

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 27, 2014, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,
January 23, 2014.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Grant of Location Submitted by Lightower Fiber Networks, to attach
1,150 feet of aerial fiber optic cable on existing pole
lines on Columbus Avenue, Walnut Street, and Bow
Street.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Order By Ald. Heuston

That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol at the
intersection of Washington Street, Somerville Avenue
and Webster Avenue, weekdays between 7:30 and 9
AM, to cite vehicles who don't stop for the red light,
blocking the intersection.

5. Order By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of Traffic and Parking suggest
changes to ease traffic traveling through Union Square
onto Webster Avenue weekdays between 7:30 and 9
AM.

6. Resolution By Ald. Heuston

That the Rodent Task Force present its findings and
recommendations at the next scheduled meeting of this
Board's Rodent Issues Special Committee.

7. Order By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this
Board on the performance of the contractor who
maintains the street lights, the terms of the contract and
deliverables, and the process to ensure that street lights
are maintained and operable.

8. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes along Washington Street, from Beacon Street to Union Square.
9. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide the Ward 2 Alderman with an update on the lack of proper licenses for all businesses at 495-497 Columbia Street.
10. Order By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti on the back of the Public Works building, facing the railroad tracks and Murdock Street.
11. Order By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the large pothole near 15 Linden Avenue.
12. Order By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the numerous potholes on Cedar Street, near its intersection with Alpine Street.
13. Order By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes in the vicinity of 235 Lowell Street.
14. Order By Ald. Niedergang, Lafuente
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the large pothole on the south side of Medford Street, between Lee and Thurston Streets.
15. Order By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the Cambridge Health Alliance to not dump snow from their parking lot onto the sidewalk at 112 Central Street, and inform the manager that they are required to clear the sidewalk in front of the parking lot for pedestrian passage.
16. Resolution By Ald. Niedergang
That the Administration report to this Board the timetable for using the \$220,000 in traffic mitigation funds paid by Maxwell's Green in 2011 for traffic-slowing measures on both sides of the Lowell Street bridge.

17. Order By Ald. McWatters, Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works consider installing a bicycle rack on Willoughby Street.
18. Order By Ald. McWatters, Connolly
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) dispatch the NITTeam to investigate 406 and 408 McGrath Highway for code and health violations.
19. Order By Ald. McWatters, Connolly
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) notify the owner of 10-12 Prescott Street to replace the missing downspout that is creating a safety hazard for the next door neighbor from falling chunks of ice.
20. Order By Ald. McWatters, Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at the bottom of Porter Street, at Highland Avenue.
21. Order By Ald. McWatters, Connolly
That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing a bump out on the corner of Prospect Hill Road and Boston Street.
22. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the numerous potholes on Powderhouse Boulevard, between Packard Avenue and Mason Street.
23. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at 117 Holland Street.
24. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Traffic and Parking submit to this Board, a report showing all organizations that are given parking permits for their employees.
25. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Finance submit to this Board, a report of all new appropriations from July 1, 2013 to date and identifying all new appropriations approved.
26. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Traffic and Parking change the snow emergency parking policy to alternate parking during snow emergencies each year between the even and odd sides of the streets.

27. Communication By Ald. Rossetti
 Informing this Board of her re-appointment to the
 state's Advisory Commission on Local Government.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

28. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on
 February 25, 2014.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$13,828 from
 Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the DPW
 Administration Repair and Maintenance-Service
 Contracts Account to pay for a 3-year warranty for the
 fuel management system in the DPW yard.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting the expenditure of FY14 funds totaling
 \$6,722.78 to pay prior year invoices in the Police
 Department.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$20,685 from the
 Capital Stabilization Fund to purchase Industrial
 washing machines for the Fire Dept.
- E. 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.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting the expenditure of \$1,403.53 in FY14 funds
 to pay an FY13 invoice in the Police Dept.

29. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Housing and Community
 Development, meeting on February 25, 2014.
- B. Order By Ald. O'Keefe
 That the Director of SPCD consider Magoun Square or
 Trum Field as a location for a Hubway Bicycle System.
- C. Mayor's
 Communication Communicating the unanimous vote of the MBTA
 Board of Directors approving a \$393,046,243.09 Inter-
 service Agreement regarding the Green Line Extension
 Project with White Skanska Kiewit.

- D. Officer's Communication Chief Assessor responding to # 195598 re: absentee landlords in Ward 4.

30. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Youth Services, meeting on February 20, 2014.
- B. Order By Ald. Desmond
That the Superintendent of Recreation communicate with the Committee on Youth Services regarding the scheduling of fields and the reasoning for establishing the American Youth Football League.
- C. Order By Ald. Connolly, Heuston, Taylor, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr.
The Commissioner of Public Works maintain and improve the Argenziano and Nunziato playing fields, and communicate with the Somerville Youth Soccer League and the Recreation and Youth Commission regarding safety standards.
- D. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Superintendent of Recreation provide this Board with more information on the flyers that went home with student report cards, advertising the new youth football league.
- E. Order By Ald. Bastardi
That the Superintendent of Recreation maintain an updated calendar of park permit availability online so constituents can readily know if a park is available on any given date.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

31. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$62,000 for the final phase of the design and engineering contract for the Davis Square streetscape improvements.
32. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$4,000 within the Public Health Dept., from its Salaries Account to its Professional and Technical Services Account, to hire an emergency preparedness consultant.
33. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a gift of tools and instruments for the High School's Machine Technology Program.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

34. Officer's Communication Retirement Board notifying this Board of intention to vote at a regular meeting on a Cost of Living Adjustment for eligible retirees for 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

35. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Palm Sunday Donkey Walk, College Ave from Nathan Tufts Park to Davis Square, Apr 13, 8:30-9:45AM.
36. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Buffalo Exchange 40th Anniversary Airstream Trailer Event, 238 Elm St, Apr 16, 8AM-6PM.
37. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Easter Sunrise Service, Nathan Tufts Park, Apr 20, 6-7AM.
38. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Arts Council's PorchFest, Citywide, May 17, Noon-6PM (raindate May 18).
39. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Goondocks Performance at Porchfest, Pearson Rd between Warner St and Broadway, May 17, Noon-10PM.
40. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Arts Council's Squeezebox Slam, Seven Hills Park, Jun 14, 10AM-8PM (raindate Jun 15).
41. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Arts Council's Joe's Jazz and Blues Fest, Powderhouse Park, Jun 21, 8AM-8PM (raindate Jun 22).
42. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Arts Council's ArtBeat, Davis Square, Jul 18 1PM-Midnite, Jul 19 8AM-8PM (raindate Jul 20).
43. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Dog Festival, Trum Field, Sep 14, 6AM-5PM.
44. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2 2010-2014, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Elm St.
45. Public Communication 129 registered voters requesting a public meeting before this Board on divesting the city's pension fund from the fossil fuel industry.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

46. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$30,000 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Parking Meter Receipts Account to the DPW Engineering Professional Services Account for the design and repair of the Buena Vista Parking Lot.

- 47. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Open Studios
Information Booths, Davis Sq and Union Sq, May 3-4,
11AM-6PM.
- 48. Public
Communication Adriana Bedry submitting comments re: a constable.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT