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

# **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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# **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

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

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Stephanie Hirsch	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Wilfred N. Mbah	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	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	

1. Roll Call 209350 (ID:22242) Call of the Roll.

Councilor Davis sponsored a moment of silence for Jenny Douquette. Councilor Mbah sponsored a moment of silence for Michael Bowler and Keith O'Donnell. Councilor Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Vinh Thi Tran. Councilor Rossetti and the entire Council sponsored a moment of silence for Leo DiSimone. Councilor Niedergang sponsored a moment of silence for Frances Vallesio.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 209351 (ID:22243)

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 14, 2019.

RESULT: APPROVED

### **CITATIONS**

3. Citation 209352 (ID:22249)

By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, and the Mayor Commending Lee Erica Palmer, who is retiring from the School Committee after 4 years of distinguished service.

The citation was presented to Lee Erica Palmer.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

4. Citation 209353 (ID:22250)

By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis, and the Mayor Commending Paula O'Sullivan, who is retiring from the School Committee after 3 years of distinguished service.

The citation was presented to Paula O'Sullivan.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

5. Citation 209354 (ID:22251)

By City Councilor The Entire City Council Commending City Councilor Katjana Ballantyne for her distinguished service as President of this Council in 2019.

The citation was presented to Councilor Ballantyne for her service as President in 2019.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

6. Citation 209355 (ID:22252)

By City Councilor The Entire City Council Commending City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin for his distinguished service as Vice President of this Council in 2019.

The citation was presented to Councilor McLaughlin for his service as Vice President of the Council in 2019.

RESULT: APPROVED

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

7. Grant of Location 209356 (ID:22202) Submitted by Crown Castle NG East LLC to install 119 feet of conduit in Broadway, connecting existing manhole #1901 on Broadway to a new hand hole to be installed at the corner of Broadway and Temple Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Crown Castle Engineer Chris Stevens discussed the work to be completed. Councilor Rossetti added as a condition that there be an in-kind restoration to any damaged pavement markings. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

**CONDITION:** Licensee must complete an in-kind restoration of any

damaged pavement markings.

8. Grant of Location 209357 (ID:22203) Submitted by Crown Castle NG East LLC to install 94 feet of conduit in Langmaid Ave, connecting existing manhole #1902 on Broadway to a hand hole on Langmaid Ave, then to a point of pickup at the rear of 331 Broadway.

The President opened the public hearing. Crown Castle Engineer Chris Stevens discussed the work to be completed. Councilor Rossetti added as a condition that there be an in-kind restoration to any damaged pavement markings. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

**CONDITION:** Licensee must complete an in-kind restoration of any

damaged pavement markings.

# ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

9. Order By City Councilor Ballantyne

209358 That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring the City to replace green

(ID:22188) space for those public spaces already dedicated to the public.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

10. Order By City Councilor Ballantyne

209359 (ID:22191)

That the Chief Assessor and the Director of Finance advise this Council of the breakdown of residential and commercial revenue raised from each of the city's tax districts for FY19.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

11. Order By City Councilor Ballantyne

209360 (ID:22192)

That the Director of SPCD provide this Council, in conjunction with its FY21 budget review, a list of upcoming commercial development, including the square footage and linkage payment projections with corresponding payment dates.

Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 11 through 13 and refer them to the Housing and Community Development Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

12. Order By City Councilor Ballantyne, McLaughlin 209361 That the Director of SPCD discuss the impa

209361 That the Director of SPCD discuss the impact on small businesses city-wide since the expansion and growth of Assembly Square and the opening of the Encore Casino.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

13. Order 209362 (ID:22209)

By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD develop a neighborhood plan for Teele Square.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

14. Order 209363 (ID:22208)

By City Councilor Ballantyne, McLaughlin

That the Director of SPCD discuss implementing a "Don't Block the Box" campaign to ease intersection congestion at locations along Broadway, including McGrath Highway.

Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 14 and refer it to the Traffic and Parking Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

15. Order 209364 (ID:22206)

By City Councilor Ballantyne, Rossetti

That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Sustainability and Environment discuss the safety uses and environmental impacts of the street salt used on the city's streets.

Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 15 and refer it to the Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

16. 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:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

17. Order 209366 (ID:22214)

By City Councilor Hirsch

That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment work with the School District to provide any plans for shifting to compostable flatware.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

18. Order 209367 (ID:22215)

By City Councilor Hirsch

That the Director of Personnel update this Council on the hiring of a Chief Information Officer.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

19. Order 209368

By City Councilor Hirsch

209368 (ID:22212) That the Police Chief inform this Council how enforcement of the new handsfree driving law will be implemented.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

20. Order 209369

By City Councilor Hirsch

That the Director of Finance inform this Council on the impact of the Student Opportunities Act on state aid.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

21. Communication By City Councilor Hirsch

209370 (ID:22210)

(ID:22213)

Relaying information about the SomerVision 2040 draft revision, comment, and endorsement process and timeline.

Councilor Hirsch said the Somervision Committee will present a draft of the Somervision 2040 chapters and metrics to the Planning Board on 12/19. The public comment period may be kept open until the end of January. The final decision is the Planning Board's.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

22. Order 209371 (ID:22248) By City Councilor McLaughlin

That Rule 24 of the Rules of this Council is hereby amended to allow the President to serve as Chair of a Committee, remove the requirement that the President and Vice President serve on the Finance and Legislative Matters Committees, add the Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations as a Standing Committee, and eliminate the Committees on Senior Services, Veteran and Public Services, and Youth Services.

Councilor McLaughlin urged adoption of these changes before 2020. He said that allowing the President to serve as chair of a committee would spread that responsibility among all councilors, and that eliminating the requirement that the President and Vice President serve on the Finance and Legislative Matters Committees would free up 4 slots for councilors, and that consolidating several committees into a single Equity Committee would allow it to take on all types of equity and vulnerable population challenges. Councilor Niedergang warned of the power a future President could wield if chairing an important committee. Councilor Davis suggested preventing the President from chairing just Finance and Legislative Matters. Councilor McLaughlin then moved to amend his proposal, to maintain the prohibition on the President serving as a chair or vice chair, and it was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

**ABSENT:** White Jr.

**AMENDED:** The Sponsor withdrew the proposal allowing the

President to serve as Chair of a Committee.

23. Order 209372 (ID:22216) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah

That the Director of SPCD prepare a plan for congestion pricing tolls to address traffic and air pollution.

Councilor McLaughlin suggested reading the Boston Globe's Spotlight Series on traffic, which talks about the politicians' lack of will to do something about traffic.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

24. Order 209373 (ID:22217) By City Councilor McLaughlin

That the Chief of Police post a patrol car on the corner of Pearl and Jasper Streets during the morning commute to discourage illegal turns into Jasper Street.

Councilor McLaughlin requested to waive the readings of items 24 through 27 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

25. Order 209374 (ID:22218) By City Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of SPCD remove the NO U TURN sign on Broadway by Wisconsin Avenue, or explain why it shouldn't be removed.

RESULT: APPROVED

26. Order 209375 (ID:22219)

By City Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works address the dangerous hanging electrical wires on Perkins Street, between Mt. Vernon and Myrtle Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

27. Order 209376 (ID:22220) By City Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of SPCD paint a DON'T BLOCK THE BOX decal on the corner Washington and Franklin Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

28. Order 209377 (ID:22221) By City Councilor Niedergang

That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to ban the sale of alcohol in containers up to 100 milliliters, including "nips," to enhance public health and reduce litter, plastic use, and public drunkenness.

Councilor Niedergang commented that banning nips was extremely successful in Chelsea.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

29. Communication By City Councilor Niedergang

209378 (ID:22222) Reporting on the first meeting of the Parking Study Task Force.

Councilor Niedergang reported that the Task Force met on 12/4. They expect to create a scope of work in January, and a resident survey in February.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

30. Communication By City Councilor Niedergang

209379

Reporting on the December 12, 2019 meeting of the Traffic Commission.

(ID:22223)

Councilor Niedergang reported that the Traffic Commission voted tonight to unanimously adopt the policy restricting residential parking permits for new developments in transit oriented districts.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

31. Resolution By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Mbah, Davis, Hirsch, Scott, White 209380 Jr., Niedergang, Ballantyne, McLaughlin

(ID:22224) Supporting House Bill H.3924, the Tenant Protection Act.

Councilor Ewen-Campen explained that this Bill would allow cities to enact a variety of different tenant protections.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

32. Resolution By City Councilor Ewen-Campen

209381 (ID:22225) That the Administration commit to include infrastructure changes and traffic signaling improvements at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Walnut Street to line up with the completion of Phase I of the Central Hill Campus Plan.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

33. Order By City Councilor Ewen-Campen

209382 (ID:22226) That the Director of Engineering commit to repave Highland Avenue from Medford to School Streets prior to the completion of Phase I of the Central Hill Campus plan, as outlined explicitly in the Pavement and Sidewalk

Management Program.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

34. Order By City Councilor Ewen-Campen

209383 (ID:22227) That the Director of SPCD update this Council on usage data for the Blue Bike expansion stations of 2019, and plans for expanding the system in future years.

Councilor Ewen-Campen requested to waive the reading of item 34 and refer it to the Traffic and Parking Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

35. Resolution 209384 (ID:22228) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen

Thanking the Department of Public Works for keeping the bike lanes clear of snow during the first snow emergency of 2019.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

36. Resolution 209385 (ID:22233) By City Councilor Mbah, Clingan, Davis, Hirsch, Scott, White Jr., Niedergang, Ballantyne, Rossetti, McLaughlin

Supporting the Harvard Graduate Students Union and calling on Harvard

University to bargain a fair contract in good faith.

Councilor Ewen-Campen recused.

Councilor Mbah encouraged support for the Harvard Graduate Students Union, which is striking for a fair contract. Councilor Mbah sponsored Union member Jonathan Boothe to speak, and he thanked the Council for supporting the Resolution, and said the strike is now in its tenth day.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

37. Order 209386 (ID:22229)

By City Councilor Mbah

The the Director of Inspectional services enforce current snow clearance regulations on business and residential properties, with follow-through as snow melts and re-freezes during each snow event.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

38. Order 209387 (ID:22230) By City Councilor Mbah

That the Commissioner of Public Works address the gaps in snow removal at corners and intersections.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

39. Order 209388 (ID:22231) By City Councilor Mbah

That the Commissioner of Public Works clear snow from sidewalks and crosswalks in at least the squares, arterial roads, and bus routes.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

40. Order 209389 (ID:22232) By City Councilor Mbah

That the Director of SPCD and the Commissioner of Public Works commit to provide a year-round safe pedestrian environment.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee 41. Order

By City Councilor Mbah 209390

(ID:22234)

That the Director of SPCD replace the missing street signs off North Street, and replace the smaller signs with clearly visible signs on poles.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

42. Communication By City Councilor Ballantyne

209391

Acting as President, cancelling the Regular meeting of this Council that was

(ID:22253) scheduled for December 26, 2019.

> **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

43. Grant of Location Submitted by ExteNet Systems to install a small cell wireless antenna and related equipment on an existing utility pole near 59 Dartmouth Street.

209187 (ID:22040)

**RESULT:** LAID ON THE TABLE

**FOLLOWUP:** City Council

44. Resolution 209284

By City Councilor Scott

Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.

(ID:22154)

**RESULT:** LAID ON THE TABLE

**FOLLOWUP:** City Council

45. Resolution 209287

By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne, Mbah That the Administration find a way for this Council to provide feedback on the

(ID:22150)

draft SomerVision 2040 Committee report prior to its finalization.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

46. Communication By City Councilor Rossetti

209291

Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of November 18,

2019. (ID:22118)

> Councilor Rossetti reported that the Committee recently discovered structural damage on the east and west outer walls, with the impact on the budget as yet unknown. Furniture and equipment bids have been received and are being reviewed. The topping off ceremony will be held on 12/19.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

# REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

<u>47.</u>	CONFIRMAT	ION OF APPOINTM	MENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE	
	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on December 9, 2019.		
	209392 (ID:22238)	Conservation Co	reported that the Committee considered candidates for the ommission, as well as a few renewals for Constable and an the Affordable Housing Trust.  APPROVED	
B. Mayor's Request 205124 (ID:17813)	Requesting the re-appointment of Rachel Borgatti to the Conservation Commission.			
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
C. Mayor's Request 205125 (ID:17814)	Request	Requesting the re-appointment of Owen Wartella to the Conservation Commission.		
		RESULT:	WITHDRAWN	
Reque 20721	Mayor's Request	Requesting the re Conservation Cor	-appointment of Michael Fager as a member of the mmission.	
	207213 (ID:19917)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
	Mayor's Request	Requesting the re-appointment of David Turin as a member of the Conservation Commission.		
	207214 (ID:19918)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
F.	Mayor's Request 209091 (ID:21908)	Requesting the re	-appointment of Catello Battinelli II as Constable.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
G.	Mayor's Request 209092 (ID:21909)	Requesting the re	-appointment of Mary Battinelli as Constable.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
H.	Mayor's Request 209093 (ID:21910)	Requesting the re	-appointment of Alan Bishop as Constable.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
I.	Mayor's Request	Requesting confir Housing Trust.	rmation of the appointment of David Gibbs to the Affordable	
	209235 (ID:22017)	RESULT:	APPROVED	

J. Mayor's Request 209236 (ID:22018) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Newton Tedder to the Conservation Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

K. Mayor's Request 209237 (ID:22090) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Aladdine Joroff to the Conservation Commission.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

L. Mayor's Request 209318 (ID:22130) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Heather D. Heimarck to the Community Preservation Committee.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

### 48. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 209393 (ID:22235) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on December 3, 2019.

Councilor White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. Councilor White first moved to sever #s 209230, 209305, 209307 and 209304. He then moved to amend the report to return #s 209312 and 209313 to the Finance Committee. He then briefly reviewed the balance of the Committee report, including the setting of the tax rate for FY20, and moved for its approval as amended, which was so approved by the Council.

Councilor White then addressed the 4 severed items, all having to do with a proposed Central Hill park and playground. Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry Luisa Oliveira addressed the Council, saying that all 4 items must be approved this evening or the City would lose a State grant. Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke in favor of the proposal. Councilor Rossetti expressed frustration that there was no new parking being created for the new High School, and said she couldn't support this project without new parking, for families to attend plays, concerts, and sporting events, and for families and caregivers to visit the nearby Faulkner Towers senior housing development. Councilor White stated that a no vote would cost the city a \$400,000 grant and put the city behind schedule on Central Hill landscaping. Councilors Davis, Hirsch and Ewen-Campen added their frustration about the parking situation, and Councilors Scott, Niedergang, Clingan, Mbah and McLaughlin expressed the need for the grant. Councilor Ewen-Campen said he's tried and been unable to get a commitment for more parking from the Mayor.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Order 204888 (ID:17655) By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Director of Finance report to this Board how much money was spent per year on girls' programs and boys' programs during FY16, FY17 and FY18 to date.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Resolution 205086

(ID:17845)

By City Councilor 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.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

D. Officer's Communication Financial Report.

Finance Director submitting the city's FY 2017 Comprehensive Annual

205316 (ID:18025)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

E. Order By City Councilor Ballantyne

205905 (ID:18665) That the Director of SPCD provide to this Board, in conjunction with its FY19 budget review, a list of upcoming commercial development and include the square footage and linkage payment projections, with corresponding payment dates.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 206164 By City Councilor Scott

(ID:18950)

That, pursuant to Ordinance 2-121, this Board authorizes and requires the employment of other counsel to issue legal opinion and assist in resolving the questions of the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee around sequencing of appointments and confirmation, and on release of requested information from the Administration for consideration by the Committee.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

G. Order By City Councilor Scott

206486 (ID:19293) That the City take by eminent domain for a public purpose the property at 217 Somerville Ave, for the sum of \$1,200,000.

#### **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

H. Officer's Special Counsel conveying the City's GLX License Agreements.

Communication 206886 (ID:19624)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

I. **Public** 

23 residents submitting a petition re: #206486, a proposed order of taking at Communication 217 Somerville Ave.

207563 (ID:20368)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

J. **Public** 

62 residents submitting a petition re: #206486, a proposed order of taking at Communication 217 Somerville Ave.

207583 (ID:20385)

WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:** 

K. Public

Renee Scott submitting comments re: #206486, a proposed Order of Taking at Communication 217 Somerville Ave.

207645 (ID:20452)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

L. Officer's Communication Report.

Community Preservation Act Manager submitting the FY19 CPA Annual

208347 (ID:21148)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

M. Resolution 208697

By City Councilor McLaughlin, Mbah

That the Administration consider granting free use of Blue Bikes to city staff.

(ID:21572)

(ID:21805)

WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:** 

N. Order 208988 By City Councilor White Jr.

That the Chief Assessor utilize a valuation method for commercial real estate that takes into account the financial impact of the bridge closings on businesses located in such properties.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

O. Order 209064 (ID:21922) By City Councilor Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD report on how the funds allocated for the "Bridge Hopper' shuttle will be re-allocated, in light of data showing that the Bridge Hopper shuttle has shown low ridership.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

Ordinance P. 209199 (ID:22067) By City Councilor White Jr.

Proposing an amendment to Ordinance 2-123 - Prosecution of Legal Proceedings, to add a new last sentence: "Such notice shall include the name(s) of the plaintiff(s), a description of the nature of the claims brought by the plaintiff(s), and the amount of damages and any other relief sought by the plaintiff(s)."

**RESULT:** 

ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES:

Hirsch, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Mbah

Q. Mayor's Request 209227 (ID:22091) Requesting the appropriation of \$2,300,000 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Parking Meter Receipts Account in order to reduce the FY2020 Tax Levy.

**RESULT:** APPROVED R. Mayor's Request 209230 (ID:22002) Requesting acceptance of a \$400,000 grant that requires a match, from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to the SPCD Parks and Urban Forestry Division for the Central Hill Playground.

APPROVED. [10 TO 1] **RESULT:** 

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

NAYS: Rossetti

S. Mayor's Request 209231 (ID:22051) Requesting acceptance of a \$68,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for the purchase of a K-9 vehicle.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

T. Mayor's Request 209232 (ID:22057) Requesting acceptance of a \$25,600 grant with no new match required, from the MA Emergency Management Agency to the Health and Human Services Department for emergency preparedness equipment trailers and implementation of a live drill to test an emergency dispensing plan.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

U. Officer's

Assistant City Solicitor requesting to appear in Executive Session to discuss Communication settlement of a pending claim.

209239 (ID:22000)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

V. Mayor's Request 209265 (ID:22054) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$75,000 to the Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund to replace the pool filter.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

W. Mayor's Request 209266 (ID:22001)

Requesting approval of a transfer of \$3,000 within SPCD's Economic Development Division, from its Ordinary Maintenance Account to its Personal Services Account, for a temporary fabrication lab door monitor.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

X. Mayor's Request 209273 (ID:22098)

Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$500,000 to the Engineering Division Capital Outlay Street Repairs Account in order to perform mill and overlay paving of the travel way in prioritized streets.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

Y. Officer's 209275 (ID:22116)

Chief Assessor's Classification Hearing Report regarding the adoption of Tax Communication Levy Percentages for FY 2020, including a minimum residential factor and a residential exemption.

> PLACED ON FILE **RESULT:**

Z. Mayor's Request 209276 (ID:22134) Requesting to transfer CPA funds totaling \$468,808 from the CPA Undesignated Fund Balance to designated CPA reserves per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

AA. Mayor's Request 209277 (ID:22133) Requesting to transfer CPA funds totaling \$10,781 from the CPA Fund Budgeted Reserve to designated CPA reserves.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

AB. Mayor's Request 209278 (ID:22132) Requesting to appropriate \$12,683 from excess FY20 Community Preservation Act Fund revenue to the Community Preservation Act Fund Budgeted Reserve.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

AC. Mayor's Request 209304 (ID:22125) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$4,351,000 in a bond for Central Hill Campus Park and Open Space Improvements.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [10 TO 1]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

NAYS: Rossetti

AD. Mayor's Request 209305 (ID:22131) Requesting approval to dedicate Central Hill Playground to Open Space and Recreational Use in perpetuity.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AE. Mayor's Request 209307 (ID:22138) Requesting the appropriation of \$300,000 from the CPA FY20 Fund for the construction of Central Hill Campus Phase I.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

AF. Mayor's Request 209308 (ID:22136) Requesting the appropriation of \$205,436 from the CPA FY20 Fund to the Somerville Museum for construction of an elevator.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

AG. Mayor's Request 209309 (ID:22137) Requesting the appropriation of \$200,000 from the CPA FY20 Fund for the Open Space Acquisition and Improvements Stabilization Fund.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Mbah

AH. Mayor's Request 209310 (ID:22135) Requesting the appropriation of \$38,000 from the CPA Fund Historic Resources Reserve Account to the Elizabeth Peabody House Association for an addressable fire alarm system.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

AI. Mayor's Request 209312 (ID:22052) Requesting the appropriation of \$25,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund in order to fund design services for Dilboy Field improvements.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

AJ. Mayor's Request 209313 (ID:22140) Requesting an appropriation of \$150,000 from Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings for design services for field improvements.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

AK. Mayor's Request 209316 (ID:22123) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$3,117.96 using available funds in the Building and Grounds Fire Alarm Account for the payment of the Settlement Agreement with Simplex Grinnell.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

AL. Officer's
Communication
209320

Officer's Community Preservation Act Manager submitting a summary of FY20 Communication Community Preservation Act funding recommendations.

(ID:22139)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AM. Resolution 209394

By City Councilor Ewen-Campen

209394 That the Administration comply with #206164, relative to the employment of other counsel to help resolve questions of the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee relative to appointments.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

AN. Resolution 209395 (ID:22257) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Administration provide the timeline for re-paving Highland Avenue, including any planned projects.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

AO. Order 209396 (ID:22258) By City Councilor White Jr.

That this Council adopts a minimum residential factor of 87.9553 as the legal minimum for FY20.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Mbah

AP. Order 209397 (ID:22259) By City Councilor White Jr.

That this Council accepts the provisions of MGL c59 s5C approving the residential exemption of 35% of average assessed value for owner occupied property for FY20.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Mbah

# 49. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 209398 (ID:22240) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on December 10, 2019.

Councilor Davis reported that the meeting began with a joint public hearing with the Planning Board for the most recent version of the Zoning Overhaul. The video of the meeting and materials from the meeting can be viewed at www.somervillezoning.com. The Planning Board voted to recommend the zoning with a few adjustments.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

**AMENDED:** #209339 was replaced with #209438, which was then

Amended, Approved, Enrolled and Ordained.

B. Mayor's Request 209339 (ID:22173) Requesting the adoption of a New Zoning Ordinance to supersede the current Zoning Ordinance as originally adopted on March 23, 1990.

Replaced by #209438, which was Amended, Approved, Enrolled and Ordained.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

#### 50. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

# A. Committee Report 209399 (ID:22237)

Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on December 5, 2019.

Councilor Niedergang reported that the Committee worked on a ban on gas powered leaf blowers and a speed limit reduction on Broadway and State roadways. But the main item of discussion was a Home Rule Petition that would authorize the City to provide tenants the right to purchase the residential property where they live when that property is offered for sale. The Committee recommended approval of the item.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

**AMENDED:** #209041 was replaced with #209409, which was then

Amended, Approved, Enrolled and Ordained.

B. Mayor's Request 205118 (ID:17825) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to preserve affordable housing through a tenant's right to purchase.

# RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

C. Order 205343 (ID:18096) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott

That the Director of SPCD contact local mortgage lenders to determine how the proposed "Tenants Right to Purchase" policy might affect the ability of home-buyers to secure financing, and report back to this Board in writing.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 205344 (ID:18097) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD contact several Title Insurance brokers and ascertain their views on whether the proposed "Tenants Right to Purchase" policy would affect their ability to provide title insurance, and report back to this Board in writing.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Mayor's Request 209041 (ID:21863) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition that would authorize the City to provide tenants the right to purchase the residential property in which they reside when that property is being offered for sale.

Replaced by #209409, which was Approved, for the adopted text.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

#### LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE 51.

A. Committee Report 209400 (ID:22241) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on December 11, 2019.

Councilor Rossetti reported on the items discussed at the meeting. First was a public hearing on Flammables and Garage licenses for DW Propco, in the North Point area abutting Cambridge. No members of the public were present to speak, and the licenses were approved. Then the Committee addressed an amendment to Ordinance 9-31 regarding wage theft. Councilor Rossetti gave a brief background on the Wage Theft Ordinance and said the Committee voted unanimously to recommend its adoption. Councilors Scott and Clingan spoke in favor of the Ordinance.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AS AMENDED

**AMENDED:** #208476 was replaced with #209439, which was then

Approved, Enrolled and Ordained.

B. Ordinance 208476 (ID:21318) By City Councilor Rossetti, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Davis, Hirsch, Ballantyne, Clingan, White Jr.

That this Council's Committee on Licenses and Permits consider the attached amendment to Ordinance 9-31 regarding Wage Theft.

Replaced by #209439, which was Approved, Enrolled and Ordained.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**APPROVED** 

C. License/Permit New Flammables License, DW Propco JK LLC, 0 Dawes Street, storing 2,500 209260 (ID:22087)

gallons.

**RESULT:** 

D.

License/Permit New Garage License, DW Propco JK LLC, 0 Dawes Street, 118 vehicles inside, none outside, for storing vehicles only.

209261 (ID:22089)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

#### OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE 52.

A. Committee Report 209401 (ID:22236) Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on December 4, 2019.

Councilor Mbah, given the late hour, gave a very brief summary of the items discussed.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

В. Order 200299 (ID:12956) By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD, the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Sustainability and Environment consider the pros and cons of artificial turf and identify alternative designs for publicly accessible open space.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED C. Order 201432 (ID:14110) By City Councilor Niedergang

That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment and the Commissioner of Public Works explore alternatives, such as a "pay as you throw" program, to limit the amount of curbside trash, and integrate curbside composting.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Resolution 205708 (ID:18540) By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Mbah, White Jr.

That the Administration immediately pursue creation of a public athletic field and recreation complex atop the 36,000 square foot parking deck proposed for construction in the Union Square eminent domain parcel currently designated "D-2".

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Resolution 205935 (ID:18702) By City Councilor Hirsch, McLaughlin, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan That the Administration inform this Board of any opportunities to incentivize waste reduction, such as opt-in composting, PAYT, or charges to phone book distributors for disposal costs.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 207374 (ID:20197) By City Councilor Mbah

That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and the Director of SPCD improve bus reliability and trip time and report to this Board, quarterly, on progress made.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order 207910 (ID:20714) By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of Sustainability and Environment present the upcoming plan for Community Choice Electricity Aggregation.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Order 207911 (ID:20715) By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of Sustainability and Environment discuss the FY18 and FY19 recycling and trash tonnage, impacts, proposed changes and other issues pertinent to this topic.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Order 207912 (ID:20716) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Mbah

That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and the Director of Purchasing discuss the Procurement Sustainability Policy, to purchase products from environmentally responsible companies.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Order 208380 (ID:21219) By City Councilor Niedergang

That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment report to this Council on Newton's electricity aggregation program that provides as the standard service 60% of its electricity from renewable sources, and whether it could be adopted here.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. Order 208382 (ID:21221) By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah, Ballantyne

That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment and the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Council the best approaches to banning or regulating plastic alcohol nip bottles, and report on any discussions that have taken place on this topic with liquor store managers and owners.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

L. Order 208825 (ID:21645) By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang, Ballantyne

That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment explore the feasibility and utility of mattress recycling, such as Cambridge's UTEC program, as well as any plans for reusing or recycling other large household items.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

M. Resolution 209049 (ID:21869) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Scott, Mbah, Hirsch, Niedergang, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Rossetti

That the Administration report whether any per- and poly-fluoroalkyl chemicals are present in any artificial turf in the City.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

N. Order 209152 (ID:21975) By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of Parks and Recreation update this Council regarding quality control review, contractor warranty policy, and field use data of the Lincoln Park athletic field.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

O. Order 209153 (ID:21976) By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of Sustainability and Environment provide this Council with an update on Somerville Climate Forward's goal #11, the plan for implementation in the short term.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

P. Order 209154 (ID:21977) By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and the Director of SPCD plan to incentivize property owners to use clean ways of cooking and heating, since buildings are the greatest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Q. Order 209155 (ID:21978) By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of Sustainability and Environment update this Council on the Community Choice Aggregation bulk purchase of electricity.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

R. Order 209156 (ID:21979) By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of Purchasing and all departments procure services from environmentally-responsible companies for city operations (e.g. electric vehicles for garbage pickup, zero emissions equipment for landscaping, etc.).

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

S. Resolution 209157

(ID:21980)

By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Administration enforce vehicle idling laws for city vehicles,

commercial vehicles and personal vehicles.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

# 53. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 209402

(ID:22239)

Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on December 9,

2019.

Councilor Niedergang reported that the Committee conducted a very lively public hearing on the new Broadway Bus and Bike Lanes.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

#### COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

54. Mayor's Request 209403 (ID:22008) Requesting approval to extend the contract with Tom Irwin Advisors for another year to complete specialized training of the Parks and Recreation Department field laborers.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

55. Mayor's Request 209404 (ID:22019) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Titania Ng to the Conservation Commission.

Councilor Ewen-Campen requested to waive the readings of items 55 through 58 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

56. Mayor's Request 209405 (ID:22194) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Henry Ayanna to the Urban Forestry Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

57. Mayor's Request 209406 (ID:22195) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Conor Guidarelli to the Urban Forestry Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

58. Mayor's

Request 209407 (ID:22204)

Requesting the re-appointment of Darcy Haynes as Constable.

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

Committee

59. Mayor's Communication 209408

(ID:22169)

Mayor's Responding to #208818, an Order to provide a list of fatal or debilitating Communication crashes for the past 10 years, with the requested data attached.

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 59 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

#### COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

**RESULT:** 

60. Officer's Communication

(ID:22205)

Housing Division and Office of Housing Stability submitting a revised Right To Purchase Home Rule Petition

Communication To Purchase Home Rule Petition. 209409

For discussion of this item see #209041.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

**AMENDED:** In Section 4(b), delete the phrase "parent or natural or

adoptive child, or natural or adoptive grandchild" with

the phrase "parent, child, or grandchild".

61. Officer's
Communication
209410
(ID:22190)

Officer's Director of Health and Human Services conveying a memo re: the small bottle Communication survey results and recommendations.

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 61 and place it on file with a copy to the Public Health and Public Safety Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

62. License/Permit Public Event License, Jingle Bell 5K Walk/Run, Davis Sq area, Dec 15, 7AM-209411 2PM.

(ID:22247)

Councilor Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 62 through 69 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

63. License/Permit 209412

Renewing Automatic Amusement Devices License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Dr.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

License/Permit 64. 209413 (ID:22199)

(ID:22196)

Renewing Dog Kennel License, Elliots House Pet Care and More, 230 Somerville Avenue.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

65. License/Permit 209414 (ID:22197)

Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Brass Union, 66 Union Sq.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

66. 209415 (ID:22198)

License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, True Grounds, 717 Broadway.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

67. License/Permit 209416

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Auto Sales, 525 Broadway.

(ID:22200)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

68. License/Permit 209417

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Mystic Auto Sales, 712 Mystic Ave.

(ID:22201)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

69. License/Permit 209418 (ID:22245)

New Extended Operating Hours License, Ever Fitness 2, 14 McGrath Highway, seeking to remain open for in-store services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  70. Public

Alessandro & Elaine T. Leccese Family Trust proposing a zoning amendment Communication to re-zone their properties at 198 Washington Street to MR5.

209419 (ID:22254)

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 70 and refer it to the Land Use Committee and to the Planning Board. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

71. **Public** 209420

(ID:22255)

Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #209304, a proposed \$4,351,000 bond Communication for Central Hill Campus Park and open space improvements.

> President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 71 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

# SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

72. Order By City Councilor Niedergang, Clingan

> 209421 (ID:22260)

That the Director of SPCD implement traffic-calming measures for Central Street between Highland Avenue and Broadway as soon as possible, since traffic has increased dramatically with the Broadway reconfiguration, and will increase even more with the coming School Street closure.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

73. Order By City Councilor Clingan 209422

(ID:22261)

That the Commissioner of Public Works move the right turn arrow signal at the corner of Broadway and Temple Street to a more visible location.

Councilor Clingan requested to waive the readings of items 73, 75, 76 and 78 and refer them to the Public Utilities and Public Works Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

74. Order By City Councilor Clingan 209423

That the Director of Parking move the NO TURN ON RED sign at the corner of Broadway and Temple Street to a more visible location. (ID:22262)

> Councilor Clingan requested to waive the readings of items 74 and 79 and refer them to the Traffic and Parking Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee 75. Order 209424 (ID:22263)

By City Councilor Clingan

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the abandoned newspaper boxes that are in front of the Winter Hill Post Office.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

76. Order 209425 (ID:22264)

By City Councilor Clingan

That the Commissioner of Public Works place a trash receptacle in front of the Winter Hill Post Office.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

77. Order 209426 (ID:22265)

By City Councilor Clingan

That the Director of SPCD create a plan to improve pedestrian and traffic safety at the intersection of Broadway (southbound) and Walnut Street, and at the intersection of Broadway (northbound) and Fellsway West, and work with relevant departments to deploy short term solutions until the plan is implemented.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

78. Order 209427 (ID:22266) By City Councilor Clingan

That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 116 Sycamore Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

79. Order 209428 (ID:22267)

By City Councilor Clingan

That the Director of Parking increase enforcement of the NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER regulations at the intersections of Central Street at Forster Street and Sycamore Street at Browning Road.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

80. Resolution 209429 (ID:22270)

By City Councilor McLaughlin, Hirsch, Ballantyne, Clingan, Davis That the Administration consider promoting grants for homeowners willing to build a third deed restricted affordable unit, as allowed under the new zoning overhaul.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

81. Mayor's Request 209430 (ID:22275) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,710,959 from the Salary Contingency, Salary Account to specified Fire Department Personal Services and Special Items Accounts to fund the FY20 compensation portion of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Firefighters Local 76.

Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 81 through 87 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

Later in the meeting, Councilor Scott moved reconsideration of items 81 and 82, in the hope that reconsideration be approved. The Council voted to reconsider the items, and Councilor Scott urged that they be approved, in order to fund the Firefighters' new contract before the holidays. The Council then approved both items.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

82. Mayor's Request 209431 (ID:22276) Requesting the appropriation of \$55,500 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to the specified Personnel Department Accounts to fund the FY20 compensation portion of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Firefighters Local 76.

For discussion of this item, see #209430.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

83. Mayor's Request 209432 (ID:22193) Requesting authorization to increase the Somertime Revolving Fund to \$100,000, from \$65,000, because of increased programs.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Finance Committee

84. Mayor's Request 209433 (ID:22246) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$21,000 from the Police Holidays Account to the Animal Control Kennel Account, to cover FY20 costs.

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

85. Mayor's Request 209434 (ID:21914) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$11,900 in the Police Animal Control Division, from the Personal Services Salary Account to the Kennel Account, to cover FY20 costs.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

86. Mayor's Request 209435 (ID:22172) Requesting acceptance of a \$25,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Environmental Protection to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for 2 public electric vehicle charging stations.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

87. Mayor's Request 209436 (ID:22189) Requesting acceptance of a \$17,797.00 grant with no new match required, from the Office of Justice Programs to the Police Department for Patrol Bicycles and related accessories.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

88. Officer's Communication 209437 (ID:22274)

Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #209339, requesting adoption of a new Zoning Ordinance to supersede the current Zoning Ordinance as originally adopted on March 23, 1990.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

89. Officer's Communication 209438 (ID:22273)

Planning Director submitting an update to #209339, the proposed overhaul of the Zoning Ordinance, to supersede the current Zoning Ordinance as originally adopted on March 23, 1990, incorporating amendments from the Land Use Committee on December 10, 2019.

Councilor Davis and several Councilors praised Planner Dan Bartman and the Planning Board for their work on this Ordinance, and spoke favorably of the impact it will have on the city. Councilor Scott said he wanted to propose several amendments. First, in the Glossary in Article 2, he moved to substitute the word "rock" for "inorganic" in the definition of Landscape Area, and the amendment was approved. He then moved to add to Section 10.3 - Development Standards Landscaping Section language to note that natural or synthetic rubber surfaces are prohibited as site landscaping. Councilor Davis expressed concerned that this amendment could impact playground surfaces. Councilor Niedergang asked whether a church or private school that wanted to install a natural or synthetic rubber surface would be affected, and Mr. Bartman confirmed that it would. Councilor Niedergang said he was not prepared to support this without further discussion, and Councilor Scott decided to withdraw this amendment, and the remainder of the amendments, and take them up in the next session. For further discussion of this item see #209339.

**RESULT:** ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [10 TO 1]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

NAYS: Hirsch

**AMENDED:** In the Glossary definition of Landscape Area, replace the

word "inorganic" with the word "rock".

90. Officer's 209439 (ID:22277)

City Clerk submitting an updated Wage Theft Ordinance, inclusive of Communication amendments approved by the Licenses and Permits Committee on December 11, 2019.

For discussion of this item see #208476.

**RESULT:** ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

91. Officer's 209440

(ID:22272)

Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management responding to pending Communication Agenda Items 22225 and 22226 re: Highland Avenue improvements, and supporting #209304, a bond for the Central Hill Campus Park.

> For discussion of this item see #209393, the Finance Committee Report that addressed the Central Hill park and playground.

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT:** 

#### LATE ITEMS

92. Order By City Councilor Ballantyne

> 209441 That the Director of SPCD include the entirety of West Somerville

(ID:22278) Neighborhood School open space for renovation planning as discussed at a

December 2018 community meeting.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

93. Order By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD add more bike racks to the West Somerville 209442

(ID:22279) Neighborhood School.

> **RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

94. Order By City Councilor Ballantyne, Rossetti

> That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Health and 209443

Human Services discuss the city's road salting policy and residents' concerns (ID:22280) about environmental impacts, health impacts and the expense of "over-salting."

> **RESULT: APPROVED**

Public Utilities and Public Works Committee **FOLLOWUP:** 

95. Order By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott

209444

That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Finance advise this Council, in (ID:22281) writing, why, with an appropriation of \$9.3 million, the grass field at Lincoln

Park was incorrectly installed the first time.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

96. Order By City Councilor Niedergang

> 209445 That the Director of SPCD adjust the light signal timing at Central and

Medford Streets so pedestrians have enough time to cross safely. (ID:22282)

> **APPROVED RESULT:**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee 97. Mayor's Communication

Providing information on the Central Hill Campus Park Phase 1.

209446 (ID:22284) For discussion of this item see #209393, the Finance Committee Report that addressed the Central Hill park and playground.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 12:15 AM.