

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

June 14, 2012, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.
  
2. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 10, 2012.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation            By Ald. Sullivan, and the Entire Board and the Mayor  
                          Commending Guisippina Mingace, on the happy occasion of her 65th birthday.
  
4. Citation            By Ald. Roche, and the Entire Board and the Mayor  
                          Commending Nicholas Stiles, Ward One Community Police Officer, on the happy occasion of his 60th birthday.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5. Grant of Location    Grant of Location submitted by Environmental Compliance Services to install one groundwater monitoring well in Elm St., near 701-709 Somerville Ave.
  
6. Grant of Location    Grant of Location submitted by AT&T to install 250 feet of two 4" conduits from a manhole on Broadway at Barton St., to a utility pole on Barton St.

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

7. Resolution            By Ald. Heuston, O'Donovan  
                          That this Board requests that the Administration, through the Ward Two Alderman, dedicate a bench in Ward Two to Jerry Redmond and James Stace.
  
8. Order                By Ald. Heuston  
                          That the Director of SPCD (ISD) determine the sources of a greatly increased rodent infestation in the Lincoln Park area, and report to this Board the findings and actions taken.

9. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Chief of Police address issues related to homeless individuals living on the MBTA right of way above 1 Fitchburg Street, and contact the MBTA police for assistance in regularly patrolling the area.
10. Order By Ald. O'Donovan  
That the Neighborhood Impact Team inspect the several illegal apartments on Partridge Avenue, Direnzo Terrace and at 20 Trull Street.
11. Order By Ald. O'Donovan  
That the Chief of Police and the Animal Control Officers enforce the city's leash law at Somerville Junction Park.
12. Order By Ald. O'Donovan  
That the Chief of Police enforce the DO NOT BLOCK signal at Hinckley Street and Broadway.
13. Order By Ald. O'Donovan  
That the Chief of Police enforce the NO LEFT TURN restriction from the Magoun Square municipal parking lot onto Medford Street.
14. Order By Ald. O'Donovan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken sidewalk panels at 7 and 7A Trull Street.
15. Order By Ald. O'Donovan  
That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with information on the tree planting schedule and locations.
16. Order By Ald. O'Donovan  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 24-26 Morrison Avenue for unhealthy and unsafe conditions and report the findings to this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety.
17. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan  
That this Board requests that the Dedication Committee honor Vincent Catalogna, Joseph Gagliarde and Joseph DiMartino, all veterans of WWII and outstanding individuals.
18. Order By Ald. O'Donovan  
That the Director of SPCD explain why a tree was removed at 13-15 Morrison Ave., without notice to the neighbors, and what, if any, planting is planned there.

19. Resolution By Ald. Roche  
That the Mayor and Commissioner of Public Works include Cross Street on the 2012-2013 list of streets to be resurfaced and upgraded with decorative street lights and sidewalk enhancements.
20. Order By Ald. Connolly, Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the weed overgrowth encroaching on the Dane Street bridge sidewalk.
21. Order By Ald. Connolly, Roche  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the depressions in the roadway on Pearl Street near its intersection with Franklin Street.
22. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees in the Davis Square plaza and on College Avenue, from Highland to Morrison Avenues.
23. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz  
That this Board requests that the MBTA trim the tree overgrowth over the property line fence on the busway from Grove Street to College Avenue.
24. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 24 Bay State Avenue for illegal storage of commercial vehicles.
25. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 29 Lowden Avenue for illegal storage of commercial products.
26. Order By Ald. Taylor  
That the Chief of Police use Prospect Hill Monument, (with frequent walk-arounds), as a home base for the Ward 3 patrol car during the summer months.
27. Order By Ald. Taylor  
That the Commissioner of Public Works work with the Somerville Hospital to plant more trees in the Crocker Street/Highland Avenue area.
28. Order By Ald. Taylor, Desmond  
That the Commissioner of Public Works place two decorative barrels in the viewing/picnic area of the Morse-Kelly Playground.

29. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate the intersection of Kenwood Street and College Avenue to determine if there are dangerous site line visibility issues when exiting Kenwood Street onto College Avenue.
30. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) report to this Board any updated policies and city actions in cases of abandoned cars in the driveways of homes that have not been moved for many months.
31. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board the status of the recently sold Rite-Aid building at Highland Avenue and Grove Street and whether any applicants have come forward seeking zoning or planning relief.
32. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz  
That this Board requests that the Administration inform this Board of the timeline for repairs to Orchard Street, Chester Street and Chester Place so residents may be prepared in advance.
33. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz  
That this Board commends the Mayor's Office and SPCD's Transportation and Infrastructure Division for advancing the Davis Square Streetscape project and requests that the Director of SPCD (Transportation and Infrastructure) post notice of Davis Square Streetscape improvements on all available city media and social media sites so those who would like to be involved might understand the process.
34. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board what substances are used on the grass to contain weeds at Hodgkins-Curtin Park.
35. Communication By Ald. Taylor  
In his capacity as a member of the School Committee, conveying a report of the School Committee's activities.
36. Communication By Ald. Taylor  
Acting as President, cancelling the Regular meetings of this Board that were scheduled for July 26, 2012, and August 9, 2012.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

37. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on June 13, 2012.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Thomas Bellini as permanent Firefighter.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Eric Saulnier as permanent Firefighter.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Francis Otting as permanent Firefighter.

38. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 30, 2012.
- B. Order By Ald. Trane, Heuston, Sullivan  
That the City Solicitor immediately draft a City Ordinance for the licensing of food trucks.
- C. Officer's Communication Assistant City Solicitor submitting a proposed BOA rule relative to the Open Meeting Law.
- D. Resolution By Ald. Connolly  
That this Board requests that the Administration submit a list of proposed pre-approved locations for vendor operations to this Board for approval.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 39. Mayor's Request Requesting that this Board convene in Executive Session pursuant to MGL c30A, s21(b)(6) to discuss civil action number 86-3222-WD involving Clear Channel Outdoor Inc. as successor-in-interest to Ackerly Communications.
- 40. Mayor's Request Requesting an easement from the Housing Authority to facilitate the construction of the North Street Veterans Park.
- 41. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an appropriation of \$580,000 for the FY2013 Veterans Memorial Ice Rink Enterprise Fund.

42. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a revised appropriation of \$39,511,429 for the cost of rehabilitation and renovation of the East Somerville Community School.
43. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$7,583,145 from the Receipts Reserved-Insurance Losses Account to the East Somerville Community School Renovation Project to fund the renovation and reconstruction of the school.
44. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$1,300,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund.
45. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund.
46. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$600,000 from the Developer Fund Receipts Reserved Account to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund.
47. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund.
48. Mayor's Request Requesting a Transfer of \$15,000 from the Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Electricity Account to the Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Salaries Account.
49. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$250 within the Information Technology Department, from the Maintenance Software Account to the Salaries and Wages Account.
50. Mayor's Request Requesting payment of a FY11 invoice of \$50.80 by the DPW for Murray Supply, for supplies purchased.
51. Mayor's Request Requesting that two trucks operated by the DPW be declared surplus and available for disposition.
52. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$21,200 grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Police Dept. to purchase bulletproof vests.
53. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Josh Safdie as Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
54. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Richard Rossetti to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
55. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the reappointment of Kevin Prior to the Planning Board.

56. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Kenneth Edwards as Constable.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

57. Officer's Communication Licensing Commission requesting the amendment of Ordinance 2-219(a) to require that Public Hearings be held not less than 10 days after the first publication of the required legal notice.
58. Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #193274 re: 238 Somerville Ave., and #193290 re: the intersection of Prospect Hill Avenue and Munroe St.

**NEW BUSINESS**

59. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Josephine Avenue Block Party, Between Kidder and Garrison Aves., Jun 23, 2-9PM (raindate Jun 24).
60. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Arts Union weekend arts events, Union Sq. Plaza/parking lot, Jun 24-Oct 14, various times; Underneath McCarthy Overpass, Sep 15 9PM-1AM.
61. License/Permit Public Event Permit, North Street Block Party, Between Broadway and Hamilton Rd., Jun 30, 10:30AM-6:30PM (raindate Jul 7).
62. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Bradley Manning Vigil, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Weds., Jul 4-25, 4-5PM.
63. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Connwell St./Mountain Ave. Block Party, Conwell St. Dead End, Jul 8, 4-10PM.
64. License/Permit Public Event Permit, SomMovie Fest Thursdays at sundown, Seven Hills Park, Jul 12-Aug 30 except Aug 2; Lincoln Park, Aug 2.
65. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Great Urban Camp Out, Lincoln Park, Jul 28-29, Noon-Noon (raindate Jul 27-28).
66. License/Permit Public Event Permit, First Congregational Church "Drag Gospel Festival" musical performance, Davis Sq., Oct 20, Noon-4PM.
67. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Caruso and McGovern Construction.
68. License/Permit Renewing Livery License, Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St.
69. License/Permit Renewing Hawker Peddler License, The Tear Drop Inc.

- 70. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, 120 Beacon St. LP, 120 Beacon St.
- 71. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Mass Bay Commuter Rail, 70R Third Ave.
- 72. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Teddy's Foreign Motors, 86 Joy St.
- 73. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Gene Automotive Repair, 56 Joy St.
- 74. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Tufts University, 26 Lower Campus Rd.
- 75. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Grove St. Realty Trust, 48 Grove St.
- 76. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, 120 Beacon St. LP, 120 Beacon St.
- 77. License/Permit New Garage License, J & C Auto Repair, 91 Prospect St., Mechanical repairs, 2 autos in, 8 out.
- 78. License/Permit New Garage License, Executive Auto Body, 30 Medford St., Mechanical repairs, auto body, spray painting, washing vehicles, storing vehicles, 13 autos in, 0 out.
- 79. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Zoe's Gourmet Chinese Cuisine, 298 Beacon St., Sign and awning.
- 80. License/Permit New Junk Dealer, The Connection, 1204 Broadway, Used furnishings.
- 81. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Elzira and Luc Inc., Med #6.
- 82. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Roly Cab, Med #17.
- 83. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, SLS Transportation, Med #75.
- 84. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Love Cab, Med #92.
- 85. Public Communication League of Urban Cannors submitting comments re: #192922, the Urban Agriculture Ordinance.
- 86. Public Communication Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership and Livable Streets submitting a letter re: the McGrath Highway's McCarthy Overpass.



**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

- 87. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$308,675 from the Assembly Square Construction Fund to the Debt Service Fund for FY2012 Debt Service for Parks Renovation.
- 88. Mayor's Request Requesting \$35,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund in support of the East Somerville Main Streets and the Union Square Main Streets programs.
- 89. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$30,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for a Nexxus Study on Inclusionary Housing Linkage and 20B Trust.
- 90. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for SPCD to pay prior year invoices totalling \$3,728.57 from FY12 funds, for MuniCode to maintain the Zoning Code.
- 91. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay a Constituent Services prior fiscal year invoice of \$303.99 using FY12 funds.
- 92. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to seek a PARC grant of \$400,000 for North Street Veterans Playground renovation costs.
- 93. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a grant of up to \$72,680.89 from the Boston Office of Emergency Preparedness for continuing the process of target hardening of the Public Safety Building and Fire Headquarters.
- 94. Officer's Communication Assistant City Solicitor responding to #192528 re: the Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance.
- 95. Officer's Communication Director of Commissions responding to #193203 re: the City's Boards and Commissions.
- 96. License/Permit Public Event Permit, ArtBeat, Davis Sq., Jul 20, 6-11PM, Jul 21, 8AM-7PM (raindates Jul 21-22).
- 97. Public Communication Dalel Company dba Dunkin Donuts responding to #192966 re: recycling at 282 Somerville Ave., 14 McGrath Hwy., and 90 Washington St.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk