

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 9, 2012, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting, January 2, 2012, the Special Meeting, January 10, 2012, and the Regular Meeting, January 12, 2012.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Heuston, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending Frank Senesi, who is retiring after 8 years of dedicated service as the Director of Veterans Affairs.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric, to relocate a pole and install 10 feet of conduit in Fellsway West.
5. Grant of Location Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric, to install 40 feet of conduit in from a pole to a point of pick up on Perkins St.
6. Grant of Location Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric, to install 5 feet of conduit from a pole to a private property at 11 George St.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

7. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase the number of drop off spaces and improve systems to keep student drop-off vans out of the middle of the street at the Winter Hill Community School and ensure that they stay on the school side of Sycamore Street.
8. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk on Heath Street.

9. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair and paint the front stairs to the City Hall Annex.
10. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti from the stairs leading from the Mystic Housing Development to the Healy School.
11. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, Gewirtz
That this Board's Committee on Senior Services caution residents, especially senior citizens, to beware of ads sent to them by private vendors about water line insurance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

12. ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Environment and Energy, meeting on February 9, 2012.

13. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on February 8, 2012.
- B. Mayor's Communication Requesting an Appropriation Of, and Authorization to Borrow, \$300,000, in a Bond for the Purchase of an Artificial Ice-Skating Rink.
- C. Mayor's Communication Requesting Approval to Extend a Contract with Symmes Maini & McKee Associates Inc. for Architectural Services at the Argenziano School, to August 31, 2010.
- D. Mayor's Communication Requesting Authorization for the City Treasurer to File an Application with the MA Municipal Finance Oversight Board to Qualify Under MGL C44A Any and All Bonds Authorized But Unissued, and to Execute Such Documents as the MA Board May Require.
- E. Mayor's Communication Requesting Approval to Return \$20,000 from the MaxPak Stabilization Fund to KSS Investment LLC.

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| F. | Order | By Ald. Desmond
That OSPCD and the Law Department Provide the Committee on Finance with Information Regarding Fines and Legal Action Taken Relative to To the Owner of 46 Pearl Street. |
| G. | Order | By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of Finance appear before this Board's Committee on Finance to discuss all insurance claims relating to the July 10, 2010 flood, including the claims approved and rejected, and that a representative of the City Solicitor's Office appear to discuss the claims that have been rejected. |
| H. | Public Communication | Bradford Johnson submitting comments re: the Union Sq. DIF. |
| I. | Public Communication | Grace Kessenich submitting comments re: the Union Sq. DIF. |
| J. | Public Communication | Ruth Nunnally submitting comments re: the Union Sq. DIF. |
| K. | Public Communication | Kate Wheeler submitting comments re: the Union Sq. DIF. |
| L. | Public Communication | Lori Johnston submitting comments re: the Union Sq. DIF. |
| M. | Public Communication | Jeff Levine submitting comments re: the Union Sq. DIF. |
| N. | Public Communication | David Scott submitting comments re: the Union Sq. DIF. |
| O. | Public Communication | Tom Marchese submitting comments re: the Union Sq. DIF. |
| P. | Public Communication | Barry Rafkind submitting comments re: the Union Sq. DIF. |
| Q. | Public Communication | Michael Chiu submitting comments re: the Union Sq. DIF. |
| R. | Public Communication | Senator Brown responding to #190904 re: the federal CDBG program. |
| S. | Mayor's Request | Requesting an appropriation of \$24,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of 6 mobile radios for the Police Dept. |

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| T. | Mayor's Request | Requesting an appropriation of \$45,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of 1 Ford 14-passenger van for the Police Dept. |
| U. | Mayor's Request | Requesting acceptance of a \$10,120.20 grant from the Cambridge Health Alliance acting as agent for the MA Dept. of Public Health, for the Health Dept.'s tuberculosis prevention and control efforts. |
| V. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the acceptance of \$2,856.87 from Federal Realty Investment Trust for the Fire Dept. to cover overtime associated with the Riverfest Fireworks. |
| W. | Mayor's Request | Requesting a transfer of \$1,000 in the Public Health Dept., from the Salaries Acct. to the Professional and Technical Services Acct., to support the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. |
| X. | Mayor's Request | Requesting an appropriation of \$150,000 and authorization to borrow that amount in a bond for renovations to the ISD Office. |
| Y. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the acceptance of \$7,665 grant from the MA Dept. of Fire Services for the Fire Dept.'s Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) campaign. |
| Z. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the acceptance of a \$60,000 grant from the MA Dept. of Public Health for the Health Dept.'s strategies to increase healthy eating and active living. |
| AA. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the acceptance of a \$4,950 grant from the MA Public Safety and Security Highway Safety Division for the Police Dept.'s Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Mobilization. |
| AB. | Public Communication | Attorney Paul Hynes submitting comments re: the arbitration decision with the Firefighters Union. |
| AC. | Public Communication | Paul Kafka-Gibbons submitting comments re: Veterans Memorial Rink operating hours. |
| AD. | Mayor's Request | Requesting departmental transfers totalling \$1,157,534 as described within to the Fire Dept. Salaries Acct. to fund the JLMC Decision in the Arbitration with the International Association of Firefighters Local 76. |
| AE. | Mayor's Request | Requesting Use of \$418,957 in available funds in the Fire Dept. Salaries Acct. to fund the JLMC Decision in the Arbitration with the International Association of Firefighters Local 76. |

- AF. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$255,648 from Unreserved Fund Balance to the Fire Dept. Salaries Acct. to fund the JLMC Decision in the Arbitration with the International Association of Firefighters Local 76.
- AG. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$2,400,000 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Fire Dept. Salaries Acct. to fund the JLMC Decision in the Arbitration with the International Association of Firefighters Local 76.
- AH. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of two Amended and Restated Easement Agreements for Assembly Square.
- AI. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an Amendment to the Assembly Square Layout and Alteration Order adopted by this Board in January, 2010.

14. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Information Technology, meeting on February 8, 2012.
- B. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD research Boston's New Urban Mechanics program, that engages community members in promoting civic innovation, and determine if a similar program is feasible in Somerville.
- C. Order By Ald. Roche
That the Chief Information Officer make recommendations for a centralized database so that information may be shared among various city departments when tracking problem properties, etc.
- D. Order By Ald. White Jr., Gewirtz, Sullivan, Taylor
That the Chief Financial Officer post on the City's website, an "Open Checkbook" so the public can search details of city spending and vendor payments.
- E. Order By Ald. Desmond, Roche, Gewirtz, and the Entire Board
That the Director of Communications appear before this Board's Committee of Information Technology to explain why Comcast charges residents much more for its service than in other surrounding communities and to provide suggestions on if and how Somerville's rates could be lowered.

- F. Resolution By Ald. Desmond, Roche
- That the Director of Communications and the Administration consider obtaining a discounted rate for senior citizens when the contracts with cable providers are renegotiated.

15. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on February 7, 2012.
- B. Public Communication Erving Board of Selectmen requesting that this Board consider supporting a proposal in MA for Congressional District apportionment of Presidential Electors for the Electoral College.

16. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on February 6, 2012.
- B. Board Communication By Ald. O'Donovan
- That This Board's Subcommittee on Public Health and Public Safety Invite the Owner(S) of the Armory Building to a Meeting to Discuss Their Inability to Contain Noise During Performances.
- C. Order By Ald. White Jr.
- That the Clerk of Committees send a communication to the owner of the Armory, requesting that he provide the committee with a timeline for completing the work to abate the noise emanating from the building.
- D. Mayor's Communication Submitting the City's Evaluation and Strategic Plan for the Fire Dept.
- E. 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.
- F. Order By Ald. White Jr., Pero
- That the Commissioner of Public Works, or his representative, attend the next meeting of the Public Health and Safety Committee to discuss further measures to reduce the noise of the freezer fan at the Winter Hill Community School.

- G. Officer's City Solicitor responding to #192224 re: health
Communication insurance coverage for survivors under GIC.
- H. Order By Ald. O'Donovan
- That the Chief of Police inspect the area behind 1, 3,
 and 5 Woodbine Street and Somerville Junction Park
 for illegal drug activity, and conduct directed patrols
 there without compromising the element of surprise.

17. SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Senior Services, meeting
 on February 1, 2012.
- B. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Taylor, White Jr., Connolly,
 Desmond, Trane, Heuston
- That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the city's
 Traffic Engineer attend the February 1, 2012 Senior
 Services Committee meeting at Properzi Manor to
 discuss traffic and pedestrian safety in Union Square.
- C. Order By Ald. White Jr.
- That the Chief of Police implement a directed patrol to
 enforce stopping at the STOP sign on Prospect Street.
- D. Resolution By Ald. White Jr.
- That the Traffic Commission consider amending the
 city's traffic regulations to prohibit bicycle riding in
 business districts and in the areas of the city's senior
 buildings
- E. Order By Ald. Connolly
- That the Director of Traffic and Parking contact the
 owner of the property housing Citizens Bank, as well as
 other proprietors on the lot, to discuss how they might
 prevent the lot from being used as a cut through for
 drivers attempting to avoid the traffic lights in Union
 Square.
- F. Order By Ald. Connolly
- That the Director of Traffic and Parking contact the
 manager of Citizens Bank to request that one end of the
 bank's parking lot be closed to prevent it from being
 used as a cut through.

- G. Order By Ald. Connolly
That the Director of Traffic and Parking examine the flow of traffic in Union Square and provide recommendations for any possible changes, including the installation of signage to improve safety in the area.
- H. Order By Ald. Connolly
That the Chief of Police prevent trucks from idling all night at the Reliable Market in Union Square and determine whether they are complying with all traffic regulations.
- I. Order By Ald. Trane
That the Director of Traffic and Parking report back to the Committee on Senior Services whether Parking Control Officers can issue tickets to truck operators who keep their vehicles idling.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

18. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$781,250 for construction of a new park at 15-25 Cross Street and authorization to borrow that amount in a bond.
19. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a PARC 19 grant of \$500,000 from the Division of Conservation Services for construction of the park at 15-25 Cross Street.
20. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$20,000 grant from the MA Cultural Council for the Arts Council's ArtsUnion program.
21. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Jack Hamilton to the Public Library Board of Trustees.
22. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Anil Gullapalli to the Public Library Board of Trustees.
23. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Jeremy Mendelson to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.
24. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Robert Smyth to the Arts Council.
25. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Nicole Pierce to the Arts Council.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

26. Officer's Request City Clerk requesting approval of his Public Official's Bond.

27. Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

28. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Groundwork Somerville Maple Syrup Boil Down Festival, 22 Vinal Ave., Mar 3, 10-2PM.
29. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Wheelbarrow Push For Our Troops, Charlestown to Medford via Broadway and Boston Ave., May 12, 9:30-11:30AM.
30. License/Permit Public Event Permit, M.O.M.'s 5K Run for Cancer, Davis Sq. And Area Streets, May 13, 9:30AM.
31. License/Permit Public Event Permit, MA Motorcycle Assn. Storm the State House, 9 New Washington St. To Boston, May 17, 10-2PM.
32. License/Permit New Hawker Peddler License, The Tear Drop Inc., Flowers, Fruit and Vegetables Vendor.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

33. Order By Ald. Trane
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 24-26 Sterling Street, ASAP.
34. Order By Ald. Trane
That the Director of Constituent Services (311) provide the Ward 7 Alderman with any call data regarding 24-26 Sterling Street.
35. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Committee on Public Health and Safety investigate the circumstances surrounding the February 6 fire at 35R and 37R Jaques St.
36. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$931,762 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the School Salaries Acct. to fund salary increases for the settlement of various collective bargaining agreements.
37. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$45,000 grant for FY2013 for the Police-Based Jail Diversion Program Grant for individuals with mental illnesses or emotional disturbances.

- 38. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$32,000 grant for FY2012 for the Police-Based Jail Diversion Program Grant for individuals with mental illnesses or emotional disturbances.
- 39. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Ras na h'Eireann USA Road Race, Davis Sq. and area streets, Mar 18, 11AM.
- 40. License/Permit New Drainlayer License, TRI Construction Inc.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk