

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

June 8, 2017, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 16329)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May
 (ID # 16330) 11, 2017, and the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2017.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. McLaughlin, the Entire Board and the Mayor
 (ID # 16337) Commending Bryan Bishop, Commissioner of Veterans'
 Services, for an outstanding Memorial Week celebration.

4. Citation By Ald. Connolly, the Entire Board and the Mayor
 (ID # 16338) Commending the Somerville Community Baptist Church
 for 40 years of religious and social ministry in our
 community.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 85 feet of conduit in
 Location Temple Street, from Pole 330/3 to a point of pickup at 18
 (ID # 16342) Temple Street (315 Broadway).

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. Resolution By Ald. White Jr.
 (ID # 16304) Opposing the Concealed Weapons Reciprocity Act of
 2017.

7. Order By Ald. White Jr.
 (ID # 16305) That the Director of Purchasing provide a written review
 for this Board on the implementation of the Living Wage
 Ordinance, including the current hourly rate and its use
 in city agreements.

8. Order By Ald. White Jr.
 (ID # 16306) That the Director of Sustainability and Environment
 explain before this Board the Community Choice
 Aggregation Initiative as outlined in the letter sent to all
 residents.

9. Order (ID # 16307) By Ald. Heuston
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the Quincy Park area for rodents, and address the conditions there that may attract them.

10. Order (ID # 16308) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD and the Director of the Arts Council update this Board on the ArtFarm and any current uses of the former Waste Transfer station.

11. Order (ID # 16309) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a sign at the entrance of Prentiss Street to indicate its Private Way status.

12. Order (ID # 16310) By Ald. Heuston
That the Chief of Police report to this Board the number of traffic violations issued to vehicles exiting Hawkins Street that need to access the far left lane, and work with the Traffic Engineer to address access issues for residents of Hawkins Street.

13. Order (ID # 16295) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD provide a bi-annual progress report on the 100 Homes Initiative, specifically relating to the new affordable off-site housing units granted by the Planning Board to FRIT on May 18, 2017.

14. Order (ID # 16311) By Ald. Connolly
That the City Solicitor draft an Ordinance prohibiting the public consumption of marijuana.

15. Order (ID # 16312) By Ald. Connolly, White Jr., Rossetti, Sullivan, Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the dead trees, weeds and shrubs at the Lowell Street-Community Path stairwell, landscape the Path from Lowell Street to Cedar Street, and regularly maintain it.

16. Order (ID # 16313) By Ald. Connolly, White Jr., Rossetti, Sullivan, Niedergang, Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works arrange for the correction of the poorly installed landscaping along the newly paved asphalt on the Community Path from Grove to Cedar Streets.

17. Order (ID # 16314) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing bollards on the east side of the Lowell Street bridge at the Community Path Extension ramp.
18. Order (ID # 16315) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking instruct Parking Control Officers to regularly ticket the NO PARKING spots on the east side of Cedar Street by Trum Field, particularly in the evenings and Saturdays.
19. Order (ID # 16316) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Chief of Police enforce traffic laws at Cedar Street and Franey Road, as cars are making U-turns there and speeding over the Cedar Street bridge, and trucks are backing out into the street and blocking it.
20. Order (ID # 16317) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board on the use of the toxic herbicide Finale on weeds at Trum Field, and what alternative methods of weed control have been tried.
21. Order (ID # 16318) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD plant trees in front of the Water and Sewer Department on Franey Road to replace the dead tree, the almost dead tree, and the empty tree well.
22. Order (ID # 16319) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD plant a tree to replace the dead tree on Cedar Street by Trum Field.
23. Resolution (ID # 16320) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Mayor submit to this Board for confirmation, the names of all Board and Commission members whose terms have expired, especially those who serve on Boards that deal with critical development issues such as the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Redevelopment Authority and the Condominium Review Board.
24. Order (ID # 16321) By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on the east side of Porter Street between Summer Street and Brastow Avenue.

- 25. Order (ID # 16322) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD provide all cost estimates and data used to support the affordable housing waiver for the 500 unit apartment complex at Assembly Row.
- 26. Order (ID # 16323) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD work with Partners Healthcare to create a local jobs program for available jobs onsite.
- 27. Order (ID # 16324) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes and cracks on the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Cross Street East.
- 28. Order (ID # 16325) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking ticket illegally parked vehicles between Gilman Square and 240 Pearl Street.
- 29. Order (ID # 16326) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services remind the property owners by the foot bridge on McGrath Highway of their responsibility to maintain the grass by the footbridge.
- 30. Order (ID # 16327) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services clean the broken concrete barrier by Pinckney Street and Pearl Street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

31. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16303) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on June 8, 2017.

32. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16300) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 6, 2017.
- B. Mayor's Request 202906 Requesting a transfer of \$55,577 from the Transportation and Infrastructure Personal Services Account to the Salary Contingency Fund.

- RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. Mayor's Request 203454 Requesting the appropriation of \$80,000 from the CPA Fund open space and recreation land reserve to the Parks and Open Space Division for design services for the Healey Schoolyard.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Mayor's Request 203455 Requesting the appropriation of \$49,200 from the CPA Fund open space and recreation land reserve to the Veterans Services Division for design services for Henry Hansen Park.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. Mayor's Request 203456 Requesting the appropriation of \$20,000 from the CPA Fund open space and recreation land reserve to the Parks and Open Space Division for a survey of the Community Path.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- F. Mayor's Request 203457 Requesting the appropriation of \$13,000 from the CPA Fund open space and recreation land reserve to the Parks and Open Space Division for the creation of a butterfly garden pocket park at Morse-Kelly Park.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- G. Mayor's Request 203566 Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,968,259 in a bond for accelerated repair of the Winter Hill Community Innovation School, external windows, doors and roofing system.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- H. Mayor's Request 203567 Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,700,000 in a bond for street resurfacing, sidewalk improvements and ADA ramps and improvements.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- I. Mayor's Request 203568 Requesting the appropriation of \$144,050 from the Parks Stabilization Fund to conduct geotechnical engineering at Healey and Conway Parks.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- J. Mayor's Request 203569 Requesting the appropriation of \$80,000 from the Free Cash Account to the SPCD Economic Development Account-Special Items for a deposit on the purchase of 45 College Avenue.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- K. Mayor's Request 203570 Requesting the transfer within the Law Office of \$25,000 from the Salaries Account and \$20,000 from the Judgments and Settlements Account, all to the Legal Services Account, to pay anticipated outside legal services.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

33. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16292) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 30, 2017.

34. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16293) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 31, 2017.

35. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16301) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 6, 2017.

- B. Mayor's Request 202854 Requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to adjust the definition of Net Floor Area, clarify affordable housing required in RA and RB districts, and confirm the process to approve subdivisions, lot splits, lot mergers and lot line adjustments.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

36. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16302) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 7, 2017.

37. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16328) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 8, 2016.

38. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16299) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 1, 2017.

- B. Order (ID # 16361) By Ald. Rossetti
That the City Solicitor prepare a Home Rule Petition for the city to collect revenues from developers and large landowners benefited by the Green Line Extension.w

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 39. Mayor's Request (ID # 16336) Requesting an appropriation of \$217,230,067 to fund the City of Somerville Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2018.
- 40. Mayor's Request (ID # 16339) Requesting an appropriation of \$21,628,116 to fund the FY2018 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget.
- 41. Mayor's Request (ID # 16340) Requesting an appropriation of \$14,561,069 to fund the FY2018 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.
- 42. Mayor's Request (ID # 16343) Requesting the appropriation of \$599,139 in FY2017 Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings as a funding source for the FY2018 Water Enterprise Fund Budget and to mitigate a rate increase.
- 43. Mayor's Request (ID # 16282) Requesting the appropriation of \$327,373 from the Park Stabilization Fund to the General Fund Debt Service Account to pay for incurred debt service for FY17 Parks renovation and construction.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 44. Officer's Communication (ID # 16298) Acting Director of Water and Sewer submitting proposed FY18 Water and Sewer Rates.
- 45. Officer's Communication (ID # 16344) Retirement Board requesting approval of an increase in the retiree Cost of Living Adjustment base to \$14,000.
- 46. Officer's Communication (ID # 16239) Licensing Commission requesting consideration of an amendment to Ordinance 2-219(a) to reduce the number of required legal advertisements for certain license applications from two to one, to expedite public hearings without impacting public input, and to align the city with advertising standards statewide.
- 47. Officer's Communication (ID # 16290) Director of Traffic and Parking responding to items approved at the 04/27/17 meeting.
- 48. Officer's Communication (ID # 16291) Director of Traffic and Parking responding to items approved at the 05/11/17 meeting.

49. Officer's Communication (ID # 16333) Parks & Recreation Department responding to #203504 re: the Capuano Field turf.

NEW BUSINESS

50. License/Permit (ID # 16352) Public Event Permit, Somerville StrEATS, College Ave at Powderhouse Park, Tuesdays Jun 13-Oct 31, 4-8:30PM.
51. License/Permit (ID # 16286) Public Event Permit, School St Block Party, Summer St to Somerville Ave, Jun 17, 1-9PM (raindate Jun 24).
52. License/Permit (ID # 16353) Public Event Permit, Boston Burger Company Eating Challenge, Statue Park, Jun 17, 3:30-7:30PM.
53. License/Permit (ID # 16354) Public Event Permit, OpenAir Circus Classes, Nunziato Field, Tuesdays Jun 27, Jul 11, 18, 25, 4-8PM.
54. License/Permit (ID # 16355) Public Event Permit, Stoutenburgh/Monmouth St Block Party, Jul 4, 4-10:15 PM.
55. License/Permit (ID # 16356) Public Event Permit, Humane League Vegan Ice Cream Social, Powderhouse Park, Jul 19, 5-9PM (raindate Jul 26).
56. License/Permit (ID # 16347) Renewing Flammables License, Home Depot, 75 Mystic Ave.
57. License/Permit (ID # 16345) Renewing Garage License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St.
58. License/Permit (ID # 16348) Renewing Garage License, Fellsway Auto Repair, 693 McGrath Hwy.
59. License/Permit (ID # 16349) Renewing Garage License, Teddy's Foreign Motors, 68 Joy St.
60. License/Permit (ID # 16350) Renewing Garage License, JC Auto Repair Center, 91 Prospect St.
61. License/Permit (ID # 16351) Renewing Garage License, Fred M. Susan Auto Body, 269 Somerville Ave.
62. Public Communication (ID # 16341) Jen Brown submitting comments re: #202853, Union Sq zoning.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 63. Order (ID # 16331) By Ald. Ballantyne
That Director of Constituent Services and Director of Communications correct the city-wide call lists for residents of Boston Avenue who reside in Ward 7 and delete them from the Ward 5 list.
- 64. Order (ID # 16332) By Ald. Ballantyne
That Director of Traffic and Parking correct the "Parking Permit Renewal Calendar" for Ward 7 residents by including those who reside on Boston Avenue and deleting same from the Ward 5 calendar.
- 65. Order (ID # 16335) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the City Solicitor draft a Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by requiring owners of larger buildings to disclose annual energy use.
- 66. Order (ID # 16362) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a SLOW-CHILDREN sign on Dell Street at Tufts Street.
- 67. Mayor's Request (ID # 16366) Requesting approval of an Ordinance establishing and authorizing Departmental Revolving Funds.
- 68. Mayor's Request (ID # 16368) Requesting the acceptance of the provisions of MGL c40, ss 22A, 22B and 22C relative to Parking Meter Revenues.
- 69. Mayor's Request (ID # 16367) Requesting the acceptance of the provisions of MGL c44, s53F3/4, PEG Access and Cable Related Fund.
- 70. Mayor's Request (ID # 16377) Requesting approval to create the Green Line Extension Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding the city's \$50,000,000 contribution to MassDOT.
- 71. Mayor's Request (ID # 16378) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,980,001 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Sale of Buildings to the Green Line Extension Stabilization Fund.
- 72. Mayor's Request (ID # 16357) Requesting an appropriation of \$882,893 to fund the FY18 Veterans Memorial & Founders Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget.
- 73. Mayor's Request (ID # 16359) Requesting an appropriation of \$205,000 to fund the FY2018 Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Budget.

74. Mayor's Request (ID # 16358) Requesting an appropriation of \$10,693 from the Veterans Memorial Ice Rink Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY18 Veterans Memorial Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget.
75. Mayor's Request (ID # 16364) Requesting an appropriation of \$2,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to reduce the FY2018 Tax Levy.
76. Mayor's Request (ID # 16382) Requesting an appropriation of \$1,433,453 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Water and Sewer Stabilization Fund.
77. Mayor's Request (ID # 16379) Requesting an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund.
78. Mayor's Request (ID # 16383) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund.
79. Mayor's Request (ID # 16384) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Green Line Extension Stabilization Fund.
80. Mayor's Request (ID # 16380) Requesting an appropriation of \$500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund.
81. Mayor's Request (ID # 16381) Requesting an appropriation of \$500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Community Preservation Act Fund.
82. Mayor's Request (ID # 16371) Requesting the appropriation of \$428,801 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to Debt Service Interest on Notes BAN to fully fund the account in FY2017.
83. Mayor's Request (ID # 16370) Requesting the appropriation of \$393,140 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the Snow Removal Deficit.
84. Mayor's Request (ID # 16369) Requesting the appropriation of \$371,541 for the FY2018 PEG Access and Cable Related Fund.

85. Mayor's Request (ID # 16374) Requesting the appropriation of \$220,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ["Free Cash"] to the Traffic Safety Stabilization Fund to fund a Traffic Mitigation/Improvement Plan.
86. Mayor's Request (ID # 16373) Requesting the appropriation of \$7,422 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash"] Account to the SETB 911 to eliminate a grant deficit.
87. Mayor's Request (ID # 16372) Requesting the appropriation of \$109 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") Account to the Traffic Enforcement Account to eliminate a grant deficit.
88. Mayor's Request (ID # 16365) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$700,000 in the Department of Public Works, from various accounts to the Snow Removal Account, to remediate a deficit.
89. Mayor's Request (ID # 16375) Requesting a transfer of \$330,000 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund.
90. Mayor's Request (ID # 16360) Requesting the approval of FY21018 Expenditure Limitations for Departmental Revolving Funds.
91. Mayor's Request (ID # 16363) Requesting the reappointment of Robert Racicot to the Housing Authority.
92. Mayor's Request (ID # 16385) Requesting the appointment of Victor A. Silva to the Condominium Review Board.
93. Mayor's Request (ID # 16376) Requesting that the President of this Board appoint an Alderman to the Municipal Building Master Plan Working Group.
94. Officer's Communication (ID # 16334) Superintendent of Inspectional Services and Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203481 re: 20 Adrian Street.
95. License/Permit (ID # 16386) Public Event Permit, Papi's Sopapillas-Somerville StrEATS, College Ave at Powderhouse Park, Tuesdays Jun 13-Oct 31, 4-8:30PM.
96. License/Permit (ID # 16387) Public Event Permit, School St Block Party, School St from Summer St to Somerville Ave, Jun 17, 1-9PM (raindate Jun 24).
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- 100. License/Permit (ID # 16391) Public Event Permit, Humane League Vegan Ice Cream Social, Powderhouse Park, Jul 19, 5-9PM (raindate Jul 26).
- 101. Public Communication (ID # 16392) 73 residents submitting comments re: #202853, Union Sq zoning.
- 102. Public Communication (ID # 16393) Renee Scott and Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #202853, Union Sq zoning.
- 103. Public Communication (ID # 16394) Katherine Widmer submitting comments re: #202853, Union Sq zoning.
- 104. Public Communication (ID # 16395) Wig Zamore submitting comments re: #202853, Union Sq zoning.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT