

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 22, 2018, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 17975)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,
 (ID # 17976) January 25, 2018.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. Resolution By Ald. Mbah
 (ID # 17956) That the Administration report to this Board on what is
 being done to prevent gun violence in our schools,
 including any active shooter training provided to
 teachers.

4. Resolution By Ald. Mbah
 (ID # 17958) That the Administration consider hiring additional school
 nurses as soon as possible.

5. Order By Ald. Mbah
 (ID # 17957) That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to stop Globe
 Direct from leaving its weekly circulars at residents'
 homes.

6. Resolution By Ald. Rossetti, McLaughlin
 (ID # 17954) That the Administration reassess the city's agreement
 with Globe Direct regarding stopping deliveries upon
 request.

7. Order By Ald. Rossetti, Ballantyne
 (ID # 17953) That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider adding
 painted street lane arrows and signage at the intersection
 of Holland Street and Broadway to improve safety.

8. Communication By Ald. Rossetti
 (ID # 17955) Reporting on the High School Building Committee
 meeting of February 15, 2018.

9. Order (ID # 17959) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on the south side of Highland Avenue between Somerville Hospital and Benton Road, and at 188 Lowell Street.
10. Order (ID # 17960) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking re-stripe the crosswalk on Lowell Street at Princeton Street near the bridge.
11. Order (ID # 17961) By Ald. Niedergang, Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the feasibility of installing a crosswalk on Highland Avenue in front of the Armory.
12. Order (ID # 17962) By Ald. Niedergang
That 9 environmental items currently in the Legislative Matters Committee be discharged and assigned to another committee.
13. Order (ID # 17963) By Ald. Niedergang
That 2 financial items currently in the Legislative Matters Committee be discharged and assigned to another committee.
14. Resolution (ID # 17964) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Administration inform this Board on the annual number of eviction cases heard in Somerville District Court, the proportion for which the tenant has no legal representation, and the estimated cost of ensuring that all Somerville tenants have such representation.
15. Order (ID # 17965) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD work with the Ward 3 Alderman and the Union Square Master Developer to clarify the plan and timeline for the “out-parcels” in later-phase development blocks, so businesses can plan accordingly.
16. Order (ID # 17966) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain whether it is possible to program alternative LED patterns for blinking STOP signs and other traffic signs.

17. Order (ID # 17967) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD consider making the audible pedestrian signals in Union Square push-button activated, and inform this Board on the relative advantages and drawbacks of doing so.
18. Order (ID # 17968) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD work with the Ward 3 Alderman to devise traffic calming strategies on Bow Street, from Warren Avenue to Walnut Street.
19. Order (ID # 17969) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility to remove the double poles at the intersection of Central and Summer Streets, where they are blocking a pedestrian walk signal.
20. Order (ID # 17970) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking Place a NO PARKING sign between 161 and 165 Broadway, between the bus stop and the metered spot, to increase vehicle visibility.
21. Order (ID # 17971) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Veterans Services appear before this Board's Committee on Veterans and Public Services to discuss a Global War on Terror memorial and a Women's Service memorial.
22. Order (ID # 17972) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services, the Director of Health and Human Services, and the Director of any other department involved in rodent control efforts, appear before this Board's Special Committee on Rodent Issues each month to highlight rodent control efforts.
23. Resolution (ID # 17973) By Ald. Hirsch
That the Administration consider making a mid-year appropriation for an Out-of-School-Time Coordinator, to begin planning out-of-school-time programming, including this coming summer vacation.
24. Resolution (ID # 17974) By Ald. Scott, Davis, Ewen-Campen
That the Administration work with US2 to amend the Development Covenant to allow this Board to recognize a Neighborhood Council to negotiate a CBA and discuss the amendment with this Board prior to execution.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

25. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 17951) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on February 20, 2018.

- B. Order (ID # 17995) By Ald. Davis That the City Solicitor advise this Board's Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters of any legal requirements and/or standards that may exist for appointments and re-appointments.

- C. Resolution (ID # 17996) By Ald. Davis That the Administration provide this Board's Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters with all documentation considered for each appointee's appointment, and any updated information since the time of any appointment to a "reserve list".

26. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 17950) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on February 20, 2018.

- B. Mayor's Request 202153 Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$94,000 in a bond for additional design services for the West Branch Library Renovation Project.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- C. Mayor's Request 204518 Requesting a transfer of \$32,500 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Health & Human Services Personal Services Salaries Account to fund an Environmental Health Liaison.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File

- D. Mayor's Request 205011 Requesting acceptance of a 36 month lease of the West Somerville Police Substation and office space at 1112-1114 Broadway.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- E. Mayor's Request 205013 Requesting the appropriation of \$29,890.97 from Free Cash to the EPA Brownfield Revolving Loan Account for payment #1 of the Conway Rink Repayment.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- F. Mayor's Request 205015 Requesting the appropriation of \$20,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Division Salaries Account to fund a Construction Liaison and Compliance Manager.

- RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- G. Mayor's Request 205016 Requesting the appropriation of \$24,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Division Salaries Account to fund a Construction Project Manager.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- H. Mayor's Request 205017 Requesting the appropriation of \$20,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Communications Department Salaries Account to fund a Construction Information Officer.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- I. Mayor's Request 205019 Requesting the appropriation of \$23,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a GLX Project Liaison.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- J. Mayor's Request 205020 Requesting the appropriation of \$25,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance to the Capital Projects Department Salaries Account to fund a Project Manager.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- K. Mayor's Request 205021 Requesting the appropriation of \$23,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a Streetscape and Public Space Planner.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- L. Mayor's Request 205022 Requesting the appropriation of \$25,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Department Salaries Account to fund a Project Manager.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- M. Mayor's Request 205023 Requesting the appropriation of \$24,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Department Salaries Account to fund a Junior Project Manager.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- N. Mayor's Request 205024 Requesting the appropriation of \$25,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a Senior Urban Forestry & Landscape Planner.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- O. Mayor's Request 205025 Requesting the appropriation of \$25,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a Transportation Planner.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File

- P. Mayor's Request 205026 Requesting the appropriation of \$25,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Inspectional Services Department Salaries Account to fund a Senior Zoning Review Planner.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- Q. Mayor's Request 205027 Requesting the appropriation of \$27,000 from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to the Water Enterprise Fund Salaries Account to fund a Director of Finance & Administration.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- R. Mayor's Request 205028 Requesting the appropriation of \$32,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Department Salaries Account to fund a Capital Projects Assistant Director.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- S. Mayor's Request 205030 Requesting the appropriation of \$29,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Director of Housing Stability.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- T. Mayor's Request 205031 Requesting the appropriation of \$24,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Deputy Director of Housing Stability/Program Development.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- U. Mayor's Request 205032 Requesting the appropriation of \$19,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Housing Counselor/Case Manager.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- V. Mayor's Request 205033 Requesting the appropriation of \$19,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Housing Counselor/Case Manager.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- W. Mayor's Request 205034 Requesting the appropriation of \$17,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Housing Intake Specialist.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- X. Mayor's Request 205119 Requesting approval to establish a Consolidated Gift Account to accept donations for commemorative benches.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- Y. Mayor's Request 205120 Requesting approval to enter into a tax agreement with Sunwealth for a solar energy system at 444 Somerville Avenue.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- Z. Mayor's Request 205123 Requesting acceptance of a \$50,000 grant with no new match required, from UASI to the Police Department for purchasing maritime equipment.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- AA. Mayor's Request 205155 Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition relative to Retirement Board divestment from fossil fuel companies.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- AB. Order (ID # 17997) By Ald. Rossetti
That the Manager of Grants Development investigate grant opportunities available to the city's proposed Office of Housing Stability.

27. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 17948) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on February 14, 2018.
- B. Order 202308 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director SPCD request a redesign and upgrade to the asphalt playground, tot lot and "cave" courtyard at the West Somerville Neighborhood School.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Resolution 204321 By Ald. Heuston
That the Administration create a Pedestrian Safety Committee. (2nd request)
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order 204862 By Ald. Clingan
That the Director of SPCD appear before this Board to discuss the timeline for repaving Broadway, between Central Street and the McGrath Highway.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Order 204868 By Ald. Hirsch
That the Director of SPCD provide an update on the progress made on all recommendations included in the December 2015 Sustainable Neighborhood Working Group report.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Order 204969 By Ald. Mbah, McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD explain why the process of applying for affordable housing hasn't been consolidated into a single, universal, persistent application, lottery, and wait list.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Officer's Communication 205128 Director of SPCD conveying an overview and summary of the 5-Year HUD Plan process.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

28. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 17947) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on February 13, 2018.

29. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 17949) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on February 15, 2018.
- B. Order 202023 By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the Administration's plans for the Somerville Municipal Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund and jobs linkage fee for new commercial development.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Mayor's Request 204516 Requesting approval of an Ordinance for the Somerville Municipal Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended
- D. Officer's Communication 204663 Director of Economic Development submitting recommendations from the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Jobs Linkage.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Order 205071 By Ald. White Jr., Clingan, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Niedergang, Davis, McLaughlin, Ballantyne That the City Solicitor prepare a Home Rule Petition to change the name of the Board of Aldermen to City Council.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

30. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 17952) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on February 21, 2018.
- B. License/Permit 204774 New Billiards and Bowling License, Parise's Cafe, 97 Washington St, 1 pool table.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. License/Permit 204806 New Extended Operating Hours License, Dumpling Kitchen, 217 Highland Ave, Opening for take-out and delivery service only, Sun-Thu to 2AM and Fri-Sat to 2:30AM.
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended
- D. License/Permit 204931 New Extended Operating Hours License, Venus Pizza and Grill, 1295 Broadway, remaining open for in-store, take-out and delivery service until 5AM 7 days/week.
RECOMMENDED: Not Approved

- E. License/Permit 204932 Amending Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St, to increase the number of vehicles outside to 38, and increase Saturday hours to 6PM.
RECOMMENDED: Withdrawn
- F. License/Permit 205134 New Extended Operating Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 504 Broadway, opening 24/7.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- G. License/Permit 205135 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Somerville Motors, 182 Washington St.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- H. License/Permit 205136 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway.
RECOMMENDED: Approved with Conditions
- I. License/Permit 205137 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, 28 Motorsports, 486R Columbia St.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- J. License/Permit 205138 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, CM Auto Sales, 39 Webster Ave.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- K. License/Permit 205139 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- L. License/Permit 205140 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- M. License/Permit 205141 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Executive Auto Leasing and Sales, 30 Medford St.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 31. Mayor's Request (ID # 17812) Requesting approval to create the Medical Marijuana Stabilization Fund and accept payments to the Fund from medical marijuana dispensaries.
- 32. Mayor's Request (ID # 17935) Requesting approval to create the 259 McGrath Stabilization fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$3,500.
- 33. Mayor's Request (ID # 17938) Requesting to transfer CPA funds totaling \$1,214,322 from the CPA Fund Budgeted Reserve to designated CPA reserves per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
- 34. Mayor's Request (ID # 17977) Requesting a transfer of \$205,000 from the Police Department Salaries Account and \$45,000 from the E-911 Salaries Account to the Fire Department Salaries Account to correct an under-funding in the FY18 budget.

35. Mayor's Request (ID # 17978) Requesting a transfer of \$98,000 from the E-911 Salaries Account and \$77,000 from the Parks & Recreation Field Maintenance Salaries Account to the Law Legal Services Account to fund anticipated outside legal counsel invoices.
36. Mayor's Request (ID # 17834) Requesting approval to transfer \$60,000 in the Health & Human Services Department from the Salaries Account to the Professional & Technical Services Account, for temporary school nursing services.
37. Mayor's Request (ID # 17933) Requesting acceptance of a \$400,000 grant that requires a match, from the MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs PARC Grant Program to SPCD for renovations to Lincoln Park.
38. Mayor's Request (ID # 17932) Requesting acceptance of a \$150,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund Transportation Planning program to SPCD for mitigation at the intersection of Rts 93, 28, and 38.
39. Mayor's Request (ID # 17931) Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Reserve Fund to SPCD for baseline monitoring of air quality and vehicular traffic in impacted neighborhoods.
40. Mayor's Request (ID # 17936) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$59,747 from HUD to support SPCD's Continuum of Care planning efforts.
41. Mayor's Request (ID # 17872) Requesting acceptance of a \$10,000 grant with no new match required, from the National Endowment for the Arts to the Arts Council for a Puppet performers series.
42. Mayor's Request (ID # 17937) Requesting acceptance of a \$5,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Housing and Community Development to the Housing Division for the 2018 Youth Count.
43. Mayor's Request (ID # 17946) Requesting the reappointment of Elaine Severino to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
44. Mayor's Request (ID # 17945) Requesting the re-appointment of Pooja Phaltankar as an Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

- 45. Mayor's Request (ID # 17870) Requesting the re-appointment of Dennis Fischman to the Fair Housing Commission.
- 46. Mayor's Request (ID # 17871) Requesting the re-appointment of Rona Fischman to the Fair Housing Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 47. Officer's Communication (ID # 17943) Planning Board submitting recommendations re: #204638, amending the Zoning Ordinance for a recreational marijuana study period.
- 48. Officer's Communication (ID # 17944) Planning Board submitting recommendations re: #204893, a zoning amendment regarding PUD waivers.
- 49. Officer's Communication (ID # 17984) City Solicitor requesting approval to retain outside counsel in the matters of Kiely's Civil Service Commission request and Open Meeting Law complaint.
- 50. Officer's Communication (ID # 17927) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #204947 re: any requirement for this Board's opening prayer and salute to the flag.
- 51. Officer's Communication (ID # 17993) City Clerk and Communications Director conveying the protocol for recording this Board's Committee meetings.
- 52. Officer's Communication (ID # 17940) Director of Sustainability and Environment responding to #205105 re: recycling in municipal buildings.
- 53. Officer's Communication (ID # 17941) Director of Sustainability and Environment submitting an update on the Administration's sustainability initiatives.
- 54. Officer's Communication (ID # 17934) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders from the 2/8/18 meeting.
- 55. Officer's Communication (ID # 17942) Director of Traffic and Parking responding to Items from the 2/8/18 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- 56. License/Permit (ID # 17986) Public Event Permit, Groundwork Somerville Maple Syrup Boil Down, Community Growing Center, Mar 10, 8AM-4PM (raindates Mar 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31, Apr 1).

- 57. License/Permit (ID # 17987) Public Event Permit, Arts Council Arbor Day Starting Over Festival, Quincy St Park, Apr 22, 9AM-2PM (raindate Apr 29).
- 58. License/Permit (ID # 17988) Public Event Permit, Dysautonomia International POTS Walk and Run, Mystic River path, May 12, 8AM-3PM.
- 59. License/Permit (ID # 17989) Public Event Permit, St Benedict Marion Parade, St Benedict Parish area streets, May 13, 11AM-Noon.
- 60. License/Permit (ID # 17990) Public Event Permit, Arts Council Jody Weber Dance Performance, Union Sq Plaza, Jun 14, 6-10:30PM (raindate Jun 15).
- 61. License/Permit (ID # 17991) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Cantina La Mexicana, 247 Washington St.
- 62. License/Permit (ID # 17992) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm St.
- 63. Public Communication (ID # 17985) 15 registered voters proposing an amendment to the Zoning Ordinances by adding a new Ordinance 7.16 regulating certain buildings near heavily trafficked roadways.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 64. Resolution (ID # 17979) By Ald. Clingan
Condemning the outsourcing of 100 medical coding jobs by Partners Healthcare to India, and requesting from Partners Healthcare how many of those jobs were based in Somerville and/or held by Somerville residents.
- 65. Order (ID # 17981) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Engineering inspect the last 20-yard section of Ware Street, near Russell Road, and advise the Ward Alderman if it is sinking.
- 66. Order (ID # 17982) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment report to this Board on the progress of the Mayor's initiative to attain carbon neutrality by 2050.
- 67. Order (ID # 17983) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on Holland, North and Elmwood Streets.

- 68. Order (ID # 17994) By Ald. Ewen-Campen That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO RIGHT TURN 7-10 AM AND 4-6 PM sign facing west on the corner of Church and Summer Streets.
- 69. Mayor's Request (ID # 18002) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the Housing Authority to reconstruct the state funded Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project.
- 70. Officer's Communication (ID # 18000) Assistant City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance to create a Somerville Municipal Job Creation And Retention Trust Fund.
- 71. Officer's Communication (ID # 17930) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #205004 re: re-negotiation of the Buena Vista Garage lease.
- 72. Officer's Communication (ID # 17904) Director of Personnel responding to #204866 re: city staff demographics.
- 73. License/Permit (ID # 18005) Public Event Permit, Big Apple Circus, Assembly Row Block 7, Mar 26 - May 9 with performances Apr 7 - May 6.
- 74. License/Permit (ID # 18006) Public Event Permit, Jatra Nepal Holi Color Fest, Buena Vista Parking Lot, Apr 29, 9AM-8PM (raindate May 13).
- 75. License/Permit (ID # 18007) Public Event Permit, MOM's 5K Run start and after-party (Run approved Jan 25 as #205049), Summer St from Cutter Ave to Windom St, May 13, 7AM-2PM.
- 76. License/Permit (ID # 18004) Renewing Drainlayer's License, LM Heavy Civil Construction.
- 77. Public Communication (ID # 18001) SMEA President submitting comments re: the Mayor's mid-year requests for new non-union positions.
- 78. Public Communication (ID # 18008) Michael Kiely submitting an Open Meeting Law complaint against this Board.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT