

## CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

## PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE Committee Meeting

Monday - August 24, 2015, 5:30 PM Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

## **AGENDA**

## 1. Approval of the May 5, 2015 Minutes

- 2. 198097: Discuss (Sullivan, Niedergang, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.) That the Director of SPCD update this Board on its public education campaign concerning appropriate bicycling in central business districts.
- 3. 198424: Discuss (Heuston, McWatters, Sullivan, Rossetti, Niedergang, Ballantyne, White Jr., Lafuente, Connolly, McLaughlin) That the Director of Purchasing and the Director of Capital Projects inform this Board about the faulty bid submissions for a new modular structure to house Engine 3, and a plan for fast tracking such a structure, and that the Chief Fire Engineer inform this Board about current fire protection in the Union Square area.
- 4. **198925: Discuss** (Gewirtz) That the Director of SPCD communicate to the owner of the Social Security building in Davis Square, the need to move forward on necessary repairs so the scaffolding may be removed from the public way as soon as possible.
- 5. 198972: Discuss (Gewirtz) That the Administration update this Board on conversations with the owner of the old Social Security building in Davis Square and confirm the date that the scaffolding will come down, and reply to the Ward Alderman within 2 weeks.
- 6. **199102: Discuss** (McLaughlin) That the Administration and Chief of Police consider implementing a policy similar to Gloucester, where opiate addicts who ask for help are provided it and are not arrested.

- 7. **199520: Discuss** (Connolly, and the Entire Board) That the Administration prioritize a public health initiative to control the opiate abuse epidemic, including nearby health and educational institutions and any other available resources.
- 8. 199151: Discuss (Rossetti) That the Administration, within 14 days, provide the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety with the Substance Abuse Counselor's job description and hire date.
- **9. 199152: Discuss** (Rossetti) That the city's Substance Abuse Counselor appear before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety.
- 199549: Discuss (McWatters) That the Director of SPCD dispatch the Neighborhood Impact Team to 22 Richdale Avenue for code violations and report back to the Ward 3 Alderman.
- **11. 199589: Discuss** (Sullivan, McLaughlin) That the Department of Public Utilities investigate and take appropriate actions against electricity companies that use deceptive sales tactics.
- **12. 199639: Discuss** (Heuston, Sullivan, McLaughlin) That the Director of Health and Human Services warn residents, especially senior citizens, about electricity companies that use deceptive sales practices.
- **13. 192737: Discuss** (O'Donovan) That this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety arrange for representatives of Riverside Community Care aka Somerville Mental Health Association, to appear before the Committee to explain where the programs are and how the City can assist them.
- **14. 198702: Discuss** (McLaughlin) That the State Delegation secure the funding and achieve the installation of sound proof barriers along I-93, which would curb fine particle pollution.
- **15. 198703: Discuss** (Connolly, and the Entire Board) That the Chief Fire Engineer report to this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety on present and future fire station locations as well as other matters before the Committee.
- **16. 198951: Discuss** (Lafuente) That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the Winter Hill Market for rubbish and fine the business and building owner.
- 17. 198953: Discuss (Lafuente) That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the former Star

Market site for all violations and inspect the parking lot for unsafe conditions and litter.

- **18. 198956: Discuss** (White Jr., Rossetti) That the Administration develop with this Board a strategy to analyze the increasing use of Runway 33L at Logan Airport and document the adverse noise impacts.
- **19. 199054: Discuss** MA DOT responding to #198702 re: noise and pollution barriers along I-93.
- **20. 199099: Discuss** (Rossetti) Relaying the final report of the BU study regarding the impact of Logan air traffic on our community.
- **21. 199100: Recommend** (Rossetti) That this Board supports the efforts of the Logan Community Advisory Committee and requests that the FAA re-examine its Runway 33L policies to reduce noise complaints.
- **22. 199101: Discuss** (Rossetti) That the Administration review with this Board its policy for curbside furniture donations.
- **23. 199355: Discuss** (Heuston) That the Administration institute a plan to notify and update affected residents during water main breaks, distribute bottled water to them, and check on their well-being.
- **24. 199360: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 4/23/15.
- **25. 199480: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Rossetti) That the Director of Health and Human Services provide a revised job description, job expectations and performance measurements for the previously grant funded Somerville Cares About Prevention positions.
- **26. 199522: Discuss** (Rossetti, and the Entire Board) That the Administration examine safety services at Assembly Row, in light of the previously unanticipated development of Partner's Health Care and Hotel, and report back to this Board by September, 2015.