

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

May 11, 2017, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.  
    (ID # 16146)
  
2. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April  
    (ID # 16147)        13, 2017.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation            By Ald. McLaughlin, the Entire Board and the Mayor  
    (ID # 16153)        Commending Hazel Evans and Theresa Needham, the  
                              Grand Marshals of the 2017 Veterans Memorial Day  
                              Parade.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

4. Resolution        By Ald. White Jr.  
    (ID # 16130)        That the Administration work with this Board to hire an  
                              independent financial consultant to review the actual and  
                              proposed increases in debt and prepare a risk analysis,  
                              including the amount of new growth required to support  
                              that debt, while accounting for projected spending  
                              increases in the remainder of the budget.
  
5. Order             By Ald. McWatters, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White  
    (ID # 16125)        Jr.  
                              That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the  
                              sidewalk panel at 27 Bow Street.
  
6. Order             By Ald. McWatters, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White  
    (ID # 16126)        Jr.  
                              That the City Arborist advise the Ward 3 Alderman of  
                              the condition of the tree on Belmont Street adjacent to  
                              Bailey Park.
  
7. Order             By Ald. McWatters, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White  
    (ID # 16128)        Jr.  
                              That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes  
                              on Aldersey Street.

8. Order (ID # 16127) By Ald. McWatters, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.  
That the Director of SPCD consider placing Aldersey Street on the re-paving list.
9. Order (ID # 16129) By Ald. McWatters, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the water pipe in the community garden at Kelley-Morse Park.
10. Resolution (ID # 16131) By Ald. Niedergang  
Urging the City to support evergreen clauses in all collective bargaining agreements.
11. Resolution (ID # 16133) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Mayor update this Board on discussions with DCR about the fields at Draw 7 Park and Foss Park.
12. Resolution (ID # 16134) By Ald. Niedergang  
Expressing to Governor Baker, our State Delegation, and DCR this Board's concern about the possible renovation of Draw 7 Park as a concert venue, due to the resulting traffic and air pollution, and its preference for a high-quality soccer and athletic field there instead.
13. Order (ID # 16132) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of SPCD update this Board on plans for a soccer field at the Healey School playground and the redevelopment of the fields at Conway Park, with timelines for both projects.
14. Order (ID # 16135) By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., Ballantyne  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair and repaint the fence around Veterans' Memorial Cemetery on Broadway as necessary prior to the city's Memorial Day celebrations.
15. Order (ID # 16136) By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr.  
That the Chief of Police patrol PorchFest on May 13 (raindate May 14) and take action as necessary for unruly behavior and open container violations.
16. Resolution (ID # 16137) By Ald. Connolly  
Thanking Tufts University President Anthony Monaco and his staff for the generous donation of playing fields for Somerville's youth soccer and lacrosse activities.

17. Order (ID # 16138) By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., Davis  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the inoperable city street lamps in Davis Square Plaza and on College and Highland Avenues.
18. Resolution (ID # 16142) By Ald. Sullivan  
That the Administration explore reducing residential street cleaning from four days a month to two.
19. Resolution (ID # 16143) By Ald. Sullivan  
That the Administration consider a veterans' exemption on fees related to the Community Preservation Act.
20. Order (ID # 16139) By Ald. Sullivan, McLaughlin, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking determine whether fire trucks and ambulances can safely access Maine, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Rhode Island Avenues from Pennsylvania Avenue, and make appropriate recommendations to this Board.
21. Resolution (ID # 16140) By Ald. Sullivan  
The Traffic Commission consider making Mt. Vernon Street an ABUTTERS ONLY roadway, beginning at Pearl Street, during peak travelling hours.
22. Order (ID # 16141) By Ald. Sullivan, McLaughlin, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the UTILITY WORK AHEAD sign at 10 Illinois Avenue. (2nd request)
23. Communication (ID # 16097) By Ald. White Jr.  
In his capacity as President, reminding all Aldermen to avoid potential Open Meeting Law issues by responding to constituent emails with a direct reply, not a "Reply All" that might reach other Aldermen.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**24. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE**

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16091) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on May 9, 2017.
- B. Mayor's Request 203233 Requesting the appointment of Stephen Cafferky to the Fire Reserve List.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

- C. Mayor's Request 203297 Requesting the appointment of Ashley McLain to the Police Reserve List.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Mayor's Request 203298 Requesting the appointment of Edna DaCosta to the Police Reserve List.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. Mayor's Request 203299 Requesting the appointment of Robert Ciccio to the Board of Health.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved

25. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16089) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 2, 2017.

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- A. Committee Report (ID # 16092) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 9, 2017.

27. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16090) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 4, 2017.
- B. Ordinance 202626 By Ald. Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Sullivan, Ballantyne, McWatters, Heuston, White Jr. Proposing an Ordinance to safeguard vulnerable road users.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended

28. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16093) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on May 10, 2017.
- B. Order 201808 By Ald. Heuston That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect 39, 45, and 47 Webster Avenue for building code compliance and for the capacity for vehicles at each location, both inside and outside the buildings, and report the findings to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. License/Permit 202042 Public Event Permit, Hudson St Neighborway, Sep 3, 8AM-5PM.

- RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Order 202810 By Ald. Heuston  
That the Traffic and Parking Engineer and the Director of Transportation and Infrastructure inspect 39 Webster Avenue to determine if the driveway there is legal, and report back to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- E. Order 202811 By Ald. Heuston  
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 47 Webster Avenue with the property owner to determine the number of businesses operating there, and report back to the Licenses and Permits Committee.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Officer's Communication 202822 Assistant City Solicitor submitting information related to #202042, a Hudson St public event for a neighborhood street mural painting.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. License/Permit 202836 Public Event Permit, Homeless Coalition Save Our Homes Walk, High School Concourse and area streets, May 21, Noon-4:30PM.  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- H. Officer's Communication 202962 Traffic and Parking Director responding to items approved 2/14/17.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed,
- I. Officer's Communication 203017 Assistant City Solicitor responding to #202722 re: starting the process to revoke the Lottery Commission License at Winter Hill Market.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended
- J. License/Permit 203137 Renewing Garage License, Webster Auto Body, 69 Webster Ave.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- K. License/Permit 203180 Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Mr. B's, 142 Cross St.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- L. Public Communication 203189 Hoikki Ilker submitting comments re: Mr. B's operating hours.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- M. License/Permit 203238 Amending Garage License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St, seeking to open Mon-Fri 7:30-7 and Sat 7:30-6.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- N. License/Permit 203327 Renewing Garage License, Webster Auto Body, 64 Webster Ave.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- O. License/Permit 203352 New Billiards and Bowling License, On the Hill Tavern, 499 Broadway, 3 pool tables.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

- P. Resolution (ID # 16167) By Ald. Sullivan  
That this Board requests that the applicant for #202042 redo the mural at the stated location.

29. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16088) Report of the Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on May 1, 2017.
- B. Order 201378 By Ald. Ballantyne, and the Entire Board  
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment provide an energy master plan for the most effective systems to approach net zero for Union Square and other "transformative zones" as outlined in SomerVision.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Communication 202009 By Ald. Niedergang  
Conveying the Department of Public Works' response to questions about landscaping at the Healey School.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order 202994 By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne, Davis  
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the community gardens program, and what steps are being taken to develop new community gardens for the hundreds of residents on the waiting list.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Order 202997 By Ald. McWatters, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.  
That the Commissioner of Public Works consider installing an irrigation system for Prospect Hill Park.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Officer's Communication 203058 DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted this evening, 3/23/17.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Order 203071 By Ald. Niedergang, and the Entire Board  
That the Director of SPCD update this Board on discussions with DCR regarding city management of DCR fields such as Foss Park, Draw 7 Park and the Dilbooy Auxiliary Fields, and provide an updated Fields Master Plan if warranted.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

30. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16094) Report of the Committee on Youth Services, meeting on May 10, 2017.

- B. Order 201136 By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Director of Recreation update the Youth Services Committee on #199518, a Resolution to waive the fee charged for field use for local youth oriented programs.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 203358 By Ald. Ballantyne  
That the Director of Parks and Recreation provide the number of youths under 18 served by gender and program, for FY16 and FY17 year to date.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order 203359 By Ald. Ballantyne  
That the Director of Parks and Recreation share outreach strategy and methods, by gender, for youths under 18 years of age.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

#### **COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

31. Mayor's Request (ID # 16148) Requesting that this Board convene in Executive Session to consider the purchase of real property.
32. Mayor's Request (ID # 16096) Requesting the appointment of Ashley McLain to the position of Police Officer.

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

33. Officer's Communication (ID # 16149) Water Superintendent submitting the proposed FY18 water and sewer rates.
34. Officer's Communication (ID # 16087) Parks and Recreation Director responding to #203358 and #203359 re: youths served and outreach methods used.
35. Officer's Communication (ID # 16073) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 4/27/17.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

36. License/Permit (ID # 16154) Public Event Permit, Arts Council Volunteer Social, Powderhouse Park, May 16, 6-9PM.
37. License/Permit (ID # 16155) Public Event Permit, MA Motorcycle Association Storm the Statehouse, 9 New Washington St to Sullivan Sq, May 17, 9AM-12:30PM.

- 38. License/Permit (ID # 16156) Public Event Permit, Kevin Goulart and Rogers Ave Birthday/Block Party, Rogers Ave from Kidder Ave to Broadway, May 20, 11AM-9PM.
- 39. License/Permit (ID # 16157) Public Event Permit, West St-Hawthorne St Block Party on West St, Jun 24, 11AM-9PM (raindate Jun 25).
- 40. License/Permit (ID # 16158) Public Event Permit, Somerville Road Runners Gobble x 3 Road Race, Davis Sq and area streets, Nov 23, 7AM-Noon.
- 41. License/Permit (ID # 16098) New Drainlayer's License, Rhino Construction.
- 42. License/Permit (ID # 16099) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Borges Sewer and Drain.
- 43. License/Permit (ID # 16100) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Suffolk Engineering.
- 44. License/Permit (ID # 16101) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Metro Equipment.
- 45. License/Permit (ID # 16102) Renewing Drainlayer's License, KB Aruda Construction.
- 46. License/Permit (ID # 16103) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Jones Contracting.
- 47. License/Permit (ID # 16104) Renewing Drainlayer's License, CM Conway Construction.
- 48. License/Permit (ID # 16105) Renewing Flammables License, Hillside Auto Repair, 583 Broadway.
- 49. License/Permit (ID # 16106) Renewing Flammables License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.
- 50. License/Permit (ID # 16107) Renewing Flammables License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.
- 51. License/Permit (ID # 16108) Renewing Garage License, Brazil Auto Repair, 621 Somerville Ave.
- 52. License/Permit (ID # 16109) Renewing Garage License, Executive Auto Body, 30 Medford St.



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- 53. License/Permit (ID # 16110) Renewing Garage License, DM Auto Services, 45 Webster Ave.
  - 54. License/Permit (ID # 16111) Renewing Garage License, J&E Auto Body, 9 Hawkins St.
  - 55. License/Permit (ID # 16112) Renewing Garage License, EZ Auto Body, 627 Somerville Ave.
  - 56. License/Permit (ID # 16113) Renewing Garage License, Monro Muffler Brake, 223 Washington St.
  - 57. License/Permit (ID # 16114) Renewing Garage License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.
  - 58. License/Permit (ID # 16115) Renewing Fortune Teller License, Spiritual New Age Boutique, 153 Washington St.
  - 59. License/Permit (ID # 16116) Renewing Junk Dealer's License, All Checks Cashed, 12 Union Sq.
  - 60. License/Permit (ID # 16117) Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.
  - 61. License/Permit (ID # 16118) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Pepe Bocca, 414 Highland Ave.
  - 62. Withdrawn (ID # 16119) Withdrawn.
  - 63. License/Permit (ID # 16120) New Extended Operating Hours License, La Posada Restaurant, 505 Medford St, opening 7 days/wk to 3AM for in-store, take-out, and delivery service.
  - 64. License/Permit (ID # 16121) New Outdoor Seating License, Reliable Market, 45 Union Sq, 1 A-Frame sign.
  - 65. Withdrawn (ID # 16122) Withdrawn.
  - 66. License/Permit (ID # 16123) New Outdoor Seating License, Cantina La Mexicana, 247 Washington St, 3 Tables, 6 Chairs.
  - 67. License/Permit (ID # 16124) New Outdoor Seating License, Oat Shop, 20 College Ave, 2 Tables, 4 Chairs, 1 A-Frame sign.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

68. Order By Ald. Ballantyne  
(ID # 16159) That the Director of Traffic and Parking install additional pedestrian safety measures at the intersection of Holland Street and Cameron Avenue.
69. Order By Ald. Ballantyne  
(ID # 16160) That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the dead rodent on the North Street corner of Hamilton Road.
70. Order By Ald. Ballantyne  
(ID # 16161) That the City Assessor and Finance Director provide revenue comparisons for real estate and other taxes received, for a hotel vs. a commercial building of comparable size.
71. Order By Ald. Ballantyne  
(ID # 16162) That the City Arborist advise the Ward 7 Alderman regarding the health of the tree at 16-18 Ware Street.
72. Order By Ald. Ballantyne  
(ID # 16163) That the City Engineer inspect the intersection of Ware Street and Russell Road, and Russell Road from #s 7 to 35, for the potential of more sink holes.
73. Order By Ald. Ballantyne  
(ID # 16164) That the City Engineer discuss with this Board's Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, requiring new building projects to have storm water tanks on site or underground.
74. Order By Ald. Ballantyne  
(ID # 16165) That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes down the center of Holland Street from Moore Street to Hodgkins Park.
75. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from the CPA  
(ID # 16084) Fund open space and recreation land and undesignated reserve budgets to the Parks and Open Space Division for the construction of the Winter Hill Schoolyard.
76. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$80,000 from the CPA  
(ID # 16085) Fund open space and recreation land reserve to the Parks and Open Space Division for design services for the Healey Schoolyard.

- 77. Mayor's Request (ID # 16086) 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.
- 78. Mayor's Request (ID # 16082) 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.
- 79. Mayor's Request (ID # 16083) 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.
- 80. Mayor's Request (ID # 16081) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$38,326.99 using available funds in various divisions of the Department of Public Works.
- 81. Mayor's Request (ID # 16080) Requesting acceptance of a \$7,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Housing and Community Development to the Housing Division for the 2017 Youth Count.
- 82. Mayor's Request (ID # 16029) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$6,000 from the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, under the Intelligence and Information Sharing Goal Area.
- 83. Mayor's Request (ID # 16095) Requesting approval to enter a 10-year contract with MA DOT for road reconstruction, to reimburse a portion of the city's road reconstruction projects.
- 84. Mayor's Request (ID # 16169) Requesting the confirmation of John DeLuca as Director of Water & Sewer.
- 85. Officer's Communication (ID # 16150) Assistant City Solicitor submitting a draft Ordinance approved at the Legislative Matter Committee meeting on 5/4/17 to safeguard vulnerable road users.
- 86. Officer's Communication (ID # 16151) City Solicitor submitting a proposed Order designating the position of Retirement Board Member as a Special Municipal Employee position.
- 87. Officer's Communication (ID # 16069) Chief Assessor responding to #203286 and #203287 re: information about residential exemptions.

- 88. Officer's Communication (ID # 16168) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 5/11/17.
- 89. License/Permit (ID # 16171) Public Event Permit, Devino Espirito Santo Procession, 203 Somerville Ave to St. Joseph's Church and back, Jun 4, 8AM-Noon.
- 90. License/Permit (ID # 16172) Public Event Permit, Wayside Youth and Family Support Network HIV Awareness Day, Davis Sq Statue Park, Jun 24, 11AM-5PM (raindate Jun 25).
- 91. License/Permit (ID # 16173) Public Event Permit, ArtsUnion Haiti and Brazil Festival, Union Sq Plaza, Jul 22, 4-10PM (raindate Jul 23).
- 92. License/Permit (ID # 16174) Public Event Permit, SVG Productions Haunted Somerville, ArtFarm at 10 Poplar St, Oct 19-Nov 1, hours vary, generally 6-11:30PM.
- 93. License/Permit (ID # 16175) New Drainlayer's License, Dow Company.
- 94. License/Permit (ID # 16176) New Extended Operating Hours License, Papa John's Pizza, 622 Somerville Ave.
- 95. License/Permit (ID # 16177) New Flammables License, Vixs Auto Service, 73 Summer St.
- 96. License/Permit (ID # 16178) New Garage License, Vixs Auto Service, 73 Summer St.
- 97. License/Permit (ID # 16179) Renewing Garage License, M Korson and Company, 91 Washington St.
- 98. License/Permit (ID # 16180) Renewing Garage License, A Plus Auto Body, 295 Medford St.
- 99. License/Permit (ID # 16181) Renewing Garage License, A Plus Auto Body, 297 Medford St.
- 100. License/Permit (ID # 16182) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Maya Sol Mexican Grill, 179 Broadway.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**