

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 10, 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 Organizational Meeting on January 3, 2011, and the Regular Meeting on January 13, 2011.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. Order By Ald. Sullivan, O'Donovan, Roche, Gewirtz, Heuston, Connolly

That the Commissioner of Public Works enforce the city's rules pertaining to people holding parking spaces with household items.
4. Order By Ald. Sullivan, O'Donovan, Roche, Gewirtz, Heuston, Connolly

That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board how many parking space holders were confiscated this winter.
5. Order By Ald. Pero

That the Director of Traffic and Parking post Resident Only parking signage on the public side of East Albion Street.
6. Order By Ald. Roche

That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking determine if a public safety hazard or a quality of life issue exists with respect to the number and speed of vehicles entering Bonair Street from Dana Street, and if so, recommend an alternative traffic pattern.

7. Order By Ald. Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill pot holes along lower Broadway near Broadway Brake, and on Cross Street, and conduct a pot hole patrol on other Ward 1 streets.
8. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Communications inform this Board of the process used to verify CTY messages regarding snow removal, including verifying the content with other city departments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

9. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, February 9, 2011.
- B. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Finance Provide This Board with Information Regarding Monthly and Quarterly Variance Reports by Department, or the Method by Which Actual Departmental Expenses Are Reconciled to the Budget on a Regular Basis.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$18,850 from the Dept. of Environmental Protection for the city's recycling program.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$8,400 from the State Office of Public Safety to the Police Dept. for traffic enforcement.
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting the expenditure of a grant of \$7,815 from the State Office of Public Safety and Security for the Fire Dept.'s SAFE Program.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a Sustainable Community Challenge Grant of \$1.8 million from the Dept. of Housing & Urban Development for several SPCD initiatives, including the Comprehensive Plan, Green Line planning, a rewrite of the zoning ordinance, streamlining the permitting process, and a land bank for affordable housing.
- G. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a donation of \$10,000 from Spectra Energy Transmission to support community-based projects involving the Dept. of Public Works.

- H. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a donation of \$5,000 from Powderhouse Productions to support community events, programs and other municipal initiatives.
- I. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the City Solicitor change the language of the SomerPromise Declaration of Trust to allow the President of this Board to appoint an Alderman as a Trustee of the Trust.

10. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, February 3, 2011.
- B. Mayor's Communication Requesting Approval to Amend in the Zoning Ordinances the Allowable Uses, Requirements for Special Permits, and Purpose Statements in IA and IP Zones.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance to amend the definition of Home Occupation and Historic Outbuilding, and amend Article 7 Permitted Uses to create and allow a Historic Carriage House Occupation with identified development standards in certain zoning districts.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance and revising the review process for Special Permits, Special Permits with Site Plan Review, and Variances.
- E. Officer's Request Requesting approval of two Grants of Easement for the Fire Dept. at 266 Broadway.

11. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, February 8, 2011.
- B. Mayor's Communication Requesting Approval of a Home Rule Petition to Amend the City Charter to Bring it into Conformity with Current State Law and Streamline Enactment of Administrative Matters.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an amendment to the Ordinances at Chapter 12 regarding the Placement and Maintenance of News racks.

12. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, February 8, 2011.
- B. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Water Superintendent appear before this Board's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss the recent letter to city residents concerning the water supply.
- C. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz
That this Board requests that the Administration, the Police and this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety coordinate with the National Empowerment Center on training police officers responding to situations involving people with mental illness.
- D. Order By Ald. Roche
That the Chief Fire Engineer appear before this Board to report on any actions taken to avoid another situation with the fire hydrants like what happened on Fairfax Street.
- E. Order By Ald. Connolly
That the Chief of Police advise this Board of the overall training goals for all management personnel and patrol officers for the balance of the fiscal year.
- F. Resolution By Ald. Pero
That this Board requests that the Administration consider including the Police Department training program offered by the National Empowerment Center in the FY12 city budget.
- G. Resolution By Ald. White Jr.
That this Board requests that the Administration examine the possibility of participating in a pilot program with the National Empowerment Center.

13. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, February 8, 2011.

- B. Order By Ald. Taylor
- That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate the feasibility of placing a STOP sign at the intersection of Bow Street and Somerville Avenue (East).
- C. Order By Ald. Heuston
- That the Chief of Police monitor traffic on Webster Avenue from 7:30 to 9 AM Monday through Friday and cite motorists violating the red light or blocking traffic during school drop off times, and that the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking determine the need for a police detail at the Charter School during drop off and pick up hours.

14. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Youth Services, February 8, 2011.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

15. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for this Board to convene in Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.
16. Mayor's Request Requesting the declaration of Harris Park and the adjacent Right of Way as available for disposition pursuant to G.L. c. 30B, s. 16.
17. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$1,712 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Personnel Salaries Acct. to establish the position of Human Resources Coordinator/Civil Service Manager.
18. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Alan Bingham to the Historic Preservation Commission.
19. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Natasha Burger to the Historic Preservation Commission.
20. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Kelly Speakman to the Historic Preservation Commission.
21. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Todd Zinn to the Historic Preservation Commission.
22. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Kevin Allen to the Historic Preservation Commission.
23. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Dick Bauer to the Historic Preservation Commission.

- 24. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Ryan Falvey to the Historic Preservation Commission.
- 25. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Kellyann Binari to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
- 26. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of William Vienneau to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
- 27. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Theresa Baino to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
- 28. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Bette Serris to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 29. Officer's Request City Clerk requesting approval to release certain Executive Session minutes as described within.
- 30. Officer's Request City Clerk requesting approval of his Public Official's Bond.
- 31. Officer's Communication Traffic and Parking Director responding to various Board Orders.
- 32. Officer's Communication Police Chief responding to various Board Orders.
- 33. Officer's Communication SPCD Director responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 34. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Maple Syrup Project Boil Down, Community Growing Center, Mar 4, 8:30-2:30P, Mar 5 10-2P.
- 35. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Eastern Bank, 256 Elm St., 1 sign, 1 projecting sign.
- 36. Public Communication Jennifer Wilson submitting comments re: #190749, pet-friendly ice melt.
- 37. Public Communication Joanna Hale submitting comments re: #190749, pet-friendly ice melt.
- 38. Public Communication David Hale submitting comments re: #190749, pet-friendly ice melt.
- 39. Public Communication Sarah Hall submitting comments re: #190749, pet-friendly ice melt.

- 40. Public Communication Mariah Torpey submitting comments re: #190749, pet-friendly ice melt.
- 41. Public Communication Jessica Moriarty submitting comments re: #190749, pet-friendly ice melt.
- 42. Public Communication Somerville Dog Owners Group submitting comments re: #190749, pet-friendly ice melt.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 43. Citation By Ald. Roche, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending Fred Caruso, on the happy occasion of his 80th birthday.
- 44. Order By Ald. Trane
That this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works request that NSTAR Gas appear before the Committee to discuss the condition of gas pipelines in the city and any preventive maintenance being performed.
- 45. Order By Ald. Trane
That the Commissioner of Public Works submit to this Board, the number of street openings during the past 2 years for gas line repairs made by NSTAR.
- 46. Order By Ald. Trane
That the Commissioner of Public Works have city personnel inspect the pipe at all emergency street openings for gas leaks, and report on the condition to this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works.
- 47. Order By Ald. Trane
That the Commissioner of Public Works empty all of the city trash receptacles located in Teele Square.
- 48. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works schedule Washington Street, Beacon Street, Park Street and areas of Union Square for snow removal because parking, bus access and general public safety is being compromised by the delay in removing the snow.
- 49. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of David Fallon to the Position of Police Captain.
- 50. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of William Rymill to the Position of Police Lieutenant.

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| 51. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the Appointment of Michael Mulcahy to the Position of Police Lieutenant. |
| 52. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the Appointment of Gerald Reardon to the Position of Police Lieutenant. |
| 53. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the Appointment of David Monte to the Position of Police Sergeant. |
| 54. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the Appointment of Jeffrey DiGregorio to the Position of Police Sergeant. |
| 55. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the Appointment of Richard Lavey to the Position of Police Sergeant. |
| 56. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the Appointment of Warren Chaille to the Position of Police Sergeant. |
| 57. | Mayor's Request | Request the appointment of Devin Schneider to the position of Permanent Police Officer. |
| 58. | Mayor's Request | Request the appointment of Joseph Teves to the position of Permanent Police Officer. |
| 59. | Mayor's Request | Request the appointment of Gravin Guillen to the position of Permanent Police Officer. |
| 60. | Mayor's Request | Request the appointment of Mark Nevin to the position of Permanent Police Officer. |
| 61. | Mayor's Request | Request the appointment of Christopher Collette to the position of Permanent Police Officer. |
| 62. | Mayor's Request | Request the appointment of Michael Perrone to the position of Permanent Police Officer. |
| 63. | Mayor's Request | Request the appointment of Ashley Catato to the position of Permanent Police Officer. |
| 64. | Mayor's Request | Request the appointment of Jason Costa to the position of Permanent Police Officer. |
| 65. | Mayor's Request | Request the appointment of Naza Haynes to the position of Permanent Police Officer. |
| 66. | Mayor's Request | Request the appointment of Michael McCarey to the position of Permanent Police Officer. |
| 67. | Mayor's Request | Request the appointment of Daniel Bourque to the position of Permanent Police Officer. |
| 68. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the Appointment of Nia DeYounge to the Arts Council. |

69. License/Permit New Livery License, Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St., 1 vehicle.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk