

City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the City Council

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

July 11, 2019, 7:00 PM
City Council Chamber, City Hall-93 Highland Avenue

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 21430)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, June 5,
 (ID # 21431) 2019, and the Regular Meeting, June 13, 2019.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By City Councilor Ballantyne
 (ID # 21432) Commending Dave Powers, whose courageous action
 led to the capture of a suspect in the armed robbery of
 the Middlesex Federal Savings Bank in Davis Sq. on
 May 1.

4. Citation By City Councilor Ballantyne, Niedergang
 (ID # 21436) Commending Daniel LeBlanc, who is retiring from the
 Board of the Somerville Municipal Affordable Housing
 Trust Fund after 19 years of distinguished service, since
 the Trust Fund's inception in 2000.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Withdrawn Withdrawn.
 (ID # 21437)

6. Grant of Submitted by Comcast to install 18 feet of conduit in
 Location Washington St, from Pole 358/40 to a point of pickup at
 (ID # 21438) 265 Washington St.

7. Grant of Submitted by RCN to install 20 feet of conduit in North
 Location St, from Manhole 3730 on Broadway to Pole 190/15 on
 (ID # 21439) North St for service to 1299 Broadway.

8. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 33 feet of conduit in
 Location Pearl St from Pole 273/3 to a point of pickup at 14 Pearl
 (ID # 21440) St.

9. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 7 feet of conduit in
 Location Governor Winthrop Rd from Pole 494/9 to a point of
 (ID # 21441) pickup at 70 Governor Winthrop Rd.

10. Grant of Location (ID # 21442) Submitted by Eversource to install 35 feet of conduit in Laurel St from Pole 199/6 to a point of pickup at 36 Laurel St.
11. Grant of Location (ID # 21443) Submitted by Eversource to install 135 feet of conduit in Medford St from Manhole 12138 to a point of pickup at 340 Medford St.
12. Grant of Location (ID # 21444) Submitted by ExteNet Systems to install a wireless small cell antenna and related equipment on the pole on Bartlett St nearest 466 Medford St.
13. Grant of Location (ID # 21445) Submitted by ExteNet Systems to install a wireless small cell antenna and related equipment on the pole on School St nearest 96 Highland Ave.
14. Grant of Location (ID # 21446) Submitted by ExteNet Systems to install a wireless small cell antenna and related equipment on the pole at 7 Highland Rd near Morrison Ave.
15. Grant of Location (ID # 21447) Submitted by ExteNet Systems to replace a City-owned streetlight at 0 Innerbelt Rd with a similar streetlight that includes a wireless small cell antenna and related equipment.
16. Grant of Location (ID # 21448) Submitted by ExteNet Systems to install a wireless small cell antenna and related equipment on the pole at 361 Washington St near Perry Park.
17. Grant of Location (ID # 21449) Submitted by ExteNet Systems to replace a City-owned streetlight across from 48 Pearl St adjacent to a Housing Authority building with a similar streetlight that includes a wireless small cell antenna and related equipment.
18. Grant of Location (ID # 21450) Submitted by ExteNet Systems to replace a City-owned streetlight across from 342 Broadway with a similar streetlight that includes a wireless small cell antenna and related equipment.
19. Withdrawn (ID # 21451) Withdrawn.
20. Withdrawn (ID # 21452) Withdrawn.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

21. Resolution (ID # 21428) By City Councilor Mbah
Designating the week of September 24-30, 2019 as Climate Preparedness Week, and urging public participation in associated activities.
22. Resolution (ID # 21421) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Administration ensure that the Living Wage Ordinance is fully applied to the city's recycling contract.
23. Resolution (ID # 21422) By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Administration provide options for how the City Council and/or members of the public may formally approve or revise the SomerVision 2040 plan.
24. Resolution (ID # 21423) By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Administration inform this City Council whether the new High School, and eventually other municipal buildings, will have dishwashing capacity, to reduce or eliminate reliance on single-use flatware and dishes.
25. Resolution (ID # 21425) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen
That the Administration consider expanding the Marijuana Advisory Committee to include communities that have been disproportionately harmed by marijuana prohibition, advocates working in this area, and members of the public with related expertise, and consider other steps to increase transparency in the selection process.
26. Resolution (ID # 21427) By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Administration discuss ways to manage burnout and promote a home/work balance among staff who are tasked with high stakes, high contact projects, including how the City Council may help.
27. Order (ID # 21424) By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Directors of Health and Human Services, Parks and Recreation, Economic Development, or SomerPromise report on the possibility of establishing a transitional jobs program, modeled after programs in Cambridge and other communities.
28. Communication (ID # 21426) By City Councilor Hirsch
Reporting on the status of the Open Space Acquisition Task Force and requesting feedback on possible next steps.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 29. Grant of Location 208355 Submitted by Eversource to install 133 feet of conduit in Chestnut St from Manhole #27931 to a point of pickup at 28 Fitchburg St.
- 30. Grant of Location 208356 Submitted by Eversource to install 56 feet of conduit in Beacon St from Utility Pole 24/13 to a point of pickup at 104 Beacon St.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

31. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 21414) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on July 1, 2019.
- B. Mayor's Request 208173 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of David Castellarin to the Retirement Board.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. Mayor's Request 208531 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Wudson Duperval to the position of Reserve Police Officer.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Mayor's Request 208532 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sergio Garcia to the position of Reserve Police Officer.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. Mayor's Request 208533 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Charles Houghton to the position of Reserve Police Officer.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- F. Mayor's Request 208534 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Charlie O'Leary to the position of Reserve Police Officer.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- G. Mayor's Request 208535 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Andrew Phelan to the position of Reserve Police Officer.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- H. Mayor's Request 208536 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Karanjit Singh to the position of Reserve Police Officer.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- I. Mayor's Request 208537 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Robert Taylor to the position of Reserve Police Officer.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- J. Resolution (ID # 21410) By City Councilor Mbah That this Council's Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee be provided legal counsel to advise in the matter of #208571 and #208572, due to a conflict of interest expressed by the City Solicitor's Office.

- K. Order (ID # 21411) By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Director of Personnel provide the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters with any available public documents regarding the signatories to the police reserve list who were not appointed.
- L. Order (ID # 21412) By City Councilor Scott
That the City Solicitor and the Director of Personnel provide the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters with a clarification of the civil service classification categories.

32. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 21415) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on July 2, 2019.
- B. Mayor's Request 208322 Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinances 8-361 through 8-372 to revise the permitting process for Mobile Food Vendors.
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended
- C. Officer's Communication 208469 City Solicitor submitting a Home Rule Petition that would authorize the City Council to appoint a Clerk of Committees and Assistant Clerks of Committees.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

33. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 21417) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on July 10, 2019.
- B. Public Communication 207025 Robert Toro submitting comments re: C&M Auto Sales, licensed as a Used Car Dealer at 39 Webster Ave.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- C. License/Permit 207994 New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Real Auto Shop, 39 Webster Ave, 0 vehicles inside, 20 outside, opening Mon-Fri 8AM-7PM, Sat 8AM-3PM, Sun Closed.
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended
- D. Resolution 208246 By City Councilor Ballantyne, Hirsch
That the Administration explore the constituent suggestion that would allow designating streets as block party zones or car-free zones when a certain number of bands are registered during Porch Fest.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- E. Order 208247 By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Director of the Arts Council, the Chief of Police and the Commissioner of Public Works appear before this Council's Committee on Licenses and Permits to discuss future preparations for Porchfest.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. License/Permit 208307 New Extended Operating Hours License, Papa Johns Pizza, 622 Somerville Ave, seeking to remain open for take-out and delivery service until 1AM Sun-Thu, and 2AM Fri-Sat.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

34. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 21416) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on July 8, 2019.
- B. Order 208319 By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install flashing STOP signs at the intersections of Lowell Street with Hudson and with Albion Streets to prevent accidents caused by cars entering onto Lowell Street.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 208480 By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Traffic and Parking update the Ward 3 Councilor on efforts to update the Business Parking Permits in Union Square, and in particular to prioritize such permits for those local non-profit service providers whose service requires a vehicle.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order 208481 By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Hirsch
That the Director of SPCD present safety interventions for the intersection of Washington Terrace and Washington Street in light of the recent accident there.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 35. Mayor's Request (ID # 21419) Requesting approval of an Ordinance to be known as the Housing Stability Notification Act.
- 36. Mayor's Request (ID # 21418) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,900,000 in a bond for sewer improvements.
- 37. Mayor's Request (ID # 21408) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$600,000 in a bond for Davis Square interim improvements.
- 38. Mayor's Request (ID # 21409) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$550,000 in a bond for a custom Fire Pumper.

- 39. Mayor's Request (ID # 21434) Requesting the appropriation of \$376,820 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase of vehicles for the Parks & Recreation Department.
- 40. Mayor's Request (ID # 21405) Requesting approval to appropriate \$100,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for tree planting.
- 41. Mayor's Request (ID # 21301) Requesting acceptance of an \$11,000 grant annually for FY20, FY21, FY22, and FY23, with no new match required, from the Cambridge Public Health Department to the Health and Human Services Department for participation in the regional prevention collaborative grant.
- 42. Mayor's Request (ID # 21413) Requesting approval of a time extension for the contract with Weston and Sampson for the Manhole Infiltration and Inflow Reduction Program.
- 43. Mayor's Request (ID # 21420) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ryan Sullivan as a Reserve Police Officer.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 44. Officer's Communication (ID # 21433) City Clerk submitting proposed fees for a Small Wireless Facility License.
- 45. Officer's Communication (ID # 21435) City Solicitor requesting to appear before this Council in executive session to discuss litigation in the matter of ExteNet Systems v City of Somerville et al.
- 46. Officer's Communication (ID # 21367) Director of Housing Stability responding to #208266 re: proposed changes to federal housing policy and public charge rules.
- 47. Officer's Communication (ID # 21407) Director of Health & Human Services responding to #208488 re: eliminating rat problems near 10 Hill Street.

NEW BUSINESS

- 48. License/Permit (ID # 21453) Public Event License, Sunsetters performances, Jul 11 at 43 Boston St, Jul 15 at Lincoln Park, Jul 17 at 141 Hudson St, Jul 22 at 22 Josephine Ave Jul 31 at Lesley Ave, Aug 7 at 11 Cottage Ave, Aug 13 at 130 Ten Hills Rd, Aug 15 at 26 Trull St, Aug 22 at 20 Kensington Ave, all 6-8:30PM.

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- 49. License/Permit (ID # 21454) Public Event License, St Benedict Procession, 21 Hathorn St and area streets, Jul 14, 8AM-1PM.
 - 50. License/Permit (ID # 21455) Public Event License, Windsor Rd Block Party, Jul 20, 1:30-6:30PM (raindate Jul 21).
 - 51. License/Permit (ID # 21456) Public Event License, Newbury St Block Party, Jul 21, 11AM-5PM (raindate Jul 28).
 - 52. License/Permit (ID # 21457) Public Event License, 7ate9 Bakery National Cheesecake Day Celebration, parking spaces at 199c Highland Ave, Jul 27, 7AM-7PM (raindate Jul 28).
 - 53. License/Permit (ID # 21458) Public Event License, Thorpe St Block Party, Jul 28, 3-7PM.
 - 54. License/Permit (ID # 21459) Public Event License, Lexington Ave Block Party, Aug 4, 4-8PM.
 - 55. License/Permit (ID # 21460) Public Event License, Pleasant Ave Block Party, Aug 9, 4-8:30PM (raindate Aug 10).
 - 56. License/Permit (ID # 21461) Public Event License, Church St Block Party, from Summer St to Somerville Ave, Aug 17, 3-7PM (raindate Aug 18).
 - 57. License/Permit (ID # 21462) Public Event License, Endicott-Farragut-Hooker-Weston Block Party, Endicott Ave, Aug 18, 2-8PM (raindate Sep 8).
 - 58. License/Permit (ID # 21463) Public Event License, Great Urban Campout, Lincoln Park (backup Nunziato Field), Aug 24-25, Noon-Noon (raindate Aug 23-24).
 - 59. License/Permit (ID # 21464) Public Event License, Arts Council Black, Brown & Queer Festival, Union Sq Plaza, Aug 24, 1-8PM (raindate Aug 25).
 - 60. License/Permit (ID # 21465) Public Event License, Road Runners Race to the Row, Assembly Row area, Aug 25, 6:30AM-2PM.
 - 61. License/Permit (ID # 21466) Public Event License, Bowdoin-Fremont-Parker-Washington Block Party, Fremont Ave dead end only, Aug 25, Noon-8:30PM (raindate Sep 8).
 - 62. License/Permit (ID # 21467) Public Event License, Bo-Ho-Oak Block Party, Oak St from Houghton St to Bolton St, Sep 7, 1-7PM (raindate Sep 8).

- 63. License/Permit (ID # 21468) Public Event License, SS Cosmas and Damian Procession, Mansfield St-Rossmore St-Merriam St and area streets, Sep 8, 3-6PM (raindate Sep 15).
- 64. License/Permit (ID # 21469) Public Event License, Hudson St Block Party, from Waldo St to Central St, Sep 14, 3-8PM (raindate Sep 15).
- 65. License/Permit (ID # 21470) Public Event License, East Somerville Main Streets Foodie Crawl, sidewalks on Broadway From Kensington Ave to Lincoln St, Sep 17, 9AM-11PM (raindate Sep 18).
- 66. License/Permit (ID # 21471) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Environic Solutions.
- 67. License/Permit (ID # 21472) Renewing Garage License, Brazil Auto Repair, 621 Somerville Ave.
- 68. License/Permit (ID # 21473) Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm St.
- 69. License/Permit (ID # 21474) Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Thunder Road, 379 Somerville Ave.
- 70. License/Permit (ID # 21475) Transferring Taxi Medallion License, Medallion #69 from Alewife Transportation to Somerville Transportation.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 71. Mayor's Request (ID # 21478) Requesting acceptance of a \$210,000 grant with no new match required, from the Commonwealth Children's Fund to the Health and Human Services SomerPromise program, to expand the SomerBaby Program.
- 72. Mayor's Request (ID # 21476) Requesting acceptance of a \$10,000 gift with no new match required, from Encore Boston to the Veterans Services Division for the Memorial Day fireworks.
- 73. Officer's Communication (ID # 21477) Special Counsel submitting an amended Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance as approved by the Legislative Matters Committee on 7/2/19.
- 74. Officer's Communication (ID # 21479) City Solicitor requesting approval of Catherine L. Farrell, Esq. or a similarly qualified attorney to serve as interim housing counsel.

75. Mayor's Request Requesting that Urban Forestry Committee members be
(ID # 21406) designated as Special Municipal Employees.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT