

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

September 28, 2017, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 17007)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August
 (ID # 17008) 24, 2017.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Grant of Submitted by AT&T to install 124 feet of conduit from
 Location Winchester Street at the Medford line to existing Verizon
 (ID # 17014) Manhole #44/331 near 620 Broadway.

4. Withdrawn Withdrawn.
 (ID # 17015)

5. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 5 feet of conduit in
 Location Murdock Street, from Pole #246/5 to a point of pickup at
 (ID # 17016) 39 Murdock Street.

6. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 2,006 feet of ductile
 Location steel pipe and conduit beneath Mystic Avenue, from
 (ID # 17017) Middlesex Avenue southeasterly to Alfred Lombardi
 Way.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

7. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
 (ID # 16968) That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of
 Police petition the City of Cambridge to change
 Clarendon Avenue to a one way street, so it continues in
 the same direction from Somerville to Massachusetts
 Avenue.

8. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
 (ID # 16969) That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the
 sewers near 41 Simpson Street for rats.

9. Order (ID # 16970) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the sewers on Corinthian Street for rats.
10. Order (ID # 16971) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD make Morrison Avenue, between Cedar Street and Willow Avenue, a 20 MPH speed zone, as Lexington Park and the Community Path entrance are at the end of Highland Road.
11. Order (ID # 16972) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD and the City Engineer consider adding a crosswalk as part of the redevelopment of Cedar Street at Warwick or Clyde Streets.
12. Order (ID # 16973) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Chief of Police assign officers to conduct traffic enforcement of bicyclists during the morning rush hour at the Cedar Street Community Path crossing.
13. Order (ID # 16974) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD consider adding some sort of signal or barrier to cause bicyclists to slow or stop at the Community Path intersections with Cedar Street and Willow Avenue.
14. Order (ID # 16975) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Chief of Police increase traffic enforcement of bicyclists in the fall and mid- to late-spring, when bicycle traffic is at its peak.
15. Communication (ID # 16976) By Ald. Niedergang
Reporting on the first meeting of the Capital Projects Master Plan Working Group.
16. Order (ID # 16977) By Ald. McWatters
That the Chief of Police conduct traffic enforcement on Atherton Street at Harvard Street to enforce the left turn prohibition onto Atherton Street.
17. Order (ID # 16978) By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD consider installing a rotary at Munroe Street and Prospect Hill Avenue and schedule a neighborhood meeting with Prospect Hill residents and the Ward 3 Alderman to discuss this measure.
18. Resolution (ID # 16979) By Ald. McWatters
That the Administration and Director of SPCD consider increasing the number of safety zones throughout the city.

19. Order (ID # 16980) By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD place a speed board on Vinal Avenue.
20. Order (ID # 16981) By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD add Belmont Street, Warren Avenue and Barstow Avenue to the fall tree planting list.
21. Resolution (ID # 16982) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Mayor and the State Delegation promote drug courts in Somerville to address the continued opioid epidemic.
22. Order (ID # 16983) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes at 16 and 24 Cross Street.
23. Order (ID # 16984) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works request that the appropriate utility company address the low hanging wires on Mt. Vernon and Washington Streets.
24. Order (ID # 16985) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the gap in the fence on the Pearl Street side of the East Somerville Community School.
25. Order (ID # 16986) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair street light M1169 on McGrath Highway.
26. Order (ID # 16987) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works street sweep Franklin Street.
27. Order (ID # 16988) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place blinking SLOW - CHILDREN signs on the Cross Street side of the East Somerville Community School.
28. Order (ID # 16989) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services address the Airbnb at 3 Everett Avenue.
29. Order (ID # 16990) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services form a task force to address AirBnB apartments.

- 30. Order (ID # 16991) By Ald. Connolly
That the Chief of Police and Director of Communications solicit the locations of closed circuit TV cameras in business and residential locations on a voluntary basis, to aid crime solving efforts.
- 31. Order (ID # 16992) By Ald. Connolly, Davis, Sullivan, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the roadway on the eastbound lane of College Avenue at Ciampa Manor.
- 32. Order (ID # 16993) By Ald. Connolly, Davis, Sullivan, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the dead trees on the odd side of College Avenue between Morrison and Hall Avenues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 33. Ordinance 203978 By Ald. Niedergang, McLaughlin, Davis
That this Board consider amending Zoning Ordinance 16.10.2, which allows Planned Unit Developments to apply for waivers from new zoning regulations, to specifically exclude waivers from inclusionary affordable housing requirements, and that the City Solicitor provide an opinion to this Board on the legality of this amendment by September 14, 2017.
- 34. Public Communication 204159 Property owner of 125 Lowell Somerville LLC submitting a proposed zoning map amendment for certain parcels on Lowell Street, Belmont Street, Summer Street, and Highland Avenue.
- 35. Order 204236 By Ald. Rossetti, Connolly, White Jr., Sullivan, Davis
That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain to this Board in writing by September 26, 2017 why residential parking permits are not issued with a renewal date of one year from the last day of the month it was purchased, and appear before this Board on September 28, 2017 to discuss this matter.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 36. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE
 - A. Committee Report (ID # 16996) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on September 28, 2017.

37. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16994) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on September 25, 2017.

- B. Resolution 203877 By Ald. Lafuente That the Administration provide a written response on the process for school playground and school area improvements.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- C. Order 203996 By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD develop a comprehensive plan to redevelop Cross Street, including lighting, vegetation and traffic calming.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

38. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16995) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on September 27, 2017.

- B. License/Permit 203577 New Extended Operating Hours License, Big Belly Deli, 513 Medford St, remaining open Mon-Sat to 2 AM for seating, take-out and delivery.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- C. License/Permit 203781 New Hawker Peddler License, Felsuma LLC, selling adhesive products in Davis Sq.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File

- D. License/Permit 203786 New Garage License, Hillside Service Center, 45 Mystic Ave, 5 vehicles inside, 10 outside.
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended

- E. License/Permit 203918 New Billiards and Bowling License, Lucky Strike, 340 Canal St, 5 pool tables, 8 bowling alleys.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- F. License/Permit 203938 New Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 355 Artisan Way, storing 570 vehicles.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- G. License/Permit 203939 New Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 445 Artisan Way, storing 140 vehicles.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- H. License/Permit 203940 New Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 333 Great River Rd, storing 100 vehicles.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- I. License/Permit 203941 New Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 479 Canal St, storing 220 vehicles.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- J. License/Permit 204040 Public Event Permit, BFresh Meet and Greet, Chester St from Elm St to Herbert St, Sep 14, 3-9PM (raindate Sep 21).
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

39. Mayor's Request (ID # 17002) Requesting to convene in Executive Session to convey additional information relative to #204162, a request to receive updates on all ongoing contract negotiations.
40. Mayor's Request (ID # 16947) Requesting the replacement of Ordinance 7-28 with a new Demolition Review Ordinance. with relevant updates to Ordinance 1-11 for violations.
41. Mayor's Request (ID # 16962) Requesting authorization to issue refunding bonds in order to reduce interest costs.
42. Mayor's Request (ID # 16965) Requesting approval to create the 0 Elmwood Stabilization Fund Account and accept a payment to the Fund of \$25,000 from 27 Eaton Street LLC for streetscape improvements.
43. Mayor's Request (ID # 17009) Requesting approval to pay 11 prior years invoices totaling \$2,419.57 using available funds in the Information Technology Leased Photocopier Account to pay monthly lease costs for leased photocopiers.
44. Mayor's Request (ID # 17010) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$289.70 using available funds in the Information Technology Internet Maintenance Account for a monthly payment of the Traffic & Parking internet circuit.
45. Mayor's Request (ID # 16967) Requesting acceptance of a \$21,509 grant with no new match required, from the Urban Areas Security Initiative to the Police Department for the procurement of gunshot detection and location services.
46. Mayor's Request (ID # 16963) Requesting acceptance of a \$3,750.00 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety to the Police Department for pedestrian and bicycle safety enforcement.
47. Mayor's Communication (ID # 17005) Conveying a Host Community Agreement with Eversource.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 48. Officer's Communication (ID # 17006) City Solicitor requesting the approval of Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kesten as outside counsel to represent the School Committee in Doe v Romanos & School Committee.
- 49. Officer's Communication (ID # 17004) Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #204236 re: the term of residential parking permits.
- 50. Officer's Communication (ID # 16952) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 8/24/17.
- 51. Officer's Communication (ID # 16953) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 9/14/17.

NEW BUSINESS

- 52. License/Permit (ID # 17018) Public Event Permit, Hudson St Block Party, from Waldo to Central Sts, Sep 30, 2-7:30PM (replacing the previously-scheduled event on Sep 29).
- 53. License/Permit (ID # 17019) Public Event Permit, East Somerville Main Streets Halloween Block Party, Chuckie Harris Park, Oct 28, 2-6:30PM (raindate Oct 29).
- 54. License/Permit (ID # 17020) New Drainlayer's License, Tascon Corp.
- 55. License/Permit (ID # 17021) Transferring Taxi Medallion License, Medallion #15 from Yung Cab to Yolande Trans.
- 56. License/Permit (ID # 17022) New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Valente Enterprise, 154 Glen St, no vehicles onsite.
- 57. Public Communication (ID # 17013) Trevor Martin submitting comments re: #203577, an application for an Extended Operating Hours license for Big Belly Deli, 513 Medford St.
- 58. Public Communication (ID # 17012) Renee Scott and Rob Buchanan submitting comments re: new parks in Union Sq.
- 59. Public Communication (ID # 17011) Tori Antonino submitting comments re: the composition of the committee that reviews proposals for Prospect Hill Park landscape design services.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 60. Citation (ID # 17054) By Ald. McLaughlin, the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Ben Echevarria, who was recently included in El Planeta's Powermeter 100 as one of the 100 most influential people for the Hispanic community.

- 61. Order (ID # 16998) By Ald. White Jr., Rossetti, Sullivan, Connolly That the Director of SPCD appear before this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss plans to connect the Inner Belt with North Point and the substance of any discussions with the City of Cambridge.

- 62. Order (ID # 16999) By Ald. Rossetti, Davis, Connolly, White Jr., Sullivan That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Communications review the attached email regarding better communication to residents for items before the Planning and Zoning Boards, and report back to this Board by October 23.

- 63. Order (ID # 17024) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the city's Assessment of Fair Housing recently completed for HUD, and explain what the city is doing to advance fair housing and combat housing discrimination.

- 64. Order (ID # 17026) By Ald. McLaughlin, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr. That the Director of the Council on Aging work with residents of 240 Pearl Street to dispose of large trash items.

- 65. Order (ID # 17027) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect and bait for rats around 240 Pearl Street.

- 66. Order (ID # 17028) By Ald. Heuston That the Chief of Police order directed patrols to monitor traffic in Union Square and the intersection of Webster Avenue and Prospect Street, especially traffic that blocks the box and traffic that crosses over private property to get from the Newton Street extension to Prospect Street.

- 67. Order (ID # 17029) By Ald. Heuston That the Chief of Police enforce traffic regulations on Webster Avenue and Norfolk Street for businesses that are located there.

68. Order (ID # 17030) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD contact the MBTA to confirm changes to Bus Route #91, then report back to this Board why they were made and how they will be communicated to residents.
69. Order (ID # 17031) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD report to the MBTA the variation of routes drivers use for the #91 and #86 buses, and inquire as to the permanent routes the drivers should be using.
70. Order (ID # 17032) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD commission a transportation study of the Union Square area to determine the current state of traffic, then present the findings at a community meeting.
71. Order (ID # 17033) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD provide streetscape changes, such as painted crosswalks, at points on the Webster Avenue bridge to facilitate pedestrian crossings in that area.
72. Order (ID # 17034) By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works place additional street lighting at the intersection of Webster Avenue and Newton Street.
73. Order (ID # 17035) By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the street light at Joy and Washington Streets.
74. Order (ID # 17036) By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees on Webster Avenue to prevent signs and signals from being blocked.
75. Order (ID # 17037) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install signs to limit parking at the corners of Oak and Prospect Streets.
76. Order (ID # 17038) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace all faded street signs on Oak Street.

77. Order (ID # 17039) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking restrict cut through traffic on Durham Street from Beacon Street, allowing access to abutters only from 7-9AM and 4-7PM, Monday through Friday.
78. Order (ID # 17040) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase parking enforcement in Ward 2, specifically at Oak, Houghton, Harrison, Tremont and Norfolk Streets.
79. Order (ID # 17041) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing a crossing signal across Calvin Street.
80. Order (ID # 17042) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint the crosswalk at Dane and Tyler Streets. (2nd request)
81. Order (ID # 17043) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a temporary speed monitor on Webster Avenue at the entrance to Somerville.
82. Order (ID # 17044) By Ald. Heuston
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services update this Board on the backlog of electrical inspections, the staff shortage related to it, and the plan to address it.
83. Resolution (ID # 17045) By Ald. Heuston
That the Administration create a Pedestrian Safety Committee. (2nd request)
84. Order (ID # 17046) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Finance and the Director of SPCD report on the financial and planning progress in the planned neighborhoods referenced in #203563.
85. Order (ID # 17047) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD, the Director of Traffic and Parking, and the Commissioner of Public Works suggest additional measures to slow the speeding traffic at the crosswalk in front of the West Somerville Neighborhood School.
86. Order (ID # 17048) By Ald. Ballantyne, Heuston
That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the potential acquisition of Merriam Street/Charlestown Street Park.

- 87. Order (ID # 17049) By Ald. Connolly That Director of Prevention Services Cory Mashburn brief this Board's Public Health and Public Safety Committee on the impacts of medical marijuana regulations and recreational marijuana sales likely to occur here.
- 88. Mayor's Request (ID # 16966) Requesting approval to appropriate \$112,770.34 from the USQ Revitalization Stabilization Fund for legal services.
- 89. Mayor's Request (ID # 17023) Requesting the appointment of Cristina Kennedy to the Conservation Commission.
- 90. Mayor's Request (ID # 17052) Requesting to brief this Board on the Union Square District Improvement Financing strategy.
- 91. Mayor's Communication (ID # 16964) Conveying the Nexus Study Report on Housing and Jobs Linkage.
- 92. Officer's Communication (ID # 17053) Assistant City Solicitor providing a legal opinion regarding #203978, a proposal to amend the zoning ordinances to prohibit applications in a PUD for waivers from inclusionary affordable housing requirements,
- 93. Officer's Communication (ID # 17001) Assistant City Solicitor providing a legal opinion regarding #204159, a proposal by a property owner to amend the zoning map for certain parcels, including one owned by that owner.
- 94. Officer's Communication (ID # 16997) Director of Traffic and Parking responding to Board Orders approved at the 6/22/17 meeting.
- 95. Officer's Communication (ID # 17003) Director of Traffic and Parking responding to Board Orders approved at the 7/13/17 meeting.
- 96. Officer's Communication (ID # 17000) Director of Traffic and Parking responding to Board Orders approved at the 8/24/17 meeting.
- 97. Officer's Communication (ID # 17050) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 9/28/17.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT