

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

January 10, 2019, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.  
    (ID # 20090)
  
2. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,  
    (ID # 20091)        November 20, 2018, and the Special Meeting, November  
                                 29, 2018.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation            By Ald. Davis, the Entire Board and the Mayor  
    (ID # 20094)        Commending the Somerville Garden Club on the happy  
                                 occasion of its 25th anniversary.
  
4. Citation            By Ald. Mbah, the Entire Board and the Mayor  
    (ID # 20095)        Commending Yvette Wilks for her outstanding work  
                                 with Somerville youths, helping them develop their  
                                 talents as artists and leaders.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5. Grant of            Submitted by Eversource to install 30 feet of conduit in  
    Location            Murdock St from Pole 246/3 to a point of pickup at 18-  
    (ID # 20096)        22 Murdock St.

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

6. Order                By Ald. Mbah  
    (ID # 20070)        That the Director of Inspectional Services report to this  
                                 Board on all noise ordinance violations issued within the  
                                 past 5 years.
  
7. Resolution        By Ald. Mbah  
    (ID # 20071)        That the Administration provide this Board with the  
                                 taxicab rate structure.
  
8. Order                By Ald. Mbah  
    (ID # 20072)        That the Director of Inspectional Services request an  
                                 environmental impact statement from any contractor  
                                 applying for a permit to do a project of any kind.

9. Order (ID # 20077) By Ald. Hirsch  
That Director of SPCD provide an estimate of projected short-term rental revenue under the new state law.
10. Order (ID # 20078) By Ald. Hirsch  
That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss key points from the Youth Risk Survey with the Public Health and Public Safety Committee.
11. Resolution (ID # 20079) By Ald. Hirsch  
That the Administration provide any analysis, considerations, or existing practices for reducing ordinance violation fines for lower-income households.
12. Order (ID # 20080) By Ald. Hirsch  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove graffiti from the back of the Argenziano School and consider ways to reduce future graffiti, such as bushes or a mural.
13. Order (ID # 20081) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Clingan  
That the Director of SPCD meet with the Committee on Housing and Community Development and Gilman Square residents to discuss possible changes to the Neighborhood Plan.
14. Order (ID # 20082) By Ald. Ewen-Campen  
That the Chief of Police enforce the speed limit on Sycamore Street, between Highland Avenue and Medford Street, and inform the Ward 3 Alderman on the outcome.
15. Order (ID # 20083) By Ald. Ewen-Campen  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a flexible "Yield to Pedestrians" sign in the crosswalk across Central Street at Willoughby Street.
16. Order (ID # 20084) By Ald. Ewen-Campen  
That the Director of SPCD work with the Ward 3 Alderman to address long-standing congestion at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Hamlet Street.
17. Order (ID # 20085) By Ald. Ewen-Campen  
That the Chief of Police inform the Ward 3 Alderman whether detail officers may issue citations to drivers using a cell phone while driving.
18. Order (ID # 20086) By Ald. Ewen-Campen  
That the City Assessor explain to the Ward 3 Alderman why the residential exemption may not be claimed by new homeowners until January 1 of the following year.

19. Order (ID # 20093) By Ald. White Jr.  
That the Rules of this Board be amended to change the name "Board of Aldermen" to "City Council", and all variants throughout, effective January 31, 2019.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

20. Citation 207145 By the Entire Board  
Commending Legislative Clerk Peter Forcellese for his outstanding service to this Board and its Committees in 2018.
21. Grant of Location 207146 Submitted by Eversource to install 7 feet of conduit in Dane St from Pole 204/6 to a point of pickup at 34 Dane St.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

22. Mayor's Request (ID # 20055) Requesting the appropriation of \$542,675 from the CPA Fund Open Space/Recreational Land and Budgeted Reserve Accounts to the City for the ArtFarm project.
23. Mayor's Request (ID # 20057) Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from the CPA Fund Historic Resources and Budgeted Reserve Accounts to the Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development to restore of the Grace Baptist Church.
24. Mayor's Request (ID # 20062) Requesting the appropriation of \$113,120 from the CPA Fund Historic Resources Reserve Account to the Mission Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ for the rehabilitation of their roof.
25. Mayor's Request (ID # 20056) Requesting the appropriation of \$100,000 from the CPA Fund Historic Resources Reserve Account to the Somerville Museum for collection preservation.
26. Mayor's Request (ID # 20061) Requesting the appropriation of \$65,000 from the CPA Fund Open Space/Recreational Land Reserve Account to the City for the rehabilitation of the Kennedy School front schoolyard.
27. Mayor's Request (ID # 20058) Requesting the appropriation of \$28,000 from the CPA Fund Historic Resources Reserve Account to the Elizabeth Peabody House Association for a building condition assessment.

28. Mayor's Request (ID # 20060) Requesting the appropriation of \$6,055 from the CPA Fund Historic Resources Reserve Account to the Public Library for restoration of its WPA wood bas-relief.
29. Mayor's Request (ID # 20059) Requesting the appropriation of \$3,888 from the CPA Fund Open Space/Recreational Land Reserve Account to the Friends of the Community Growing Center for the replacement of an electrical cabinet.
30. Mayor's Request (ID # 20069) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$220 using available funds in the Personnel Department Professional & Technical Services Account for investigative services.
31. Mayor's Request (ID # 20040) Requesting acceptance of a \$200,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Housing and Community Development to SPCD for the Gilman Square Housing Choice Grant .
32. Mayor's Request (ID # 20073) Requesting acceptance of a \$117,108 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Elder Affairs to the Council on Aging for programming, transportation, salary, equipment and other needs of the elders.
33. Mayor's Request (ID # 20038) Requesting acceptance of a \$73, 658 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security to the Fire Department for fire staffing costs.
34. Mayor's Request (ID # 20039) Requesting acceptance of a \$20,460 grant with no new match required, from the MA Emergency Management Agency to the Fire Department for the establishment of a bicycle team.
35. Mayor's Request (ID # 19778) Requesting acceptance of a \$2,000 grant with no new match required, from the Mt Auburn Hospital to the Health and Human Services Department for the 99 Faces Project, a mental health awareness exhibit.
36. Mayor's Request (ID # 20087) Requesting the re-appointment of Andrew Haynes as Constable.
37. Mayor's Request (ID # 20088) Requesting the re-appointment of Darcy Haynes as Constable.
38. Mayor's Request (ID # 20052) Requesting the re-appointment of Paula Machado to the Board of Health.

- 39. Mayor's Request (ID # 20037) Requesting the appointment of Jessica Turner to the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust.
- 40. Mayor's Request (ID # 20074) Requesting the appointment of Adam Wylie to the Historic Preservation Commission as an alternate member.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 41. Officer's Communication (ID # 20089) Asst. City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance in further response to #205071, to change "Board of Aldermen" to "City Council" in the municipal ordinances.
- 42. Officer's Communication (ID # 20063) Asst. City Solicitor responding to #206789 re: state and local regulations on public notices.
- 43. Officer's Communication (ID # 20092) Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #206747, requesting adoption of a new Zoning Ordinance to supersede the current Zoning Ordinance as originally adopted on March 23, 1990.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 44. License/Permit (ID # 19941) New Drainlayer's License, GLX Constructors.
- 45. License/Permit (ID # 20097) New Drainlayer's License, The Dow Company, for the High School construction project only.
- 46. License/Permit (ID # 20098) New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Automotive Transport Service, 40 Joy St, 15 cars outside, 9 inside.
- 47. License/Permit (ID # 20099) New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Top Speed Vehicles, 631 Somerville Ave, 6 cars outside, 8 inside.
- 48. License/Permit (ID # 20100) Amending Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St, to increase operating hours Monday through Friday to 8PM, and Saturday to 6PM.
- 49. License/Permit (ID # 20101) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, John's Auto Sales, 181 Somerville Ave.
- 50. License/Permit (ID # 20102) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, 28 Motorsports, 486R Columbia St.
- 51. License/Permit (ID # 20103) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Enterprises, 182 Washington St.

- 52. License/Permit (ID # 20104) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Gene Automotive, 56 Joy St.
- 53. License/Permit (ID # 20105) Renewing Garage License, Junior Auto Body, 486R Columbia St.
- 54. License/Permit (ID # 20106) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Oat Shop, 20 College Ave.
- 55. License/Permit (ID # 20107) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Pepe Bocca, 414 Highland Ave.
- 56. License/Permit (ID # 20108) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Tony C's Sports Bar and Grill, 699 Assembly Row.
- 57. License/Permit (ID # 20109) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, The Burren, 247 Elm St.
- 58. License/Permit (ID # 20110) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, The Independent, 75 Union Sq.
- 59. License/Permit (ID # 20111) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Brass Union, 66 Union Sq.
- 60. License/Permit (ID # 20112) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Thai Massage, 55 Union Sq.
- 61. Public Communication (ID # 20113) Senator Jehlen submitting comments re: #207056, on expunging marijuana criminal records.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

- 62. Communication (ID # 20131) By Ald. Ballantyne  
In her capacity as President, conveying this Board's Standing and Special Committee assignments and Commission appointments for 2019.
- 63. Resolution (ID # 20114) By Ald. Davis  
That the Administration advise the Ward 6 Alderman of the notifications provided to city and private contractors about anti-idling regulations, and revise such policies to better ensure compliance.

64. Order (ID # 20115) By Ald. Davis  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing bricks on Elm Street in front of McKinnon's Market and at any other area in need of repair.
65. Order (ID # 20116) By Ald. Davis, Clingan, Hirsch  
That the Chief of Police, in conjunction with the Administration, advise this Board of the protocol for notifying the public and families when there is an incident in a public building.
66. Order (ID # 20117) By Ald. Davis, Clingan, Hirsch  
That the Chief of Police, in conjunction with the Administration, advise this Board on school-related safety policies and procedures listed within.
67. Order (ID # 20129) By Ald. Niedergang, Davis  
That the Director of SPCD and/or the Director of Traffic and Parking review all street direction signage in the Ball Square area, and add additional signage to make the direction of streets super clear.
68. Order (ID # 20130) By Ald. Niedergang, Davis  
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board in writing no later than February 4 about traffic calming measures to be deployed in the Ball Square area to slow down cut-through traffic before the Ball Square Broadway Bridge closes, currently scheduled for about March 1.
69. Mayor's Request (ID # 20128) Submitting proposed amendments the Zoning Ordinance to establish new open space requirements in the Assembly Sq Mixed Use District, Transit Oriented Districts, and Planned Unit Developments.
70. Mayor's Request (ID # 20064) Requesting the acceptance of MGL c64G s3A, imposing a 6% local excise tax on a bed and breakfast, hotel, lodging house, short-term rental ,or motel.
71. Mayor's Request (ID # 20065) Requesting the acceptance of MGL c64G s3D(a), imposing a community impact fee of 3% on a bed and breakfast, hotel, lodging house, short-term rental, or motel.
72. Mayor's Request (ID # 20066) Requesting the acceptance of MGL c64G s3D(b), imposing the community impact fee allowed under MGL c64G s3D(a) on each transfer of occupancy of a short-term rental unit in a 2-family or 3-family dwelling that includes the operator's primary residence.

73. Mayor's Request (ID # 20067) Requesting approval of an Amendment to the Powder House Land Disposition Agreement.
74. Mayor's Request (ID # 20120) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,600,000 for the renovation and construction of the West Branch Library.
75. Mayor's Request (ID # 20127) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$425,670 in a bond and expend the same amount for a Sewer Cleaner Vehicle (Vactor) and accessories.
76. Mayor's Request (ID # 20119) Requesting acceptance of a \$49,597 grant with no new match required, from the State E911 Office to the Police Department for 911 training and emergency medical dispatch services.
77. Mayor's Request (ID # 20121) Requesting the confirmation of Kimberly Wells to the position of Assistant Clerk of Committees.
78. Officer's Communication (ID # 20068) Special Counsel submitting Notice of D2 Block Eminent Domain Settlements.
79. Officer's Communication (ID # 20118) Director of Capital Projects conveying the Departmental Relocation Strategy and Implementation Plan.
80. Officer's Communication (ID # 20122) Director of SPCD conveying the draft Memorandum of Agreement with the Redevelopment Authority for 90 Washington Street.
81. Officer's Communication (ID # 20123) Director of SPCD conveying the draft Demonstration Project Plan for 90 Washington Street.
82. Officer's Communication (ID # 20126) Director of Intergovernmental Affairs responding to #207062 with updates on Home Rule Petitions from the 190th General Court.
83. Officer's Communication (ID # 20076) Director of Parks and Recreation and Director of High School Athletics responding to #207093, requesting the appropriation of \$33,102 for High School gym/weight equipment.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**