

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

September 13, 2016, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 14702)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, July
 (ID # 14703) 14, 2016.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 31 feet of conduit in
 Location Morrison Avenue, from Pole 238/28 to a point of pickup
 (ID # 14721) at the rear of 10 Winslow Avenue. (Interim approval
 issued 8/29/16)

4. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install a new joint-owned
 Location Pole 362/8 on the east side of Webster Avenue 160 feet
 (ID # 14722) north of Tremont Street, and then install 64 feet of
 conduit from that Pole to a point of pickup at 70 Prospect
 Street.

5. Withdrawn Withdrawn.
 (ID # 14723)

6. Grant of Submitted by RCN to install 13 feet of conduit from
 Location Manhole #22012 on Linwood Street to a new handhole,
 (ID # 14724) then continuing to a point of pickup at 71 Linwood
 Street.

7. Grant of Submitted by Comcast to install new aerial strand and
 Location cable plant to existing utility poles on Inner Belt Road,
 (ID # 14725) New Washington Street, Cobble Hill Road, 1st Avenue,
 and 3rd Avenue, to provide service to customers in the
 Inner Belt District.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

8. Order (ID # 14681) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board, and to the School Committee, on the use and necessity of pesticides in city-owned or city-maintained properties, and report on how organic maintenance would compare to current practices.

9. Order (ID # 14682) By Ald. Niedergang, Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board, and to the School Committee, on the type, brand, cost, and use of all cleaning agents used in city and school buildings, and report on how "green," non-toxic cleaning products would compare with current practices.

10. Order (ID # 14683) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the broken bollard at the intersection of Cedar Street and the Community Path.

11. Order (ID # 14684) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the feasibility of demolishing the bus shelter at Broadway and Cedar Street and replacing it with a garden, small park or sitting area. (2nd request)

12. Order (ID # 14685) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking improve the intersection of Broadway, Albion and Winchester Streets to make it safer, and report back to this Board by November 10, 2016.

13. Order (ID # 14686) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the Administration's plans for the Somerville Municipal Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund and jobs linkage fee for new commercial development.

14. Order (ID # 14687) By Ald. Niedergang, Connolly
That the Director of Traffic and Parking initiate a citywide "Don't Block the Box" program by painting and installing signage at the intersection of Medford Street and Lowell Street.

15. Order (ID # 14690) By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan, Rossetti, White Jr., Niedergang
That the Chief of Police, the Chief Fire Engineer and the Director of Traffic and Parking attend the next Public Health and Safety Committee meeting to discuss #200140 regarding a "Don't Block the Box" program.

16. Order (ID # 14691) By Ald. Connolly
That the Water Superintendent report to this Board on the imposition or suspension of water and sewer base charges for customers.

17. Order (ID # 14692) By Ald. Connolly, Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the loose bricks on College Avenue, Davis Square Plaza, and Elm Street.

18. Order (ID # 14693) By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works clear the weeds on the median strip approaching McGrath Highway on Washington Street from Union Square.

19. Order (ID # 14694) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD, the Director of Capital Planning, and the City Engineer create a timeline from September 2016 to September 2019 for streetscape reconstruction projects in Ward 2 and post the timeline on the city's website with continual updates as changes occur.

20. Order (ID # 14695) By Ald. Heuston
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services request of the businesses at 15 Ward Street that they schedule dumpster pickups at times that do not violate the noise ordinance.

21. Order (ID # 14696) By Ald. Heuston
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 35 and 36 Horace Street for overgrowth and excessive construction materials.

22. Order (ID # 14697) By Ald. Heuston
That the City Engineer and the Director of SPCD report back to the Ward 2 Alderman on repairing the sidewalk on the Dane Street bridge and the wooden slats on the Webster Avenue/Newton Street Bridge, and on communications with the responsible State agencies.

23. Resolution (ID # 14698) By Ald. Heuston
That the Administration study the impact of the proposed changes to Union Square traffic per the most recent plan from Parsons Brinckerhoff, and present the findings in a public meeting before final decisions are made about changing the traffic patterns and roadways.
24. Order (ID # 14699) By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD add Avon Street to the paving list.
25. Order (ID # 14700) By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panels at 57 Boston Street.
26. Order (ID # 14701) By Ald. McWatters
That the Arborist determine the vitality of the 2 trees at 1 Avon Street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

27. Order 201868 By Ald. White Jr., Lafuente, McLaughlin, Sullivan, Rossetti, McWatters, Niedergang, Connolly, Ballantyne, Davis
That the Director of Water and Sewer appear before this Board at its September 13 regular meeting to discuss the new base water charge, the reasons for its adoption, and why the Board was not informed of it during the budget meetings.
28. Order 202008 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Finance and the Superintendent of Water and Sewer provide this Board with the total costs associated with emergency water and sewer repairs for FY14, FY15 and FY16 by this Board's September 13 regular meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

29. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 14704) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on September 12, 2016.
- B. Mayor's Request 201667 Requesting the appointment of Payton Corbett to the Fire Department Reserve List.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- C. Mayor's Request 201933 Requesting approval of an exemption for Annie Schapira, a municipal employee, under MGL c268A s20(b).
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Mayor's Request 201934 Requesting the appointment of Michael Lapiana to the position of Animal Control Officer in the Police Department.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. Mayor's Request 202010 Requesting the appointment of Michael Bertino as Treasurer/Collector of Taxes.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

30. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 14688) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on September 1, 2016.
- B. Resolution (ID # 14746) By Ald. Rossetti
That the Administration schedule a gathering of SPCD and Law Department personnel, Attorney DiGirolamo and Attorney Schacter, to discuss the Condominium Conversion Ordinance, and report the results in 4 weeks to the Committee on Legislative Matters, along with a recommendation for moving forward.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 31. Officer's Communication (ID # 14710) City Solicitor responding to #202006 regarding the conformance of the recently-imposed water and sewer base charges with Ordinance 11-125.
- 32. Officer's Communication (ID # 14711) Chief of Police conveying the annual report required by Ordinance 2-6, the Trust Act.

NEW BUSINESS

- 33. License/Permit (ID # 14729) Public Event Permit, Hudson St Neighborway, Sep 3, 8AM-5PM.
- 34. License/Permit (ID # 14730) Public Event Permit, Society of Cosmas and Damian Procession, Union Sq area, Sep 11, 11AM-5PM (raindate Sep 18).
- 35. License/Permit (ID # 14731) Public Event Permit, Montrose St Block Party, Sep 17, 7AM-5PM (raindate Sep 18).

- 36. License/Permit (ID # 14732) Public Event Permit, Glenwood Rd Block Party from Vernon St to Medford St, Sep 17, 11AM-8PM (raindate Sep 18).
- 37. License/Permit (ID # 14733) Public Event Permit, Josephine Ave Block Party from Morrison Ave to Kidder Ave, Sep 17, 2-10PM (raindate Sep 18).
- 38. License/Permit (ID # 14734) Public Event Permit, Chandler St Block Party from Chapel St to Park Ave, Sep 17, 3:30-7:30PM (raindate Sep 18).
- 39. License/Permit (ID # 14735) Public Event Permit, Redeemer Church Family Movie Night, Hodgkins Park, Sep 17, 4:30-10PM (raindate Oct 1).
- 40. License/Permit (ID # 14736) Public Event Permit, First Church Somerville Block Party, Francesca Ave adjacent to the Church, Sep 18, Noon-6PM.
- 41. License/Permit (ID # 14737) Public Event Permit, Community Preservation Act Prospect Hill Tower Opening Celebration, Sep 19, 5-8:30PM.
- 42. License/Permit (ID # 14738) Public Event Permit, Somerville Overcoming Addiction Vigil, High School Atrium Entrance, Sep 22, 5-8:30PM.
- 43. License/Permit (ID # 14739) Public Event Permit, Ellen Godena Choreography TREE Dance Performance, College Ave sidewalk procession to Powderhouse Park performance, Sep 24, 1-3PM.
- 44. License/Permit (ID # 14740) Public Event Permit, Redbones Oktoberfest, Chester St from Elm St to Herbert St, Sep 25, 7AM-7PM (raindate Oct 2).
- 45. License/Permit (ID # 14741) Public Event Permit, Brian Higgins Road Race, Ball Sq and area streets, Sep 25, 7:30AM-2PM.
- 46. License/Permit (ID # 14742) Public Event Permit, Women's Commission Domestic Violence Vigil, Statue Park Davis Sq, Oct 5, 1-9PM.
- 47. License/Permit (ID # 14743) Public Event Permit, Lexington Ave Halloween Block Party, Oct 31, 4-10PM.
- 48. License/Permit (ID # 14744) Public Event Permit, American Cancer Society Road Race, Davis Sq and area streets, Nov 13, 7AM-Noon.

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- 49. License/Permit (ID # 14712) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 100 Talbot Ave.
 - 50. License/Permit (ID # 14713) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 14 Professors Row.
 - 51. License/Permit (ID # 14714) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 28 Professors Row.
 - 52. License/Permit (ID # 14715) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 32 Dearborn Rd.
 - 53. License/Permit (ID # 14716) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 40A-F Latin Way.
 - 54. License/Permit (ID # 14717) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 43 Latin Way.
 - 55. License/Permit (ID # 14718) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Talbot Ave.
 - 56. License/Permit (ID # 14719) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 56-64 Professors Row.
 - 57. License/Permit (ID # 14720) Renewing Lodging House License, Theta Delta Chi, 123 Packard Ave.
 - 58. License/Permit (ID # 14728) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Moe's BBQ Trolley, Packard Ave. at Professors Row.
 - 59. License/Permit (ID # 14727) Renewing Garage License, Frongillo Realty, 0 Spring Hill Terrace.
 - 60. License/Permit (ID # 14726) New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, 28 Motorsports Inc., 486R Columbia Street, 4 cars inside, 5 outside.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 61. Order (ID # 14705) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the slide play structures and other equipment at the North Street Veterans Park for missing rivets and screws.
- 62. Order (ID # 14706) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Chief of Police monitor traffic on Powderhouse Blvd. around the West Somerville Neighborhood School for speeding vehicles.

- 63. Order (ID # 14707) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Capital Projects and the Director of Traffic and Parking coordinate with the Ward 7 Alderman a community meeting to discuss upcoming water and sewer infrastructure work and traffic calming measures for Powderhouse Blvd.

- 64. Order (ID # 14708) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Environment and Sustainability update this Board's Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy regarding the Community Choice Aggregation draft plan's approval by DOER, and the RFP's key requirements, prior to its release.

- 65. Order (ID # 14709) By Ald. Ballantyne
That all departments post all public hearing dates on the city's website and newsletter.

- 66. Mayor's Request (ID # 14538) Requesting approval to expend FY17 funds totaling \$221.88 to pay a prior year invoice in the Police Dept.

- 67. Mayor's Request (ID # 14678) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$34,200 from the MA Cultural Council for the Arts Council's Local Cultural Council grant program.

- 68. Mayor's Request (ID # 14677) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$6,500 from the MA Cultural Council for the Arts Council's general operational support.

- 69. License/Permit (ID # 14747) Renewing Lodging House License, Zeta Psi Fraternity, 80 Professors Ave.

- 70. License/Permit (ID # 14748) Renewing Lodging House License, Delta Upsilon Fraternity, 114 Professors Row.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT