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

# **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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# **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

| Attendee Name        | Title               | Status Arrived |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| John M Connolly      | Alderman At Large   | Present        |
| Bruce M. Desmond     | Alderman At Large   | Present        |
| Dennis M. Sullivan   | Alderman At Large   | Present        |
| William A. White Jr. | Alderman At Large   | Present        |
| Maureen Bastardi     | Ward One Alderman   | Present        |
| Maryann M. Heuston   | Ward Two Alderman   | Present        |
| Thomas F. Taylor     | Ward Three Alderman | Present        |
| Tony Lafuente        | Ward Four Alderman  | Present        |
| Courtney O'Keefe     | Ward Five Alderman  | Present        |
| Rebekah Gewirtz      | Ward Six Alderman   | Present        |
| Robert C. Trane      | Ward Seven Alderman | Present        |

1. #195223 Call of the Roll. Roll Call

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. #195224 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, June 4, 2013, and the Minutes Regular Meeting, June 13, 2013.

RESULT: APPROVED

## **CITATIONS**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. #195225 Grant of Location submitted by Norfolk Ram Group to install 2 monitoring Grant of Location wells in Beacon Street and 1 monitoring well in Park Street, all near 81 Park Street.

4. #195226

Grant of Location submitted by Lightower Fiber Network to install 11 feet Grant of Location of conduit in Holland St, from a Level 3 duct bank to 40 Holland St., to provide service to 40 Holland St.

# RESULT: APPROVED

5. #195227 Grant of Location

Grant of Location submitted by Lightower Fiber Network to install 139 feet of conduit in Crocker St, from a manhole to a pole, to provide service to 230 Highland Ave.

# RESULT: APPROVED

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Grant of Location submitted by Lightower Fiber Network to install 54 feet Grant of Location of conduit in Walnut St, from a manhole to a pole at Highland Ave., to provide service to both 81 and 230 Highland Ave.

## RESULT: APPROVED

7. #195229

Grant of Location submitted by Lightower Fiber Network to install 137 feet Grant of Location of conduit in School St, from a manhole to a point of pickup at 93 Highland Ave., to provide service to 81 Highland Ave.

## RESULT: APPROVED

# ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

8. #195230 Order

By Ald. Bastardi

That the Director of Traffic and Parking direct PCOs to patrol the fire lanes on Pinckney Street and Pinckney Place for violations.

# RESULT: APPROVED

9. #195231 Order

By Ald. Bastardi

That the Director of SPCD (ISD) address safety concerns at 24 Cross Street East, and ensure that all entrances are secure.

### RESULT: APPROVED

10. #195232 Order

By Ald. Bastardi

That the Director of SPCD (ISD) and the Director of Health inspect 39 Pinckney Street and all abutting proprieties for rat infestation and the death of two pets due to rat poison.

# RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP**: Public Health and Public Safety Committee 11. #195233 Order By Ald. Bastardi

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the uplifted sidewalk at 60 Pearl Street.

# RESULT: APPROVED

12. #195234 Order By Ald. Bastardi

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street light at 34 Franklin Street.

# RESULT: APPROVED

13. #195235 Ordinance By Ald. Taylor, White Jr., Sullivan

That the Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by changing all CCD 55 zoning districts in Ward 3 to CCD 45.

#### RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

Also referred to the Planning Board.

**FOLLOWUP**: Land Use Committee

14. #195236 Order

By Ald. Taylor

That the Chief of Police place a speed board on Central Street between Somerville Avenue and Summer Street near the Greek Orthodox Church.

### RESULT: APPROVED

15. #195237 Order By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of Public Health and the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the Shaw's at 275 Beacon Street and report back to this Board on its findings and actions taken.

# RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP**: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

16. #195238 Order By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the City Traffic Engineer meet with the Ward 2 Alderman concerning pedestrian and cyclist safety issues at the intersections of Oxford and Beacon Streets and Somerville Avenue and Beacon Street.

# **RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP**: Traffic and Parking Committee

17. #195239 Order By Ald. O'Keefe

That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the tree at 110 Bartlett Street and have it removed if deemed diseased or dead.

# RESULT: APPROVED

18. #195240 Resolution

By Ald. O'Keefe

That the Traffic Commission consider eliminating parking spots alongside Trum Field, on Cedar Street towards Franey Road, to allow residents to access their driveways.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP**: Traffic and Parking Committee

19. #195241 Order By Ald. O'Keefe

That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Traffic Engineer work with the Ward 5 Alderman to make exiting side streets onto Medford Street safer.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP**: Traffic and Parking Committee

20. #195242 Order By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Superintendent of Recreation provide this Board with more information on the flyers that went home with student report cards, advertising the new youth football league.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP**: Youth Services Committee

21. #195243 Order By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect Winter Street for an increase in rodent activity and overflowing trash, distribute literature about proper trash storage, and report back to this Board with findings.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP**: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

22. #195244 Order By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait Walker Street for rodents and distribute literature about the proper way to store trash and compost bins.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP**: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

23. #195245 Order By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Board with a complete list of new street trees planted in the city this year and how many were planted to replace trees that have been removed without a hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP**: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

24. #195246 Order

By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Director of Sustainability and Environment provide this Board with a plan for city-wide residential composting, to be discussed in the Committee on Legislative Matters.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP**: Legislative Matters Committee

25. #195247 Ordinance By Ald. Lafuente, Sullivan, White Jr.

That the Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by changing all CCD45 and CCD55 zoning districts in Ward 4 to RC zoning districts.

#### RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

Also referred to the Planning Board.

**FOLLOWUP**: Land Use Committee

26. #195248 Order By Ald. Lafuente

That the Director of SPCD appear before this Board to provide an update on the status of the Union Square renewal plan and any transactions that have taken place.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP**: Housing and Community Development Committee

27. #195249 Order By Ald. Lafuente

That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait Maple Street, Oakland Avenue, Marshall Street from Broadway to Pearl Street and Richdale Avenue from School Street to Sycamore Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP**: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

28. #195250 Order By Ald. Sullivan, Bastardi

That the Director of SPCD (ISD) and the Director of Public Health utilize all means possible to combat the rodent infestation in the Florence Street neighborhood.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP**: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

29. #195251 Order By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., Lafuente, Connolly, Desmond That the Director of SPCD (ISD) review the rodent control plan for the construction of the Shore Drive pedestrian bridge which will access Assembly Square.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP**: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

30. #195252 Order By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., Lafuente, Connolly, Desmond That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street light at the corner of Shore Drive and Ten Hills Road.

# RESULT: APPROVED

31. #195253 Order By Ald. Sullivan

That the Chief of Police explain the street closure plan associated with Boston's July 4th fireworks celebration.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP**: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

32. #195254 Order By Ald. Sullivan, Bastardi

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the chain link fence located between the states avenues and Rt. 93 South.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP**: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

33. #195255 Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing bricks on the sidewalk at College and Highland Avenues, outside of the bank entrance, and inspect Davis Square Plaza weekly to re-seat loose bricks and tree well rocks.

RESULT: APPROVED

34. #195256 Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works trim all the trees butting up against the homes on Winslow Avenue, from Clifton Street to College Avenue.

35. #195257

By Ald. White Jr.

Communication

Acting as President, cancelling the Regular meetings of this Board that were scheduled for July 25, 2013, and August 8, 2013.

## RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

36. #195167 Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, and the Entire Board

That the Administration update this Board on any potential impacts of the proposed casino in Everett, and on efforts to mitigate those impacts and oppose the project.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

The Mayor addressed the Board briefly about strategies to oppose the project and opportunities for mitigation.

# REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

# 37. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

A. #195258 Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on July Committee Report 11, 2013.

### RESULT: APPROVED

B. #193734 Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Barry Rafkind to the Human Rights Commission.

### RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

C. #195190 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Kenneth Silva to the position of Fire Captain.

### RESULT: APPROVED

D. #195191 Requesting the appointment of Michael Marino to the position of Fire Mayor's Request Lieutenant.

RESULT: APPROVED

E. #195192 Requesting the appointment Kenneth Lippens to the position of Fire Mayor's Request Lieutenant.

## RESULT: APPROVED

F. #195193 Requesting the appointment of Rona Fischman to the Fair Housing Mayor's Request Commission.

### RESULT: APPROVED

G. #195194 Requesting the appointment of Bernice Dixon to the Fair Housing Mayor's Request Commission.

## RESULT: APPROVED

H. #195210 Requesting the appointment of Bradbury Stearns as an Alternate to the Mayor's Request Historic Preservation Commission.

### RESULT: APPROVED

I. #195208 Requesting the appointment of Binoj Pradhan to the Commission for Mayor's Request Persons with Disabilities.

## RESULT: APPROVED

J. #195209 Requesting the appointment of Colin Killick to the Commission for Persons
 Mayor's Request with Disabilities.

## RESULT: APPROVED

# 38. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. #195259 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on July 11, 2013. Committee Report

# RESULT: APPROVED

B. #195138 Requesting approval of an Order of Taking of a parcel of land identified as Officer's Parcel 061-D-004 on the Assessors Map.
 Communication

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Bastardi, Heuston,

Taylor, Lafuente, O'Keefe, Gewirtz

**ABSENT:** Robert C. Trane

C. #195205 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of three Environmental Protection Agency grants totaling \$600,000 for clean up activities at the former Kiley Barrel site.

### RESULT: APPROVED

## 39. FLOOD FORUM SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. #195260 Report of the Flood Forum Special Committee, meeting on July 10, 2013. Committee Report

## RESULT: APPROVED

B. #192122 Order By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works conduct a study of Dane Avenue to determine causes of excessive flooding during rain events.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. #195261 Order By Ald. Heuston, Desmond, Connolly

That the Commissioner of Public Works deploy street sweepers to Dane Avenue, Kingman Road and Clark Street immediately after a flood, and restrict access to abutters only until the water recedes.

## **RESULT: APPROVED**

D. #195262 Order By Ald. Connolly, Heuston, Desmond

That the Director of Communications implement a plan for regular communications, including CTY-Connect, email, and direct mail, with residents in the affected areas of Ward 2 regarding anticipated floods, as well as updates on projects and plans for infrastructure improvements.

# RESULT: APPROVED

E. #195263 Resolution By Ald. Heuston, Desmond, Connolly

That the Administration create a fund for mitigation for residents of Dane Avenue, Kingman Road and Clark Street, to include the purchase and installation of backflow preventers.

### RESULT: APPROVED

F. #195264 Order By Ald. Heuston, Desmond, Connolly

That the City Engineer and the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the catch basins at and across the street from 15 Dane Avenue for reports of running water.

#### RESULT: APPROVED

G. #195265 Order By Ald. Desmond, Heuston, Connolly

That the City Engineer contact Congressman Capuano to request information regarding federal assistance for the residents of Dane Avenue, Kingman Road and Clark Street who have been affected by flooding issues.

### RESULT: APPROVED

# 40. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A. #195266 Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, Committee Report meeting on July 1, 2013.

## RESULT: APPROVED

B. #192483 Order By Ald. Heuston, Taylor

That the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update on the Somerville Avenue reconstruction project and the City's acceptance of it, including the restrictions the City is under regarding traffic, parking and streetscape changes because the project is incomplete and still under State jurisdiction.

## RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. #192484 Order

By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the status of the lots on South Street and plans for an alternate location for an off leash dog park in Ward 2.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. #193058 Order By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Director of SPCD and the Historic Preservation Commission report on the status of the accessibility study for the West Branch Library.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. #193060 Order By Ald. White Jr.

That the Director of SPCD provide the information requested herein regarding the purchase of real estate by the Redevelopment Authority.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

# F. #193061 Order

By Ald. White Jr.

That prior to purchasing any future property by the Redevelopment Authority, the Director of SPCD notify this Board of such purchases and the anticipated funding for such purposes.

## RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

# G. #193062 Order

By Ald. White Jr.

That the Director of SPCD appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss any funds paid, or anticipated to be paid, through the Redevelopment Authority to Federal Realty Investment Trust.

## RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

# H. #193572 Order

By Ald. White Jr.

That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the final agreement with FRIT pertaining to the disposition of Yard 21 and inform this Board whether any covenants with IKEA or FRIT apply to future purchasers of the IKEA site at Assembly Square.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

# I. #194276 Order

By Ald. Heuston, Taylor, White Jr., O'Donovan, Lafuente, Connolly That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board whether Somerville Avenue has been turned over to the City by the State, and, if reconstruction is still incomplete, what actions are being taken to resolve any outstanding issues.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. #194653 Officer's Communication SPCD Special Counsel responding to #193060 re: the purchase of real estate by the Redevelopment Authority.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

# K. #194677 Resolution

By Ald. White Jr., Gewirtz

That the Director of SPCD work with this Board to establish recommended guidelines to submit to the Licensing Commission to assist it in deciding applications for the new liquor licenses.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

L. #194809 Resolution By Ald. Bastardi

That the Administration advise the Ward 1 Alderman of the status of this Board's 2010 resolution, binding Federal Realty Investment Trust to ensuring all retail tenants of Assembly Square adhere to a local hiring ordinance via a written contract.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

M. #195267 Order By Ald. Sullivan

That the City notify abutters of the community garden path, behind the Somerville Avenue Rite-Aid Pharmacy, of potential contamination problems.

## RESULT: APPROVED

N. #195268 Order By Ald. Lafuente

That further applications for liquor licenses at Assembly Square be brought to the attention of the Committee on Housing and Community Development.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP**: Housing and Community Development Committee

# 41. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A. #195269 Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, Committee Report meeting on July 10, 2013.

### RESULT: APPROVED

B. #195218 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the 2013-2017 HUD Five Year Consolidated Plan and the 2013-2014 HUD One Year Action Plan for CDBG, HOME, and ESG programming

# RESULT: APPROVED

# 42. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. #195270 Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on July 9, 2013. Committee Report

# 43. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

A. #195271 Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on July 10, Committee Report 2013.

# RESULT: APPROVED

B. #194447 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Diva Indian Bistro, 246 Elm St.

### RESULT: APPROVED

C. #194506 Order

By Ald. Trane, Sullivan

That the Director of SPCD (ISD) appear before this Board's Committee on Licenses and Permits to explain enforcement of the city's sign ordinance.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. #194854 License/Permit New Fortuneteller License, Psychic Readings by Mary, 382 Somerville Ave.

### RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

### **CONDITIONS:**

- 1. Permitted Hours 10 AM to 10 PM Monday-Saturday, 10 AM to 7 PM Sunday.
- 2. Premises to be used only for the fortune telling business.
- E. #195012 License/Permit

Renewing and Amending Extended Operating Hours License, Chow N Joy, 626C Somerville Ave., Extending Sun-Thu to 2 AM, Fri-Sat to 3 AM.

# RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

**AMENDED:** Hours Sunday - Saturday to 1 AM, Friday & Saturday to 2 AM for take out and delivery service only.

F. #195199 License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, World Missions Apostolic Church, 622 Somerville Ave., blade sign over Kent St. entrance.

# RESULT: APPROVED

G. #195200 License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Dental Arts Associates, 396 Highland Ave., 3 signs.

H. #195202 License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Target, 180 Somerville Ave., Opening 1AM to 11PM on "Black Friday," 11/29.

### RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

**CONDITION:** Peitioner must hire at least 2 Police Details.

I. #195272 Order

By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of SPCD (ISD) craft a sign ordinance to address various sign issues throughout the city.

RESULT: APPROVED

## 44. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A. #195273 Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on Committee Report July 2, 2013.

# RESULT: APPROVED

B. #190456 Mayor's Communication Conveying the Final Inspectional Services Division Organizational Review.

#### RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

C. #191056 Order By Ald. Heuston

That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utilities to address the overloaded and low hanging wires at Somerville Avenue at Kent Street, Somerville Avenue at Linden Street, and along Tyler Street.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. #194046 Order By Ald. O'Donovan

That the Director of SPCD report back to the Ward 5 Alderman regarding noise created by the retaining wall along the railroad tracks at the former MaxPak site.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. #194051 Order By Ald. O'Donovan, Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Work and the Director of SPCD report to this Board regarding re-surfacing and drainage measures on the developed community path.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

# F. #194058 Order

By Ald. Bastardi

That the City Clerk request our state delegation to contact the MA Highway Dept. to increase pedestrian lighting under I-93, outside the Sullivan Sq. T Station.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. #194216 Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

# H. #194307 Order

By Ald. Connolly

That the Director of SPCD (Transportation and Infrastructure) contact the MBTA and the State Delegation to eradicate all graffiti on the retaining wall between the railroad tracks and the Lowell Street bridge, and report any corrective actions to this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Works.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

# I. #194308 Order

By Ald. Connolly

That the Director of SPCD (Transportation and Infrastructure) contact the MBTA and the State Delegation to remedy the problems with the fence at the end of Nashua Street, and report any suggested remedies from the MBTA to this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Works within 30 days.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. #194331 Public Communication MA DOT responding to #194058 re: Pedestrian lighting under Rt 93 at Sullivan Square.

## RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. #194679 Order

By Ald. Sullivan, Taylor

That the Commissioner of Public Works resurface the dog park at Nunziato Field with a more durable material.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

L. #194796

Officer's

Communication

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders.

## RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

M. #194813

Resolution

By Ald. Trane

That the Administration appear before this Board to explain the current leadership and organizational chart of the Inspectional Services Dept.

## RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

N. #194827 Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan, and the Entire Board That the Director of SPCD, the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of Planning appear before this Board regarding the Inspectional Services/Building Dept.'s granting of permits in a consistent, professional and timely manner.

## RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

O. #195036 Officer's

Communication

Commissioner of Public Works responding to various Board Orders submitted this evening.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

P. #195078

Order

By Ald. Bastardi

That the Commissioner of Public Works (arborist) check all trees on Auburn Avenue for infestation, and appear before this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Works to describe the city's policies with regard to the placement of trees and the handling of diseased trees.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Q. #195274

By Ald. O'Keefe

Order

That the City Clerk send a second communication to the State Delegation, requesting them to contact the MBTA to remove all graffiti from the retaining wall between the railroad tracks and the Lowell Street bridge.

#### RESULT: APPROVED

R. #195275

By Ald. Bastardi

Order

That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the Ward 1 Alderman with a prioritized re-pavement plan.

### RESULT: APPROVED

S. #195276 Order By Ald. O'Keefe

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the fence at the end of Nashua Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

# 45. VETERANS AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

A. #195277 Report of the Committee on Veterans and Public Service, meeting on July 2, Committee Report 2013.

# RESULT: APPROVED

B. #194356 Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Taylor, Desmond, White Jr., Sullivan That this Board requests that the Dedication Committee consider naming a street corner on Walnut Street in memory of the late Ted Buttner, USN retired and World War II veteran.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. #194667 Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., and the Entire Board That the City place an "empty chair" in City Hall as a reminder to never forget our nation's POW/MIA military personnel.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. #194960 Order By Ald. O'Keefe

That the Director of Veterans Services replace the faded pictures at Henry Hanson Park.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. #195062 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.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

### COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

46. #195278 Mayor's Request

Requesting that this Board convene in Executive Session for an update on negotiations with Comcast to renew the cable telecom license.

**RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]** 

**AYES:** Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Bastardi, Heuston,

Taylor, Lafuente, O'Keefe, Gewirtz

**ABSENT:** Robert C. Trane

The Board moved to Executive Session at 9:45 PM. No votes were taken. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 10:35 PM.

47. #195279 Mayor's Request Requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to add a new Section 6.6: North Point Special District, modify Section 5.4: Design and Site Plan Review, and make related modifications to Sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 17.

# RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

Also referred to the Planning Board.

**FOLLOWUP**: Land Use Committee

48. #195280 Mayor's Request Requesting approval to declare as Surplus certain IT Dept. Network Equipment.

### RESULT: APPROVED

49. #195281 Mayor's Request Requesting approval to declare as Surplus certain IT Dept. Telephony Equipment.

# RESULT: APPROVED

50. #195282 Mayor's Communication Conveying the Somerville Bicycle Committee's 2012 Annual Report.

#### RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

### COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

51. #195283 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Pet Palooza, Grand Union Blvd., Aug 2-4, 8AM-8PM each day (event runs 10-5PM on Aug 3-4).

52. #195284 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Shannon Grant Basketball Tournament, Trum Field, Aug 3, 8-4PM.

# RESULT: APPROVED

53. #195285 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Road Runners 5K Race to the Row, Assembly Sq., Aug 18, 7-5PM.

## RESULT: APPROVED

54. #195286 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Garden Club Plant Sale, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Sep 21, 6-2PM (raindate Sep 28).

# RESULT: APPROVED

55. #195287 License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Baystate Engineering.

# RESULT: APPROVED

56. #195288 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Teddy's Foreign Motors, 68 Joy St.

## RESULT: APPROVED

57. #195289 License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Comcast of MA/NH LLC, 116 Beacon St., 2 signs.

### RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

**CONDITION:** That the signage only be illuminated when the store is open.

58. #195290 License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, The Kirkland Tap and Trotter, 425 Washington St., 1 blade sign.

#### RESULT: APPROVED

59. #195291 License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Spoke Wine Bar, 89 Holland St., 1 hanging sign.

60. #195292 License/Permit New Hawker Peddler, Timothy Robertson, selling books.

### RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP**: Licenses and Permits Committee

61. #195293
Public
Communication

David Dahlbacka submitting comments re: #194060, a zoning amendment to permit a larger ground-floor supermarket at Assembly Square.

# RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP**: Land Use Committee

# SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

62. #195294 Order By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of Traffic and Parking reverse the one way direction of traffic on Village Street to mitigate the effects of increased traffic due to the addition of residential units.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP**: Traffic and Parking Committee

63. #195295 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$120,000 and authorization to borrow that amount in a bond for the renovation of the Highland Avenue Fire Station, Engine #7.

### RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP**: Finance Committee

64. #195296 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$362,175 from the Department of Energy Resources for Clean Energy projects.

# RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP**: Finance Committee

65. #195297 Mayor's Request Requesting approval to execute a five year lease agreement for the Grove Street Parking Lot.

### RESULT: APPROVED

66. #195298 Mayor's Request Requesting an extension of a Contract with FW Russell & Sons for solid waste pickup and hauling.

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**FOLLOWUP**: Finance Committee

67. #195299 Mayor's Communication Conveying the city's Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Program.

# RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

68. #195300 Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

# RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP**: Traffic and Parking Committee

69. #195301 License/Permit Public Event Permit, MA Organization for Addiction Recovery Motorcycle Ride for Recovery Registration, High School Concourse, Aug 24, 9AM-Noon (raindate 8-25).

# RESULT: APPROVED

70. #195302 License/Permit Public Event Permit, MGH 5K Run for Rhythm, Davis Square and area streets, Sep 15, 8-2PM.

### RESULT: APPROVED

71. #195303 License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Delta Tau Delta Foundation, 98 Professors Row.

### RESULT: APPROVED

72. #195304 License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Sarma Restaurant, 249 Pearl St., 1 sign.

# RESULT: APPROVED

73. #195305 Public Communication Fred Berman submitting comments re: #194060, a zoning amendment to permit a larger ground-floor supermarket at Assembly Square.

### RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP**: Land Use Committee

### **LATE ITEMS**

74. #195306 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition directing the Retirement Board to retire Police Officer Mario Oliveira.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Bastardi, Heuston,

Taylor, Lafuente, O'Keefe, Gewirtz, Trane

### **AMENDED:**

- 1. Replace the phrase "the age of sixty-five (65)" with the phrase "the mandatory retirement age".
- 2. Replace the phrase "the age of sixty-five (65) years of age" with the phrase "the mandatory retirement age".
- 3. Delete the phrase "pursuant to section 7 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, a yearly amount of pension".
- 75. #195307 Order

By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of SPCD (ISD) and the Director of Public Health appear before this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to provide an update on the city-wide rodent problem, including all areas that have been baited, and to present a comprehensive approach to deal with this problem, including the necessary resources and funding.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP**: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

76. #195308 Order By Ald. O'Keefe

That the Director of Traffic and Parking survey the Cedar Street residents abutting Trum Field regarding the proposed request to eliminate parking spots there so residents can access their driveways.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP**: Traffic and Parking Committee

77. #195309 Mayor's Request Requesting that this Board appropriate \$400,000, and borrow that amount in a bond, for design and engineering services on Central Broadway, from Foss Park to Magoun Square.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP**: Finance Committee

78. #195310 Officer's Communication DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted this evening.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP**: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

79. #195311 Order By Ald. Trane, Heuston, Sullivan

That the Director of SPCD (ISD) review all business locations displaying goods, offering outdoor seating, or displaying signs on sidewalks, for proper permits, and direct any business not properly licensed to remove all of the above until the proper approvals are obtained.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP**: Licenses and Permits Committee

# **ADJOURNMENT**

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk