

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

September 24, 2015, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 12597)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August
 (ID # 12598) 27, 2015.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. White Jr., and the Entire Board and the Mayor
 (ID # 12618) Commending Wendy Blom, who is leaving SCATV after
 11 years of outstanding leadership as Executive Director.

4. Citation By Ald. Lafuente, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
 (ID # 12619) Commending Tony Matarazzo, who is celebrating 67
 years of cutting hair--and being an irreplaceable part of
 the Somerville community.

5. Citation By Ald. Lafuente, and the Entire Board
 (ID # 12620) Commending Mary Murphy, who is retiring after 28
 years of dedicated service to the City in the Treasurer's
 Office.

6. Citation By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board and the
 (ID # 12621) Mayor
 Commending Dr. James Green, longtime Somervillian
 and UMass Professor Emeritus, who has made
 tremendous contributions to the American labor
 movement.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 5 feet of conduit in
 Location Beacon St from Pole 24/35 to a point of pickup at 260
 (ID # 12622) Beacon St.

8. Grant of Submitted by Lightower Fiber Network to install 533
 Location feet of conduit from Eversource Manhole 2580 in Grove
 (ID # 12623) St near Kenney Park, along Grove St then along the
 Community Path, to a point of pickup at 48 Grove St.

9. Grant of Location (ID # 12624) Submitted by Two Squares LLC to install 8 feet of conduit in Prospect St from Pole 291/13 to a point of pickup at 211 Tremont St.
10. Grant of Location (ID # 12625) Submitted by Highland CBD 260 Beacon LLC to install two groundwater monitoring wells in the vicinity of 260 Beacon St, one near 257 Beacon St and one near 252 Beacon St.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

11. Order (ID # 12569) By Ald. White Jr.
That the Chief of Police provide this Board with a list of all notices sent to property owners pursuant to Ordinance 9-97 (nuisance control) in the last two years.
12. Order (ID # 12568) By Ald. White Jr., Lafuente, Sullivan, Rossetti, Connolly
That the Chief of Police order directed patrols to monitor compliance with the STOP signs at Jacques Street and Edgar Avenue, and at Heath Street and Edgar Avenue.
13. Order (ID # 12570) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD (Transportation) update the Ward 5 Alderman on the planned reconstruction of Cedar Street between Broadway and Highland Avenue.
14. Order (ID # 12571) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the three dead trees in Magoun Square at K-2 Wine and Liquors, the New England Science Fiction Association, and the former Modelo Bakery.
15. Order (ID # 12572) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works arrange with the developer of 235 Lowell Street to plant trees in the two vacant tree wells in front of the building.
16. Order (ID # 12573) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the curbs and install sidewalk ramps at the intersection of Clyde and Warwick Streets, by Maxwell's Green.
17. Order (ID # 12574) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the two missing bollards on the Lowell Street bridge at the end of the Community Path Extension ramp.

18. Order (ID # 12575) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD (Transportation) consider installing a bollard at the top of the stairs at the Community Path Extension by Lowell Street, to prevent people from accidentally tumbling down the stairs.
19. Order (ID # 12576) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works determine if the lighting at the Community Path Extension ramp and stairs by the Lowell Street bridge is sufficient, and if not, install more.
20. Order (ID # 12577) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the Community Path lights between Cedar Street and Willow Avenue, as 5 lights are out near Cedar Street and 2 lights are always on near Willow Avenue.
21. Order (ID # 12578) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a DEAD END sign at the intersection of Roberts and Hinckley Streets.
22. Order (ID # 12579) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing signage or a mirror at the intersection of Woodbine and Lowell Streets so cars exiting onto Lowell Street can see oncoming traffic before pulling out.
23. Order (ID # 12580) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works install new benches in the park area of Bryant Manor.
24. Order (ID # 12581) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works dispose of the trash in barrels on Cross Street East, by the Stop and Shop.
25. Order (ID # 12582) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the paint from the sidewalks on Gilman Terrace.
26. Order (ID # 12583) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti at the corner of Mt. Pleasant Street and Broadway and from the mailbox at Pennsylvania and Wisconsin Avenues.

27. Order (ID # 12584) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the broken street sign at the corner of Minnesota and Pennsylvania Avenues.
28. Order (ID # 12585) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at the corner of Broadway and Melvin Street.
29. Order (ID # 12586) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint the crosswalk at Franklin and Washington Streets.
30. Order (ID # 12587) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase parking permit enforcement on Rush Street after 6 PM.
31. Order (ID # 12588) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean in front of the businesses along Broadway, and that the Supervisor of Inspectional Services reinforce the necessity of businesses to clean up in front of their properties.
32. Resolution (ID # 12589) By Ald. Sullivan
That the Administration prohibit the sale and use of synthetic cannabinoids and other dangerous chemical compounds.
33. Order (ID # 12590) By Ald. Sullivan, Lafuente, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees on Temple Street and Bailey Road adjacent to 71-73 Bailey Road.
34. Order (ID # 12591) By Ald. Sullivan, Lafuente, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk panel at 83 Ten Hills Road .
35. Order (ID # 12592) By Ald. Sullivan, Lafuente, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the recently installed sidewalk panels at 69 Shore Drive.
36. Order (ID # 12593) By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the defective street lamps at the Grove St parking lot at the community path, and at the corner of Winslow and Villa Avenues.

37. Order (ID # 12594) By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the grass at Dickerman Park.
38. Order (ID # 12595) By Ald. McWatters
That the Chief of Police order directed patrols at various times on Columbus and Bonner Avenues to stop motor motorists from proceeding the wrong way on Columbus Avenue.
39. Order (ID # 12596) By Ald. McWatters
That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol on Atherton and Harvard Streets during the morning hours to ensure that motorists aren't making an illegal left turn onto Atherton Street from Harvard Street.
40. Order (ID # 12599) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Chief Fire Engineer inspect 34 Chetwynd Road and 146 Curtis Street for upholstered furniture kept on porches.
41. Order (ID # 12600) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD advise the Ward 7 Alderman about the test wells on the Tuft University field and at the corner of Professors Row and Curtis Street.
42. Order (ID # 12601) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect 54-56 Sunset Road for excessive trash and take appropriate action.
43. Order (ID # 12602) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the City Arborist inspect the health of the tree at 17 Sunset Road.
44. Order (ID # 12603) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect 194 Professors Row for an open trash dumpster with overflowing trash, and take appropriate action.
45. Order (ID # 12604) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD advise this Board on the number of new trees over the past 3 years that have been replaced within the warranty offered by the vendor.
46. Order (ID # 12605) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the City Arborist inspect the health of the trees at the locations named within.

- 47. Order (ID # 12606) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD meet with this Board's Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy to discuss the selection and maintenance of trees.

- 48. Order (ID # 12607) By Ald. Ballantyne, Rossetti
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the dangling sneakers from the wires at 14-16 Curtis Avenue.

- 49. Order (ID # 12608) By Ald. Ballantyne, Rossetti
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the concrete slab at 53 Conwell Avenue.

- 50. Order (ID # 12609) By Ald. Ballantyne, Rossetti
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect 39 Curtis Avenue #2 for more than 4 unrelated adults.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

51. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 12563) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on September 21, 2015.

- B. Mayor's Request 199611 Requesting acceptance of the donation of a van valued at \$2,500 from Fire Equipment Inc., to the Fire Department.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- C. Mayor's Request 199728 Requesting approval of this board, pursuant to Ordinance 2-121, to retain the services of outside Workers' Compensation legal counsel.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- D. Mayor's Request 199731 Requesting the acceptance and appropriation of an additional \$158,000 from US2 Associates into the Union Square Stabilization and Revitalization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- E. Mayor's Request 199732 Requesting an appropriation of \$168,000 from the Union Square Stabilization and Revitalization Fund for services in connection with the redevelopment of Union Square.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- F. Mayor's Request 199734 Requesting approval for the Personnel Department to use FY16 funds to pay a FY15 invoice of \$3,587.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- G. Mayor's Request 199735 Requesting approval for the Personnel Department to use FY16 funds to pay FY15 invoices totaling \$1,280.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

- H. Mayor's Request 199736 Requesting approval for the Personnel Department to use FY16 funds to pay a FY15 invoice of \$800.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- I. Mayor's Request 199737 Requesting approval for the Personnel Dept. to use FY16 funds to pay a FY15 invoice of \$391.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- J. Mayor's Request 199739 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$87,831 from the MA Office of Elder Affairs for Council on Aging staffing, transportation and services for elder residents.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- K. Mayor's Request 199740 Requesting the acceptance of a \$80,000 grant from the MA DMH Police Based Jail Diversion Program for Police Department Crisis Intervention Team Training.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- L. Mayor's Request 199741 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$40,000 from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council for the Police Department's Bicycle-Pedestrian Traffic Enforcement Program.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- M. Mayor's Request 199742 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$37,315 from the Department of Mental Health, for the Police Department's Jail Diversion Program.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- N. Mayor's Request 199743 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$20,328 from the Office of Justice Programs FY16 Byrne Grant, for the Police Department's Active Shooter Response Training in schools.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- O. Mayor's Request 199747 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$1,700 from the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, for the Somerville Police Department's target hardening project.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- P. Mayor's Request 199748 Requesting the acceptance of a \$1,500 grant from the Metro Mayors Community Safety Initiative, for the Police Department's Shannon Grant for youth violence prevention.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

52. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 12565) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on September 23, 2015.
- B. License/Permit 198337 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pearl St Auto, 182 Pearl St.
RECOMMENDED: Approved with Conditions

- C. License/Permit 198459 New Mobile Food Vendor, Pennypackers.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- D. License/Permit 198460 New Mobile Food Vendor, Rhythm n Wraps.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- E. License/Permit 199209 Renewing Flammables License, Pearl Street Auto, 182 Pearl St.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- F. License/Permit 199211 Renewing Garage License, Pearl Street Auto, 182 Pearl St.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- G. License/Permit 199542 New Extended Operating Hours License, Kmart, 77 Middlesex Ave, Seeking to operate Dec 19-23, 24 hours/day.
RECOMMENDED: Not Approved
- H. License/Permit 199619 Renewing Garage License, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy., from November 1, 2015, through April 30, 2016.
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended
- I. License/Permit 199635 Public Event Permit, RCN Marketing Event, Davis Sq, 5 dates between Aug 15-Sep 15, 11:30AM-6:15PM.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- J. License/Permit 199762 Public Event Permit, RCN Marketing Table, Davis Sq Statue Park, Aug 31 2-4PM, Sep 1 4:30-6:30PM, Sep 3 Noon-2PM.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- K. License/Permit 199789 New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Real Auto Shop, 463 McGrath Hwy, no cars inside, 25 outside, open M-F 9AM-7PM, Sa 10AM-3PM.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- L. License/Permit 199790 New Garage License, Real Auto Shop, 463 McGrath Hwy, 4 cars inside, none outside, open M-F 9AM-7PM, Sa 10AM-3PM for mechanical repairs, washing vehicles, and storing vehicles.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- M. License/Permit 199819 Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 100 Talbot Ave.
RECOMMENDED: Approved with Conditions
- N. Order (ID # 12629) By Ald. Sullivan
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services order Brazil Express, 429 Somerville Avenue, to remove the signage hanging over the public way.

53. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 12562) Report of the Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on September 16, 2015.

- B. Resolution 199479 By Ald. McLaughlin That the Administration update this Board on taking control of Foss Park, Draw 7 Park and the Dilboy Auxiliary Fields from the State.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- C. Resolution 199519 By Ald. Niedergang, and the Entire Board That the Mayor pursue negotiations with DCR for control of Foss Park, Draw 7 Park and the Dilboy Auxiliary Fields and share regular updates with this Board.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- D. Mayor's Communication 199561 Conveying information about exploring Electricity Community Choice Aggregation for Somerville.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- E. Communication 197711 By Ald. Rossetti Conveying the recommendations of the Somerville Fields Task Force.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- F. Order 199713 By Ald. Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Board on the condition of all athletic playing fields, especially Lincoln Park.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- G. Order 199714 By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Recreation report to this Board on the use of athletic fields by non-Somerville groups, and whether Somerville youth organizations' access is restricted by those outside groups.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- H. Order (ID # 12561) By Ald. Heuston That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy with a list of fields that would benefit from the field maintenance plan this fall and those that would not.

54. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 12564) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on September 22, 2015.

- B. Order 198703 By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board
That the Chief Fire Engineer report to this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety on present and future fire station locations as well as other matters before the Committee.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 198951 By Ald. Lafuente
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the Winter Hill Market for rubbish and fine the business and building owner.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Resolution 199101 By Ald. Rossetti
That the Administration review with this Board its policy for curbside furniture donations.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Resolution 199102 By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Administration and Chief of Police consider implementing a policy similar to Gloucester, where opiate addicts who ask for help are provided it and are not arrested.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Resolution 199151 By Ald. Rossetti
That the Administration, within 14 days, provide the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety with the Substance Abuse Counselor's job description and hire date.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Order 199152 By Ald. Rossetti
That the city's Substance Abuse Counselor appear before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- H. Officer's Communication 199360 DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 4/23/15.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- I. Order 199480 By Ald. McLaughlin, Rossetti
That the Director of Health and Human Services provide a revised job description, job expectations and performance measurements for the previously grant funded Somerville Cares About Prevention positions.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- J. Order (ID # 12626) By Ald. Rossetti
That this Board's President Aldermen discuss with the School Committee the role of Cambridge's adjustment counselors, relative to preventing and/or dealing with addiction.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 55. Mayor's Request (ID # 12566) Requesting a transfer of \$85,000 from SPCD's Economic Development Professional and Technical Services Account to its Planning and Zoning Professional and Technical Services Account for additional zoning impact analysis studies.
- 56. Mayor's Request (ID # 12552) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$34,200 from the MA Cultural Council for the Arts Council's Local Cultural Council grant program.
- 57. Mayor's Request (ID # 12567) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$12,5000 from the MA Department of Energy Resources for the Office of Sustainability and Environment's assessment of community shared solar.
- 58. Mayor's Request (ID # 12558) Requesting the appointment of Christopher Galvin to the position of Permanent Firefighter.
- 59. Mayor's Request (ID # 12559) Requesting the appointment of Tommaso Saporito to the position of Permanent Firefighter.
- 60. Mayor's Communication (ID # 12557) Conveying the recommendation of the Powder House School Disposition Technical Advisory Committee and my selection for the Preferred Developer.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 61. Officer's Communication (ID # 12556) Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #199554, an amendment to Zoning Ordinance 7.15, Medical Marijuana Treatment Facilities.
- 62. Officer's Communication (ID # 12442) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 7/9/15.
- 63. Officer's Communication (ID # 12553) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 8/27/15.

NEW BUSINESS

- 64. License/Permit (ID # 12616) Public Event Permit, Madison Street Block Party, Sep 27, 12:30-5PM (raindate Oct 4).
- 65. License/Permit (ID # 12617) Public Event Permit, Oak Street Block Party, Oak St from Houghton to Bolton Sts, Oct 3, 11AM-5PM.

- 66. License/Permit (ID # 12610) Renewing Mobile Food Vendor License, Wizard Catering.
- 67. License/Permit (ID # 12611) Renewing Garage License Application, Mass Inspection, 712 Mystic Ave.
- 68. License/Permit (ID # 12613) Transferring Flammables License, Speedway, 709 McGrath Hwy.
- 69. License/Permit (ID # 12612) New Extended Operating Hours License, Speedway, 709 McGrath Hwy, Operating 24/7.
- 70. License/Permit (ID # 12614) New Billiards and Bowling License, Thunder Road, 379 Somerville Ave, 1 pool table.
- 71. License/Permit (ID # 12615) Sign/Awning Permit, Chipotle Mexican Grill, 274 Elm St, 2 signs.
- 72. Public Communication (ID # 12560) David Turin submitting comments re: grass fields at Lincoln Park.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 73. Mayor's Request (ID # 12636) Requesting the re-appointment of Marc Leveye to the position of Chief Assessor and Chair of the Board of Assessors.
- 74. Mayor's Request (ID # 12635) Requesting the re-appointment of Mary McDonald to the Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners.
- 75. Mayor's Request (ID # 12634) Requesting the appointment of Mara Santana to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.
- 76. Officer's Request (ID # 12630) City Solicitor requesting approval to continue Gareth Orsmond, Esq, of Pierce Atwood LLP, as outside legal counsel for litigation of the proposed casino.
- 77. Officer's Communication (ID # 12555) Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders submitted 8/27/15.
- 78. License/Permit (ID # 12631) Public Event Permit, East Somerville Main Streets "This is East" Festival, Broadway between Caldwell St and McGrath Hwy, Oct 11, Noon-7PM (raindate Oct 12).
- 79. License/Permit (ID # 12628) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Capitol Services.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT