

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

April 22, 2021, 7:00 PM  
 Meeting by Remote Participation  
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**OPENING CEREMONIES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Wilfred N. Mbah	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Kristen Strezo	City Councilor at Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One City Councilor	Present	
Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott	Ward Two City Councilor	Present	
Ben Ewen-Campen	Ward Three City Councilor	Present	
Jesse Clingan	Ward Four City Councilor	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five City Councilor	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six City Councilor	Absent	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven City Councilor	Present	

1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
 211695  
 (ID:24632)                      **RESULT:            PLACED ON FILE**
  
2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
 211696  
 (ID:24633)                      Councilors White sponsored a moment of silence for Mary Walker.  
    Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Matthew Ansen.  
    **RESULT:            APPROVED**
  
3. Minutes                        Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 25, 2021.  
 211697  
 (ID:24634)                      **RESULT:            APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
    **AYES:**            Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,  
    Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
    **ABSENT:**        Davis

**CITATIONS**

4. Citation 211698 (ID:24618) By City Councilor Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Strezio, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr., and the Mayor Commending the Elizabeth Peabody House on the auspicious occasion of its 125th anniversary of support to the families of our community.

Councilor Clingan spoke about Elizabeth Peabody House's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and sponsored Elizabeth Peabody House Board Member Louise Coughlan, who expressed the gratitude of the entire Board for this honor and for the city's support.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5. Grant of Location 211699 (ID:24694) Submitted by Comcast to install 80 feet of conduit in Broadway, from Utility Pole 220/1 to a point of pickup at the rear of 1244 Broadway.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Robert Rugman from Comcast spoke in favor of this item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis

6. Grant of Location 211700 (ID:24689) Submitted by Verizon to install 100 feet of conduit in Broadway, from Manhole 44/65 to an existing handhole near 16 Broadway.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. James Watt from Verizon spoke in favor of the item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. In response to President McLaughlin's questions, Mr. Watt said the Verizon projects in Ward 1 would each take no more than a day, wouldn't shut down traffic, and would be accompanied by a police detail as needed.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis

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7. Grant of Location 211701 (ID:24690) Submitted by Verizon to install 85 feet of conduit in Pennsylvania Ave, from Manhole 117 to an existing handhole near the intersection of Pennsylvania Ave and Vermont Ave.
- President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. James Watt from Verizon spoke in favor of this item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis
8. Grant of Location 211702 (ID:24693) Submitted by Verizon to install 80 feet of conduit in Broadway, from Manhole 44/87 to an existing handhole near the intersection of Broadway and Temple St.
- President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. James Watt from Verizon spoke in favor of this item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis
9. Grant of Location 211703 (ID:24691) Submitted by Verizon to install 45 feet of conduit in Broadway, from Manhole 307 to an existing handhole near the intersection of Broadway and Rush St.
- President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. James Watt from Verizon spoke in favor of this item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis
10. Grant of Location 211704 (ID:24692) Submitted by Verizon to install 40 feet of conduit in Broadway, from Manhole 315 to an existing handhole near the intersection of Broadway and Kenneson Road.
- President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. James Watt from Verizon spoke in favor of this item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

11. Resolution 211705 (ID:24616) By City Councilor Strezio, Ballantyne Supporting the I AM bill (H.2354 & S.1445), to increase access to disposable menstrual products in prisons, homeless shelters and public schools.

Councilor Strezio noted that these products are available in Somerville's Public Schools, but not in all schools in the Commonwealth, and she feels this is an issue of equity.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis

12. Order 211706 (ID:24597) By City Councilor Strezio That the Directors of Engineering and Public Works discuss with the Housing and Community Development Committee, painting bright colors or stripes on the new slanted sidewalks along Medford Street, from Lowell Street to Pearl Street, to make them more visible.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

13. Communication 211707 (ID:24617) By City Councilor Strezio Reporting on a recent meeting of the Children's Cabinet.

Councilor Strezio reported that there was a discussion about forming an organization to make childcare more affordable.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis

14. Order 211708 (ID:24612) By City Councilor Davis, Strezio That the Director of Health and Human Services update the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, in writing and in person, on what steps have been taken and are planned to provide services to our neighbors experiencing homelessness, mental illness, and addiction.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

15. Ordinance 211709 (ID:24620) By City Councilor Niedergang Submitting a revised Leaf Blower Ordinance regulating the use of leaf blowers.

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

16. Order 211710 (ID:24621) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Directors of SPCD and Communications work with the Police, the Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Pedestrian Transit Advisory Committee to implement a “Stop on the Line Every Time” traffic safety public education and enforcement campaign.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

17. Order 211711 (ID:24622) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD work with the Police Department, especially the Traffic Division, to train all Officers on Vision Zero.

Councilor Niedergang spoke about comments from Walk Boston and listed some of the core elements of Vision Zero. Councilor Ballantyne added that she, too, had submitted similar items during the past few months.  
**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

18. Order 211712 (ID:24623) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Chief of Police report to this Council on steps taken to train and incentivize Detail Officers to enforce traffic laws when they observe motorists driving unsafely.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

19. Resolution 211713 (ID:24624) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Administration advise this Council on a plan to improve the consistency of staffing attendance for especially dangerous Traffic Management Plans, including the current Belmont Street traffic detour.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen explained that the traffic management plan for detouring Spring Hill traffic the wrong way on a one-way street has nearly caused several accidents due to a lack of Detail Officers and he asked that this be addressed.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
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20. Order 211714 (ID:24625) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Commissioner of Public Works advise employees not to staple signs onto trees.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis
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21. Order 211715 (ID:24626) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Directors of SPCD and Health and Human Services discuss options for the Somerville Homeless Coalition and other community based organizations who need public spaces for engagement centers to meet unsheltered people in a safe and private environment.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee
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22. Order 211716 (ID:24627) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezio, Scott That the Directors of Health and Human Services and Infrastructure and Asset Management advise this Council whether gender neutral bathrooms are available in all public K-8 schools, as requested by middle schoolers.
- Councilor Ballantyne said she's been asked about this by middle schoolers. Councilor Scott said it was an important issue in constructing the new high school. Councilor Rossetti explained that School staff worked with State staff on a communication to parents on this subject.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

23. Order 211717 (ID:24628) By City Councilor Ballantyne  
That the Director of Personnel discuss city-wide training plans to promote skills and professional development for all employees.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis  
**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

24. Order 211718 (ID:24631) By City Councilor Clingan  
That the Director of Water and Sewer discuss with the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works the notification process regarding non-emergency work.

Councilor Clingan asked for a general discussion with the Director of Water and Sewer on this topic.  
**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

25. Order 211719 (ID:24630) By City Councilor Clingan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street lights at 31-33 Bailey Road.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

26. Order 211720 (ID:24629) By City Councilor Clingan, Ewen-Campen  
That the Directors of Inspectional Services and Public Works address with Boston Carting, any lack of adherence to their contract regarding the upkeep, safety standards, and practices of their fleet.

For discussion of this item see #211793.  
**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

27. Order 211721 (ID:24637) By City Councilor Rossetti, Ballantyne  
That the City Clerk invite the proprietor(s) of Boston Carting to meet with this Council and the Commissioner of Public Works to discuss recent concerns about vehicle maintenance and direct city communication.

Councilor Rossetti said she spoke with the Acting DPW Commissioner, who suggested that representatives from Boston Carting would be happy to meet with the Council on this matter.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

28. Order 211722 (ID:24639) By City Councilor Rossetti  
That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Council the current city contract for trash and recycling disposal services.

For discussion of this item see #211721.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

29. Order 211723 (ID:24638) By City Councilor Rossetti  
That the Chief Fire Engineer discuss the current apparatus maintenance status with this Council.

Councilor Rossetti said a discussion of the condition of the Fire Department's equipment was needed.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**



30. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211724 (ID:24605) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on April 13, 2021.

Councilor Rossetti's motion to sever #211210 from the report was approved 10-0 with Councilor Davis absent. She reported that the Committee recommended approval of several appointments and discussed the multiple vacancies in the city. She then addressed the severed item, the appointment of Colleen Moran to the Job Creation and Retention Trust (JCRT). She said that JCRT Chair Vickie Choitz had concerns about the negative vote the Committee had taken on the item, and she sponsored her to speak. Ms. Choitz summarized her letter on the subject [see #211796], and requested the appointment be approved. President McLaughlin sponsored Alexandre Galimberti from the Mayor's Appointments Advisory Committee, who explained how candidates are selected to fill vacancies and noted that Ms. Moran was the only applicant. Economic Development Director Tom Galligani said recruiting was done through the city's website, local newspapers, and social media, leading to Ms. Moran, who was qualified and willing to serve. Councilors Niedergang and Ballantyne spoke in favor of her appointment. Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke favorably about her experience and said that it wouldn't be fair to judge her based on her employer's track record with unions. Councilor Clingan said he voted against her appointment in Committee because he doesn't believe human resources managers are friends to workers. President McLaughlin urged all Councilors to get involved in finding candidates if they aren't satisfied with the city's process. Councilor Scott supported Councilor Clingan's comments. The item was approved. Councilor Rossetti's next motion, to discharge #211617 from Committee, was then approved 10-0 with Councilor Davis absent, and that appointment was approved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis  
**AMENDED:** #211210 was Approved.

- B. Order 204274 (ID:17069) By City Councilor Heuston That the Director of Water and Sewer appear before this Board's Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters in six weeks to present a plan for vendor contracts, constituent communications and the day to day operation of the department.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

- C. Mayor's Request 204900 (ID:17587) Requesting the re-appointment of Ron Bonney as Superintendent of Fleet Management.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis

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| <p>D. Mayor's Request<br/>207400<br/>(ID:20150)</p>  | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Ron Bonney as Superintendent of Fleet Management.</p>            |                |                                    |              |   |                |       |
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| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Davis  |                |                                    |              |   |                |       |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request<br/>209496<br/>(ID:22332)</p>  | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Ron Bonney as Superintendent of Fleet Management.</p>            |                |                                    |              |   |                |       |
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| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Davis  |                |                                    |              |   |                |       |
| <p>F. Mayor's Request<br/>209499<br/>(ID:22335)</p>  | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Candace Cooper as Director of Personnel.</p>                     |                |                                    |              |   |                |       |
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| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Davis  |                |                                    |              |   |                |       |
| <p>G. Mayor's Request<br/>209508<br/>(ID:22344)</p>  | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Fred Massaro as Director of Capital Projects.</p>                   |                |                                    |              |   |                |       |
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| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Davis  |                |                                    |              |   |                |       |
| <p>H. Mayor's Request<br/>209513<br/>(ID:22349)</p>  | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rich Raiche as Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management.</p> |                |                                    |              |   |                |       |
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| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Davis  |                |                                    |              |   |                |       |
| <p>I. Mayor's Request<br/>209514<br/>(ID:22350)</p>  | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jessica Fosbrook as City Engineer.</p>                              |                |                                    |              |   |                |       |
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| <p>J. Mayor's Request<br/>211210<br/>(ID:24083)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Colleen Moran to the Municipal Job Creation and Retention Board of Trustees.</p>   | <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [7 TO 3]</b><br/> <b>AYES:</b>             Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br/> <b>NAYS:</b>             Mbah, Scott, Clingan<br/> <b>ABSENT:</b>          Davis</p> |
| <p>K. Mayor's Request<br/>211294<br/>(ID:24171)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Fred Massaro as Director of Capital Projects.</p>  | <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br/> <b>AYES:</b>             Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br/> <b>ABSENT:</b>          Davis</p>                           |
| <p>L. Mayor's Request<br/>211295<br/>(ID:24172)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rich Raiche as Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management.</p>  | <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br/> <b>AYES:</b>             Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br/> <b>ABSENT:</b>          Davis</p>                           |
| <p>M. Mayor's Request<br/>211301<br/>(ID:24187)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Chad Whiting as Director of Water and Sewer.</p>   | <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br/> <b>AYES:</b>             Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br/> <b>ABSENT:</b>          Davis</p>                           |
| <p>N. Order<br/>211456<br/>(ID:24399)</p>           | <p>By City Councilor Rossetti<br/>That the attached March 12, 2021 vacancy list be referred the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters for discussion.</p> | <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>WORK COMPLETED</b></p>  |
| <p>O. Mayor's Request<br/>211482<br/>(ID:24401)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brian Postlewaite as City Engineer.</p>  | <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br/> <b>AYES:</b>             Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br/> <b>ABSENT:</b>          Davis</p>                           |

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

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

31. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211725 (ID:24609) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on April 20, 2021.

Councilor Scott presented the report and said that the city may be receiving \$79 million as part of the American Recovery Plan Act. The Committee also discussed the proposed 7% increase in water and 10.5% increase in sewer rates, a possible residential exemption for water and sewer bills, contract extensions and 2 property takings. Councilor Ewen-Campen and Niedergang spoke in favor of the taking of the Armory. President McLaughlin asked if more units could be built on the Aldersey Street property after a taking, and Councilor Scott said it's worth pursuing.

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

- B. Order 208010 (ID:20819) By City Councilor Scott That the Director of Engineering and appropriate staff report on the date and method of implementation of the residential exemption for sewer and water charges.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- C. Officer's Communication 208586 (ID:21303) Director of Water and Sewer submitting a communication re: the exemption of water and sewer charges for owner-occupied homes.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

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

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

32. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report<br/>211726<br/>(ID:24607)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on April 14, 2021.</p>   | <p>Councilor Strezo briefly spoke about the topics that were discussed. Councilor Ewen-Campen’s motion that a related late item, #211797, a Memorandum of Agreement between the Redevelopment Authority and the City Council, be discussed in tandem with the Committee's recommendation on the Winter Hill Urban Redevelopment Plan was approved 10-0 with Councilor Davis absent. The MOU was then approved along with the Plan.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis</p> |
| <p>B. Mayor's Request<br/>210787<br/>(ID:23613)</p>  | <p>Requesting approval of the Winter Hill Urban Renewal Plan.</p>   | <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis</p>  |
| <p>C. Order<br/>211228<br/>(ID:24115)</p>            | <p>By City Councilor Clingan<br/>That the Director of SPCD discuss with this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development how the 100 Homes program works for property upkeep and maintenance.</p>  | <p><b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b></p>  |
| <p>D. Order<br/>211245<br/>(ID:24133)</p>            | <p>By City Councilor Strezo<br/>That this Council’s Committee on Housing and Community Development discuss with the Director of Economic Development and the Chair of the Licensing Commission the creation of a public education campaign focusing on copycat restaurants and their impact on the community.</p> | <p><b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b></p>  |
| <p>E. Order<br/>211727<br/>(ID:24699)</p>            | <p>By City Councilor Strezo<br/>That the Director of SPCD work with the Somerville Community Corp to update this Council quarterly on property upkeep and maintenance for the 100 homes program.</p>  | <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis</p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Housing and Community Development Committee</p>  |

33. LAND USE COMMITTEE

<p>A. Committee Report 211728 (ID:24606)</p>	<p>Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on April 13, 2021.</p> <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the report and noted that a public hearing will be held next week on several zoning amendments.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis</p>
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34. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

<p>A. Committee Report 211729 (ID:24608)</p>	<p>Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on April 15, 2021.</p> <p>Councilor Niedergang presented the report and summarized the items discussed and the actions taken by the Committee.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis</p>
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35. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

<p>A. Committee Report 211730 (ID:24604)</p>	<p>Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on April 12, 2021.</p> <p>Councilor Niedergang said that the bulk of the meeting was spent discussing bus service in the city with MBTA and DOT representatives. The Committee also discussed bike safety along Powderhouse Blvd. Councilor Rossetti asked if parking spaces would be taken from Doherty’s Funeral Home in the redesign of the Powderhouse rotary, and Councilor Niedergang said that wasn’t discussed, but he would make inquiries and let her know.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis</p>
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<p>B. Order 207502 (ID:20341)</p>	<p>By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang, Clingan, McLaughlin, Davis</p> <p>That the Director of SPCD discuss the plans and process to advocate for Somerville transit priorities as part of the MBTA Better Bus Project, including advocacy for a North/South bus route and reduced fares for income-eligible riders, and against fare hikes.</p> <p><b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b></p>
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<p>C. Public Communication 208110 (ID:20873)</p>	<p>6 residents submitting comments re: #204323, a proposal for Powderhouse Blvd. safe bicycling.</p> <p><b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b></p>
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| D. | Public Communication<br>208227<br>(ID:21010) | 3 residents submitting comments re: #204323, a proposal for Powderhouse Blvd. safe bicycling.   | <b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b> |
| E. | Public Communication<br>208313<br>(ID:21128) | 3 residents submitting comments re: #204323, a proposal for Powderhouse Blvd. safe bicycling.   | <b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b> |
| F. | Public Communication<br>208448<br>(ID:21263) | 2 residents submitting comments re: #204323, a proposal for Powderhouse Blvd. safe bicycling.   | <b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b> |
| G. | Public Communication<br>209045<br>(ID:21865) | Rachel Turek submitting comments re: #204323, a proposal for Powderhouse Blvd. safe bicycling.  | <b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b> |
| H. | Order<br>210900<br>(ID:23791)                | By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.<br>That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor on previously discussed plans to reconfigure the Powder House Traffic Circle.    | <b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b> |
| I. | Order<br>211426<br>(ID:24324)                | By City Councilor Niedergang, Scott<br>That the Director of SPCD discuss with this Council the changes that are being considered, or could be considered, in MBTA bus routes to better serve bus riders following the opening of 5 new Green Line stations this year. | <b>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</b> |

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

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| 36. | Mayor's Request<br>211731<br>(ID:24619) | Requesting the appropriation of \$2,718,676.20 from the Receipts Reserved-Sale of Real Estate Account to Debt Service, to pay principal and interest due on land acquisition bond anticipation notes for Union Square DIF properties. | Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.<br><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
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| <p>37. Mayor's Request 211732 (ID:24614)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$233,614 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Police Personal Services Account, to fund a new collective bargaining agreement with the Somerville Police Employees Association.</p>  |
|  | <p>President McLaughlin recused himself from this item and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Councilor Scott explained that these funds have already been budgeted.</p> <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [9 TO 0]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>             Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b>           Davis</p> <p><b>RECUSED:</b>        McLaughlin</p> |
| <p>38. Mayor's Request 211733 (ID:24602)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$200,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund in order to implement interim traffic and pedestrian safety improvements at Powderhouse Circle.</p>   |
|  | <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.</p> <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>        Finance Committee</p>   |
| <p>39. Mayor's Request 211734 (ID:24599)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a time-only extension for Designlab for construction administration at the West Branch Library until 8/31/21.</p>  |
|  | <p>Councilor Scott explained that the contractor has again missed the deadline.</p> <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>             Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b>           Davis</p>   |
| <p>40. Mayor's Request 211735 (ID:24600)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for Design Technique for construction administration at the West Branch Library through 6/30/21.</p>  |
|  | <p>Councilor Scott explained that the contractor has again missed the deadline.</p> <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>             Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b>           Davis</p>   |
| <p>41. Mayor's Request 211736 (ID:24640)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Connor Colbert to the position of Reserve Firefighter.</p>  |
|  | <p>Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the reading of items 41-52, and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.</p> <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>        Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p>   |



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| 42. Mayor's Request 211737 (ID:24641) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nicholas Halloran to the position of Reserve Firefighter. | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 43. Mayor's Request 211738 (ID:24642) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Daniel Higgins to the position of Reserve Firefighter.    | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 44. Mayor's Request 211739 (ID:24643) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jason Kenney to the position of Reserve Firefighter.      | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 45. Mayor's Request 211740 (ID:24644) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sean Marquis to the position of Reserve Firefighter.      | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 46. Mayor's Request 211741 (ID:24645) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Daniel O'Donnell to the position of Reserve Firefighter.  | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 47. Mayor's Request 211742 (ID:24646) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jeffrey Querusio to the position of Reserve Firefighter.  | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 48. Mayor's Request 211743 (ID:24647) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Patrick Soares to the position of Reserve Firefighter.    | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

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| 49. Mayor's Request<br>211744<br>(ID:24648) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Matthew Sullivan to the position of Reserve Firefighter.      | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 50. Mayor's Request<br>211745<br>(ID:24649) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brittany Taylor to the position of Reserve Firefighter.       | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 51. Mayor's Request<br>211746<br>(ID:24588) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Megan Kearns to the Conservation Commission.                  | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 52. Mayor's Request<br>211747<br>(ID:24589) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Holly Simione to the Commission for Person with Disabilities. | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 53. Mayor's Request<br>211748<br>(ID:24613) | Requesting to discuss with this Council siting a Fire Station in the Assembly Square neighborhood.          | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee  |

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

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| 54. Officer's Communication<br>211749<br>(ID:24492) | Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #211451 re: re-opening basketball hoops at parks and playgrounds. | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis |
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55. Officer's Communication 211750 (ID:24494) Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #211452 re: re-opening parks and playgrounds.
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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</b>  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Davis   |
| <b>FOLLOWUP:</b> | Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee  |

**NEW BUSINESS**

56. License/Permit 211751 (ID:24695) Public Event License, Davis Sq Farmers Market, Day St-Herbert St Parking Lot, Wednesdays May 19- Nov 24, 8am-7pm.
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| Councilor White moved to waive the readings of items 56-83 and 85-96 and approve them tonight, while forwarding item 84 to the Committee on Licenses and Permits. |   |
| <b>RESULT:</b>  | <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b>  |
| <b>AYES:</b>  | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>  | Davis   |
57. License/Permit 211752 (ID:24653) New Drainlayer's License, Feeney Brothers Excavation LLC.
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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b>  |
| <b>AYES:</b>   | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne |
| <b>ABSENT:</b> | Davis   |
58. License/Permit 211753 (ID:24650) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Atlantic Excavation and Utility.
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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b>  |
| <b>AYES:</b>   | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne |
| <b>ABSENT:</b> | Davis   |
59. License/Permit 211754 (ID:24651) Renewing Drainlayer's License, EB Rotondi and Sons.
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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b>  |
| <b>AYES:</b>   | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne |
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60. License/Permit 211755 (ID:24652) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Environic Solutions.
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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b>  |
| <b>AYES:</b>   | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne |
| <b>ABSENT:</b> | Davis   |

61. License/Permit 211756 (ID:24654)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, NCCL Enterprises.  <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b> <b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne <b>ABSENT:</b> Davis
62. License/Permit 211757 (ID:24656)	Renewing Flammables License, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St.  <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b> <b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne <b>ABSENT:</b> Davis
63. License/Permit 211758 (ID:24657)	Renewing Flammables License, Hillside Auto Repair, 583 Broadway.  <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b> <b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne <b>ABSENT:</b> Davis
64. License/Permit 211759 (ID:24659)	Renewing Flammables License, Boston Closet, 229 Lowell St.  <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b> <b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne <b>ABSENT:</b> Davis
65. License/Permit 211760 (ID:24660)	Renewing Flammables License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave.  <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b> <b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne <b>ABSENT:</b> Davis
66. License/Permit 211761 (ID:24658)	Renewing Flammables License, Cumberland Farms, 701 Somerville Ave.  <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b> <b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne <b>ABSENT:</b> Davis
67. License/Permit 211762 (ID:24661)	Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway.  <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b> <b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne <b>ABSENT:</b> Davis

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| 68. License/Permit<br>211763<br>(ID:24663) | Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 355 Artisan Way.    | <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>             Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br/>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b>           Davis</p> |
| 69. License/Permit<br>211764<br>(ID:24664) | Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 445 Artisan Way.    | <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>             Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br/>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b>           Davis</p> |
| 70. License/Permit<br>211765<br>(ID:24665) | Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 479 Canal St.       | <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>             Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br/>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b>           Davis</p> |
| 71. License/Permit<br>211766<br>(ID:24666) | Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 333 Great River Rd. | <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>             Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br/>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b>           Davis</p> |
| 72. License/Permit<br>211767<br>(ID:24667) | Renewing Garage License, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway.                       | <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>             Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br/>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b>           Davis</p> |
| 73. License/Permit<br>211768<br>(ID:24668) | Renewing Garage License, Auto Plus, 229 Lowell St.                            | <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>             Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br/>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b>           Davis</p> |
| 74. License/Permit<br>211769<br>(ID:24669) | Renewing Garage License, Car Zone LLC, 486 Columbia St.                       | <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>             Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br/>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b>           Davis</p> |

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| 75. License/Permit<br>211770<br>(ID:24670) | Renewing Garage License, Boston Sand and Gravel, 492 Rutherford Ave.<br><br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis          |
| 76. License/Permit<br>211771<br>(ID:24671) | Renewing Garage License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St.<br><br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis                 |
| 77. License/Permit<br>211772<br>(ID:24672) | Renewing Garage License, William Doucette Auto Sales, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy.<br><br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis |
| 78. License/Permit<br>211773<br>(ID:24673) | Renewing Garage License, DW Propco JK LLC, 0 Dawes Street.<br><br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis                    |
| 79. License/Permit<br>211774<br>(ID:24674) | Renewing Garage License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave.<br><br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis                |
| 80. License/Permit<br>211775<br>(ID:24675) | Renewing Garage License, Four Wheels Auto, 83 Albion St.<br><br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis                      |
| 81. License/Permit<br>211776<br>(ID:24676) | Renewing Garage License, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St.<br><br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,<br>Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis                   |

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| 82. License/Permit<br>211777<br>(ID:24677) | Renewing Garage License, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St.<br><br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis                                   |
| 83. License/Permit<br>211778<br>(ID:24696) | Renewing Garage License, Real Auto Shop, 463 McGrath Hwy.<br><br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis                           |
| 84. License/Permit<br>211779<br>(ID:24662) | New Garage License, Greentown Labs Inc, 444 Somerville Avenue, 4 autos inside, 0 outside for maintaining or operating a tow vehicle only, operating Mon-Sun: 7am-8pm.<br><br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 85. License/Permit<br>211780<br>(ID:24688) | Sign/Awning Permit. Suitcase the Studio, 153 Washington St, 2 flat signs.<br><br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis           |
| 86. License/Permit<br>211781<br>(ID:24655) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Domino's Pizza, 201 Elm St.<br><br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis              |
| 87. License/Permit<br>211782<br>(ID:24678) | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave.<br><br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis             |
| 88. License/Permit<br>211783<br>(ID:24686) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Yolande Trans, Med #15.<br><br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis                            |

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| 89. License/Permit<br>211784<br>(ID:24681) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Ormond Transportation, Med #49,50,89.<br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis  |
| 90. License/Permit<br>211785<br>(ID:24685) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Silcor Transportation, Med #51,77,93.<br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis  |
| 91. License/Permit<br>211786<br>(ID:24679) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, God's Blessing Cab, Med #60.<br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis           |
| 92. License/Permit<br>211787<br>(ID:24687) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, DLCS Transportation, Med #62.<br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis          |
| 93. License/Permit<br>211788<br>(ID:24684) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Somerville Transportation, Med #69,71.<br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis |
| 94. License/Permit<br>211789<br>(ID:24683) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Eastern Transportation, Med #73,87.<br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis    |
| 95. License/Permit<br>211790<br>(ID:24682) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Alewife Transportation, Med #80.<br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Davis       |



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| 96. | License/Permit<br>211791<br>(ID:24680)          | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, WWJJK Inc, Med #90. | <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>            Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b>         Davis</p>       |
| 97. | Public<br>Communication<br>211792<br>(ID:24635) | Dana Friesen submitting comments re: police funding. | <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>            Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b>         Davis</p> |

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

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| 98.  | Resolution<br>211793<br>(ID:24700)     | By City Councilor Clingan<br>That representatives of Boston Carting appear before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to address concerns raised in an attached anonymous letter dated April 15, 2021. | <p>Councilor Clingan spoke about the letter sent to all Councilors and asked that the Inspectional Services and Public Works Departments address the issues with Boston Carting in the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety. He said representatives of Local 25 told him that they have not heard any complaints and spoke highly of the company.</p> <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>            Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b>         Davis</p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b>     Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p> |
| 99.  | License/Permit<br>211794<br>(ID:24705) | Public Event License, Union Sq Farmers Market, Somerville Ave from Carlton St to Hawkins St, Saturdays May 15-Nov 20, 6:45am-2pm.   | <p>Councilor Scott spoke in favor, and Councilor Ewen-Campen explained this is a trial for a new location of the market, and he is hopeful that it will work.</p> <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>            Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b>         Davis</p>  |
| 100. | License/Permit<br>211795<br>(ID:24704) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, 32 Summer St Corp, Med #29.  | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item tonight.</p> <p><b>RESULT:</b>           <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b></p> <p><b>AYES:</b>            Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b>         Davis</p>  |

101. Public Communication 211796 (ID:24703) Vickie Choitz and Tom Bent submitting comments re: #211210, appointing Colleen Moran to the Municipal Job Creation and Retention Board of Trustees.
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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</b>  |
| <b>AYES:</b>   | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne |
| <b>ABSENT:</b> | Davis   |

**LATE ITEMS**

102. Mayor's Request 211617 (ID:24563) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Anne Gill as Director of Personnel.
- Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters. Councilor Rossetti said Ms. Gill had already appeared before the Committee and she supported her appointment.
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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b>  |
| <b>AYES:</b>   | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne |
| <b>ABSENT:</b> | Davis   |

103. Officer's Communication 211797 (ID:24636) Special Counsel submitting a draft Memorandum of Agreement between this Council and the Redevelopment Authority.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke about this memorandum of agreement and said he was pleased with its contents. Councilor White said he'd support it with reservations. Councilor Niedergang expressed his support. Councilor Scott referenced property takings and noted the need for Council approval to do so. For related discussion see #211726.
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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b>  |
| <b>AYES:</b>   | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne |
| <b>ABSENT:</b> | Davis   |

104. Resolution 211798 (ID:24701) By City Councilor Niedergang, Strezio, Clingan That the Mayor, the Director of SPCD, the Chief of Police and this Council collaborate with the State Delegation and community advocates to pressure the MA Department of Transportation to implement traffic safety improvements to McGrath Highway and Mystic Avenue to prevent more pedestrian deaths.
- Councilor Niedergang spoke about the recent pedestrian-involved accident and said that the state has plans to add safety measures, but those won't happen for a few years, and he thinks that's too long to wait.
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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b>  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Davis   |
| <b>FOLLOWUP:</b> | Traffic and Parking Committee   |

105. Order 211799 (ID:24702) By City Councilor Niedergang That #203004 and #208901, regarding traffic dangers to pedestrians on Mystic Avenue and McGrath Highway, be discharged from the Public Health and Public Safety Committee and sent to the Traffic and Parking Committee.

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

106. Order 211800 (ID:24709) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezo That the Director of SPCD research possible funding for a guaranteed income program, quantify the number of households that could qualify, and create a trial to support qualifying low-income single parent households with children.

Councilor Ballantyne noted that Cambridge is trying this and it should be explored in Somerville as well.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

107. Resolution 211801 (ID:24706) By City Councilor Davis That the Mayor and the Director of Health and Human Services update the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety on the Covid-19 public health emergency and the city’s response (following on #209798).

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

108. Order 211802 (ID:24707) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Housing Stability discuss with this Council proactive measures to inform tenants in inclusionary housing units of their rights and the resources available to them.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

109. Order 211803 (ID:24708) By City Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Engineering paint a new crosswalk at the corner of Pearl Street and Jasper Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
**ABSENT:** Davis

110. Resolution 203004 (ID:15698) By City Councilor White Jr., McWatters, Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti  
That the Mayor work with the State Delegation on an agreement with the State to permit City crossing guards at the crosswalks at Highland Avenue and McGrath Highway, and to permit the Police Department to enforce traffic laws there.

Discharged from the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety pursuant to #211799.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

111. Order 208901 (ID:21718) By City Councilor Mbah  
That the Director of SPCD and the Chief of Police update this Council on what is being done in the wake of the two deaths in two different hit and run incidents on Mystic Avenue.

Discharged from the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety pursuant to #211799.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:50 PM.