

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

April 8, 2010, 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 of March 11, 2010.

CITATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

3. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD meet with Magoun Sq. businesses and the Ward 5 Alderman to develop a plan to stimulate business in anticipation of the 2015 Green Line arrival.
4. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Administration forward the Parking Solutions Task Force findings to the Ward 5 Alderman and place all data on the city's website immediately upon completion.
5. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Administration relax all newly instituted traffic and parking initiatives in Magoun Sq. until the Green Line arrives as they are devastating Magoun Sq.'s business strength.
6. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the City Auditor provide the Ward 5 Alderman the figures for all monthly ticket revenues from Magoun Sq. for the last 2 years, before the April 22 BOA meeting.

7. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider measures to alleviate the negative impact of the new traffic regulations on Magoun Sq. businesses.
8. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Administration and the Parking Solutions Task Force stop combining Davis and Magoun Sqs. when considering traffic and parking changes, especially 10 PM parking meters.
9. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at 33 Linden Ave. and Gussie Terrace.
10. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the business permit parking on lower Vinal Ave. between 8 AM and 5 PM.
11. Resolution By Ald. Taylor, That this Board requests that the Administration provide an update on the Bicycle Safety/Enforcement Task Force.
12. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Police Chief address vehicles exiting the High School on School St. between 2 and 4:30 PM with an illegal right turn to access Montrose St.
13. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that Belmont Place is on the street repaving list for Spring 2010.
14. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works address water puddling at Westwood Rd. and Central St.
15. Order By Ald. Taylor and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works install Optical Preemption Detectors at Somerville Ave. and Bow St. and Washington St. and Webster Ave. to enhance response times for the Fire Dept.
16. Resolution By Ald. Heuston, That this Board requests that the Administration provide an update on the single stream trash program, including whether there are any provisions for a composting component to improve waste management.
17. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SomerStat and the Director of Health provide statistics, broken down by ward and area, from 311 calls or calls directly to the department for the last 18 months related to complaints of rats.
18. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD recommend to this Board ways the city can reduce the percentage of paved surfaces, since Somerville leads the region with 77% of its surfaces paved.

19. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the defective lights in Conway Park in the outdoor roller blade rink and in the basketball courts.
20. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works request that Mass Highway regularly sweep Somerville Ave. and keep the catch basins free of debris until the roadway officially comes under city jurisdiction.
21. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the broken street pole and missing street sign at Waldo Ave. and Beacon St. (2nd request)
22. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the Sacramento St. underpass.
23. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White, Connolly and Desmond, That the Director of SPCD provide this Board a list of expiring use affordable housing and their expiration dates for review.
24. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White, Connolly and Desmond, That the Chief of Police and the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide this Board a report of noise ordinance violations, including the number of warnings and citations issued in 2009.
25. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works empty the dumpster at Franey Rd. more often in the spring and consider allowing for same-day pick up on request to prevent inconvenience to residents dropping off yard waste.
26. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the City Solicitor inform this Board whether it may create a trust fund (similar to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund) to require big box stores to contribute to a fund to support small and independent businesses.
27. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works update the Ward 6 Alderman on the March 11 request to replace the marred STOP sign on the north side of Orchard St. and the faded DO NOT ENTER sign on the west side of Dover St., and to install a DO NOT ENTER sign and a ONE WAY blade on the east side of Dover St.
28. Order By Ald. White and Sullivan, That the Director of SPCD (ISD) and the City Solicitor appear before a meeting of the Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss the regulation of asbestos removal contractors.
29. Order By Ald. White and Sullivan, That the Director of SPCD (ISD) prepare a fact sheet for every homeowner who pulls a construction permit, explaining his or her rights under the MA Home Improvement Contractor law.

30. Order By Ald. Desmond and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the broken electrical panel on the street light at Willow and Kidder Aves.
31. Order By Ald. Desmond and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes in the crosswalk at Kidder and Liberty Aves.
32. Order By Ald. Desmond and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works correct the leaning 2 HOUR PARKING sign at 112 Bristol Rd. that is blocking the sidewalk.
33. Order By Ald. Desmond and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalk at 68 Pearson Rd.
34. Order By Ald. Desmond and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the empty sign post at 96 Willow Ave.
35. Order By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works request that NStar secure the loose wires protruding from utility poles at School and Landers Sts.
36. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the empty sign posts at 65 Hudson St. and 237 Highland Ave.
37. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalk panels at 5, 52, 54 and 56 Albion St.
38. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the Hudson St. sign and pole at the corner of Central St.
39. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works properly secure the street light electrical panel at Lowell St. and Highland Ave.
40. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works correct the leaning pedestrian warning sign blocking the sidewalk on Cedar St. at the bike path.
41. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk and handicap access at the corner of Hudson and Central Sts.
42. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the electrical conduit sticking out of the ground on the traffic island at 202 Broadway.

43. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repave Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Vernon, and Pearl Sts.
44. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works properly secure the street light electrical panel at 144 Highland Ave.
45. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the severely raised sidewalk panels at 2, 5, 6 and 8 Westwood Rd.
46. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the street sign for Gould St. at the corner of Porter St.
47. Order By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works properly secure the fire alarm box electrical panel at Cedar and Summer Sts.
48. Order By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan and Heuston, That the City Clerk request the US Postal Service to remove graffiti from the green mail box at 53 Hudson St. and relocate the green mail box at 2 School St. that is blocking sidewalk access.
49. Order By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repave Porter St.
50. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works survey all double utility poles in Ward 7 for comparison to the current data compiled by the city's utilities.
51. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Constituent Services meet with the Ward 7 Alderman to discuss weekend call procedures for incidents requiring immediate action.
52. Order By Ald. Trane, That the City Clerk notify the owners of 112 Professors Row to appear before the Committee on Licenses and Permits to show why their rooming house license should not be revoked.
53. Order By Ald. Trane and Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide the Ward 7 and 6 Aldermen with updates on the construction at 20 Thorndike St., and that all permits be held until a complete review is completed.
54. Order By Ald. Trane, Gewirtz and Connolly, That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking increase enforcement for cars parked in bus stops at the Holland St. MBTA station during the commuting hours.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 55. Committee Report of the Committee on Housing & Community Development, Apr. 5.
- 56. Committee Report of the Committee on Parks & Open Space, Apr. 5.
- 57. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Utilities & Works, Apr. 6.
- 58. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Apr. 6.
- 59. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters meeting jointly with the Historic Preservation Commission, Apr. 6.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 60. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to adopt Appendix 120.AA of the MA Building Code, known as the Stretch Energy Code, as the energy code for the City.
- 61. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to designate 10 Poplar St., the city-owned waste transfer facility, a Priority Development Site under state c43D.
- 62. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$50,000 in the DPW, from the Custodian Salary Acct. to the Buildings and Grounds Overtime Acct. to cover spring plantings and special events.
- 63. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$150,000 grant from the State for the Police Dept. to fund a feasibility study for a Regional Emergency Communications Center.
- 64. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$3,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for the Library to conserve an historic Spanish-American War diary.
- 65. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Marc Leveye as Chief Assessor and Chairman of the Board of Assessors.
- 66. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Joseph Figler as Constable.

67. Mayor's Request Requesting to appear before a joint meeting of the Finance Committee and Capital Projects Committee, to update the Board on the East Somerville Community School project.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

68. Officer's Comm. Traffic & Parking Engineer responding to various Board Orders.
69. Officer's Comm. Acting Police Chief responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

70. Public Event Public Event Permit, Tufts Kids Day, Tufts Campus, 4/10, 9AM-3:30PM.
71. Public Event Public Event Permit, Pop Warner Canning, Citywide, 4/17, 11AM-5PM (raindate 4/18).
72. Public Event Public Event Permit, Somerville Spring Cleanup BBQ, Nunziato Field, 5/8 (raindate 5/9).
73. Public Event Public Event Permit, Community Cultural Day, High School Atrium parking area, 5/15, 12:3:30PM.
74. Public Event Public Event Permit, Save Our Homes Walk, High School Atrium and area streets, 5/16, 12-5PM.
75. Public Event Public Event Permit, Allied Veterans Council Flag Canning, Citywide, 5/15-16 and 22-23.
76. Public Event Public Event Permit, Mass Motorcycle Assn. "Storm the State House" motorcycle ride, 9 New Washington St., 5/20, 8-12Noon.
77. Public Event Public Event Permit, Day of Portugal Parade, Concord Sq. area, 6/20, 12-3PM.
78. Drainlayer New Drain Layer License, Fleet Construction.
79. Drainlayer Renewing Drain Layer License, Borges Sewer & Drain Co.
80. Drainlayer Renewing Drain Layer License, P. T. Kelley Inc.
81. Drainlayer Renewing Drain Layer License, Caruso Corp.
82. Flammable Renewing Flammable License, Union Gulf, 231 Washington St., 18,600 gallons.

83. Flammable Renewing Flammable License, Faulkner Brothers, 9-13 Alpine St., 18,900 gallons.
84. Flammable Renewing Flammable License, A. L. Prime Energy, 73 Summer St., 20,000 gallons.
85. Flammable Renewing Flammable License, Pete's Boys inc., 229R Lowell St., 9,800 gallons.
86. Flammable Renewing Flammable License, Trum Field Sunoco, 541 Broadway, 24,550 gallons.
87. Outdoor Parking Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Faulkner Brothers, 2 Alpine St., 4 spaces.
88. Outdoor Parking Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Pat's Auto Body, 24-30 Joy St., 100 spaces.
89. Outdoor Parking Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Pat's Auto Body, 161 Linwood St., 63 spaces.
90. Outdoor Parking Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Urban Equity Development Co., 55-59 Day St. and 108-112 Dover St., 70 spaces.
91. Outdoor Parking Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Urban Equity Development Co., 7-9 and 11-13 Herbert St., 20 spaces.
92. Outdoor Parking Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave., 2 spaces.
93. Junk Dealer Renewing Junk Dealer License, Artifaktori LLC, 22A College Ave.
94. Junk Dealer Renewing Junk Dealer License, Atlas Metals Inc, 475 Columbia St.
95. Junk Dealer Renewing Junk Dealer License, CASPAR Inc., 160 Highland Ave.
96. Extended Hours Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Cataldo Ambulance Service Inc., 137 Washington St., 24/7 operation.
97. Extended Hours Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Hess Corp., 709 McGrath Hwy., 24/7 operation.
98. Extended Hours Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 282 Somerville Ave., 24/7 operation.

99. Garage Renewing Garage License, Faulkner Brothers, 13 Alpine St., 10 autos inside.
100. Garage Renewing Garage License, PMD Group LLC, 379-385 Broadway, 150 autos inside.
101. Garage Renewing Garage License, Paul Paone, 11 Rossmore St., 2 autos inside, 8 outside.
102. Garage Renewing Garage License, Don's Automotive, 13-27 Cutter St., 3 autos inside, 2 outside.
103. Garage Renewing Garage License, Tech Auto Body Repair, 9 Union Sq., 3 autos inside, 5 outside.
104. Garage Renewing Garage License, M. Korson and Co., 91 Washington St., 1 auto inside, 3 outside.
105. Garage Renewing Garage License, Auto Express, 712 Mystic Ave., 3 autos inside, 7 outside.
106. Garage Renewing Garage License, Domenic Fabrizio, 290R Somerville Ave., 2 autos inside, 2 outside.
107. Garage Renewing Garage License, Reilly's Garage, 61-63 Washington St., 2 autos inside, 6 outside.
108. Garage Renewing Garage License, Inman Motor Sales, 121-123 Prospect St., 4 autos inside.
109. Garage Renewing Garage License, Auto Mechanic Sousa Inc., 308 McGrath Hwy., 9 autos inside, 3 outside.
110. Garage Renewing Garage License, Inner Belt Industrial Center Realty Trust, 21 Third Ave., 76 autos inside.
111. Garage Renewing Garage License, Gasper Ostuni, 195 Highland Ave., 12 autos inside.
112. Garage Renewing Garage License, Maaco Auto Painting, 444 Somerville Ave., 75 autos inside.
113. Garage Renewing Garage License, Pete's Boys Inc., 229A Lowell St., 50 autos inside.
114. Garage Renewing Garage License, Pete's Boys Inc., 229R Lowell St., 10 autos inside.
115. Garage Renewing Garage License, Modern Floors Inc., 22 Marshall St., 2 autos inside, 10 outside.

- 116. Garage Renewing Garage License, Arco Tire & Service, 16 Clarendon Ave., 2 autos inside, 2 outside.
- 117. Garage Renewing Garage License, Inman Auto Center, 45 Webster Ave., 13 autos inside, 4 outside.
- 118. Garage Renewing Garage License, Leins Auto Repair, 69-71 Bow St., 2 autos inside, 8 outside.
- 119. Sign Sign/Awning Permit, Black & Blues, 89 Holland St., 2 signs.
- 120. Pool Table New Billiard/Pool Table/Bowling Alley License, Flatbread /Bowling Company at Sacco's Bowl Haven, 45 Day St., 10 bowling alleys.
- 121. Outdoor Seating New Outdoor Seating License, Eat At Jumbos, 688 Broadway, 2 tables, 6 chairs.
- 122. Outdoor Seating New Outdoor Seating License, El Potro Mexican Gill, 61 Union Sq., 4 tables, 8 chairs.
- 123. Taxi Med. Renewing Taxicab Medallion License, Somerville Taxi Inc., #66.
- 124. Taxi Med. Renewing Taxicab Medallion License, Kings Transportation Co., #70.
- 125. Taxi Med. Renewing Taxicab Medallion License, J&J Transportation Inc., #74.
- 126. Comm. Maryanne Manfra submitting comments re: #188655, amending the Local Historic District Ordinance (Group B).
- 127. Comm. Somerville Chamber of Commerce submitting comments re: #188847, a proposed zoning amendment to amend allowable uses, requirements for special permits, and purpose statements in IA and IP zones.
- 128. Comm. Charles McKenzie and Devens Hamlen submitting comments re: #188847, a proposed zoning amendment to amend allowable uses, requirements for special permits, and purpose statements in IA and IP zones.
- 129. Comm. Triumvirate Environmental submitting comments re: #188847, a proposed zoning amendment to amend allowable uses, requirements for special permits, and purpose statements in IA and IP zones.

130. Comm. William McLaughlin submitting comments re: #188847, a proposed zoning amendment to amend allowable uses, requirements for special permits, and purpose statements in IA and IP zones.
131. Comm. Inner Belt Realty Trust submitting comments re: #188847, a proposed zoning amendment to amend allowable uses, requirements for special permits, and purpose statements in IA and IP zones.

LATE ITEMS