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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll. (ID # 17659)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, (ID # 17660) November 21, 2017.

CITATIONS

3. Withdrawn Withdrawn. (ID # 17683)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Order By Ald. Mbah, Hirsch
(ID # 17582) That the Director of SPCD update this Board on what is being done to preserve minority owned businesses in the city.

5. Resolution By Ald. Mbah

(ID # 17583) That the Superintendent of Schools provide this Board with information regarding homelessness among the student population, including the demographics of those affected and what steps are being taken to prevent those

at risk from becoming homeless.

6. Order By Ald. Rossetti, White Jr., Mbah, Hirsch

(ID # 17612) That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report

to this Board, no later than January 18, 2018, all snow removal violations issued to property owners in December and January, and explain how properties are

identified for infractions.

7. Resolution By Ald. Rossetti

(ID # 17613) That the Administration work with this Board to join the

15 'Age Friendly Communities' in Massachusetts by implementing age-friendly employer initiatives and encouraging our local businesses to do the same.

8. Resolution By Ald. Ewen-Campen

(ID # 17614) That the Administration update this Board on its efforts

to form an Office of Housing Stability, as recommended by the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group and mentioned in the Mayor's recent inaugural address.

9. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen

(ID # 17615) That the Chief of Police report to this Board, the current

approach for enforcing laws relating to cell phone use while driving, and any relevant studies regarding the

prevalence of such use in the city.

10. Resolution By Ald. Ewen-Campen

(ID # 17616) That the Administration update this Board on plans for

adult-use recreational marijuana.

11. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen

(ID # 17617) That the Chief Assessor report to this Board, the number

of properties (residential and commercial) that have been bought and sold within a 1-year period, and the extent of improvements that were made during that period, for the

past five years.

12. Resolution By Ald. Ewen-Campen

(ID # 17618) That the Traffic Commission consider supporting the

neighborhood petition to make Crocker Street a one-way street for its entire length, and to exempt it from the odd/even snow emergency parking shift each year.

13. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen

(ID # 17619) That the Director of Engineering and the Commissioner

of Public Works work with this Board to consider possible strategies to address the persistent issue of snow being plowed onto sidewalks during large snow storms.

14. Resolution By Ald. Ewen-Campen

(ID # 17620) That the Administration inform the Ward 3 Aldermen

who will bear the financial costs of mitigating the recent

flooding and related damage at 125 Lowell Street.

15. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen

(ID # 17621) That the Director of Traffic and Parking update the Ward

3 Alderman about any previous traffic studies for traffic

calming on School Street.

16. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen

(ID # 17622) That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider

additional lane-usage signs along Somerville Avenue leading up to its intersection with Washington Street in

Union Square.

17. Order By Ald. Clingan

(ID # 17623) That the Director of SPCD arrange a meeting with the

MBTA and this Board to discuss the elimination of the Route 95 bus stop on Mystic Avenue across from Fremont Street, and how that stop can be restored with

proper lighting, markings, etc.

18. Order By Ald. Clingan

(ID # 17624) That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the

appropriate utility to raise the low hanging wires at the

corner of Shore Drive Putnam Road.

19. Order By Ald. Clingan

(ID # 17625) That the Director of SPCD appear before this Board to

discuss the timeline for repaving Broadway, between

Central Street and the McGrath Highway.

20. Resolution By Ald. Clingan

(ID # 17626) That the Administration update this Board on the former

Winter Hill Star Market and the associated lawsuit, as

requested in #201772.

21. Resolution By Ald. Hirsch

(ID # 17631) That the Administration consider a mid-year

appropriation for additional traffic coordination or engineering staff to manage the many complex projects underway, communicate with residents and businesses, and carry out any possible immediate traffic calming

using real-time data.

22. Resolution By Ald. Hirsch

(ID # 17632) That the Administration meet with this Board in

Executive Session to provide an update on collective

bargaining.

23. Order By Ald. Hirsch

(ID # 17633) That the Director of Personnel provide updated

information on employee demographics, including gender, ethnicity and any other tracked categories, with

the average wages by demographic group.

24. Order By Ald. Hirsch

(ID # 17634) That the Chief Assessor and the Director of

Communications provide an update on how this year's tax deferral program can be advertised to each eligible home owner, and how the application process can be

streamlined.

25. Order By Ald. Hirsch

(ID # 17635) That the Director of SPCD provide an update on the

progress made on all recommendations included in the December 2015 Sustainable Neighborhood Working

Group report.

26. Order By Ald. Hirsch

(ID # 17636) That Director of the Office of Sustainability and

Environment include the School Department's Finance

Director in discussions of #204436, to examine

procurement criteria for cafeteria food and drink vendors given the amount of waste created by food packaging.

27. Resolution By Ald. Hirsch

(ID # 17637) That the Administration report to this Board, by the next

Youth Services Committee meeting, on ways to expand open swimming hours at the Kennedy School pool, such as Sundays, Friday/Saturday evenings, school holidays

and half-day Wednesdays.

28. Resolution By Ald. Hirsch, Niedergang

(ID # 17638) That the Administration report to this Board, by the next

Youth Services Committee meeting, on ways to keep the Kennedy School playground open for public use during

non-school day daytime hours.

29. Resolution By Ald. Hirsch, Rossetti

(ID # 17639) That the Administration provide an update on the

progress of plans outlined in the Somerville Fields Mater

Plan.

30. Resolution By Ald. Hirsch

(ID # 17640) That the Administration, with the School Department,

provide data by student income, school and grade, on children being served after school at school-based and non-profit providers, to identify gaps in service and better coordinate and expand such programming.

31. Order By Ald. Hirsch, Niedergang

(ID # 17641) That the Director of Traffic and Parking publish de-

identified parking permit data in the city's open data portal so as to permit community analysis and discussion of issues related to the supply and demand of parking.

32. Order By Ald. Hirsch, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang

(ID # 17642) That the City Solicitor prepare a Home Rule Petition regarding a Right of First Refusal to allow tenants to have the first option to purchase their homes if they are

going to be sold.

33. Order By Ald. Niedergang, Hirsch

(ID # 17643) That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic

and Parking meet with the Committee on Traffic and Parking to discuss policies and procedures to limit residential parking permits for residents of properties that are granted relief from parking requirements by the Zoning Board of Appeals or the Planning Board.

34. Order By Ald. Niedergang

(ID # 17644) That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this

Board why snow plows cannot go at a slower speed to avoid throwing snow over curbs and onto sidewalks.

35. Order By Ald. Niedergang, Mbah

(ID # 17645) That the Commissioner of Public Works deploy a

shoveling crew after major snowstorms to shovel out the sidewalks of elderly and disabled residents that get buried by city snowplows, and that the Director of Health and Human Services and the Director of Communications work together to register such residents

so they can contact 311 to get their sidewalks reshoveled after they have been buried by snowplows.

36. Order By Ald. Niedergang, Mbah

(ID # 17646) That the Director of Communications coordinate the

messaging about when to shovel with the Commissioner of Public Works so that residents are not told to shovel their sidewalks when snow plows are still plowing snow

over curbs and burying sidewalks.

37. Order By Ald. Niedergang, Mbah

(ID # 17647) That the Director of SPCD report to this Board whether

he plans to propose to the Traffic Commission that 20

mph speed zones be adopted citywide.

38. Resolution By Ald. Niedergang

(ID # 17648) That the Mayor allocate \$25,000 for the remainder of

FY18 for this Board to hire its own legal counsel to provide independent legal analysis and advice on legal

matters.

39. Order By Ald. Niedergang, Davis

(ID # 17649) That the Director of Traffic and Parking add a second

crosswalk and install a flashing PEDESTRIAN CROSSING sign on both sides of Summer Street at Cherry Street to enhance safety for children and parents

walking to the Kennedy School.

40. Order By Ald. Niedergang, Davis

(ID # 17650) That the Director of Traffic and Parking add a second

crosswalk on Summer Street at Hancock Street and on

Lexington Avenue at Hancock Street.

41. Order By Ald. Scott

(ID # 17651) That this Board explore establishing a community-based

independent Community Land Trust that can purchase property in conjunction with non-profit organizations and private citizens, and make housing permanently

affordable.

42. Order By Ald. Scott

(ID # 17652) That the City Clerk and the Director of SPCD expand

abutter notices for Zoning Board of Appeal, Planning Board and Historic Preservation Commission hearings to include tenants of abutting properties in addition to

property owners.

43. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

(ID # 17653) That the City Solicitor and the City Arborist clarify the

ordinance requiring tree removal for a new driveway or

other construction project.

44. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

(ID # 17654) That the Director of SPCD provide this Board by end of

February with the tree planting schedule, by Ward, for

Spring 2018.

45. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

(ID # 17655) That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the

Director of Finance report to this Board how much money was spent per year on girls' programs and boys'

programs during FY16, FY17 and FY18 to date.

46. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

(ID # 17656) That the City Arborist trim the tree at 26 Mead Street.

47. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

(ID # 17658) That the Director of Traffic and Parking install signs on

the eastbound side of Broadway to restrict traffic on Victoria Street, Garrison Avenue and Farragut Avenue.

48. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

(ID # 17657) That the Chief of Police cite motorists traveling in the

wrong direction on Clarendon Avenue and Victoria

Street from Woodstock Street.

49. Communication By Ald. Ballantyne

> (ID # 17686) In her capacity as President, conveying this Board's

Standing and Special Committee assignments and

Commission appointments for 2018.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

50. Order By Ald. Niedergang, Davis, Connolly, and the Entire 204377

Board

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the City Solicitor appear at this Board's November 9, 2017 meeting to discuss why developers have gotten building permits without meeting pre-conditions specified in zoning decisions, how the City can more effectively monitor projects for compliance with zoning conditions and other requirements, and what fines and penalties can

be levied to deter future violations.

51. Order By Ald. White Jr., Lafuente, Sullivan, Connolly,

204736 Rossetti, Davis

> That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inform this Board of the department's practices when residents complain of structural damage to their homes caused by

nearby construction activities.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

52. Mayor's Request Requesting the adoption of a zoning amendment to (ID # 17685) Amend Article 16 to establish that owners or developers of future PUD projects may not seek a waiver of any change to affordable housing requirements.

53. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling (ID # 17579) \$1441.25 using available funds in the Capital Projects

and Planning Professional and Technical Services Account for construction administration services at the

former School Administration Building.

Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$75,000 donation from Tufts 54. (ID # 17627) University pursuant to its Partnership Agreement with

the City.

55. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$45,625 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Housing and (ID # 17581)

Economic Development to SPCD's Economic

Development Division for an Advanced Manufacturing

Training program.

- 56. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Stanley Koty as (ID # 17584) Commissioner of Public Works.
- 57. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Steven MacEachern as (ID # 17585) Superintendent of Highways, Lines and Lights.
- 58. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Walter Whitney as (ID # 17586) Superintendent of Public Buildings & Grounds.
- 59. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Ron Bonney as (ID # 17587) Superintendent of Fleet Management.
- 60. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Goran Smiljic as (ID # 17588) Superintendent of Inspectional Services.
- 61. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Robert King as (ID # 17589) Director of Capital Planning and Engineering.
- 62. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Rich Raiche as City (ID # 17590) Engineer.
- 63. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of John DeLuca as (ID # 17591) Director of Water & Sewer.
- 64. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Wright as City (ID # 17592) Solicitor.
- 65. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Angela Allen as (ID # 17593) Purchasing Agent.
- 66. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Steve Craig as 311 (ID # 17594) Director.
- 67. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Lapiana as (ID # 17595) Animal Control Officer.
- 68. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Edward Bean as (ID # 17596) Finance Director.
- 69. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Rose Durham as Clerk (ID # 17597) of Committees.
- 70. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Charles Sillari as (ID # 17598) Assistant Clerk of Committees.
- 71. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Peter Forcellese, Sr. as (ID # 17599) Legislative Clerk.

- 72. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Bryan Bishop as (ID # 17600) Director of Veterans Services.
- 73. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Bertino as (ID # 17601) Treasurer/Collector of Taxes.
- 74. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Jill Lathan as Director (ID # 17602) of Parks and Recreation.
- 75. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Suzanne Rinfret as (ID # 17603) Director of Traffic and Parking.
- 76. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Christopher Hosman (ID # 17604) as Executive Director of the Women's Commission.
- 77. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of William Roche as (ID # 17605) Municipal Hearing Officer.
- 78. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Nicholas Salerno as (ID # 17607) Elections Commissioner.
- 79. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Doug Kress as (ID # 17609) Director of the Board of Health.
- 80. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Candace Cooper as (ID # 17610) Director of Personnel.
- 81. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Rachel Taylor as Animal (ID # 17629) Control Officer.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 82. Officer's Legislative Liaison submitting a communication Communication regarding the establishment of an Appointment Advisory (ID # 17687) Committee.
- 83. Officer's Legislative Liaison submitting a communication Communication regarding the implementation of the Ordinance to (ID # 17630) Safeguard Vulnerable Road Users (aka the Sideguard Ordinance).
- 84. Officer's DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders Communication submitted 12/14/17.
 (ID # 17526)

85. Officer's Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to Communication various Board Orders submitted 11/21/17 and 12/14/17. (ID # 17580)

	NEW BUSINESS		
86.	License/Permit (ID # 17668)	Public Event Permit, Co-Incidence Festival music performances, Sidewalks from Union Sq to 321 Washington St, Jan 19-25, 1 hour each day starting between 5 and 10 PM and ending between 6 and 11PM.	
87.	License/Permit (ID # 17669)	Public Event Permit, BA Events Race of Ireland, Davis Sq and area streets, Mar 11, 7AM-2PM.	
88.	License/Permit (ID # 17670)	Public Event Permit, St. Benedict Good Friday Procession, Area streets from Cutter to Hathorn Sts, Mar 30, 3-7PM.	
89.	License/Permit (ID # 17671)	New Drainlayer's License, Brennan Construction.	
90.	License/Permit (ID # 17672)	New Extended Operating Hours License, Venus Pizza and Grill, 1295 Broadway, remaining open for in-store, take-out and delivery service until 5AM 7 days/week.	
91.	License/Permit (ID # 17673)	Amending Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St, to increase the number of vehicles outside to 38, and increase Saturday hours to 6PM.	
92.	License/Permit (ID # 17674)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, 28 Motorsports, 486R Columbia St.	
93.	License/Permit (ID # 17675)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.	
94.	License/Permit (ID # 17676)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Mystic Auto Sales, 712 Mystic Ave.	
95.	License/Permit (ID # 17688)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Real Auto Shop, 463 McGrath Hwy.	
96.	License/Permit (ID # 17689)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St.	
97.	License/Permit (ID # 17678)	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, NU Cafe and Juice Bar, 195 Washington St.	

98.	License/Permit	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Ola Gifts Cafe, 112
	(ID # 17679)	Broadway.

- 99. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Maya Sol Mexican (ID # 17680) Grill, 179 Broadway.
- 100. License/Permit Renewing Livery License, Mass Cab, 45 Endicott Ave. (ID # 17677)
- 101. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Smoke Valley, 19 Union Sq, 1 (ID # 17681) sign.
- 102. Public PERAC submitting the required FY 2019 retirement Communication system appropriation.

 (ID # 17684)
- 103. Public 23 residents submitting a petition re: the trees removed Communication on Beacon Street.

 (ID # 17611)

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

104. Order By Ald. Davis, Rossetti
(ID # 17661) That the City Solicitor advise this Board on options to allow primary enforcement of city ordinances by city

allow primary enforcement of city ordinances by city representatives, including Police and Parking Control Officers.

Officers

105. Order By Ald. Davis

(ID # 17662) That the City Clerk revise the wording of the opening prayer to change the words, "all men and women" to "all

people".

106. Order By Ald. Davis

(ID # 17663) That the City Clerk and the City Solicitor advise this

Board on whether the opening prayer and the salute to the flag are required at the beginning of meetings.

107. Resolution By Ald. Davis, Rossetti

(ID # 17664) That the Administration explore additional pedestrian

safety strategies for crosswalks when the crossing signs

have to be removed during winter.

108. Order By Ald. Davis

(ID # 17665) That the Commissioner of Public Works advise this

Board on the priority policy for clearing snow from

sidewalk curb cuts at intersections.

		January 11, 2018
109.	Resolution (ID # 17666)	By Ald. Davis That the Administration advise this Board on the city's ability to clear sidewalks that have not been cleared and charge the property owner for the cost.
110.	Resolution (ID # 17667)	By Ald. Davis That the Administration advise this Board whether data is kept, or can be kept, on repeat offenders of the snow removal ordinance, and whether penalties can be increased for repeat offenders.
111.	Order (ID # 17696)	By Ald. Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works remove all space savers from parking spots on all city streets and that the Director of Communications remind residents of the prohibition on reserving parking spots for personal use.

112. Mayor's Request Requesting the adoption of a New Zoning Ordinance (ID # 17628) (1/2018 update) to supersede the current Zoning Ordinance as originally adopted on March 23, 1990.

113. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to (ID # 17693) authorize the City to impose a Real Estate Transfer Fee.

114. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$400,000 grant that requires (ID # 17692) a match, from the MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs PARC Grant Program to SPCD for renovations to Prospect Hill Park.

115. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Lara Versari to the (ID # 17690) Human Rights Commission.

116. License/Permit Amending Outdoor Seating License, Spoke Wine Bar,(ID # 17695) 89 Holland St, adding 1 outdoor vestibule for winter use.

117. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, CM Auto (ID # 17700) Sales, 39 Webster Ave.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT