

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 22, 2012, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,
February 23, 2012.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Heuston, and the Entire Board and the Mayor

Commending Somerville's Greek community on the
occasion of Greek Independence Day, March 25.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location Grant of Location submitted by the MWRA, for a water
meter cabinet across the street from 65-67 Perkins St.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Order By Ald. Roche

That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 11 Kensington
Avenue for violations, especially those contributing to
rodent problems.
6. Resolution By Ald. Roche

That this Board requests that the Administration ensure
that rodent baiting for the Broadway streetscape project
begin at least 30 days prior to any construction.
7. Order By Ald. Roche

That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 191 Broadway
for an illegal construction and painting business, storing
ladders and staging in the yard and loading trucks as
early as 5:30 AM.
8. Order By Ald. Roche

That the Commissioner of Public Works commence a
'pothole patrol' on all streets in Ward One.

9. Order By Ald. Roche
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the house at Otis and Wigglesworth Streets for excessive trash.
10. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Commissioner of Public Works install a bench on the bump-out at 252 Medford Street (Brady Towers).
11. Order By Ald. Taylor, Lafuente, Heuston, Desmond, Sullivan
That the Director of SPCD (Planning) evaluate the appropriateness of the zoned height in the Union Square CBD (Washington Street to Bow Street) and report back to this Board by mid-April.
12. Order By Ald. Taylor, Lafuente, Heuston, O'Donovan, Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan
That this Board's Committee on Traffic and Parking work with the Traffic Commission to conduct a Public Hearing in late April or early May, to review the recent Traffic and Parking regulations targeting the major business districts.
13. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Environmental Programs Manager and the City Solicitor work with the Legislative Matters Committee to create an ordinance for recycling at fast food establishments.
14. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, Heuston, Lafuente, Roche, Taylor, Sullivan
That this Board supports H-3838, An Act Providing Housing and Support Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth.
15. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, Trane
That the Director of Traffic and Parking provide this Board with data regarding truck traffic on Holland Street and provide an explanation if this traffic has increased.
16. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, Taylor, Sullivan, Trane
That this Board requests that the Administration, with this Board, consider a task force or committee to explore alternatives to WalMart, including ways to incentivize locally owned businesses.
17. Order By Ald. Trane, Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) examine Thorndike Street for any rat issues under the sidewalk.

18. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 30 Wheatland Street for building code violations, rooming house activity, and the yard being used as a debris transfer station for a contractor living in the building.
19. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Commissioner of Public Works evaluate the removal of the coberneck light poles on Temple Street, now that the new light poles are working.
20. Resolution By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That this Board requests that the Administration consider expanding WI-FI capabilities at all city parks and public areas.
21. Resolution By Ald. Lafuente, Desmond, Connolly, Gewirtz, Sullivan, Trane
That this Board requests that the Administration work with this Board to develop streetscape improvements for the Broadway Corridor from McGrath Highway to Alewife Brook Parkway.
22. Resolution By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That this Board requests that the Administration appear before this Board to provide updates on the former Winter Hill Star Market Land Court litigation.
23. Resolution By Ald. White Jr., Sullivan, Lafuente
That this Board requests that the Middlesex Sheriff consider using a dedicated work crew to clean the Mystic River DCR recreational path and related park areas along the Mystic River and Route 93, from the Route 28 Bridge to Route 93 on the Somerville and Medford sides of the River.
24. Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety arrange for representatives of Riverside Community Care aka Somerville Mental Health Association, to appear before the Committee to explain where the programs are and how the City can assist them.
25. Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That the Chief of Police monitor the outlet of Warwick Street for vehicles exiting in the wrong direction.

26. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
- That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 24 Bay State Ave. and 29 Lowden Ave. for the illegal storage of contractor trash and equipment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

27. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on March 21, 2012.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Derek Morrison as Constable.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Andres Calderone as Constable.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Donna Leon Pierre as Constable, for a term to expire December 31, 2012.
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of John O'Connor to the position of Permanent Firefighter.

28. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on March 21, 2012.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting the authorization of a Consolidated Gift Account for the Council on Aging.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting the creation of a Bicycle Stabilization Fund and the acceptance of a mitigation payment of \$2,178 from Mudflat Studios, to purchase a bicycle corral.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval of the release of an obsolete drain easement in Assembly Square.
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$55,000 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to fund a non-union wage study.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$375,000 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Acct. to the Algonquin Gas Loop Project Stabilization Fund.
- G. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$375,000 from the Algonquin Gas Loop Project Stabilization Fund to reconstruct roads and sidewalks.

- H. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to increase the Council on Aging's Revolving Fund Cap for FY2012 from \$90,000 to \$130,000.
- I. Mayor's Request Requesting the use of FY12 funds in the Personnel Dept. to pay Arbitrator Richard Higgins for Arbitration Services on an Fiscal Year 2011 invoice totaling \$600.
- J. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a donation from Christos Poutahidis in the amount of \$10,000, for youth programming.
- K. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a donation of \$10,000 from D&R General Contracting, for community initiatives.
- L. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a donation of \$10,000 from MetroPCS for youth programming and other community events.
- M. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a donation of \$1,000 from Robert B. King, local McDonalds owner-operator, for youth activities and community events.
- N. Order By Ald. Trane
That the Chief Financial Officer provide the Committee on Finance with further clarification of how the City receives appropriations of funds for acceptance into the City's General fund.

29. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on March 12, 2012.
- B. Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That the southerly side of Elm Street remain as RB zoning and not be changed to RC zoning.

30. LAND USE AND LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEES

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Committee on Legislative Matters, on March 21, 2012.
- B. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting in Joint Session with the Committee on Land Use, on March 21, 2012.

31. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on March 19, 2012.
- B. Order By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace or secure the traffic signs at 204 Cedar Street that face traffic exiting from Clyde Street as they pose a potential safety hazard to pedestrians.
- C. Order By Ald. Trane
That the Director of SPCD dispatch the Neighborhood Inspection Team to 113-115 Hillsdale Road to examine the property for code violations.
- D. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Director of Health appear before the Public Health and Safety Committee to provide an update on the proposed Municipal Domestic Violence Policy.
- E. Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) and the City Solicitor direct the owner of 34 Glenwood Road to take appropriate measures to rectify any conditions that might pose a safety hazard to the surrounding neighborhood.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

32. Mayor's Request Requesting the dedication of 15-25 Cross Street East in perpetuity for park and recreation purposes.
33. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$375,000 to the Algonquin Gas Loop Project Stabilization Fund.
34. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$11,600 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to replace furniture in the Aldermanic Chambers and in the Aldermen's Committee Room.
35. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$59,500 from the DPW Snow Acct. to the DPW Buildings and Grounds Roof Repair and Maintenance Acct., for repairs to the East Branch Library Roof.
36. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$36,086 from the DPW Snow Acct. to The Buildings and Grounds Elevator Repair and Maintenance Acct., to repair the elevator at the Central Library.

- 37. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$35,000 from the DPW Snow Acct. to the Buildings and Grounds Equipment Acct., to purchase a lawnmower.
- 38. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$9,600 from the DPW Snow Acct. to the DPW Administration Hazardous Waste Removal Acct., for the removal of the underground storage tank at the Public Safety Building.
- 39. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$2,000 grant from the Dept. of Public Health for the Fire Dept.'s Mass Decontamination Unit.
- 40. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the DPW to pay a prior-year invoice of \$131.25 from Signet, for clock/PA system maintenance.
- 41. Mayor's Request Requesting to declare as surplus equipment some unused parking meter housings and parking meter mechanisms in the Traffic and Parking Dept.
- 42. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Joseph Cerqueira as Alternate Member of the Planning Board.
- 43. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Heather MacIndoe to the Women's Commission.
- 44. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Marie McBride to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 45. Officer's Communication City Treasurer/Tax Collector submitting his Treasurer and Tax Collector Public Official Bonds.

NEW BUSINESS

- 46. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Emerson College Student Film Shoot, Lexington Park Playground and Bike Path and 32 Clifton St., Mar 23-24, 8AM-5PM.
- 47. License/Permit Public Event Permit, DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum Exhibit, Davis Sq. Plaza, Apr 6, 9:30AM-3:30PM.
- 48. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Russell Rd. Block Party, May 20, 10AM-11PM.
- 49. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Swirl and Slice Union Sq. Gourmet Market, Union Sq. Plaza, Every Other Thursday, Jun 14-Sep 20, 4-9PM.
- 50. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Day of Portugal Parade, Praca Portuguesa at Concord Sq., Jun 17, 12-4PM.

- 51. License/Permit Public Event Permit, "Drag Race for a Cure" 100-Yard Race, Bike Path from Cedar St. to Grove St., Oct 20, 2-3PM.
- 52. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Ace Wheelworks, Sign.
- 53. Public Communication NStar Electric updating this Board on providing the DPW access to NStar's double pole tracking system.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk