

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2014, 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	
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	Present	
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	
Rebekah L. Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. #196194 Call of the Roll.
Roll Call

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Alderman Connolly requested a moment of silence for Tom Sullivan.
Alderman Lafuente requested a moment of silence for Joseph Murphy.

2. #196195 Approval of the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting, January 6, 2014,
Minutes and the Regular Meeting, January 9, 2014.

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. #196196 By Ald. Niedergang, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Citation Commending Emma DiMasi on the happy occasion of her Ninety Ninth birthday.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

Alderman Niedergang wishes to lay the item on the table for a later date.
Ms. DiMasi will come up in the spring to receive the citation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. #196197 Submitted by NStar Electric, to relocate a pole near 116 Holland Street
Grant of Location about 15 feet northwest to make a driveway more accessible.

RESULT: APPROVED

President White opened the public hearing.
Sheila Gillas, representing NStar Electric, requested approval of the item.
There were no other public comments and President White closed the public hearing.
Alderman Sullivan recommended approval of the item.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. #196198 By Ald. McLaughlin
Order That the Chief of Police inform the Best of the Best hair salon that their customers may not park in the private lot at 50 Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

6. #196199 By Ald. McLaughlin
Order That the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the owner of the lot at Broadway and the McGrath Highway (formerly Foss Park Gas), to clean the site and consider putting up vanity panels to deal with the eyesore.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. #196200 By Ald. McLaughlin
Order That the Commissioner of Public Works inform residents on lower Broadway how sewer construction will affect their private drain pipes, whether they need to renovate them before construction ends, and whether any assistance programs exist.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. #196201 By Ald. McLaughlin
Order That the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the owner of 22 Cross Street East to shovel during snow storms and prevent the site from being a breeding ground for rodents.

RESULT: APPROVED

9. #196202 By Ald. McLaughlin
Order That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inform the Rent-a-Center on Broadway that the 3 AM pickup of their trash is disturbing nearby residents and direct them to schedule pickup for a more reasonable time.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. #196203
Order

By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works post signage at the new Harris Park that discourages owners from using this park with their dogs or orders them to clean up after their pets.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

Alderman McLaughlin stated he wishes to remove the order because it was already assigned.

11. #196204
Order

By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install STOP signs on Tufts and Glen Streets, at their intersection.

RESULT: APPROVED

12. #196205
Order

By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Chief Fire Engineer, the Chief of Police and the chief trauma response individual appear before this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to explore training first responders in the use of Narcan, currently being used by EMTs to save victims of drug overdoses.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman McLaughlin stated there has been a recent spike in overdoses and reported that Narcan has saved over 2,000 lives since 2007. Alderman Niedergang voiced support for the item and recommended broadening the distribution.

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

13. #196206
Order

By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street light at 19 Walker Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

14. #196207
Order

By Ald. Gewirtz
That the City Solicitor inform this Board on enforcement of the Wage Theft Ordinance and its effectiveness in reducing the problem.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Gewirtz requested a report regarding wage theft. Alderman Sullivan emphasized the importance of enforcing the bill.

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

15. #196208
Order

By Ald. Gewirtz

That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to amend the Junk Dealer Ordinance to eliminate restrictions against operating on Sundays, legal holidays, and nights.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Gewirtz discussed "junk dealers" and their services and requested that the item go to legislative matters. Alderman Heuston commented on the broad definition of "junk dealers." Alderman Connolly agreed with Alderman Heuston.

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

16. #196209
Resolution

By Ald. Gewirtz, and the Entire Board

That the Administration inform this Board of any and all supports available to those who were victims of arson this past summer.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Gewirtz spoke about a victim of arson and her efforts to rebuild. She stated she questions what the City can do for these victims. Alderman LaFuente, Alderman McWatters, and Alderman Heuston requested permission to sign on to the order. Alderman Sullivan requested to make the motion unanimous without rejection.

The item was unanimous with a referral to Public Health and Public Safety and request that Alderman Connolly contact staff from Strategic Planning and Community Development to determine whether there are grants or funds available to the victims.

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

17. #196210
Order

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair 4 potholes on Lowell Street: one by Albion Street, two between Hudson Street and Highland Avenue, and one by the Visiting Nurse Association.

RESULT: APPROVED

18. #196211
Order

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD (ISD) investigate the reason for water being pumped out of the basement at 26 Woodbine Street and take steps to stop the leakage and report the results to the Ward 5 Alderman. (2nd request-see #196152)

RESULT: APPROVED

President White noted this is the second request and copies will be sent to Alderman McWatters committee, Public Utilities, and Public Works.

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

19. #196212
Resolution

By Ald. Niedergang, and the Entire Board
In support of an increase in the minimum wage in Massachusetts.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Niedergang requested to take the item out of order and to sponsor Mr. Wilson who is the Organizing Director for SCIU local 888 to speak about the item.

Mr. Wilson addressed the issue of inequality as a challenge, and commented that raising the minimum wage will move the market up. He stated about 22% of the residents will see some economic improvement and in Massachusetts, half a million people will have a direct benefit. He stated they want a clean bill from the legislatures or no bill at all.

Alderman Rossetti raised a question about how the amount of the wages were determined. Alderman Gewirtz explained the minimum wage requirements.

A copy of the resolution will be sent to State Delegation.

20. #196213
Order

By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) immediately shut down the heavy machinery and landscaping operations at 50-54 Murdock Street, ensure that the property is compliant with all zoning and municipal ordinances, and report to the Ward 5 Alderman regularly on progress there until all issues are resolved.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Neidergang stated he has been in contact with the Director of Inspectional Services who reported the machinery had been removed. Alderman Neidergang requested to leave the order in because it has been going on for a while and there have been a lot of complaints.

21. #196214
Order

By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD consider developing a plan and securing funding for infrastructure improvements along the full length of Murdock Street, especially sidewalks and trees.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

22. #196215
Order
- By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole on Mossland Street, at Elm Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

23. #196216
Order
- By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes in front of 11 and 15 Linden Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

24. #196217
Order
- By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works determine if the large, heavy cable running from the back of the Engine 7 fire station out to Hudson Street is an unused cable, and if so, to contact its owner to remove it.

RESULT: APPROVED

25. #196218
Order
- By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the Henderson Street sign on the corner of Richardson and Henderson Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

26. #196219
Order
- By Ald. Niedergang
That the City Solicitor report to this Board's Committee on Licenses and Permits, what measures are in place or could be put into permitting language to prevent businesses with A-frame signs on sidewalks from blocking pedestrian passage in the winter.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Niedergang stated it is difficult for people to navigate the streets in the winter and asked that language be included to make people aware of the issues.

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

27. #196220
Order
- By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NSTAR about removing the double pole at 8 Ware Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

28. #196221
Order
- By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD provide SomerVision updates twice a year, broken down by ward, showing progress made in residential, affordable units, jobs, public space, trips via transit, bike and walking, and development in transformative areas.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Ballantyne requested progress reports regarding the issue.

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

29. #196222
Order
- By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NSTAR about removing the double pole at 72 Curtis Street and replacing the street light removed from the old pole onto the new pole.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Ballantyne asked that the item be prioritized at the committee meeting.

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

30. #196223
Order
- By Ald. Rossetti
That the Director of Traffic and Parking inform this Board whether the city is able to reduce the speed limit on side streets below 30 mph.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Rossetti requested a referral to the Traffic Committee.

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

31. #196224
Resolution
- By Ald. Rossetti
That the Director of Teen Empowerment update this Board on its annual accomplishments and goals in place.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Youth Services Committee

32. #196225
Resolution
- By Ald. Rossetti
That the Director of Groundwork Somerville update this Board on its annual accomplishments and goals in place.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Youth Services Committee

33. #196226 Resolution By Ald. Rossetti
That the Director of the Boys and Girls Club update this Board of its involvement with the students of the Healey School.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Youth Services Committee

34. #196227 Order By Ald. Rossetti
That the Director of Finance and this Board's Committee on Finance review the attached article on Arlington's "visual budget".

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Rossetti explained how tax payers can see how their tax money is expended and requested that the item be referred to the Director of Finance.

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

35. #196228 Order By Ald. McWatters
That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol on Greenville Street, at McGrath Highway, to ensure drivers are adhering to the NO RIGHT TURN restriction during the posted hours.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

36. #196229 Order By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of Traffic and Parking determine if it is feasible to install a raised crosswalk at Monroe Street and Prospect Hill Road.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman McWatters discussed the issue of raised crosswalks and requests the item be sent to the Committee of Traffic and Parking.

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

37. #196230 Order By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a STOP sign at Columbus Avenue (eastbound on Warren Avenue).

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

38. #196231 Order By Ald. Connolly, Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility to repair or replace the downed wire at Vinal and Richardson Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

39. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #196232 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on February 4, 2014 as a Committee Report Committee of the Whole.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman LaFuentes reported that the citizens are concerned about the effects of the new taxes and assessments. He noted the Committee of the Whole followed the hearing, where they discussed the new taxes and the effect on the community.

- B. #196233 By Ald. White Jr.
Order That the Chief Assessor appear before this Board to raise the residential exemption to 35% or 40%.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman White and Alderman Connolly to follow up on the request of whether the residential exception should be raised to 35% or 40%.

40. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #196234 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on February 11, 2014.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Lafuentes stated the committee approved several items and discussed a request of \$106,812.60 to install GPS monitoring in the vehicles for the city, which stayed in Committee.

- B. #196166 Requesting the acceptance of a Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for
Mayor's Request Communities (PARC) grant totaling \$400,000 for the construction of Symphony Park.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. #196167 Mayor's Request Requesting, as required by the PARC grants, the authorization to utilize State and Federal funding necessary to construct the new Symphony Park.

RESULT: APPROVED

- D. #196168 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$7,410 from Free Cash to the Fire Department for a grant match from FEMA for smoke detectors in conjunction with the Council on Aging.

RESULT: APPROVED

41. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. #196235 Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, Committee Report meeting on January 28, 2014.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

AMENDED: #195679 was referred back to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.

- B. #194409 Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with a breakdown of all tickets and other types of citations, such as criminal complaints, issued by building inspectors and health inspectors, including the types of violations, the face amounts of the fines, and the amounts collected.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. #195679 Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD meet with this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss #195571, a proposed \$500,000 bond to fund a major plan change to the existing Assembly Square Urban Renewal Plan.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

Alderman Neidergang reported on the committee discussion of the item. Alderman White moved to amend Committee Report #195679 returned to Committee and to schedule a Committee of the Whole. He asked that the committee continue to discuss and analyze the issue. Alderman Neidergang thanked Alderman White and expressed agreement. Alderman White requested that expenditure documents be digitally added into the presentation. Alderman LaFuentes noted that the committee has already requested digital documentation and he will check on the status of that process.

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

- D. #195993 Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of SPCD appear before this Board to inform the members on the progress of business development of Broadway/Winter Hill.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. #195597 Resolution By Ald. Lafuente
That the Administration provide an update on the Winter Hill Star Market site since the resolution of the court case, and the next steps for this site.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. #195268 Order By Ald. Lafuente
That further applications for liquor licenses at Assembly Square be brought to the attention of the Committee on Housing and Community Development.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

42. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. #196236 Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on February 11, Committee Report 2014.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Gewirtz requested a grid to be created for the Pay to Play ordinances.

- B. #195035 Order By Ald. Heuston
That the City Solicitor provide an opinion regarding 780CMR MA Amendments to the International Building Code 2009 Section 1001.3.2 regarding qualifications for examiners of fire escapes.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. #195246 Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment provide this Board with a plan for city-wide residential composting, to be discussed in the Committee on Legislative Matters.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. #195519 Order By Ald. Bastardi
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance that all commercial gas tank replacements require permit approval by this Board.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. #195643 Order By Ald. Desmond
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance that would permit qualified Auxiliary Police Officers to work, and be paid for, details.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. #196013 Officer's Communication Assistant City Solicitor responding to #195035 re: qualifications for examiners of fire escapes.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

43. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. #196237 Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on February 12, Committee Report 2014.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #196102 License/Permit Public Event Permit, BA Event Promotions 5K Race of Ireland, Davis Sq area, Mar 16, 7AM-1PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. #196103 License/Permit Public Event Permit, MOM's 5K Run for Cancer, Davis Sq area, May 11, 9-11:30AM.

RESULT: APPROVED

- D. #196179 License/Permit New Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Aris Auto, 675 Somerville Ave., 1 auto outside, opening Sun-Sat 8AM-6PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

- E. #196238 Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) investigate Top Cars and ATS Towing at 438 Columbia Street for proper licenses.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

- F. #196239 Order
By Ald. Heuston
That the appropriate city department develop a public calendar of all races, festivals and events scheduled 2014 and provide the public costs associated with each, as well as an estimate of the economic benefit of each to local businesses.

RESULT: APPROVED

44. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. #196240 Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on February 12, Committee Report 2014.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman McWatters reported that many items were completed in the committee. He commented on various reports and upcoming studies related to items kept in committee.

- B. #192685 Officer's Communication
Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. #193978 Order
By Ald. Trane, Connolly, Desmond, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking investigate the cause of the recent critical injury at the intersection of Packard Avenue and Powderhouse Boulevard and report back to this Board on any necessary action.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. #193987 Order
By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of Traffic and Parking investigate the legality of the crosswalks at Willow Avenue, Elm Street and Beech Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. #194042 Order
By Ald. O'Donovan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a NO TURN 4 – 6 PM sign at Glenwood Road from Medford Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. #194045 Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place two speed limit signs on Mossland Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- G. #194103 Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- H. #194216 Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- I. #194333 Resolution By Ald. White Jr.
That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission review existing GO SLOW SCHOOL signals and other signage around schools, and add additional signals and signage as needed, to ensure that there is appropriate traffic signage and signals to protect students from speeding vehicles.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- J. #194349 Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That the Commissioner of Public Works or the Director of Traffic and Parking install a DEAD END sign at the entrance to Vinal Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- K. #194350 Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That the Commissioner of Public Works or the Director of Traffic and Parking install a DEAD END sign at the entrance to Beacon Terrace.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- L. #194429 Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #194349 re: Vinal St., and #194350 re: Beacon Terrace.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

M. #194457
Order

By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board the feasibility of extending the 48 hour parking rule beyond 48 hours to accommodate those going out of town, and other circumstances, as determined appropriate by this Board in coordination with the Traffic Commission.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

N. #194660
Order

By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking provide this Board with the feasibility of a change to the City's parking regulations along major streets to improve parking for residents and businesses.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

O. #194680
Order

By Ald. Sullivan, Bastardi
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install stronger NO PARKING signage between the driveways at 2 Wheeler Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

P. #194794
Order

By Ald. Desmond, Lafuente
That the Commissioner of Public Works and/or the Director of Traffic and Parking ensure that the road striping of Shore Drive be done with the consideration that parking is only allowed on one side of the street, and that crosswalks also be installed.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Q. #194821
Order

By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking include a full analysis of the traffic problem on College Avenue, from Davis Square to the Powderhouse Rotary, in the upcoming Somerville by Design Davis Square project, and that concrete solutions be vetted and implemented.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

R. #194823
Order

By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a sign at the entrance of Marshall Street, on the Broadway end, limiting traffic to residents only between 7 and 9 AM.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- S. #194841 Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Director of Traffic and Parking present the attached recommendations for Kidder Avenue to the Traffic Commission for consideration.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- T. #194919 Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- U. #194958 Order By Ald. O'Keefe
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Traffic Engineer investigate the parking situation on Cedar Street, near Trum Field, that is causing accessibility issues for neighbors getting in and out of their driveways during the spring to fall months.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- V. #195028 Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- W. #195109 Officer's Request Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- X. #195172 Order By Ald. O'Keefe
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Traffic Engineer determine if a crosswalk can be installed at the bus stop in front of the Somerville Hospital.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- Y. #195238 Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the City Traffic Engineer meet with the Ward 2 Alderman concerning pedestrian and cyclist safety issues at the intersections of Oxford and Beacon Streets and Somerville Avenue and Beacon Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- Z. #195240 Resolution
By Ald. O'Keefe
That the Traffic Commission consider eliminating parking spots alongside Trum Field, on Cedar Street towards Franey Road, to allow residents to access their driveways.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- AA. #195241 Order
By Ald. O'Keefe
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Traffic Engineer work with the Ward 5 Alderman to make exiting side streets onto Medford Street safer.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- AB. #195294 Order
By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking reverse the one way direction of traffic on Village Street to mitigate the effects of increased traffic due to the addition of residential units.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- AC. #195300 Officer's Communication
Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- AD. #195308 Order
By Ald. O'Keefe
That the Director of Traffic and Parking survey the Cedar Street residents abutting Trum Field regarding the proposed request to eliminate parking spots there so residents can access their driveways.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- AE. #195397 Officer's Communication
Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- AF. #195516 Order
By Ald. O'Keefe
That the Director of Traffic and Parking observe and re-calibrate the light at Lowell and Medford Streets.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AG. #195592
Order

By Ald. Trane, Gewirtz, Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Director of Traffic and Parking conduct all necessary studies required to place a legal truck ban on Powderhouse Boulevard.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AH. #195724
Order

By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of Traffic and Parking work with the Department of Transportation to create a bike lane from Cutter Avenue onto Highland Avenue, to prevent injury to cyclists, pedestrians and drivers.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AI. #195778
Officer's
Communication

Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting responses to various Board Orders from the 9/26/13 BOA meeting.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AJ. #195815
Order

By Ald. O'Keefe
That the Director of Traffic and Parking improve the signage at the corner of Lowell and Richardson Streets to make it less confusing.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AK. #195821
Order

By Ald. Lafuente
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Traffic Engineer provide suggestions on how to improve traffic safety and visibility at the corner of Central and Forster Streets.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AL. #195827
Order

By Ald. Sullivan, Trane
That the Director of Traffic and Parking inform this Board on the legality of the NO TRUCKS signs on Powderhouse Blvd.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AM. #195836
Order

By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Traffic Engineer evaluate the intersection of Hunting and South Streets and the intersection of Warren and Medford Streets and make recommendations regarding traffic regulations to alleviate problems of cut through and speeding traffic.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AN. #195947
Officer's
Communication

Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting responses to various Board Orders.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AO. #195971
Officer's
Communication

Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting responses to various Board Orders.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AP. #196076
Order

By Ald. Rossetti, McWatters
That the Director of Traffic and Parking provide this Board with a report on the number of tickets issued, and the resulting revenue, during a typical snow storm and its impact, i.e., the effectiveness of those penalties during the next storm.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AQ. #196079
Order

By Ald. Sullivan, McLaughlin, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO PARKING sign at the garage entrance between the two driveways of 240 Pearl Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AR. #196080
Order

By Ald. Sullivan, Lafuente, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Director of Traffic and Parking contact Mass Highway to install the proper traffic signals at the intersection of Route 28 and Mystic Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AS. #196153
Order

By Ald. Rossetti
That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the time frame of the special daytime parking permits on the streets surrounding Davis Square.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AT. #196158
Order

By Ald. Ballantyne, Rossetti
That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider putting a crosswalk across Broadway connecting the ramps from Belknap Street to Garrison Avenue and towards the bus stop.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- AU. #196171 Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting a response to various Board Officer's Orders.
Communication

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

45. #196241 Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from the Sewer Retained Earnings Mayor's Request Account to the Capital Improvements Account for East Broadway drainage improvements.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

Alderman LaFuentes requested to waive the reading of items 45 through 55 and have them sent to Committee.

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

46. #196242 Requesting an appropriation of \$139,605 from the Unreserved Fund Balance Mayor's Request (Free Cash) for the ISD Rodent Population Specifications Design.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

47. #196243 Requesting the appropriation of \$70,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance Mayor's Request (Free Cash) for the Residential Property Rodent Control Program.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

48. #196244 Requesting an appropriation of \$65,820 from the Capital Stabilization Fund Mayor's Request for the purchase of two Hurst Rescue Tool Systems for the Fire Dept.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

49. #196245 Requesting an appropriation of \$47,500 from the Capital Stabilization Fund Mayor's Request for the purchase of 4 thermal imaging cameras for the Fire Dept.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

50. #196246 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$20,685 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to purchase Industrial washing machines for the Fire Dept.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

51. #196247 Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$18,240 from the Unreserved Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the ISD Professional and Technical Services Account for an on-call electrical inspection consulting service.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

52. #196248 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$5,791 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for a dryer for firefighter protective bunker gear.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

53. #196249 Mayor's Request Requesting the expenditure of \$1,403.53 in FY14 funds to pay an FY13 invoice in the Police Dept.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

54. #196250 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$61,250 grant from the MA DMH Police Based Jail Diversion Program for Police Dept. Crisis Intervention Team Training.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

55. #196251 Mayor's Request Requesting the approval of a contract extension for Crosby Schlessinger Smallridge through June 30, 2015, for design and engineering of streetscape improvements and rehabilitation of Davis Square.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

56. #196252 Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Thomas Mulhern to the Board of Assessors.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

Alderman Heuston requested to send items 56 through 59 to committee and waive the readings of items 60 through 68 and approve the reappointment of constables.

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

57. #196253
Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Gladwyner Brevil as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

58. #196254
Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Lysander Amado as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

59. #196255
Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Andrew Haynes as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

60. #196256
Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Nathaniel Greene as Constable.

RESULT: APPROVED

61. #196257
Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Edwin Torres as Constable.

RESULT: APPROVED

62. #196258
Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Robert Lomanno as Constable.

RESULT: APPROVED

63. #196259
Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Geovanne Colon as Constable.

RESULT: APPROVED

64. #196260 Requesting the re-appointment of Derek Morrison as Constable.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

65. #196261 Requesting the re-appointment of Adrian Botelho as Constable.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

66. #196262 Requesting the re-appointment of Bruno DeOliveira as Constable.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

67. #196263 Requesting the re-appointment of Ruth Barbosa as Constable.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

68. #196264 Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Santangelo as Constable.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

69. #196265 Updating this Board with respect to Partners Healthcare at Assembly Row.
Mayor's
Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

70. #196266 City Treasurer requesting approval of his Public Official's Bond.
Officer's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

71. #196267 City Clerk requesting approval of his Public Official's Bond.
Officer's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

72. #196268 City Assessor responding to Finance Committee questions raised at its
Officer's meeting on February 4.
Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

NEW BUSINESS

73. #196269 Public Event Permit, Groundwork Somerville Maple Syrup Boil Down,
License/Permit Community Growing Center, Mar 8, 10AM-2PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Sulliavan requested to waive readings of items 73 through 87. All of the items are approved except item 83 which should go to committee.

74. #196270 Public Event Permit, Tufts Bare Bodkin Theater Company "12th Night"
License/Permit Production, Powderhouse Park, Mar 30-Apr 6, 12-8PM (raindate Apr 11-13).

RESULT: APPROVED

75. #196271 Public Event Permit, Shape Up Somerville Road Race, High School
License/Permit Concourse area, Apr 13, 10AM-2PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

76. #196272 Public Event Permit, Somerville Birdhouse Project, Davis Sq. Area,
License/Permit beginning on Apr 19 (raindate Apr 20).

RESULT: APPROVED

77. #196273 Public Event Permit, Boston Strong Power Push, Ball Square, Apr 19, 1-
License/Permit 4PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Sullivan wished to suspend the rules and take the item out of order. There was no objection and the item was taken out of order.
 Applicant Jerry Bowser explained the event. He stated he is a former pro wrestler and intends to carry 2350 lbs in a wheel barrel from Liberty Ave to 682 Broadway to help raise money for friends who lost their legs in the Boston Marathon.
 Alderman Gerwitz thanked Jerry Bowser for doing the event. Alderman Neidergang expressed concern over street closures but noted he supports the event.
 Jerry Bowser spoke about a similar event he held in Washington.

78. #196274 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Spring Clean Up, Citywide, Apr 26, 8AM-5PM (raindate Apr 27).

RESULT: APPROVED

79. #196275 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Dog Spring Fling, Union Square Plaza, May 18, 8AM-4PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

80. #196276 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Streets: Carnival-Broadway-Jun 1; Seize the Summer-Highland Ave-Jul 27; Strike Up the Bands-Holland St-Sep 7; Monster Mashed Up-Somerville Ave-Oct 19; all 10AM-6PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

81. #196277 License/Permit Public Event Permit, SummerTime in Somerville, Trum Field: Family Fun Day, Jun 28, 10AM-6PM (raindate Jun 29), Fireworks, Jul 3, 5-10:30PM (raindate Jul 10).

RESULT: APPROVED

82. #196278 License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, US Post Office, 16-18 Bow Street, one sign.

RESULT: APPROVED

83. #196279 License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Inman Lofts Condominium Association, 6-8 Beacon Street, one awning.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

84. #196280 Sign/Awning Permit, Paint Nite, 230 Somerville Ave, one blade sign.
License/Permit

RESULT: APPROVED

85. #196281 New Outdoor Seating License, Riverdog LLC, 321 Somerville Ave., A-
License/Permit Frame sign.

RESULT: APPROVED

86. #196282 Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Mike's Restaurant, 8 Davis Sq.
License/Permit

RESULT: APPROVED

87. #196283 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, James Kiley Co., 15 Linwood
License/Permit St.

RESULT: APPROVED

88. #196284 DCR Commissioner responding to #195823 re: the footbridge connecting
Public Shore Drive to Assembly Square.
Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

89. #196285 By Ald. Niedergang
Order That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide this Board with an update on improvements and developments in the Inspectional Services Division, including data on new hires over the past six months.

RESULT: APPROVED

President White requested that the committee review the report that the City received from an outside consultant a couple years ago. The Board asked staff to send a copy of the report to everyone involved.

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

90. #196286 By Ald. Niedergang
Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking, the Commissioner of Public Works, and the Director of SPCD develop a plan to install traffic calming measures on both sides of the Lowell Street bridge following the serious accident on February 6, and that the Director of Traffic and Parking present this plan to this Board at its next regular meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Neidergang discussed the problem with the traffic and future plans to resolve the issue. Alderman Heuston spoke about ways to get more money for their future plans.

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

91. #196287
Order

By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD, the Planning Director, and the Housing Director appear before this Board for an update on raising the inclusionary housing ordinance to promote development of more affordable housing.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

92. #196288
Mayor's Request

Requesting the transfer of a parcel of land at 163 Glen Street to the Redevelopment Authority for neighborhood development.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

93. #196289
Mayor's Request

Requesting the expenditure of FY14 funds totaling \$167.41 to pay an outstanding prior year invoice in the Police Department.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

94. #196290
Officer's
Communication

Assistant City Solicitor conveying a timeline and communications about the proposed resort casino gaming establishments.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

95. #196291
Officer's
Communication

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 1/23/14.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Alderman McWatters requested to waive the reading of items 95 and 96 and for the items to be placed on file.

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

96. #196292 Interim Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders
Officer's submitted 1/23/14.
Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

LATE ITEMS

97. #196293 By Ald. McWatters
Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the STOP sign and street
sign on Craigie Street, at the corner of Summer Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

98. #196294 By Ald. Heuston
Order That the Director of Health appear before this Board's Rodent Issues Special
Committee to present the work of the Rodent Task Force and new programs
to address rodent issues.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Heuston discussed the issue and requested a briefing from the
Health Department and the Finance Department.
Alderman Sullivan spoke about the complaints he has received from
residents.

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

99. #196295 DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 2/18/14.
Officer's
Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk.