

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 2018, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call
205066
(ID:17875) Call of the Roll.

Alderman Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Albert J. White, III.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes
205067
(ID:17876) Approval of the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting, January 1, 2018, and the Regular Meeting, January 11, 2018.

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. Citation
205068
(ID:17877) By Ald. White Jr., Rossetti, the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Michael Cabral on the auspicious occasion of his retirement after 31 years of dedicated service, including serving as Acting Chief, in the Police Department.

Aldermen Rossetti and White congratulated Mr. Cabral on his retirement and years of service, and he thanked the Board for all its support.
RESULT: APPROVED

4. Citation 205069 (ID:17878) By Ald. Rossetti, the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Martha Costa on the auspicious occasion of her retirement after 31 years of dedicated service in the Police Department.

Aldermen Rossetti and White congratulated Ms. Costa on her retirement and years of service, and she thanked the Board for the citation.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. Citation 205070 (ID:17879) By Ald. Ballantyne, the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending the East Somerville Community School Marimba Club for their musical passion and performance.

Students from the East Somerville Community School performed for the Board on their instruments.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. Order 205071 (ID:17827) By Ald. White Jr., Clingan, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Niedergang, Davis, McLaughlin, Ballantyne That the City Solicitor prepare a Home Rule Petition to change the name of the Board of Aldermen to City Council.

Alderman White requested that the City Solicitor prepare a Home Rule Petition to change the name of the Board of Aldermen to City Council. Alderman Rossetti stated that she wanted to be sure it needed a Home Rule Petition to move forward. Alderman White said he thought the item should go to Committee and feels its a very simple Home Rule Petition to approve, as it is just a change in name, and it shouldn't affect any existing Home Rule Petitions already at the State. Alderman Hirsch would like a public forum on this. She's concerned that there may be more sudden change in the city than long-time residents want. President Ballantyne suggested that the language be amended to say "That the City Solicitor draft a Home Rule Petition." She stated the word Alderman does not necessarily reflect our Board; being a woman, she knows this all too well and would like to see this effort tie into a gender equity lens in all of the Board's policies. Alderman McLaughlin supported the change and feels that "Alderman" is a dated term.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

7. Order 205072 (ID:17835) By Ald. White Jr. That the Chief of Police provide this Board with the number of incidents of the circulation of racist, anti-Semitic or hate-speech literature in 2016 and 2017.

Alderman White would like to learn about recent incidents involving racist and anti-semitic hate literature.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

8. Order 205073 (ID:17828) By Ald. Mbah, Hirsch
That the Chief of Police provide this Board with an update on surveillance cameras in the city.
- Alderman Mbah would like to know what information is gained from surveillance cameras in the City and the strategies in place to prevent crime before it happens.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
9. Order 205074 (ID:17829) By Ald. Mbah, Hirsch
That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with its capital plan for all open space in the city.
- Alderman Mbah wanted to have a comprehensive plan for open space in the City. President Ballantyne responded that this information is available on the City's website.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
10. Order 205075 (ID:17830) By Ald. Mbah, Niedergang
That the Director of Water and Sewer report to this Board on whether our municipal tap water is safe to drink.
- Alderman Mbah would like information on the levels of lead in the municipal tap water.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
11. Resolution 205076 (ID:17831) By Ald. Mbah, Niedergang, Hirsch
That the Administration appropriate funds to contract a community organization to provide free or low-cost legal services on immigration and naturalization issues to immigrants living in Somerville.
- Alderman Mbah would like the Administration to provide funds for legal services to low income immigrant residents. Alderman Niedergang proposed an amendment to specify that the legal services not just be general legal services but be on immigration and naturalization issues. With no objection, the amendment was approved.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
12. Order 205077 (ID:17836) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD update this Board on Cambridge's plan to eliminate the left turn onto Massachusetts Avenue from the Porter Square shopping center, which is likely to add traffic to White Street, a small street that is inadequate for such traffic.
- Alderman Niedergang said that Cambridge may be reconsidering this action.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

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| 13. | Order
205078
(ID:17837) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works assess the sidewalk at 11 Rogers Avenue for danger of collapse and repair the sinkhole there. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | | |
| 14. | Order
205079
(ID:17838) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the no parking restriction by the hydrant at 33 Hudson Street. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | | |
| 15. | Order
205080
(ID:17839) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking stripe the entire street space by the curb at the hydrant at 33 Hudson Street to deter parking there. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | | |
| FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee | | |
| 16. | Order
205081
(ID:17840) | By Ald. Niedergang, Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Personnel explain to this Board in writing why the City does not give part-time employees who work less than 20 hours a week earned sick time. |
| Alderman Niedergang explained that in 2015 the State passed a law that all employees in private business and State government receive earned sick time. Municipalities were not so mandated, and Somerville has chosen not to opt in. He would like to have further discussion on this. | | |
| RESULT: APPROVED | | |
| FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee | | |
| 17. | Order
205082
(ID:17841) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install bright yellow YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS signs at the crosswalk by the Kennedy School on Elm Street. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | | |
| 18. | Order
205083
(ID:17842) | By Ald. Scott, and the Entire Board
That this Board's Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters develop a comprehensive procedure manual regarding review processes for all categories of appointments and re-appointments. |
| Alderman Scott stated that as a new Alderman, he would like to have a procedure manual developed for Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, developing standards and making it easier for Aldermen in the future. | | |
| RESULT: APPROVED | | |
| FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee | | |

19. Order 205084 (ID:17843) By Ald. Scott
That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase parking enforcement on Columbia Street.
- Alderman Scott reported that the elimination of parking along Webster Ave. led to some negative effects and he would like to see a surge of enforcement on Columbia Street.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
20. Order 205085 (ID:17844) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain to this Board when and where the "48 Hour Parking Rule" is enforced, and why it is necessary.
- Alderman Ewen-Campen would like further discussion on the "48 Hour Parking Rule".
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
21. Resolution 205086 (ID:17845) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Administration clarify for this Board the role of Stantec Corp. as a contractor tasked with building the proposed storm water storage tank at Nunziato Field, and as a consulting firm for US2, the Union Square Master Developer.
- Alderman Ewen-Campen would like the Board to clarify the role of this contractor.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
22. Order 205087 (ID:17846) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works install public trash and recycling receptacles on the sidewalk outside the Bloc Cafe on Bow Street.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
23. Order 205088 (ID:17847) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the No Parking zone at the corner of Belmont Street and Spring Hill Terrace.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
24. Order 205089 (ID:17848) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Communications modify the city's online meeting calendar portal so the agenda hyper-links are more intuitive to new users.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

25. Resolution 205090 (ID:17849) By Ald. Clingan
That the Administration provide this Board with an update on the timeline for the creation of the Office of Housing Stability.

Alderman Clingan would like an update on the creation of the Office of Housing Stability.

RESULT: APPROVED

26. Resolution 205091 (ID:17850) By Ald. Clingan
That the Administration provide this Board with an opinion on whether or not to draft a home rule petition raising the owner occupied residential tax exemption from 35% to 40%.

Alderman Clingan understands that this has been discussed before but feels it needs to be looked at again. Alderman Niedergang said that a memo from City staff frowned on this move, but he agrees it needs to be looked at again. Alderman White explained that the residential exemption benefits homeowners who reside here and shifts the burden to absentee landlords.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

27. Order 205092 (ID:17851) By Ald. Clingan
That the Traffic Commission consider creating a process for residents to comment on parking changes that affect their streets.

Alderman Clingan would like residents to have a say in parking changes that affect their streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

28. Order 205093 (ID:17852) By Ald. Clingan, Hirsch
That the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Board on the city's current efforts to address the opiate crisis in terms of treatment, recovery, support and prevention.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

29. Order 205094 (ID:17853) By Ald. Clingan
That the Director of Engineering re-pave Thurston Street, from Broadway to Medford Street.t.

RESULT: APPROVED

30. Order 205095 (ID:17854) By Ald. Clingan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the two leaning signs on Medford Street at the Winter Hill Community School.

RESULT: APPROVED

31. Order
205096
(ID:17855)
- By Ald. Hirsch
That the Director of Recreation appear before this Board’s Committee on Youth Services to provide information on the membership and function of the Recreation Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Youth Services Committee

32. Order
205097
(ID:17856)
- By Ald. Hirsch, Mbah
That this Board’s Committee on Housing and Community Development discuss a ‘Housing Hackathon’.

President Ballantyne asked Alderman Hirsch for clarification, and Alderman Hirsch responded that she would like to share information with the other Aldermen. The Board then amended the order to more clearly express that.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

33. Resolution
205098
(ID:17857)
- By Ald. Hirsch, Niedergang
That the Administration update this Board on opportunities for expanded advertisement of the city’s tax deferral program, and other tools that may help seniors and homeowners on fixed incomes to achieve financial stability.

President Ballantyne recommended that Alderman Hirsch amend this order to say, "That the Administration to update the Board on the opportunities for expanded advertisement...", and the Board approved the amendment.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

34. Order
205099
(ID:17858)
- By Ald. Hirsch
That the Director of Libraries share his vision for neighborhood access to branch libraries and/or library services.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

35. Resolution
205100
(ID:17859)
- By Ald. Hirsch
That the Administration appear before this Board to discuss a possible Transit and Pedestrian Advisory Group.

Alderman Hirsch clarified this Order with an amendment to more clearly express her intent.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

36. Order
205101
(ID:17860) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Chief of Police monitor traffic speed on Cameron Avenue and take appropriate actions.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 36 through 40 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

37. Order
205102
(ID:17861) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police advise this Board on whether trucks are prohibited from Cameron Avenue, and if so, enforce that restriction.

RESULT: APPROVED

38. Order
205103
(ID:17862) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD advise this Board of the mitigation requirements for construction of the Elmwood Street/Cameron Avenue housing project.

RESULT: APPROVED

39. Order
205104
(ID:17863) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on Cameron Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

40. Order
205105
(ID:17864) By Ald. Ballantyne, Hirsch, Davis
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment confirm that all municipal buildings, excluding schools, have recycling programs.

RESULT: APPROVED

41. Resolution
205106
(ID:17865) By Ald. Ballantyne, Rossetti, Hirsch, and the Entire Board
That the Administration work with this Board to review and update the city's sexual harassment policy for all city staff.

With respect to #205106 through 205108, President Ballantyne is trying to take comprehensive look at the policies pertaining to sexual harassment. Alderman Davis said it is an excellent idea to take a look of policies are currently in place and implement a code of conduct where absent.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

42. Resolution 205107 (ID:17866) By Ald. Ballantyne, Rossetti, Hirsch, and the Entire Board That the Administration work with this Board to implement a Code of Conduct policy and discuss training all staff and Aldermen.

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

43. Resolution 205108 (ID:17867) By Ald. Ballantyne, Rossetti, Hirsch, and the Entire Board That the Administration work with this Board to review current sexual harassment policies for all union members and civil service employees, and develop such policies when absent.

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

44. Resolution 205109 (ID:17868) By Ald. Ballantyne, Rossetti, Hirsch That the Administration and Director of Parks and Recreation develop a financial policy for programming for persons under 18 years of age that ensures gender equity when using public funds.

Alderman Ballantyne noted that when it comes to dealing with financial equity for youth sports, data indicates that 65% of the youth in Park and Recreation programs are boys under 18, and 35% are girls, but that funds spent on those programs are not spent proportionally.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

45. Order 205110 (ID:17869) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD ensure that all school and city park designs for child use contain a gender equity lens in the design stage, so all children are served.

RESULT: APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

46. Resolution 204865 (ID:17632) By Ald. Hirsch That the Administration meet with this Board in Executive Session to provide an update on collective bargaining.

The Board recessed to Executive Session at 10:00 PM. The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 11:45 PM. No votes were taken in Executive Session.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

47. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
205111
(ID:17822)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on February 6, 2018.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting, including a \$2 million bond to repair and improve the Buena Vista Garage which was approved. The Committee also discussed a request for 18 new positions, mid-fiscal year. This has never been done before. Alderman Niedergang stated that the Committee did a great job in vetting these positions and he was in favor of most of them, as they are desperately needed.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> </div> |
| <p>B. Mayor's Request
204497
(ID:17078)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 in a bond to repair and improve the Buena Vista Garage.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 1]
 AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
 NAYS: Rossetti</p> </div> |
| <p>C. Mayor's Request
205012
(ID:17608)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to appropriate \$71,383.60 from the USQ Revitalization Stabilization Fund for legal services.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
 ABSENT: Scott</p> </div> |

48. LAND USE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
205112
(ID:17819)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole in Joint Session with the Planning Board on January 30, 2018.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Alderman Davis reported on the items discussed at the meeting. There were two Public Hearings on zoning amendments. The first was for a study period, to prevent any facilities that provided adult-use recreational cannabis through the end of 2018, to give the City and the Board time to digest the rules provided by the State Cannabis Commission. The second was for a change that addresses planned use development projects. Current zoning allows an entity that is granted a permit under the planned use development provisions to seek a waiver from any future zoning changes. The proposal would explicitly prevent any exemptions from future affordable housing requirements.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> </div> |
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49. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 205113 (ID:17820) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on January 31, 2018.

Alderman Davis reported on the item discussed at the meeting, which was the proposed zoning overhaul. All of the materials that were presented to the Committee are available to the public at www.somervillezoning.com. The zoning itself is a 600-page document. The primary topics addressed were the atlas concept, incorporating a series of maps, as well as the structure of the ordinance, the writing style, the permitting process and the editing process. This is the second draft overhaul presented to the Board. The first was in 2015, and it was not adopted. Since that time, there has been extensive additional public outreach, including a series of Land Use Committee meetings a year ago to address specific topics, and this is the result.

RESULT: APPROVED

50. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 205114 (ID:17821) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on February 1, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. First was a new demolition review ordinance, to make it more difficult for developers to demolish old structures. Second was a Home Rule Petition authorizing a real estate transfer fee. This item must be acted on sometime in April, for it to be considered by the Legislature. While the Home Rule Petition is short, there are a number of items still to be settled, such as the exact rate, whether there should be measures against speculation, whether the buyer or the seller should pay, and a number of other issues. The third item was the community benefits ordinance, which has been discussed for over eight months. The election of a Union Square Neighborhood Council raised questions about the City's recognition of the Council. The Committee considered a Resolution acknowledging the Council (#204999), and approved 3 amendments to the language.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Officer's Communication 203097 (ID:15776) Assistant City Solicitor submitting the US2-City Development Covenant.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- C. Public Communication 203192 (ID:15872) Union United submitting comments re: the Union Square Development Covenant.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Resolution 204999 (ID:17779) By Ald. Scott, Ewen-Campen
 Congratulating the elected Board members of the Union Square Neighborhood Council on their formation and acknowledging that they are prepared to negotiate a CBA for Union Square.

RESULT: APPROVED

- E. Resolution 205115 (ID:17925) By Ald. Davis
 That the Administration work with US2 to amend the Development Covenant to allow this Board to recognize a Neighborhood Council to negotiate a CBA and discuss the amendment with this Board prior to execution.

RESULT: APPROVED

51. RULES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 205116 (ID:17823) Report of the Special Committee on Rules, meeting on February 7, 2018.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The main item before the Committee was #204618, that the Board record all its meetings by video or audio for the public record. The Committee recommended approval. The Committee also asked for clarification on a Committee Chairperson's authority to allow public discussion when the Committee meeting is attended by greater than the quorum of the Board. The City Solicitor will review the Board's rule on this subject, Rule 30, and report back.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 204618 (ID:17370) By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board
 That this Board record all of its committee meetings by video or audio for the public record.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 205056 (ID:17799) By Ald. Rossetti
 That the City Solicitor provide an opinion with respect to the Open Meeting Law on a committee chairperson's authority to allow public discussion when the committee meeting is attended by greater than a quorum of the full Board.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 205117 (ID:17926) By Ald. White Jr., Davis, Rossetti
 That a rule be added to the Rules of this Board to require that video recordings be made of all Board and Committee meetings whenever possible, and audio recordings otherwise, and that these recordings be made available for public review on this Board's web portal.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| <p>52. Mayor's Request
205118
(ID:17825)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to preserve affordable housing through a tenant's right to purchase.</p> |
| | <p>Alderman Niedergang requested to waive the reading of item 52 refer it to the Legislative Matters Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |
| <p>53. Mayor's Request
205119
(ID:17824)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to establish a Consolidated Gift Account to accept donations for commemorative benches.</p> |
| | <p>Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 53 through 57 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| <p>54. Mayor's Request
205120
(ID:17803)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to enter into a tax agreement with Sunwealth for a solar energy system at 444 Somerville Avenue.</p> |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| <p>55. Mayor's Request
205121
(ID:17817)</p> | <p>Requesting that this Board declare a portion of the Somerville Recreation Building at 19 Walnut Street available for disposition by lease.</p> |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| <p>56. Mayor's Request
205122
(ID:17815)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the services of the law firm Motley Rice LLC to act on the city's behalf regarding the marketing, prescribing, distribution, or sale of opioids.</p> |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| <p>57. Mayor's Request
205123
(ID:17806)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$50,000 grant with no new match required, from UASI to the Police Department for purchasing maritime equipment.</p> |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |

58. Mayor's Request 205124 (ID:17813) Requesting the re-appointment of Rachel Borgatti to the Conservation Commission.

Alderman Scott requested to waive the readings of items 58 and 59 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

59. Mayor's Request 205125 (ID:17814) Requesting the re-appointment of Owen Wartella to the Conservation Commission.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

60. Officer's Request 205126 (ID:17880) City Clerk requesting approval of his Public Official's Bond.

RESULT: APPROVED

61. Officer's Communication 205127 (ID:17832) Director of SPCD responding to #203981 re: a memorial bench donation program.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 61 and place on file with a copy to Housing and Community Development. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

62. Officer's Communication 205128 (ID:17818) Director of SPCD conveying an overview and summary of the 5-Year HUD Plan process.

Alderman Ewen-Campen requested to waive the reading of item 62 and refer it to the Housing and Community Development Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

63. Officer's Communication 205129 (ID:17811) Director of Inspectional Services submitting all noncriminal tickets issued by ISD from 2015 to the present.

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 63 and 64 and place them on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

64. Officer's Communication 205130 (ID:17816) Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #203507 re: shaded areas at pools.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

65. Officer's Communication 205131 (ID:17808) Director of Traffic and Parking responding to items approved at the January 25, 2018 meeting.

Alderman Niedergang requested to waive the reading of item 65 and refer it to the Traffic and Parking Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

66. Officer's Communication 205132 (ID:17807) Director of Traffic and Parking responding to items approved at the January 11, 2018 meeting.

Alderman Niedergang requested to waive the reading of item 66 and refer it to the Traffic and Parking Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

NEW BUSINESS

67. License/Permit 205133 (ID:17894) New Outdoor Seating License, When Pigs Fly, 241 Elm St, 1 A-Frame sign.

RESULT: APPROVED

68. License/Permit 205134 (ID:17895) New Extended Operating Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 504 Broadway, opening 24/7.

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 68 through 75 and refer them to the License and Permits Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

69. License/Permit 205135 (ID:17902) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Somerville Motors, 182 Washington St.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

70. License/Permit 205136 (ID:17901) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

71.	License/Permit 205137 (ID:17900)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, 28 Motorsports, 486R Columbia St.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
72.	License/Permit 205138 (ID:17899)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, CM Auto Sales, 39 Webster Ave.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
73.	License/Permit 205139 (ID:17898)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
74.	License/Permit 205140 (ID:17897)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
75.	License/Permit 205141 (ID:17896)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Executive Auto Leasing and Sales, 30 Medford St.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
76.	Public Communication 205142 (ID:17881)	Union Square Main Streets submitting comments re: #204999, a Resolution recognizing the Union Sq Neighborhood Council.	Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 76 through 83 and place them on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
77.	Public Communication 205143 (ID:17882)	Rob Buchanan submitting comments re: #204999, a Resolution recognizing the Union Sq Neighborhood Council.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
78.	Public Communication 205144 (ID:17883)	Philip Parsons submitting comments re: #204999, a Resolution recognizing the Union Sq Neighborhood Council.	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

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| 79. | Public
Communication
205145
(ID:17884) | Lhadon Tethong and Dhondup Phunkhang submitting comments re: #204999, a Resolution recognizing the Union Sq Neighborhood Council. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| 80. | Public
Communication
205146
(ID:17886) | Not used. | |
| 81. | Public
Communication
205147
(ID:17887) | Andy Greenspon submitting comments re: #204999, a Resolution recognizing the Union Sq Neighborhood Council. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| 82. | Public
Communication
205148
(ID:17888) | Katie Gradowski submitting comments re: #204999, a Resolution recognizing the Union Sq Neighborhood Council. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| 83. | Public
Communication
205149
(ID:17889) | Joe Beckmann submitting comments re: #204999, a Resolution recognizing the Union Sq Neighborhood Council. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| 84. | Public
Communication
205150
(ID:17890) | Green and Open Somerville submitting comments re: a Somerville Green Standard in the proposed zoning overhaul. | Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 84 and place on file with a copy to the Land Use Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee |
| 85. | Public
Communication
205151
(ID:17891) | Alan Bingham submitting comments re: the draft Demolition Review Ordinance. | Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 85 and place it on file with a copy to the Legislative Matters Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
| 86. | Public
Communication
205152
(ID:17892) | Somerville YIMBY submitting comments re: the Clarendon Hill Redevelopment Project. | Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 86 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 87. | Order
205153
(ID:17928) | By Ald. Niedergang, Clingan
That the Director of Communications include a 10-minute community announcement period at the start of every ResiStat meeting so community members can share information about meetings and events, so other attendees become aware of things going on in their ward and the city. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 88. | Order
205154
(ID:17903) | By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility to address the low-hanging wires at the intersection of Porter Street and Gould Avenue. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 89. | Mayor's
Request
205155
(ID:17874) | Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition relative to Retirement Board divestment from fossil fuel companies. |
| | | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 90. | Mayor's
Request
205156
(ID:17905) | Requesting a transfer of \$16,250 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Health & Human Services Personal Services Salaries Account to fund an Environmental Health Liaison. |
| | | Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 90 through 109 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 91. | Mayor's
Request
205157
(ID:17906) | Requesting the appropriation of \$16,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Division Salaries Account to fund a Construction Liaison and Compliance Manager. |
| | | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 92. | Mayor's
Request
205158
(ID:17907) | Requesting the appropriation of \$20,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Division Salaries Account to fund a Construction Project Manager. |
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FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

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| <p>93. Mayor's Request 205159 (ID:17908)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$16,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Communications Department Salaries Account to fund a Construction Information Officer.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>94. Mayor's Request 205160 (ID:17909)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$18,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a GLX Project Liaison.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>95. Mayor's Request 205161 (ID:17910)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$21,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance to the Capital Projects Department Salaries Account to fund a Project Manager.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>96. Mayor's Request 205162 (ID:17911)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$18,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a Streetscape and Public Space Planner.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>97. Mayor's Request 205163 (ID:17912)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$21,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Department Salaries Account to fund a Project Manager.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>98. Mayor's Request 205164 (ID:17913)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$20,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Department Salaries Account to fund a Junior Project Manager.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>99. Mayor's Request 205165 (ID:17914)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$21,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a Senior Urban Forestry & Landscape Planner.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |

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| 100. Mayor's Request 205166 (ID:17915) | Requesting the appropriation of \$18,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a Transportation Planner. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 101. Mayor's Request 205167 (ID:17916) | Requesting the appropriation of \$21,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Inspectional Services Department Salaries Account to fund a Senior Zoning Review Planner. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 102. Mayor's Request 205168 (ID:17917) | Requesting the appropriation of \$27,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Department Salaries Account to fund a Capital Projects Assistant Director. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 103. Mayor's Request 205169 (ID:17918) | Requesting the appropriation of \$7,200 from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to the Water Enterprise Fund Salaries Account to fund a Director of Finance & Administration. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 104. Mayor's Request 205170 (ID:17919) | Requesting the appropriation of \$15,300 from Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to the Sewer Enterprise Fund Salaries Account to fund a Director of Finance & Administration. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 105. Mayor's Request 205171 (ID:17920) | Requesting the appropriation of \$32,692 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Director of Housing Stability. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 106. Mayor's Request 205172 (ID:17921) | Requesting the appropriation of \$20,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Deputy Director of Housing Stability/Program Development. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

107. Mayor's Request 205173 (ID:17922) Requesting the appropriation of \$15,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Housing Counselor/Case Manager.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

108. Mayor's Request 205174 (ID:17923) Requesting the appropriation of \$15,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Housing Counselor/Case Manager.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

109. Mayor's Request 205175 (ID:17924) Requesting the appropriation of \$12,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Housing Intake Specialist.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

110. Officer's Communication 205176 (ID:17885) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #205056 re: open meeting law questions. Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 110 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

LATE ITEMS

111. Communication By Ald. Rossetti 205177 (ID:17929) Conveying the January, 2018, report of the High School Building Committee.

Alderman Rossetti recommended reading the attached report of the Committee.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:45 PM.