

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

July 14, 2011, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 9, 2011.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Gewirtz, and the Entire Board

 Commending Kaleigh Kosta, a Brown School student, who remembered her Student Awareness Fire Education training and acted heroically to save her family when their home caught fire.

4. Citation By Ald. Roche, and the Entire Board and the Mayor

 Commending Frances Caruso on the happy occasion of her 90th birthday, and her lifetime of dedicated volunteer service to her community.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz

 That this Board requests that the Administration report back to this Board the feasibility of upgrading Kenny Park on Grove Street in the next round of capital improvements.

6. Order By Ald. Gewirtz

 That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the bike rack at the Broken Yolk on College Avenue.

7. Order By Ald. Gewirtz

 That the Director of SPCD publicize the schedule for the Davis Square infrastructure improvement project and designate a staff person to coordinate with this Board, so that neighbors can be involved and informed of its progress.

8. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of Traffic and Parking confer with the Ward 6 Alderman to develop a traffic and parking improvement plan for the College Avenue area to alleviate the congestion experienced on Sundays.
9. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the newly poured cement of the ADA ramp on College Avenue, by the Davis Square MBTA station, for ruts or bumps that could be dangerous to pedestrians.
10. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works make a permanent repair to the pothole at 22 Park Avenue.
11. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace or repair the trash bin on the corner of Holland and Wallace Streets.
12. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inform business owners abutting Winter Street that trash must be placed on the street the day of pick up and not before.
13. Order By Ald. Trane
That the Director of Communications update this Board regarding the July 7 phone outage that affected the Fire Dept. and explain what steps have been taken to ensure it will not happen again.
14. Order By Ald. Trane
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk at 14 Farragut Avenue.
15. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Trane
That this Board requests that the Dedication Commission consider naming the corner of Teele and Curtis Streets in memory of United States Army PFC James F. Donovan.
16. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That this Board requests that the General Manager of the MBTA correct the timing of the street lamps on the bus way from Grove Street to College Avenue.

17. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the loose bricks on the sidewalk opposite the crosswalk at College and Highland Avenues.
18. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the dead tree at 25 Warner Street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

19. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, July 13, 2011.
- B. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Purchasing, the Director of Traffic and Parking and the City Solicitor Appear at the Next Meeting of the Finance Committee to Discuss the Kiosk Contracts.
- C. Order By Ald. Desmond
That the Director of SPCD provide the Committee on Finance with a current copy of the amended MaxPak covenant.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to establish the position of Youth & Volunteer Coordinator.
- E. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board
That this Board requests that the Administration provide a mid-year report on the FY 2011 city budget, including an analysis of departmental spending, health insurance and overtime expenditures.
- F. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of Finance appear before the Committee on Finance with the meals tax receipts (adjusted for the increase in the rate) over the past five years and discuss their impact, especially on the state of the restaurant business in Somerville.

- G. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the City Treasurer inform this Board of residents' complaints about the timeliness of their receipt of excise tax bills, and that if the responsibility for the bills' tardiness lies with the City, that the City make restitution to those residents facing fines because their excise tax bills were not received in a timely manner.
- H. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$9,000 grant from the Carl and Ruth Shapiro Family Foundation to support the Arts Council's Books of Hope program.
- I. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$100,000 grant from the MA Dept. of Public Health for the Health Dept.'s Tobacco Control Program.
- J. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD provide the Finance Committee with an update of the MaxPak project.

20. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, July 13, 2011.
- B. License/Permit New Hawker Peddler License, Bark 'N Bite, Food Vendor.
- C. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the City Clerk notify the following businesses to appear before this Board's Committee on Licenses and Permits for a Public Hearing regarding the terms and conditions of their licenses: USave Rental - 70 Prospect Street, Webster Auto Sales - 61 Prospect Street, and McDonald's - Twin City Plaza.
- D. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 381-383 Washington St., 30 autos out, 22 in.
- E. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St., 12 autos in.
- F. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 139-147 Beacon St., 22 autos in.
- G. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, International Auto Repair, 508 Somerville Ave., 8 autos out, 2 in.
- H. License/Permit New Junk Dealer's License, Crescent Jewelers Inc., Operating at Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St., buying used items.

21. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, July 14, 2011.
- B. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works place proper signage on the appropriate poles at the bus stop on Webster Avenue adjacent to St. Joseph's Church and the Charter School, and recommend to the Ward 2 Alderman other signage there to comply with city regulations and provide for public safety.
- C. Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.
- D. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works re-stripe the intersection of Cutter Avenue and Summer Street, indicating a left turn only lane and a straight lane for Summer Street.
- E. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the feasibility of a sticker or placard for non-commercial resident vehicles that a resident owner could obtain for legal street parking when they plan to be away from the city for more than 48 hours.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

22. Mayor's Request Requesting an amendment to the Local Historic District Map to create 4 new Districts (Winter Hill, Hinckley-Magoun, College Ave. Corridor of Faith, and Teele Sq.) and add 17 properties to these Districts, and to add 1 property to an existing District (East Somerville) (Group E).
23. Not used.
24. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the reconstruction and streetscape of Lower Broadway and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 in a bond to meet said appropriation.
25. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$80,000 for the purchase of new radio equipment and authorization to borrow \$80,000 in a bond to meet said appropriation.

- 26. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$150,000 for roof repairs to the High School and authorization to borrow \$150,000 in a bond to meet said appropriation.
- 27. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$100,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for various repairs to the High School.
- 28. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$50,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to renovate the High School weight room and training room.
- 29. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$40,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to renovate the High School Health Careers room.
- 30. Mayor's Request Requesting to transfer \$143.73 from the Executive Administration Printing and Stationery Acct. to the Executive Administration Salaries Acct. to eliminate a deficit in the FY2011 operating budget.
- 31. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$90.78 from the Information Technology Computer Supplies Acct. to the Information Technology Salaries Acct. to eliminate a deficit in the FY2011 operating budget.
- 32. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$140,494 grant from FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters program, for the Fire Dept. to meet new FCC radio requirements.
- 33. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Albert Darling as Constable.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 34. Officer's Communication Traffic and Parking Director responding to various Board Orders.
- 35. Officer's Communication Traffic and Parking Director responding to additional Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 36. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Open Air Circus Performances, Nunziato Field, Aug 5-7.
- 37. License/Permit Public Event Permit, StarLab Fest-Yard Sale, BBQ, and Live Music, 32 Prospect St parking lot, Aug 6, Noon-9PM.
- 38. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Derby St. Block Party, lower Derby St., Aug 13, 10-8PM (raindate Aug 21).

- 39. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Memphis Soul 5K BBQ Run, 248 Elm St. and area streets, Aug 28, 11AM.
- 40. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Honk Festival, Davis Sq., Oct 1 10-9PM, Oct 2 12-1PM.
- 41. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Chamber of Commerce Oktoberfest, Elm St. from Day to Grove Sts, Chester St. from Elm to Herbert Sts., Oct 2, Noon-6PM (raindate Oct 16).
- 42. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Henry LLC, 38-44 Broadway, 6,256 gallons.
- 43. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Broadway Henry LLC, 20 Broadway, 4 autos in, 6 out.
- 44. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Somerville Auto Transport Service, 495 Columbia St., 12 autos in.
- 45. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Mike's Automotive Services, 298 Somerville Ave., 10 autos in, 10 out.
- 46. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, A Plus Auto Body, 297 Medford St., 0 autos.
- 47. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Maria Ferry Salon, 1152 Broadway, 1 blade sign.
- 48. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Metro PCS, 87 Broadway, 1 awning.
- 49. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Gardy Inc, Med #19.
- 50. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Somerville Taxi, Med #66.
- 51. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Love Cab, Med #92.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 52. Order By Ald. Connolly, O'Donovan
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing Richardson Street sign.
- 53. Order By Ald. Trane
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalks at 32, 33, 33 and 41 Corinthian Road.

54. Order By Ald. Trane
That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol of Simpson Avenue at various times.
55. License/Permit Public Event Permit, SomerStreets “Seize the Summer” event, Highland Ave. from Walnut to Cedar Sts., Jul 24, 10AM-6PM.
56. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Prospect Hill Academy Canning Drive, Jul 28, 1-5PM, Aug 4, 2-6PM.
57. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Sikh Sangat Society Free Drink Distribution, Union Sq., Jul 30, 8AM-8PM (raindate Aug 6).
58. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Webster Auto Body, 64 Webster Ave., 25 autos in.
59. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Webster Auto Body, 69 Webster Ave., 11 autos in.
60. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Frongillo Realty, 0 Spring Hill Terrace, 19 autos in.
61. License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, Victor’s Meat and Deli, 710 Broadway, 3 tables, 9 seats.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk