

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

September 7, 2010, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

- I. Roll Call Call of the Roll.

- II. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 29, 2010, and the Regular Meeting of July 8, 2010.

CITATIONS

- 3. Citation Commending Bert Gay on the happy occasion of his 70th birthday.

- 4. Citation Commending Jason Santos, Executive Chef at Gargoyles, who was named a Finalist on the “Hell’s Kitchen” reality TV show.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 5. Grant of Location Grant of Location Submitted By National Grid, to install 4,415 feet of 12" steel main gas line from the intersection of Pearl and Pinckney Sts. east to Pearl, north on Mt. Vernon, across Broadway, along Lombardi Way, across Mystic, then along Assembly Sq. Dr. to Ikea Way, along with accessory 8" plastic stubs.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 6. Communication By Ald. O’Donovan

The Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works will meet Wednesday, September 8, at 7 PM, in the Aldermen’s Chambers, to Discuss the Recent Power Outages. Representatives from NSTAR, the State, Somerville’s State Delegation, and City Officials Have Been Asked to Participate. This Meeting is Open to the Public.

- 7. Order By Ald. White Jr.

That the Director of SPCD (ISD) Consult with the Law Office to Obtain an Administrative Search Warrant to Examine 22 Forster Street and Then Issue All Appropriate Citations and Pursue Legal Action If Necessary.

8. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Clerk of Committees Send a Communication to the Owner of the Armory and to Arts at the Armory, that They Send to This Board the Consultant's Armory Noise Report before the Next Meeting of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, Scheduled for September 20 at 6 PM, and that Representatives of the Armory Appear at that Meeting.
9. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Chief of Police Appear Before the Committee on Pubic Health and Public Safety to Discuss Crime Statistics for the Summer Months.
10. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD Provide This Board with the Latest Revision to the City's Rodent Control Policies before the Next Meeting of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, and appear with Appropriate Designees at Said Meeting.
11. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works Re-Pave Irving Street.
12. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) Monitor Jack Hammering Activities Near Henry Street to Ensure Compliance with the Noise Ordinance in the Early Morning Hours.
13. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, White Jr., Desmond, Connolly
That This Board Requests that the State Dept. of Public Health Perform a Health and Risk Study and Offer Remediation to Deal with the Issue of Highway Pollution to the Neighborhoods in East Somerville, Adjacent to Route 93.
14. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., Desmond, Connolly
That the Commissioner of Public Works Direct the Appropriate Utility to Remove the Double Pole at 29 Delaware Street and Check the Utility Lines for Safety as They Appear to be Touching the House.
15. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, White Jr., Desmond, Connolly
That the Commissioner of Public Works Clean the Alley Way at the Edgerly School, Between Otis and Bonair Streets.

16. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Taylor, Heuston, White Jr., Desmond, Connolly
That the Commissioner of Public Works Clean the Conway Park Basketball Courts of All Trash.
17. Order By Ald. Taylor, Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works Re-Pave Bow Street in the Immediate Future.
18. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Director of Traffic and Parking Consider Establishing a 90 Day Residential Parking Permit for Designated Areas Within the City.
19. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works Replace the City Gas Lamps at College Avenue and Winter Street and in Statue Park.
20. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works Notify the Appropriate Utility to Repair the Streetlamps at at Morrison and Newberne Aves., 256 Morrison Ave., 22 Winslow Ave., Ciampa Manor, and College and Park Aves.
21. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works Clean and Maintain the Community Garden on Allen Street.
22. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking Increase PCO Presence on Columbia Street to Enforce Parking Regulations.
23. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works Pave Hammond Street and Park Place.
24. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the City Solicitor Draft an Ordinance to Regulate and Require Permits for Paving on Residential and Commercial Properties.

25. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Chief of Police Order Directed Patrols of the Norfolk Street Area and the Sacramento Street Underpass to Deter Vagrants, and that the Commissioner of Public Works Regularly Remove Debris from Those Areas.
26. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works Direct NSTAR to Provide a Written Report Explaining Why Repeated Requests to Replace a Missing Street Lamp at 575 Windsor Street and to Repair the Street Light at 11 Joseph Street Have Been Ignored.
27. 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

28. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, September 7, 2010.

29. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, September 1, 2010.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

30. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$1,940,788 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Insurance Losses Account to the East Somerville School Renovations Account, to begin the process of reconstructing the East Somerville Community School.
31. Mayor's Request Requesting the authorization of the Veteran's Memorial Ice Rink Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2011.
32. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund Unallocated Balance Account to the Veteran's Memorial Ice Rink Revolving Fund for start-up operations for the ice rink.

- 33. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$490,000 Transit Oriented Development Grant from Mass DOT for the MaxPak site.
- 34. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Barbara Butler to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 35. Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.
- 36. Officer's Communication Asst. City Solicitor responding to BOA #189685 re: proposing an ordinance to ban text messaging while driving.

NEW BUSINESS

- 37. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Dog Festival, Conway Park, Sep 19, 10-3PM.
- 38. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Malvern Ave. Block Party, Malvern Ave., Sep 25, 2PM (raindate Sep 26).
- 39. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Henry LLC, 38-44 Broadway, 6,256 gallons.
- 40. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Broadway Henry LLC, 28-30 Broadway, 4 autos inside, 6 outside.
- 41. License/Permit New Garage License, Elias & Abe Auto Repair Inc., 258 Broadway, Mechanical repairs and storing vehicles, 3 autos inside, 27 outside.
- 42. License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, West Somerville Dental Associates, 124 College Ave., 1 A-Frame sign, 1 table, 1 chair.
- 43. License/Permit Sign Permit, Las Brisas Restaurant, 561 McGrath Hwy. 2 awnings.
- 44. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, ATO Associates Inc., 134 Professors Row.
- 45. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Kappa Charge Theta Delta Chi, 123 Packard Ave.
- 46. License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Kee Kar Lau, 1158 Broadway, Su-Th to 1:30AM, Fr-Sa to 2AM

LATE ITEMS

47. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works install street signs for Maine Avenue and Maine Terrace.
48. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with information regarding the Green Line extension track layout and its impacts around the Brickbottom area, addressing such issues as: recent survey information which shows property lines closer than originally anticipated; Mass DOT's plans to use a "five foot strip" on the Union Square side; and the entire right of way on the mainline side and track alignments.
49. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD update this Board on discussions for air rights uses for the Green Line extension maintenance facility, particularly regarding a stadium.
50. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Oxford St. Block Party, Oxford St. between Hersey and School Sts., Sep 18, 3-9PM.
51. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Highland Rd. Block Party, Highland Rd. between Morrison and Kidder Aves., Sep 26, 2-8PM (raindate Oct 3).
52. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Pop Warner Canning Drive, Citywide, Oct 2 & 30, 9-5PM.
53. License/Permit New Garage License, Eleftherios Miaris dba Teddy's Foreign Motors, 86 Joy St., 10 autos in, 5 out.

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk