

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 26, 2015, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 11117)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,
 (ID # 11118) January 22, 2015.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Heuston, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
 (ID # 11099) Commending Sproot, a Somerville-based startup, for
 winning the People's Choice Award at the University of
 Texas Food Lab Challenge.

4. Citation By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board
 (ID # 11100) Commending the Mayor, his Administration, and the
 Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments for a job
 well done during the recent historic snow fall.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Resolution By Ald. Ballantyne
 (ID # 11084) That the Administration update this Board on Feb. 26,
 2015 regarding snow removal efforts.

6. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
 (ID # 11083) That the Director of SPCD submit a progress report on
 SomerVision.

7. Order By Ald. Niedergang
 (ID # 11085) That the Directors of Constituent Services and the
 Council on Aging work with the Mayor's Office to
 develop a more robust program for low-cost shoveling
 for low-income seniors and people with disabilities who
 can't shovel or pay market rates.

8. Order (ID # 11086) By Ald. Niedergang, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works implement with the Director of Constituent Services a registry of properties that require special plowing or shoveling attention due to the necessary actions of city plows, so these situations can be automatically addressed.
9. Resolution (ID # 11087) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Mayor report to this Board a timeline for filling the 2 vacancies on the Redevelopment Authority .
10. Order (ID # 11088) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Personnel report to this Board on the progress in hiring key managerial positions, especially the Directors of Engineering, Libraries and Veterans Services.
11. Order (ID # 11089) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD (Transportation and Infrastructure) schedule with the Ward 5 Alderman a follow-up community meeting for March or April to report on safety improvements planned for the Lowell Street bridge area, since the Community Path Extension will open onto the Lowell Street bridge in the spring.
12. Order (ID # 11090) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD (Transportation and Infrastructure) schedule with the Ward 5 Alderman a community meeting on street and infrastructure improvements to enhance safety on Cedar Street between Broadway and Highland Avenue since the street will be repaved this spring.
13. Order (ID # 11091) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Capital Projects schedule with the Mayor's Office and the Ward 5 Alderman a follow-up community meeting to discuss drainage and groundwater issues at the 35R Lexington Ave project.
14. Order (ID # 11092) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking turn on or repair the speed indicator signs on the north and south approaches to the Lowell Street Bridge.
15. Order (ID # 11093) By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole on Porter Street at the intersection of Highland Avenue.

- 16. Order (ID # 11094) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Lowell Street at Albion Street and at 235 Lowell Street.
- 17. Order (ID # 11096) By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pot holes on Grove Street, Morrison Avenue, Appleton Street and Clifton Street.
- 18. Order (ID # 11068) By Ald. Sullivan, Ballantyne, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works install temporary lighting at the Dilboy Field parking lot that is utilized during snow storms.
- 19. Order (ID # 11095) By Ald. Sullivan, McLaughlin, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the gate (closest to Grossman Marketing Group) at the New Washington Street dog park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

20. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 11079) Report of the Committee Report on Finance, meeting on February 24, 2015.
- B. Mayor's Request 195769 Requesting approval to appropriate \$106,812.60 from Free Cash to the Highway Professional & Technical Services Account to provide the first year of GPS monitoring services for city vehicles.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- C. Order 195833 By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Finance and the City Treasurer research the possibility of providing direct deposit pay stubs online to employees and determine the potential savings to the city by doing so.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Officer's Communication 196058 Assistant City Solicitor responding to #195769 re: GPS devices on city vehicles and collective bargaining rights.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- E. Public Communication 196125 Sanford Pooler submitting comments re: #195769, installing GPS devices in city vehicles.

- RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- F. Officer's Communication 196859 Director of Finance submitting a report on SPCD Professional & Technical Services Accounts.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Order 197739 By Ald. White Jr.
That the City Auditor advise this Board of the status of the Gosder Cherilus Foundation check to refund the money used by the City to pay for the equipment for the Somerville Youth Football program.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- H. Mayor's Request 198232 Requesting the dedication of Otis Playground for Open Space and Recreational Use in perpetuity.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- I. Mayor's Request 198233 Requesting the acceptance of a Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant totaling \$400,000 to construct Otis Playground.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- J. Mayor's Request 198234 Requesting, as required by the PARC grants, the authorization to utilize State and Federal funding necessary to construct Otis Playground.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- K. Mayor's Request 198235 Requesting Use of Available Funds totalling \$2,108 in the Auditing Dept. Salaries Account to adjust the salary of the Accounting Analyst position.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- L. Mayor's Request 198400 Requesting the expenditure of \$2,057.31 in FY15 appropriations to pay four outstanding FY14 invoices in the Police Dept.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- M. Mayor's Request 198401 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$5,999 from the National Endowment for the Humanities, for the City Clerk's assessment and preservation of certain historic records.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- N. Mayor's Request 198416 Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$110,000 from the MA Government Innovation Office partially funding a longitudinal integrated data system for the Public Schools in concert with SomerPromise and Code for America.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- O. Mayor's Request 198417 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$20,000 from DCR for the Arts Council to complete a sculpture project for Baxter Park.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- P. Mayor's Request 198450 Requesting an appropriation of \$34,779.40 From Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Personnel Professional and Technical Services Account to pay an FY2014 training invoice.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

- Q. Mayor's Request 198451 Requesting the acceptance of grant funds totaling \$250,000 from the MA Office of Housing and Economic Development for the East Broadway Streetscape Project.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- R. Mayor's Request 198452 Requesting the acceptance of a \$4,314 grant from the MA Vest-a-Dog program for a cruiser insert for the Police Dept.'s K-9 dog.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- S. Mayor's Request 198475 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$64,423 from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security for Fire Department staffing.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

21. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 11077) Report of the Committee Report on Legislative Matters, meeting on February 19, 2015.
- B. Resolution 192806 By Ald. White Jr.
That this Board requests that the Mayor and the Director of Personnel inform the Committee on Legislative Matters of the city's intentions regarding the development of a domestic violence policy for city employees.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 197889 By Ald. Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Director of Commissions provide this Board with an annual update on domestic violence to include statistics and available programs.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order 197980 By Ald. Sullivan
That the Director of Personnel update this Board on implementation of the domestic violence leave policy mandated by Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2014.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Officer's Communication 198134 Personnel Director responding to #197980 re: the city's domestic violence leave policy.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

22. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 11078) Report of the Committee Report on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on February 25, 2015.

- B. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr.
198319 That this Board conduct a public hearing on the new snow removal regulations to solicit feedback and suggestions from the public.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

23. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to extend a lease with Zipcar
(ID # 11072) through 12/31/15 for 7 spaces in municipal lots.
24. Withdrawn.
25. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$400,000 from
(ID # 11074) the EPA for SPCD's use in assessing brownfields sites throughout the city.
26. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$17,924 grant from the
(ID # 10995) DPH First Responder Naloxone (Narcan) Grant Program for the Police Dept.
27. Mayor's Request Requesting a review of Edwin Torres' Constable
(ID # 11098) License.
28. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Douglas Bosley as an
(ID # 11076) Election Commissioner.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

29. Officer's Planning Board conveying its recommendations re:
Communication #197941, a zoning ordinance amendment to prohibit the
(ID # 10880) damage or destruction of any shade or fruit trees during the conversion of a single- or two-family dwelling.
30. Officer's City Clerk requesting approval of his Public Official's
Request Bond.
(ID # 11097)

NEW BUSINESS

31. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Groundwork Somerville Maple
(ID # 11101) Syrup Boil Down, Growing Center, Mar 6-7, 8:30AM-4PM.
32. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Unity Somerville Palm Sunday
(ID # 11102) Donkey Walk, Powderhouse Park to Davis Sq, Mar 29, 8:30-9:30AM.

33. License/Permit (ID # 11104) Public Event Permit, Unity Somerville Easter Sunrise Service, Powderhouse Park, Apr 6, 5:45-7AM.
34. License/Permit (ID # 11105) Public Event Permit, MOM's 5K Run for Cancer, Dilboy Post and area streets, May 10, 8AM-3PM.
35. License/Permit (ID # 11106) Public Event Permit, Somerville Road Runners Race to the Row, Assembly Sq, Aug 23, 7AM-2PM.
36. License/Permit (ID # 11108) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Instacar, 38 Medford St.
37. License/Permit (ID # 11107) New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy., 0 autos in, 18 autos out.
38. Public Communication (ID # 11071) Kirsten Wesselhoeft submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
39. Public Communication (ID # 11075) Erica Voolich submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
40. Public Communication (ID # 11081) Kevin Oliver submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
41. Public Communication (ID # 11082) Fred Berman and Lori Segall submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
42. Public Communication (ID # 11109) John Bunzick submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
43. Public Communication (ID # 11115) Rob Cheyne submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
44. Public Communication (ID # 11116) MA DOT informing the city of a Public Hearing on a Design Public Hearing for the Healey School Intersection Improvements Project on 3/4/15 at 7PM at the Healey School Cafeteria.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

45. Order (ID # 11125) By Ald. Niedergang, Heuston
That the Directors of SPCD and Planning apply an economic modeling construct to the proposed zoning ordinance to demonstrate the likely economic impacts on commercial development, jobs, housing, and other factors.
46. Order (ID # 11126) By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD appear before this Board to state his intention to comply with #198411, an Order passed by this Board on 1/22/15 that he provide each ward alderman with an analysis of the impact of the proposed zoning ordinance on their ward, and then work with them on a ward-based public meeting to discuss those changes.
47. Mayor's Request (ID # 11110) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to establish a Project Mitigation Contribution (linkage) program and establish a Job Creation and Retention Trust.
48. Mayor's Request (ID # 11005) Requesting a contract extension for CDR Maguire through May 29, 2015, for engineering services for the East Somerville Community School.
49. Mayor's Request (ID # 11119) Requesting approval to borrow \$809,425 in a bond, and expend the same amount, for Emergency DPW Snow Removal Equipment.
50. Mayor's Request (ID # 10982) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$64,423 from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security for police staffing for the Police Dept.
51. Mayor's Request (ID # 11111) Requesting the reappointment of Alyssa Rosen Saunders to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
52. Mayor's Request (ID # 11112) Requesting the appointment of Matt Miller to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
53. Mayor's Request (ID # 11113) Requesting the appointment of Vanessa Boukili to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change
54. Mayor's Request (ID # 11114) Requesting the appointment of Spencer Lawrence to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
55. Mayor's Communication (ID # 11127) Conveying information about the construction of the Gilman Square Green Line station.

- 56. Officer's Communication (ID # 11124) Director of Personnel responding to #11088 on tonight's agenda re: hiring key managerial positions.
- 57. Officer's Communication (ID # 11004) Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders submitted 1/22/15.
- 58. Public Communication (ID # 11121) Joe Lynch submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
- 59. Public Communication (ID # 11122) Elizabeth Levy submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
- 60. Public Communication (ID # 11123) Allison Stieber submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT