

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

May 10, 2012, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.
  
2. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 12, 2012.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation            By Ald. O'Donovan, and the Entire Board and the Mayor  
  
                             Commending John McCormick, recently named a Commended Student in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

4. Order                By Ald. Desmond, Taylor  
  
                             That the Chief of Police order directed patrols of Kelley Park to ensure that skate boarders adhere to the park's opening and closing hours.
  
5. Order                By Ald. Gewirtz  
  
                             That the Director of SPCD and the Historic Preservation Commission report on the status of the accessibility study for the West Branch Library.
  
6. Resolution        By Ald. Gewirtz  
  
                             That this Board requests that the Administration include funding in the upcoming Capital Plan for renovations to the West Branch Library, including accessibility.
  
7. Order                By Ald. White Jr.  
  
                             That the Director of SPCD provide the information requested herein regarding the purchase of real estate by the Redevelopment Authority.

8. Order By Ald. White Jr.  
That prior to purchasing any future property by the Redevelopment Authority, the Director of SPCD notify this Board of such purchases and the anticipated funding for such purposes.
9. Order By Ald. White Jr.  
That the Director of SPCD appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss any funds paid, or anticipated to be paid, through the Redevelopment Authority to Federal Realty Investment Trust.
10. Ordinance By Ald. White Jr., Taylor  
That Section 7.2 of the Zoning Ordinance be amended by deleting Section 7.2.a.
11. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works synchronize the crossing signal at the corner of Walnut Street and Broadway with the traffic lights.
12. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works install additional lighting at the Winter Hill School yard, including the side facing St. Ann Church, and consider installing cameras to monitor schoolyard activity.
13. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean Sycamore Street, Medford Street, Evergreen Avenue and Thurston Street around Winter Hill School.
14. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the lifted sidewalks at 68, 72 and 100 Thurston Street.
15. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the new sidewalks on School Street, especially at #198, for cracking and take appropriate measures to prevent them from moving or lifting.
16. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect and repair as necessary, the handicap ramps at Thurston and Medford Streets, Sycamore and Medford Streets, and Dartmouth and Medford Streets.

17. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install DO NOT ENTER and STOP signs at the corner of Wheatland Street and Broadway.
18. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a WHEATLAND ST sign on Wheatland Street at Broadway.
19. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) monitor trash problems at the Winter Hill Market and issue fines for any violations.
20. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the City Solicitor determine the method for filing a complaint with the State Lottery Commission regarding littering and trash problems at the Winter Hill Market.
21. Resolution By Ald. Taylor, and the Entire Board  
That this Board supports House Bill 876, an Act Relative to Electric Street Poles, that addresses problems associated with double utility poles.
22. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the dead tree(s) on Grove Street, between Elm Street and Highland Avenue.
23. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works treat or remove the dying tree at 20 Leonard Street.
24. Order By Ald. Connolly, O'Donovan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the dead tree at 16 Morrison Avenue.
25. Order By Ald. White Jr.  
That the City Solicitor advise this Board whether the City should accept MGL c40U for the imposition of liens on property for unpaid municipal charges, or rely on the special act of 1996 already in place.
26. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Neighborhood Impact Team schedule an inspection for 7 Greene Street.

27. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panel at the driveway of 435 Washington Street.
28. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NSTAR to replace the street lights at 737 and 739 Somerville Avenue and to convey the frustration of its customers there.
29. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche  
That the Director of SPCD contact the appropriate state agency to request that train operators utilize the train's horn only when necessary, especially in the areas of Cobble Hill, Tufts Street and 240 Pearl Street.
30. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Roche, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr.  
That this Board requests that the Mayor report to this Board on the current status of the IKEA special permit in the Assembly Square development area.
31. Communication By Ald. Taylor  
In his capacity as a member of the School Committee, conveying a report of the School Committee's activities.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

32. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND VETERANS AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEES

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting in Joint Session with the Committee on Veterans and Public Services on May 1, 2012.
- B. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Veterans and Public Services, meeting in Joint Session with the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, on May 1, 2012.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jay Weaver as Director of Veteran Services.

33. ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Environment and Energy, meeting on May 8, 2012.

- B. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Environmental Programs Manager inform this Board of the city's efforts to use green cleaning products in all buildings and advise on whether an ordinance requiring this is warranted.
- C. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz  
That this Board requests that the Administration update this Board on the effectiveness of the new residential energy and efficiency program and its utilization once such data is available.
- D. Public Communication Environment Massachusetts requesting support of a bill to raise the cap on the state's net-metering program, to support solar energy.
- E. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Environmental Programs Manager report on the compact fluorescent light bulb program and advise if the city could feasibly implement something similar, and how the city could address the CFL disposal issues.
- F. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, Heuston, Taylor, Lafuente, Sullivan  
That this Board supports joining the Earth Hour City Challenge sponsored by the World Wildlife Fund, creating eligibility for grants to support city initiatives to combat global warming.

34. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting in Joint Session with the School Committee, on May 10, 2012.

35. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 8, 2012.
- B. Resolution By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That this Board requests that the Administration work with this Board to craft legislation allowing the City to lien an individual's state income tax refund for payment of outstanding taxes, fees, fines and any other liabilities owed the City.

36. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on May 9, 2012.
- B. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Russell Rd. Block Party, May 20, 10AM-11PM.
- C. License/Permit Public Event Permit, "Drag Race for a Cure" 100-Yard Race, Bike Path from Cedar St. to Grove St., Oct 20, 2-3PM.
- D. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Ace Wheelworks, Sign.
- E. License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, Somerville Communications, 52 Broadway, Bench, Sidewalk sign, and Flag poles (banners).
- F. License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, The Independent, 75 Union Sq., 20 tables, 68 seats, 2 host stands.
- G. License/Permit New Garage License, Partners Healthcare System, 21 Third Ave, 76 autos in, 93 out, mechanical repairs, washing vehicles, storing vehicles only.
- H. License/Permit New Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, RWC Auto Group LLC dba Beacon and Park Auto Sales, 75 Park St., M-F 8AM-6PM, Sa 8AM-2PM, Su by appointment only, 0 autos inside, 14 outside.

37. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on May 2, 2012.
- B. Order By Ald. White Jr.  
That the Director of Public Health provide the Committee on Public Health and Safety with the CAFÉ study information once it's completed.
- C. Order By Ald. White Jr.  
That the City Solicitor and the Director of SPCD locate any documents or agreements made by the federal government regarding the initial construction of Route 93 through Somerville.
- D. Order By Ald. White Jr.  
That the City Clerk invite representatives from MA DOT to appear before this Board to discuss improving the existing fencing between Route 93 and the Nunnery Grounds.

38. VETERANS AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Veterans and Public Services, meeting on May 1, 2012.
- B. Resolution By Ald. Roche  
That this Board requests that the Administration consider increasing the Veterans Services Dept.'s budget for outreach, including funds for tents, a podium and other items necessary for dedications, etc.
- C. Order By Ald. Roche  
That the Director of Veterans Services assist the Local Hiring Task Force, especially in promoting the needs of Somerville's veterans.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

39. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$250 in the Information Technology Dept., from the Maintenance Software Account to the Salaries and Wages Account, to cover longevity payments.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting to declare two vehicles in the Fire Department surplus equipment.
41. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Michael Caruso to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
42. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Eli Kim to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
43. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Orlando Jacquet to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
44. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Patrick Canty to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
45. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Michael Connors to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
46. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Richard Calixte to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
47. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Brian Pavao to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
48. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Debora Jacquet to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
49. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Mallory Sarno to the position of Permanent Police Officer.

- 50. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Joseph Rivera to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
- 51. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Tyler Sousa to the position of Permanent Police Officer.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 52. Officer's Communication Assistant City Solicitor responding to #192601 re: authority to ticket vehicles with outstanding taxes due.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 53. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Community Corporation Save Our Homes Walk, High School Concourse and area streets, May 20, 2PM.
- 54. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Holy Ghost Feast, 26 Springfield St., Jul 13-15, 10AM-Midnite.
- 55. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Christopher Souza Reward Fund Walk, Trum Field and area streets, Sep 29, 12Noon (raindate Sep 30).
- 56. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, EB Rotundi and Sons.
- 57. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, KB Aruda Construction.
- 58. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, JW DeNapoli Inc.
- 59. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Jason Anthony Corp.
- 60. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, D Muzzioli Associates.
- 61. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, J Derenzo Co.
- 62. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Cumberland Farms, 701-709 Somerville Ave.
- 63. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Shield Gas, 620 Broadway.
- 64. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Somerville Mobil, 360 Medford St.
- 65. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Hess, 709 McGrath Hwy.
- 66. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St.



- 67. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Brake, 45 Broadway.
- 68. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Pearl St. Auto, 182 Pearl St.
- 69. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Winter Hill Yacht Club, 130R Foley St.
- 70. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave.
- 71. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Parkway Sunoco, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy.
- 72. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, GE & M Auto Service, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy.
- 73. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, A Plus Auto Body, 297 Medford St.
- 74. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Goodyear Auto Service, 1 Bow St.
- 75. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, United Auto Repair, 64-68 Joy St.
- 76. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Walnut Hill Auto Body, 235 Lowell St.
- 77. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St.
- 78. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 139-147 Beacon St.
- 79. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 381 Washington St.
- 80. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, A Plus Autobody, 295 Medford St.
- 81. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Maaco Auto Painting, 444 Somerville Ave.
- 82. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Broadway Brake, 45 Broadway.
- 83. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Domenic Fabrizio, 290R Somerville Ave.
- 84. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Mike's Auto Service, 6E Beach Ave.

- 85. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Flores Auto Repair, 6D Beach Ave.
- 86. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, 429 Corp., 109 Prospect St.
- 87. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Fellsway Auto Repair, 693 McGrath Hwy.
- 88. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Triumvirate Environmental, 61 Inner Belt Rd.
- 89. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Brazil Auto Repair, 621 Somerville Ave.
- 90. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Pearl St. Auto, 182 Pearl St.
- 91. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, U Call We Haul, 9R Sherman St.
- 92. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, E-Z Auto Body, 627 Somerville Ave.
- 93. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave.
- 94. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Cataldo Ambulance, 137 Washington St.
- 95. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave.
- 96. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Urban Equity Development Corp., 7-9-11-13 Herbert St.
- 97. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Day/Dover Parking, 55-59 Day St. & 108-112 Dover St.
- 98. License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Cataldo Ambulance, 137 Washington St.
- 99. License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Papa John's Pizza, 622 Somerville Ave.
- 100. License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Wang's Fast Food, 509 Broadway.
- 101. License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Mr. B's, 142 Cross St.
- 102. License/Permit Renewing Junk Dealer's License, La Chic Boutique, 235A Elm St.

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- 103. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Amelia's Kitchen, 1137 Broadway.
  - 104. License/Permit Renewing Livery License, Diamond J Livery and Limo Transportation, 132 Summer St.
  - 105. License/Permit Renewing Pool Table License, Flatbread Company at Davis Sq. Bowladrome, 45 Day St.
  - 106. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, College Ave. Methodist Church of Somerville, 149 Broadway, Sign, canopy and lights.
  - 107. License/Permit New Hawker Peddler License, King of Slush, Vending slush.
  - 108. License/Permit New Extended Operating Hours License, Jimbo's Roast Beef Seafood and Pizza, 40 Bow St., Remaining open for deliveries only 7 nights/week until 3AM.
  - 109. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Wilvens Cab, Med. #18.
  - 110. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, 32 Summer St. Corp., Med #29.
  - 111. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, SJP Taxi, Med. #45.
  - 112. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Ormond Transportation, Med. #49, 50, 62, 89.
  - 113. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Silcor Transportation, Med. #51, 52, 77, 93.
  - 114. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Madkep Transportation, Med. #64.
  - 115. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Alewife Transportation, Med. #65, 69, 80.
  - 116. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Somerville Taxi, Med. #66.
  - 117. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Somerville Transportation, Med. #70, 71.
  - 118. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Odney Cab, Med. #72.
  - 119. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Eastern Transportation, Med. #73, 87, 90.
  - 120. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, J and J Transportation, Med. #74.

- 121. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, WLEJ Inc., Med. #76.
- 122. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Silva Cab, Med. #83.
- 123. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Bye Bye Cab, Med. #86.
- 124. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Michael Cab, Med. #88.
- 125. Public Communication Representative Sciortino submitting comments re: Double poles and a related House Bill (#876).

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

- 126. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the 2011-2012 HUD One Year Action Plan, for CDBG, HOME, and ESG programming.
- 127. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a DCAM Deed of Easement to the City for a 72" stormwater conduit running through Draw 7 Park.
- 128. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$12,000 from the DPW Snow Removal Acct. to the DPW Buildings & Grounds Interior Building Maintenance Acct. to procure shelving for the new Teen Space at the Central Library.
- 129. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$164,018 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to match the Federal Transportation Administration grant for a bike share system.
- 130. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$47,496 grant from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security for enhanced 911 training in the Police Dept.
- 131. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Laura Saunders to the Public Library Board of Trustees
- 132. License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Baystate Engineering.
- 133. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Kickass Cupcakes, 378 Highland Ave.
- 134. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Amelia's Kitchen, 1137 Broadway.
- 135. License/Permit New Hawker Peddler's License, Somerville Boxing Club.

- 136. License/Permit New Hawker Peddler's License, King of Slush.
- 137. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Amsterdam Falafelshop, 248 Elm St., Sign.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk