

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2011, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Walter F. Pero	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Sean T. O'Donovan	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. #191354 Call of the Roll.
Roll Call

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. #191355 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2011.
Minutes

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. #191356 Citation By Ald. Gewirtz, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending Kristine Fiore, a bystander whose swift administration of CPR saved a a Davis Sq. pedestrian who had suffered a potentially fatal heart attack.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. #191357 Citation By Ald. Gewirtz, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending Acting Fire Lieutenant Patrick Dorant and Firefighters Karl Popken and Michael Mattera for their heroic actions to restore life to a Davis Sq. pedestrian who had suffered a potentially fatal heart attack.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. #191358 Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric to install 55 ft. of conduit in Grant of Location Beech St.

RESULT: APPROVED

Ald. Roche recused.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. #191359 Order By Ald. Gewirtz That the Director of Traffic and Parking install an additional DO NOT ENTER sign at Wallace and Holland Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. #191360 Order By Ald. Gewirtz That the Chief of Police increase enforcement of the ONE WAY restriction on Wallace Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. #191361 Order By Ald. Gewirtz That the Commissioner of Public Works add bicycle lane striping on Willow Avenue as additional improvements are made to that street.

RESULT: APPROVED

9. #191362 Order By Ald. Gewirtz That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace all damaged or missing bricks in Davis Square to eliminate the public safety hazards they create.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

10. #191363 Resolution By Ald. Taylor That this Board requests that the Administration investigate establishing a Seasonal Senior Clean Up Program in specific areas, for not more than 19 hours per week, to provide a stipend in conjunction with the Senior Tax Write-Off Program.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Senior Services Committee

11. #191364
Order
By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the broken or paved sidewalk panels from 300-400 Washington Street as they present a public safety hazard to pedestrians and offer little ADA accessibility.

RESULT: APPROVED

12. #191365
Order
By Ald. Heuston
That the ADA Compliance Officer conduct an assessment of ADA accessibility at the corner of Somerville Avenue and Kent Street and provide the findings to the Ward 2 Alderman.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

13. #191366
Order
By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Beacon, Washington, Perry and Calvin Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

14. #191367
Order
By Ald. Heuston
That the city's Volunteer Coordinator provide volunteer assistance to the city's efforts to notify neighborhoods of rodent control measures by distributing door knockers in particular areas as directed by the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Executive Director of OSPCD.

RESULT: APPROVED

15. #191368
Order
By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking advise the Ward 2 Alderman of the feasibility of installing concurrent leading pedestrian interval signalling at certain intersections in Ward 2.

RESULT: APPROVED

16. #191369
Order
By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the STOP sign at Linwood Street and the Somerville Avenue extension and place it at a height that motorists can see when driving through that intersection.

RESULT: APPROVED

17. #191370 By Ald. Heuston
Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the letters on the sign at the entrance to Perry Park.

RESULT: APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

18. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. #191371 Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, May 11, 2011.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #190616 Requesting the appointment of Geovanne Colon as Constable.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

CONDITION: Applicant must notify the Police Dept. when he obtains his gun license.

- C. #191263 Requesting the appointment of Herbert Foster Jr. to the Zoning Board of
Mayor's Request Appeals.

RESULT: APPROVED

19. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #191372 Report of the Committee on Finance, May 10, 2011.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #190977 Conveying the Assembly Row DIF Consultant Analysis on municipal service
Mayor's Communication impacts.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Ald. Trane recused.

- C. #190978 Conveying the Assembly Row DIF Tri-Party Public Funding Agreement.
Mayor's
Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Ald. Trane recused.

- D. #191229 Requesting an appropriation of \$301,000 from unexpended bond proceeds
Mayor's Request from the Argenziano School Construction Project to fund needed building
renovations at the Public Safety Building.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Pero, O'Donovan, Gewirtz, Trane

ABSENT: Thomas F. Taylor

- E. #191230 Requesting approval of an MBTA Shared Use Path Easement in Assembly
Mayor's Request Square.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Pero, O'Donovan, Gewirtz, Trane

ABSENT: Thomas F. Taylor

- F. #191262 Requesting acceptance of a grant up to \$25,000 from the Boston Mayor's
Mayor's Request Office of Emergency Management to the Fire Dept. for its participation in
Operation Urban Shield.

RESULT: APPROVED

- G. #191347 Requesting approval of the proposed HUD Action Plan for FY2011-2012,
Mayor's Request featuring a grant of \$3,610,801 in CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding.

RESULT: APPROVED

- H. #191348 Requesting acceptance of a grant of up to \$12,400 from the Boston Mayor's
Mayor's Request Office of Emergency Preparedness for Police Dept. participation in the Urban
Shield exercise on May 22 - 23, 2011.

RESULT: APPROVED

- I. #191351 Sixty registered voters submitting a "Proposed Ordinance to Ensure that
Public Development Financed with the Sale of DIF Bonds Yields Jobs for
Communication Somerville Residents."

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

20. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- A. #191373 Report of the Committee on Information Technology, May 11, 2011.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #191374 Resolution
By Ald. Trane
That this Board requests that the Administration consider establishing a partnership with another city or town to provide mutual assistance in the event of an Information Technology disaster.

RESULT: APPROVED

21. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. #191375 Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, May 3, 2011.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #191081 Requesting that this Board adopt one of the two attached 2011 Election
Mayor's Request Calendars.

RESULT: APPROVED

Calendar #1 was approved, having a preliminary election date of September 13, 2011.

22. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. #191376 Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, May 10, 2011.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

23. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. #191377 Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, May 9, 2011.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #191255 Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, White Jr., Desmond, Connolly That the Chief Fire Engineer advise this Board of any changes to the allocation of fire apparatus due to the recent addition of the rescue truck.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

24. #191378 Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$115,000 from the remaining balance of \$416,933 from the Argenziano School Construction Project to fund the construction of an outdoor Ice Skating Rink adjacent to the Veterans Memorial Ice Rink.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

25. #191379 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$72,735 from the Receipts Reserved-Parking Meter Receipts Acct. to the Traffic and Parking Professional Services Acct. to pay for on-line customer credit card transactions.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

26. #191380 Mayor's Request Transfer \$32,000 from the DPW Sanitation/Recycling Acct. to the School Custodian Overtime Acct. to fund a projected deficit for the rest of the fiscal year.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

27. #191381 Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer \$12,500 from the DPW Sanitation Recycling Acct. to the School Custodian Salaries Acct. to fund salaries for the remaining portion of this fiscal year.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

28. #191382 Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to raise the FY2011 Council on Aging Revolving Account Spending Limit from \$55,000 to \$90,000.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

29. #191383 Mayor's Request Requesting approval to declare as Surplus Equipment several Cisco 3500 network switches that are no longer being used or supported.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

30. #191384 Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a reimbursement of up to \$6,300 from Tufts University for the Police Dept.'s assistance during their Spring Fling event on April 30.

RESULT: APPROVED

31. #191385 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Housing Director Dana LeWinter to the Affordable Housing Trust.

RESULT: APPROVED

32. #191386 Mayor's Communication Proclaiming May 11, 2011, as National School Nurse Day.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

33. #191387 Officer's Communication Retirement Board notifying this Board of a vote on a cost of living adjustment at its meeting on June 8, 2011.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

NEW BUSINESS

34. #191388 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Community Corporation tabling, Union Sq. Plaza and Davis Sq. Plaza Wed & Fri 4-7PM from Jun 1 to Aug 3, Davis Sq. Plaza Sat 10-2PM from Jun 4 to Aug 6, Davis Sq. Plaza and Teel Sq. Sun 10-2PM on May 29.

RESULT: APPROVED

35. #191389 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Journeyman Summer Barbeque at the Farmer's Market, 9 Sanborn Court, Sat 11-2PM from Jun 4 to Oct 29.

RESULT: APPROVED

36. #191390 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Shape Up Somerville Road Race, Foss Park and area streets, Jun 5, 9-1PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

37. #191391 License/Permit Public Event Permit, SomerStreets Carnival, Broadway from Temple St. to Lombardi Way, Jun 5, 10-6PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

38. #191392 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville String and Wind Camp Fundraiser, Davis Sq., Jun 11, 9-4PM (raindate Jun 18).

RESULT: APPROVED

39. #191393 License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, D. Muzzioli Associates.

RESULT: APPROVED

40. #191394 License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, J.W. DeNapoli Inc.

RESULT: APPROVED

41. #191395 License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Tufts University, 37 Latin Way, 20,000 gallons.

RESULT: APPROVED

42. #191396 License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Tufts University, 61 Talbot Ave., 24,005 gallons.

RESULT: APPROVED

43. #191397 License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Hillside Auto Repair, 583 Broadway, 22,600 gallons.

RESULT: APPROVED

44. #191398 License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Home Depot, 75 Mystic Ave., 34,136 gallons.

RESULT: APPROVED

45. #191399 License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Somerville Hospital, 230 Highland Ave., 15,000 gallons.

RESULT: APPROVED

46. #191400 License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Petroleum, 1284-1286 Broadway, 23,500 gallons.

RESULT: APPROVED

47. #191401 License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Winter Hill Yacht Club, 130R Foley St., 7,000 gallons.

RESULT: APPROVED

48. #191402 License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Sunoco Service Station, 434-450 McGrath Hwy., 33,380 gallons.

RESULT: APPROVED

49. #191403 License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Coresite Real Estate 70 Innerbelt LLC, 70 Innerbelt Rd., 100,000 gallons.

RESULT: APPROVED

50. #191404 License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Chambers Motorcars, 259 McGrath Hwy., 6,075 gallons.

RESULT: APPROVED

51. #191405 License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St., 3,000 gallons.

RESULT: APPROVED

52. #191406 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St., 3 autos in, 3 out.

RESULT: APPROVED

53. #191407 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Herbert Chambers I-93 Inc., 259 McGrath Hwy., 310 autos in, 40 out.

RESULT: APPROVED

54. #191408 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Original Auto Body and Mechanic, 12-16 Joy St., 8 autos in, 2 out.

RESULT: APPROVED

55. #191409 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, United Auto Repair, 64-68 Joy St., 6 autos in, 2 out.

RESULT: APPROVED

56. #191410 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Teele Sq. Auto, 1284 Broadway, 3 autos in, 8 out.

RESULT: APPROVED

57. #191411 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Gene Automotive Repair, 56 Joy St., 10 autos in, 3 out.

RESULT: APPROVED

58. #191412 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Walnut Hill Auto Body, 235 Lowell St., 8 autos in, 2 out.

RESULT: APPROVED

59. #191413 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Fellsway Auto Repair, 693 McGrath Hwy., 5 autos in, 10 out.

RESULT: APPROVED

60. #191414 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, E-Z Auto Body, 627 Somerville Ave., 33 autos in.

RESULT: APPROVED

61. #191415 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Tech Auto Body Repair, 9 Union Sq., 3 autos in, 5 out.

RESULT: APPROVED

62. #191416 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, J.C. Auto Repair, 91 Union Sq., 2 autos in, 8 out.

RESULT: APPROVED

63. #191417 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Barnes and Walsh Company, 224-226 Somerville Ave., 9 autos in.

RESULT: APPROVED

64. #191418 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Mike's Auto Services, 6E Beach Ave., 5 autos in, 1 out.

RESULT: APPROVED

65. #191419 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, County Auto Repair, 107 Washington St., 4 autos in.

RESULT: APPROVED

66. #191420 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Monro Muffler and Brake Inc., 223 Washington St., 4 autos in, 12 out.

RESULT: APPROVED

67. #191421 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Hillside Service, 45 Mystic Ave., 10 autos in.

RESULT: APPROVED

68. #191422 License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Red House Restaurant, 24 Union Sq., Su-Th to 1:30AM, Fr-Sa to 2AM.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

69. #191423 License/Permit Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Buffalo Exchange Ltd., 238 Elm St., used clothing and accessories.

RESULT: APPROVED

70. #191424 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Star Market, 275 Beacon St., 3 spaces.

RESULT: APPROVED

71. #191425 License/Permit Renewing Pool Table License, Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm St., 2 pool tables.

RESULT: APPROVED

72. #191426 License/Permit Renewing Automatic Amusement Device License, Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St., 1 Device.

RESULT: APPROVED

73. #191427 License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Mr. Crepe, 51 Davis Sq., one sign.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

74. #191428 License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, SSG Development LLC, 50 Middlesex Ave., window fins, signage, canopies, and parapets.

RESULT: APPROVED

75. #191429 License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, Amelia's Kitchen, 1137 Broadway, 2 tables, 8 chairs.

RESULT: APPROVED

76. #191430 License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, SSG Development LLC, 50 Middlesex Ave., planters.

RESULT: APPROVED

77. #191431 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm St., 1 bench.

RESULT: APPROVED

78. #191432 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Riverside, 2 Union Sq., 3 motorcycles.

RESULT: APPROVED

79. #191433 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Mike's Restaurant, 9 Davis Sq., 8 tables, 16 chairs.

RESULT: APPROVED

80. #191434 Senator Brown responding to #190904 re: the federal CDBG program.
Public
Communication

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

81. #191435 Requesting approval to transfer \$120,420 from the Salary Contingency-
Mayor's Request Salaries Acct. to the Police Medical and Dental Services Acct. to fund a
deficit in medical claims.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

82. #191436 Requesting the appointment of Joey Buizon to the Commission on Persons
Mayor's Request with Disabilities.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

83. #191437 Public Event Permit, Columbus Ave. Block Party, Columbus Ave. from
License/Permit Bonner Ave. to Prospect Hill Parkway, May 21, 2-10PM (raindate May 22).

RESULT: APPROVED

84. #191438 Public Event Permit, Duhamel Education Initiative Walk, Davis Sq. and area
License/Permit streets, Jun 5, 10-1PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

85. #191439 Public Event Permit, Redbones Bike to Work Benefit, Chester St. from Elm
License/Permit to Herbert Sts., Jun 6, Noon-10PM (raindate Jun 13).

RESULT: APPROVED

86. #191440 Public Event Permit, Somerville Climate Action 350 Actions Challenge
License/Permit Kick-Off, Union Sq. Plaza, Jun 13, 4-7:30PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

LATE ITEMS

87. #191441 Order By Ald. Desmond, Trane
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the driveway panels on the sidewalk at 34 and 38 Fairfax Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

88. #191442 Order By Ald. Desmond, Gewirtz, Connolly
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk panel at the corner of Cutter and Highland Avenues.

RESULT: APPROVED

89. #191443 Order By Ald. Desmond, Connolly
That the Commissioner of Public Works properly secure the dedication sign honoring John Halloran at the corner of Curtis Street and Powderhouse Boulevard.

RESULT: APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk