

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

December 8, 2011, 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,
November 10, 2011.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan, Connolly, and the
Entire Board and the Mayor

Commending High School Coach Mark Antonelli, the
2011 Division 1 North Boys Basketball Coach of the
Year.

4. Citation By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan, Connolly, and the
Entire Board and the Mayor

Commending Rashida Ellis, the USA Amateur Boxing
Association's New England Champion for 2011.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Location Grant of Location submitted by Comcast, for 33 ft. of
conduit from a pole on Buckingham St. to private
property at 65 Beacon St.

6. Grant of Location Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric, to
relocate a pole on Mountain Ave. to provide clearance
for a new driveway at 8 Mountain Ave.

7. Grant of Location Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric, to install
130 feet of underground conduit in Somerville Ave.
between Bleachery Court and Garden Court, to support
the new ice skating rink at Conway Park.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

8. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz

That this Board requests that a representative of the
MBTA meet with this Board to discuss improvements
at the MBTA station on College Avenue.

9. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board of the feasibility of extending the community garden further down the community path between Davis Square and Willow Avenue.
10. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide this Board with information on the status of the Cabot Farm building on Broadway, at the Powderhouse Rotary.
11. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) and the Chief Fire Engineer report to this Board the current status of the Dilboy Post and when it will be permitted to re-open.
12. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the two rusty rail pipes sticking out of the ground on the community path between Willow Avenue and Cedar Street.
13. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, Desmond, Connolly, Sullivan, Pero, Heuston, Roche
That this Board stands opposed to the establishment of the Somerville Progressive Charter School.
14. Order By Ald. Desmond, Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the fence and gate attached to the rear of the Edgerly School on the Otis Street side.
15. Order By Ald. Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the tree lights on the median strip on Broadway, from Walnut Street to Mt. Vernon Street.
16. Order By Ald. Roche
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the catch basins on Everett Avenue, Otis Street, MacArthur Street, Bonair Street and Wigglesworth Street for rodents.
17. Order By Ald. Roche
That the Chief of Police and Director of SPCD (ISD) report to the Ward One Alderman on actions to control the ongoing abuse and disrespect resulting to the vacant building at 2 Broadway.

18. Order By Ald. Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the Iacoppucci dedication sign at the corner of Broadway and Glen Street.
19. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, Connolly, Roche, O'Donovan, Gewirtz
That this Board requests that the Retirement Board increase the cost of living adjustment base for retirees from \$12,000 to \$14,000.
20. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, Pero
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect, take appropriate action and report the findings to this Board for trees at the following locations: 99 Thurston Street, 11, 13 and 14 Rush Street.
21. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the unlit street lamps on Davis Square Plaza and on the corner of Winter Street and College Ave.
22. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works make the necessary repairs to correct the steep sidewalk grade on some Windom Street homes.
23. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility to repair the street lamps on Winslow and College Avenues, adjacent to Ciampa Manor.
24. Order By Ald. Connolly, O'Donovan
That the Commissioner of Public Works arrange for all utilities with equipment on double poles to meet with the Committee on Public Utilities and Works early in 2012.
25. Resolution By Ald. Connolly
That this Board requests that a representative from NStar's Community Relations Dept. appear before a regular meeting of this Board to discuss NStar's street lamp repair and replacement schedule.
26. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, Pero
That the Commissioner of Public Works improve the Christmas lights on the trees on Broadway in East Somerville and have lights only on the tree at Paul Revere Park.

27. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, Taylor
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the lights on the island between 252 and 255 Medford Street.
28. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, Taylor
That this Board requests that the US Postal Service return the mail box at 252 Medford Street.
29. Communication By Ald. Gewirtz
Acting as President, reporting on School Committee activities, with a special focus on the proposed Charter School and hearing on December 14th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

30. Citation By Ald. O'Donovan, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending Edward Reddin, who is retiring after more than 35 years of dedicated service as a Police Officer.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

31. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on December 5, 2011.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$48,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of 2 Ford Escapes for the Police Dept.'s narcotics and gang units.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$30,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of handheld portable radios for the Police Dept.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$42,000 grant from the Office of Emergency Preparedness for security improvements to the Public Safety Building.
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$30,000 and authorization to borrow that amount in a bond for renovations to the old Union Square Firehouse.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting to pay prior year invoices in the Dept. of Public Works totalling \$15,067.40.

- G. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Chief of Police provide this Board with a list of seized cash and property for the past five years, noting what has gone into the City's account during that period.

32. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on December 1, 2011.
- B. Public Communication 631 Somerville petitioners communicating their support for the proposed local hiring ordinance.
- C. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the proposed Local Hiring Ordinance be presented to the full Board of Aldermen for further instruction.

33. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on December 7, 2011.
- B. License/Permit New Garage License, Chambers Motorcars, 71 Linwood St., Mechanical repairs, washing vehicles, storing vehicles, 9 autos in.
- C. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Laundromax, 630 Somerville Ave., one sign.
- D. License/Permit New Used Car Dealer License Class II, Mass Auto Brokers Inc., 631 Somerville Ave., 10 autos in, 5 out.
- E. License/Permit New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, A/E Auto Repair, 13 Joy St., 8 autos in, 4 out.
- F. License/Permit Amending Garage License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St., requesting to operate Sundays, 10AM-4PM.
- G. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the City Clerk notify the holder of the license for G E Auto Repair to appear before the Committee on Licenses and Permits to discuss the terms of the license.

34. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on December 7, 2011.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 35. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$150,000 and authorization to borrow that amount in a bond for renovations to the ISD Office.
- 36. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$5,355 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Police Personal Services Crossing Guard Acct. to fund a collective bargaining agreement with the Crossing Guard Unit.
- 37. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice in the Information Technology Dept. totalling \$83.83.
- 38. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of \$7,665 grant from the MA Dept. of Fire Services for the Fire Dept.'s Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) campaign.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 39. Officer's Communication Traffic and Parking Responding to Board Orders
- 40. Officer's Communication SPCD Director responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 41. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Vigil for Bradley Manning, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Fridays 1-2 PM from Dec 16 thru Jun 30, 2012.
- 42. License/Permit Renewing Drain Layer's License, C and K Trucking and Excavating.
- 43. License/Permit Renewing Automatic Amusement Devices License, Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St., 1 device.
- 44. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Manny's Auto Center, 463 McGrath Hwy., 30 autos out.
- 45. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, LIens Auto Repair, 65 1/2 Bow St., 17 autos.
- 46. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Dodakin's Auto Sales, 191 Beacon St., 4 autos in, 18 out.
- 47. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Motorcycles and More LLC, 109 Bailey Rd., 0 autos.
- 48. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Pizzeria Posto, 187 Elm St., 10 tables, 20 chairs.

- 49. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, PJ Ryans, 239 Holland St., 8 tables, 16 chairs.
- 50. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Boston Burger Co., 37 Davis Sq., 5 tables, 10 chairs, 1 A-frame sign.
- 51. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Mr. Crepe, 51 Davis Sq., 5 tables, 10 chairs, 1 A-frame sign.
- 52. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm St., 1 bench.
- 53. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Taipei Tokyo Cafe, 7 Holland St., 3 tables, 6 chairs.
- 54. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, The Burren, 247 Elm St., 6 tables, 24 chairs.
- 55. Public Communication Congressman Capuano responding to #192234 re: the impact of proposed federal cuts on Somerville.
- 56. Public Communication MBTA Acting General Manager responding to #192285 re: Discounted advertising for Davis Sq. businesses during the Red Line track reconstruction project.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 57. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, O'Donovan
That the Chief of Police advise this Board on the safety measures in place in the Lexington Park area of the community path with respect to dogs off leash.
- 58. Order By Ald. Trane
That the Chief Information Officer check, clean and secure all IT cables in the Committee Room and ensure that all IT equipment is working properly.
- 59. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of Section 20 of M.G.L. Chapter 32B allowing the City to establish a Trust Fund for Other Post Employment Benefit Liabilities (OPEB).
- 60. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$367,631 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the DPW School Custodians Personal Services Acct. to fund a collective bargaining settlement.
- 61. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$27,518 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Parking Meter Receipts Acct. to the Traffic and Parking Credit Card Services Acct.

- 62. Officer's Communication City Solicitor responding to #192224 re: health insurance coverage for survivors under GIC.
- 63. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, J. Talewsky and Son, 512 Columbia St.
- 64. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, J. Talewsky and Son, 517 Columbia St.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk