

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2012, 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	
Tony Lafuente	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. #193927 Call of the Roll.
Roll Call

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. #193928 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, October 2, 2012, and the
Minutes Regular Meeting, October 11, 2012.

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. #193929 By Ald. Trane
Order That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 18 Upland Road.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. #193930 Order By Ald. O'Donovan, Lafuente
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace all damaged sidewalk panels at 87 Pritchard Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. #193931 Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk depression near 244 Summer Street, across from 57 Linden Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

6. #193932 Order By Ald. O'Donovan, Heuston, Gewirtz, Roche, Taylor, Connolly, Trane, and the Entire Board
That this Board finalize the pending ethics conflict of interest measure for non-profits, and that the City Solicitor appear before this Board to advise on this Board's power to force transparency.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

7. Withdrawn.

8. #193933 Order By Ald. Gewirtz, Heuston
That the City Engineer report to this Board the steps that are being taken to mitigate flooding on streets that are regularly flooded, including Simpson Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Flood Forum Special Committee

9. #193934 Order By Ald. Sullivan, Trane
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street lights on Broadway at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. #193935 Order By Ald. Sullivan, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing handle on one of the big belly trash compactors in Davis Square's Statue Park.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. #193936 Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at the Florence Street playground that is overhanging 12-18 Pinckney Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

12. #193937 Communication By Ald. Taylor
In his capacity as a member of the School Committee, conveying a report of the School Committee's activities.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

13. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. #193938 Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of
Committee Report the Whole, on October 30, 2012.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #193882 Mayor's Request Requesting the amendment of Ordinance 2-323 pursuant to the Municipal
Compensation Advisory Board recommendations, with respect to Elected
City Officials only.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Heuston, Taylor,
Lafuente, Gewirtz
ABSENT: William M. Roche, Sean T. O'Donovan, Robert C. Trane

ORDAINED AS AMENDED: Amended in Committee to apply to the
Mayor only; adjustments to Aldermen's salaries remain in Committee.

- C. #193939 Mayor's Request Requesting the amendment of Ordinance 2-323 pursuant to the Municipal Compensation Advisory Board recommendations, with respect to the Board of Aldermen.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

14. #193940 Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$20,000 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to the Executive Salaries Account to implement a recommendation of the Classification and Compensation Study.

RESULT: APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

15. #193941 Officer's Request Chief Assessor requesting to appear before this Board at its next regular meeting on November 20, 2012, for the Assessing Classification Hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

16. #193942 License/Permit Renewing Open Air Vendor License, Next Wave/Full Circle Schools, selling Xmas trees and wreaths, Foss Park, Nov 19-Dec 24, M-F 4-8PM, Sa-Su 10-8PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

17. #193943 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

18. #193944 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

19. #193945 License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Atlantic Excavation and Utility.

RESULT: APPROVED

20. #193946 License/Permit New Fortune Teller License, Maryann Mitchell dba Astrology by Gia, 68 Holland St.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

21. #193947 License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Pinkberry, 263 Elm St., Sign and blade sign.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

22. #193948 Public Communication MBTA Acting General Manager submitting comments re #193769, a replacement bus stop at Somerville Avenue and Central Street.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

23. #193949 Communication By Ald. Taylor Acting as President, Reminding this Board that this Board's next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at 7:00 PM.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

24. #193950 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$24,765 from the Department of Justice, for the Police to purchase tactical gear and enhance the use of force simulator.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

25. #193951 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a donation of \$200 from the Somerville Dog Owners Group (Som/Dog) to the Animal Control Dept.'s Revolving Fund.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

26. #193952 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Valeria Amato to the Somerville Arts Council.

RESULT: APPROVED

27. #193953 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Tori Costa to the Somerville Arts Council.

RESULT: APPROVED

28. #193954 License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, KMart Corp., 77 Middlesex Ave., Opening "Black Friday," Nov 23, from 1 AM to 11 PM.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

AMENDED: That the Petitioner employ a Police Detail through the night.

LATE ITEMS

29. #193955 Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz That this Board commends the Elections Dept., including the Chairman, poll workers and wardens, for their tireless efforts on Election Day, with the highest voter turnout in twenty years, and that this Board hereby supports Early Voting statewide to ease the process on future Election Days.

RESULT: APPROVED

30. #193956 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$17,963 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Insurance Losses Account to the Fire Other Lump Sum Settlements Account to reimburse firefighters for personal property losses.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

31. #193785 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$25,000 donation from the WalMart State Giving Council to support the Arts Council's general operations.

RESULT: APPROVED

Discharged from the Finance Committee.

32. #193787 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$5,000 grant from the MA Cultural Council to support the Arts Council's general operations.

RESULT: APPROVED

Discharged from the Finance Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk