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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Alderman At Large William A. White Jr.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Absent	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Robert J. McWatters	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. Roll Call 201607 (ID:14314) Call of the Roll.

Alderman Connolly sponsored a moment of silence for Muhammad Ali. Alderman McWatters sponsored a moment of silence for Kevin

McGuinness.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 201608 (ID:14315)

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, May 9, 2016, and the Regular Meeting, May 12, 2016.

RESULT:

APPROVED

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. Order By Ald. Heuston

> That the Chief of Police and the Animal Control Officer enforce the leash law 201609

(ID:14272) at Perry Park and Quincy Park.

> RESULT: **APPROVED**

Order By Ald. Heuston 4.

> That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the grass at Perry Park. 201610

(ID:14273)

RESULT: APPROVED

5. Order By Ald. Heuston

> 201611 That the Commissioner of Public Works clean and maintain Quincy Park and

(ID:14274) its plantings.

> **RESULT: APPROVED**

6. Order By Ald. Heuston

> 201612 That the Commissioner of Public Works trim all foliage blocking memorial

(ID:14275) dedication signs, traffic signals, and parking regulation signs.

Alderman Heuston expressed the need to have trees which are blocking

traffic/memorial signs trimmed over the summer.

RESULT: APPROVED

Public Utilities and Public Works Committee **FOLLOWUP:**

7. Order By Ald. Heuston

> That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect the used car lot at 39 201613 (ID:14276)

Webster Avenue and determine the proper number of cars that the lot can

accommodate.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

8. Order By Ald. Heuston

> 201614 That the Commissioner of Public Works report to the Ward 2 Alderman on the

(ID:14277) removal of a tree at 25 Durham Street, and on its replacement.

> **RESULT: APPROVED**

Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee **FOLLOWUP:**

9. Order By Ald. Heuston

> That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the absence of 201615 parking regulations and signage on large portions of Somerville Avenue. (ID:14278)

RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

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10. Order

201616 (ID:14279) By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the recent paving on Dimick Court.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. Order

201617 By

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of Engineering consider repaving Carver Street and report to the Ward 5 Alderman on its condition and when it is scheduled to be repaved.

RESULT: APPROVED

12. Order

201618 (ID:14281)

(ID:14280)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of Engineering explain to this Board how to find out when a particular street is scheduled to be re-paved, or provide the city's street paving list. (3rd request)

Alderman Niedergang requested a list of the paving plan/schedule. Alderman McWatters mentioned there were specific plans in place that should have been brought to the Board.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

13. Order 201619

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Tree Warden inspect the leafless tree on the east side of Cedar Street between Hudson Street and Albion Street, and replant there if necessary.

RESULT: APPROVED

14. Order

201620 (ID:14283)

(ID:14282)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works get MA DOT to repair the broken sidewalks on the Central Street bridge near Hoyt-Sullivan Park, and report to this Board on progress. (4th request)

RESULT: APPROVED

15. Order

201621 (ID:14284) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to the Ward 5 Alderman on measures to reduce the speed of vehicles around Hoyt-Sullivan Park, including reducing the speed limit on Central Street to 20-25 mph. (3rd request)

Alderman Niedergang gave an update on the progress that is being made in the Park.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

16. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 201622 (ID:14254) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 7, 2016.

Alderman Lafuente reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed the non-union phase I salary recommendations of the Municipal Compensation Advisory Board.

Ald. Rossetti recused.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Resolution 201623

By Ald. Niedergang

201623 (ID:14319) That the Administration expend the same amount of effort on the SMEA wage study as was used on the non-union wage study.

RESULT: APPROVED

17. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 201624 (ID:14251) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 31, 2016.

Alderman Davis reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He spoke about residential neighborhoods and design flexibility in the new zoning to be proposed. The new zoning will be a combination of traditional and form based zoning. The proposal will hopefully be submitted by June/July.

RESULT: APPROVED

18. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 201625 (ID:14252)

Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, in Joint Session with the Planning Board, on June 2, 2016.

Alderman Davis reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The main topic was the Zoning amendment to establish a Powder House School Development District. There was very positive feedback on this item.

RESULT: APPROVED

19. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 201626 (ID:14253) Report of the Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on June 6, 2016.

Alderman Ballantyne reported on the items discussed at the meeting. One issue concerned public hearings and state laws regarding tree removal, and how they are implemented. Tree planting and tree maintenance will have continued discussion. Some trees are State owned and will be maintained or removed by the State. For city trees, cutting, removing and planting of trees will be completed in phases. Originally 155 trees were to be removed; that number has since been reduced by 34.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Resolution 201566

By Ald. Ballantyne, Davis

(ID:14234)

That the Administration not cut down any trees prior to meeting with this Board's Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy to discuss the issue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 201583 (ID:14242) By Ald. Davis, Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD explain to this Board how notice and hearing provisions of the Tree Ordinance and state law are being implemented.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

20. Mayor's Request 201627 (ID:14246) Requesting the acceptance of a \$5,000 grant from Project Bread for the Health & Human Services - Shape Up Somerville initiative to support the Mobile Farmer's Market.

RESULT: APPROVED

21. Mayor's Request 201628 (ID:14130) Requesting the acceptance of a \$1,000 grant from the Mt. Auburn Hospital, for the Council on Aging's Stroke Awareness Initiative.

22. Mayor's Requ

RESULT:

APPROVED

22. Mayor's Request 201629 (ID:14287) Requesting the re-appointment of Andrew Upton to the Licensing Commission.

Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of items 22 through 25 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

23. Mayor's Request 201630 (ID:14286) Requesting the re-appointment of John McKenna to the Licensing Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

24. Mayor's Request 201631 (ID:14285) Requesting the re-appointment of Vito Vaccaro to the Licensing Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

25. Mayor's Request 201632 (ID:14271) Requesting the re-appointment of Eliza Johnson to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.

RESULT: APPROVED

26. Mayor's Request 201633 (ID:14268) Requesting the appointment of Joshua Hodge to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.

Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of items 26 through 28 and refer them to Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

27. Mayor's Request 201634 (ID:14269) Requesting the appointment of Julie Wood to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

28. Mayor's Request 201635 (ID:14270) Requesting the appointment of Stephen Moore to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

29. Mayor's Request 201636 (ID:14291) Requesting the re-appointment of Sarah Radding to the Design Review Committee.

Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of items 29 through 31 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

30. Mayor's Request 201637 (ID:14292) Requesting the re-appointment of Deborah Fennick to the Design Review Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

31. Mayor's Request 201638 (ID:14293) Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Valdez to the Design Review Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

32. Mayor's Request 201639 (ID:14294) Requesting the appointment of Sean Hesse to the Design Review Committee.

Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of items 32 and 33 and refer them to Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

33. Mayor's Request 201640 (ID:14295) Requesting the appointment of Alexandra Kleyman to the Design Review Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

34. Officer's

City Assessor presenting for approval a proposed Solar PILOT Agreement for Communication a solar electric generating facility at the Partner's Health Care site.

201641 (ID:14288)

Alderman Lafuente requested to waive the reading of item 34 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

NEW BUSINESS

35. 201642

License/Permit Public Event Permit, SomerStreets Carnaval, Broadway from McGrath Hwy to Pennsylvania Ave, Jun 11, 9AM-7PM.

(ID:14298)

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 35 through 52 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

36. License/Permit 201643 (ID:14299)

Public Event Permit, Somerville By Design Davis Square Public Realm Pilot, Buena Vista Rd from the Community Path to Meacham Rd, and the Slip Lane in front of Mike's Restaurant, Jun 12-13, 8AM-9PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

37. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Bon Me and SomerStrEATS, College Ave at 201644 Powderhouse Park, Tuesdays Jun 14-Oct 25, 4-9PM. (ID:14300) **RESULT:** APPROVED 38. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Arts Council Davis Square Symphony, Seven Hills Park, 201645 Jun 17, 7:30-10PM (raindate Jun 18). (ID:14301) **RESULT: APPROVED** 39. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Spencer Avenue Neighborway, Jun 18, 10AM-3PM 201646 (raindate Jun 25). (ID:14302) **RESULT: APPROVED** 40. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Groundwork Summah Solstice, 138 South St, Jun 18, 201647 4PM-Midnite (raindate Jun 19). (ID:14303) **RESULT: APPROVED** 41. License/Permit Public Event Permit, New England Lifesavers Surfers Healing Foundation Hawaiian Shave Ice, 335 Somerville Ave, Jun 26, 11AM-7PM. 201648 (ID:14304) **RESULT: APPROVED** 42. License/Permit Public Event Permit, SomerLaff Movie Fest, Seven Hills Park, Perry Park, 201649 Powderhouse Park, FRIT Riverfront, Hodgkins Park, City Hall Concourse, (ID:14305) Thursdays Jul 7-Aug 25, 6-10:30PM. **RESULT:** APPROVED 43. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Arts Council Haiti and Brazil Festival, Union Sq Plaza, 201650 Jul 24, 11AM-5PM (raindate Jul 31). (ID:14306) **RESULT: APPROVED** 44. License/Permit Public Event Permit, BA Events Memphis Soul 5K Road RAce, Davis Sq and 201651 area streets, Aug 14, 7AM-1PM. (ID:14307) **RESULT: APPROVED** 45. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Great Urban Campout, Conway Park, Aug 20-21, Noon-201652 Noon (raindate Aug 19-20). (ID:14308) **RESULT: APPROVED** 46. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Bowdoin St/Fremont Ave/Parker St Block Party, dead-201653 end of Fremont Ave, Aug 28, Noon-9PM (raindate Sep 4). (ID:14309) **RESULT:** APPROVED

47. 201654

License/Permit Public Event Permit, Garden Club Plant Sale, Davis Sq Statue Park, Sep 17, 7AM-1:30PM.

(ID:14310)

RESULT: APPROVED

48. License/Permit 201655

Public Event Permit, Youth and Recreation Foundation Ryan Harrington Bike Ride, Assembly Row area, Sep 17, 9AM-1:30PM.

(ID:14311)

RESULT: APPROVED

49. 201656

License/Permit Public Event Permit, SomDog Tom Taylor Memorial 5K, Union Sq and area streets, Oct 16, 7AM-4PM.

(ID:14312)

RESULT: APPROVED

50. 201657

License/Permit Public Event Permit, Team Chase 5K Race, Lower Broadway and area streets, Nov 6, 8AM-3PM.

(ID:14313)

RESULT: APPROVED

51. License/Permit 201658 (ID:14296)

Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green Cab and Yellow Cab Assn, 6 cabs at 295 Broadway, 4 cabs at 1 Davis Sq, 4 cabs at 30 Washington St, 3 cabs at 22-26 Union Sq.

RESULT:

APPROVED

52.

License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Fred Susan Auto Body, 269 Somerville Ave.

201659 (ID:14297)

RESULT:

APPROVED

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

53. Order By Ald. Connolly, Davis

201660 (ID:14289)

That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the grass and clear the downed tree branches in Powderhouse Park.

RESULT:

APPROVED

54. Resolution 201661 (ID:14290) By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Niedergang, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, White Jr., Davis, Ballantyne, Sullivan

That the Administration endeavor to provide \$250,000 for Teen Empowerment Youth Services in the proposed FY17 budget.

Alderman Connolly spoke on behalf of the Teen Empowerment program and would like to make certain it stays funded. Members expressed support for the Program.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee 55. Order 201662 By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works repaint the Teele Square sign in the (ID:14317)

center garden/median of Teele Square.

RESULT: APPROVED

56. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

201663 (ID:14318) That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO PARKING – FOR FIRE EMERGENCY VEHICLES ONLY sign at the dead end of Fairmount Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

57. Resolution By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Administration provide a 3 year projection of bond requests, by project name, as of June 2016.

201664 (ID:14335)

> **RESULT: APPROVED**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

58. Order 201665 (ID:14320) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public works replace the dead sapling at 516 Medford Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

59. Mayor's Request 201666 (ID:14322) Requesting the appointment of Christopher J. Albanese to the Fire Department Reserve List.

Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of items 59 through 72 and refer them to Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

60. Mayor's Request 201667 (ID:14323)

Requesting the appointment of Payton Corbett to the Fire Department Reserve List.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

Mayor's 61. Request 201668 (ID:14324) Requesting the appointment of Seamus F. Lynch to the Fire Department Reserve List.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

Requesting the appointment of Troy M. Martini to the Fire Department 62. Mayor's Request Reserve List. 201669 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:14325) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee 63. Mayor's Requesting the appointment of John P. Blake to the Fire Department Reserve Request List. 201670 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:14326) FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee Requesting the appointment of Rafael A. Flores to the Fire Department 64. Mayor's Request Reserve List. 201671 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:14327) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee 65. Mayor's Requesting the appointment of Dennis J. Moynihan to the Fire Department Reserve List. Request 201672 REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** (ID:14328) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee Requesting the appointment of John E. Mucci to the Fire Department Reserve 66. Mayor's Request List. 201673 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:14329) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee 67. Mayor's Requesting the appointment of John J. Driscoll to the Fire Department Reserve Request List. 201674 REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** (ID:14330) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee 68. Requesting the appointment of Virgilio A. Garcia to the Fire Department Mayor's Reserve List. Request 201675 REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** (ID:14331) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

69. Mayor's Request 201676 (ID:14332) Requesting the appointment of Timothy J. McKenzie to the Fire Department Reserve List.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

70. Mayor's Request 201677 (ID:14333)

Requesting the appointment of Randy Oliver to the Fire Department Reserve List.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters **FOLLOWUP:**

Committee

71. Mayor's Request 201678 (ID:14334)

Requesting the appointment of Daniel C. Roche to the Fire Department Reserve List.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

72. Mayor's Request 201679 (ID:14336)

Requesting the appointment of John Gullage to the Fire Department Reserve List.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

73. License/Permit 201680 (ID:14338)

Public Event Permit, La Cantina Mexicana BBQ Competition, Union Sq Parking Lot, Jun 25, 1:30-6PM (raindate Jun 26).

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 73 and 74 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

74. 201681

License/Permit Public Event Permit, Elizabeth Peabody House Summer Breeze Block Party, Parking Lot at 269-277 Broadway, Aug 7, 9AM-6PM (raindate Aug 14).

(ID:14339)

RESULT: APPROVED

LATE ITEMS

75. Mayor's Request 201570 (ID:14157) Requesting approval to pay prior fiscal year invoices in the DPW totaling \$3,702.75 for Sterling Movers.

Discharged from the Committee on Finance.

Commissioner Koty said this item has reduced to \$518.75 for prior year. It is a bill from Sterling Movers' move at the Brown School.

RESULT: APPROVED 76. Mayor's Request 201569 (ID:14159) Requesting approval to pay prior fiscal year invoices in the DPW totalling \$105,567 for Simplex Grinnell.

Discharged from the Committee on Finance.

Commissioner Koty said these are 2014 bills from Simplex-Grinnell owed following resolution of a billing dispute.

RESULT: APPROVED

77. Mayor's Request 201437 (ID:13954) Requesting approval to expend FY16 funds totaling \$3,917.92 to pay a prior year invoice in the Police Dept.

Discharged from the Committee on Finance.

Police Chief Fallon reported that this was a miscoded bill remaining from

2015.

RESULT: APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 7:40 PM.