

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

January 23, 2014, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,
December 12, 2013.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Pearl Street near Wesley Avenue, and on Wesley Avenue itself.

4. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works install a hand rail along the stairway to the second floor at the Senior Center at 165 Broadway.

5. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility to immediately raise the low hanging wires on Hawthorn Street.

6. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the MBTA to request that temporary BUS STOP signs be installed along lower Broadway in the areas of construction.

7. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works direct the contractor(s) working on lower Broadway to provide advance notification to residents and businesses prior to digging in front of their properties and to also provide an estimate of how long the work will take.

8. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the water fountain at the East Somerville Library.
9. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a SLOW - CHILDREN sign on Illinois Avenue.
10. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase enforcement of permit parking restrictions along Illinois Avenue and notify the management of Rent-A-Center of those restrictions.
11. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase enforcement of permit parking restrictions along Otis Street from 3 PM to 7 PM.
12. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) notify the contractor(s) working along Bonair Street and McGrath Highway, that work may not begin before 7 AM, that Bonair and Otis Streets should not be used for truck traffic, and that the construction site is to be baited for rodents.
13. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Superintendent of ISD inspect Taqueria Montecristo for the proper disposal of trash, and address their trash removal, which is picked up between 4 AM and 6 AM, disturbing neighbors.
14. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase enforcement of the resident parking restrictions near Taqueria Montecristo, including improper use of guest permits and illegally parked vehicles.
15. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol of Rush Street, near Taqueria Montecristo, to cite vehicles backing down Rush Street from Broadway.
16. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility to immediately raise the low hanging wires at the corner of Broadway and Wisconsin Avenue.

17. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works place Cross Street East and Pennsylvania Avenue on the street repaving list.
18. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., Ballantyne
That the Administration provide this Board with a copy of the recently executed 5 year partnership agreement with Tufts University, including all payments in lieu of taxes.
19. Order By Ald. Connolly
That the Chief Assessor appear before this Board to answer questions about tax bills.
20. Order By Ald. McWatters, Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pot holes at the bottom of Porter Street and Highland Avenue.
21. Order By Ald. McWatters
That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol at Lowell and Summer Streets at various times, to ensure motorists are coming to a complete stop at the blinking red light.
22. Order By Ald. McWatters
That the Chief of Police place a speed board on Central Street, between Somerville Avenue and Summer Street.
23. Order By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utilities about the double pole at 42 Columbus Avenue and determine why it has yet to be removed.
24. Order By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works report to the Ward 5 Alderman, plans for the completion of the sidewalk and street work on Linden Avenue, and clarify whether sidewalk work is still to be done on the upper part of the street.
25. Order By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) investigate the reason for water being pumped out of the basement at 26 Woodbine Street and take steps to stop the leakage and report the results to the Ward 5 Alderman.

26. Order By Ald. Rossetti
That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the time frame of the special daytime parking permits on the streets surrounding Davis Square.
27. Resolution By Ald. Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., McWatters
That the Dedication Committee update this Board on the park dedication in honor of Joseph Mackey.
28. Order By Ald. Rossetti, Ballantyne
That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing a blinking traffic signal at the intersection of Cameron Avenue and Holland Street until a study is performed relative to the future use of the Powderhouse Community School.
29. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility about the rotting utility pole bases in the back yards of 30 and 33 Ossipee Road, and have them check all of the utility pole bases in the back yards along Ossipee Road between Mason Street and Packard Avenue.
30. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole around the gas main cover on Ware Street near Russell Road.
31. Order By Ald. Ballantyne, Rossetti
That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider putting a crosswalk across Broadway connecting the ramps from Belknap Street to Garrison Avenue and towards the bus stop.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

32. Committee Report Severed portion of the Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on November 19, 2013 (#195235 was the only item severed and laid on the table).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

33. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on January 22, 2014.

- B. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Housing Authority employee Harold Curtis Jr., as a Special Police Officer for 2014.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Housing Authority employee Shawn Brady, as a Special Police Officer for 2014.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Housing Authority employee, Sean Browne, as a Special Police Officer for 2014.
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Housing Authority employee, Michael Cabral, as a Special Police Officer for 2014.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Housing Authority employee, Jose Colon, as a Special Police Officer for 2014.
- G. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Housing Authority employee, Michael DeBethencourt, as a Special Police Officer for 2014.
- H. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Housing Authority employee, Michael Eastman, as a Special Police Officer for 2014.
- I. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Housing Authority employee, Wayne Gabaree, as a Special Police Officer for 2014.
- J. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Housing Authority employee, James Lawson, as a Special Police Officer for 2014.

34. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on January 16, 2014.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$50,000 from the Workforce Training Stabilization Fund for Local Workforce Development.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a donation of \$75,000 from Tufts University to fund cultural, recreational, and educational programs.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$2,500 grant from MassCreative to the Arts Council, to partner with MassCreative's Community Engagement project.

- E. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to declare as surplus equipment a 1994 tower ladder in the Fire Department.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to borrow \$2,600,000 in a bond, and appropriate the same amount, to repair the High School Auditorium, Kitchen, & Cafeteria.
- G. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$117,800 in a bond for architectural and engineering design and the renovation of High School Room 143.
- H. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$88,000 in a bond for architectural and engineering design and the renovation of Fire Engine 6.
- I. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$12,000 in the Constituent Services Dept., from its Professional Services Account to its Ordinary Maintenance Account.
- J. Mayor's Request Requesting the use of FY14 funds to pay MA Municipal Association FY10 advertising invoices totaling \$910.
- K. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to declare as surplus certain IT Department Telephony Equipment.
- L. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$7,086 from the MA Fire Services Dept., for the Fire Dept.'s school education program.
- M. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$4,750 from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for participation in the Massachusetts Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Count
- N. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$3,418 from the MA Fire Services Dept., for the Fire Dept.'s senior fire safety program.
- O. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$50,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("free cash") to the Personnel Dept. Professional and Technical Services Account to fund executive recruitment services for the Police Chief selection process.

35. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on January 22, 2014.
- B. License/Permit New Outdoor Seating, The Connection, 1204 Broadway, Displaying merchandise.

- C. License/Permit New Mobile Food Vendor, The Scoop N Scootery.
- D. License/Permit New Garage License, ABJ Auto Repair, 91 Marshall St., opening Saturdays to 5PM, for 5 autos inside and 40 outside.
- E. License/Permit Amending Garage License, Chris's Auto Service, 371 Highland Ave., to open Mon-Fri to 7PM and Sat to 3PM, for 5 autos inside and 25 outside.
- F. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Top Cars of Boston, 39 Webster Ave.
- G. License/Permit New Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, PJ's Motorcars, 161 Broadway, 34 vehicles inside.
- H. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the City Clerk request that the owner of Top Cars LLC/Inman Motor Sales attend the next meeting of the Committee on Licenses and Permits to discuss the renewal of their Used Car Dealer's license.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 36. Mayor's Request Requesting that the Board convene in Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining strategy.
- 37. Mayor's Request Requesting that the Board convene in Executive Session to discuss legal strategy in regards to the proposed Wynn Casino in Everett.
- 38. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$490,000, and authorization to borrow \$490,000 in a bond, for a new HR and Payroll system.
- 39. Mayor's Request Requesting the dedication of Symphony Park for Open Space and Recreational Use in perpetuity.
- 40. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant totaling \$400,000 for the construction of Symphony Park.
- 41. Mayor's Request Requesting, as required by the PARC grants, the authorization to utilize State and Federal funding necessary to construct the new Symphony Park.
- 42. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$7,410 from Free Cash to the Fire Department for a grant match from FEMA for smoke detectors in conjunction with the Council on Aging.

43. Mayor's Request Requesting the expenditure of FY14 funds totaling \$6,722.78 to pay prior year invoices in the Police Department.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

44. Officer's Communication Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting a response to #195991 re: striping a portion of School St.
45. Officer's Communication Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting a response to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

46. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Gallup Landscape Co.
47. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 1, Riverside, 2 Union Sq.
48. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Riverside, 2 Union Sq.
49. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pearl Street Auto, 182 Pearl St.
50. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Astrology Studio, 278 Elm St.
51. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Riverside, 2 Union Sq.
52. License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, Spoke Wine Bar, 89 Holland St., 3 tables, 6 seats.
53. License/Permit New Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Aris Auto, 675 Somerville Ave., 1 auto outside, opening Sun-Sat 8AM-6PM.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

54. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board about the double poles on South Street and the plans for their removal.
55. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase enforcement of parking regulations on Columbia Street and resident permit parking on Merriam Street.

56. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inform the Ward 2 Alderman about the businesses at 230 Somerville Avenue, including names, uses, permits they are seeking or are required to obtain, hours of operation, square footage, and capacity, including those businesses which have not yet received a certificate of occupancy.
57. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the City Solicitor and Director of SPCD advise on the creation of an ordinance to require notification to abutters for multiple businesses housed in a single structure when such businesses do not require Planning or Zoning Board approval.
58. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) create a mechanism so members of this Board are informed of new businesses coming into their wards.
59. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide a timeline to replace the traffic signal at the intersection of Washington and Beacon Streets.
60. Order By Ald. Niedergang, Rossetti
That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board whether it is possible to have the Public Schools open when there is a declared snow emergency, and, if it is possible, to also report the plan for teacher and staff parking, since school parking lots are used then for resident parking.
61. Ordinance By Ald. White Jr.
That the Zoning Ordinances are hereby amended at Section 5.2.5 to add two new subsections, to avoid creating adverse impacts on the stock of existing affordable housing, and to insure compliance with the objectives of the Somervision Plan.
62. Resolution By Ald. White Jr.
That the Administration work with this Board to revise the Somervision Plan to provide more detailed goals with regard to affordable housing and the creation of a mix of housing units, especially those with more than 2 bedrooms.
63. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That all items currently before the Special Committee on Rules be discharged.

64. Order By Ald. McWatters, Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works place Porter Street on the street repaving list.
65. Mayor's Communication Conveying the partnership agreement with Tufts University.
66. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Arts Council's ArtsUnion performances, Union Sq. Plaza, Fire and Ice on Mar 1, 3-6PM, and Ides of March on Mar 15, 1-6PM.
67. License/Permit Public Event Permit, American Cancer Society Relay for Life's Bark for Life, 0 New Washington St. Dog Park, Apr 5, 10AM-6PM (raindate Apr 6).

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT