

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2011, 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	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Walter F. Pero	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Sean T. O'Donovan	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. #191550 Call of the Roll.
Roll Call

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. #191551 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, May 2, 2011, and the
Minutes Regular Meeting, May 12, 2011.

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. #191552 By Ald. Roche
Communication Congratulating all involved for the huge success of the June 5th SomerStreets event in East Somerville.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

4. #191553
Order By Ald. Roche
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police consider installing bollards in the median on Pearl Street to prevent motorists from making a left turn into the Pearl Street Gas Station, and report the findings to the Ward One Alderman.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. #191554
Order By Ald. Roche
That the Chief of Police and the Director of SPCD (ISD) report back to the Ward One Alderman on actions or plans to control the ongoing abuse and disrespect resulting from the vacant building at 2 Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

6. #191555
Order By Ald. Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the depressions in the sidewalk at 51 Mt. Vernon Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. #191556
Order By Ald. Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works place Jersey Barriers, or something comparable, to prohibit motor vehicles from entering Cross Street East at the Harris Park boundary line, and that the Director of SPCD place Hopscotch or Four-Square markings on the street pavement that now would be child friendly.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. #191557
Order By Ald. Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the Iacoppucci dedication sign at the corner of Broadway and Glen Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

9. #191558
Order By Ald. Roche
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a crosswalk on Washington Street, at Franklin Street, leading to and from the Cobble Hill market.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. #191559
Order By Ald. Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works have the contractor that performed the work on Broadway, return to repair the depressions on the even side of Broadway, from Walnut Street to McGrath Highway.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. #191560 Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works place a CHILDREN PLAYING sign on Kidder Avenue as requested and approved in September 2010.

RESULT: APPROVED

12. #191561 Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with information regarding plans to construct an off leash dog park in Ward 2 at South Street.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

AMENDED: That the Director also update this Board with respect to a dog park in West Somerville.

FOLLOWUP: Parks and Open Space Special Committee

13. #191562 Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Chief of Police monitor Prospect Street, Columbia Street, Norfolk Street, Tremont Street and Webster Avenue at various times, and ticket and tow unregistered vehicles.

RESULT: APPROVED

14. #191563 Ordinance By Ald. Heuston, Desmond, and the Entire Board
That the City adopt the attached Local Hiring Ordinance.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

15. #191564 Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 20 Thorndike Street and take any action necessary to compel the owner to improve the property.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

16. #191565 Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works re-stripe the intersection of Cutter Avenue and Summer Street, indicating a left turn only lane and a straight lane for Summer Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

17. #191566 Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz That the Commissioner of Public Works re-stripe Kidder Avenue, between College and Willow Avenues.

RESULT: APPROVED

18. #191567 Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz That the Director of Traffic and Parking post NO PARKING 4–6 PM signs on the parking meters on Highland Avenue near College Avenue, so that they may be seen by oncoming motorists.

RESULT: APPROVED

19. #191568 Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility company to repair the street lamp on Pole #1913 on Grove Street and to remove the double pole at 45 Grove Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

20. #191569 Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz That the Commissioner of Public Works request that the appropriate utility company install a street lamp on the even side of Winslow Avenue, between Grove Street and Villa Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

21. #191570 Order By Ald. Taylor, O'Donovan That the Commissioner of Public Works place free-standing YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS sign in the crosswalks at Central Street and Highland Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

22. #191447 Citation By Ald. Roche, Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., and the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Susan Fontano, who is resigning after 4 years as President of East Somerville Main Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

23. #191465 Order By Ald. Heuston That this Board convene in Executive Session at the June 9, 2011 meeting to discuss issues pertaining to the Council on Aging and that any required notifications be sent.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Pero, O'Donovan, Gewirtz, Trane
ABSENT: Thomas F. Taylor

The Board met in Executive Session; no votes were taken.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

24. Not used

25. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. #191571 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 6, 2011.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

B. #191345 Requesting the transfer of \$43,838 from the Sanitation Recycling Acct. to the
Mayor's Request School Custodians Professional & Technical Services Acct. to fund the
remaining portion of the AM/PM Cleaning Corp. contract.

RESULT: APPROVED

C. #191380 Transfer \$32,000 from the DPW Sanitation/Recycling Acct. to the School
Mayor's Request Custodian Overtime Acct. to fund a projected deficit for the rest of the fiscal
year.

RESULT: APPROVED

D. #191482 Requesting an appropriation of \$120,420 from the Unreserved Fund Balance
Mayor's Request ("Free Cash") to pay in-the-line-of-duty medical bills in the Police Dept.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Pero, Gewirtz, Trane
ABSENT: Thomas F. Taylor, Sean T. O'Donovan

E. #191484 Requesting the transfer of \$122,000 in the Sewer Dept. from the Capital
Mayor's Request Improvements Acct. to the Professional and Technical Services Acct., for
engineering for the East Broadway Improvements Project.

RESULT: APPROVED

- F. #191485 Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$100,000 in the Sewer Dept. from the Capital Improvements Acct. to the Professional and Technical Services Acct. to create a hydraulic model for existing flooding problems.

RESULT: APPROVED

- G. #191486 Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$7,350 from the Highway Wages Acct. to the Engineering Salaries Acct. in order to fund it for the remainder of FY11.

RESULT: APPROVED

- H. #191488 Mayor's Request Requesting the use of FY11 funds to pay Mt. Auburn Hospital Employee Assistant Program FY10 invoices totaling \$2889.67.

RESULT: APPROVED

- I. #191541 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$298,220 and authorization to borrow \$298,220 in a bond for the renovation of Morse-Kelley Park.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston, Pero, Gewirtz, Trane
ABSENT: Thomas F. Taylor, Sean T. O'Donovan

- J. #191542 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$169,720 and authorization to borrow \$169,720 in a bond for the renovation of Dickerman Park.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston, Pero, Gewirtz, Trane
ABSENT: Thomas F. Taylor, Sean T. O'Donovan

- K. #191543 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the preliminary architectural design of a new public library in Union Square, authorization for the Library Board of Trustees to apply for a MA Public Library Construction Program grant, and approval to accept and expend the grant, contingent on the receipt of funding and the appropriation of matching funds.

RESULT: APPROVED

- L. #191572 Order By Ald. White Jr. That the City Solicitor provide the Finance Committee with a communication on the application for a library construction grant (#191543).

RESULT: APPROVED

- M. #191573 By Ald. Heuston
Order That the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of SPCD create a business/financial plan to build a new library, detailing how revenues would be earmarked and providing a feasibility study and secure financial analysis to the Committee on Finance within 90 days.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

26. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. #191574 Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on June 6, 2011.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

27. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. #191575 Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on June 6, 2011.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

28. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. #191576 Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on June 7, 2011.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #191540 Requesting approval of the city re-precincting proposed by the State based
Mayor's Request on the 2010 Federal Census results.

RESULT: APPROVED

29. PARKS AND OPEN SPACE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. #191577 Report of the Committee on Parks and Open Space, meeting on June 2, 2011.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #189934 Order By Ald. Gewirtz, Heuston That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide this Board with the rationale for the \$18 fee for each \$1000 in construction cost for installing a green roof on a home, which may serve as a disincentive for residents to install green roofs.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. #191578 Order By Ald. Heuston That the Director of SPCD include the Groundwork Somerville Green Team in the design of the city's parks in the future, with compensation, with the understanding that each party reserves the right to participate or not on each project, and that this Board and its Committee on Parks and Open Space be advised of each new project.

RESULT: APPROVED

30. PARKS AND OPEN SPACE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. #191579 Committee Report Report of the Committee on Parks and Open Space, meeting on June 6, 2011.

RESULT: APPROVED

31. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. #191580 Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on June 7, 2011.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #190732 Public Communication MA Dept. of Public Health submitting a response to #190061 re: studying the health impacts of pollution from Rt. 93.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- C. #191460 Order By Ald. Heuston That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to monitor 294 Beacon Street from dusk to dawn.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. #191581 Order By Ald. Heuston That the Director of Constituent Services provide the Committee on Public Health and Safety with a list of calls to 311 over the past 2 years on the trash/dumpster problem at 64 Walnut Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

32. SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. #191582 Report of the Committee on Senior Services, meeting on May 31, 2011.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #191583 By Ald. Roche
Order That the Clerk of Committees inform the Director of the Somerville Housing Authority of the security concerns of the residents of Bryant Manor, and request measures to alleviate the problems resulting from the language barrier at the facility.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. #191584 By Ald. Roche
Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the bricks at 89 Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

- D. #191585 By Ald. Roche
Order That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the sewer in front of Bryant Manor.

RESULT: APPROVED

33. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. #191586 Report of the Committee on Youth Services, meeting on June 1, 2011.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #191587 By Ald. Connolly
Resolution That this Board recognizes all of the good work of the youth network undertaken for the city's youth.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. #191588 Resolution By Ald. Connolly
That this Board requests that the Administration use SomerStat and the Recreation and Youth Dept. to work with Teen Empowerment to improve services for youths at risk.

RESULT: APPROVED

- D. #191589 Resolution By Ald. Sullivan
That this Board requests that the state delegation advocate for additional state funding for summer jobs for youths.

RESULT: APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

34. #191590 Mayor's Request Requesting approval to change the Ward 7 Precinct 3 polling location from the West Somerville Neighborhood School to the Somerville Visiting Nurses' Association Facility.

RESULT: APPROVED

35. #191591 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$21,940 from the Assembly Square Stabilization Fund to pay debt service related to the reconstruction of certain parks.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

36. #191592 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$700,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the DPW Snow Removal Account to eliminate the FY2011 Snow Removal Deficit.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

37. #191593 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$45,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Police Overtime Acct. to eliminate a year-end deficit.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

38. #191594 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$17,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Auditing Division Accounting & Auditing Professional Services Acct. to pay for forensic auditing services in connection with the investigation of the Council on Aging.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

39. #191595 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$3,900 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Clerk of Committees Salaries Monthly Account to eliminate a year end deficit.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

40. #191596 Mayor's Request Requesting transfers from various DPW Accts. to offset the projected DPW snow deficit of \$907,934.31.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

41. #191597 Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$75,000 from the Fire Dept. Salary Acct. to the Fire Alarm Overtime Acct.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

42. #191598 Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$3,254 from the Sewer Capital Improvements Acct. to the MWRA Assessments Acct.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

43. #191599 Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$811 from the DPW's Recycling Acct. to its School Custodian Overtime Acct.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

44. #191600 Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay a prior fiscal year invoice of \$795 for wheelchair ramp repairs made at the Water Dept.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

45. #191601 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$9,000 grant from the Carl and Ruth Shapiro Family Foundation to support the Arts Council's Books of Hope program.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

46. #191602 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Andres Calderone as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

47. #191603 Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

NEW BUSINESS

48. #191604 License/Permit Public Event Permit, "TED" Film Shoot, 55 Davis Sq. (Somerville Theater area), Jun 14, 8AM-Midnight.

RESULT: APPROVED

49. #191605 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Oak St. Block Party, Oak St. between Houghton and Bolton Sts., Jun 18, 2-7PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

50. #191606 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Sikh Sangat Society Free Drink Distribution, Union Sq., Jun 25, 8AM-8PM (raindate Jul 2).

RESULT: APPROVED

51. #191607 License/Permit Public Event Permit, East Cambridge Savings Bank Community Shred Day, 285 Highland Ave., Jun 25, 3-5PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

52. #191608 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Grove St. Block Party, Grove St. between Winslow and Morrison Aves., Jun 25, 2-7PM (raindate Jun 26).

RESULT: APPROVED

53. #191609 License/Permit Public Event Permit, School St. Block Party, School St. between Summer and Preston Sts., Jun 25, 3-9PM (raindate Jul 10).

RESULT: APPROVED

54. #191610 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Garden Club Plant Sale, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Sep 17, 6AM-2PM (raindate Sep 24).

RESULT: APPROVED

55. #191611 License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Jason Anthony Corp.

RESULT: APPROVED

56. #191612 License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, L.M. Heavy Civil Construction.

RESULT: APPROVED

57. #191613 License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Golden Light Restaurant, 24 College Ave., Su-Th to 1:30AM, Fr-Sa to 2AM.

RESULT: APPROVED

58. #191614 License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St., 3,500 gallons.

RESULT: APPROVED

59. #191615 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Somerville Auto Center, 193 Somerville Ave., 16 autos in.

RESULT: APPROVED

60. #191616 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Cedars Petroleum, 182 Pearl St., 2 autos in, 4 out.

RESULT: APPROVED

61. #191617 License/Permit New Garage License, Chambers Motorcars, 71 Linwood St., Mechanical repairs, washing vehicles, storing vehicles, 9 autos in.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

62. #191618 License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Fasika Restaurant, 145-147 Broadway, 3 awnings, blade sign, letters and logo.

RESULT: APPROVED

63. #191619 License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Elzira and Luc, Med #6.

RESULT: APPROVED

64. #191620 License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Elysse Corp., Med #48.

RESULT: APPROVED

65. #191621 License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, SLS Transportation, Med #75.

RESULT: APPROVED

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

66. #191622 Mayor's Request Requesting that this Board convene in Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property relative to 34 Sturtevant Street pursuant to MGL c30A, s21(b)(6).

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston, Pero, O'Donovan, Gewirtz, Trane
ABSENT: Thomas F. Taylor

The Board met in Executive Session; no votes were taken.

67. #191623 Mayor's Request Requesting that this Board convene in Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining as it relates to a pending arbitration hearing, pursuant to MGL c30A, s21(a)(3).

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston, Pero, O'Donovan, Gewirtz, Trane
ABSENT: Thomas F. Taylor

The Board met in Executive Session; no votes were taken.

68. #191624 Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$375 in the Veterans Services Dept., from the Printing and Stationary Acct. to the Personal Services Longevity Acct.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

69. #191625 Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to pay a \$69.22 prior year invoice from New England Office Supply using FY11 funding in the Mayor's office.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

70. #191626 Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to seek a PARC grant of \$500,000 for North Street Veterans Playground renovation costs.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

71. #191627 Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to submit a PARC grant application for \$500,000 for construction costs for a new Harris Park at 15-25 Cross Street East.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

72. #191628 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Marc Ardolino as permanent Firefighter.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

73. #191629 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Josephine Ave. Block Party, Josephine Ave. between Kidder and Morrison Aves., Jun 25, 4-9PM (raindate Jun 26).

RESULT: APPROVED

74. #191630 License/Permit Public Event Permit, "Winter Hill" film shoot, Foss Park area, Jul 1, 10AM-5PM (raindate Jul 7).

RESULT: APPROVED

75. #191631 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, A & E Auto Repair, 13 Joy St., 6 autos in, 3 out.

RESULT: APPROVED

76. #191632 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Fred Susan and Sons Auto Repair, 267-269 Somerville Ave., 12 autos in.

RESULT: APPROVED

LATE ITEMS

77. #189163 Mayor's Request An Order Adopting Appendix 120.AA of the MA Building Code, known as the Stretch Energy Code, as the Energy Code for the City.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston, Taylor, Pero, O'Donovan, Gewirtz, Trane

Discharged from the Legislative Matters Committee.

78. #191436 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Joey Buizon to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities.

RESULT: APPROVED

Discharged from the Confirmation of Appointments Committee.

79. #191633 Order By Ald. Heuston, Trane That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide this Board with plans to help homeowners comply with the Stretch Energy Code, to take advantage of rebates and tax incentives.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

80. #191634 Order By Ald. Heuston That the Commissioner of Public Works determine the health of the trees at 12 and 16 Parker Street and take action as needed.

RESULT: APPROVED

81. #191635 Order By Ald. Heuston That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the paved sidewalk panels on Parker and Fremont Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk