

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

June 25, 2015, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.  
(ID # 12100)
  
2. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May  
(ID # 12101)        28, 2015.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation            By Ald. White Jr., and the Entire Board and the Mayor  
(ID # 12105)        Commending School Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi,  
                              who is retiring after ten years of outstanding service to  
                              the entire community.
  
4. Citation            By Ald. Niedergang, White Jr., McWatters, Connolly,  
(ID # 12106)        and the Entire Board and the Mayor  
                              Commending Community Cooks, which is celebrating  
                              its 25th year of providing the neediest members of our  
                              community with home-cooked meals.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5. Grant of            Submitted by Eversource (NStar Electric) to relocate  
Location            Pole #316/8 and install 61 feet of conduit in South Street  
(ID # 12108)        from that pole to a point of pickup at 47 Hunting St.
  
6. Grant of            Submitted by Eversource (NStar Electric) to install 40  
Location            feet of conduit in Florence Street from Pole #127/7 to a  
(ID # 12109)        point of pickup at Symphony Park.
  
7. Grant of            Submitted by Teleport Communications America to  
Location            install 102 feet of conduit from an existing manhole to a  
(ID # 12110)        point of pickup at 252 Medford St.

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

8. Resolution        By Ald. McLaughlin  
(ID # 12094)        That the Administration update this Board on taking  
                              control of Foss Park from the state.

9. Order (ID # 12066) By Ald. McLaughlin  
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.
10. Order (ID # 12067) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken sidewalk at 8 Mount Pleasant Street.
11. Order (ID # 12068) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works dispatch the street sweeper to clean Pearl Street.
12. Order (ID # 12069) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works and/or the Director of SPCD (ISD), direct contractors to communicate with abutters if construction goes over schedule.
13. Order (ID # 12072) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact Mass DOT about excessive trash on the train tracks by Walnut Street.
14. Order (ID # 12071) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the dumpster on Indiana and Pennsylvania Avenues for violations.
15. Order (ID # 12070) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the alleyway between the Edgerly School and houses on Otis Street.
16. Order (ID # 12093) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the area around 12 Melvin Street for rodents.
17. Order (ID # 12080) By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a ONE WAY sign on Jaques Street at Edgar Avenue.
18. Order (ID # 12081) By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 14 Grant Street to clear all the wires going through it.
19. Order (ID # 12082) By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair two lights at the entrance to the Edgerly School.

20. Order (ID # 12084) By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) remove any illegal banners on the sidewalk at the Subway at 275 Broadway.
21. Order (ID # 12083) By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) remove any illegal banners from Dentalplant at 281 Broadway.
22. Order (ID # 12085) By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the yards at 55-57 and 59-61 Edgar Avenue for snakes.
23. Resolution (ID # 12089) By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Administration inform residents and neighbors on lower Newberne Street about the MWRA's TV pipe testing and plans to mitigate flooding.
24. Resolution (ID # 12090) By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Administration add Meacham Street to the re-paving list.
25. Order (ID # 12091) By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters  
That the Commissioner of Public Works place more metal trash barrels on Highland Avenue, between Cedar and Walnut Streets, and report to the Ward 5 and Ward 3 Aldermen on where they will be placed.
26. Order (ID # 12092) By Ald. Niedergang, Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works empty trash barrels on weekends and holidays on the Community Path, especially around Lexington Park and in Davis Square, and report to this Board on trash collection from public receptacles on weekends and holidays.
27. Order (ID # 12095) By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing trash barrels on Broadway at Liberty and Lowden Avenues.
28. Resolution (ID # 12096) By Ald. Gewirtz, Connolly  
That the Administration begin charging rent, or additional charges, to the owner of 240 Elm Street for every day his scaffolding remains on the public way.
29. Order (ID # 12097) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of SPCD (Planning) arrange a meeting with the Ward 2 alderman to discuss zoning and planning at Boynton Yards.

30. Order By Ald. Heuston  
(ID # 12098) That the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the owner of 407 Washington Street to trim the overgrowth, and trim the trees that are blocking city signs and traffic signals.
31. Order By Ald. McWatters  
(ID # 12099) That the Director of SPCD (T&I) plant trees at 112 Belmont Street and 17 Richdale Avenue.
32. Order By Ald. White Jr.  
(ID # 12102) That the Fields Task Force Recommendations (#197711) be transferred from the Youth Services Committee to the Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy for follow-up.
33. Communication By Ald. White Jr.  
(ID # 12104) Acting as President, cancelling the Regular meetings of this Board that were scheduled for July 23, 2015, and August 13, 2015.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

34. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report  
(ID # 12073) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on June 8, 2015.

35. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report  
(ID # 12074) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on June 9, 2015.

36. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report  
(ID # 12075) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on June 10, 2015.

37. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report  
(ID # 12076) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on June 15, 2015.

38. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on June 16, 2015.  
(ID # 12077)

39. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on June 18, 2015.  
(ID # 12078)

40. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on June 22, 2015.  
(ID # 12079)
- B. Order (ID # 12131) By Ald. Niedergang, and the Entire Board  
That the Director of SPCD bring to this Board within two months a plan and budget request for at least \$50,000 for the successful First Source Jobs Training Program.
- C. Order (ID # 12133) By Ald. Niedergang, and the Entire Board  
That the Commissioner of Public Works develop a maintenance plan for all grass athletic fields and submit a request for funding to this Board.
- D. Order (ID # 12128) By Ald. Rossetti, and the Entire Board  
That the Chief of Police report monthly to this Board the number of individuals and families assisted by the Coordinator of Addiction and Mental Health, including follow-up referrals, to ensure proper aftercare.
- E. Order (ID # 12136) By Ald. Rossetti, and the Entire Board  
That the Commissioners of Public Works and Recreation coordinate efforts, as recommended by the Fields Task Force report of 9/10/14, and report back to this Board by September, 2015.
- F. Order (ID # 12142) By Ald. Heuston, and the Entire Board  
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board monthly on the Beacon Street reconstruction project.
- G. Resolution (ID # 12129) By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board  
That the Veterans Service Department remain autonomous and separate from the Health and Human Services Department.

- H. Resolution (ID # 12130) By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board  
That the city waive the fee charged for field use for local youth oriented programs.
- I. Resolution (ID # 12132) By Ald. Niedergang, and the Entire Board  
That the Mayor pursue negotiations with DCR for control of Foss Park, Draw 7 Park and the Dilboy Auxiliary Fields and share regular updates with this Board.
- J. Resolution (ID # 12134) By Ald. 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.
- K. Resolution (ID # 12135) By Ald. Rossetti, White Jr., and the Entire Board  
That the Administration explain to this Board in writing the method used to select the High School Owner's Project Manager and why the School Building Committee did not vote on the hire.
- L. Resolution (ID # 12137) By Ald. 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.
- M. Resolution (ID # 12138) By Ald. Rossetti, Sullivan, Connolly, Ballantyne, Heuston, McLaughlin, Gewirtz, McWatters, Lafuente, White Jr.  
That the Traffic Commission reconsider its recent votes to double the guest parking pass fee and to increase the fee of resident parking permits.
- N. Resolution (ID # 12139) By Ald. Rossetti  
That the Administration explore ways to reduce the cost of mail services.
- O. Resolution (ID # 12140) By Ald. Rossetti  
That a detailed report of all unexpended funds for the prior two years be provided by each department during future fiscal year budget presentations and reviews.
- P. Resolution (ID # 12141) By Ald. Heuston, and the Entire Board  
That the Administration develop a comprehensive open space plan, identifying new open space, athletic field space, and upkeep.

### **COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 41. Mayor's Request (ID # 12065) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$550,000 in a bond for betterments and improvements to the East Broadway streetscape.
- 42. Mayor's Request (ID # 12088) Requesting the approval of an appropriation of \$5,824.15 from the Capital Equipment Stabilization Fund to purchase new seating for the public's use in the Aldermanic Chambers.
- 43. Mayor's Request (ID # 12107) Requesting the appropriation of \$876 in unused bond funds for the purchase of DPW vehicles.
- 44. Mayor's Request (ID # 12061) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$2,500 from the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation for the Arts Council's Mystic Mural and Art in the Garden programs.

### **COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 45. Officer's Communication (ID # 12103) Finance Director conveying the items currently in this Board's Committee on Finance that are associated with the approval of the city's FY 2016 budget.
- 46. Officer's Communication (ID # 12023) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #199123 re: short-term rental room occupancy excise taxes and possible zoning implications.
- 47. Officer's Communication (ID # 12022) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #199356 re: home rule petition to remove the restriction on signing nomination papers.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 48. License/Permit (ID # 12111) Public Event Permit, Warner Brothers filming "Central Intelligence", Magoun Sq., Jun 29-Jul 1, various times.
- 49. License/Permit (ID # 12112) Public Event Permit, Great Urban Campout, Lincoln Park, Jul 24-25, 12Noon-12Noon (raindate Jul 25-26).
- 50. License/Permit (ID # 12113) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Atlantic Excavation and Utility.
- 51. License/Permit (ID # 12114) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Elysse Corp., Med #48.
- 52. License/Permit (ID # 12116) Renewing Open Air Vendor License, Next Wave/Full Circle School, Foss Park area.

- 53. License/Permit (ID # 12118) New Outdoor Seating License, Kirkland Tap and Trotter, 425 Washington St., Occupying 2 parking spaces for a charcoal grill on weekends, Jun-Oct.
- 54. License/Permit (ID # 12119) Sign/Awning Permit, Kaya Beauty Spa Salon, 92 Highland Ave, 2 signs.
- 55. License/Permit (ID # 12120) Sign/Awning Permit, Mr. Crepe, 49 Davis Sq, 2 awnings.
- 56. License/Permit (ID # 12115) New Extended Operating Hours License, Kmart, 77 Middlesex Ave, Seeking to operate Dec 19-23, 24 hours/day.
- 57. License/Permit (ID # 12117) New Extended Operating Hours License, Papa John's Pizza, 622 Somerville Ave, Opening Sun-Thu to 1AM, Fri-Sat to 3AM.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

- 58. Citation (ID # 12127) By Ald. Rossetti, and the Entire Board and the Mayor Congratulating Angela Hager as she celebrates her 100th birthday.
- 59. Order (ID # 12146) By Ald. White Jr., Lafuente That the Finance Committee examine the impact of the continued practice of balancing the city's budget by raising property taxes to the maximum permitted under Proposition 2 1/2, and explore ways for this Board to engage earlier in the budget process.
- 60. Order (ID # 12122) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree in front of 172 North Street.
- 61. Order (ID # 12123) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD work with Eversource to remove the unsafe telephone poles secured to rotting trees on Woods Street at North Street, and on Barton Street at Broadway.
- 62. Order (ID # 12124) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works fix the broken pedestrian lights at North Street and Powderhouse Blvd.



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- 63. Order (ID # 12125) By Ald. 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.
  
  - 64. Order (ID # 12126) By Ald. McWatters  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) ascertain how the Cambridge Health Alliance intends to mitigate the damage to the parking lot at Summer and Spring Streets that is causing structural damage to abutters.
  
  - 65. Order (ID # 12147) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the DO NOT ENTER signs on Perkins Street, on the Boston border.
  
  - 66. Order (ID # 12148) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Chief of Police increase police presence on Perkins Street during evening traffic hours to prevent cars from entering through the DO NOT ENTER end of the street.
  
  - 67. Mayor's Request (ID # 11685) Requesting revisions to the City Charter and Ordinances to adjust the threshold for written contracts to align with MA General Law.
  
  - 68. Mayor's Request (ID # 12157) Requesting an amendment to Zoning Ordinance 7.15 Re: Medical Marijuana Treatment Facilities.
  
  - 69. Mayor's Request (ID # 12086) Requesting approval of an Order of Taking for various Beacon Street Reconstruction Easements.
  
  - 70. Mayor's Request (ID # 12144) Requesting an appropriation of \$195,770,799 for the FY2016 General Fund Operating Budget.
  
  - 71. Mayor's Request (ID # 12149) Requesting an appropriation of \$19,769,102 for the 2016 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget.
  
  - 72. Mayor's Request (ID # 12145) Requesting an appropriation of \$12,590,675 to fund the FY2016 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.
  
  - 73. Mayor's Request (ID # 12027) Requesting the creation of the Elmwood Stabilization Fund and acceptance of a mitigation payment to the Fund of \$12,500 from GFC Development Inc., for crosswalk installation.
  
  - 74. Mayor's Request (ID # 12143) Requesting the appointment of C. Anne Brockelman as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

- 75. Mayor's Communication (ID # 12156) Conveying information about exploring Electricity Community Choice Aggregation for Somerville.
- 76. Officer's Communication (ID # 12121) City Auditor responding to #199425 re: a list of exempt, non-publicly bid contracts.
- 77. Officer's Communication (ID # 12062) Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders submitted 5/14/15.
- 78. Officer's Communication (ID # 12063) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 5/28/15.
- 79. License/Permit (ID # 12158) Public Event Permit, US3 Lunch Break Fridays, Union Sq Plaza, Fridays Jul 17-Sep18, 10AM-2:30PM.
- 80. License/Permit (ID # 12152) Public Event Permit, Sion Seven Day Adventist Church Lemonade Stand, Davis Sq Statue Park and 45 College Ave in front of Church, Jun 28, 11AM-5:15PM.
- 81. License/Permit (ID # 12154) Public Event Permit, SomDog Pet Palooza, Assembly Row area-Great River Road, Jul 31 Noon-9PM, Aug 1-Aug 2 11AM-5PM.
- 82. License/Permit (ID # 12153) Public Event Permit, Leather's Park Jackson Road Block Party, Aug 8, Noon-9PM (raindate Aug 9).
- 83. License/Permit (ID # 12155) Public Event Permit, Police Dept. Sean Collier Kickball Extravaganza, Trum Field and Franey Rd, Sep 26, 8AM-7PM.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**