

City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the City Council

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

April 25, 2019, 7:00 PM
City Council Chamber, City Hall-93 Highland Avenue

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 20854)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March
 (ID # 20855) 28, 2019.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 809 feet of conduit,
 Location including 10 feet in Revolution Dr from Manhole
 (ID # 20874) #29475 to Great River Rd, then 799 feet in Great River
 Rd to a point of pickup at the rear of 485 Foley St.

4. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 172 feet of conduit in
 Location Broadway and Bond St, from Manhole #1968 on
 (ID # 20875) Broadway to a point of pickup on Bond St at the rear of
 379 Broadway.

5. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 64 feet of conduit in
 Location Ward St, from Pole #353/1 to a point of pickup at 14
 (ID # 20876) Ward St.

6. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 52 feet of conduit in
 Location Dane St, from Pole #204/7 to a point of pickup at 43
 (ID # 20877) Dane St.

7. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 11 feet of conduit in
 Location Franklin St, from Pole #134/13 to a point of pickup at 56
 (ID # 20878) Franklin St.

8. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 8 feet of conduit in
 Location Oak St, from Pole #258/2 to a point of pickup at 10 Oak
 (ID # 20879) St.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

9. Resolution (ID # 20834) By City Councilor Ballantyne
Urging the MA Legislature to adopt H3662/S636 to enable independent public retirement systems to use their prudent judgment regarding fossil fuel divestment.

10. Order (ID # 20835) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD use the \$220,000 in traffic mitigation funds paid by Maxwell’s Green in 2011 for traffic calming on Lowell Street, between Highland Avenue and Albion Street, by constructing a traffic-calming table at the Albion Street crosswalk.

11. Order (ID # 20836) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place flexible YIELD FOR PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALK signs at the intersections of Lowell and Hudson Streets and Lowell and Albion Streets.

12. Order (ID # 20837) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install new, vehicle-safe, bolt-in-place YIELD FOR PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALK signs at the intersections of Lowell and Hudson Streets and Lowell and Albion Streets, as soon as they are available.

13. Order (ID # 20838) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a NO TRUCKS sign on Highland Road at Kidder Avenue, to prohibit trucks from turning onto Kidder Avenue from Willow and College Avenues and then taking a right turn onto Highland Road.

14. Order (ID # 20839) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a CAUTION: CHILDREN AT PLAY sign after the bend on Murdock Street, on the telephone pole next to 60 Murdock Street, facing traffic coming from Cedar Street.

15. Order (ID # 20840) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD report to this Council in writing by May 9, 2019 ridership data for the “Bridge Hopper” shuttle.

16. Resolution (ID # 20841) By City Councilor Niedergang
Supporting the State Delegation and the Governor for passing S408/H639, “An Act Supporting Parents Running for Public Office,” to allow state and local candidates for public office to use campaign funds for childcare.

17. Order (ID # 20842) By City Councilor Niedergang
That #207730, amending Ordinance 2-123 to require the City Solicitor to notify this Council of suits against the City, be discharged from the Legislative Matters Committee for consideration by the Finance Committee.
18. Order (ID # 20843) By City Councilor Niedergang
That #207740, amending Ordinance 2-124 to permit the City Solicitor to settle legal actions up to \$5,000, be discharged from the Legislative Matters Committee for consideration by the Finance Committee.
19. Communication (ID # 20844) By City Councilor Niedergang
Reporting on decisions of the Traffic Commission for the first quarter of 2019.
20. Order (ID # 20845) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD and the Bicycle Committee update this Council's Traffic and Parking Committee on establishing a comprehensive city-wide bicycle plan.
21. Order (ID # 20846) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment inform this Council about New York City's "Climate Mobilization Act," which includes dramatic emission reductions for tall buildings, and explain which aspects could be adapted here.
22. Order (ID # 20847) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place an orange barrel and an ABUTTERS ONLY sign on the corner of Walnut and Boston Streets.
23. Order (ID # 20848) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD place speed bumps across Craigie Street near the entrances to the Morse Kelley and Dickerman playgrounds.
24. Order (ID # 20849) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 3 City Councilor on plans for raised crosswalks on Summer Street at Belmont and/or Lowell Streets, as well as other nearby traffic calming improvements.
25. Order (ID # 20850) By City Councilor Mbah
That the President consider changing this Council's committee meeting start times to 7 PM.

26. Order By City Councilor Hirsch
(ID # 20851) That the Director of Parks and Open Space present an update on athletic field renovation plans and availability.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

27. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
(ID # 20853) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on April 23, 2018.
- B. Mayor's Request 207524 Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$300,000 in a bond for Central Hill Campus phase 2 design.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- C. Mayor's Request 207753 Requesting approval to amend Ordinances 11-125(c) and 11-164(b)(3) regarding water and sewer billing and payment periods.
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended
- D. Mayor's Request 207762 Requesting a Time-Only Extension for the Mackay Construction Services contract for Lincoln Park.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. Mayor's Request 207763 Requesting approval of a time-only extension of the Newport Construction Beacon Street construction contract.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- F. Mayor's Request 207764 Requesting approval of a time only extension of the Design Consultants Construction Administration contract for Beacon Street.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- G. Mayor's Request 207951 Requesting a transfer of \$40,000 from the SPCD Housing Division Professional and Technical Services Account to the SPCD Admin Legal Services Account to engage outside eminent domain counsel to defend the Redevelopment Authority in the acquisition of 90 Washington St.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- H. Mayor's Request 207952 Requesting a transfer of \$37,863.99 from the Office of Housing Stability Professional and Technical Account to the SPCD Finance and Admin Land Acquisition Account for final closing costs for 90 Washington St.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- I. Officer's Communication 207954 City Solicitor requesting to amend a contract and appear in Executive Session to discuss a matter of potential litigation.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- J. Mayor's Request 208012 Requesting the appropriation of \$854,038 from the Salary Contingency Account to various departmental Personal Services Accounts to fund the FY19 costs of the Memorandum of Agreement with SMEA Unit B.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- K. Mayor's Request 208013 Requesting the appropriation of \$74,095 from the Salary Contingency Account to various departmental Salaries Accounts in order to establish and fund several new positions as part of the SMEA B Memorandum of Agreement.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

28. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 20852) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on April 22, 2018.
- B. Public Communication 207460 18 registered voters submitting a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to add a new Section 17.8 re: open space requirements for mid-rise and high-rise buildings.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 29. Mayor's Request (ID # 20832) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$3,200 using available funds in the SPCD Economic Development Division's Professional and Technical Services Account for appraisal services.
- 30. Mayor's Request (ID # 20830) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brielle Short to the Affordable Housing Trust as the non-profit representative.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 31. Officer's Communication (ID # 20768) Director of Health and Human Services responding to #205360 re: the summer youth jobs program and opportunities for work at local nonprofits.

NEW BUSINESS

- 32. License/Permit (ID # 20856) Public Event License, St Benedict Parish Easter Vigil Fire Ceremony, Hathorn St, Apr 20, 8-9PM.
- 33. License/Permit (ID # 20857) Public Event License, Dormition of the Virgin Mary Holy Friday Procession Walk, Central St Church neighborhood, Apr 26, 8:30-9:30PM.

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- 34. License/Permit (ID # 20858) Public Event License, Cornucopia Collective Maypole, Powderhouse Park, Apr 27, Noon-3PM (raindate Apr 28).
 - 35. License/Permit (ID # 20859) Public Event License, 7ate9 Bakery Open Studios Exhibit, 2 parking spaces at 199 Highland Ave, May 4-5, 7AM-7PM.
 - 36. License/Permit (ID # 20860) Public Event License, Somerville Open Studios Information Table, Statue Park, May 4-5, 11AM-6:30PM.
 - 37. License/Permit (ID # 20861) Public Event License, Boston 48 Hour Film Project - Team Kern Productions, Powderhouse Park, May 4, 5-9PM (raindate May 5).
 - 38. License/Permit (ID # 20862) Public Event License, Brastow Ave Porchfest Block Party, May 11, Noon-6PM (raindate May 18).
 - 39. License/Permit (ID # 20863) Public Event License, Banks St Porchfest Block Party, May 11, Noon-6PM (raindate May 18).
 - 40. License/Permit (ID # 20864) Public Event License, Munroe St Porchfest Block Party, May 11, 2-8PM (raindate May 18).
 - 41. License/Permit (ID # 20865) Public Event License, Holyoke Rd Porchfest Block Party, May 11, 3-7PM (raindate May 18).
 - 42. License/Permit (ID # 20866) Public Event License, Second Line Social Aid and Pleasure Society Brass Band Porchfest Performance, Quincy St Open Space, May 11, 3-7PM (raindate May 18).
 - 43. License/Permit (ID # 20867) Public Event License, Arts Council Night Market, Union Sq Plaza on May 11, Broadway from Willow Ave to Boston Ave on Jun 15, Winter Hill Brewery Parking Lot on Jul 20, all 3-11PM (raindates May 12, Jun 16, Jul 21).
 - 44. License/Permit (ID # 20868) Public Event License, Davis Sq Farmers Market, Day St-Herbert St Parking Lot, Wednesdays May 15 - Nov 27, 10AM-7PM.
 - 45. License/Permit (ID # 20869) Public Event License, Ryan Harrington Foundation Just One Run, Blessing of the Bay Boathouse and Mystic River Reservation, Jun 2, 7AM-3PM.
 - 46. Withdrawn (ID # 20870) Withdrawn.

- 47. Withdrawn (ID # 20871) Withdrawn.
- 48. License/Permit (ID # 20880) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Suffolk Engineering.
- 49. License/Permit (ID # 20881) Renewing Drainlayer's License, D Muzzioli Associates.
- 50. License/Permit (ID # 20882) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Insite Contracting.
- 51. License/Permit (ID # 20883) Renewing Garage License, Pete's Boys, 83 Albion St.
- 52. License/Permit (ID # 20884) Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 141 Beacon St.
- 53. License/Permit (ID # 20885) Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 381 Washington St.
- 54. License/Permit (ID # 20886) Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St.
- 55. License/Permit (ID # 20887) Renewing Garage License, J&E Auto Body, 9 Hawkins St.
- 56. License/Permit (ID # 20888) Renewing Garage License, Barnes and Walsh, 224 Somerville Ave.
- 57. License/Permit (ID # 20889) Renewing Garage License, ONF Auto Body, 627 Somerville Ave.
- 58. License/Permit (ID # 20890) Renewing Garage License, Automotive Transport Service, 495 Columbia St.
- 59. License/Permit (ID # 20891) Renewing Garage License, U-Haul, 151 Linwood St.
- 60. License/Permit (ID # 20892) Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 355 Artisan Way.
- 61. License/Permit (ID # 20893) Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 445 Artisan Way.

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- 62. License/Permit (ID # 20894) Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 479 Canal St.
 - 63. License/Permit (ID # 20895) Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 333 Great River Rd.
 - 64. License/Permit (ID # 20896) Renewing Garage License, Partners HealthCare System, 399 Revolution Dr.
 - 65. License/Permit (ID # 20897) Renewing Flammables License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St.
 - 66. License/Permit (ID # 20898) Renewing Flammables License, Hillside Auto Repair, 583 Broadway.
 - 67. License/Permit (ID # 20899) Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, 132 Washington St.
 - 68. License/Permit (ID # 20900) Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul, 151 Linwood St.
 - 69. License/Permit (ID # 20901) Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul, 600 Mystic Valley Pksy.
 - 70. License/Permit (ID # 20902) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Cinema Taxi, Med #16,44,85.
 - 71. License/Permit (ID # 20903) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Roly Cab, Med #17.
 - 72. License/Permit (ID # 20904) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Wilvens Cab, Med #18.
 - 73. License/Permit (ID # 20905) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Lochmere Taxi, Med #22,24,26,91.
 - 74. License/Permit (ID # 20906) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Mt. Pleasant Taxi, Med #31,32,41,42,43.
 - 75. License/Permit (ID # 20907) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Ormond Transportation, Med #49,50,89.
 - 76. License/Permit (ID # 20908) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Silcor Transportation, Med #51,77,93.
 - 77. License/Permit (ID # 20909) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, God's Blessing Cab, Med #60.

- 78. License/Permit (ID # 20910) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, DLCS Transportation, Med #62.
- 79. License/Permit (ID # 20911) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Alewife Transportation, Med #69,80.
- 80. License/Permit (ID # 20912) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Sadel and G Transportation, Med #70.
- 81. License/Permit (ID # 20913) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Somerville Transportation, Med #71.
- 82. License/Permit (ID # 20914) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Eastern Transportation, Med #73,87.
- 83. License/Permit (ID # 20915) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, J and J Transportation, Med #74.
- 84. License/Permit (ID # 20916) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, WWJKK Inc, Med #90.
- 85. License/Permit (ID # 20917) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dunkin' Donuts, 282 Somerville Ave.
- 86. License/Permit (ID # 20918) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Automotive Transport Service, 495 Columbia St.
- 87. Public Communication (ID # 20872) 15 residents submitting comments re: #207461 and #207498, Tree Protection Ordinances.
- 88. Public Communication (ID # 20873) 6 residents submitting comments re: #204323, a proposal for Powderhouse Blvd. safe bicycling.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 89. Order (ID # 20919) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of SPCD paint the newer red markings at the corner of Pearl and James Streets to ensure ample clearance at 225 Pearl Street for vehicles turning onto Pearl Street.
- 90. Order (ID # 20920) By City Councilor Clingan That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the pothole on Ten Hills Road near Bailey Road.

91. Order (ID # 20921) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works re-install the temporary speed bump on Marshall Street now that winter is over.
92. Order (ID # 20922) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Engineering provide the updated paving plan for the 2019 spring to fall seasons.
93. Order (ID # 20923) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Engineering re-pave Cameron Avenue in 2019.
94. Order (ID # 20924) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Engineering add Conwell Avenue to the 2019 repaving list.
95. Order (ID # 20928) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD immediately install flex posts at the intersection of Holland Street and Cameron Avenue to ensure pedestrian safety.
96. Mayor's Request (ID # 20400) Requesting approval to amend and extend a contract for 5 years with David Fallon as Chief of Police.
97. Mayor's Request (ID # 20927) Requesting a transfer of \$350,000 in the Law Department, from its Judgments/Settlements Account to its Legal Services Account, to fund contracts with outside legal counsel.
98. Mayor's Request (ID # 20930) Requesting acceptance of a \$400,000 grant with no new match required, from the MBTA to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division for public safety emergency first responder costs.
99. Officer's Communication (ID # 20926) City Solicitor requesting approval to amend the scope of services of the contract with Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kesten.
100. Officer's Communication (ID # 20929) City Solicitor submitting updated amendments to Ordinances 11-125(c) and 11-164(b)(3) regarding water and sewer billing and payment periods, as approved by the Finance Committee on 4/23/19.
101. Officer's Communication (ID # 20931) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #207938 with a draft Ordinance to amend the terms of the members of the Planning Board.

- 102. Officer's Communication (ID # 20938) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #207939 with a draft Home Rule Petition to amend the terms of the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- 103. License/Permit (ID # 20936) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Ferrante Construction.
- 104. License/Permit (ID # 20932) Renewing Flammables License, BBS Services, 45 Broadway.
- 105. License/Permit (ID # 20933) Renewing Flammables License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St.
- 106. License/Permit (ID # 20934) Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Gulf, 212 Broadway.
- 107. License/Permit (ID # 20935) Renewing Flammables License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy.
- 108. License/Permit (ID # 20937) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, VINL Transportation, Med #65.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT