

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2013, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Maureen Cuff-Bastardi	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Absent	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Sean T. O'Donovan	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. #194185 Call of the Roll.
Roll Call

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. #194186 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meetings on November 29, 2012,
Minutes and December 6, 2012, and the Regular Meeting on December 13, 2012.

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. #194187 Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric for 38 feet of conduit from a
Grant of Location pole on Simpson Avenue to 89-99 Holland Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. #194188 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.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. #194189 Order By Ald. Cuff-Bastardi, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., and the Entire Board
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.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

6. #194190 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.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

7. #194191 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.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rules Committee

8. #194192 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.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rules Committee

9. #194193
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.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

10. #194194
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.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

11. #194195
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.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

12. #194196
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.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

13. #194197
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.

RESULT: APPROVED

14. #194198
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.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

15. #194199
Order

By Ald. Taylor
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the sewerage overflow issue with the catch basin at 28 Spring Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

16. #194200
Order

By Ald. Taylor
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk and curb at 3 Avon Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

17. #194201
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.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Rules Committee

18. #194202
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.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

19. #194203 Requesting authorization to create a Traffic and Parking Special Event
Mayor's Request Revolving Fund, with a \$60,000 spending cap.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

20. #194204 Requesting a transfer of \$100,000 from the DPW Buildings and Grounds
Mayor's Request Professional Services Account to the Capital Projects Management
Professional Services Account.

RESULT: APPROVED

21. #194205 Requesting the transfer of \$3,502 from the Salary Contingency -Salaries
Mayor's Request Account to various departmental Salaries Accounts to adjust salary rates for
3 positions based on the Classification and Compensation Study.

RESULT: APPROVED

22. #194206 Requesting Use of \$598 in Available Funds in the Cable
Mayor's Request Telecommunications Revolving Fund to adjust a Communications
Department salary.

RESULT: APPROVED

23. #194207 Requesting the dedication of North Street Veterans Playground for Open
Mayor's Request Space and Recreational Use in perpetuity.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

24. #194208 Requesting an appropriation of \$715,000 for the renovation of the North
Mayor's Request Street Veterans Playground.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

25. #194209 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.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

26. #194210 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$48,569 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for a Hybrid Administrative Command Vehicle for the Fire Department.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

27. #194211 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a reimbursement of \$3,369.54 from Federal Realty Investment Trust for Riverfest event expenses.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

28. #194212 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of two "Quick Deploy" video cameras from the Boston Office of Emergency Management for the Police Department.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

29. #194213 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a donation from Target Corporation to the Police Department for eight used Dell laptop computers.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

30. #194214 Mayor's Request Requesting that the former Powder House Community School be declared surplus and available for disposition, and that the Board vote on the proposed minimum value for the property, as well as any reuse restrictions.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

31. #194215 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Kelvy Bird to the Arts Council.

RESULT: APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

32. #194216 Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

NEW BUSINESS

33. #194217 License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Rykor Concrete and Civil Inc.

RESULT: APPROVED

34. #194218 License/Permit Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Atlas Metal Inc., 475 Columbia St.

RESULT: APPROVED

35. #194219 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Frongillo Realty, 0 Spring Hill Terrace.

RESULT: APPROVED

36. #194220 Renewing Garage License, American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave.
License/Permit

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

37. #194221 Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm St.
License/Permit

RESULT: APPROVED

38. #194222 Renewing Outdoor Seating License, The Independent, 75 Union Sq.
License/Permit

RESULT: APPROVED

39. #194223 Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Precinct, 66 Union Sq.
License/Permit

RESULT: APPROVED

40. #194224 Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Soundbites, 704 Broadway.
License/Permit

RESULT: APPROVED

41. #194225 Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Amethyst Chiropractic, 259 Elm St.
License/Permit

RESULT: APPROVED

42. #194226 Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Riverside, 2 Union Sq.
License/Permit

RESULT: APPROVED

43. #194227 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 1, Riverside, 2 Union Sq.
License/Permit

RESULT: APPROVED

44. #194228 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Riverside, 2 Union Sq.
License/Permit

RESULT: APPROVED

45. #194229 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Auto Brokers Company, 182
License/Permit Washington St.

RESULT: APPROVED

46. #194230 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Auto Body, 161 Linwood
License/Permit St.

RESULT: APPROVED

47. #194231 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Auto Body, 308 McGrath
License/Permit Hwy.

RESULT: APPROVED

48. #194232 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Auto Body, 182
License/Permit Washington St.

RESULT: APPROVED

49. #194233 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Dodakin's Auto Sales, 191
License/Permit Beacon St.

RESULT: APPROVED

50. #194234 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, American Auto Gallery, 682
License/Permit Mystic Ave.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

51. #194235 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, A Plus Auto Body, 297
License/Permit Medford St.

RESULT: APPROVED

52. #194236 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Inman Motors Sales, 39
License/Permit Webster Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED

53. #194237 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Mass Auto Brokers, 631
License/Permit Somerville Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED

54. #194238 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, PJ's Auto Sales, 161
License/Permit Broadway.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

55. #194239 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Alewife Automotive, 395
License/Permit Alewife Brook Pkwy.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

56. #194240 Amending Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Alewife Automotive, 395
License/Permit Alewife Brook Pkwy., adding 20 autos outside.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

57. #194241 Medford City Council conveying its opposition to a casino hotel
Public development in Everett until the traffic congestion issues on Wellington
Communication Circle and Route 16 are addressed.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

58. #194242 By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., Lafuente, Taylor
Resolution That this Board requests that the Dedication Committee consider dedicating
a corner near Thurston Street to cWilliam Philpot.

RESULT: APPROVED

59. #194243 By Ald. Sullivan, Taylor, White Jr.
Resolution That this Board requests that the Dedication Committee consider dedicating
a corner near Columbus Avenue to Francis Toomey.

RESULT: APPROVED

60. #194244 By Ald. O'Donovan
Order 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.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

61. #194245 By Ald. O'Donovan
Order 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.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

62. #194246
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.

RESULT: APPROVED

LATE ITEMS

63. #194247
License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Doucette Auto Service, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy.

RESULT: APPROVED

64. #194248
License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Doucette Auto Service, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy.

RESULT: APPROVED

65. #194249
License/Permit New Garage License, PJ's Auto Sales, 161 Broadway, 67 autos inside, 4 outside.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

66. #194250
License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Rockland Trust Company, 399 Highland Ave., 3 signs.

RESULT: APPROVED

67. #194251
Resolution By Ald. Trane, and the Entire Board
That this Board expresses its concern with the recent activities at the Holiday Inn Hotel, and requests that the Licensing Commission implement appropriate sanctions based on the findings of its investigation.

RESULT: APPROVED

68. #194252 By Ald. Heuston, Connolly, White Jr.
Resolution That this Board requests that the Administration update this Board on the closing and disposition of the Transfer Station, including anticipated dates for demolition and arrangements for providing for waste disposal services for the City.

RESULT: APPROVED

69. #194253 By Ald. O'Donovan
Order That the Chief of Police order directed patrols on Woodbine Street at Lowell Street, to prevent trucks from stopping and/or parking, and that the Chief of Police appear at the next meeting of this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss this matter.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk