

City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the City Council

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

May 28, 2020, 7:00 PM
Meeting by Remote Participation

NOTICE

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of the City Council will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website and local cable access government channels.

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OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # 23050)

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # 23051)

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April
(ID # 23052) 28, 2020.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 452 feet of conduit in
Location Washington St from manhole 15059 at the intersection of
(ID # 23046) Washington and Franklin Sts, to a point of pickup at 130
Washington St. (Interim approval granted.)

5. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install a total of 804 feet of
Location conduit as follows: Starting from manhole 25391 at the
(ID # 23047) intersection of Prospect St and Webster Ave and running
363 feet to manhole 4118 on Webster Ave, then 276 feet
to a new manhole 30846 on Columbia St, and then
another 165 feet to manhole 26723 on Windsor Pl.

6. Grant of Location (ID # 23048) Submitted by Eversource to install a total of 207 feet of conduit in Earle St, with 69 feet running from manhole 26730 in Earle St to a point of pickup at the rear of 153 South St, and 138 feet running from that same manhole to a point of pickup at the intersection of Earle St and Windsor Pl.
7. Grant of Location (ID # 23027) Submitted by Eversource to install 70 feet of conduit in Irving St, from pole 178/8 to a point of pickup at 39 Irving St.
8. Grant of Location (ID # 23026) Submitted by Eversource to install 25 feet of conduit in Broadway, from Manhole 12854 to a point of pickup at 112 Broadway.
9. Grant of Location (ID # 23028) Submitted by Level 3 Communications to install 22 feet of conduit in Holland St from existing Level 3 manhole #0515-3107 to a new handhole, then continuing another 43 feet from that handhole to existing manhole #8247 near 37 Holland St.
10. Grant of Location (ID # 23029) Submitted by Level 3 Communications to install 15 feet of conduit in Highland Ave from manhole #8237 to a new handhole, then another 5 feet of conduit from that handhole to a point of pickup at 403 Highland Ave.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

11. Resolution (ID # 23035) By City Councilor Mbah, White Jr. Supporting a National Day of Mourning and Prayer on Flag Day, June 14.
12. Resolution (ID # 23032) By City Councilor Strezo That the Postmaster provide any contingency plans to be implemented in the event of a forced shut-down or suspension of service due to a lack of funding or the COVID-19 pandemic.
13. Communication (ID # 23033) By City Councilor Strezo Reporting on the Affordable Housing Trust meeting of May 14, 2020.
14. Communication (ID # 23036) By City Councilor Rossetti Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of May 18, 2020.
15. Ordinance (ID # 23037) By City Councilor Niedergang Proposing an amendment to the zoning map to change 56 Murdock Street from the Neighborhood Residence to the Urban Residence district.

16. Resolution (ID # 23038) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Rossetti That the Director of Inspectional Services, the City Solicitor, and the Mayor appear before this Council to explain why a development at 21 Cherry Street was deemed essential and granted a temporary Certificate of Occupancy despite a history of building code violations and physical violations of the Special Permit granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals.
17. Resolution (ID # 23039) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Rossetti That the Administration explain in writing to this Council, upon granting a permanent Certificate of Occupancy or extending a temporary Certificate of Occupancy to the 21 Cherry Street development, why the COO was granted given the many built violations of the Special Permit granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

18. Resolution 209284 By City Councilor Scott Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.
19. Grant of Location 209997 Submitted by Eversource to install 70 feet of conduit in Broadway from manhole #2572 to a new handhole in front of Trum Field.
20. Grant of Location 209998 Submitted by Eversource to install 80 feet of conduit in Broadway from manhole #2569 to a new handhole at the intersection of Broadway and Dexter Street.
21. Grant of Location 210130 Submitted by Eversource to install 25 feet of conduit in Smith Avenue from pole 525/1 to a point of pickup at 5 Smith Avenue.
22. Grant of Location 210131 Submitted by Eversource to install 46 feet of conduit in Prospect Street from pole 291/15 to a point of pickup at 109 Prospect Street.
23. Grant of Location 210132 Submitted by Verizon to install 130 feet of conduit in Broadway from existing manhole 333 to a new handhole at the intersection of Broadway and Boston Avenue.
24. Grant of Location 210133 Submitted by Verizon to install 291 feet of conduit in South Street and Earle Street, from existing manhole 464 to a new manhole 44/464A, then to a point of pickup at the rear of 111 South Street.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

25. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 23041) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 18, 2020.

26. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 23045) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 26, 2020.
- B. Mayor's Request 210143 Requesting approval to appropriate \$76,000 from the Wynn/Encore Small business Assistance Stabilization fund to pay for technical assistance for small businesses impacted by COVID-19.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. Mayor's Request 210144 Requesting approval to create the Alpine Street Stabilization fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$10,000 from 2-13 Alpine St. LLC for Open Space improvements.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Mayor's Request 210168 Requesting acceptance of a \$325,000 grant with no new match required, from the MBTA for public safety emergency first responder costs.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

27. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 23042) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on May 19, 2020.
- B. Public Communication 209734 62 College Ave Trust LLC proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property at 60-62 College Ave to UR.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- C. Public Communication 209777 Nikhilesh Gorukanti proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property at 365-369 Somerville Ave to remove the Pedestrian Street designation.
RECOMMENDED: Withdrawn
- D. Ordinance 210169 By City Councilor McLaughlin Proposing an amendment to the Zoning Map, to rezone 31 Tufts Street to the Urban Residence District.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

28. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 23043) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 21, 2020.

29. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 23040) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as s Committee of the Whole on May 18, 2020.
- B. Order 210125 By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Superintendent of Schools update this Council on how the school year is faring, best practices, projected changes, any ways to help, etc.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

30. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 23044) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as s Committee of the Whole on May 26, 2020.
- B. Order (ID # 23068) By City Councilor Strezo That the Chief of Police provide weekly updates on mask citations issued and any non-compliance incidents.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

31. Ordinance (ID # 23034) City Solicitor submitting an amendment to the Municipal Ordinances to provide for the appointment of the Clerk and Assistant Clerks of Committees by this Council.
32. Officer's Communication (ID # 23031) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #209663, requesting an ordinance requiring pollution mitigation for new housing built along high transit roadways.

NEW BUSINESS

33. License/Permit (ID # 23053) Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul, 600 Mystic Valley Pkwy.
34. License/Permit (ID # 23054) Renewing Flammables License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy.
35. License/Permit (ID # 23055) Renewing Garage License, Goodyear Auto Service Center, 1 Bow St.

- 36. License/Permit (ID # 23056) Renewing Garage License, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor Pl.
- 37. License/Permit (ID # 23057) Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green Cab and Yellow Cab Assn, 3 cabs at 295 Broadway, 3 cabs at 1 Davis Sq, 2 cabs at 22-26 Union Sq.
- 38. License/Permit (ID # 23059) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Country Club Transportation, Med #3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,46.
- 39. License/Permit (ID # 23058) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, God's Blessing Cab, Med #60.
- 40. License/Permit (ID # 23049) Small Wireless Facility License, Extenet Systems installing small wireless facilities on a replacement pole at the intersection of Broadway and Boston Avenue.
- 41. License/Permit (ID # 23060) Renewing Dog Kennel License, Elliots House Pet Care and More, 230 Somerville Avenue, to board 10 dogs overnight only.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 42. Order (ID # 23061) By City Councilor Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne That the Director of Parks and Recreation report to this Council where the Dilboy tennis courts fall in the phased reopening timeline.
- 43. Order (ID # 23062) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of SPCD and the Commissioner of Public Works work with MA DOT to install a temporary protected pedestrian lane on the Rt. 28/Fellsway Mystic River Bridge.
- 44. Order (ID # 23063) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of Parks and Recreation report to this Council's Public Health and Public Safety Committee the plan to re-open the Dilboy Pool on July 1.
- 45. Order (ID # 23064) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of Parks and Recreation report to this Council's Public Health and Public Safety Committee with the plan for re-opening the department's Summer Camp.

46. Order (ID # 23065) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Chief of Police report to this Council's Public Health and Public Safety Committee the protocols for domestic violence calls, such as asking the children if they are okay, making sure that victims have access to a phone, and obtaining that phone number.
47. Order (ID # 23066) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Health and Human Services work with all community partners in contact with parents to make sure those parents identify someone to care for their children should they need to be hospitalized, and make that information is accessible, with contact information, in case it is needed.
48. Order (ID # 23067) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Health and Human Services work with the appropriate state agencies to identify all state funded group and foster homes to ensure they have enough PPEs and to examine their plans to keep facilities clean.
49. Order (ID # 23069) By City Councilor Strezo, Scott
That this Council discuss the need for Rent Control in light of the global COVID-19 pandemic, as illustrated by dramatic rent increases displacing residents.
50. Mayor's Request (ID # 23071) Requesting the appropriation of \$88,588 from the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund to the Fire Alarm Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to fund retroactive payments pursuant to the Agreement with the Firefighters Local 76, Fire Alarm Unit.
51. Officer's Communication (ID # 23070) Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #s 208951, 209034, 209419, 209734, 209735, and 210169, requesting map amendments.

LATE ITEMS

52. Officer's Communication (ID # 23072) Director of Water and Sewer submitting proposed water and sewer volumetric rates for FY21.
53. Officer's Communication (ID # 23073) Housing Programs Coordinator reporting on the Affordable Housing Trust meeting of May 14, 2020.

54. Grant of Location (ID # 23074) Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell equipment on a new, updated pole replacing an existing pole at Trum Playground, 546 Broadway.

ADJOURNMENT