

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

December 9, 2010, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

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| 1. | Roll Call | Call of the Roll. |
| 2. | Minutes | Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,
November 9, 2010. |

CITATIONS

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| 3. | Citation | By Ald. Sullivan, and the Entire Board and the Mayor

Commending Jim Munsey and Bob Calautti, who are retiring after almost 20 years of announcing Lady Highlanders basketball games and varsity hockey games on Channel 15, providing constant support and encouragement to Somerville's student athletes. |
| 4. | Citation | By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor

Commending Mary Mansfield and her family, who have brightened our winters for 30 years with a festive holiday light display. |

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

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| 5. | Order | By Ald. Pero

That the Commissioner of Public Works paint a double yellow line on School Street, between Broadway and Medford Street. |
| 6. | Order | By Ald. Pero

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install STOP signs at the intersection of School Street and Evergreen Avenue, making this intersection a 3-way stop. |
| 7. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan

That the Director of SPCD (Transportation & Infrastructure) request of the MBTA that immediate steps be taken to address unreliable bus service on the #89 route, and that City Clerk request the assistance of the State Delegation in this matter. |

8. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a “Children Playing Slow” sign near 45 Francesca Avenue, at Liberty Avenue.
9. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Trane
That the Director of Communications explore the feasibility of broadcasting the Board of Aldermen meetings in closed caption format.
10. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Trane
That the Commissioner of Public Works install an appropriate logo on the 50 yard line at Dilboy Field.
11. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the State Highway Department to have the sign stubs near the Super Stop & Shop, on the McGrath Highway side, either removed or the appropriate signs installed.
12. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Pero
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the two trees in front of 135 Ten Hills Road for disease and public safety issues.
13. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works identify and repair all loose or uplifted bricks in Davis Sq. walkways and sidewalks, temporarily if necessary, to avoid serious pedestrian hazards prior to the onset of winter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. Mayor’s Request Requesting the appointment of Thomas Pasquarello to the position of Chief of Police.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

15. 2011 BOARD OF ALDERMEN CAUCUS, NOVEMBER 29

- A. Committee Report Report of the Caucus of the 2011 Board of Aldermen, November 29, 2010

16. FLOOD FORUM SPECIAL COMMITTEE, NOVEMBER 30

- A. Committee Report Report of the Flood Forum Committee, November 29, 2010

17. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, NOVEMBER 29

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Housing, November 29, 2010
- B. Board Communication By Ald. White Jr., Taylor, Heuston, Sullivan
That the Director of SPCD and the Consultant Appear Before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to Discuss the Proposed Traffic Redesign for the Union Sq. Area
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting Approval of a Letter to the MA DOT Supporting the Continuation of the Green Line Extension to Rt. 16.
- D. Board Communication By Ald. Trane
That a Representative from the Law Dept. Appear Before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to Review the City's Legal Options for Extending the Green Line to Route 16.
- E. Order By Ald. Pero, Connolly, White Jr., Roche
That the Director of SPCD appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss the planning process to install the new signage proposed for Route 28 and Shore Drive.
- F. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Director SPCD follow-up on a commitment and meet with Union Square businesses regarding the proposed traffic patterns and report back to the Committee on Housing and Community Development and the Ward 2 and 3 Aldermen.
- G. Order By Ald. Pero
That the City Clerk forward #190214 to the Housing Committee of the Comprehensive Planning group, and request that they keep this Board, and its Committee on Housing and Community Development, apprised of their work.

18. LAND USE COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 7

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, December 7, 2010

- B. Ordinance By Ald. Roche
Proposing an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to modify Article 6 Establishment of Zoning Districts, Article 7 Permitted Uses, and Article 16 Planned Unit Development, to allow Self-Storage Uses under certain conditions in the Assembly Square Mixed Use District, and establish specific development standards for self-storage and similar uses along I-93.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance to modify the parking requirements in Article 9 for the Large Retail and Service Cluster in the Corridor Commercial Districts and Transit Oriented Districts.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance and revising the review process for Special Permits, Special Permits with Site Plan Review, and Variances.

19. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 7

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, December 7, 2010

20. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 8

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, December 8, 2010
- B. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St., 6 Autos.
- C. License/Permit New Garage License, Somerville Citgo DbA Shield, 620 Broadway, 2 Autos Inside.
- D. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Autosal, 444R Somerville Ave., 15 autos in.
- E. License/Permit New Garage License, Union Sq. Gulf, 231 Washington St., Mechanical Repairs, Washing Vehicles, Storing Vehicles, 4 Autos Inside, 4 Outside.
- F. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, William Doucette Auto Sales, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy., 2 Autos In, 30 Autos Out.
- G. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Mystic Auto Sales and Service, 712 Mystic Ave., 10 Autos.

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| H. | License/Permit | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 3 License, Nissenbaum's Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St. |
| I. | License/Permit | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 3 License, Nissenbaum's Auto Parts, 0 Windsor St. |
| J. | License/Permit | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Broadway Auto Sales, 525 Broadway, 11 autos outside. |
| K. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Somerville Body Works, 42 Dana St., 10 Autos Inside, 2 Outside. |
| L. | Order | <p>By Ald. Trane</p> <p>That the City Solicitor notify the petitioner in #190462 that he is in violation of the terms of the garage license at 99 Albion Street, because he has not removed the address from his website and because he is selling vehicles from the premises without the proper license(s), and that he will be subject to a \$100 fine and possible revocation of his business license.</p> |

21. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 6

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| A. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, December 6, 2010 |
| B. | Resolution | <p>By Ald. O'Donovan</p> <p>That this Board requests that the Traffic and Parking Commission explore the feasibility of creating a chicane (an artificial feature creating extra turns in a roadway to slow cars) on Clyde Street, and report back to the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety.</p> |
| C. | Order | <p>By Ald. O'Donovan</p> <p>That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety with a listing of ramps that have been requested to be made ADA compliant, indicating those that have been completed.</p> |
| D. | Order | <p>By Ald. White Jr.</p> <p>That the Commissioner of Public Works devise and implement an ordinary maintenance plan and a regular inspection schedule of brick crosswalks in the city.</p> |
| E. | Order | <p>By Ald. White Jr.</p> <p>That the Director of SPCD (Transportation and Infrastructure) consult with Mr. Robert Estrelle, Boston Public Works Dept., for input relative to the Davis Sq. project.</p> |

22. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 8

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, December 8, 2010
- B. Order By Ald. White Jr.
- That the Director of SPCD provide the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works with all drafts and responses between SPCD and Mr. Zuker that were used in producing the report of the Inspectional Services Dept.

23. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 1

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, December 1, 2010
- B. Order By Ald. O'Donovan
- That the Executive Director of OSPCD prepare to discuss #188633 in or around June, 2010.
- C. Public Communication Sixteen residents requesting that this Board conduct a public hearing to discuss concerns about the Somerville Avenue reconstruction project.
- D. Order By Ald. Heuston
- That the Director of Traffic and Parking appear before this Board's Committee on Traffic and Parking to discuss pedestrian safety and traffic issues on Concord and Newton Streets and remedies to eliminate speeding traffic and unsafe situations for pedestrians and children who attend the Argenziano School.
- E. Order By Ald. Heuston, Taylor
- That the Director of Traffic and Parking meet with the Ward 2 Alderman to determine locations for limitations on truck traffic on small residential streets in various sections of Ward 2.

24. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 8

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Youth Services, December 8, 2010

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

25. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$1,473,980 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Parking Meter Receipts to reduce the FY2011 Tax Levy.
26. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$45,000 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Police Other Lump Sum Benefits Acct. to fund the Early Retirement Incentive Program for Police Superiors.
27. Mayor's Request Requeusting approval to enter into a lease agreement with Zipcar Inc. for 14 City parking spaces for a term of 3 years with two one-year options to renew.
28. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$18,850 from the Dept. of Environmental Protection for the city's recycling program.
29. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a 2010 All Traffic Solutions, Variable Message Board Trailer, valued at \$17,208, from the Urban Area Security Initiative Grant, for the Police Dept..
30. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Patrick Halloran as a Permanent Firefighter.
31. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Justin Bonner to the Fire Reserve List.
32. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Daniel Costa to the Fire Reserve List.
33. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Brendan Noonan to the Fire Reserve List.
34. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Andrew Patriquin to the Fire Reserve List.
35. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Marc Ardolino to the Fire Reserve List.
36. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Dennis Sullivan to the Fire Reserve List.
37. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Devin Schneider to the Police Reserve List.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Joseph Teves to the Police Reserve List.
39. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Gravin Guillen to the Police Reserve List.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Mark Nevin to the Police Reserve List.

- 41. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Christopher Collette to the Police Reserve List.
- 42. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Michael Perrone to the Police Reserve List.
- 43. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Ashley Catatao to the Police Reserve List.
- 44. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Jason Costa to the Police Reserve List.
- 45. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Naza Haynes to the Police Reserve List.
- 46. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Michael McCarey to the Police Reserve List.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 47. Officer's Communication Planning Board conveying its recommendation on #190143, a proposed Zoning Amendment to modify Articles 6, 7, and 16 to allow self-storage uses in the Assembly Sq. Mixed Use District, and establish standards for self-storage and similar uses along I-93.
- 48. Officer's Communication Planning Board conveying its recommendation on #190156, a proposed Zoning Amendment to the definition of Home Occupation and Historic Outbuilding, and to Article 7, to allow a Historic Carriage House Occupation in certain zoning districts.
- 49. Officer's Communication Planning Board conveying its recommendation on #190157, a proposed Zoning Amendment to Revise the review process for Special Permits, Special Permits with Site Plan Review, and Variances.
- 50. Officer's Communication Planning Board conveying its recommendation on #190155, a Zoning Amendment to modify the parking requirements in Article 9 for the Large Retail and Service Cluster in the Corridor Commercial Districts and Transit Oriented Districts.
- 51. Officer's Communication City Solicitor conveying Home Rule Petition language re: #188396, a proposal to amend the City Charter.
- 52. Officer's Communication City Solicitor responding to #190195 re: a petition for a public hearing.
- 53. Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

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| 54. | License/Permit | New Drainlayer's License, Quality Group Improvement Inc. |
| 55. | License/Permit | Sign/Awning License, El Potro Mexican Grill, 61 Union Sq., new sign. |
| 56. | License/Permit | Used Car Dealer's License Class 3, Joseph Talewsky and Son Inc., 517 Columbia St. |
| 57. | License/Permit | Used Car Dealer's License Class 3, Joseph Talewsky and Son Inc., 512 Columbia St. |
| 58. | License/Permit | Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Pat's Towing Inc., 160 McGrath Hwy., 75 autos outside. |
| 59. | License/Permit | Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Dodakin's Auto Sales, 191 Beacon St., 4 cars in, 18 out. |
| 60. | License/Permit | Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St., 22 autos outside. |
| 61. | License/Permit | Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Tech Auto Body, 9 Union Sq., 2 autos. |
| 62. | License/Permit | Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Cambridge Auto Sales, 75 Park St., 23 autos out. |
| 63. | License/Permit | Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Teele Sq. Auto Sales, 1284 Broadway. |
| 64. | License/Permit | Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, United Motors, 188 Broadway, 4 autos. |
| 65. | License/Permit | Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Hillside Service Center, 45 Mystic Ave., 10 autos. |
| 66. | License/Permit | Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Barnes and Walsh, 224 Somerville Ave., 5 autos. |
| 67. | License/Permit | Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Broadway Brake Corp., 45 Broadway, 3 autos. |
| 68. | License/Permit | Used Car Dealer's License Class 1, Smart Center Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy., 5 autos. |
| 69. | License/Permit | Used Car Dealer's License Class 1, Chambers Motorcars of Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy., 290 autos in, 55 out. |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 70. | Resolution | By Ald. Desmond, Taylor, Pero

That this Board requests that the Administration put the Boat House parking lot and Kelly Park on the list of allowed parking areas for residents during snow emergencies. |
| 71. | Mayor's Request | Requesting an appropriation of \$127,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to study the potential acquisition of certain properties in Union Square for a new Main Library and municipal facility. |
| 72. | Mayor's Request | Requesting an appropriation of \$26,074 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to purchase a vehicle for the Police Dept. |
| 73. | Mayor's Request | Requesting an appropriation of \$22,400 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to conduct an exterior envelope study of the High School. |
| 74. | Mayor's Request | Requesting an appropriation of \$21,800 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to conduct a City Hall facade and interior renovation study. |
| 75. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the transfer of \$16,591 from the Workers Compensation Personal Services Acct. to the Somerstat Professional Services Acct. to procure training services for the LeaderSTAT Program. |
| 76. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the Appointment of Marylou Thompson to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. |
| 77. | Officer's Communication | City Solicitor responding to #190451 re: Lowell's paving ordinance, and submitting a draft paving ordinance. |
| 78. | License/Permit | Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Manny's Auto Center, 463 McGrath Hwy., 30 autos out. |
| 79. | License/Permit | Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, D.M. Auto Body, 48 Joy St., 13 autos. |
| 80. | License/Permit | Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Leins Auto Repair, 65 1/2 Bow St., 17 autos. |

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk