

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

June 26, 2014, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 22, 2014.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz, McWatters, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
 Commending Maureen James and Jo-Ann DePrizio, who are retiring from the City Clerk's Office after a combined 57 years of dedicated service to the city.

4. Citation By Ald. McWatters, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
 Commending Rose Ryan, who has retired from the High School faculty after 29 years in the Culinary Arts program.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
 That the Director of SPCD (ISD) advise this Board of the plan for adding and/or limiting the number of antennae at the Housing Authority's Weston Manor

6. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
 That the Director of Purchasing and the Recreation Superintendent submit a monthly recreation equipment purchase report for all equipment purchased.

7. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking inform the Amigos Market on Broadway that delivery trucks should park on Broadway, not Franklin St., and issue citations for violations.
8. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Traffic and Parking install temporary speed bumps and a pedestrian walkway with STOP signs on New Washington Street behind the Cobble Hill Apartments near the dog park.
9. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Chief of Police monitor New Washington Street for speeding vehicles and issue citations.
10. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the area along the billboard near 3 Chester Avenue, and that the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait it for rodents.
11. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) report to this Board, in writing no later than July 15, 2014, the specific enforcement activities his department has carried out to ensure compliance with the polystyrene ban.
12. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) and the Chief of Police investigate the constant loud noise coming from the rear of 265 Elm Street (Punjabi Grill), and take steps to ensure the noise is mitigated.
13. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works add Meacham Road and Cottage Avenue to this year's street paving list.
14. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) investigate the noise from the A/C unit at Pinkberry's in Davis Square and take steps to ensure the noise is mitigated.

15. Order By Ald. Rossetti, Sullivan, Connolly, Ballantyne
That the City Clerk request of MassPort an explanation for the increase of air traffic noise over the past few weeks in the West Somerville area.
16. Resolution By Ald. Niedergang, Gewirtz
Urging individuals, colleges and universities, foundations, and governments to divest their funds from publicly-traded fossil fuel companies.
17. Order By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the two streetlights that are out and blinking on/off on the west side of Cedar Street by Lexington Avenue.
18. Order By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Josephine Avenue at Morrison Avenue.
19. Order By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the crosswalks at Hall Street and Cherry Street and also at Aberdeen Road and Highland Avenue.
20. Order By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill in the dip on Porter Street, by Williams Court, to prevent truck loads from bouncing up and down loudly.
21. Order By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works fix the loose gas access assembly in the roadway at the corner of Cedar Street and Morrison Avenue.
22. Order By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Traffic Engineer analyze the intersection of Glenwood Road and Medford Street and report to the Ward 5 Alderman on options to make exiting from Glenwood Road onto Medford Street less dangerous.

23. Order By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Traffic Engineer consider traffic calming options for Trull Street.
24. Order By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility companies to remove the double pole on Cambria Street.
25. Order By Ald. McWatters
That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol on Benton Road, at various times, to monitor traffic and to issue citations for speeding.
26. Communication By Ald. White Jr.
Acting as President, cancelling the Regular meetings of this Board that were scheduled for July 24, 2014, and August 14, 2014.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

27. Public Communication 129 registered voters requesting a public hearing before this Board on divesting the city's pension fund from the fossil fuel industry.
28. Mayor's Request Requesting to appear before this Board in Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy relating to pending requests regarding Clear Channel billboards.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

29. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on June 9, 2014.

30. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on June 10, 2014.

31. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on June 11, 2014.

32. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on June 16, 2014.

33. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on June 18, 2014.

34. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on June 19, 2014.

35. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on June 23, 2014.
- B. 197080
Mayor's Request Requesting approval to establish a new Water/Sewer Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended
- C. 197081
Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings Fund to the new Water/Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. 197082
Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings Fund to the new Water/Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

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- E. 197108 Mayor's Request Submitting an appropriation of \$188,027,166 to fund the FY2015 Operating Budget.
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended

 - F. 197109 Mayor's Request Submitting an appropriation of \$19,388,508 to fund the FY2015 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget.
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended

 - G. 197110 Mayor's Request Submitting an appropriation of \$12,992,038 to fund the FY2015 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

 - H. 197111 Mayor's Request Submitting an appropriation of \$861,096.56 to fund the FY2015 Veterans Memorial & Founders Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

 - I. 197112 Mayor's Request Submitting an appropriation of \$199,000 to fund the FY2015 Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

 - J. 197113 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$3,500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to reduce the FY2015 Tax Levy.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

 - K. 197114 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$1,400,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

 - L. 197115 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

 - M. 197117 Mayor's Request Requesting reauthorization of the Cable Telecommunications Revolving Fund for FY2015.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

 - N. 197118 Mayor's Request Requesting reauthorization of the SomerStreets Revolving Fund for FY2015.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

 - O. 197119 Mayor's Request Requesting reauthorization of the Conservation Revolving Fund for FY2015.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

 - P. 197120 Mayor's Request Requesting Reauthorization of the Planning and Zoning Revolving Fund for FY2015.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- Q. 197121 Mayor's Request Requesting the reauthorization of the Council on Aging Revolving Fund for FY2015.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- R. 197122 Mayor's Request Requesting reauthorization of the Environmental-Compost Bins Revolving Fund for FY 2015.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- S. 197123 Mayor's Request Requesting reauthorization of the Parks Revolving Fund for FY2015.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- T. 197124 Mayor's Request Requesting the reauthorization of the Recycling Carts Revolving Fund for FY2015.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- U. 197125 Mayor's Request Requesting reauthorization of the Tuberculosis Testing Revolving Fund for FY2015.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- V. 197126 Mayor's Request Requesting Reauthorization of the Dedication Sign Revolving Fund for FY2015.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- W. 197127 Mayor's Request Requesting Reauthorization of the Special Events Revolving Fund for FY2015.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- X. 197175 Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$248,925 from Salary Contingency to the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- Y. Resolution By Ald. Heuston
That the Administration rename the Health Department to Health and Human Services to incorporate the expanded scope for counseling services, housing assistance, benefits and resources for health care coverage.
- Z. Resolution By Ald. Heuston, Rossetti
That the Administration rename the Recreation Department to Parks and Recreation to incorporate an expanded scope for recreation services to include expertise on management of athletic fields and their upkeep.

- AA. Resolution By Ald. Heuston
That the Administration add a half time social work position to the Health Department to provide for expanded counseling and support services.
- AB. Resolution By Ald. Heuston
That the Administration add a full time Incident Command Technician position to the Fire Department and fill the position from within the department and backfill the vacancy.
- AC. Resolution By Ald. McLaughlin, Niedergang, and the Entire Board
That the Administration add two youth outreach positions to the Recreation Department, and that both positions be filled after the new Superintendent of Recreation is hired and that at least one of the positions should require skills and experience in women's leadership.
- AD. Resolution By Ald. McLaughlin, Niedergang, and the Entire Board
That this Board urges the Mayor to expand the three Somerviva Language Liaison positions to full-time.
- AE. Resolution By Ald. McLaughlin, Niedergang, and the Entire Board
That this Board supports the Youth Arts Coordinator working in close collaboration with the Recreation Department staff and requests that the position report to both the Recreation Superintendent and the Director of Communications.
- AF. Resolution By Ald. McWatters
That the Administration consider hiring another plumbing and gas inspector in ISD.
- AG. Resolution By Ald. McWatters
That the Administration consider hiring two additional electrical inspectors in ISD.
- AH. Resolution By Ald. McWatters
That the Administration consider hiring another garage mechanic for the DPW.

- AI. Resolution By Ald. Rossetti
That the Administration involve this Board's Committee on Youth Services in the search and selection of a new Recreation Superintendent.
- AJ. Resolution By Ald. Rossetti
That the Administration investigate other means of mail delivery to reduce the cost of mailing using the United States Postal Service.
- AK. Resolution By Ald. Rossetti
That the Administration establish a committee to examine and report to this Board on the safety of the Assembly Square area.
- AL. Resolution By Ald. Rossetti
That the Administration provide this Board with information regarding the Municipal Athletic Facilities Commission referenced in City Ordinance 2-309.6
- AM. Resolution By Ald. Connolly
That the Administration work to implement free citywide Wi-Fi, including partnering with public and/or private corporations to achieve this goal.
- AN. Resolution By Ald. Connolly
That the Administration report quarterly on Veterans' Services benefits provided.
- AO. Resolution By Ald. Connolly
That the Administration add more bike racks and/or locked storage facilities at Davis Square and Sullivan Square.

36. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, Meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on June 25, 2014.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

37. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$14,271 from the Veterans Memorial Ice Rink Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY15 Veterans Memorial Ice Rink Enterprise Fund.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$3,500 in the City Clerk's Office, from its OM Credit Card Fees Account to its PS Salaries Account, to fund vacation leave payouts for two employees who are retiring at the end of FY 2014.
39. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$1,070.78 in the Law Office, from its OM Office Equipment Account to its PS Salaries Account, to fund a projected year-end deficit.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$415,000 from ArtPlace, for the Arts Council's use to creative uses of the former waste transfer site.
41. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a State Reimbursement of \$169,736 from MassDOT, for the Public Works Department through the Winter Rapid Recovery Road Program for repairs to roads due to winter damage.
42. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Albert Darling as Constable.
43. Mayor's Communication Conveying the Bicycle Advisory Committee's 2013 Annual Report.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

44. Officer's Communication City Solicitor conveying an opinion of a proposed fossil fuel divestment resolution.
45. Officer's Communication City Clerk responding to #197019 re: means of Aldermanic communications in the absence of an Order or Resolution.
46. Officer's Communication DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 5/22/14.

47. Officer's Communication Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

48. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Portuguese American Civic League Holy Ghost Feast, 26 Springfield St., Jul 11 6PM-Midnite, Jul 12 8PM-Midnite, Jul 13 8AM-10PM.
49. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Maum Meditation Table, Davis Sq Statue Park, Jul 13-19, Noon-2PM.
50. License/Permit Public Event Permit, St. James Ave Block Parties, Jul 20 and Aug 24, 3PM-8PM.
51. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Great Urban Camp-out, Lincoln Park, Jul 25-26 (raindate Jul 26-27).
52. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Madison St Block Party, Jul 26, 2-9PM (raindate Jul 27).
53. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Oak St Block Party, Aug 16, 2-8PM.
54. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Honk! Festival, Oct 10 Hodgkins Park 5-9PM, Oct 11 Davis Sq Noon-9PM, Oct 12 Davis Sq Noon-1PM.
55. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Rockland Trust, 399 Highland Ave., 6 window awnings.
56. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Atlantic Excavation and Utility.
57. License/Permit Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Odds and Ends Thrift Store, 62A Summer St.
58. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Webster Auto Body, 64 Webster Ave.

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60. Public Communication Six residents submitting comments re: the FY15 budget.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

61. Order By Ald. Rossetti, Ballantyne
That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to monitor traffic speeds on Fairfax Street and report the findings and actions to this Alderman.
62. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD and the City Solicitor apprise this Board of the latest developments with regard to the sale of the Post Office in Union Square and the ongoing dispute as to the mural.
63. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$187,858,357 to fund the FY2015 General Fund Operating Budget.
64. Mayor's Request Requesting a revised appropriation of \$812,387 to fund the FY2015 Veterans Memorial and Founders Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget.
65. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$80,000 grant from the MA DMH Police Based Jail Diversion Program for Police Dept. Crisis Intervention Team Training.
66. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$42,000 from the Department of Mental Health, for the Police Based Jail Diversion Program.
67. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a gift of up to \$14,870 from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Preparedness for Police Dept. participation in the Urban Shield Rapid Response Intel Exercise.

- 68. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a gift of \$9036.22 From Tufts University, to reimburse the Police Department's overtime account.
- 69. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Michael A. Capuano to the Planning Board.
- 70. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Dorothy Kelly Gay to the Planning Board.
- 71. Mayor's Request Requesting that the City-owned portion of 163 Glen Street be declared available for disposition.
- 72. Officer's Request Requesting approval of an ordinance to de-designate 72R Dane Street as a single-building local historic district.
- 73. Officer's Communication Director of Veterans Services responding to #197016 re: the Valor Act II and the creation of veterans' services districts.
- 74. License/Permit Public Event Permit, SVG Films filmshoot, Lincoln Park, Jul 17-18, 9AM-6PM (raindate Jul 25-26).
- 75. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Open Air Circus tent and performances, Conway Field, Jul 31-Aug 4.
- 76. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Oxford St Block Party, Aug 24, 1-8PM (raindate Aug 31).
- 77. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Fremont Ave Block Party, Aug 31, Noon-8PM (raindate Sep 1).
- 78. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Prospect Hill Block Party, Munroe St from Prospect Hill Pkwy to Greenville St, Sep 13, 3-9PM (raindate Sep 14).
- 79. License/Permit Renewing Open Air Vendor License, Agassiz Preschool, 184 Summer St.

80. License/Permit Renewing Open Air Vendor License, Next Wave/Full Circle School, Foss Park area.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT