

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

June 13, 2013, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, May 7, 2013, and the Regular Meeting, May 9, 2013.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Sullivan, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
 Commending Fr. Brian McHugh as he celebrates the
 25th anniversary of his ordainment to the Priesthood.
4. Citation By Ald. White Jr., and the Entire Board and the Mayor
 Commending Eugene Brune for his dedicated service as
 he begins his 2nd term as President of the Somerville
 Lions Club.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Location Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric, to install
 7 feet of conduit in Adams St. From a pole to 19 Adams
 St.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. Order By Ald. Taylor
 That the Director of SPCD and the Historic
 Preservation Commission confer a historic designation
 upon the property at 197 Washington Street.
7. Resolution By Ald. O'Keefe, Bastardi
 That the Administration update this Board on the status
 of #194667, regarding the placement of an empty chair
 in City Hall to remind the public of the sacrifices made
 by our service men and women and their families, and
 that the Administration schedule an unveiling ceremony
 to commemorate its inclusion in City Hall.
8. Order By Ald. O'Keefe
 That the Director of Veterans Services locate and/or
 replace Somerville's Gold Star Flag.

9. Order By Ald. O'Keefe
That the Director of Traffic and Parking continue to place time limits on all loading zones throughout the City.
10. Order By Ald. O'Keefe
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect and repair, as necessary, the sidewalk at 42 Clyde Street.
11. Order By Ald. O'Keefe
That the Commissioner of Public Works place Woodbine Street on the repaving list.
12. Order By Ald. O'Keefe
That the Chief of Police enforce the speed limit on Linden Avenue and report observations and citation issuance to the Ward 5 Alderman.
13. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the following streets: Richdale Avenue at Sycamore Street, Lee Street, Thurston Street, School Street, Pearl Street at Marshall Street and Dartmouth Street at Broadway.
14. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the overgrowth and remove litter from both sides of the stairs going from the Healey School to the Mystic Housing Development.
15. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree over the sidewalk at the corner of Sycamore and Evergreen Streets.
16. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) appear before this Board to discuss the so-called Italian/Portuguese kitchens that are commonplace throughout the city.
17. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking report back on the feasibility of a crosswalk at the end of Wheatland Street and Mystic Avenue, to reach the bus stop on the east side of Mystic Avenue.

18. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact DCR to cut the overgrowth on the Ten Hills Side of Rt. 28.
19. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of SPCD (ISD), the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer appear before this Board to discuss the process of fining absentee landlords and/or their unruly tenants as it relates to repeat offenders.
20. Order By Ald. Bastardi
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) present this Board with a comprehensive plan for rodent control that is inclusive of all facets of preventive measures including commercial and residential enforcement of ordinances, manpower, geographic emphasis, and other resources.
21. Resolution By Ald. Bastardi
That the Mayor work with the Ward 1 Alderman on a local jobs agreement with Cavalia, focusing on Ward 1 residents who will bear the brunt of this event with vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
22. Order By Ald. Bastardi
That the Commissioner of Public Works curb the growth of the Japanese knotweed at the city-owned property at 46 Pearl Street.
23. Order By Ald. Bastardi
That the Commissioner of Public Works (arborist) check all trees on Auburn Avenue for infestation.
24. Order By Ald. Bastardi
That the Director of Traffic and Parking remove the two parking meters on Illinois Avenue, beside the Rent-A-Center, and replace them with RESIDENT PERMIT ONLY signs.
25. Order By Ald. Bastardi
That the Director of Traffic and Parking instruct Parking Control Officers to patrol the section of Illinois Avenue and Broadway, near Rent-A-Center, frequently and to issue appropriate citations.
26. Order By Ald. Bastardi
That the NIT team be dispatched to Rent-A-Center at 105 Broadway to investigate ongoing problems with disposal and/or storage of items in back of the building.

27. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the City's Disability Coordinator appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to update the Committee on pending claims on accessibility issues and the status of plans to improve access to City buildings and sidewalks.
28. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of Traffic and Parking respond to #194333, approved on February 14, 2013, requesting that the Traffic Commission study signals and signage around the City's school buildings to insure that there are appropriate signals and signs to protect students from speeding vehicles.
29. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the uplifted sidewalk panels on both sides of the street at 16 Cutter Avenue.
30. Order By Ald. Connolly
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the inoperable street lamps on College Avenue and Winter Street and also on Highland Avenue, near the intersection of College Avenue.
31. Order By Ald. Connolly
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the fragmenting road surface at the manhole cover on Winslow Avenue, just beyond Grove Street, approaching College Avenue.
32. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the tree that was removed from the front of 22 Leonard Street, and advise the sponsors of this item of the availability of Sugar Maple trees, Flowering Pear trees, other flowering trees.
33. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board all of the trees taken down this calendar year that have fallen under the category of imminent risk to public safety, as well as a list of all the hearings that have occurred in advance of public shade tree removal.

34. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
- That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide this Board with an analysis of the Cabot Farms building on Broadway, at the Powderhouse Rotary, and a list of strategies the city can employ to urge improvement of the property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

35. Citation By Ald. Bastardi, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
- Commending the Full Circle High School and Next Wave Junior High School on the auspicious occasion of their 40th anniversary of outstanding service to Somerville's youth.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

36. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 28, 2013.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to establish a Job Creation and Retention Trust.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to establish a Project Mitigation Contribution (linkage) program for a Job Creation and Retention Trust.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting the renaming of Assembly Square Drive as Grand Union Boulevard, and New Street as Revolution Drive.

37. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licensing and Permits, meeting on May 29, 2013.
- B. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Gobble Gobble Gobble Road Race, Davis Square and area streets, Nov 28, 8-Noon.
- C. Public Communication Courtney O'Keefe submitting comments re: #194444, SomerStreets street closures.
- D. Order By Ald. Heuston
- That the City Clerk notify Laurence Cramer to appear before this Board at its next meeting to explain why his ice cream truck was decorated with RCN signage without having a permit.

38. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on May 29, 2013.
- B. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the ADA Compliance Officer conduct an assessment of ADA accessibility at the corner of Somerville Avenue and Kent Street and provide the findings to the Ward 2 Alderman.
- C. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, Gewirtz
That this Board's Committee on Senior Services and the city's Communications Dept. caution residents, especially senior citizens, to beware of ads sent to them by private vendors about water line insurance, and that the Law Dept. determine the legitimacy of these offers.
- D. Order By Ald. Trane
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the City Engineer meet with the Ward 7 Alderman and concerned citizens to discuss the conditions of the bike path in Ward 7 and outline plans to make repairs to the retaining wall and prevent flooding.
- E. Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the hot-top patch at 6 Mossland Street.
- F. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the tree at 33 Adrian Street after consulting with the Ward 2 Alderman on the location.
- G. Order By Ald. Bastardi
That the Commissioner of Public Works direct NStar to replace the utility pole at the corner of Kent Street and Somerville Avenue.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

39. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance to add section 7.15 titled Medical Marijuana Treatment Facilities.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$750,876 for the cost of replacing DPW equipment and authorization to borrow \$750,876 in a bond to meet the appropriation.

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- 41. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$900,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to fund needed capital projects in FY2014.
 - 42. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("free cash") to establish the Trash Transfer Station Stabilization Fund.
 - 43. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$300,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Insurance Losses to the Hurricane Sandy-Capital Projects Account.
 - 44. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund.
 - 45. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$17,478 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("free cash") to the Dilboy Enterprise Fund Personal Services Account to eliminate a year-end deficit.
 - 46. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$10,667 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Insurance Losses to the Hurricane Sandy Damage-School Department Fund.
 - 47. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$7,522 in Retained Earnings in the Dilboy Enterprise Fund to the Dilboy Enterprise Fund Personal Services Account to fund a year-end deficit.
 - 48. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$19,000 from the Veterans Memorial Ice Rink's Electricity Account to its Salaries Account to avoid a deficit.
 - 49. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a gift of \$7,500 from Honeywell International, Inc., for the Urban Agricultural Revolving Account to support urban agricultural programming.
 - 50. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a gift of \$500 from Viewfinder Productions LLC, for the Sunsetters Conolidated Gift Account to support Sunsetter programming.
 - 51. Mayor's Request Requesting the extension of Contract #110105 with the Trustees of Tufts College for an Evaluation of Cardiovascular Health Benefits of In-Home Air Filtration study through December 31, 2013.
 - 52. Mayor's Request Requesting an extension of Contract #110183 with the Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership for an Evaluation of Cardiovascular Health Benefits of In-Home Air Filtration study through December 31, 2013.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

53. Officer's Request Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

54. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Thorndike St. Block Party, Jun 9, 3-9PM.
55. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Arts Council "PuppetPolooza" puppet show, E. Somerville Library Courtyard, Jun 11, 6:30PM (raindate Jun 12), and Glen Park, Jun 25, 6:30PM (raindate Jun 26).
56. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Boston Sikh Sangat Society Free Drink Distribution, Union Sq., Jun 15, 8AM-8PM (raindate Jun 22).
57. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Greene St. Block Party, Jun 15, Noon-7PM.
58. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Glenwood Rd. Block Party, Jun 29, 11-8PM (raindate Jun 30).
59. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Wallace St. Block Party, Jun 29, 2-9PM (raindate Jun 30).
60. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Highland Rd. SomerPlay Zone, Highland Road between Boston and Kidder Aves., Jun 30, Jul 28, Sep 1, 2:30-6:30PM.
61. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Josephine Ave. SomerPlay Zone, Josephine Avenue between Broadway and Morrison Ave., Sundays, Jun 30-Sep 1, 1-5PM.
62. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Prospect Hill SomerPlay, Prospect Hill Parkway and Munroe Street from Bigelow Street to Prospect Hill Avenue, Sundays, Jul 7-Aug 25, 4-7PM.
63. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Great Urban Camp Out, Lincoln Park, Jul 12-13, 2PM-Noon (raindate Jul 13-14).
64. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Lexington Park SomerPlay Day, Lexington Park and adjacent Community Path, Jul 21, 10-6PM.
65. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Madison St. Block Party, Jul 27, 11-8PM (raindate Jul 28).
66. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Fremont Ave. Block Party, Fremont Ave. Dead End, Sep 1, 2-8PM (raindate Sep 2).

- 67. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, KB Aruda Construction.
- 68. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Shield, 620 Broadway.
- 69. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor Pl.
- 70. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Fred Susan Auto Body, 269 Somerville Ave.
- 71. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Boston Hairstylist, 106 Bristol Rd., 1 blade sign.
- 72. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Moroccan Hospitality, 585 Somerville Ave., 1 awning.
- 73. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Julie's Nails, 241 Elm St., 1 sign.
- 74. License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, Aguacate Verde, 13 Elm St., 2 tables, 4 seats.
- 75. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Wilvens Cab, Med #18.
- 76. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Mt. Pleasant Taxi, Med #39.
- 77. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, SLS Transportation, Med #75.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 78. Order By Ald. Sullivan
That the City Solicitor draft language to amend Article XV of Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinances to grandfather vendors who operated as food truck vendors and held hawker and peddler licenses prior to the effective date of that Article.
- 79. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the Union Square sign and relocate it to a more central location within the square.
- 80. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace 2 trees on Adrian Street.

81. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works determine the health of the tree at 28 Park Street and replace it with a new tree if necessary.
82. Officer's Communication Requesting approval of an Order of Taking of a parcel of land identified as Parcel 061-D-004 on the Assessors Map.
83. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of John Norton to the Position of Deputy Fire Chief.
84. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of John Keane to the position of District Fire Chief.
85. Public Communication Lynn Laur submitting comments re: #194513, a proposed Zoning Amendment amending the linkage fees.
86. Public Communication Union Square Main Streets submitting comments re: #194483, a proposed Zoning Amendment for Prospect Hill.
87. Public Communication Tim Talun submitting comments re: #194483, a proposed Zoning Amendment for Prospect Hill.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk