

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 28, 2013, 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,
January 24, 2013.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Desmond, and the Entire Board and the Mayor

Commending the High School Varsity Boys Hockey
Team for winning the Greater Boston League
Championship.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Order By Ald. O'Donovan

That the Commissioner of Public Works install a
DEAD END sign at the entrance to Vinal Street.
5. Order By Ald. O'Donovan

That the Commissioner of Public Works or the Director
of Traffic and Parking install a DEAD END sign at the
entrance to Beacon Terrace.
6. Order By Ald. O'Donovan

That the Commissioner of Public Works place Beacon
Terrace on the 2013 re-paving list.
7. Order By Ald. Cuff-Bastardi

That the Commissioner of Public Works place a trash
receptacle in front of 130 Broadway.
8. Order By Ald. Cuff-Bastardi

That the Commissioner of Public Works instruct all
DPW workers and snow removal contractors to heed
the NO DUMPING signs at the Community Growing
Center at Glen, Oliver and Franklin Streets, adjacent to
the Capuano School.

9. Order By Ald. Cuff-Bastardi
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pot holes on Inner Belt Road, especially those under the train bridge.
10. Order By Ald. Cuff-Bastardi
That the City Clerk request that DCR re-categorize the snow removal level for their properties in Somerville from priority 3 to priority 2.
11. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Taylor, Desmond, White Jr., Sullivan
That this Board requests that the Dedication Committee consider naming a street corner on Walnut Street in memory of the late Ted Buttner, USN retired and World War II veteran.
12. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair three out of service street lamps on Grove Street, between Winslow and Highland Avenues.
13. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the first street lamp on Villa Avenue, as it is cycling on and off.
14. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, Trane
That this Board requests that the Administration continue to educate residents on the city's snow removal policy and encourage neighbors to work together, especially during snow storms.
15. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Chief of Police provide this Board with the 2012 crime statistics and discuss them with the Committee on Public Health and Safety.
16. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD prepare a written analysis for this Board comparing the 2010 federal census with the 2000 census and highlighting the important changes and potential impacts.
17. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the Development Covenant for Assembly Square between the City, the Redevelopment Authority, and FRIT, including all revisions and amendments.

18. Resolution By Ald. Trane
- That this Board wishes Nancy Trane the happiest of birthdays, and thanks her for sharing her husband Robert with Ward Seven and the City, particularly on this 28th day of February, the anniversary of her birth.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

19. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on February 26, 2013.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Todd Easton to the Recreation and Youth Commission.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Ross Richmond to the Human Rights Commission.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Girard Gover to the Position of Fire Captain.
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Wallace Forrest to the Position of District Fire Chief.

20. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on February 26, 2013.
- B. Order By Ald. Pero
- That the Director of SPCD Report in Writing to the Committee on Housing and Community Development on the Results of the Meeting with the Magoun Square Business Owners and the Ward Five Alderman, to Discuss Parking and Other Issues Affecting the Decline in Business in Magoun Square.
- C. Order By Ald. Taylor, Heuston
- That the Director of SPCD, in conjunction with the manager of the Union Square Post Office, update the Ward 3 and Ward 2 Aldermen on the pending sale and relocation of the Union Square Post Office.
- D. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
- That the Library Director create a plan within the scope of the current budget to make the West Branch Library accessible for at least part of a weekend day.

- E. Order By Ald. Heuston, Trane
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide this Board with plans to help homeowners comply with the Stretch Energy Code, to take advantage of rebates and tax incentives.
- F. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD arrange a meeting with the Union Square business community to discuss the proposed Union Square roadway/streetscape improvement design plan.
- G. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with an analysis of the recommendations of the MIT Peer Review Study and the Howard/Stein-Hudson Study for Union Square.
- H. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD update this Board on planned bridge repairs by Mass DOT and plans for alerting the public, diverting traffic and providing assistance for access to affected businesses.
- I. Resolution By Ald. Lafuente, Desmond, Connolly, Gewirtz, Sullivan, Trane, White Jr.
That this Board requests that the Administration work with this Board to develop streetscape improvements for the Broadway Corridor from McGrath Highway to Alewife Brook Parkway.
- J. Order By Ald. Trane
That the Director of SPCD (Planning) prepare an outline of personnel, their duties, and the procedures in place for conducting zoning reviews prior to issuing permits for construction.
- K. Order By Ald. White Jr., Lafuente
That the City Solicitor's Office, SPCD, the Human Rights Commission, and the Commission for Persons with Disabilities review the conduct of the owner of 100 Fellsway West in denying a unit to the winner of the lottery for an affordable unit, including whether such conduct violates the special permit and whether any legal action and/or fines can be initiated.

- L. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with an update on the tenancy of the Social Security Building in Davis Square.
- M. Officer's Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various
Communication Board Orders.

21. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters,
meeting on February 27, 2013.

22. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public
Safety, meeting on February 27, 2013.
- B. Order By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Chief of Police or his designee appear before this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to report on the Automated License Plate Recognition devices as used by the Police Department.
- C. Officer's Chief of Police responding to #194283 re: policies for
Communication the Police Dept.'s use of the automated License Plate
Recognition System and the Safe City Monitoring
System.
- D. Order By Ald. Connolly
That the Police Chief appear before this Board's
Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss
policies and procedures related to the use and retention
of all video recordings.
- E. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Chief of Police update the Committee on
Public Health and Safety whenever policy changes are
made regarding the use of license plate readers and/or
quick deploy video cameras.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

23. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an ordinance to establish the
Community Preservation Committee.
24. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of a portion of the former
Assembly Square Drive to the Redevelopment
Authority.

25. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$394,700 in a bond for Retaining Wall Repairs to the bike path east of Davis Square.
26. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$117,030 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Election Dept.'s Special Elections Account to fund the April 30, 2013 Special State Primary Election and the June 25, 2013 Special State Election for the US Senate.
27. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$8,246 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Recreation Dept. Equipment Account to procure a batting cage.
28. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a mitigation payment of \$11,750 to establish the Linwood Street Sidewalk Improvements Stabilization Fund.
29. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$11,750 from the Linwood Street Sidewalk Improvements Stabilization Fund to carry out the purposes of the fund.
30. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a mitigation payment of \$8,000 to establish the Davis Square Traffic and Sign Stabilization Fund.
31. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$8,000 from the Davis Square Traffic and Sign Stabilization Fund to carry out the purposes of the Fund.
32. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$3,073 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Personnel Salaries Account to fund a salary adjustment in the Personnel Dept.
33. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay 3 prior year invoices in the Traffic and Parking Dept., totalling \$1,855.70.
34. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of an Assistance to Firefighters Grant of \$201,600 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Fire Dept.
35. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of William Roche as Director of Personnel.
36. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Scott Kingsley as Constable.
37. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Nathaniel Greene as Constable.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Darcy Haynes as Constable.

- 39. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Ruth Barbosa as Constable.
- 40. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Donna Leon Pierre as Constable.
- 41. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Derek Morrison as Constable.
- 42. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Geovanne Colon as Constable.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

- 43. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Executive Auto Body, 30 Medford St., through April 30, 2013.
- 44. Public Communication 59 residents submitting comments re: #194056, a proposed ban on polystyrene.
- 45. Public Communication Lynn Weissman submitting comments re: #194060, a zoning amendment to permit a larger ground-floor supermarket at Assembly Square.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 46. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of Public Health announce Mystic River water hazards to the public as Cambridge does, so residents may participate in cutting back on water use during storms, diverting gutters into gardens and taking other proactive steps to protect the river.
- 47. Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That the Commissioner of Public Works, the City Arborist and the Director of SPCD (Transportation and Infrastructure) evaluate the tree at 191 Cedar Street for safety issues.
- 48. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That this Board discharges from the Committee of the Whole both #179372, a 2005 Petition from 10 registered voters for a ballot question on divestment from Israel, and #181115, a 2006 Resolution supporting immigrants and a path to permanent status.
- 49. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$8,500 in the Inspectional Services Department, from its Professional and Technical Services Account to its Salaries Account.

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| 50. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Julia Prange Wallerice to the Somerville Fair Housing Commission. |
| 51. | License/Permit | Sign/Awning Permit, MA Association of Portuguese Speakers, 92 Union Sq., One awning and two banners. |
| 52. | Public Communication | 6 residents submitting comments re: #194056, a proposed ban on polystyrene. |

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk