

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

March 10, 2011, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.
  
2. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,  
February 10, 2011.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation            By Ald. Taylor, and the Entire Board and the Mayor  
Commending James Powers, who is retiring after 33  
years of dedicated service to the city as a Firefighter.
  
4. Citation            By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board  
Commending Karen Harrington, who is retiring after  
more than 30 years of dedicated service to the city,  
primarily in the Recreation Dept.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

5. Order                By Ald. Taylor  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 93 School  
Street and make recommendations to the landlord for  
the storage of trash.
  
6. Order                By Ald. Taylor  
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the trash  
at the Post Office newsracks on Washington Street.
  
7. 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.
  
8. Order                By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Health  
update this Board on the public awareness campaign to  
address rodent control, and describe specific problem  
areas and plans to address rodent control in those areas.

9. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the City Solicitor and the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide recommendations for the abandoned property at 47 Harrison Street, and advise this Board on actions the city can take to address safety and health issues as well as taxes and fees owed the city.
10. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of Capital Projects address the continual structural problems in the roof and doors of the Argenziano School, explaining whether they are covered under a warranty or are now a cost to the City, and provide a detailed reconciliation of those repairs.
11. Resolution By Ald. Heuston  
That this Board requests that the Dedication Commission consider placing a memorial in Ward 2 (at a location to be determined) in memory of Donald Loughman, a retired school custodian and Korean War Veteran.
12. Order By Ald. Roche  
That the City Solicitor advise this Board on the process for increasing the number of Beer and Wine licenses in the city.
13. Order By Ald. Roche  
That the Commissioner of Public Works begin an aggressive pot hole repair program around Ward One.
14. Order By Ald. Roche  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait for rodents in and around Virginia Street near Aldrich Street, Pearl Street between Wesley and Dana Streets, and Franklin Street near Franklin Avenue.
15. Order By Ald. Roche  
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect and repair the lights along the median strip in Ward One.
16. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Pero  
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean Temple Street and Shore Drive (under Route 93).
17. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Pero  
That the Commissioner of Public Works clear Grimmons Park of dog feces.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

18. 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.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

19. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report      Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, March 8, 2011.
- B. Order      By Ald. Taylor  
That the City Solicitor report to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments on the city's residency requirement, as applicable to department heads, and explain the waiver process for those who do not reside in the city.
- C. Mayor's Request      Requesting the appointment of Antonio Cicolini to the position of Permanent Firefighter.
- D. Mayor's Request      Requesting the appointment of Christopher Carroll to the position of Permanent Firefighter.
- E. Mayor's Request      Request the appointment of Justin Bonner to the position of Permanent Firefighter.
- F. Mayor's Request      Requesting the appointment of Daniel Costa to the position of Permanent Firefighter.
- G. Mayor's Request      Requesting the appointment of Brendan Noonan to the position of Permanent Firefighter.
- H. Mayor's Request      Requesting the appointment of Andrew Patriquin to the position of Permanent Firefighter.
- I. Mayor's Request      Requesting the appointment of Dennis Sullivan to the position of Permanent Firefighter.
- J. Mayor's Request      Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Santangelo as Constable.

20. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report      Report of the Committee on Finance, March 7, 2011.

- B. Mayor's Request Requesting the expenditure of \$2,891.39 of FY11 Appropriations to pay three outstanding FY10 invoices in the Police Dept.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to enter into a street tree planting contract in excess of three years.
- D. Officer's Request City Solicitor requesting to pay a prior fiscal year invoice of \$4,600 in the Law Office to Lucy Jen.
- E. Officer's Request City Solicitor requesting to pay a prior fiscal year invoice of \$125 in the Law Office to the Boston Bar Assn.
- F. Officer's Request City Clerk requesting approval of his Public Official's Bond.
- G. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$20,000 grant from the MA Cultural Council for the Arts Council's ArtsUnion programming.
- H. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$12,213 grant from the Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Initiative for Police Dept. anti-gang activities.
- I. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$4,400 grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Police Dept.
- J. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$1,000 grant from America's Promise Alliance, to conduct a local celebration.

21. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, March 3, 2011.

22. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, March 8, 2011.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an Ordinance to add or amend provisions for vegetative overgrowth, hazardous trees, outdoor wood storage, inoperable vehicles, unregistered vehicles, and the storage of boats or recreational vehicles.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting an amendment to Ordinance 9-56 regarding vegetative overgrowth, hazardous trees, and outdoor wood storage, and associated fines.

- D. Public Communication 51 Registered Voters submitting a petition for a public hearing on KSS Realty Partners and the use of union labor at the MaxPac site.
- E. Order By Ald. Roche  
That the City Solicitor appear before this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters to discuss whether KSS has breached its covenant with the city, and if so, to take action to revoke their permits.

23. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, March 2, 2011.
- B. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Frongillo Realty, 0 Spring Hill Terrace, 19 autos inside.
- C. License/Permit Renewing 2009 Garage License, Frongillo Realty, 0 Spring Hill Terrace, 19 autos inside.
- D. License/Permit Renewing 2008 Garage License, Frongillo Realty, 0 Spring Hill Terrace, 19 autos inside.
- E. License/Permit Renewing 2007 Garage License, Frongillo Realty, 0 Spring Hill Terrace, 19 autos inside.
- F. License/Permit Renewing 2006 Garage License, Frongillo Realty, 0 Spring Hill Terrace, 19 autos inside.
- G. License/Permit Renewing 2005 Garage License, Frongillo Realty, 0 Spring Hill Terrace, 19 autos inside.
- H. License/Permit New Flammables License, Cedars Petroleum, 182 Pearl St., 17,000 gallons.
- I. License/Permit New Garage License, Cedars Petroleum, 182 Pearl St., Mechanical repairs only, 2 autos inside, 4 outside.
- J. License/Permit New Garage License, A&M Foreign Motors, 400 Mystic Ave., Mechanical repairs, storing registered autos, 4 autos inside, 8 outside.
- K. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Eastern Bank, 256 Elm St., 1 sign, 1 projecting sign.
- L. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, H & F Motors, 486 Columbia St., 5 autos inside, 1 outside.
- M. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Motorsports Inc., 486R Columbia St., 3 autos inside, 5 outside.

24. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

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

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

25. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$60,183.56 from the Computer Equipment Acct. to the IT Capital Outlay Acct. to purchase a centralized storage area network appliance.
26. Mayor's Request Requesting to accept a \$1,876,179 Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant from the federal Dept. of Housing & Urban Development, for SPCD's Lead Hazard Abatement Program.
27. Mayor's Request Requesting to accept a \$205,854 CLAMP Grant from MassDOT for the Health Dept.'s Transportation Demand Management project to expand Walk/Ride Day.
28. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$14,473.50 grant from the MAPC's Regional Bike Parking Program for new bicycle accommodations citywide.
29. Mayor's Request Requesting to accept a \$2,869 grant from Factory Mutual Insurance Company for the Fire Dept.'s Fire Investigation Unit.
30. Mayor's Communication Conveying the Assembly Row DIF Consultant Analysis on municipal service impacts.
31. Mayor's Communication Conveying the Assembly Row DIF Tri-Party Public Funding Agreement.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

32. Officer's Communication Asst. City Solicitor responding to #190773 re: Shore Drive.
33. Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #190906 re: pedestrian safety at Washington Street at McGrath Highway.

**NEW BUSINESS**

34. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Striders Race of Ireland Road Race, Davis Sq. area, Mar 13, 11AM.
35. License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, J. Marachese and Sons Inc.
36. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Maria Ferry Salon, 1152 Broadway, 1 sign.

- 37. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Broadway Dollar, 314 Broadway, 1 sign.
- 38. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Somerville Auto Repair, 453 Somerville Ave., 2 autos inside, 7 outside.
- 39. License/Permit New Junk Dealer License, Aldrine Beauty Salon, 369 Somerville Ave., buying and selling gold.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

- 40. Communication By Ald. Gewirtz  
As President, conveying recent activities of the School Committee.
- 41. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$25,750,000 and authorization to borrow \$25,750,000 in a bond for the cost of implementing the Assembly Row DIF District and Development Program.
- 42. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Tufts Boston Beanpot Cycling Classic, Tufts area, Apr 3.
- 43. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Unity Church and 5 other Churches Easter Sunrise Service, Nathan Tufts Park, Apr 24, 6AM.
- 44. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Davis Sq. Farmers Market, Day/Herbert Sts. parking lot, Wednesdays May 25-Nov 23, 12-6PM.
- 45. License/Permit New Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Cedar's Petroleum, 182 Pearl St., 2 autos inside, 4 outside.
- 46. Public Communication Sen. Kerry responding to #190904 re: CDBG and CSBG funding.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk