

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 2010, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Absent	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Absent	
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	Absent	
Sean T. O'Donovan	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah L. Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. #189795 Call of the Roll.
Roll Call

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. #189796 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 27, 2010.
Minutes

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. #189797 By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Citation Commending Albert Gee, whose quick thinking and heroic action saved the life of a choking two year-old child last month.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. #189798 By Ald. Trane, Heuston, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Citation Commending Carmilla Toner on the happy occasion of her 80th birthday.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. #189799 Citation By Ald. Roche, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending Dorothy Dorant on the happy occasion of her 80th birthday.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. #189800 Order By Ald. Roche, Sullivan
That the Commissioner of Public Works secure the lot at Pinckney and Florence Streets to prevent vehicles and pedestrians from trespassing.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. #189801 Order By Ald. Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works Determine If Additional Trees Can be Planted on Melvin Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. #189802 Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Chief of Police Frequent the Areas of Central, Atherton, Cleveland and Monmouth Streets for Individuals and Groups Loitering on Private Property Between 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

9. #189803 Resolution By Ald. Taylor
That This Board requests that the Dedication Committee consider naming the corner of Putnam and Summer Streets in memory of Gilbert Ribeiro.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. #189804 Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, Heuston, Sullivan, Trane, O'Donovan, Taylor, White Jr., Roche
That This Board urges Senator Scott Brown to vote in favor of the American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act, which includes \$685 Million in FMAP (Federal Medical Assistance Percentages) funding for Massachusetts, which is critically important for the FY11 State budget and local aid.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. #189805 Order By Ald. White Jr., Sullivan, Connolly, Desmond
That the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works requests that a representative from NStar appear before the Committee to address concerns over the numerous recent power outages in Ward One and the measures being implemented to ensure that such outages cease, and that this meeting be held at the Cross Street Senior Center, if possible.

RESULT: APPROVED

Alderman Roche recused.

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

12. #189806 Communication By Ald. Connolly
Conveying the Summer schedule, by cancelling the Regular meetings of this Board previously scheduled for July 22, 2010, and August 12, 2010.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

13. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE, JUNE 23

- A. #189807 Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, June 23.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #189653 License/Permit Sign/Awning License, Skyline Dry Cleaners, 703 Broadway, 1 Sign.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. #189581 License/Permit Grant of Location, Lighttower Fiber to Install 250 Feet of Conduit at Alewife Brook Pkwy. and Broadway, from an Existing Manhole to the Arlington Town Line.

RESULT: APPROVED

- D. #189773 License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, LM Holdings.

RESULT: APPROVED

E. #189774 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Kickass Cupcakes, 378 Highland Ave., 2 Tables, 8 Chairs.

RESULT: APPROVED

F. #189775 License/Permit New Pool Table/Bowling Alley License, Samba Bar and Grill, 596-608 Somerville Ave., 1 Pool Table.

RESULT: APPROVED

G. #189776 License/Permit New Garage License, GE Auto Repair Inc., 627-631 Somerville Ave., 14 Autos Inside.

RESULT: APPROVED

H. #189777 License/Permit New Garage License, BH Towing and Auto Repair, 13 Joy St., 6 Autos Inside, 3 Outside.

RESULT: APPROVED

I. #189778 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Samay Inc., 73 Summer St., 2 Autos Inside, 10 Outside.

RESULT: APPROVED

J. #189779 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Foreign Body Works Inc., 593 Somerville Ave., 10 Autos Inside.

RESULT: APPROVED

K. #189780 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Drain Doctor, 612 Broadway, 15 Autos Inside, 10 Outside.

RESULT: APPROVED

L. #189781 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Original Auto Body and Mechanic, 12-16 Joy St., 8 Autos Inside, 2 Outside.

RESULT: APPROVED

M. #189359 License/Permit New Automatic Amusement Device License, Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St., 1 Device.

RESULT: APPROVED

14. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, JUNE 14

- A. #189808 Report of the Public Health and Public Safety Committee - June 14.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

15. #189809 Requesting an Appropriation of \$1,000,000 of Sewer Retained Earnings to
Mayor's Request Fund the FY2011 Sewer Enterprise Budget.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

16. #189810 Requesting the Re-Appointment of Elizabeth Moroney to the Planning Board
Mayor's Request for a Term to Expire on June 14, 2014.

RESULT: APPROVED

17. #189811 Requesting the Reappointment of James Kirylo to the Planning Board for a
Mayor's Request Term to Expire on June 14, 2015.

RESULT: APPROVED

18. #189812 Requesting the Reappointment of Danielle Fillis Evans to the Zoning Board
Mayor's Request of Appeals for a Term to Expire January 31, 2014.

RESULT: APPROVED

19. #189813 Requesting the Reappointment of Richard Rossetti to the Zoning Board of
Mayor's Request Appeals for a Term to Expire January 31, 2012.

RESULT: APPROVED

20. #189814 Requesting the Reappointment of Elaine Severino as an Alternate Member of
Mayor's Request the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Term to Expire on January 31, 2011.

RESULT: APPROVED

21. #189815 Requesting the Reappointment of Julie Brady to the Design Review
Mayor's Request Committee for a Term to Expire on June 30, 2011.

RESULT: APPROVED

22. #189816 Mayor's Request Requesting the Reappointment of Matthew Rice to the Design Review Committee for a Term to Expire on June 30, 2011.

RESULT: APPROVED

23. #189817 Mayor's Communication Conveying an update on the city-wide comprehensive plan known as SomerVison.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

24. #189818 Officer's Communication City Clerk responding to #189733 and #189734 re: automatic amusement device licenses.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

25. #189819 Officer's Communication City Treasurer responding to #189600 re: processing partial payments.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

26. #189820 Officer's Communication Police Chief responding to various Board orders.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

27. #189821 Officer's Communication SPCD Director responding to various Board Orders.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

NEW BUSINESS

28. #189822 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Neighborhood yard sale, Stone Place Park, Jun 26, 9-5PM (rain Jun 27).

RESULT: APPROVED

29. #189823 License/Permit Public Event Permit, MVM Productions Video Shoot, Davis Sq., Jun 30, 9-5PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

30. #189824 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Summertime in Somerville July 4 Celebration Weekend, Jul 1, 5-10:30PM (rain Jul 8).

RESULT: APPROVED

31. #189825 License/Permit Public Event Permit, USC Film Production, Davis Sq. Rosebud Diner, Jul 29, 4AM-10AM.

RESULT: APPROVED

32. #189826 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Metro Mayors Shannon Grant Basketball Tournament, Trum Field, Jul 31, 8-4PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

33. #189827 License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, 120 Beacon St. LP, 120 Beacon St., 20,000 gallons.

RESULT: APPROVED

34. #189828 License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Grove St. Realty Trust, 48 Grove St., 500 gallons.

RESULT: APPROVED

35. #189829 License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Burton Faulkner Tower, 25-27 Highland Ave., 10,000 gallons.

RESULT: APPROVED

36. #189830 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, 120 Beacon St. LP, 120 Beacon St., 60 autos inside, 20 out.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

37. #189831 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Grove St. Realty Trust, 48 Grove St., 20 autos inside.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

38. #189832 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Green Automotive Corp., , 600 Windsor Pl., 50 autos inside, 40 out.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

39. #189833 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, International Auto Repair Inc., 508 Somerville Ave., 2 autos inside, 8 out.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

40. #189834 License/Permit New Garage License, All Rite Auto, 38-42 Medford St., 4 autos inside, 6 out.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

41. #189835 License/Permit New Garage License, Streetwise, 59 Pitman St., 6 autos inside, 14 out, hours M-F open 7:30AM.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

42. #189836 License/Permit New Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, All Rite Auto, 38-42 Medford St., 10 autos.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

43. #189837 License/Permit New Used Car Dealer's License, Pat's Towing Inc., 160 McGrath Hwy., 75 autos outside.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

44. #189838 License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, Riverdog LLC, 321 Somerville Ave., A-Frame sign.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

45. #189839 License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, Elegant Furniture, 31 Union Sq., 1 Table.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

46. #189840 License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, Massage Therapy Works, 255 Elm St., 1 A-Frame Sign.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

47. #189841 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Star Markets Company, 275 Beacon St., 3 autos.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

48. #189842 License/Permit Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green Cab and Yellow Cab Assn., 3 cabs at 236 Highland Ave., 2 cabs at 255 Elm St., 2 cabs at 503 Broadway, 6 cabs at 295 Broadway, 4 cabs at 1 Davis Sq., 5 cabs at 0 Foley St., 4 cabs at 30 Washington St., 3 cabs at 22-26 Union Sq.

RESULT: APPROVED

49. #189843 License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion, Victory Cab Corp., Med. #56.

RESULT: APPROVED

50. #189844 License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion, Love Cab Inc., Med. #92.

RESULT: APPROVED

51. #189845 License/Permit Transferring Taxi Medallion, Med. #70 from Kings Transportation to Somerville Transportation.

RESULT: APPROVED

52. #189846 Public Communication Somerville High School Gay Straight Alliance submitting comments re: #189788, the FY11 municipal budget.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

LATE ITEMS

53. #189045 Mayor's Request That the BOA Accept Utility Improvements in Assembly Square Completed by FRIT

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston, Taylor, O'Donovan, Gewirtz, Trane
ABSENT: John M Connolly, Bruce M. Desmond, Walter F. Pero

Discharged from Finance Committee.

54. #189794 Mayor's Request Request to Reauthorize the attached list of Departmental Revolving Funds for FY2011

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

The item was severed, and the Telecommunications Revolving Fund was discussed with Communications Director Michael Meehan. The item was then sent back to the Finance Committee.

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

55. Discussion: FY 2011 Budget Update

Mayor Curtatone updated the Board on recent FY11 Budget events. First, he announced that the Administration continues to negotiate with the school custodians' union, and the other municipal unions, to reach a satisfactory settlement with respect to budget savings. Second, he announced that all non-union personnel in city government agreed to a 1-week furlough in FY11. No actions were taken.

56. #189847
Order
- By Ald. Taylor
That the Director of SPCD Inspect the Vacant Property at 199 Summer Street and Enforce Any and All Applicable Regulations and Report Back to the Ward Three Alderman.

RESULT: APPROVED

57. #189848
Resolution
- By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz, Sullivan, Heuston, Taylor, Roche, Trane, O'Donovan, White Jr., Desmond, Pero
That All Members of the Board of Aldermen Take a One Week Unpaid Furlough and Request that the Administration Apply Those Funds Towards Its Efforts to Retain Jobs.

RESULT: APPROVED

58. #189849
Resolution
- By Ald. Sullivan, Desmond, Heuston, Gewirtz, Trane, O'Donovan, Taylor, Pero, White Jr., Roche
That this Board Goes on Record to Encourage the Administration and the School Custodians to Bargain in Good Faith to Agree Upon a Fair Contract.

RESULT: APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk