



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Monday - May 13, 2019, 6:00 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 5/8/19 at 9:28 AM)

- 1. Approval of the November 29, 2018 Minutes**
- 2. 200773: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Commissioner of Public Works describe to this Board, the rationale for treating multi-unit residences the same as single family residences for purposes of volume-based escalation of water rates.
- 3. 205811: Discuss** (Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, Ballantyne, Scott, Mbah) – That the Director of Engineering and Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on the registration of paving contractors pursuant to Ordinance 11-33.
- 4. 205813: Discuss** (Niedergang, Rossetti) – That the Director of Engineering and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on enforcement of the ordinance on driveway construction and paving over front, back or side yards, with a list of violations and fines levied in 2016 and 2017.
- 5. 206303: Discuss** (Hirsch, Davis) – That the Director of Engineering share how pedestrian detours are required for planned street work resulting in sidewalk closures.
- 6. 206707: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Administration endeavor to add a properly signed and signaled crosswalk at 45 Beacon Street to enhance safety for residents accessing the Whole Foods Market.
- 7. 206780: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr.) – That the Administration work with other municipalities for the creation of a DPU community advisory board, similar to the MWRA’s advisory board, to provide input on the regulation of utilities.

8. **206783: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr.) – That the Administration and this Board support Bill H2683, “An Act relative to protecting consumers of gas and electricity from paying for leaked and unaccounted for gas.”
9. **205059: Discuss** (Davis, Rossetti, Mbah, Niedergang, White Jr.) – That the Administration present the information described herein about the Brown School's physical plant and planned and completed renovations, to this Board, to the School Committee, and to the Brown School community.
10. **206960: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works with the number of outstanding requests to replace defective or dangerous utility poles.
11. **207190: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Director of Engineering report to this Board on his review of the process and algorithm use for the 5-year street paving plan and any revisions that may be considered.
12. **207191: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Administration update this Board on legal action against Newport Construction regarding the improper removal of trees on Beacon St.
13. **207192: Discuss** (Davis) – That the City Engineer advise this Board as to what use the city can make of the information received under the proposed gas leak ordinance, and what additional capacity would be needed to maximize that use.
14. **207193: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Administration, SPCD, and Arts Council host events to bring pedestrians to the affected Union Square and Ball Square areas during construction detours.
15. **207360: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ewen-Campen) – That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board on an alternative to snow plows completely burying the already-shoveled sidewalks on the south side of Summer Street between Cedar and Porter Streets.
16. **207363: Discuss** (White Jr., Clingan) – That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the unsafe sidewalk at 50 Dartmouth Street.
17. **207462: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Board, why the snow is not plowed to the curb during snow emergencies.
18. **207581: Discuss** Commissioner of Public Works responding to #206594 re: a complaint for the removal of trees on Beacon St.
19. **207592: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Rossetti) – That the Commissioner of Public Works direct

the appropriate utility to remove and/or bury the utility poles on Trull Lane prior to upcoming construction there, and that the Commissioner express in writing to the Committee on Public Utilities and Works the feasibility of this work prior to construction.

20. **207595: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD prioritize Cameron Avenue for street paving this year.
21. **207904: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the City Solicitor update this Council as it relates to the communication received from Newport Construction Corp. on March 25, 2019.
22. **208010: Discuss** (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.
23. **208011: Discuss** (Scott, Davis) – That the Director of Engineering and appropriate staff discuss with this Council the legal limits of progressive water and sewer rate assessments.