

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

January 22, 2015, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.  
(ID # 10965)
  
2. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,  
(ID # 10966)        December 11, 2014.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation            By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board and the  
(ID # 10968)        Mayor  
                          Commending Carrie Dancy, who is leaving East  
                          Somerville Main Streets after 8 years as its first and only  
                          Executive Director.
  
4. Citation            By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor  
(ID # 10969)        Commending Auxiliary Police Sgt. Sergio Costa, whose  
                          quick thinking prevented a potentially life-threatening  
                          situation while on duty at the Jingle Bells Road Race on  
                          12/14/14.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5. Grant of            Submitted by NStar Electric, which seeks to install 15  
Location            feet of conduit from an existing manhole to a point of  
(ID # 10977)        pickup at 82 Highland Ave.
  
6. Grant of            Submitted by NStar Electric, which seeks to install 75  
Location            feet of conduit from an existing pole to a point of pickup  
(ID # 10978)        near 38 Thorndike St.
  
7. Grant of            Submitted by Comcast, which seeks to install 40 feet of  
Location            conduit from an existing manhole to a point of pickup at  
(ID # 10976)        15 Linwood St.
  
8. Grant of            Submitted by the MBTA, which seeks to construct 2 new  
Location            catch basins, a new manhole, and 76 feet of pipe in the  
(ID # 10972)        north end of Horace Street as part of the Green Line  
                          Extension.

9. Grant of Location (ID # 10973) Submitted by the MBTA, which seeks to construct 6 new catch basins, 4 new manholes, 370 feet of drainage pipe, 40 feet of sewer line, and 50 feet of water line in Washington Street as part of the Green Line Extension.
10. Grant of Location (ID # 10974) Submitted by the MBTA, which seeks to construct 1 new catch basin, 2 new manholes, 10 feet of drainage pipe, 55 feet of sewer line, and 280 feet of water line in Bennett Street as part of the Green Line Extension.
11. Grant of Location (ID # 10975) Submitted by the MBTA, which seeks to construct 50 feet of drainage pipe, 55 feet of sewer line and 30 feet of water line in Inner Belt Road as part of the Green Line Extension.

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

12. Resolution (ID # 10934) By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor Supporting the effort and professionalism of the Police Department.
13. Order (ID # 10935) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the garage at 56 Bonair Street for all applicable permits and to ensure that the business is operating at reasonable hours.
14. Order (ID # 10936) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility company to raise the low hanging wires at 13 Melvin Street and at the corner of Mt. Vernon and Washington Streets.
15. Order (ID # 10937) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalk at 13 Melvin Street.
16. Order (ID # 10938) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works communicate with the residents of 11 Melvin Street regarding the tree on their sidewalk and how to best mitigate pest issues.
17. Order (ID # 10939) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the 33 Franklin Street area for signs of rodent activity, and bait where needed.

18. Order (ID # 10940) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Director of SPCD communicate with the appropriate state agency to address the rodent issues on, and the underutilization of, the land behind 11 Austin Street and I-93.
19. Order (ID # 10941) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the City Engineer work with the appropriate state agency to develop and implement a plan to address the flooding underneath the railroad bridge on Washington Street.
20. Resolution (ID # 10946) By Ald. Rossetti  
That the Administration consider employing a Substance Abuse Coordinator to assist our city's families.
21. Order (ID # 10947) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of SPCD arrange for Parsons Brinckerhoff to present to this Board the results and recommendations of the Union Square Streetscape and Infrastructure Study, including any imminent changes to Union Square's traffic and streetscape.
22. Order (ID # 10948) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of SPCD (Planning) arrange with the Ward 2 Alderman a ward meeting on the proposed Zoning Ordinance, to foster a more detailed understanding of its impact.
23. Order (ID # 10949) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of SPCD (Planning), in conjunction with US2, arrange for Union Square visioning sessions specifically aimed at children and young adults to gain their perspective and ideas.
24. Order (ID # 10950) By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on College Avenue from Highland Avenue to the Powderhouse Rotary and on Winslow Avenue from Clifton Street to Grove Street.
25. Order (ID # 10951) By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr.  
That the Commissioner of Public Works note the lack of repairs to the city's streetlamps, as previously noted at this Board's last meeting, and attend the next meeting of the this Board's Public Utilities and Works Committee with the streetlamp maintenance vendor.

26. Order (ID # 10952) By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan, Rossetti, White Jr., Gewirtz  
That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking inspect the street crossing at Cutter Avenue and Summer Street and take all steps needed to ensure that motorists stop for pedestrians attempting to cross there.
27. Order (ID # 10953) By Ald. Connolly, McWatters  
That the Director of SPCD dispatch the NIT team to inspect 135 Lowell Street for building, health and/or zoning code violations.
28. Order (ID # 10954) By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole by the metal cap on the west side of Porter Street at Highland Avenue.
29. Order (ID # 10955) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the broken speed indicator signs on the approaches to the Lowell Street Bridge.
30. Order (ID # 10956) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Commissioner of Public Works update the Ward 5 Alderman on repairs to prevent pedestrians from tripping in the crosswalks at Linden Avenue on the south side of Summer Street, Aberdeen Road by Highland Avenue, and Hall Street by Cherry Street.
31. Order (ID # 10957) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of SPCD (Transportation and Infrastructure) schedule with the Ward 5 Alderman a follow-up community meeting to report on safety improvements planned for the Lowell Street Bridge area.
32. Order (ID # 10958) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of SPCD discuss with this Board the possibility of a curbside gardens program, similar to what other cities have done, to soak up storm water and ground water runoff.
33. Order (ID # 10959) By Ald. McWatters  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) ensure that the contractors working at 22-24 Hamlet Street start no sooner than 8 AM Monday through Saturday, per the agreement with neighbors and the developer.
34. Order (ID # 10960) By Ald. McWatters  
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill in the potholes on the corner of Silvey Place and Craigie Street.

- 35. Order (ID # 10961) By Ald. McWatters  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the street sign on Craigie Street at the junction of Summer Street.
- 36. Order (ID # 10962) By Ald. Ballantyne  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove or repair the fire alarm pole which was partially removed at the corner of Holland and Gorham Streets, as it poses a tripping hazard to pedestrians.
- 37. Order (ID # 10963) By Ald. Ballantyne  
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring an institutional master plan for any institution in Somerville.
- 38. Order (ID # 10964) By Ald. Ballantyne  
That the City Clerk invite Tufts University to appear before this Board to explain their recent decision to purchase Somerville housing stock and explain their plan to expand their campus into Somerville neighborhoods.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

39. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 10945) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on January 22, 2015.

40. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 10943) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on January 14, 2015.
- B. Mayor's Request 198001 Requesting the acceptance of a \$3,000 grant from the Somerville Health Foundation, for the Council on Aging's "fit for life" program at the Cross Street Center. RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. Mayor's Request 198229 Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$300,000 in a bond to retain an Owner's Project Manager to renovate the West Branch Library. RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Mayor's Request 198230 Requesting to transfer CPA funds totalling \$2,278,717 from the CPA Fund Budgeted Reserve and the CPA Fund Undesignated Fund Balance to designated CPA reserves per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.

- RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. Mayor's Request 198231 Requesting appropriation of \$63,913 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the Shared Public Safety CAD System.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- F. Mayor's Request 198236 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$7,316 from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services for the Council on Aging for activities at the 3 senior centers.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- G. Mayor's Request 198237 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$5,828 from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging for transportation.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- H. Mayor's Request 198238 Requesting acceptance of a \$5,000 grant from CHNA 17, for the Health & Human Services Dept.'s SCAP Coalition to address prevention of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs among Somerville youth.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- I. Mayor's Request 198283 Requesting to appropriate \$2,206,028 from the CPA Fund Community Housing Reserve to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- J. Mayor's Request 198284 Requesting to appropriate \$12,115 from the CPA Fund Undesignated Fund Balance for the administrative and operating expenses of the Community Preservation Committee per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- K. Mayor's Request 198287 Requesting \$7,845 in "Use of Available Funds" from the Library Salaries Account to adjust the compensation of the Library Director.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- L. Mayor's Request 198288 Requesting \$5,424 in "Use of Available Funds" in the Health and Human Services Salaries Account to adjust the salary of the Health and Human Services Director.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- M. Mayor's Request 198289 Requesting \$3,186 in "Use of Available Funds" from the DPW Engineering Salaries Water Enterprise and Sewer Enterprise Salaries Accounts to adjust the compensation for the Director of Engineering.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- N. Mayor's Request 198290 Requesting \$2,842 in "Use of Available Funds" from the DPW Engineering Salaries, Water Enterprise Salaries, and Sewer Enterprise Salaries Accounts to adjust the salary of the Assistant Director of Engineering.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- O. Mayor's Request 198327 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$7,423 From the MA Department of Fire Services, for the Fire Department's school education program.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- P. Mayor's Request 198328 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$3,395 from the MA Department of Fire Services for the Fire Department's Senior SAFE program.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- Q. Mayor's Request 198345 Requesting approval to extend a House Doctor Contract (#120170R2) with CDR Maguire until July 31, 2015.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- R. Mayor's Request 198356 Requesting an appropriation of \$165,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the School Dept. Curriculum District-Wide Other Instructional Services Account to provide partial funding for the development of an Integrated Data System.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved

**41. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE**

- A. Committee Report (ID # 10944) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on January 15, 2015.
- B. Ordinance 197473 By Ald. White Jr., Ballantyne, Rossetti, Sullivan, and the Entire Board  
Proposing an amendment to the City's Ordinances to regulate University Accountability.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. Order 197706 By Ald. Gewirtz, Niedergang, Ballantyne  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) report to the Flood Forum Special Committee on the enforcement of Ordinances 11-33 and 11-145 regarding increasing pervious surfaces.  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 42. Mayor's Communication (ID # 10981) Requesting to appear before this Board to discuss the City's economic outlook and planning.
- 43. Mayor's Request (ID # 10900) Requesting the expenditure of \$2,057.31 in FY15 appropriations to pay four outstanding FY14 invoices in the Police Dept.
- 44. Mayor's Request (ID # 10967) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$5,999 from the National Endowment for the Humanities, for the City Clerk's assessment and preservation of certain historic records.

- 45. Mayor's Request (ID # 10881) Requesting the appointment of Paul Savage to the position of Permanent Firefighter.
- 46. Mayor's Request (ID # 10882) Requesting the appointment of Douglas Henry to the position of Permanent Firefighter.
- 47. Mayor's Request (ID # 10884) Requesting the appointment of Ryan Layton to the position of Permanent Firefighter.
- 48. Mayor's Request (ID # 10885) Requesting the appointment of Robert Whelan to the position of Permanent Firefighter.
- 49. Mayor's Request (ID # 10886) Requesting the appointment of Joseph Laudano to the position of Permanent Firefighter.
- 50. Mayor's Request (ID # 10887) Requesting the appointment of Hallam Massiah to the position of Permanent Firefighter.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

##### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 51. License/Permit (ID # 10970) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, John's Auto Sales, 181 Somerville Ave.
- 52. License/Permit (ID # 10971) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Dave's Fresh Pasta, 79 Holland St.

##### **SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

- 53. Resolution (ID # 10983) By Ald. White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, Rossetti, Sullivan, Gewirtz, Niedergang, McWatters, Lafuente  
That this Board strongly urges Federal Realty Investment Trust to employ union labor for all aspects of construction at Assembly Square and to give preference to qualified Somerville residents when hiring for all construction work at Assembly Square.
- 54. Order (ID # 10984) By Ald. White Jr.  
That the Director of SPCD (Planning) provide each ward alderman with an analysis of the impact of the proposed zoning code on their ward and then work with them on a public meeting in each ward to review and discuss those changes.



55. Order (ID # 10985) By Ald. White Jr., Rossetti  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking provide this Board with a breakdown of registered vehicles and residential parking permits in the city over the last 10 years.
56. Order (ID # 10986) By Ald. White Jr., Rossetti  
That the City Solicitor advise this Board whether the zoning code can restrict the issuance of residential parking permits for residents of those developments where less than 1 parking space per unit is required in the zoning code.
57. Mayor's Request (ID # 10991) Requesting approval of an Administrative Code pursuant to the City Charter.
58. Mayor's Request (ID # 10929) Requesting approval of an intradepartmental transfer of \$17,500 in the Health and Human Services Dept., from the Personal Services Account to the Professional and Technical Services Account, to cover Shape Up Somerville's contract with the Head to Fitness Program Coordinator through FY15.
59. Mayor's Request (ID # 10990) Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$110,000 from the MA Government Innovation Office partially funding a longitudinal integrated data system for the Public Schools in concert with SomerPromise and Code for America.
60. Mayor's Request (ID # 10989) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$20,000 from DCR for the Arts Council to complete a sculpture project for Baxter Park.
61. Mayor's Request (ID # 10883) Requesting the appointment of Sean Layton to the position of Permanent Firefighter.
62. Officer's Request (ID # 10979) Assistant City Solicitor Submitting an updated University Accountability Ordinance as approved by the Legislative Matters Committee on 1/15/15.
63. Officer's Communication (ID # 10987) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 1/8/15.
64. Officer's Communication (ID # 10854) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 11/25/14.

- 65. Officer's Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to  
Communication various Board Orders submitted 11/25/14.  
(ID # 10876)
  
- 66. Public Senator Jehlen responding to #198182 re: the senior  
Communication property tax deferral.  
(ID # 10988)

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**