

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

November 22, 2016, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 15134)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,
 (ID # 15135) October 26, 2016.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. White Jr., the Entire Board and the Mayor
 (ID # 15158) Commending Police Officers Christine Bork, Robert
 Hartsgrove, Alan Monaco, and Tyler Sousa, winners of
 the Alexander McQuestion Police Officer of the Year
 Award presented by American Legion Post 19.

4. Citation By Ald. White Jr., the Entire Board and the Mayor
 (ID # 15159) Commending Firefighter Thomas Coppola, winner of the
 Thomas Chetham Firefighter of the Year Award
 presented by American Legion Post 19.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Submitted by Comcast to install 244 feet of conduit in
 Location Washington Street and Inner Belt Road, from Pole 358/3
 (ID # 15160) to a point of pickup at the rear of 30 Washington Street.

6. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 9 feet of conduit in
 Location Beacon Street from Pole 142/31 to a point of pickup at
 (ID # 15161) 53 Kent Street.

7. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to relocate joint-owned Pole
 Location 150/3 at 16-18 Greene Street about 10 feet north, to
 (ID # 15162) provide for a new driveway at 18 Greene Street.

8. Officer's Chief Assessor's Classification Hearing Report regarding
 Communication the adoption of Tax Levy Percentages for FY17,
 (ID # 15113) including a minimum residential factor and a residential
 exemption.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

9. Order (ID # 15118) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking work with her counterpart in Medford to improve the intersection of Broadway, Albion and Winchester Streets, where there is no signage or street markings.

10. Order (ID # 15119) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD permanently remove the bicycle corral on Highland Avenue at the Armory, as it is hardly used and takes up several parking spaces.

11. Order (ID # 15120) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD install two more U-shaped bicycle parking posts on the sidewalk at the Armory.

12. Order (ID # 15121) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD install two U-shaped bicycle parking posts on the sidewalk on the south side of Highland Avenue between Porter and Conwell Streets.

13. Order (ID # 15117) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services intensify rodent control around Magoun Square, particularly on Norwood Avenue and Lowell Street, and report to the Ward 5 Alderman by December 8 with an update.

14. Order (ID # 15116) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the sewer at 22 Conwell Street.

15. Order (ID # 15123) By Ald. Sullivan, Niedergang, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the sewers on Albion and Hudson Streets between Lowell and Central Streets.

16. Order (ID # 15124) By Ald. Sullivan, Niedergang, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the sewers at the corner of Highland Avenue and Lowell Street.

17. Order (ID # 15125) By Ald. Sullivan, McLaughlin, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the sewers on Wesley, Dana, and Wigglesworth Streets.

18. Order By Ald. Sullivan
(ID # 15122) That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services consider using dry ice for rodent control and report the findings to this Board.
19. Communication By Ald. Rossetti
(ID # 15112) Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of November 14, 2016.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

20. CAUCUS OF THE 2017 BOARD

- A. Committee Report
(ID # 15110) Report of the Caucus of the 2017 Board of Aldermen, meeting on November 22, 2016.

21. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
(ID # 15128) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on November 21, 2016.
- B. Mayor's Request 197339 Requesting that the City-owned portion of 163 Glen Street be declared available for disposition.
RECOMMENDED: Approved with Conditions
- C. Mayor's Request 202212 Requesting acceptance of a \$26,500 Grant from MA Dept. of Environmental Protection to the DPW for recycling dividends from the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Mayor's Request 202213 Requesting acceptance of a \$16,300 grant from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for ArtsUnion programming.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. Mayor's Request 202214 Requesting acceptance of a \$9,109 Customer Experience in the Digital Age grant from the MA Board of Library Commissioners to the Libraries to provide customer service and technology training for library staff.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- F. Mayor's Request 202244 Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$4,200,000 in a bond for Water Main Rehabilitation and Replacement.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- G. Mayor's Request 202245 Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,500,000 in a bond for Sewer Main Rehabilitation and Replacement.

- RECOMMENDED: Approved
- H. Mayor's Request 202281 Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$544,182 in a bond for the Fire Department's purchase of a Fire Pumper.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- I. Mayor's Request 202283 Requesting approval of a transfer of \$23,295 in the Information Technology Dept, from the Personnel Services Account to the Professional & Technical Services Account, to fund an outside contractor to program Network Switches.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- J. Mayor's Request 202366 Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,245,340 in a bond for FY17 DPW capital equipment and vehicles.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- K. Mayor's Request 202367 Requesting acceptance of a deed to 22-24 Cross Street East pursuant to Planning Board Decision 2013-05.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- L. Mayor's Request 202368 Requesting approval to enter into a contract of up to ten years for the services of an operator for the Hubway Bike Share program.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- M. Mayor's Request 202369 Requesting approval of an interest rate reduction from 4% to 3% pursuant to MGL c59 s5 clause 41A for the senior property tax deferral.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- N. Mayor's Request 202370 Requesting approval of an interest rate reduction from 8% to 3% pursuant to MGL c59 s5 Clause 18A for the temporary hardship exemption.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- O. Mayor's Request 202371 Requesting the acceptance and appropriation of an additional \$120,000 from US2 Associates into the Union Square Stabilization and Revitalization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- P. Mayor's Request 202372 Requesting an appropriation of \$120,000 from the Union Square Stabilization and Revitalization Fund for services in connection with the redevelopment of Union Square.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- Q. Mayor's Request 202373 Requesting an appropriation of \$118,000 from the Trash Transfer Stabilization Fund for DEC-TAM to provide services to excavate and backfill contaminated soil on Poplar Street.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- R. Mayor's Request 202375 Requesting a transfer of \$32,704 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to the DPW Highway Wages Account to fund a Fleet Mechanic.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- S. Mayor's Request 202376 Requesting approval of a transfer of \$11,173 in the Assessing Department from the Salaries Account to the Professional and Technical Services Account, to mail a Property Tax Information postcard.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- T. Mayor's Request 202405 Requesting the appropriation of \$60,629 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Traffic and Parking Department Capital Vehicles Account to purchase a vehicle for street sign maintenance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- U. Order (ID # 15172) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Commissioner of Public Works clean the building at 22-24 Cross Street East, bait for rodents, and replace the shingles.

22. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 15126) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on November 15, 2016.
- B. Order 201025 By Ald. Heuston That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services issue fines to Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Parkway, for each day that they exceed their permitted number of vehicles.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. License/Permit 202069 New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, 28 Motorsports Inc., 486R Columbia Street, 4 cars inside, 5 outside.
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended
- D. License/Permit 202300 New Mobile Food Vendor License, Bus Stop Cafe.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. License/Permit 202387 Public Event Permit, ABC Signature Studios filming "Untitled Frankie Shaw Project," 337 Somerville Ave area, Nov 15, 4AM-11PM (raindate Nov 14).
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- F. License/Permit 202388 Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, CM Auto Sales, 39 Webster Ave.
RECOMMENDED: Approved with Conditions
- G. License/Permit 202389 Renewing Garage License, Inman Collision Center, 45 Webster Ave.
RECOMMENDED: Approved with Conditions
- H. License/Permit 202390 Renewing Garage License, DM Auto Services, 45 Webster Ave.
RECOMMENDED: Approved with Conditions

- I. License/Permit 202391 Renewing Garage License, JN Phillips Auto Glass, 47 Webster Ave.
RECOMMENDED: Approved with Conditions

23. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 15127) Report of the Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on November 15, 2016.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

24. Mayor's Request (ID # 15096) Requesting approval of MGL c59 s5K to increase the maximum abatement amount for the senior work-off from \$1,000 to \$1,500.
25. Mayor's Request (ID # 15131) Requesting an appropriation of \$1,292,519 in Parking Meter Receipts to reduce the FY2017 Tax Levy.
26. Mayor's Request (ID # 15133) Requesting an appropriation of \$470,434 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Reserve for authorized snow and ice amortization account to fund the FY2017 portion of the deficit
27. Mayor's Request (ID # 15129) Requesting an appropriation of \$400,000 from the Overlay Surplus declared by the Board of Assessors to reduce the FY2017 Tax Levy
28. Mayor's Request (ID # 15114) Requesting the appropriation of \$31,819 from excess FY17 CPA Fund revenue to the CPA Fund Budgeted Reserve.
29. Mayor's Request (ID # 15008) Requesting the appointment of Kat Rutkin to the Commission for Women.
30. Mayor's Request (ID # 15130) Requesting the re-appointment of Katherine M. Wallace to the Commission for Women.
31. Mayor's Request (ID # 15010) Requesting the re-appointment of Marlena Erdos to the Commission for Women.
32. Mayor's Request (ID # 15011) Requesting the re-appointment of Melissa Alfone to the Commission for Women.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

33. Officer's Request (ID # 15157) City Clerk requesting approval to release three sets of Executive Session minutes as described within.

- 34. Officer's Communication (ID # 15030) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #201905 with a draft ordinance to extend protections for trees on city-owned property.
- 35. Officer's Communication (ID # 15003) Traffic and Parking Director responding to Board items approved at the 10/13/16 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- 36. License/Permit (ID # 15163) Public Event Permit, Union Square Main Streets Holiday Stroll, Union Square Plaza, Dec 10, 10AM-4:30PM.
- 37. License/Permit (ID # 15164) Public Event Permit, Arts Council Illuminations Tour, City Hall Concourse and citywide, Dec 17, 3:30-10:30PM (snow emergency Dec 18).
- 38. License/Permit (ID # 15154) New Drainlayer's License, Colantonio Inc.
- 39. License/Permit (ID # 15155) New Drainlayer's License, Rykor Concrete and Civil.
- 40. License/Permit (ID # 15156) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Celiberti Realty.
- 41. License/Permit (ID # 15150) Sign/Awning Permit, Pokeworks, 261 Elm St, 1 flat sign and 1 blade sign.
- 42. License/Permit (ID # 15139) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Motorcycles and More, 109 Bailey Rd.
- 43. License/Permit (ID # 15140) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St.
- 44. Withdrawn (ID # 15141) Withdrawn.
- 45. License/Permit (ID # 15142) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, United Motors, 188 Broadway.
- 46. License/Permit (ID # 15143) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Union Gulf, 231 Washington St.
- 47. License/Permit (ID # 15144) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Executive Auto Leasing and Sales, 30 Medford St.

- 48. License/Permit (ID # 15145) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, DM Auto Body, 48 Joy St.
- 49. License/Permit (ID # 15148) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St.
- 50. License/Permit (ID # 15149) Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Mystic Auto Sales, 712 Mystic Ave.
- 51. License/Permit (ID # 15147) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Ed's Used Auto Parts, 516 Columbia St.
- 52. License/Permit (ID # 15146) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.
- 53. License/Permit (ID # 15138) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 0 Windsor St.
- 54. License/Permit (ID # 15151) Renewing Garage License, Brazil Auto Repair, 621 Somerville Ave.
- 55. License/Permit (ID # 15152) Renewing 2015-16 Garage License, Brazil Auto Repair, 621 Somerville Ave.
- 56. License/Permit (ID # 15153) Renewing Automatic Amusement Devices License, Cuisine En Locale, 156 Highland Ave.
- 57. Public Communication (ID # 15165) West Somerville Neighborhood School PTA submitting comments re: WSNS playground spaces.
- 58. Public Communication (ID # 15166) Fr. Richard Curran submitting comments re: #202235, a Community Benefits Agreement for Union Sq.
- 59. Public Communication (ID # 15167) Evan Cook submitting comments re: #202235, a Community Benefits Agreement for Union Sq.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 60. Order (ID # 15168) By Ald. Connolly, Davis That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the MBTA of inoperable street lamps on the Davis Square Busway.

- 61. Order (ID # 15169) By Ald. Connolly, Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the loose or missing bricks on both sides of Elm Street from Day Street to Grove Street.

- 62. Order (ID # 15175) By Ald. Sullivan
That the City Clerk add the following condition to all business licenses issued at acquisition/disposition parcels pursuant to the Union Square Revitalization Plan.

- 63. Mayor's Request (ID # 15171) Requesting the adoption of the 2016 Update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

- 64. Mayor's Request (ID # 15180) Requesting approval of the dedication of Lincoln Park as Public Open Space.

- 65. Mayor's Request (ID # 15137) Requesting the appropriation of \$250,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Law Department Legal Services Account to fund additional outside legal counsel services.

- 66. Mayor's Request (ID # 15021) Requesting the appropriation of \$150,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Heath & Human Services Professional and Technical Services Account to contract with Teen Empowerment for youth development.

- 67. Mayor's Request (ID # 15176) Requesting the appropriation of \$50,629 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Traffic and Parking Department Capital Vehicles Account to purchase a vehicle for street sign maintenance.

- 68. Officer's Communication (ID # 15170) Director of Capital Projects responding to #200065 and #202158 re: the city's Inflow and Infiltration policy.

- 69. License/Permit (ID # 15173) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, CM Auto Sales, 39 Webster Ave.

- 70. License/Permit (ID # 15174) Renewing Garage License, Inman Collision Center, 45 Webster Ave.

- 71. Public Communication (ID # 15178) Danielle Dupre submitting comments re: #202235, a Community Benefits Agreement for Union Sq.

- 72. Public Communication (ID # 15179) Tori Antonino submitting comments re: a dark sky ordinance.

73. Public Communication (ID # 15181) Matt Griesbach submitting comments re: #202267, to consider limiting residential parking passes for developments that request parking space relief.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT