

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

February 23, 2017, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.  
    (ID # 15585)
  
2. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,  
    (ID # 15586)        January 26, 2017.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation            By Ald. Niedergang, the Entire Board and the Mayor  
    (ID # 15593)        Commending Mary Mangan, who volunteered to be the  
                              City's first "Solar Coach" and was critical to the success  
                              of the Solarize Somerville campaign.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

4. Grant of            Submitted by Eversource to relocate 23 poles and 1 steel  
    Location            guy pole, and remove 1 pole, along the length of Beacon  
    (ID # 15594)        Street as part of the street widening project.

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

5. Order                By Ald. White Jr.  
    (ID # 15575)        Proposing an amendment to the Rules of this Board, to  
                              permit the issuance of subpoenas for the attendance of  
                              witnesses and the production of documents.
  
6. Order                By Ald. Ballantyne  
    (ID # 15565)        That the City Arborist check the health of the tree at 23  
                              Kingston Street.
  
7. Order                By Ald. Rossetti, Connolly, White Jr., Sullivan  
    (ID # 15576)        That the Director of Traffic and Parking report the  
                              number of warnings and citations issued for snow  
                              covered vehicles following the 9AM lifting of the snow  
                              emergency on 2/13/17.
  
8. Order                By Ald. McWatters  
    (ID # 15577)        That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the  
                              sidewalk panels on Highland Avenue, from the Veteran's  
                              Honor Roll to Putnam Avenue.

9. Order (ID # 15578) By Ald. McWatters, Niedergang, Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill in the potholes on Bow, Lowell and Porter Streets and on Somerville Avenue, from Bow Street to School Street.
10. Order (ID # 15584) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Water and Sewer Superintendent report to this Board whether homeowners could install a separate water meter for outdoor water lines, which would not incur sewer fees.
11. Order (ID # 15579) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on plans to utilize the \$220,000 in traffic mitigation funds paid by Maxwell's Green, and whether they can be used for improvements at Cedar Street, Murdock Street, and the "Patch" neighborhood west of Maxwell's Green.
12. Order (ID # 15583) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on the extent to which City inspectors enforce snow and ice removal in Ward 5, in response to complaints that many sidewalks were never cleared there.
13. Order (ID # 15582) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Commissioner of Public Works re-attach and replace the bollards that are once again broken off or missing on the east side of the Lowell Street bridge at the Community Path Extension ramp.
14. Order (ID # 15580) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the many potholes on Lowell Street between Albion Street and Highland Avenue.
15. Order (ID # 15581) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the pothole near 130 Central Street.
16. Communication (ID # 15595) By Ald. White Jr.  
In his capacity as President, appointing Ald. Heuston to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

17. Resolution 202725 By Ald. Rossetti, McWatters  
That the Administration unveil the CPA-funded Prospect Hill Tour inclusion video at this Board's next meeting.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**18. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE**

- A. Committee Report (ID # 15596) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on February 16, 2017.
  
- B. Order 202621 By Ald. Niedergang, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD share with this Board any plans for improving the performance and credibility of the Somerville Redevelopment Authority, and distribute to each Alderman the Kennedy School report on the future of the SRA.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

**19. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

- A. Committee Report (ID # 15597) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on February 22, 2017.
  
- B. Order 201889 By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., Niedergang  
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 15-17-19 Henderson Street for all code violations and unauthorized removals of stop work orders and unsafe building notices, and report back to this Board on recommended actions to ensure the public's health and safety.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
  
- C. Order 202319 By Ald. Ballantyne  
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 135 Hillsdale Road for an illegal rooming house.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
  
- D. Order 202325 By Ald. Ballantyne  
That the Director of Constituent Services and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services discuss the 311 calls and inspections related to 19 Clarendon Avenue.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
  
- E. Order 202336 By Ald. Heuston  
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 44 Adrian Street for building and health code violations and contact the property owner to make necessary repairs.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
  
- F. Order 202499 By Ald. Ballantyne  
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services update the Ward 7 Alderman regarding the inspection of 135 Hillsdale Road as an illegal rooming house.

- RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Order 202710 By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the trash barrels of the apartment complex at the intersection of McGrath Highway, Bonair Street and Otis Street weekly and issue fines where appropriate.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- H. Order 202766 By Ald. Heuston  
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the new construction on Beacon Place to determine if it complies with the approved construction plan, and report the findings to the Ward 2 Alderman.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

20. Mayor's Request (ID # 15469) Requesting approval to appropriate \$360,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the Assembly Square Master Plan.
21. Mayor's Request (ID # 15564) Requesting acceptance of a \$120,000 grant that requires a match, from the Metro North Regional Employment Board to SPCD to promote advanced manufacturing.
22. Mayor's Request (ID # 15558) Requesting authorization to increase the expenditure cap of the Planning and Zoning Notice Revolving Fund from \$28,000 to \$35,000 for FY17.
23. Mayor's Request (ID # 15591) Requesting that this Board approve a 2017 local election calendar.
24. Mayor's Request (ID # 15573) Requesting the appointment of Robert McCarthy to the position of District Fire Chief.
25. Mayor's Request (ID # 15572) Requesting the appointment of Patrick Halloran to the position of Fire Lieutenant.
26. Mayor's Request (ID # 15566) Requesting the appointment of Mackenzie Richardson to the Police Reserve List.
27. Mayor's Request (ID # 15567) Requesting the appointment of Justin Brown to the Police Reserve List.
28. Mayor's Request (ID # 15568) Requesting the appointment of Justin Buswell to the Police Reserve List.
29. Mayor's Request (ID # 15569) Requesting the appointment of Mark McLaughlin to the Police Reserve List.

30. Mayor's Request (ID # 15570) Requesting the appointment of Sergio Costa to the Police Reserve List.
31. Mayor's Request (ID # 15571) Requesting the appointment of Seamus Lynch to the Police Reserve List.
32. Mayor's Request (ID # 15421) Requesting the appointment of Jessica R. Alter to the Commission for Women.
33. Mayor's Request (ID # 15422) Requesting the appointment of Kaitlyn P. Dmyterko to the Commission for Women.
34. Mayor's Request (ID # 15423) Requesting the appointment of Stephanie Goodell to the Commission for Women.
35. Mayor's Request (ID # 15574) Requesting the appointment of retired Police Officer Joseph Macarelli as a Special Police Officer.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

36. Officer's Communication (ID # 15587) Finance Director submitting a mid-year report of the City's budget performance for FY17.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

37. Order (ID # 15592) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of Communications send a CTY call to residents during a water main break in addition to knocking door to door.
38. Order (ID # 15590) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Chief Assessor inform this Board about whether a review is conducted each fiscal year to verify that residential exemptions are accurate, whether an audit is conducted before an exemption is granted, and whether there is data about the percentage of properties where residency cannot be verified.
39. Order (ID # 15589) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking arrange a meeting with the Ward 2 Alderman to discuss a proposal for new parking regulations upon the completion of Beacon Street.

- 40. Order (ID # 15588) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the LOADING ZONE sign at 352 Washington Street with a standard parking sign.
  
- 41. Resolution (ID # 15598) By Ald. White Jr.  
That the Administration delay any final vote by the Redevelopment Authority on the Union Square Land Disposition Agreement until a public hearing is held to obtain public input and respond to public questions, and until the Agreement is discussed with this Board.
  
- 42. Mayor's Request (ID # 15557) Requesting a transfer of \$55,577 from the Transportation and Infrastructure Personal Services Account to the Salary Contingency Fund.
  
- 43. Mayor's Communication (ID # 15599) Conveying statistical and policy information from Airbnb relative to home sharing usage in Somerville.
  
- 44. Officer's Communication (ID # 15466) Chief Assessor responding to #202516 re: statutory tax exemptions and outreach efforts.
  
- 45. Officer's Communication (ID # 15601) Director of SPCD responding to #202621, conveying the Kennedy School's "Future of the SRA" report.
  
- 46. License/Permit (ID # 15604) Public Event Permit, Groundwork Somerville Maple Syrup Boil-Down for School Field Trips, Growing Center, Mar 2, 9AM-2:30PM (raindate Mar 9).
  
- 47. License/Permit (ID # 15603) Public Event Permit, BA Event Promotions Race of Ireland 5K Walk/Run, Davis Sq area, Mar 19, 7AM-3PM.
  
- 48. License/Permit (ID # 15602) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**