

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

May 8, 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, April 10, 2014.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. McWatters, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
 Commending Holiday Cleaners, which is closing after 50 years of
 expert dry cleaning services.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location Submitted by Lightower Fiber Networks, for a new manhole and
 100 feet of conduit from the manhole to an existing pole, on
 Washington Street near New Washington Street.

5. Grant of Location Submitted by RCN, for 30 feet of conduit from a manhole to a
 pole on Inner Belt Road near Third Avenue.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
 That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police
 increase enforcement of parking regulations at the bus stop in
 front of 240 Pearl Street.

7. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
 That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken street
 sign at the corner of Tufts and Cross Streets.

8. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk and street signs at the corner of Broadway and Melvin Street.
9. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Administration provide this Board with an update on accessibility and improvements to the West Branch Library.
10. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD publicize the schedule for Kenney Park improvements on the website and cable wheel.
11. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD publicize the Davis Square Streetscapes construction timeline.
12. Order By Ald. Lafuente
That the Commissioner of Public Works appear before this Board to present all purchase orders, payments and inventory for the \$26,000 appropriation approved during FY14 budget hearings.
13. Order By Ald. Lafuente
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) appear before this Board to provide an update on complaints, fines and resolutions associated with 100 The Fellsway.
14. Order By Ald. Lafuente
That the Director of the SPCD (ISD) and the City Solicitor appear before this Board to discuss the city's schedule of fines and how and/or why they have or have not been used fully.
15. Communication By Ald. Rossetti
Conveying information relative to an upcoming meeting of the Local Government Advisory Commission.
16. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the owner of 71 Cross Street to remove litter from the property.

17. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works install temporary bus stop signs along lower Broadway during the reconstruction there.
18. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking request that the operator of the school bus traveling on Brook Street use an alternate route.
19. Order By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole on Cherry Street near Summer Street.
20. Order By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the 3 street lights that are out in Junction Park.
21. Order By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the streetlight that is out on Woodbine Street.
22. Ordinance By Ald. Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne
Amending the Zoning Code to protect and promote affordable housing.
23. Resolution By Ald. Niedergang
That the Administration update the Ward 5 Alderman and this Board on the plan to use the \$220,000 in traffic mitigation funds paid by Maxwell's Green in 2011 for traffic calming on Lowell Street around the bridge, especially since the extension of the Community Path will be completed in September, generating pedestrian and bicycle activity on the bridge.
24. Order By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place signs at Porter and Elm Streets, and at Porter and Summer Streets, prohibiting thru traffic on lower Porter Street 6-9 AM and 4-7 PM.
25. Order By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install temporary speed bumps on lower Porter Street, between Summer and Elm Streets, to reduce traffic speed.

26. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commission of Public Works remove the graffiti tags on the Buena Vista parking lot wall near the entrance to the loading dock off Holland Street.
27. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commission of Public Works repair the sunken catch basin opposite 167 College Avenue.
28. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commission of Public Works repair the depression in the roadway on Morrison Avenue near its intersection with Grove Street.
29. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Chief of Police review patrols of the Davis Square area, especially around the community path from the T-stop to the Cambridge line, and consider adding an additional foot patrol officer daily from 4 PM to midnight.
30. Order By Ald. Connolly, Lafuente, McLaughlin
That the Commission of Public Works repair the potholes and depressions along Broadway from Winter Hill to Boston.
31. Order By Ald. Connolly, Niedergang
That the Commission of Public Works repair the damaged roadway on Cedar Street between Highland Avenue and Summer Street.
32. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commission of Public Works and/or the Director of SPCD report to the Ward 6 Alderman and the At-Large Aldermen on the status of the sidewalk repairs in Davis Square.
33. Order By Ald. Connolly, McWatters
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) order the immediate removal of the non-compliant exterior light on the new building at 128 Highland Avenue.

34. Resolution By Ald. McWatters, Niedergang
That the Administration repave Porter Street, from Elm Street to Highland Avenue.
35. Order By Ald. McWatters
That the Commission of Public Works explain to the Ward 3 Alderman why the double pole at 42 Columbus Avenue has yet to be removed and include a date certain when it will be.
36. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Lafuente, McLaughlin, White Jr., Rossetti, Connolly
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the banks of the Mystic River along Assembly Row and ensure that a regular cleaning schedule is put in place.
37. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Lafuente, McLaughlin, White Jr., Rossetti, Connolly
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the leaking exterior water faucet at the Blessing of the Bay boathouse.
38. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Conwell Street, between North Street and Hillsdale Road.
39. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Broadway, at Mason Street.
40. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works advise the Ward 7 Alderman regarding when curb cuts will be made on Malvern Avenue near Cameron Avenue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

41. Citation By Ald. The Entire Board
Commending outgoing Alderman Thomas F. Taylor for his outstanding service to the people of Ward Three and the entire City as Alderman, from 1986 to 2013, making him the longest-serving Ward Alderman in the City's history.

42. Citation By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz, and the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Colonel Mark Cremin, former Ward Six Alderman, who is retiring from the US Army after 30 years of dedicated service as a Judge Advocate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

43. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 7, 2014.
- B. 196471 Requesting the acceptance of a \$13,000 grant from the Metro Mayor's Request Mayors Community Safety Initiative, for the Police Department's Shannon Grant for youth violence prevention.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. 196732 Requesting approval to retain the services of Stephen Leonard as Mayor's Request outside counsel for arbitration proceedings with Wynn Resorts.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- D. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the City Solicitor advise whether this Board has the authority to pass an ordinance that requires the approval of this Board for any agreement for payment in lieu of taxes.

44. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on April 28, 2014.

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- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on April 28, 2014.

46. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on April 29, 2014.

- B. 193587 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Complete Streets Ordinance to insure equal access for all users of the public ways.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. 194075 Order By Ald. Roche
That the City Solicitor review the proposed ordinance, referred to as Chapter 12, Article VII, Complete Streets Ordinance, to limit city liability.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. 194076 Order By Ald. Roche
That the City Solicitor review the proposed ordinance, referred to as Chapter 12, Article VII, Complete Streets Ordinance, to determine what happens in Section (6) when state guidelines change; and to determine if the cost in Section (7) is proportional to the project and how the difference would impact the city.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

47. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on May 7, 2014.
- B. 195791 Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works request information from NSTAR on power outages over the last 2 years in the area of Hunting and South Streets and provide that information to the Ward 2 Alderman.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. 195834 Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NStar about power outages in the Hunting Street area over the last year and report back to this Board.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. 195844 Order By Ald. O'Keefe
That the Commissioner of Public Works send a communication to NSTAR requesting an updated list of double poles in the city.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. 196004 Order By Ald. O'Keefe
That the Clerk of Committees request the Commissioner of Public Works to provide to the Committee on Public Utilities and Works ASAP a response to #195844, seeking an updated list of double poles from NStar.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- F. 196211 Order By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD (ISD) investigate the reason for water being pumped out of the basement at 26 Woodbine Street and take steps to stop the leakage and report the results to the Ward 5 Alderman. (2nd request-see #196152)
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. 196348 Officer's Communication DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 2/27/14.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- H. 196428 Officer's Communication DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 3/13/14.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- I. 196613 Officer's Communication DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted March 27, 2014.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- J. 196806 Officer's Communication DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 4/10/14.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

48. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Youth Services, meeting on April 30, 2014.
- B. 196224 Resolution By Ald. Rossetti That the Director of Teen Empowerment update this Board on its annual accomplishments and goals in place.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. 196726 Order By Ald. Ballantyne, and the Entire Board That the Superintendent of Recreation and the Youth Programming Coordinator research a plan for open gym and unstructured play in schools in the west, central and east parts of the city.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- D. 196727 By Ald. Ballantyne, McLaughlin
Order That the Superintendent of Recreation and the Youth
Programming Coordinator share their marketing and outreach
plans to promote programs.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

49. Officer's School Superintendent conveying that the Public Schools are in
Communication compliance with the ban on expanded polystyrene food
containers.
50. Officer's Licensing Commission responding to #196781 re: regulating
Communication when certain liquor establishments can leave their doors open.

NEW BUSINESS

51. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Arts Council SomDance Series, locations
citywide, May 17-Jun 27, various times.
52. License/Permit Public Event Permit, East Somerville Main Streets Bad Movie
Night, Chuckie Harris Park, Aug 9, 6-11:15PM (raindate Aug 16).
53. Withdrawn Withdrawn.
54. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, K.B. Aruda Construction.
55. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Marchi Paving.
56. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, E.B. Rotondi and Sons.
57. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, F.E. French Construction.
58. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Brooksdale Construction.

- 59. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, C.M. Conway Construction.
- 60. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Pearl Street Auto, 182 Pearl St.
- 61. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Pearl Street Auto, 182 Pearl St.
- 62. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Metro Auto Repair, 47 Webster Ave.
- 63. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Mike's Automotive Services, 298 Somerville Ave.
- 64. License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Wang's Fast Food, 509 Broadway.
- 65. License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Red House Restaurant, 24 Union Sq.
- 66. License/Permit Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Sunshine Lucy's, 93 Holland St.
- 67. License/Permit Transferring Taxi Medallion License, Medallion #60 from Ike Inc to God's Blessing Cab Inc.
- 68. License/Permit Transferring Taxi Medallion License, Medallion #61 from Ike Inc to My Cab Inc.
- 69. License/Permit Transferring Taxi Medallion License, Medallion #78 from Ike Inc to Jeko Cab Inc.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 70. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that there are enough trash receptacles along the Assembly Square waterway, adding additional barrels where needed.

71. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the numerous potholes on Franklin Street, between Broadway and Pearl Street.
72. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact MA Highway to clean up the trash underneath I-93, on the way to Assembly Square.
73. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the flickering street light in front of 46 Franklin Street.
74. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$1,212,158 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the FY2014 Snow Removal deficit.
75. Mayor's Request Requesting Transfers Totaling \$300,000 from the DPW Sanitation Division to the Snow Removal Account to help mitigate the FY 2014 Snow Removal deficit.
76. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$22,125.85 from the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, for the Police Department's target hardening project.
77. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Alexander Lorenti to the position of Police Officer.
78. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Shaun Clark to the position of Police Officer.
79. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Edward Barnard as a Special Police Officer.
80. Officer's Request SPCD Director of Transportation requesting the adoption of an updated "Complete Streets Ordinance," inclusive of amendments made at the April 29, 2014, Legislative Matters Committee.

- 81. Officer's Request City Clerk submitting two proposed Rules for this Board's consideration, for the maintenance of Board and Committee minutes with respect to the Open Meeting Law.

- 82. Officer's Communication DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted April 24, 2014.

- 83. License/Permit New Extended Operating Hours License, Papa John's Pizza, 622 Somerville Ave., opening Sun-Thu to 2 AM, Fri-Sat to 3 AM.

- 84. License/Permit New Junk Dealer License, Kay Jewelers, 360 Artisan Way, buying and selling jewelry.

- 85. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Jim's Heavy Duty Service, 42 Joy St.

- 86. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Pat's Towing, 160 McGrath Hwy.

- 87. License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Tufts Mayer Campus Center, 44 Professors Row.

- 88. License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Tufts Tisch Library Cafe, 35 Professors Row.

- 89. License/Permit Renewing Fortune Teller License, Spiritual New Age Boutique, 153 Washington Street.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT