

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 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 (ID:19852) Call of the Roll.

Alderman Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Ramona Pasqualino, Nancy Rego DePasquale, and Paula Uccello. Alderman Scott sponsored a moment of silence for Brooklyn Deanna Stevenson, Brandy Seales, Zacharia Frey, Crystaline Steele Nesline, Vicki Queterez, Celine Walker, Tanya Harvey, Felicia Mitchell, Emia Tyraid Barryman, Sasha Wall, Carla Flores Pappan, Nino Fortson, Gigi Pierce, Tasha Sharington English, Diamond Stevens, Catalina Christina James, Keisha Wells, Sasha Garden, Deshinee Stanton, Fantasia Bell, Shante Tucker, Linda Moore, and Sierra Minage Carter Frasier, all in recognition of the International Transgender Day of Remembrance.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes (ID:19853) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 23, 2018.

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

- 3. Citation By Ald. Ballantyne, the Entire Board and the Mayor
207050 Commending Michael Glavin, who is retiring after 7 years as Director of the
(ID:19854) Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development.

President Ballantyne presented Michael Glavin with the Citation and commended him for his outstanding service. Aldermen White, Niedergang, Scott, Rossetti and McLaughlin also thanked him. Mr. Glavin thanked the Board for this recognition.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4. Communication By Ald. Hirsch
207051 Providing the final results of the 2018 Block Party Challenge.
(ID:19832)

Alderman Hirsch stated that there were 67 block parties, up from 39 in 2017, an increase of 72%. The Most Helpful City Clerk Award goes to John Long. The Most Helpful Chair of Licensing Award goes to Alderman Rossetti and the Most Tolerant Board President Award goes to President Ballantyne. The big award, for the most block parties, goes to Ward 1, with 5 five additional block parties, and Ward 4 with 7 additional block parties. The award for the Most Block Parties in One Neighborhood goes to Ward 6. The block parties that got things done Award goes to Ward 2. The Best Cotton Candy Operator goes to Ward 4 Alderman Clingan. The Best Cotton Candy Eater goes to Alderman Mbah and his son Joel. The Most Heroic Traffic Re-routing Award goes to Alderman Scott. The Most Elaborate Block Party Award goes to Ward 1. The Most Relaxing Block Party Award also goes to Ward 1. Alderman Hirsch said in conclusion that she will shovel homes or squares in Wards 5 and 3, who had the most block parties overall.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- 5. Communication By Ald. Hirsch, McLaughlin
207052 Reporting on the internal rodent control meeting.
(ID:19830)

Alderman Hirsch reported that the City received over 100 resumes for the Rodent Control position. They are also working on coordinating with the Green Line contractor for rodent reduction around the train tracks.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

6. Communication By Ald. McLaughlin, Clingan, Hirsch
 207053 Providing information regarding community planning related to Foss Park.
 (ID:19831)

Alderman McLaughlin reported that DCR announced that they are going to build a turf field at Foss Park. There are mixed emotions on this project, especially concerning the lack of communication from the State and the City regarding our largest open space. This change was made without any community input. Aldermen Hirsch, McLaughlin, and Clingan, with State Officials, are hosting a meeting on December 1 at 11 AM at 15 Middlesex Avenue to learn what the community would like to see at Foss Park.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

7. Resolution By Ald. McLaughlin, Davis, Scott, Mbah, Clingan
 207054 That members of this Board refrain from holding Committee of the Whole
 (ID:19833) meetings unless absolutely necessary.

Alderman McLaughlin stated that it is a lot harder to have a meeting with 11 people then it is to have one with 5. He would like all Committee Chairs to refrain from holding Committee of the Whole meetings unless absolutely necessary. He was only able to hold one Rodent Control Committee Meeting this year due to obligations with other meetings. He would like to see items move faster, which would happen with fewer people involved. He also requested the Land Use Committee increase to 5 members so that some languishing items could move along. Alderman Davis fully supported both of these items. Alderman White suggested a Rule change to increase Land Use Committee membership effective the start of next year. Alderman Hirsch supported these items. Alderman Mbah strongly supported these items. Alderman Ewen-Campen stated that he supports both of these items and it will change the way business is done. Alderman Rossetti stated that she went through this in the past with the School Committee, and found that within 2 years it returned to Meetings of the Whole, but she is willing to try. Alderman Scott agreed, saying "Let's get things done." Alderman Clingan supported both items. Alderman Davis agreed, saying the number of Committee of the Whole Meetings recently was not business as usual compared to the way the Board had operated over the years. President Ballantyne stated that for the five years that she has been on the Board, the types of discussions have evolved, and become more strategic. She pointed out that this was not a ban on Committee of the Whole meetings, and Chairs could call them, with individual Aldermen deciding whether they want to be there or not. She then proposed the Rule change to increase Land Use Committee membership to 5 (see #207125), and it passed unanimously.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. Order By Ald. McLaughlin, Davis, Ballantyne
 207055 That this Board consider increasing the Land Use Committee from 3 to 5
 (ID:19834) members.

See item #207054 for discussion. See #207125 for implementation of this item, effective January 1, 2019.

RESULT: APPROVED

9. Resolution 207056 (ID:19835) By Ald. McLaughlin, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Clingan, Hirsch, Ballantyne Supporting MA House Bill 2785, "An Act Relative to the Expungement of Records of Marijuana Arrests," and requesting that the state delegation vote in favor of it.

Alderman Mbah expressed his support for House Bill 2785 and requested the State Delegation vote in favor.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. Order 207057 (ID:19836) By Ald. McLaughlin, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Scott That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Communications inform this Board of efforts to promote municipal broadband in regard to current construction and renovation of the city's infrastructure.

Alderman McLaughlin said that if the City is considering Municipal Broadband, it should be done now while the City is under construction. He requested updates on this project, and how it could be implemented sooner than later.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

11. Order 207058 (ID:19837) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services consult with neighbors regarding rodent issues at 79 Gilman Street, 19 Aldrich Street and 93 Flint Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

12. Order 207059 (ID:19855) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of Personnel review the compensation for the Clerk of Committees and propose necessary modifications.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

13. Resolution 207060 (ID:19859) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board That the Administration delay the Somerville Avenue infrastructure-related detour until January, in order to support local businesses throughout the holiday season.

Alderman Ewen-Campen reported that there will be a 6-month shutdown of Somerville Avenue, as part of the sewer infrastructure project, and small businesses in Union Square have asked if it could be delayed until after the holiday season. This work was scheduled to start in November and has now delayed to mid-December. He said the Administration does not support the delay, but he asked why it can't be delayed a couple more weeks until after the holidays, to support the small businesses affected by the project.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

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14. Order
207061
(ID:19860)
- By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Rossetti
That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the progress of pro-rating residential parking permits.
- Alderman Ewen-Campen asked that the Director of Traffic and Parking report on the pro-rating of residential parking permits. Alderman Rossetti said that the last time this was brought up, Traffic and Parking Director said it was a software issue, but new software has since been installed.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
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15. Resolution
207062
(ID:19863)
- By Ald. Niedergang
That the Mayor update this Board in writing by January 10, 2019 on all Home Rule Petitions pending at the Statehouse, with an assessment of likely progress in 2019.
- Alderman Niedergang stated that he spoke with Mayor's Aide Tim Snyder about this and it does need to go to Committee.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
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16. Order
207063
(ID:19864)
- By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne, Mbah
That the Director of SPCD update this Board on changes to and progress on the Fields Master Plan, including facilities controlled by DCR.
- Alderman Niedergang said the Board needs updates on the changes to the Fields Master Plan.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee
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17. Order
207064
(ID:19865)
- By Ald. Niedergang, Clingan, Hirsch
That the Director of SPCD update this Board on progress on the Healey Mystic Master Plan, especially plans for a soccer field at the Healey School.
- Alderman Niedergang said the Board needs updates on the Healey Mystic Master Plan.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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18. Order
207065
(ID:19866)
- By Ald. Niedergang, Davis
That the Chief of Police enforce the restriction on entering Cherry Street on weekday mornings from 7 to 9 AM, except abutters and Kennedy School students.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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19. Order 207066 (ID:19867) By Ald. Rossetti, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Davis, Mbah, Niedergang, Ballantyne
That the Communications Department assist this Board with a separate e-blast for any Board-related public hearings.

Alderman Rossetti asked for assistance from the Communication Department regarding communications (e-blasts or text) for the Board's public hearings.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen

20. Order 207067 (ID:19868) By Ald. Davis, Niedergang, Mbah, Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the possibility of installing containers of small flags at key pedestrian crossings to aid in pedestrian safety.

Alderman Davis suggested that containers of small flags at both sides of key pedestrian crossings could help pedestrians cross the street. Pedestrians could use a flag to gain the attention of motorists.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

21. Resolution 207068 (ID:19869) By Ald. Davis, Hirsch
That the Administration advise this Board on the possibility of creating facilities similar to Bow Market, as start-up or temporary commercial space for small, local businesses displaced as the development of older buildings occurs.

Alderman Davis suggested that the City could create Bow Market facilities as temporary housing for small businesses, and requested the Administration to advise the Board on the possibilities.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

22. Order 207069 (ID:19871) By Ald. Clingan
That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect the newly-built retaining wall at 654 Mystic Avenue for any shifting causing instability.
[CORRECTION: This address should be 640 Mystic Avenue. -JJL, City Clerk, 11/28/18]

RESULT: APPROVED

23. Order 207070 (ID:19872) By Ald. Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works retrieve the speed limit sign on the side of the hill behind 654 Mystic Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

24. Order 207071 (ID:19873) By Ald. Clingan
That the Director of Engineering provide the Ward 4 Alderman with the mapping of the sewer lines around 48-50 Ash Avenue.

Alderman Clingan stated that this has been taken care of.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

25. Resolution 207072 (ID:19862) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Hirsch
That the Administration develop a strategy to facilitate driveway sharing between residents, in light of the new snow emergency parking policy.

RESULT: APPROVED

26. Order 207073 (ID:19861) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Council on Aging notify the senior residents at Faulkner Towers and Housing Authority properties once the new hand railing has been installed outside the Central Library.

Alderman Ewen-Campen stated that a 92 year-old resident of Faulkner Towers fell while walking into the library on Highland Avenue, which drew attention to the fact that there is no handrail there. He learned that a handrail will be installed soon.

RESULT: APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

27. Order 206898 (ID:19683) By Ald. Hirsch, and the Entire Board
That the Commissioner of Public Works share information about the installation of gates in school lots.

Mayor's Aide Tim Snyder said the Commissioner of Public Works isn't available this week, but will attend the Housing and Community Development Committee meeting on Monday to discuss any questions in further depth. Alderman Ewen-Campen welcomed member's questions prior to the meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

28. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 207074 (ID:19844) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on November 19, 2018.

Alderman Scott reported that the City is still working on a response to the Committee's requests for information about sexual harassment reports among city employees. Several re-appointments were approved, as were appointments to the new Job Creation and Retention Trust Board.

RESULT: APPROVED

B.	Mayor's Request 204021 (ID:16776)	Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Flynn to the Board of Assessors. RESULT: APPROVED
C.	Mayor's Request 204910 (ID:17597)	Requesting the re-appointment of Rose Durham as Clerk of Committees. RESULT: APPROVED
D.	Mayor's Request 205845 (ID:18560)	Requesting the re-appointment of Dr. Brian Green to the Board of Health. RESULT: APPROVED
E.	Mayor's Request 205846 (ID:18561)	Requesting the re-appointment of Robert Ciccio to the Board of Health. RESULT: APPROVED
F.	Mayor's Request 206879 (ID:19625)	Requesting the appointment of Silvana Dinka to the position of Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board member. RESULT: APPROVED
G.	Mayor's Request 206880 (ID:19626)	Requesting the appointment of Vickie Choitz to the position of Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board member. RESULT: APPROVED
H.	Mayor's Request 206881 (ID:19627)	Requesting the appointment of Anika Van Eaton to the position of Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board member. RESULT: APPROVED
I.	Mayor's Request 206882 (ID:19628)	Requesting the appointment of Rand Wilson to the position of Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board member. RESULT: APPROVED
J.	Mayor's Request 206884 (ID:19630)	Requesting the appointment of Tom Bent to the position of Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board member. RESULT: APPROVED

29. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 207075 (ID:19841) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on November 14, 2018.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. Alderman Ewen-Campen had submitted Resolutions requesting the Administration to establish dedicated funds for certain items within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and the Committee decided to forward them to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for action. The Committee is still waiting for the Director of Purchasing's report about increasing the Living Wage to \$15/hour. The Committee also discussed appropriating funds for free or low-cost legal services for immigration and naturalization issues. The Committee went into Executive Session to discuss the taking of 90 Washington St., and took no votes. Back in open session, the Committee decided to discharge without a recommendation #206969 (requesting to appropriate funds for ongoing environment and remediation work at Conway Park) and #206968 (requesting to appropriate funds to the Law Department's Legal Services Account to fund anticipated outside legal counsel invoices). Regarding #206969, At the conclusion of the Report, Mayor's Aide Tim Snyder said the City Solicitor's Office determined that the records were preliminary results held by the vendor and not yet available, and Alderman White moved to approve item #206969.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 204982 (ID:17762) By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board That the Director of SPCD outline any financial incentives offered in the city's Amazon bid as well as plans for a Community Benefits Agreement in the possible development.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Resolution 205445 (ID:18341) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board That the Administration establish a dedicated fund within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to provide direct housing assistance for municipal employees struggling to remain in Somerville, which could be funded through revenue from a real estate transfer fee.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Resolution 205446 (ID:18342) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board That the Administration establish a dedicated fund within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support community land trusts in Somerville, which could be funded through revenue from a real estate transfer fee.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Resolution 205707 (ID:18539) By Ald. Scott, and the Entire Board That the Administration report in writing on an Acquisition Fund to increase the City's ability to buy parcels for open space.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F.	Resolution 206706 (ID:19481)	By Ald. Scott That the Administration report, in writing, on the current status of an Acquisition Fund to increase the City's ability to buy parcels for open space. (2nd request)	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
G.	Mayor's Request 206805 (ID:19533)	Requesting acceptance of a \$300,000 grant with no new match required, from the EPA to the SPCD Economic Development Division for citywide Brownfield site assessments.	RESULT: APPROVED
H.	Mayor's Request 206913 (ID:19703)	Requesting that the Director of SPCD and the Director of Housing Stability present to this Board the proposed business plan and budget of the Office of Housing Stability.	RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
I.	Mayor's Request 206965 (ID:19758)	Requesting an appropriation of \$2,655,415 in Parking Meter Receipts to reduce the FY19 Tax Levy.	RESULT: APPROVED
J.	Mayor's Request 206966 (ID:19742)	Requesting the appropriation of \$2,010,673 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to the Police Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to fund the arbitration award for the Police Superior Officers Association for FY2013-FY2018.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
K.	Mayor's Request 206967 (ID:19741)	Requesting the appropriation of \$556,906 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to various Police Personal Services Accounts to fund the FY2019 arbitration award for Police Superior Officers Association.	RESULT: APPROVED
L.	Mayor's Request 206968 (ID:19450)	Requesting the appropriation of \$450,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance to the Law Department's Legal Services Account, to fund anticipated outside legal counsel invoices.	RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

M.	Mayor's Request 206969 (ID:19713)	Requesting approval to appropriate \$153,850 from the Capital Stabilization fund for ongoing environmental remediation work at Conway Park.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
N.	Mayor's Request 206970 (ID:19622)	Requesting approval to appropriate \$12,426.39 from the Trash Transfer Stabilization Fund for to pay for outstanding cleanup related expenses.	RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
O.	Mayor's Request 206971 (ID:19623)	Requesting approval for a time-only extension of a contract with OverUnder for the ArtFarm project.	RESULT: APPROVED
P.	Mayor's Request 206972 (ID:19737)	Requesting acceptance of a \$92,888 grant with no new match required, from the HUD Healthy Homes/Tufts University/STEP Collaborative to SPCD for an air filtration study.	RESULT: APPROVED
Q.	Mayor's Request 206973 (ID:19715)	Requesting acceptance of a \$61,610 grant with no new match required, from the MA Housing and Economic Development Department to the Arts Council for the build-out of the Nibble Kitchen.	RESULT: APPROVED
R.	Mayor's Request 206975 (ID:19688)	Requesting acceptance of a \$12,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Energy Resources to the Office of Sustainability and the Environment, for assistance with clean energy procurement.	RESULT: APPROVED
S.	Mayor's Request 206976 (ID:19718)	Requesting acceptance of a \$8,700 Title III B grant with no new match required, from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging for transportation costs.	RESULT: APPROVED
T.	Mayor's Request 206977 (ID:19717)	Requesting acceptance of a \$7,816 Title III D grant with no new match required, from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging for health and wellness programs.	RESULT: APPROVED

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| <p>U. Mayor's Request 207032 (ID:19807)</p> | <p>Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$135,050 to the Office of Housing Stability Personal Services Accounts (\$45,000) and Ordinary Maintenance Accounts (\$90,050), and approval to establish an OHS Assistant Director, to fund that office through FY19.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>V. Mayor's Request 207033 (ID:19814)</p> | <p>Requesting a change in the rate of pay for the vacant Assistant Clerk of Committees position, from \$1462.91/month to \$1,667/month.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>W. Mayor's Request 207034 (ID:19702)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to extend the contract for the Somerville Museum's FY15 CPA grant for an additional three years.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>X. Resolution 207076 (ID:19895)</p> | <p>By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Trustees of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund establish a dedicated fund within that Fund to provide direct housing assistance for municipal employees struggling to remain in Somerville, which could be funded through revenue from a real estate transfer fee.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>Y. Resolution 207077 (ID:19896)</p> | <p>By Ald. White Jr.
That the Administration provide an updated cost for the proposed public safety building at 90 Washington Street, including fire equipment.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>Z. Resolution 207078 (ID:19897)</p> | <p>By Ald. Niedergang
That the Administration detail how the parcel at 90 Washington Street will be used, and whether underground parking is possible.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>AA. Resolution 207079 (ID:19898)</p> | <p>By Ald. White Jr.
That the Administration provide a realistic estimate of the value of the property at 90 Washington Street.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |

- AB. Resolution 207080 (ID:19899) By Ald. Scott
That the Administration present this Board's Committee on Finance with the preliminary test results for the ballfield at Conway Park, and, if existent, the remaining unopened portions of Conway Playground.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

30. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 207081 (ID:19839) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on November 13, 2018.

Alderman Davis reported that the Committee discussed the zoning amendment for slope protection for all parcels with steep slopes. There are about 2,600 lots affected. The proposal deals with engineering issues. The Committee voted to make the amendment to apply citywide, and recommended approval. Next the Committee discussed requirements for air quality mitigation devices in buildings that are near heavily-trafficked roadways. Planning Director George Proakis explained that he has spoken with the drafters of that amendment and they have made significant changes. Another item discussed was a requirement for open space for mid and high-rise buildings. Mr. Proakis stated that the Administration supports the concept, but prefers it be included in the overhaul rather than as a standalone amendment. Finally, the Committee discussed the zoning overhaul. Senior Planner Dan Bartman provided a slide presentation, which can be seen on the City's website.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED
AMENDED: #206489 was replaced by #207122, which was ordained.

- B. Ordinance 206489 (ID:19321) By Ald. Niedergang
Proposing a Zoning Ordinance amendment for Slope Protection to require a Special Permit for developments on steeply sloped parcels, as attached.

For Ordainment of this item, see #207122.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

31. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 207082 (ID:19843) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on November 15, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the two items discussed at the meeting: Air BnB regulations and an update of the Condominium Conversion Ordinance. For short-term rentals, Planning Director George Proakis proposed 3 categories: Limited Share - basically be sharing your home; Home Share - renting out your own unit but for only 90 days per year; and Owner-Adjacent Unit - resident property owners with 2+ units renting out one as an entire unit separately, 365 days per year. Due to the amount of further information requests, the next discussion will not occur until next year. The Committee discussed the Condominium Conversion Ordinance, and Alderman Ewen-Campen suggested that members come to the next meeting prepared with questions and amendments.

RESULT: APPROVED

32. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 207083 (ID:19840) Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on November 14, 2018.

Alderman Mbah reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed the plastic straw ban, trees, and tree plantings in 2019.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 204887 (ID:17654) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD provide this Board by end of February with the tree planting schedule, by Ward, for Spring 2018.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Resolution 205704 (ID:18536) By Ald. Scott, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Hirsch That the Administration report in writing on the net change in total trees and tree inches from all projects in 2017.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Resolution 205705 (ID:18537) By Ald. Scott, Ewen-Campen, Hirsch That the Administration report in writing on the net change in tree inches based on all projects planned for 2018.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Resolution 206070 (ID:18861) By Ald. Davis, Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, Scott, McLaughlin, Clingan That the Administration work with interested community groups to implement a pilot program for native street trees.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| F. Resolution
206230
(ID:19059) | By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne
That the Administration create and fund an Open Space Acquisition Fund, separate from the Community Preservation Act, to acquire more open space towards the SomerVision goal of adding 125 acres of open space. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| G. Order
206237
(ID:19066) | By Ald. Rossetti, and the Entire Board
That the Director of SPCD finalize the long-awaited formation of the Urban Forestry Committee. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| H. Resolution
206435
(ID:19226) | By Ald. Scott
That the Administration report in writing on the net change in total trees and tree inches (plantings-removals) from all city projects in 2017. (2nd request-see #205704) |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| I. Order
206577
(ID:19367) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD explain to this Board why not a single tree was spared when they were cut along the commuter rail line, including trees far from the tracks, and what the GLX Team's plans are to replant trees to prevent erosion on the hills. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| J. Order
206578
(ID:19379) | By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on whether the City plans to plant trees by the fence at the north edge of Junction Park to replace the nearby trees lost when they were cut down recently for the GLX project. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| K. Officer's
Communication
206982
(ID:19735) | Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner responding to #204887 re: the tree planting schedule for Spring, 2018. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| L. Officer's
Communication
206983
(ID:19736) | Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner responding to #205704 re: net changes in trees and tree inches in 2017. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| M. Officer's
Communication
206984
(ID:19738) | Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner responding to #205705 re: net changes in trees and tree inches in 2018. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |

N. Officer's Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner responding to #206070 re: a pilot
Communication program for native street trees.
206985
(ID:19740)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

O. Officer's Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner responding to #206237 re: the Urban
Communication Forestry Committee.
206986
(ID:19739)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

33. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on
207084 November 15, 2018.
(ID:19842)

Alderman Clingan reported that the main topic of discussion was the reserve firefighter list. Currently, there are 12 individuals on the reserve list and it is anticipated that it will be exhausted by May, 2019. The next open date for the Academy is May, 2019. The last firefighter exam was in April, and the list will come out on December 1.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order By Ald. Connolly
203594 That the City Solicitor draft an Ordinance prohibiting the public consumption
(ID:16311) of marijuana.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Resolution By Ald. Heuston
204128 That the Administration convene a meeting to discuss airplane noise, similar to
(ID:16850) a meeting being held in Cambridge, and include congressional representatives, the state delegation, elected city officials and city staff.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order By Ald. Clingan
204861 That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility to raise
(ID:17624) the low hanging wires at the corner of Shore Drive and Putnam Road.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Resolution By Ald. Scott, McLaughlin, Davis, Mbah, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne,
205366 Niedergang
(ID:18131) That the Administration refrain from appointing any further candidates to the position of Reserve Firefighter and seek to discontinue use of the Fire Reserve List at the earliest possible opportunity.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

34. 2019 BOARD OF ALDERMEN CAUCUS

- A. Committee Report 207085 (ID:19894) Report of the Caucus of the 2019 Board of Aldermen, meeting on November 20, 2018.

City Clerk John Long reported that the items before Caucus of the 2019 Board were the selection of a President and Vice President in a non-binding vote. The President elected for 2019 was Alderman Ballantyne, and the Vice President was Alderman McLaughlin.
RESULT: APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

35. Mayor's Request 207086 (ID:19851) Requesting the appropriation of \$5,155,479.11 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Judgments & Settlements Account, to fund the settlement of Prospect Iron & Steel v. Somerville Redevelopment Authority.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 35 through 44 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

36. Mayor's Request 207087 (ID:19849) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$400,000 to the SPCD Transportation and Infrastructure Special Items Account in order to fund a temporary GLX construction detour shuttle service.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

37. Mayor's Request 207088 (ID:19892) Requesting the appropriation of \$370,729 from the Park Stabilization Fund to pay for FY2019 incurred debt service for park renovation.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

38. Mayor's Request 207089 (ID:19893) Requesting the appropriation of \$326,882 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to pay for FY2019 Debt Service.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

39. Mayor's Request 207090 (ID:19846) Requesting to appropriate \$227,459 from excess FY19 Community Preservation Act Fund revenue to the Community Preservation Act Fund Budgeted Reserve.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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| 40. Mayor's Request 207091 (ID:19891) | Requesting the appropriation of \$162,439 from the Salary Contingency Account to various DPW School Custodian Personal Services Accounts to fund the FY2019 portion of the Agreement with the SEIU Local 3 School Custodians Union. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| 41. Mayor's Request 207092 (ID:19889) | Requesting the appropriation of \$72,095 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to the DPW School Custodians Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to fund the FY2018 portion of the agreement with the SEIU Local 3 School Custodians Union. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| 42. Mayor's Request 207093 (ID:19850) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$33,102 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase of gym equipment. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| 43. Mayor's Request 207094 (ID:19847) | Requesting the transfer of \$644,489 from the CPA Fund Undesignated Fund Balance to various Reserve Accounts for certain CPA projects and expenses. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| 44. Mayor's Request 207095 (ID:19848) | Requesting the transfer of \$193,340 from the CPA Fund Budgeted Reserve to various Reserve Accounts for certain CPA projects and expenses. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| 45. Mayor's Request 207096 (ID:19828) | <p>Requesting the re-appointment of Edward Bean to the position of City Auditor.</p> <p>Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 45 through 49 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> | |
| 46. Mayor's Request 207097 (ID:19534) | Requesting the reappointment of Mary Cassesso to the position of Trustee of the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> | |

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| 47. Mayor's Request
207098
(ID:19535) | Requesting the reappointment of Daniel LeBlanc to the position of Trustee of the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund. | | | | |
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| 48. Mayor's Request
207099
(ID:19536) | Requesting the reappointment of Donna Haynes to the position of Trustee of the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund. | | | | |
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| 49. Mayor's Request
207100
(ID:19537) | Requesting the reappointment of Andrea Shapiro to the position of Trustee of the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund. | | | | |
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| 50. Officer's Request
207101
(ID:19829) | Chief Assessor requesting to appear before this Board for the classification hearing on November 29, 2018. | | | | |
| <p>Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 50, for the Board of Aldermen to take up at its Special Meeting on November 29. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>RESULT:</td> <td>APPROVED</td> </tr> </table> | | RESULT: | APPROVED | | |
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| 51. Officer's Communication
207102
(ID:19845) | City Solicitor responding to #205934 re: drone use regulations. | | | | |
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NEW BUSINESS

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| 52. License/Permit
207103
(ID:19874) | Renewing Automatic Amusement Devices License, Cuisine En Locale, 156 Highland Ave. | | |
| <p>Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 52 through 66 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>RESULT:</td> <td>APPROVED</td> </tr> </table> | | RESULT: | APPROVED |
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| 53. License/Permit
207104
(ID:19875) | Renewing Garage License, Arco Tire and Service, 16 Clarendon Ave. | | |
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54.	License/Permit 207105 (ID:19876)	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Comicazi, 407 Highland Ave.	RESULT: APPROVED
55.	License/Permit 207106 (ID:19877)	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Au Bon Pain, 40 Holland St.	RESULT: APPROVED
56.	License/Permit 207107 (ID:19878)	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Reliable Market, 45 Union Sq.	RESULT: APPROVED
57.	License/Permit 207108 (ID:19879)	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, La Brasa, 124 Broadway.	RESULT: APPROVED
58.	License/Permit 207109 (ID:19880)	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, When Pigs Fly, 241 Elm St.	RESULT: APPROVED
59.	License/Permit 207110 (ID:19881)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Enterprises, 308 McGrath Hwy.	RESULT: APPROVED
60.	License/Permit 207111 (ID:19882)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Tech Auto Body, 9 Union Sq.	RESULT: APPROVED
61.	License/Permit 207112 (ID:19883)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Motorcycles and More, 109 Bailey Rd.	RESULT: APPROVED
62.	License/Permit 207113 (ID:19884)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Ed's Used Auto Parts, 516 Columbia St.	RESULT: APPROVED
63.	License/Permit 207114 (ID:19885)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.	RESULT: APPROVED
64.	License/Permit 207115 (ID:19886)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 0 Windsor St.	RESULT: APPROVED

65. License/Permit 207116 (ID:19887) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Joseph Talewsky and Son, 512 Columbia St.

RESULT: APPROVED

66. License/Permit 207117 (ID:19888) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Joseph Talewsky and Son, 517 Columbia St.

RESULT: APPROVED

67. Public Communication 207118 (ID:19890) Attorney Michael Corcoran submitting comments re: #206003, a proposed Order of Taking of 90 Washington St.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 67 and place it on file with a copy to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

68. Order 207119 (ID:19905) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of Veterans Services appear before the Committee on Veterans and Public Services to discuss the recent decision to move certain veterans memorials.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Veterans and Public Services Committee

69. Mayor's Request 207120 (ID:19900) Requesting the appointment of Vikram Kanda to the position of Condominium Review Board member.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 69 and 70 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

70. Mayor's Request 207121 (ID:19901) Requesting the appointment Elizabeth Janiak to the position of Condominium Review Board member.

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

71. Officer's Communication 207122 (ID:19904) Planning Director submitting an updated ordinance consistent with the Land Use Committee's approval of #206489, regarding slope protection, at its meeting on 11/13/18.
- For discussion of this item, see #206489.
RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
72. Officer's Communication 207123 (ID:19902) City Solicitor requesting that the Finance Committee convene in Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy re: #206968 (an appropriation of \$450,000 to the Legal Services Account for outside counsel), and to provide an update on collective bargaining.
- Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 72 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
73. Public Communication 207124 (ID:19906) Representative Provost submitting comments re: #205244, a proposed zoning ordinance to regulate the siting of certain facilities near heavily trafficked roadways.
- Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 73 and place it on file with a copy to the Committee on Land Use. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

LATE ITEMS

74. Order 207125 (ID:19912) By Ald. Ballantyne That this Board amend Rule 25 of the Board by increasing the membership of the Land Use Committee to five members, as of January 7, 2019.
- For discussion of this item, see #207054 and #207055.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
75. Order 207126 (ID:19908) By Ald. Niedergang That this Board discharge #206488 re: Globe Direct deliveries, from the Legislative Matters Committee and refer it to the Committee on Housing and Community Development for discussion.
- Alderman Ewen-Campen, Chair of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, said the Committee would be discussing Globe Direct deliveries at its next meeting on Monday night.
RESULT: APPROVED

76. Order 207127 (ID:19909) By Ald. Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD work with the Ward 3 Alderman and residents of Vinal Avenue to conduct a temporary "road narrowing" experiment using flex-posts to slow vehicle speeds.
- Alderman Ewen-Campen stated that speeding is a serious issue and an affordable way to deter it is by putting flex posts on both sides of the street, causing cars to drive slower.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
77. Order 207128 (ID:19910) By Ald. Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD identify for the Ward 3 Alderman the 5 highest-speed residential streets in Ward 3 where a road-narrowing approach could be tested during Spring, 2019.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
78. Officer's Communication 207129 (ID:19911) Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #206489, a zoning ordinance amendment for slope protection to require a Special Permit for developments on steeply-sloped parcels.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
79. Order 206488 (ID:19320) By Ald. Rossetti, Hirsch, White Jr. That this Board revisit the Assistant City Solicitor's 2014 language of the attached Draft Ordinance relating to the discontinuance of Globe Direct deliveries.
- Discharged from the Legislative Matters Committee pursuant to #207126.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION**
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:50 PM.