate reports of rodents on Gilman Terrace, Pickney Street, Pearl Street, Mt. Vernon Street, Indiana Avenue, Pennsylvania Avenue and George Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

36. #197010 Order By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (ISD) investigate the rat burrows along the Starbucks in Assembly Square.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

37. #197011 Order By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (ISD) report on the compliance of construction workers along Broadway, and elsewhere in East Somerville, regarding required rodent baiting.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

38. #197012 Order By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalks at the listed Ward One locations.

RESULT: APPROVED

39. #197013 Order By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the trash at the listed Ward One locations.

RESULT: APPROVED

40. #197014 Order By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility company to remove the double poles at the listed Ward One locations and inform the Ward One Alderman when each will be removed.

RESULT: APPROVED

41. #197015 Order By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes at the listed Ward One locations.

RESULT: APPROVED

42. #197016 Communication By Ald. Rossetti Conveying a report of the Local Government Advisory Commission meeting, held on May 13, 2014.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Veterans and Public Services Committee

43. #197017 Order By Ald. Rossetti, Sullivan, Heuston, Niedergang, McWatters That this Board's Committee on Traffic and Parking investigate the reasoning of truck traffic restrictions in our city last being ordered in 2002.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Rossetti requested the item be discussed further. Alderman Niedergang suggested the city's professionals be asked to take part in identifying a solution. Alderman McWatters suggested the city also contact the MA Department of Transportation.

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

44. #197018 Order By Ald. Rossetti, Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works report the upcoming schedule of street repaving and add Powderhouse Boulevard if not already on the schedule.

RESULT: APPROVED

45. #197019 Order By Ald. Rossetti That this Board discuss its protocol for matters of immediate communication at the state and national levels.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Rossetti expressed concerns about violating open meeting law. President White suggested communicating by e-mail.

46. #197020
Resolution

By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters
That the Administration explain to this Board the decision-making process for deciding which streets get repaved and consider adding Porter Street to the 2014 list, as it was not included in a list issued as part of a City news release on May 7th.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

47. #197021
Order

By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the dead bulb in the green GO part of the traffic light facing east on the northeast corner of Cedar and Summer Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

48. #197022
Order

By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the streetlights that are out on Hudson Street, by Benton Road and on Woodbine Street near Junction Park.

RESULT: APPROVED

49. #197023
Order

By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD (T&I) develop a plan for a pedestrian crosswalk at Vernon Street and Lowell Street and report to this Board and the Ward 5 Alderman on how that would be incorporated into the Lowell Street bridge traffic calming project.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

50. #197024
Order

By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking look into enhancing safety on the Lowell Street bridge by placing a NO PARKING sign at the curb cut on the east side of Lowell Street, immediately north of Vernon Street (in front of 279-281 Lowell Street) and inform the Ward 5 Alderman and this Board of her recommendation.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

51. #197025 Order By Ald. Niedergang That the City Solicitor provide responses to this Board's questions regarding whether members of this Board may speak out about and advocate for divestment by the City pension fund from investments in fossil fuels.

RESULT: APPROVED

City Solicitor Frank Wright presented a summary of his findings and answered board member questions regarding rule of necessity, potential penalties, and possible board actions. President White asked that Mr. Wright determine whether the board can file an action for declaratory relief. The board discussed whether the board could comment as private citizens, either individually or collectively. President White asked that board members consider their possible courses of action.

52. #197026 Resolution By Ald. Niedergang That the Administration report to this Board why the salary listed for the vacant Library Director position is \$80,000 despite the fact that the recent occupant of that position was paid \$90,466, and despite the fact that the last time the position was open, three years ago in March/April 2011, the position was posted at \$90,000 a year.

RESULT: APPROVED

In response to a question from Alderman Niedergang, Personnel Director William Roche presented the history of the librarian director's salary. Alderman Gewirtz agreed with the concerns that the position be adequately compensated.

53. #197027 Order By Ald. McWatters That the Commissioner of Public Works patch the sidewalk in front of 21 Prospect Hill Avenue with cement and also replace the tree.

RESULT: APPROVED

54. #197028 Order By Ald. McWatters That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Monroe St.

RESULT: APPROVED

55. #197029 Order By Ald. Sullivan That the Director of Sustainability and Environment update this Board on steps being taken to educate businesses and enforcement regarding the city's polystyrene ban.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Environment and Energy Special Committee

56. #197030 Order By Ald. Sullivan, Lafuente, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street lights located on Crest Hill Road and at 130 Ten Hills Road.

RESULT: APPROVED

57. #197031 Order By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., Lafuente, Rossetti, McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works re-install the PETER PIRO SQUARE sign at Partridge Avenue and Medford Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

58. #197032 Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Lafuente, Sullivan, Rossetti, Niedergang, McWatters, White Jr.
That this Board urges the Cambridge Health Alliance to reverse its decision to consolidate its Psychiatric Emergency Room with its general Emergency Room.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

59. #197033 Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti tag from the white fence on the right side of Winter Street, after the first driveway on the right.

RESULT: APPROVED

60. #197034 Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove and replace the dead tree opposite 81 College Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

61. #197035 Communication By Ald. White Jr.
Acting as President, Seeking input on a proposed Summer schedule that would, per past practice, cancel this Board's last meeting in July and first meeting in August.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Alderman Ballantyne asked if the item includes committee meetings. President White explained the item would only affect committee meetings in that there would be no need for a committee meeting if the Board of Aldermen meeting is not held to approve recommendations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

62. #196957 City Clerk submitting two proposed Rules for this Board's consideration, for Officer's Request the maintenance of Board and Committee minutes with respect to the Open Meeting Law.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, McWatters, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Maryann M. Heuston, Tony Lafuente

Alderman Rossetti requested clarification on the minutes portion of the proposed rule. President White explained the wording ensured the board could not meet by phone.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

63. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. #197036 Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on Committee Report May 20, 2014.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Heuston reported on several appointments and asked that the report be accepted. She explained the wait list and academy procedure for the officers and asked the applicants to appear before the board. She spoke about the accomplishments of Shaun Clark and Alexander Lorenti, and asked that they be sworn in. The two applicants were sworn in.

- B. #196953 Requesting the appointment of Alexander Lorenti to the position of Police Mayor's Request Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. #196954 Requesting the appointment of Shaun Clark to the position of Police Officer. Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

- D. #196955 Requesting the appointment of Edward Barnard as a Special Police Officer. Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

64. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #197037 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 14, 2014.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Heuston reported that the committee discussed the financing used to fund the Youth Football League and decided to keep the item in committee. She reviewed other items kept in committee and reported that the committee accepted several grants. She requested the report be approved. President White noted the value of the Tuft's property was a third of a billion dollars.

- B. #196355 Resolution
By Ald. Rossetti, Heuston, Niedergang, Lafuente, Sullivan, McWatters
That the Administration provide this Board with the details of the soon-to-expire deed restrictions on the TAB building.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. #196464 Order
By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of Finance provide the Finance Committee with an analysis of each SPCD line item for professional and technical services for #196251 (Davis Square streetscape).

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. #196470 Mayor's Request
Requesting the transfer of \$15,000 from the SPCD Economic Development Personal Services Account to the SPCD Planning Professional and Technical Services Account to begin the Somerville by Design plan for Winter Hill.

RESULT: APPROVED

- E. #196472 Mayor's Request
Requesting the expenditure of \$142.42 in FY14 funds to pay a FY13 invoice in the SPCD Inspectional Services Division.

RESULT: APPROVED

- F. #196647 Mayor's Request
Requesting the acceptance of a \$5,757 grant from the MA Council on Aging, for a Council on Aging program on exercise and health.

RESULT: APPROVED

- G. #196648 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$2,940 grant from the Somerville Health Foundation, for the Council on Aging, to support the Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Trans-gender women Fit 4 Life Fitness Program.

RESULT: APPROVED

- H. #196731 Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$130,000 from the E911 Salaries Account to the Police Overtime Account to cover projected overtime costs.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- I. #196734 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$3,306 from the Food and Drug Administration for the Health Department for training.

RESULT: APPROVED

- J. #196775 Order By Ald. Lafuente That the Water Superintendent appear before this Board to provide an update on the \$130,000 rental request approved by this Board during the FY14 budget meetings.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- K. #196776 Order By Ald. Lafuente That the City Engineer appear before this Board to provide an update on the \$120,000 rental request approved by this Board during the FY14 budget meetings.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- L. #196784 Order By Ald. Rossetti, McLaughlin, Sullivan That this Board's Finance Committee discuss the potential impact of the recently adopted veterans services legislation, Valor Act II, on our Veterans Services budget.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- M. #196802 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$36,877 grant from the MA Department of Agricultural Resources to create a "Local Food Production/Distribution Triangle."

RESULT: APPROVED

- N. #196805 City Assessor responding to #196640 re: properties owned by Tufts Officer's University. Communication

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

65. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. #197038 Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on May 22, 2014. Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Sullivan reported that the committee discussed amendments to the zoning ordinances and noted the committee has taken another step towards improving the affordable housing stock.

- B. #196187 Ordinance By Ald. White Jr. That the Zoning Ordinances are hereby amended at Section 5.2.5 to add two new subsections, to avoid creating adverse impacts on the stock of existing affordable housing, and to insure compliance with the objectives of the Somervision Plan.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- C. #196739 Planning Board conveying its recommendation for #196187, an amendment to Zoning Ordinance 5.2.5 to avoid creating adverse impacts on existing affordable housing, and to insure compliance with the Somervision Plan. Officer's Communication

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Robert J. McWatters, Tony Lafuente

66. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. #197039 Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 13, 2014. Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Gewirtz reported that the committee kept several items in committee and requested a roll call vote on the Code of Ordinance amendment to include language protecting transgender individuals.

- B. #196357 Ordinance By Ald. Gewirtz, Sullivan
That the city's Human Rights Policy at Ordinance 2-237 be amended by adding the words "gender identity and expression," to protect transgender individuals from discrimination.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Tony Lafuente

- C. #196781 Resolution By Ald. Heuston
That the Licensing Commission reconsider the regulation for liquor establishments to leave doors open between 8 AM and 9 PM, Monday through Friday, in areas that aren't central business districts, and convey to this Board how this regulation may be altered.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

67. #197040 Mayor's Request Requesting to appear before this Board in Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy relating to an Everett casino license and pending surrounding community arbitration with Wynn MA LLC.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Maryann M. Heuston, Robert J. McWatters, Tony Lafuente

Ald. McWatters recused.
The Board moved to Executive Session. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

68. #197041 Mayor's Request Requesting to appear before this Board in Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining strategy as relates to ongoing collective bargaining.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, McWatters, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Maryann M. Heuston, Tony Lafuente

The Board moved to Executive Session. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

69. #197042 Mayor's Request Requesting to appear before this Board in Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy relating to pending requests regarding Clear Channel billboards.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin,
Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Maryann M. Heuston, Robert J. McWatters, Tony Lafuente

Ald. McWatters recused.
The Board moved to Executive Session. Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed in Executive Session, and no votes were taken. This item will remain before the Board as Unfinished Business.

70. #197043 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$1,355,671 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Community Preservation Act Fund, for community preservation projects.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

President White moved to waive the readings of items 70 through 78 and refer to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

71. #197044 Mayor's Request Requesting appropriation of \$431,256 from the Capital Stabilization fund to purchase twelve front-line police vehicles.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

72. #197045 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$319,333 from the Parks Stabilization Fund to the General Debt Service Fund for Debt Service for Parks Renovation.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

73. #197046 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$108,588 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase of four command vehicles in the Police Department.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

74. #197047 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$75,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to purchase forensic analysis equipment for the Police Department.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

75. #197048 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$36,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to purchase two message/speed monitor boards for the Police Department.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

76. #197049 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$16,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to purchase 4 mobile radios for police cruisers.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

77. #197050 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a mitigation payment of 5 Electronic parking meters

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

78. #197051 Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice of \$1,478.10 from the Traffic and Parking Department using FY2014 funds.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

79. #197052 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Michael Avery to the Position of Deputy Fire Chief.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

Alderman Niedergang moved to waive the readings of items 79 through 84. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

80. #197053 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Sean Tierney to the Position of Deputy Fire Chief.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

81. #197054 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Gregory French to the Position of Fire Captain.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

82. #197055 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Steven Mauras to the Position of Fire Captain.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

83. #197056 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Timothy Flynn to the Position of Fire Lieutenant.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

84. #197057 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Paul French to the Position of Fire Lieutenant.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

85. #197058 Officer's Communication DIF Governing Board conveying that it ordered the Director of Finance to provide this Board's Finance Committee with a breakdown of expenditures under the first DIF bond tranche and the background regarding the authorization for such money to be used to purchase real estate from FRIT to lay out highways and sidewalks.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

President White waived the item and referred the item to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

86. #197059 Officer's Communication Director of Capital Projects responding to #196886 re: improvements at the West Branch Library.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

President White moved to place items 86 through 94 on file and copies referred to the appropriate committees. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

87. #197060 Officer's Communication Licensing Commission providing an update on #196781 re: regulating when certain liquor establishments can leave their doors open.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

88. #197061 Assistant City Solicitor Responding to #196628 re: Plastic Bag Reduction.
Officer's
Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Environment and Energy Special Committee

89. #197062 City Solicitor responding to #196645 re: public records requests year to
Officer's date.
Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

90. #197063 DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 5/8/14.
Officer's
Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

91. #197064 Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting responses to various Board
Officer's Orders.
Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

92. #197065 Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting responses to various Board
Officer's Orders.
Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

93. #197066 Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting responses to various Board
Officer's Orders.
Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

94. #197067 Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting responses to various Board
Officer's Orders.
Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

NEW BUSINESS

95. #197068 Public Event Permit, Assembly Row Grand Opening, May 23-26, May 30-
License/Permit Jun 1, Jun 6-8, Fri 9AM - Sun 12AM.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Sullivan moved to waive the readings of items 95 through 104. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

96. #197069 Withdrawn.
Withdrawn

97. #197070 Public Event Permit, Irving Street Block Party, Jun 7, 10AM-7PM (rain Jun
License/Permit 8).

RESULT: APPROVED

98. #197071 Public Event Permit, Wallace Street Block Party, Jun 21, 2PM-9PM (rain
License/Permit Jun 22).

RESULT: APPROVED

99. #197072 Public Event Permit, Belmont Street Block Party, Jun 22, 2PM-8PM (rain
License/Permit Jun 29).

RESULT: APPROVED

100. #197073 Public Event Permit, Portuguese American Civic League Holy Ghost Feast,
License/Permit 26 Springfield St., Jul 11-13, various times.

RESULT: APPROVED

101. #197074 New Drainlayer License, D'Allessandro Corp.
License/Permit

RESULT: APPROVED

102. #197075 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, County Auto Repair, 103 Washington St.

RESULT: APPROVED

103. #197076 License/Permit Renewing Mobile Food Vendor License, Moe's BBQ Trolley.

RESULT: APPROVED

104. #197077 License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Moe's BBQ Trolley, Packard Ave. at Professors Row.

RESULT: APPROVED

105. #197078 Public Communication Central Medford Trust submitting comments re: the petition for a Grant of Location by Comcast at 265 Medford St.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

106. #197079 Order By Ald. McWatters That the Commissioner of Public Works direct the appropriate utilities to move their equipment from the damaged utility pole at 7 Belmont Place to the new pole.

RESULT: APPROVED

107. #197080 Mayor's Request Requesting approval to establish a new Water/Sewer Stabilization Fund.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

President White moved to waive the readings of items 107 through 110. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

108. #197081 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings Fund to the new Water/Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

109. #197082 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings Fund to the new Water/Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

110. #197083 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a gift of a piano valued at \$500 to be used in the new Sound Studio for young musicians.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

111. #197084 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Boston JavaScript Meeting, Davis Square 7 Hills Park, Jun 4, 6-9PM (rain 6/9).

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Sullivan moved to waive the readings of items 111 through 125 and approve all except 113 which should be sent to committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

112. #197085 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Berkeley Street Block Party, Jun 7, 5:30-11PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

113. #197086 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Assembly Row Assembled Arts Market, 1 Assembly Sq Drive, Saturdays Jun 7-Sep 13, 9AM-4PM.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

114. #197087 License/Permit Public Event Permit, East Somerville Main Streets 3rd Thursday Block Parties, Chuckie Harris Park, Jun 19, Jul 17, Aug 21, Sep 18, 3:45-9PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

115. #197088 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Democratic Committee BBQ, Powderhouse Park, Jun 21, 10AM-4PM (rain Jun 22).

RESULT: APPROVED

116. #197089 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Glenwood Road Block Party, Jun 21, 11AM-8PM (rain Jun 22).

RESULT: APPROVED

117. #197090 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Garden Club Plant Sale, Davis Square Plaza, Sep 20, 6AM-2PM (rain Jun27).

RESULT: APPROVED

118. #197091 License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, JP Vara Inc.

RESULT: APPROVED

119. #197092 License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Cumberland Farms, 701 Somerville Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED

120. #197093 License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Cumberland Farms, 212 Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

121. #197094 License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St.

RESULT: APPROVED

122. #197095 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St.

RESULT: APPROVED

123. #197096 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Teddy's Foreign Motors, 68 Joy St.

RESULT: APPROVED

124. #197097 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Alex Auto Body, 75 Washington St.

RESULT: APPROVED

125. #197098 License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, East End Grille, 118 Broadway, 12 tables, 28 seats.

RESULT: APPROVED

LATE ITEMS

126. #197099 Officer's Communication City Solicitor responding to #197025, providing responses to this Board's questions about possible actions regarding the Retirement Board's possible divestment from fossil fuels.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

127. #197100 Order By Ald. McWatters That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk plate at 7 Belmont Place.

RESULT: APPROVED

128. #197101 Order By Ald. Ballantyne That the Superintendent of Recreation and the Youth Programming Coordinator share participation data for all recreation and youth programs for FY13 and FY14. (See #196728.)

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Youth Services Committee

129. #197102 Order By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD provide to this Board traffic studies around Teele Square submitted by Tufts University for the PHCS project and development project at 1119-33 Broadway, and advise of any plans to alleviate traffic congestion around Teele Square and Broadway from Route 16.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

130. #197103 Order By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the traffic report for the intersection of Powderhouse Boulevard and Packard Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

131. #197104 Order By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait Wilton Street and inspect the area for rodent related problems.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

132. #197105 Order By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD (ISD) monitor 235 Lowell Street for trash and construction debris and direct that the site be fenced off for public safety or issue a citation.

RESULT: APPROVED

133. #196972 Mayor's Request Requesting approval to obtain outside legal counsel for labor relations negotiations, arbitration, and other proceedings.

RESULT: APPROVED

Discharged from the Finance Committee. Alderman Connolly suggested the item be discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Wright agreed. A motion to move to Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining strategy re: this item was unanimously Approved by Roll Call Vote, with Ald. Heuston, McWatters, and Lafuente absent. The Board convened in Executive Session, and no votes were taken.

134. #196973 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$5,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Law Department Legal Services Account to retain outside labor counsel.

RESULT: APPROVED

Discharged from the Finance Committee. Mr. Wright stated he does not believe this item is appropriate for Executive Session discussion. The item was laid on the table and considered upon return from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk.