

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

February 23, 2012, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,  
January 26, 2012.

**CITATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

3. Order                      By Ald. O'Donovan, Desmond, Sullivan, Connolly,  
White Jr., Heuston, Gewirtz, Trane, Taylor, Lafuente  
  
That this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and  
Works investigate the repeated power outages around  
470 Medford Street and take the necessary steps to  
ensure that NStar resolves this problem.
4. Order                      By Ald. Taylor  
  
That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the  
status of its study to protect neighborhoods in RA and  
RB Districts.
5. Order                      By Ald. Taylor  
  
That the Commissioner of Public Works resurface  
Belmont Terrace in the Spring of 2012.
6. Order                      By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz  
  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the  
pothole on Lowden Avenue, between Kidder Avenue  
and Mallet Street.
7. Order                      By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, O'Donovan, Sullivan,  
White Jr.  
  
That the Commissioner of Public Works update the  
Public Works and Utilities Committee with the status of  
double poles and street lamps not working.

8. Order By Ald. Connolly  
That the Director of Communications appear at the next meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee with an update and cost of the cable, internet and telephone providers in Somerville.
9. Communication By Ald. Taylor  
In his capacity as a member of the School Committee, conveying a report of the School Committee's activities.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **10. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on February 22, 2012.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to enter into a lease agreement with Zipcar Inc. for 14 City parking spaces for a term of 3 years with two one-year options to renew.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to enter into a contract with City Solutions Inc. to operate a modular news rack program for 10 years.
- D. Officer's Communication Retirement Board notifying this Board of a vote on a cost of living adjustment at its meeting on June 8, 2011.
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$25,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of 1 License Plate Reader system for the Police Dept.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$5,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of 1 Laptop for the Police Dept.'s License Plate Reader System.
- G. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Chief Assessor appear before this Board to provide specific details and responses to citizens' concerns regarding recent tax bills, including increased land values in particular areas of the city.
- H. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$20,000 grant from the MA Cultural Council for the Arts Council's ArtsUnion program.

- I. 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.
- J. 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.
- K. 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.
- L. Order By Ald. Trane  
That the Chief of Police, the Chief Assessor and the City Solicitor determine if the Police Dept. has the authority to ticket vehicles with outstanding excise taxes due, and if so, to proceed with such action.

11. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on February 21, 2012.
- B. Resolution By Ald. Trane, Sullivan  
That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission consider extending visitor parking from 48 to 72 hours.
- C. Public Communication Green Cab requesting consideration from this Board for a taxi fare increase.
- D. Order By Ald. Roche  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking consult with the Traffic Engineer to determine the feasibility of Cross Street East being a one way from Broadway to Mystic Avenue.
- E. Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.
- F. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, White Jr., Connolly, Taylor, Desmond  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the light on the traffic island directly in front of 252 Medford Street.

- G.      Order                      By Ald. Trane
- That the Director of Traffic and Parking investigate more efficient ways to lay out cab stands at the Davis Square MBTA stop.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

12.      Mayor's Request      Requesting the creation of a Bicycle Stabilization Fund and the acceptance of a mitigation payment of \$2,178 from Mudflat Studios, to purchase a bicycle corral.
13.      Mayor's Request      Requesting an appropriation of \$2,178 from the Bicycle Stabilization Fund to install a bicycle corral at 79-83 Broadway.
14.      Mayor's Request      Requesting the re-appointment of Adrian Botelho as Constable, for a term to expire December 31, 2012.
15.      Mayor's                      Presenting the final draft of the SomerVision  
Communication              Comprehensive Plan.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

16.      Officer's                      Planning Board conveying its recommendation on a  
Communication              proposal to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Districts for Somerville Avenue from Wilson Square to the Cambridge line at Porter Square, White Street, and Elm Street from White Street to Wilson Square, and to amend the Floodplain Overlay District.
17.      Officer's                      Planning Board conveying its recommendation on a  
Communication              proposal to amend the Zoning Ordinance to add a definition of pervious area and amend the table of dimensional requirements and footnotes to require a minimum pervious area on lots in certain zoning districts.
18.      Officer's                      Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #192529  
Communication              re: accidents at Summer and Lowell Streets.
19.      Officer's                      Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various  
Communication              Board Orders.

**NEW BUSINESS**

20.      License/Permit              Public Event Permit, Davis Sq. Ministries Palm Sunday Donkey Walk, College Ave. From Powderhouse Park to Davis Sq., Apr 1, 8:30-9:30 AM.
21.      License/Permit              Public Event Permit, Davis Sq. Ministries Easter Sunrise Service, Powderhouse Park, Apr 8, 6:30-7:30 AM.

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| 22. | License/Permit | Public Event Permit, Union Sq. Farmer's Market, Union Sq. Plaza, Saturdays from Jun 2-Nov 17, 7AM-2PM. |
| 23. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, NStar Electric and Gas Corp., 181 McGrath Hwy., 20 autos in.                  |
| 24. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Motorsports Inc., 486R Columbia St., 3 autos in, 5 out.                       |
| 25. | License/Permit | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, A Plus Auto Body, 297 Medford St., No autos.                |
| 26. | License/Permit | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Auto Body, 161 Linwood St., 15 autos.                 |
| 27. | License/Permit | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Auto Body, 308 McGrath Hwy., 12 autos.                |
| 28. | License/Permit | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Auto Body, 182 Washington St., 27 autos.              |

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

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| 29. | Order                   | By Ald. Taylor, Heuston<br><br>That the Chief Financial Officer appear before this Board's Committee on Finance to present an update on the FY12 budget, especially expenditures. |
| 30. | Mayor's Request         | Requesting the approval of the release of an obsolete drain easement in Assembly Square.  |
| 31. | Mayor's Request         | Requesting the appointment of John O'Connor to the Fire Dept. Reserve List.   |
| 32. | Officer's Communication | Director of Constituent Services responding to #192581 re: 24-26 Sterling St. 311 call data.  |
| 33. | Officer's Communication | Assistant City Solicitor responding to #192373 re: guidelines for reporting contractor violations to the State (Fines for Code Violations).                                       |

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk