

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

October 24, 2013, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.
  
2. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,  
September 26, 2013.

**CITATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

3. Resolution        By Ald. Gewirtz  
  
That this Board commends the work of the Fire Department firefighters in the face of numerous fires this summer and fall.
  
4. Order            By Ald. Gewirtz  
  
That this Board extends its thanks to all those involved with the Honk! Festival.
  
5. Order            By Ald. Gewirtz  
  
That the Chief of Police investigate noise ordinance violations in association with street performances in Davis Square and take necessary steps to alleviate the problem.
  
6. Order            By Ald. Gewirtz  
  
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide extra sidewalk cleaning in the Ball Square area to alleviate recent trash issues.
  
7. Order            By Ald. Gewirtz  
  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking investigate the possibility of further traffic calming measures at Josephine Avenue and Broadway.

8. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works inform Russell Disposal that they may not pick up trash before the designated time in the mornings.
9. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) perform rodent baiting around Orchard Street and Cottage Avenue, and that the Commissioner of Public Works pave the area behind 240 Elm Street to prevent rodents from nesting there.
10. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Director of SPCD plant new trees on Grove Street.
11. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking work with the Department of Transportation to create a bike lane from Cutter Avenue onto Highland Avenue, to prevent injury to cyclists, pedestrians and drivers.
12. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the City Solicitor provide this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters with input on restricting formula businesses in Somerville by requiring specific review and oversight before they may enter central business districts.
13. Order By Ald. O'Keefe  
That the City Solicitor prepare a draft ordinance amending Ordinance 8-7(f) by changing the notification distance from "300" feet to "500" feet for extended operating hours.
14. Order By Ald. O'Keefe  
That the City Solicitor prepare a draft ordinance amending Ordinance 11-143(b)(1) by changing the notification distance from "300" feet to "500" feet for street opening permits.
15. Order By Ald. O'Keefe  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panel at the corner of Wilton and Lowell Streets.
16. Order By Ald. O'Keefe  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street sign pole at Vernon and Lowell Streets.

17. Order By Ald. O'Keefe  
That the Chief of Police update the Ward 5 Alderman on #'s 195067 re: speeding on Linden Ave., 195330 re: patrols at Junction Park via Woodbine and Centre Sts., and 195334 re: blocking the intersection at Broadway and Hinckley St.
18. Order By Ald. O'Keefe  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking update the Ward 5 Alderman on #'s 195329 re: the corner of Woodbine and Centre Sts., 195335 re: signage at Broadway and Hinckley St., and 195516 re: the traffic light at Lowell and Medford Sts.
19. Order By Ald. O'Keefe  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) update the Ward 5 Alderman on #195331 re: a sidewalk at 42 Clyde St.
20. Order By Ald. O'Keefe  
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide a written report of all actions taken for all tree inspection requests by the Ward 5 Alderman to date.
21. Resolution By Ald. Taylor  
That the Administration provide this Board with a breakdown of special events (festivals, concerts, road races, etc.), indicating if they are/were city sponsored and/or privately sponsored, and including city expenditures for each.
22. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Trane, Desmond, White Jr., Connolly  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk panels at the corner of Route 16 and Broadway.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

23. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on October 23, 2013.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Shaun Clark to the Somerville Police Reserve List.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Joel Giacobozzi to the Somerville Police Reserve List.

- D. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Joseph Moreira to the Somerville Police Reserve List.
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Alexander Lorenti to the Somerville Police Reserve List.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Michael O'Regan to the Somerville Police Reserve List.
- G. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Michael Cabral to the Somerville Police Reserve List.
- H. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Police Sergeant Timothy Mitsakis to the position of Lieutenant.
- I. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Police Officer Martha Costa to the position of Sergeant.
- J. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Police Officer John Tam to the position of Sergeant.

24. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on October 17, 2013.

25. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board, on October 21, 2013.

26. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on October 21, 2013.
- B. Officer's Communication Planning Board submitting its recommendation on a zoning ordinance to allow one ground floor supermarket that exceeds the ground level retail size cap in the Assembly Square Mixed-Use District.
- C. Public Communication Property owners Sunoco Inc. and Krisco Realty LLC submitting a proposed zoning map amendment for Prospect Hill and Somerville Avenue.
- D. Officer's Communication Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #194338, a proposed zoning ordinance amending Sections 2.2 and 7.11.9.2 to separate supermarkets from the general retail and department store use.

27. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on October 17, 2013.
- B. Order By Ald. White Jr.  
That the Chair of the Legislative Matters Committee work with the Administration to advertise a public hearing for Nov. 12 at 6 PM, regarding filling vacancies on this Board (#194675 & #194849), noting that the measure would necessitate a change to the City Charter.

28. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on October 22, 2013.
- B. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Inman Motors Sales, 463 McGrath Hwy.
- C. License/Permit Renewing and Amending Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Inman Motors Sales, 463 McGrth Hwy., increasing to 30 autos outside.

29. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on October 24, 2013.

30. SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Senior Services, meeting on October 16, 2013.
- B. Order By Ald. Connolly  
That the City Clerk send a communication to the Housing Authority requesting that measures be taken to exterminate the mice at Properzi Manor.

31. SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Senior Services, meeting on October 17, 2013.

- B. Order By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.  
That a communication be sent to the State Highway Department requesting that the bridge and island in front of Brady Towers be cleaned using street sweepers and that the overgrown grass and debris be removed on a regular basis.
- C. Order By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.  
That a communication be sent to the State Highway Department requesting that a RIGHT TURN ONLY sign be placed at Medford and Washington Streets.

32. SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Senior Services, meeting on October 21, 2013.
- B. Order By Ald. Connolly, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the bricks in front of One Davis Square.
- C. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., Connolly  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the bricks in front of the Rite Aid pharmacy in Davis Square.
- D. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Retirement Board consider raising the COLA percentage for retirees and increase the threshold from \$12,000 to \$16,000.
- E. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Traffic Commission consider putting a crosswalk in front of Somerville Hospital on Highland Avenue.
- F. Order By Ald. Connolly, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the raised sidewalk panel at the bus stop in front of Faulkner Towers.

33. SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Senior Services, meeting on October 22, 2013.

- B. Order By Ald. Connolly, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) enforce the restriction against allowing dogs in the park beside 252 Pearl Street and report back to the Committee on Senior Services.

**34. SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE**

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Senior Services, meeting on October 23, 2013.
- B. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.  
That the Traffic Commission install a flashing light, or other appropriate traffic calming device, at Cameron Avenue and Holland Street, to slow vehicular traffic so that pedestrians may cross safely.
- C. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.  
That the Traffic Commission consider installing flashing lights and signage on Holland Street at Weston Avenue, to prevent traffic on Weston Avenue between 7-9AM and 2-4PM.
- D. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.  
That the Traffic Commission consider installing a sign on Weston Avenue to alert drivers that elderly citizens may be crossing in the area.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

35. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to borrow \$300,000 in a bond, and appropriate the same amount, to purchase a salt shed.
36. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to borrow \$300,000 in a bond, and appropriate the same amount, to purchase and install Fire Radio Boxes.
37. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$117,769 from the Unreserved Fund Balance to the DPW Buildings and Grounds Moving Services Account to clean out the Homan's Building and the Powder House School Building.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$115,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to replace the existing fuel management system in the DPW yard.

- 39. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$106,812.60 from Free Cash to the Highway Professional & Technical Services Account to provide the first year of GPS monitoring services for city vehicles.
- 40. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to create a new Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund.
- 41. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$921,634 from Unreserved Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund.
- 42. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$5,500 from the Street Tree Stabilization Fund to replace a street tree on Hudson St.
- 43. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend FY 2014 funds to pay a prior year invoice of \$516 in the DPW.
- 44. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$16,000 grant from the MA Public Safety and Security Highway Safety Division for the Police's Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and Click It or Ticket Mobilization program.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 45. Officer's Communication Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #195235, a proposed zoning ordinance changing all CCD-55 zoning districts in Ward 3 to CCD-45.
- 46. Officer's Communication Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #195627, a proposed zoning ordinance modifying Article 15: Linkage.
- 47. Officer's Communication Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #195279, a proposed zoning ordinance to add a new Section 6.6: North Point Special district, modify Section 5.4: Design and Site Plan Review, and make related modifications to Sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 17.
- 48. Officer's Communication Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting responses to various Board Orders from the 9/26/13 BOA meeting.
- 49. Officer's Communication Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting responses to various Board Orders from the 8/22/13 BOA meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 50. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Richmond Campaign Hot Dog Giveaway, Magoun Square parking lot, Oct 26-27 and Nov 2-3, 11AM-4PM.



- 51. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Ladies' Pampering Day, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Oct 26, 11-11:30AM (raindate Oct 27).
- 52. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Ghost Scorpion Productions Halloween Howl, Davis Square Statue Park, Oct 26, 6PM-9:45 PM (raindate Oct 27).
- 53. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Ugly Sweater Run, East Somerville, Nov 30, 7AM-4PM.
- 54. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Union Sq. Main Streets Winter Craft Market, Union Sq. Plaza, Dec 7, 9AM-5PM.
- 55. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Lindsay Griffin Boston Hairstylist, 106 Bristol Road, 1 sign.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

- 56. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Holiday Arts and Crafts at Assembly Row, 300 Grand Union Blvd., Dec 6-8, 9AM-10PM.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk