

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

September 14, 2017, 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 # 16922)
  
2. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, July  
    (ID # 16923)      13, 2017.

**CITATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

3. Order              By Ald. McWatters  
    (ID # 16885)      That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the  
                         sidewalk panels and trim the tree at 17 Boston Street.
  
4. Order              By Ald. McWatters  
    (ID # 16886)      That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the  
                         sidewalk panels at 17 Crocker Street.
  
5. Order              By Ald. McWatters  
    (ID # 16887)      That the Chief of Police conduct traffic enforcement at  
                         various times on Porter Street, Vinal Avenue and  
                         Atherton Street (between Harvard and Beech Streets).
  
6. Order              By Ald. Niedergang, Rossetti, Davis  
    (ID # 16888)      That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report  
                         to this Board by September 28, 2017, the owners and  
                         addresses of all properties where Stop Work Orders were  
                         issued over the past two years, along with the names of  
                         the permit applicants.
  
7. Order              By Ald. Niedergang  
    (ID # 16889)      That the Director of Traffic and Parking re-evaluate the  
                         rush hour traffic light timing at Magoun Square, and  
                         whether the Medford Street green light is too short,  
                         backing up traffic on Medford Street through the Square.

8. Order (ID # 16890) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Commissioner of Public Works post NO DUMPING signs on the north edge of the CHA's Central Street parking lot to deter illegal dumping on the slope leading to the railroad tracks.
9. Order (ID # 16891) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Board whether smoking tobacco and marijuana is restricted to beyond a 50 foot radius around parks, playgrounds and athletic fields, and, if it is not, work with the City Solicitor's Office to change the regulations to prohibit such smoking on public property within 50 feet of parks, playgrounds and athletic fields.
10. Order (ID # 16892) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on the use of raptors (hawks, owls, etc.) to control rats and whether they might work here, and on the use of poisons to control rats and whether they also kill raptors.
11. Order (ID # 16893) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of Personnel report to this Board on the racial and ethnic diversity of the Fire and Police Departments, broken down by rank.
12. Order (ID # 16894) By Ald. Niedergang, Rossetti, Davis  
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services, the Director of SPCD, and the City Solicitor meet with a committee of this Board to discuss how to prevent developers from repeatedly violating city ordinances and regulations.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

13. Order 203967 By Ald. Rossetti, Connolly, White Jr., Sullivan, Davis  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain by September 14, 2017 why residential parking permits are not issued with a renewal date of one year from the last day of the month in which it was purchased, as state inspection stickers are.
14. Ordinance 203978 By Ald. Niedergang, McLaughlin, Davis  
That this Board consider amending Zoning Ordinance 16.10.2, which allows Planned Unit Developments to apply for waivers from new zoning regulations, to specifically exclude waivers from inclusionary affordable housing requirements, and that the City Solicitor provide an opinion to this Board on the legality of this amendment by September 14, 2017.

- 15. License/Permit 204040 Public Event Permit, BFresh Meet and Greet, Chester St from Elm St to Herbert St, Sep 14, 3-9PM (raindate Sep 21).
- 16. Public Communication 204159 Property owner of 125 Lowell Somerville LLC submitting a proposed zoning map amendment for certain parcels on Lowell Street, Belmont Street, Summer Street, and Highland Avenue.
- 17. Resolution 204162 By Ald. Rossetti Requesting that this Board convene in Executive Session with the Administration to receive updates on all ongoing contract negotiations. (2nd request)

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

18. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16883) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting September 12, 2017.
- B. Mayor's Request 203887 Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,600,000 in a bond for the acquisition of 45 College Avenue.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. Mayor's Request 204009 Requesting approval to enter into net-metering agreements with both ECA Solar and SunWealth.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Mayor's Request 204010 Requesting approval to extend S & R Corporation's demolition services contract beyond 8/31/17.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. Mayor's Request 204012 Requesting acceptance of a \$100,618.00 grant that requires a match, from FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters program to the Fire Department for replacement of 117 SCBA breathing air cylinders.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- F. Mayor's Request 204018 Requesting acceptance of a \$12,540.45 grant that requires a match, from the Metro Mayors Shannon Initiative to the Police Department for youth violence prevention.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- G. Officer's Communication 204135 City Solicitor requesting approval to retain outside counsel for McGrath et al. v. Somerville.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved

19. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16882) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on September 6, 2017.

20. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16881) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on August 31, 2017.
  
- B. Order 202923 By Ald. Heuston That the City Solicitor draft a Home Rule Petition to eliminate the requirement that members of the Licensing Commission be members of any political parties. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
  
- C. Order 202924 By Ald. Heuston That the City Clerk, in consultation with the Administration, review qualifications for all boards and commissions as to whether political party membership is required, and report back to this Board. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
  
- D. Officer's Communication 203303 Asst. City Solicitor responding to #202923 with a draft Home Rule Petition to eliminate the political party requirement for members of the Licensing Commission. RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended
  
- E. Order 203869 By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD report to this Board no later than August 1, 2017, with an update on an ordinance to establish the Somerville Municipal Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund and a Jobs Linkage Fee for new commercial development. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

21. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16884) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting September 13, 2017.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 22. Mayor's Request (ID # 16672) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$3,024 using available funds in the Personnel Department Professional and Technical Services Account for Cambridge Health Alliance pre-employment screening.

- 23. Mayor's Request (ID # 16878) Requesting acceptance of a \$347,765 grant with no new match required, from MA DoT to the SPCD Transportation and Infrastructure Division for Complete Streets Construction funding.
- 24. Mayor's Request (ID # 16880) Requesting the transfer of \$34,685 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to the Police Department - Crossing Guards Account, to fund the collective bargaining agreement with the SEIU/Local 888 Crossing Guard Unit.
- 25. Mayor's Request (ID # 16879) Requesting acceptance of a \$1,500 grant with no new match required, from CHNA 17 to the Health and Human Services Department for Trauma Response Network training.
- 26. Mayor's Request (ID # 16875) Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for DesignLab Architects for the West Branch Library renovation.
- 27. Mayor's Request (ID # 16876) Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for Design Technique Inc. for the West Branch Library renovation.
- 28. Mayor's Communication (ID # 16895) Conveying the GLX Memorandum of Agreement and the Drainage Facilities Interconnection Agreement.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 29. Officer's Communication (ID # 16877) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #202923 with a revised Home Rule Petition to eliminate the political party requirement for Election Commissioners and Licensing Commissioners.
- 30. Officer's Communication (ID # 16921) Community Preservation Committee responding to #203735 re: prioritizing affordable housing funds for municipal workforce housing.
- 31. Officer's Communication (ID # 16652) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 7/13/17.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 32. License/Permit (ID # 16896) Public Event Permit, East Somerville Main Streets Movie Nights in the Park, Chuckie Harris Park, Aug 25 and Sep 15, 5-11PM (raindate Sep 16).

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- 33. License/Permit (ID # 16897) Public Event Permit, Revolutionary Clinics Job Fair, 67 Broadway, Sep 7 and 14, 10:30AM-4:30PM.
  - 34. License/Permit (ID # 16898) Public Event Permit, Kingston St Block Party, 35-48 Kingston St, Sep 9, 4-10PM (raindate Sep 16).
  - 35. License/Permit (ID # 16899) Public Event Permit, Glenwood Rd Block Party, from Medford to Vernon Sts, Sep 16, 11AM-8:30PM (raindate Sep 17).
  - 36. License/Permit (ID # 16900) Public Event Permit, Oxford St Block Party, from School St to Trull Lane, Sep 16, Noon-10PM (raindate Sep 17).
  - 37. License/Permit (ID # 16901) Public Event Permit, Josephine Ave Block Party, from Kidder to Morrison Aves, Sep 16, 2-9PM (raindate Oct 1).
  - 38. License/Permit (ID # 16902) Public Event Permit, Holyoke Rd Block Party, from 9 to 31 Holyoke Rd, Sep 16, 3-7PM (raindate Sep 23).
  - 39. License/Permit (ID # 16903) Public Event Permit, First Church Somerville Block Party, Francesca Ave adjacent to the church, Sep 17, Noon-6PM.
  - 40. License/Permit (ID # 16904) Public Event Permit, Thorndike St Block Party, all of ThorndikeSt, Sep 23, 2-8PM (raindate Sep 30).
  - 41. License/Permit (ID # 16905) Public Event Permit, Arts Council MUM at ArtFarm, 10 Poplar St ArtFarm, Sep 23, 5PM-2AM (raindate Sep 24).
  - 42. License/Permit (ID # 16906) Public Event Permit, Democratic City Committee Picnic, Powderhouse Park, Sep 24, 11AM-4PM.
  - 43. License/Permit (ID # 16907) Public Event Permit, Highland Rd Block Party, from Morrison to Kidder Aves, Sep 24, 2-8:30PM (raindate Oct 1).
  - 44. License/Permit (ID # 16908) Public Event Permit, Hudson St Block Party, from Waldo to Central Sts, Sep 29, 2-7:30PM (raindate Oct 1).
  - 45. License/Permit (ID # 16909) Public Event Permit, Redbones Oktoberfest, Chester St from Elm to Herbert Sts, Oct 1, 7AM-7PM (raindate Oct 15).
  - 46. License/Permit (ID # 16910) Public Event Permit, Dreamland Silent Disco, Statue Park, Oct 5,19, Nov 2,16,30, Dec 14, 7-11:45PM.

- 47. License/Permit (ID # 16911) Public Event Permit, HONK! Festival, Oct 6, 2-9:30PM: Hodgkin's Park and area sidewalks; Oct 7, 10AM-10PM: Davis Sq area; Oct 8, 10AM-2PM: Davis Sq area, Elm St to Beech St, Beech St.
- 48. License/Permit (ID # 16912) Public Event Permit, HONK! Festival Musicians Only Dinner Party, 10 Poplar St ArtFarm, Oct 7 and 8, 4PM-2AM.
- 49. License/Permit (ID # 16913) Public Event Permit, Taza Chocolate Day of the Dead Block Party, Windsor Pl, Oct 28, 9AM-6PM (raindate Oct 29).
- 50. License/Permit (ID # 16914) Public Event Permit, Lexington Ave Halloween Block Party, all of Lexington Ave, Oct 31, 5-10PM.
- 51. License/Permit (ID # 16915) Public Event Permit, Boston International Kids Film Festival, Statue Park, Nov 4, 11:30AM-4:30PM.
- 52. License/Permit (ID # 16916) Public Event Permit, Team Chase 5K Road Race, East Somerville area, Nov 5, 8AM-3PM.
- 53. License/Permit (ID # 16917) Renewing Drainlayer's License, D'Allessandro Corp.
- 54. License/Permit (ID # 16918) Renewing Garage License, Junior Auto Body, 486R Columbia St.
- 55. License/Permit (ID # 16919) Renewing Garage License, Franny's Autobody, 109 Prospect St.
- 56. License/Permit (ID # 16920) Sign/Awning Permit, Chang Express Travel, 192 Broadway, 1 sign.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

- 57. Citation (ID # 16948) By Ald. Connolly, the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Barry Crimmins, recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2017 Boston Comedy Festival.
- 58. Citation (ID # 16949) By Ald. Connolly, the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Robert Kelly, recipient of Comedian of the Year Award at the 2017 Boston Comedy Festival.

59. Order (ID # 16924) By Ald. Davis  
That Director of Traffic and Parking install 20 MPH Safety Zone signage, including a "speed alert" sign and other traffic calming measures on College Avenue between Powderhouse and Davis Squares.
60. Order (ID # 16925) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint the crosswalk on Dane Street.
61. Order (ID # 16926) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the electric light box from the tree stump at 360 Somerville Avenue and then level the stump.
62. Resolution (ID # 16927) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Administration submit a funding proposal for a Priority Streets contract to address sidewalk panels that need replacement.
63. Order (ID # 16928) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean all of the catch basins on Somerville Avenue.
64. Order (ID # 16929) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the Linden and Merriam Street neighborhoods for rodent problems and report back to this Board on findings and actions taken.
65. Order (ID # 16930) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the broken street light at Joy and Washington Streets.
66. Order (ID # 16931) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the broken tree limb at the intersection of Dimick Street and Concord Avenue.
67. Order (ID # 16932) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works request that the MBTA clean the debris from the commuter rail tracks, from Porter to Union Squares.
68. Resolution (ID # 16933) By Ald. White Jr.  
Supporting the passage of the Dream Act of 2017.



- 69. Order (ID # 16934) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the parking lot at Chester Avenue and Cross Street for rodent activity and issue fines if appropriate.
  
- 70. Order (ID # 16935) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the city arborist address the dying trees in front of the General Insulation Building on Cross Street East.
  
- 71. Order (ID # 16936) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the speed signs on Florence Street with 20 MPH signs.
  
- 72. Mayor's Request (ID # 16946) Requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance extending the time period in which the Medical Marijuana Overlay District remains in effect.
  
- 73. Mayor's Request (ID # 16951) Requesting the appointment of Lena Webb to the Traffic Commission.
  
- 74. Officer's Communication (ID # 16950) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203876, requesting an opinion on #203709, which recommended the use of Area Standard Contractors.
  
- 75. Officer's Communication (ID # 16944) Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #203708, a Zoning Amendment to re-zone Emerson Street and a portion of Everett Street to Residence B.
  
- 76. Officer's Communication (ID # 16945) Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #203948, a Zoning Amendment to re-zone parcels in the Porter Street area to Residence A.
  
- 77. License/Permit (ID # 16938) Public Event Permit, Somerville Overcoming Addiction Vigil, East Somerville Community School Pearl Street playground, Oct 7, 5-8:30PM (raindate Oct 14).
  
- 78. Public Communication (ID # 16937) US Senator Markey responding to #203701 re: moving federal spending from the military to infrastructure, social, and environmental needs.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**