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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 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.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
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	Present	

Roll Call 1. 211439 (ID:24434) Call of the Roll.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Remembrances Remembrances. 211440

(ID:24435)

Councilor Strezo sponsored a moment of silence for Joseph Pielmeier. Councilor Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for the 80 residents who have passed away from Covid-19. Councilor White sponsored a moment of silence for Eileen Bakey. Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Kemon Sermos. Councilor Clingan sponsored a

been tomorrow.

RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes 211441 (ID:24436) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 25, 2011.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

moment of silence for Deanna Cremmin whose 43rd birthday would have

CITATIONS

(ID:24457)

4. Citation 211442

By City Councilor McLaughlin, and the Mayor

Commending Donna Joy on the auspicious occasion of her retirement from the Personnel Department after 34 years of outstanding service.

President McLaughlin congratulated Ms. Joy on her retirement.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

5. Citation 211443 (ID:24456)

By City Councilor McLaughlin, and the Mayor

Commending Daniel LeBlanc on the auspicious occasion of his retirement after leading the Somerville Community Corporation with distinction for 20 years.

President McLaughlin said the citation would be presented in person at a later date.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Grant of Location 211444 (ID:24398) Submitted by Eversource to install 88 feet of conduit in Beacon Street, from Utility Pole 24/14 to a point of pickup at 111 Beacon Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy from Eversource stated the purpose of the request. Chris Dwan asked if Eversource would be repairing the sidewalks and Ms. Duffy said they would. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

7. Order 211445 (ID:24405)

By City Councilor Strezo

That the Director of Constituent Services discuss with this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development options for residents to

report hate crimes to 311 and the 311 mobile app.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

8. Order 211446 (ID:24413)

By City Councilor Rossetti, Ballantyne

That this Council's Committee on Finance discuss with appropriate staff, anticipated funding from the recently authorized American Rescue Plan Act.

Councilor Rossetti commented that the MA Municipal Association believes that Somerville might be receiving in excess of \$63 million over 2 years, although Finance Director Ed Bean couldn't confirm that figure.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

9. Communication By City Councilor Rossetti

211447 (ID:24414) Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of March 15, 2021.

Councilor Rossetti reported that the field is in Phase 3 and asbestos recovery is ongoing, pushing the timeline out to May 2022, There are 759 items on the phase 1 and 2 punch lists and the contingency line is currently up to \$2.8 million.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

10. 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: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

11. Resolution 211449 (ID:24429)

By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Scott, Mbah, Strezo, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis

That the Administration create clean, safe, and permanent public restrooms in several outdoor locations, similar to the "Portland Loos" that have been installed in Cambridge.

Councilor Ewen-Campen referenced a recent death in a vacant building in East Somerville and said these restrooms could be essential to helping those who are homeless. He sponsored Katie Jones, from the Somerville Homeless Coalition, who spoke about the lack of clean, safe public restrooms, noting that they're being opened in 28 other cities, including Cambridge. She said that public toilets would benefit many, such as taxi drivers, shoppers, etc.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

12. Order 211450 (ID:24430)

By City Councilor Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Strezo, Ballantyne, Davis, Mbah That the Director of Communications ensure that, when in-person meetings resume, all city meetings will have a virtual participation option.

Councilor Clingan commented that having a virtual component is essential in order to have robust public discussions.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

13. Order 211451 (ID:24431)

By City Councilor Clingan, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Mbah That the Director of Parks and Recreation reopen all basketball hoops at city parks and school playgrounds.

Councilor Clingan asked that the Administration act on this quickly.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

14. Order 211452 (ID:24432)

By City Councilor Clingan

That the Director of Parks and Recreation discuss with this Council's Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy the plan for reopening city parks and school playgrounds, including water features.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

15. Order 211453 (ID:24433)

By City Councilor Clingan

That the Director of Parks and Recreation update this Council on discussions with DCR to enter a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the control of Foss Park.

Councilor Clingan said this has been discussed for many years and he asked for an update regarding the maintenance of the park and its new soccer field.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

16. Resolution 211454 (ID:24437)

By City Councilor Ballantyne, McLaughlin, Strezo, Davis, Scott, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, White Jr., Clingan

That the Administration invest in the Commission for Women by hiring a full time Executive Director.

Councilor Ballantyne spoke about the disparity affecting women in the city and believes that a full-time director is needed to break and change the system. She sponsored Crystal Turner, from the Women's Commission, who read the Resolution and commented that she believes in the purpose of the Commission and would like to see it reach its full potential. Councilors Scott, Strezo and McLaughlin agreed that this is an essential need.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations

Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

17. Communication By City Councilor Mbah

211354 (ID:24256) Updating this Council on the Racial and Social Justice Director hiring process.

Councilor Mbah introduced Denise Capers, the city's first Racial and Social Justice Director. She thanked the Council and said she's looking forward to working in this position.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

18. Officer's City Clerk requesting approve Communication minutes as described within.

City Clerk requesting approval to release twelve sets of Executive Session

211418 (ID:24296)

President McLaughlin asked if any Councilors wanted to discuss these minutes in Executive Session, and received no responses.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

19. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211455 (ID:24439) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on March 16, 2021.

Councilor Rossetti briefly described the topics covered by the committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

B. Mayor's Request 204679 (ID:17350) Requesting the re-appointment of Denis Chagnon as an Alternate Member of the Historic Preservation Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

C. Mayor's Request 210753 (ID:23575) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christine Stone to the Somerville Redevelopment Authority.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

D. Mayor's Request 210953 (ID:23807) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christopher Spicer Hankle to the position of Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

E. Mayor's Request 211030 (ID:23860) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Leah Grossman to the Urban Forestry Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

F. Order 211456 (ID:24399) By City Councilor Rossetti

That the attached March 12, 2021 vacancy list be referred the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters for discussion.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

20. EQUITY, GENDER, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211457 (ID:24444) Report of the Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations, meeting on March 23, 2021.

Councilor Mbah briefly described the topics covered by the committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

B. Order 209365 (ID:22211) By City Councilor Hirsch

That the Chief of Police review options relative to the School District's lock-down drills, and provide a description of times when the protocol was used in response to a threat.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 209572 (ID:22434) By City Councilor Hirsch, Mbah, Ballantyne

That the Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations provide feedback on SomerVision 2040's chapter on Youth and Education with respect to metrics and key tasks.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 209615 (ID:22464) By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Health and Human Services consider developing, and hiring a third party for, an Equity Justice Review for the Somerville Climate Forward Plan and the SomerVision 2040 Plan.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Order 209976 (ID:22830) By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD discuss highlighting equity for seniors in SomerVision 2040 in the areas discussed in the attached document.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Resolution 209786 (ID:22641) By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Somerville Education Foundation share their organizational priorities with this Council's Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order 210118 (ID:22977) By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD add the attached changes into the SomerVision 2040 draft.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Resolution 210228 (ID:23109) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Rossetti, Mbah, Strezo, Niedergang, White Jr., and the Mayor

Supporting full implementation of body worn cameras by sworn personnel in the Police Department.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

I. Order 210238 (ID:23147) By City Councilor Mbah

That the Director of SPCD update this Council on the minority-owned business initiative and provide data on the number of businesses that have been helped from being gentrified.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Order 211056 (ID:23962) By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Chief of Police and the Director of Health and Human Services discuss the data collected and the mental health impacts that the lockdown drills have on school age children.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

21. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211458 (ID:24440) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on March 16, 2021.

Councilor Ewen-Campen reported that the committee recommended two sets of zoning amendments for approval, while several other items were discussed, including an option to use in-lieu payments for civic spaces to mitigate pollution. The Council amended the committee report to substitute an updated version of one of the ordinances. Councilor Rossetti said she is interested in the issue of four unrelated persons living together and asked that, when the matter is close to a vote, the Land Use Committee meet as a Committee of the Whole.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AMENDED: #210940 was replaced by #211492, which incorporated

all amendments.

B. Mayor's Request 210940 (ID:23816) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for new changes, corrections and clarifications.

See #211492 for the adopted Ordinance.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

C. Mayor's Request 211231 (ID:24096) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for new edits, corrections, and clarifications.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

22. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211459 (ID:24442)

Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on March 18, 2021.

Councilor Davis first moved that the ordinance at #211109 be severed from the report and approved; it was then severed, approved, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Davis then moved that #211318 and #211319 be severed from the report and sent back to the Legislative Matters Committee since the Administration has not provided the requested information. Councilor Scott said he was frustrated that this item has been stalled, especially in light of the recent appointments that have been approved. He said he spoke to the MA Human Resources Division's attorney, who told him they were waiting to receive the text of the proposed legislation before responding, and they hadn't received it to date from the city. Councilor Davis noted that the president of Local 76 addressed the committee and gave the union's position on the reserve list. The items were severed and returned to the Legislative Matters Committee. Finally, Councilor Davis moved to table the committee report until the next meeting, so he could have more time to work on them.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

FOLLOWUP: City Council

B. Resolution 209639 (ID:22503) By City Councilor Davis

RESULT:

That the Administration work with the Committee on Legislative Matters to consider revisions to the Surveillance Technology Ordinance.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

FOLLOWUP: City Council

C. Officer's 211109

City Solicitor submitting an ordinance to amend the membership of the Police Communication Chief Selection Committee, replacing the Director of Multicultural Affairs with the Director of Racial and Social Justice.

(ID:23943)

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

ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

D. Officer's

Requesting rescission of the adoption of MGL Chapter 48 Sections 59B, 59C Communication and 59D relative to a Reserve Fire Force.

211318 (ID:24207)

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

E. Officer's 211319 (ID:24208)

Requesting rescission of the adoption of MGL Chapter 147 Sections 11, 12 and Communication 13 relative to a Reserve Police Force.

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

F. Officer's

Assistant City Solicitor responding to #211197 re: a Home Rule Petition to Communication create a gender-neutral City Charter.

211369 (ID:24250)

See #211578 for the adopted Home Rule Petition.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:**

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE 23.

Α. Committee Report 211460 (ID:24445)

Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on March 24, 2021.

Councilor Davis moved to table the committee report until the next meeting, so he could have more time to work on them.

LAID ON THE TABLE RESULT:

FOLLOWUP: City Council

24. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211461 (ID:24441) Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on March 17, 2021.

Councilor Ballantyne presented the report and said that a plastic utensil ban was approved, as well as a native species ordinance. The committee also discussed plantings along the Community Path, brownfield parcels, and how the Inspectional Services Department can monitor and track green roofs.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

B. Order 203365 (ID:16068) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis

That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring native tree and plantings for all open space, to meet the goals of sustainability and biodiversity.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Public Communication ordinance.

Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #203365, calling for a native planting

205683 (ID:18433)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Resolution 205709 (ID:18541) By City Councilor Scott, McLaughlin, Ballantyne

That the Administration immediately pursue creation of a public fields and recreation area in the Inner Belt District pursuant to the Fields Master Plan.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED E. Order 206495 (ID:19288) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott, Davis

That the City Solicitor consider the attached language in the drafting of a

Native Tree and Plantings Ordinance, as ordered by #203365.

For the adopted Ordinance see #211580. **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 207884

By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis, Mbah

That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to ban the use of plastic flatware.

For the adopted Ordinance see #211579.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Public 3 residents Communication ordinance.

(ID:20688)

3 residents submitting comments re: #206495, the proposed native plant

207999 (ID:20799)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Public Elizabeth Lundg Communication plant ordinance. 208567

Elizabeth Lundgren submitting comments re: #206495, the proposed native plant ordinance.

(ID:21343)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Order 209655 (ID:22549) By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch, Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Inspectional Services report to this Council how they plan to monitor and enforce green roof, tree planting and other green zoning requirements that require watering and maintenance, beyond issuing certificates of occupancy.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Officer's Director Communication District.

Director of SPCD responding to #205709 re: public fields in the Inner Belt

210916 (ID:23794)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. Resolution 211462

By City Councilor White Jr.

(ID:24403)

That this Council entreat the MBTA to, wherever possible, plant trees to replace those removed in connection with the Green Line Extension.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

L. Resolution 211463 (ID:24404) By City Councilor White Jr.

That this Council entreat the MBTA to utilize native plantings as set forth in the City's Native Species Ordinance in connection with the land abutting the Green Line Extension.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

25. RULES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211464 (ID:24443) Report of the Special Committee on Rules, meeting on March 22, 2021.

Councilor White reported that one rule change was approved, and one item was left in committee for further discussion. He reported that the committee may consider the impact of recent Attorney General Open Meeting Law rulings on the Council's practices with respect to the supplementary agenda.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

B. Order 206962 (ID:19827) By City Councilor White Jr.

That this Board amend Rule 16 of the Board by adding to the second sentence, after the phrase "These motions shall" the phrase "be decided by a majority vote of those present and shall...."

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

26. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211465 (ID:24438) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on March 15, 2021.

Councilor Niedergang briefly described the topics covered by the committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

B. Resolution 206406 (ID:19194) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Clingan

That the Bicycle Advisory Committee appear before this Board's Traffic and Parking Committee to present their recent activities, priorities and outlook.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 208041 (ID:20845) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis,

Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.

That the Director of SPCD and the Bicycle Committee update this Council's Traffic and Parking Committee on establishing a comprehensive city-wide bicycle plan.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Resolution 208684

(ID:21559)

By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne, McLaughlin, Mbah

That the Administration report on how the City could lobby for a wider width

for the proposed bridge from Everett to Draw 7 Park.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Order 211052 (ID:23939) By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen That the Director of SomerStat, the Director of SPCD, and the Director of Parking re-convene the Parking Study Task Force in January 2021.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Communication By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah

211254 (ID:24148) Sharing the Somerville Alliance for Safe Streets Declaration and Call to Action and inviting everyone to attend the SASS virtual Summit on February 28, 2021

from 4-5 PM.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

27. 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.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 27 through 31 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

28. Mayor's Request 211467 (ID:24407) Requesting approval to create the Energy Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding energy efficiency and decarbonization projects in City buildings.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

29. Mayor's Request 211468 (ID:24410) Requesting the appropriation of \$294,399 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Energy Stabilization Fund.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

30. 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: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

31. Mayor's Request 211470 (ID:24338) Requesting to re-purpose \$80,000 in the Covid-19 Stabilization Fund to develop a Somerville Cultural Plan.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

32. Mayor's Request 211471 (ID:24424) Requesting the appropriation of \$50,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Personnel Department Professional and Technical Services Account to retain a workplace investigative services consultant.

Mayor Curtatone explained that this appropriation would ensure that human resources complaints would be investigated without bias, and could include an independent review of city policies. Councilor Rossetti asked to refer the item to the Finance Committee for discussion. Councilor Scott said he was caught off-guard by the sudden request, and although he supports the item, he would be open to referring it. New Personnel Director, Anne Gill, said that she brought this to the Mayor's attention as a critical void that needs to be filled. She explained the value of independent, thorough and quick investigations. Councilor Rossetti noted that she doesn't recall the Personnel Director's name being sent to the Appointments committee, and Mayor's Legislative Liaison Khushbu Webber said it hasn't yet been submitted. Ms. Gill said that holding off on this item until her appointment is confirmed would be a mistake. The \$50,000 would be sufficient through the end of the fiscal year, paying an hourly rate between \$250 and \$300 per hour. Councilor Clingan asked if this was also discipline-oriented, and Ms. Gill said that investigators only report the findings and the city makes the decisions on disciplinary actions.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

33. Mayor's Request 211472 (ID:24416) Requesting the appropriation of \$50,000 from the CPA FY21 Fund for the Open Space Acquisition and Improvements Stabilization Fund.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 33 and 34 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

34. Mayor's Request 211473 (ID:24411) Requesting the appropriation of \$8,865 from the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund to the Somerstat Salaries Account to fund a temporary salary adjustment.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

35. Withdrawn 211474 (ID:24412)

Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

36. Mayor's Request 211475 (ID:24406) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$15,931.99 from various DPW accounts using available FY21 funds.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 36 and 37 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

37. Mayor's Request 211476 (ID:24409) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$2,672.30 using available funds in the Police Department Public Safety Supplies Account for Police Department issued firearms.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

38. Mayor's Request 211477 (ID:24426) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$450 using available funds in the Personnel Department Arbitration Services Account for legal services.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 38 and 41 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

39. Mayor's Request 211478 (ID:24425) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$375 using available funds in the Personnel Department Professional and Technical Services Account for an occupational health examination.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

40. Mayor's Request 211479 (ID:24427) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$71.46 using available funds in the Personnel Department Office Supplies Account for a toner cartridge.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

41. Mayor's Request 211480 (ID:24400) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice of \$34.20 using available funds in the City Clerk's Service Contracts Account to pay an FY20 invoice that wasn't received until recently.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

42. Withdrawn 211481 (ID:23342)

Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

43. Mayor's Request 211482 (ID:24401) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brian Postlewaite as City Engineer.

Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the readings of items 43 through 51 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

44. Mayor's Request 211483 (ID:24417) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Karanjit Singh to the position of Police Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

45. Mayor's Request 211484 (ID:24418) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Giovanna Lorenzet Marin to the position of Police Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

46. Mayor's Request 211485 (ID:24419) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jose DaCosta to the position of Police Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

47. Mayor's Request 211486 (ID:24420) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kevin Henriquez to the position of Police Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

48. Mayor's Request 211487 (ID:24421)

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jamey Thompson to the position of Police Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

49. Mayor's Request 211488 (ID:24422) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kelsey Malloy-Ripley to the position of Police Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

50. Mayor's Request 211489 (ID:24423) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of William Wood to the position of Police Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

51. Mayor's Request 211490 (ID:24318) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Colin Killick to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

52. Officer's 211491 (ID:24459)

Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #210940 and #211231, two Communication requests to amend the Zoning Ordinance with new changes, corrections and clarifications.

RESULT:

PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, AYES:

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

53. Officer's Communication 211492 (ID:24458)

Senior Planner submitting updated amendments to the zoning ordinance, replacing #210940 with additional amendments, as approved by the Committee on Land Use on 3/16/21.

For discussion of this item see #210940.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, AYES:

54. Officer's

City Clerk submitting amendments to the Rules of the City Council to make Communication them gender-neutral.

211493 (ID:24460)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Rules Special Committee

55. Officer's

City Clerk submitting amendments to three Rules of the City Council, for Communication various purposes described within.

211494

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** (ID:24461)

FOLLOWUP: Rules Special Committee

56. Officer's Communication Investment Plan process.

Acting Director of SomerStat requesting to present to this Council a Capital

211495

RESULT: (ID:24408)

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

57. Officer's 211496

(ID:24339)

Interim DPW Commissioner responding to #211344 re: the pedestrian crossing Communication signals at the intersection of Bristol Road, Broadway and Willow Avenue.

RESULT:

PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

NEW BUSINESS

58. License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, United Civil Inc.

211497

(ID:24344)

Councilor White moved to waive the readings of items 58 through 84 and

approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:**

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

59.

License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Hydra Tech.

211498 (ID:24340)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:**

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

60. License/Permit

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Hercules C & G Drain.

211499 (ID:24341)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

61. License/Permi		Renewing Drainlayer's License, AP Flowers and Son.		
211500 (ID:24342)		RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
		Renewing Drainlayer's License, Jason Anthony.		
211501 (ID:2434	211501 (ID:24345)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
63. License/Permit 211502 (ID:24346)		Renewing Drainlayer's License, Caruso and McGovern Construction.		
		RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
		Renewing Drainlayer's License, LaMountain Brothers.		
	211503 (ID:24347)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
65. License/Permit		Renewing Drainlayer's License, Baystate Engineering.		
211504 (ID:24348)		RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
66.	66. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, W.L. F		ayer's License, W.L. French Excavating.	
211505 (ID:24349)	211505 (ID:24349)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
67. License/Permit		Renewing Drainlayer's License, Barletta Heavy Division.		
	211506 (ID:24350)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
211507		Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tri Construction.		
	211507 (ID:24351)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	

69. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, D Muzzioli Associates. 211508 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24352) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 70. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License Kiely Excavation LLC. 211509 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24353) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 71. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, New England Style. 211510 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24354) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 72. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Sean Farrell Excavation. 211511 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24355) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 73. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Mirra. 211512 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24356) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 74. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, MT Mayo. 211513 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24357) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 75. Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tim Zanelli Excavating. License/Permit 211514 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24358) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 76. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Your Space Landscape and Construction. 211515 APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] **RESULT:** (ID:24359)

AYES:

Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

77. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Super Service Today. 211516 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24360) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 78. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Marchi Paving. 211517 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24447) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 79. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Borges Sewer and Drain. 211518 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24448) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 80. Renewing Drainlayer's License, Brennan Construction. License/Permit 211519 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24449) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 81. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tufts Construction. 211520 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24450) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 82. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Manafort Transit LLC. 211521 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24343) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 83. Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Atlas Metals, 475 Columbia St. License/Permit 211522 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24382) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 84. License/Permit Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Buffalo Exchange, 238 Elm St. 211523 APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] **RESULT:** (ID:24383) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 85. License/Permit Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Tosh Enterprises, 260 Elm St. 211524 Councilor White moved to waive the readings of items 85 and 86 and refer (ID:24453) them to the Licenses and Permits Committee. REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT: FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee 86. License/Permit New Flammables License, Form Energy Inc, 30 Dane Street, storing 300 211525 gallons. (ID:24451) **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee 87. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St. 211526 Councilor White moved to waive the readings of items 87 through 123 and (ID:24362) approve them. **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 88. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Speedway, 709 McGrath Hwy. 211527 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24363) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 89. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Mobil Mart Plus, 379 Alewife Brook Pkwy. 211528 APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] **RESULT:** (ID:24366) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 90. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Internap Corp, 50 Innerbelt Rd. 211529 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24367) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 91. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Teele Square Auto, 1284 Broadway. 211530 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24361)

Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AYES:

March 25, 2021 92. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Metropolitan Pipe and Supply, 30 Innerbelt 211531 (ID:24364) **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 93. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Somerville Mobil, 360 Medford St. 211532 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24365) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 94. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Tracer Technologies, 20 Assembly Sq Dr. 211533 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24368) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne Renewing Garage License, DM Auto Body, 48 Joy St. 95. License/Permit 211534 APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] **RESULT:** (ID:24369) **AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 96. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, FW Russell and Sons Disposal, 120 McGrath Hwy. 211535 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24370) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 97. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, BBC Auto Repair, 42 Joy St. 211536 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:24371) Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

98.

211537 (ID:24372)

License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.

APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] **RESULT:**

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

99. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Mac's Auto Body, 53 Russell St.

211538 (ID:24373)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

100.		Renewing Garage	License, Original Auto Body and Mechanic, 12 Joy St.	
	211539 (ID:24374)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
101.	License/Permit	Renewing Garage	License, Modern Floors, 22 Marshall St.	
211540 (ID:24375)		RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
102.		nit Renewing Garage License, M. Korson and Company, 91 Washington St.		
211541 (ID:24376)		RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
103. License/Permit		Renewing Garage License, Partners Healthcare System, 21 Third Ave.		
211542 (ID:24377)		RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
104.	License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Gasper Ostuni, 195 Highland Ave.		License, Gasper Ostuni, 195 Highland Ave.	
	211543 (ID:24378)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
105.	License/Permit	t Renewing Garage License, Hillside Service Center, 45 Mystic Ave.		
211544 (ID:24379)		RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
106. License/Permit		Renewing Garage	License, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor Pl.	
	211545 (ID:24380)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	
107.	License/Permit	Renewing Garage	License, Teele Sq Auto, 1284 Broadway.	
211546	211546 (ID:24381)	RESULT: AYES:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne	

108. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Goodyear Auto Service Center, 1 Bow St.

211547 (ID:24452)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

109. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Parking License, FW Russell and Sons Disposal, 120 211548 McGrath Hwy.

(ID:24385)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

110. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Martha Lee Trust, 147 Highland Ave.

211549 (ID:24386)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

111. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Pat's Towing, 160 McGrath Hwy.

211550 (ID:24454)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

112. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Country Club Transportation, Med

211551 #3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,46. (ID:24387)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

113. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Cinema Taxi, Med 211552 #14,16,44,47,57,58,63,81,84,85.

211552 (ID:24391)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

114. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Lochmere Taxi, Med 211553 #21,22,23,24,25,26,79,91.

(ID:24389)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

115. 211554

License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Green and Yellow Cab TNC of Somerville, Med #27,33,34,35,36,37,38,53,54,67,68.

(ID:24392)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, AYES:

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

116. License/Permit 211555

(ID:24390)

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Mt. Pleasant Taxi, Med #28,30,31,32,39,40,41,42,43.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, AYES:

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

117.

License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, SJP Taxi, Med #45.

211556 (ID:24393)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:**

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

118. License/Permit 211557

(ID:24395)

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Talkd Transportation, Med #55.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

119.

License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Ike Inc, Med #61,78,92.

211558 (ID:24388)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:**

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

120. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Honey Cab, Med #82.

211559 **RESULT:**

(ID:24394)

APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:**

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

211560

(ID:24396)

License/Permit Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green Cab and Yellow Cab Assn, 3 cabs at 295 Broadway, 3 cabs at 1 Davis Sq, 2 cabs at 22-26 Union Sq.

> **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:**

122. License/Permit Renewing Livery License, Mass Cab, 45 Endicott Ave.

211561 (ID:24384)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

123. License/Permit 211562

(ID:24397)

Small Wireless Facility License, Verizon attaching small wireless facilities on an existing pole at the intersection of Medford and Walnut Streets.

APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] **RESULT:**

Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, AYES:

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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Tufts University submitting its Spring 2021 University Accountability report.

Communication 211563 (ID:24446)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:**

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

Public 125.

Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #211195 and #211433, using In-lieu Communication civic space funds near highways for air pollution mitigation.

211564 (ID:24455)

PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] **RESULT:**

Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, AYES:

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

Land Use Committee **FOLLOWUP:**

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

126. Mayor's Request 211565 (ID:24471)

Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City to impose a Real Estate Transfer Fee.

President McLaughlin reported that this is the same Home Rule Petition that was approved previously, but not acted on by the State. It has to be approved and submitted again to be considered at the State House.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

Mayor's 127. Request 211566 (ID:24016) 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.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 127 through 135 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION RESULT:

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee 128. Mayor's Request 211567 (ID:24473) Requesting the use of \$5,200 in available funds in the Communications Salaries Account to establish the position of Director of the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

129. Mayor's Request 211568 (ID:24474) Requesting the appropriation of \$5,376 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Communications Salaries Account to fund the position of Director of the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

130. Mayor's Request 211569 (ID:24464) Requesting the use of \$9,518 in available funds in the Engineering Salaries Account to establish the position of Senior Project Manager (Streetscapes).

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

131. Mayor's Request 211570 (ID:24463) Requesting the use of \$7,932 in available funds in the SPCD Planning & Zoning Salaries Account to establish a new Planner position.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

132. Mayor's Request 211571 (ID:24462) Requesting the use of \$6,346 in available funds in the Constituent Services Salaries Account to establish the position of Quality Manager.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

133. Mayor's Request 211572 (ID:24465) Requesting the use of \$4,230 in available funds in the Engineering Salaries Account to establish the position of Deputy Director of Engineering Projects.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

134. Mayor's Request 211573 (ID:24466) Requesting the use of \$3,173 in available funds in the Sewer Enterprise Salaries Account to establish the position of Deputy Director of Engineering Projects.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

135. Mayor's Request 211574 (ID:24467) Requesting the use of \$3,173 in available funds in the Water Enterprise Salaries Account to establish the position of Deputy Director of Engineering Projects.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

136. Mayor's Request 211575 (ID:24402)

Requesting acceptance of a \$42,500 grant with no new match required, from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to the Council on Aging for taxi transportation for seniors.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

137. Mayor's Request 211576 (ID:24325) Requesting approval to extend contracts for Tim Zanelli Excavation LLC through 8/1/2021 for emergency and on-call repair of the water & sewer distribution systems.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading of this item and refer it to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

138. Officer's

Chief Labor Counsel requesting to appear in Executive Session to discuss a Communication collective bargaining agreement.

211577 (ID:24468)

President McLaughlin recused himself and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Labor Counsel Julie McKenzie confirmed that this was appropriate for discussion in Executive Session. The Council then moved to Executive Session at 8:10 PM. The Council reconvened at 8:40 PM and Councilor Rossetti announced that no votes had been taken in Executive Session. President McLaughlin reassumed the Chair.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]

Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, **AYES:**

Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

RECUSED: McLaughlin

139. Officer's 211578 (ID:24470)

City Solicitor submitting updated text for a Home Rule Petition to create a Communication gender-neutral City Charter, as approved by the Committee on Legislative Matters on 3/18/21.

For discussion of this item see #211369.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

140. Officer's 211579 (ID:24469)

City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance that would regulate the distribution of Communication plastic straws, plastic stirrers and plastic cutlery, as approved by the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy on 3/17/21.

For previous discussions of this item see #207884.

At the meeting, Councilor Rossetti asked what will replace utensils for takeout, and Councilor Scott said that there was not a flat-out ban, and they could be provided on request.

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

Officer's 141. 211580 (ID:24475)

Legislative Liaison submitting an updated Native Planting Ordinance, as Communication approved by the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy on 3/17/21.

For previous discussions of this item see #206495.

Councilor Davis moved to amend the ordinance to make it clear that the city will not include any invasive plant in any city plantings. Following ordainment as amended, Councilor Ballantyne sponsored Public Space Director Luisa Oliveira and resident Rene Scott, who both commended the Council for passing it.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED AS AMENDED.

[UNANIMOUS]

Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:**

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AMENDED: Add a new Section 6 after Section 5: "The city shall not

include any invasive plant in any city plantings.", and renumber everything following that new Section.

142. **Public** Communication report. 211581

(ID:24472)

Harvard University submitting its Spring 2021 University Accountability

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

LATE ITEMS

143. Order 211582 (ID:24479) By City Councilor Scott, Rossetti, Mbah, Ballantyne That the Acting Director of Personnel discuss with the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee such topics as the external investigations process, increasing diverse staff hiring, and the nearly 100 current job vacancies (including over 40 union positions).

Councilor Scott submitted this item as a way to prompt a discussion of these items with Personnel Director Anne Gill when her appointment comes before the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

144. Ordinance 211583 (ID:24480)

By City Councilor Davis

That the Native Planting Ordinance be amended to add the following as a new sentence at the end of Section 6: "The City shall prioritize removing any invasive plants in city plantings and replacing them with native plants."

Councilor Davis urged that the Open Space Committee consider an amendment to the new Native Planting Ordinance, to replace any invasive plants in the city's plantings with native plants.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

145. Resolution 211584 (ID:24478)

By City Councilor Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Strezo That the Administration install at least one bike parking corral in Ball Square.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:50 PM.