

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

January 10, 2013, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meetings on November 29, 2012, and December 6, 2012, and the Regular Meeting on December 13, 2012.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Grant of Location Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric for 38 feet of conduit from a pole on Simpson Avenue to 89-99 Holland Street.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Order By Ald. Cuff-Bastardi

 That the Chief Fire Engineer inspect Pinckney Street and Pinckney Place to ensure that emergency apparatus has sufficient access to Pinckney Place and report back to the Ward One Alderman.

5. Order By Ald. Cuff-Bastardi, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.

 That the Chief of Police and City Solicitor appear before this Board's Public Health and Safety Committee to discuss the December 27, 2012 incident at the Holiday Inn and to make any recommendations to prevent another occurrence.

6. Order By Ald. Cuff-Bastardi

 That the Manager of The Home Depot and the Chief of Police appear at the next meeting of this Board's Public Health and Safety Committee to discuss eliminating illegal activity in The Home Depot parking lot.

7. Order By Ald. Gewirtz

 That this Board consider a rules change to make the replacement of members of this Board subject to a time limited community review process when a vacancy occurs mid-term.

8. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That this Board consider a rules change eliminating carry over items to the next Board of Aldermen and instead require the re-filing of bills and resolves that have not been addressed or concluded within the two year term of office.
9. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD create with the Ward 6 Alderman a Davis Square Hotel Advisory Group that includes neighborhood residents, and lay out a public process so community members know where, when and how to engage in this conversation.
10. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with an update on the tenancy of the Social Security Building in Davis Square.
11. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the City Solicitor prepare an ordinance and/or policy to govern the use of the Automated License Plate Recognition System in preparation for the Police Department's use of these devices again.
12. Order By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Chief of Police or his designee appear before this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to report on the Automated License Plate Recognition devices as used by the Police Department.
13. Order By Ald. Connolly, O'Donovan
That the Commissioner of Public Works arrange for the City Arborist remove and replace the damaged or diseased tree at 43 Highland Road.
14. Order By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Works on the repair/replacement of street-lamps city-wide.
15. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the sewerage overflow issue with the catch basin at 28 Spring Street.
16. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk and curb at 3 Avon Street.

17. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That this Board consider a series of changes to the Rules of this Board as described within to clarify and improve the proceedings of this Board and its Committees.
18. Communication By Ald. White Jr.
Acting as President, Creating an Ad Hoc Rules Committee to address proposed amendments to the Rules of this Board, to include Aids. White, Connolly, and Gewirtz.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

19. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to create a Traffic and Parking Special Event Revolving Fund, with a \$60,000 spending cap.
20. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$100,000 from the DPW Buildings and Grounds Professional Services Account to the Capital Projects Management Professional Services Account.
21. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$3,502 from the Salary Contingency -Salaries Account to various departmental Salaries Accounts to adjust salary rates for 3 positions based on the Classification and Compensation Study.
22. Mayor's Request Requesting Use of \$598 in Available Funds in the Cable Telecommunications Revolving Fund to adjust a Communications Department salary.
23. Mayor's Request Requesting the dedication of North Street Veterans Playground for Open Space and Recreational Use in perpetuity.
24. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$715,000 for the renovation of the North Street Veterans Playground.
25. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant of \$400,000 for the North Street Veterans Playground.
26. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$48,569 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for a Hybrid Administrative Command Vehicle for the Fire Department.

- 27. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a reimbursement of \$3,369.54 from Federal Realty Investment Trust for Riverfest event expenses.
- 28. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of two "Quick Deploy" video cameras from the Boston Office of Emergency Management for the Police Department.
- 29. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a donation from Target Corporation to the Police Department for eight used Dell laptop computers.
- 30. Mayor's Request Requesting that the former Powder House Community School be declared surplus and available for disposition.
- 31. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Kely Bird to the Arts Council.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 32. Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 33. License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Rykor Concrete and Civil Inc.
- 34. License/Permit Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Atlas Metal Inc., 475 Columbia St.
- 35. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Frongillo Realty, 0 Spring Hill Terrace.
- 36. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave.
- 37. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm St.
- 38. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, The Independent, 75 Union Sq.
- 39. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Precinct, 66 Union Sq.
- 40. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Soundbites, 704 Broadway.
- 41. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Amethyst Chiropractic, 259 Elm St.

- 42. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Riverside, 2 Union Sq.
- 43. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 1, Riverside, 2 Union Sq.
- 44. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Riverside, 2 Union Sq.
- 45. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Auto Brokers Company, 182 Washington St.
- 46. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Auto Body, 161 Linwood St.
- 47. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Auto Body, 308 McGrath Hwy.
- 48. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Auto Body, 182 Washington St.
- 49. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Dodakin's Auto Sales, 191 Beacon St.
- 50. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave.
- 51. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, A Plus Auto Body, 297 Medford St.
- 52. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Inman Motors Sales, 39 Webster Ave.
- 53. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Mass Auto Brokers, 631 Somerville Ave.
- 54. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, PJ's Auto Sales, 161 Broadway.
- 55. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy.
- 56. License/Permit Amending Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy., adding 20 autos outside.
- 57. Public Communication Medford City Council conveying its opposition to a casino hotel development in Everett until the traffic congestion issues on Wellington Circle and Route 16 are addressed.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

58. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., Lafuente, Taylor
That this Board requests that the Dedication Committee consider dedicating a corner near Thurston Street to cWilliam Philpot.
59. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, Taylor, White Jr.
That this Board requests that the Dedication Committee consider dedicating a corner near Columbus Avenue to Francis Toomey.
60. Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety investigate the foreclosed, abandoned and decaying property at 42 Henderson Street to begin the receivership process and have it cleaned.
61. Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That the Clerk of Committees notify NStar to appear before this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Works to explain their unresponsiveness to previous requests to repair or mitigate problems with their utility poles at 44 Vernon Street.
62. Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That the Chief of Police order directed patrols, at various morning and evening hours, to enforce the restriction against blocking the intersection at Hinckley Street and Broadway.

LATE ITEMS

63. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Doucette Auto Service, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy.
64. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Doucette Auto Service, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy.
65. License/Permit New Garage License, PJ's Auto Sales, 161 Broadway, 67 autos inside, 4 outside.

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk