

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

September 27, 2012, 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, June 21, 2012, and the Regular Meeting, July 12, 2012.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Taylor, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
 Commending Wilbur Smith, on the auspicious occasion
 of his 100th birthday.

4. Citation By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
 Commending Ida Azzolino, on the auspicious occasion
 of her 100th birthday.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Order By Ald. Trane
 That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the
 abandoned bicycles from the bike rack at the Holland
 Street Red Line station.

6. Order By Ald. Trane
 That the Chief of Police take note of overloaded
 vehicles collecting metal from trash and ticket those
 that are deemed unsafe for operation.

7. Order By Ald. Trane
 That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the road
 depression on Broadway, near the Powderhouse School.

8. Order By Ald. Trane
 That the Commissioner of Public Works place the
 Powderhouse School property on a regular grounds
 maintenance schedule.

9. Resolution By Ald. Heuston
That this Board requests that the Administration provide information regarding the noise-reduction installation schedule at the new Conway Park skating rink, and review the parking restrictions behind the building.
10. Resolution By Ald. Roche
That the Chairman of the Licensing Commission personally explain to the Ward One Alderman how an outdoor event at the Holiday Inn parking lot was approved without it being on the Commission's agenda, and that provisions be put in place to ensure this can never happen again.
11. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche
That the Chief of Police and the Director of Constituent Services (311) provide this Board with the number of resident phone calls, arrests and incident reports pertaining to the concert held at the Holiday Inn on September 23, 2012.
12. Order By Ald. Sullivan
That the City Clerk provide this Board with the Licensing Commission's August, 2012 meeting minutes.
13. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, Taylor
That this Board requests that the MBTA replace the Bus Stop at the corner of Somerville Avenue and Central Street (Central Street side).
14. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., Lafuente
That this Board requests that DCR repair the fence near the Blessing of the Bay Boat House, separating the bike path from I-93 North.
15. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair all brick sidewalks and street crossings in Davis Square prior to the winter weather.
16. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the city-owned street lamps in Davis Square and repair or replace them as necessary.
17. Communication By Ald. Taylor
In his capacity as a member of the School Committee, conveying a report of the School Committee's activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

18. Citation By Ald. Roche, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending Louise McCarthy, who is retiring after 22 years of distinguished service in the Elections Department.
19. Mayor's Request Requesting that this Board convene in Executive Session pursuant to MGL c30A, s21(a)(3) to discuss civil action number 86-3222-WD involving Clear Channel Outdoor Inc. as successor-in-interest to Ackerly Communications.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

20. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on September 27, 2012.

21. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on September 19, 2012.

22. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on September 25, 2012.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the Union Square Revitalization Plan, per MGL c121B s48 and 760 CMR 12.00 et seq.

23. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on September 19, 2012.
- B. Public Communication Verizon responding to this Board's concerns re: double poles.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

24. Mayor's Request Requesting the creation of the Assembly Square District Improvement Financing Stabilization Fund.

25. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$52,000 and authorization to borrow \$52,000 in a bond to purchase two vans for the Recreation Department.
26. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$41,222 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation - Parking Meter Receipts Account to the Library Office Furniture Account to furnish the new Teen Room.
27. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the Personnel Dept. to use FY 2013 funds to pay a FY 2012 invoice of \$600.
28. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the Personnel Dept. to use FY 2013 funds to pay a FY 2012 invoice of \$400.
29. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization for the Treasurer to pay a prior fiscal year invoice of \$110.50 to Accurint.
30. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to declare a 1993 Ford E350 van as surplus.
31. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$25,000 donation from the WalMart State Giving Council to support the Arts Council's general operations.
32. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$10,000 grant from the MA Cultural Council to support the Arts Council's Books of Hope literacy program.
33. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$5,000 grant from the MA Cultural Council to support the Arts Council's general operations.
34. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a gift in the form of light pole banners from Flagraphics, Inc.
35. Mayor's Request Request to accept a gift of unknown value in the form of a painting by Barbara D'Ambrosio.
36. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Kelly Speakman to the Design Review Committee.
37. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of James Kirylo to the Design Review Committee.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Frank Valdez to the Design Review Committee.
39. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Deborah Fennick to the Design Review Committee.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Julie Brady to the Design Review Committee.

- 41. Mayor's Request Request the reappointment of Matthew Rice to the Design Review Committee.
- 42. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Jillian Adams to the Historic Preservation Commission.
- 43. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Abby Freedman to the Historic Preservation Commission.
- 44. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Alan Bingham as an alternate member of the Historic Preservation Commission.
- 45. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Denis Chagnon as an Alternate Member of the Historic Preservation Commission.
- 46. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Courtney O'Keefe to the Human Rights Commission.
- 47. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Robina Bhasin to the Human Rights Commission.
- 48. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Ashraf Hegazy to the Human Rights Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

- 49. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Scout Scavenger Hunt, Citywide, Sep 22, 9AM-8PM.
- 50. License/Permit Public Event Permit, "The Makeover" filming, 73 Hudson Street and 20 Vernon Street, Sep 26-29, 7AM-11PM.
- 51. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Highland Rd Block Party, from Morrison to Kidder, Sep 29, 2-8PM (raindate Sep 30).
- 52. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Bradley Manning Vigil, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Oct 3,10,17,24,31, 4-5:10PM.
- 53. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Homeless Coalition Road Race Amended Route, Davis Sq to Holland to Broadway to North to Powderhouse to Broadway to Cedar to Bike Path to Davis Sq, Oct 6, 7-10AM.
- 54. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Francesca Ave Block Party, between 24 and 50 Francesca, Oct 21, 10AM-5PM.
- 55. License/Permit Public Event Permit, SomerStreets "MonsterMashed Up" and "Oktoberfest", Somerville Ave from Washington St to Beacon St, Oct 28, 10AM-6PM.

- 56. License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Celiberti Realty LLC.
- 57. License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Sequoia Construction.
- 58. License/Permit New Junk Dealer's License, Odd and Ends Thrift Store, 62A Summer St., vending used furniture, household goods and clothing.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 59. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the damaged traffic signal at the intersection of Washington and Beacon Streets.
- 60. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the patched sidewalk panel at 88 Concord Avenue.
- 61. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD use Connect CTY to notify residents of Beacon Street of reconstruction meetings and use direct mail to notify businesses and property owners of such meetings.
- 62. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$8,000,000 and authorization to borrow \$8,000,000 in a bond for the cost of initiating the 2012 Union Square Revitalization Plan.
- 63. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Josh Solomon to the Library Board of Trustees.
- 64. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Foundry on Elm Oktoberfest, 255 Elm St., Oct 7. Noon-7PM.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk