

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2010, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Walter F. Pero	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Sean T. O'Donovan	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah L. Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Absent	

1. #189870 Call of the Roll.
Roll Call

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. #189871 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2010.
Minutes

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. #189872 By Ald. O'Donovan, and the Entire Board
Citation Congratulating Joseph Piro on the auspicious occasion of his 100th birthday.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. #189873 Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric for 10 feet of conduit from a
Grant of Location manhole to 23-25 Cross St.

RESULT: APPROVED

Ald. Roche recused.

5. #189874 Grant of Location submitted by NStar for 3 feet of conduit from a pole to 43-
Grant of Location 45 Spring St.

RESULT: APPROVED

Ald. Roche recused.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. #189875 By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the damaged
sidewalk panels at 35 Winslow Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. #189876 By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Gewirtz
Resolution That this Board requests that the MBTA trim the trees and remove the
overgrowth along the Busway between Grove St. and College Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. #189877 By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Gewirtz
Resolution That this Board requests that the MBTA provide an update on the bicycle
storage plans and improvements at the Davis Sq. Station.

RESULT: APPROVED

9. #189878 By Ald. Heuston, and the Entire Board
Resolution That this Board urges Senators John Kerry and Scott Brown to vote against
any Amendment offered to the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act of 2010
(H. R. 5297) that would pre-empt state and local taxing authority on hotel
rooms.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. #189879 By Ald. Heuston
Order That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees at 104 and 106 Beacon
St. and clear the tree wells at 103, 104, 106 and 109 Beacon St.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. #189880 By Ald. Taylor
Order That the Environmental Programs Manager investigate creating a
paper/plastic recycling initiative at fast food establishments.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

12. #189881 Resolution By Ald. Taylor
That this Board requests that the Administration update this Board on the establishment of raised traffic calming tables on designated public ways.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

13. #189882 Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the owner of 65 Beacon St. to trim the overgrowth in front of the building.

RESULT: APPROVED

14. #189883 Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works plant trees at 5, 7 and 13 Quincy St. and at 9-19 Bolton St.

RESULT: APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

15. FINANCE COMMITTEE, JULY 7

- A. #189884 Report of the Committee on Finance - July 7, 2010.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #189166 Mayor's Request Requesting Approval to Expend a \$150,000 Grant from the MA Exec. Office of Public Safety and Security and the State 911 Regional Public Safety Communications Center to Conduct a Feasibility for a Regional Emergency Communications Center.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. #189865 Mayor's Request Request to Declare (16) Police Vehicles as Surplus.

RESULT: APPROVED

- D. #189863 Requesting Approval to Extend the Contract of Johnson Roberts Associates
Mayor's Request to 12/31/10

RESULT: APPROVED

- E. #189864 Requesting Approval to Extend the Contract of TBA Architects, Inc. to
Mayor's Request 12/31/10

RESULT: APPROVED

- F. #189857 Requesting Approval to Proceed with CM-At-Risk Delivery Method for
Mayor's Request ESCS Renovation Project

RESULT: APPROVED

- G. #189859 Requesting Appropriation of \$50,000 from Receipts Reserved for
Mayor's Request Appropriation-Insurance Losses to East Somerville Community School
Reconstruction for an Independent Cost Estimator for the ESCS Project

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Taylor, Pero, O'Donovan, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

- H. #189861 Requesting Approval to Extend the Contract of Symmes Maini & McKee at
Mayor's Request the Argenziano School Project to Assist with the Administration of a Grant to
Install Solar Panels

RESULT: APPROVED

16. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE, JULY 7

- A. #189885 Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits - July 7, 2010.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #189834 New Garage License, All Rite Auto, 38-42 Medford St., 4 autos inside, 6 out.
License/Permit

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. #189835 New Garage License, Streetwise, 59 Pitman St., 6 autos inside, 14 out, hours
License/Permit M-F open 7:30AM.

RESULT: APPROVED

- D. #189836 License/Permit New Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, All Rite Auto, 38-42 Medford St., 10 autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

- E. #189837 License/Permit New Used Car Dealer's License, Pat's Towing Inc., 160 McGrath Hwy., 75 autos outside.

RESULT: APPROVED

- F. #189004 Board Communication By Ald. Connolly That the Committee on Licenses & Permits Review Licensure at 262 Beacon St. and Determine the Hours of Operation.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- G. #189011 Board Communication By Ald. Roche That This Board's Committee on Licenses and Permits Direct the Owner of A+ Auto Body, on Medford Street, to Appear Before the Committee for a Show Cause Hearing on Why the City Should Not Revoke the Business License.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- H. #189059 Officer's Communication Response to Board Order 188964 - Automatic Amusement Device License, Game Underground, 1123 Broadway

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- I. #189088 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Pat's Towing Inc., 160-200 McGrath Hwy., 340 Spaces.

RESULT: APPROVED

- J. #189185 License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 282 Somerville Ave., 24/7 Operation.

RESULT: APPROVED

- K. #189186 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Inman Motor Sales, 121-123 Prospect St., 4 Autos Inside.

RESULT: APPROVED

L. #189187 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Maaco Auto Painting, 444 Somerville Ave., 75 Autos Inside.

RESULT: APPROVED

M. #189188 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Leins Auto Repair, 69-71 Bow St., 2 Autos Inside, 8 Outside.

RESULT: APPROVED

N. #189189 License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Black & Blues, 89 Holland St., 2 Signs.

RESULT: APPROVED

O. #189818 Officer's Communication City Clerk responding to #189733 and #189734 re: automatic amusement device licenses.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

P. #189830 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, 120 Beacon St. LP, 120 Beacon St., 60 autos inside, 20 out.

RESULT: APPROVED

Q. #189831 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Grove St. Realty Trust, 48 Grove St., 20 autos inside.

RESULT: APPROVED

R. #189832 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Green Automotive Corp., , 600 Windsor Pl., 50 autos inside, 40 out.

RESULT: APPROVED

S. #189838 License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, Riverdog LLC, 321 Somerville Ave., A-Frame sign.

RESULT: APPROVED

T. #189839 License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, Elegant Furniture, 31 Union Sq., 1 Table.

RESULT: NOT APPROVED

- U. #189840 License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, Massage Therapy Works, 255 Elm St., 1 A-Frame Sign.

RESULT: APPROVED

- V. #189841 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Star Markets Company, 275 Beacon St., 3 autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

17. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, JULY 6

- A. #189886 Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety - July 6, 2010

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #189887 Order By Ald. Connolly
That the Director of Traffic and Parking Enforce the City's Parking Regulations, on a Regular Basis, on Highland Avenue, in the Vicinity of the Armory, Including But Not Limited To, 2 Hour Minimums, Proximity to Diveways and Proximity to Intersections.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. #189888 Order By Ald. Connolly
That the Chief of Police Determine the Process of Applying for a One Day Beer and Wine License and Report that Information to the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

- D. #189614 Order By Ald. White Jr.
That Representatives from Vinfen and the Department of Mental Health, Along with Somerville's State Delegation, Meet with the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, Within the Next Two Weeks, to Discuss Vinfen's Contract with the Somerville Mental Health Association and Its Impact on the Somerville Community.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. #189629 Officer's Communication Response to Order 189276 - Informational Packet Regarding Trash, Dumpsters and Laws Relating to Their Cleaning, Upkeep of Private Property and State Health Codes

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

18. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, JULY 6

- A. #189889 Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works - July 6, 2010.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #189890 By Ald. O'Donovan
Order That the Commissioner of Public Works review the list of double poles and determine how many new double poles are being installed.

RESULT: APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

19. #189891 Requesting that this Board convene in Executive Session to discuss collective
Mayor's Request bargaining strategy.

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Taylor, Pero, O'Donovan, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

No votes taken in Executive Session.

20. #189892 Requesting approval of an Ordinance amending the Local Historic District
Mayor's Request Map to create one new multi-building district known as the Morrison Avenue
Historic District by combining two existing single-building districts at 197
and 222 Morrison Avenue and adding one new property, 221 Morrison
Avenue.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED BY ROLL CAL
[UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Taylor, Pero, O'Donovan, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

21. #189893 Requesting authorization to accept a Grant from the Somerville Housing
Mayor's Request Authority in the amount of \$3,000 to support the Mystic Mural Project for
FY 2011.

RESULT: APPROVED

22. #189894 Requesting approval to expend a grant from Target in the amount of \$2,000
Mayor's Request to support the 2010-2011 Art in a Garden Program.

RESULT: APPROVED

23. #189895 Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a donation from Comcast in the amount of \$500 to support ArtBeat.

RESULT: APPROVED

24. #189896 Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointemnt of Carlene Campbell to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

25. #189897 Mayor's Request Requesting the Reappointment of Orsola Susan Fontano to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire January 31, 2015.

RESULT: APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

26. #189898 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Josephine Ave. Block Party, Morrison Ave. to Kidder Ave., Jul 10, 5PM-Sunset (raindate Jul 11).

RESULT: APPROVED

27. #189899 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Prospect Hill Academy Canning Drive, McGrath Hwy. at Broadway, Jul 21, 3-4:30PM (raindate Jul 22).

RESULT: APPROVED

28. #189900 License/Permit Public Event Permit, The Training Room "Fitness on the Ave.", 691A Somerville Ave., Jul 24, Noon-6PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

29. #189901 License/Permit Public Event Permit, SomerStreets, Broadway from Temple St. to Lombardi St., Jul 25, 8AM-4PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

30. #189902 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Open Air Circus summer performances, Nunziato Field, Jul 29-Aug 2 (performances on Jul 30, 31, and Aug 1).

RESULT: APPROVED

31. #189903 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Arts Council Bloom event, Prospect Hill Park, Aug 21-22 (raindate Aug 28-29).

RESULT: APPROVED

32. #189904 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Homeless Coalition 5K Road Race Banner, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Aug 30-Oct 2.

RESULT: APPROVED

33. #189905 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Youth Hockey Canning Drive, Citywide, Sep 11, Oct 16, Nov 6 (raindates Sep 12, Oct 17, Nov 7).

RESULT: APPROVED

34. #189906 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Burren MS 5K Bur Run, Elm-Grove-Day Sts. area, Sep 12, 11:30AM, and 2 Banners hung in area.

RESULT: APPROVED

35. #189907 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Homeless Coalition Road Race, Davis Sq. Seven Hills Park, Oct 2, 7-1PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

36. #189908 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Striders Jingle Bell Run, Davis Sq. area, Dec 19, 11AM.

RESULT: APPROVED

37. #189909 License/Permit New Drainlayer License, Terratec Construction Inc.

RESULT: APPROVED

38. #189910 License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Mass Bay Commuter Rail, 70R Third Ave., 393,510 gallons.

RESULT: APPROVED

39. #189911 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, American Auto, 682 Mystic Ave., 3 autos in, 7 out.

RESULT: APPROVED

40. #189912 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers Class II License, Louis Frank Motorcars, 27 Porter St., 0 autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

41. #189913 License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Marc Morency Inc., Med. #78.

RESULT: APPROVED

LATE ITEMS

42. #189914 Order By Ald. O'Donovan That the Chief Fire Engineer, the Chief of Police and the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Forward Their Reports of the Recent Fire on Glenwood Road to the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk