

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

October 25, 2012, 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,
September 27, 2012.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Roche, Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White
Jr., and the Entire Board and the Mayor

Commending Mary Caruso on the happy occasion of
her 80th birthday.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Order By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works resolve the
drainage problems at the foot of Newberne Street, south
of Morrison Avenue.
5. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, O'Donovan

That the Commissioner of Public Works consider
placing a porta-potty at Albion Park.
6. Order By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works install
additional street lighting on Dover Street.
7. Order By Ald. Heuston

That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to
monitor traffic at Kent and Beacon Streets for failing to
stop when the signal is red and for not slowing down
when the signal is blinking yellow.

8. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) advise the owner of 515 Somerville Avenue that the property perimeter should be regularly swept and kept clear of overgrowth and that an improved fence should be installed.
9. Communication By Ald. Taylor
In his capacity as a member of the School Committee, conveying a report of the School Committee's activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

10. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on October 24, 2012.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Kenneth Edwards as Constable.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Melissa McWhinney to the Affordable Housing Trust.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Michael Fager to the Conservation Commission.
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Owen Wartella to the Conservation Commission.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of David Turin to the Conservation Commission.
- G. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Mathias Neuber to the Conservation Commission.
- H. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of John Hultgren to the Conservation Commission.
- I. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of John Reinhardt to the Conservation Commission.
- J. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Kenneth Carlson to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.
- K. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Alan Moore to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.
- L. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Enid Kumin to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

- M. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Ron Newman to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.
- N. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Brian Postlewaite to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.
- O. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Charlie Denison to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.
- P. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Timothy Talun to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.
- Q. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Alex Epstein to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.
- R. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Dr. Brian Jeffrey Green to the Board of Health.
- S. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Babette Mello to the Board of Health.
- T. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Joey Buizon to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
- U. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Peter McPhee to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
- V. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of William Medeiros to the Condominium Review Board.
- W. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Elizabeth Medeiros to the Condominium Review Board.
- X. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Marlene Smithers to the Condominium Review Board.
- Y. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Suzanne Rinfret to the Council on Aging.
- Z. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Louis Favreau to the Council on Aging.
- AA. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Barbara Hutchinson to the Council on Aging.
- AB. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Cheryl Horan to the Council on Aging.
- AC. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Connie Ramsdell to the Council on Aging.
- AD. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Roseanne Bent to the Council on Aging.

- AE. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Anthony Alibrandi to the Election Commission.
- AF. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Kaley Klanica to the Ethics Commission.
- AG. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Brian McHugh to the Ethics Commission.
- AH. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of John Heymann to the Ethics Commission.
- AI. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Dennis Fischman to the Fair Housing Commission.
- AJ. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of John Robinson to the Human Rights Commission.
- AK. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of June Pietrantoni to the Library Board of Trustees.
- AL. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Mark Howland to The Library Board of Trustees.
- AM. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Katherine Van Sleet to the Library Board of Trustees.
- AN. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Peter Tsourianis to the Multicultural Affairs Commission.
- AO. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of John Carreiro to the Multicultural Affairs Commission.
- AP. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Netra Darai to the Multicultural Affairs Commission.
- AQ. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Jerry Carvalho to the Traffic Board.
- AR. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Chien-Chi Huang to the Women's Commission.
- AS. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Kate Wallace to the Women's Commission.
- AT. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Nancy Bacci to the Women's Commission.
- AU. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Alicia Byrd to the Women's Commission.
- AV. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Michelle Albert to the Women's Commission.

11. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board, on October 18, 2012.
- B. Mayor's Communication Conveying a response to #190766 and #192594 re: SPCD staff study of regulations for RA and RB Zoning Districts.

12. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on October 16, 2012.
- B. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the City Solicitor advise this Board whether the City should accept MGL c40U for the imposition of liens on property for unpaid municipal charges, or rely on the special act of 1996 already in place.
- C. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the City Solicitor determine if additional notice requirements should be implemented for licenses and/or permits issued by the Licensing Commission.

13. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on October 16, 2012.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting the amendment of Ordinances 2-322 and 2-323 pursuant to the Municipal Compensation Advisory Board recommendations.

14. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on October 23, 2012.

15. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on October 17, 2012.
- B. License/Permit Amending Garage License, Goodyear Auto Service Center, 1 Bow St., seeking to open Sundays 9AM-4PM.

- C. License/Permit New Garage License, American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave., 2 vehicles inside, repairing, washing and storing vehicles, Mon-Thu 9AM-7PM, Fri-Sat 9AM-6PM.
- D. License/Permit New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave., 23 vehicles outside, Mon-Thu 9AM-7PM, Fri-Sat 9AM-6PM, Sun Noon-5PM.

16. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on October 22, 2012.
- B. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to speak on baiting requirements for street openings.

17. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on October 24, 2012.

18. FLOOD FORUM SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Flood Forum Special Committee, meeting on October 22, 2012.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 19. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to borrow \$530,949 in a bond, and appropriate the same amount, for the reconstruction of public streets.
- 20. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$150,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the reconstruction of private ways.
- 21. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$764,306 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to the attached Departmental Salary Accounts to implement the recommendations of the Classification and Compensation Study.
- 22. Mayor's Request Requesting the use of \$70,438 in Available Funds in the Cable Telecommunications Revolving Account to implement the recommendations of the Classification and Compensation Study.

23. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$27,093 from the Capital Projects Salaries Account to the Arts Council Salaries Account to implement the recommendations of the Classification and Compensation Study.
24. Mayor's Request Requesting the use of \$26,760 in Available Funds in the Water Enterprise Salary Contingency Account to implement the recommendations of the Classification and Compensation Study.
25. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$12,705 from the DPW's Highway Salaries Account to its Administration Salaries Account to implement the recommendations of the Classification and Compensation Study.
26. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$11,972 from the SPCD Economic Development Salaries Account to the SPCD Planning and Zoning Salaries Account to implement the recommendations of the Classification and Compensation Study.
27. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$8,250 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to the Board of Aldermen Salaries Monthly Account to implement the recommendations of the Classification and Compensation Study.
28. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$6,880 from the Capital Projects Salaries Account to the Constituent Services Salaries Account to implement the recommendations of the Classification and Compensation Study.
29. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$5,000 from the DPW School Custodians Salaries Account to the DPW Buildings and Grounds Salaries Account to implement the recommendations of the Classification and Compensation Study.
30. Mayor's Request Requesting the use of \$4,473 in Available Funds in the Sewer Enterprise Fund Salary Contingency Account to implement the recommendations of the Classification and Compensation Study.
31. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization for the Department of Public Works to pay FY12 invoices totaling \$2,475.27.
32. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization for the Police Department to pay Fiscal Year 2012 invoices totaling \$340.10.
33. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to declare as Surplus 8 vehicles in the Police Department.

- 34. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$186,976 from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security for the Police Dept., for State 911 Department Support.
- 35. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Akil Williams to the Library Board of Trustees.
- 36. Mayor's Communication Conveying the 2011 Annual Report of the Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 37. Officer's Communication Licensing Commission responding to #193576 re: posting certain notices at the applicant's establishment.

NEW BUSINESS

- 38. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Ghost Scorpion Productions Halloween Concert, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Oct 27, 6PM-9:45PM (raindate Oct 31).
- 39. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Assembly Row Black Friday Promotional Tent, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Nov 23, 7AM-Noon.
- 40. License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Diaz Construction.
- 41. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Rockland Trust Company, 94 Highland Ave., 3 signs.
- 42. Public Communication Michele Biscoe submitting comments re: #193830, skateboard shows or competitions at Kelley Park.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 43. Resolution By Ald. Taylor, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
That this Board and Mayor affirms the dignity and basic human rights of all persons, and declares that it refrains from using the word "illegals" and its derivatives when referring to people.
- 44. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 8 Giles Park.
- 45. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Traffic Engineer consider placing a crosswalk on Somerville Avenue at its intersection with Spring Street.

46. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the RESIDENT PARKING signs on Spring Hill Terrace.
47. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Chief of Police communicate to this Board the policy on vehicular speed chases on city streets involving criminal activity.
48. Mayor's Request Requesting that \$5,800,000 of the \$6,500,000 authorized to be borrowed in a bond to pay the costs of renovations to the Powder House Community School, on June 24, 2004, be rescinded.
49. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$222,779 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to fund the Second Phase of the Davis Square Streetscape and Transportation Design Contract.
50. Officer's Communication Assistant City Solicitor responding to #192528, and submitting a revised Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance.
51. Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #193382 re: Morrison Avenue crosswalks and bike sharrows.
52. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Recreation Dept. Haunted House, Walnut St. From Giles Park to Hillside Park, Oct 27, 2-10PM.
53. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Jingle Bell Run Road Race, Davis Square and area streets, Dec 16, 5AM-2PM.
54. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Race of Ireland Road Race, Davis Square and area streets, Mar 10, 2013, 5AM-2PM.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk