

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

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

August 16, 2012, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Absent	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Absent	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Sean T. O'Donovan	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Absent	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. #193565 Call of the Roll.
Roll Call

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

CITATIONS

2. #193566 By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Citation Commending Anne Thomas, who is retiring after 19 years of dedicated service as Special Counsel to SPCD.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. #193567 Grant of Location submitted by Comcast to install 53 feet of conduit from a
Grant of Location pole on Meacham Road to 55 Davis Sq.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. #193568 Grant of Location submitted by Comcast to install 10 feet of conduit from a
Grant of Location manhole on Holland Street to 20-40 Holland St.

RESULT: APPROVED

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. #193569 By Ald. Trane
Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking study truck traffic into Davis
Square and devise a plan to limit delivery times that impact the surrounding
neighborhoods.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

6. #193570 By Ald. Trane
Order That the Chief of Police increase enforcement of bicycle regulations in the
city's business districts.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

7. #193571 By Ald. White Jr.
Order That the Director of SPCD provide all Aldermen with the latest version of
the Urban Renewal Plan for Union Square and Assembly Square.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. #193572 By Ald. White Jr.
Order That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the final agreement with
FRIT pertaining to the disposition of Yard 21 and inform this Board whether
any covenants with IKEA or FRIT apply to future purchasers of the IKEA
site at Assembly Square.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

9. #193573
Order
- By Ald. Connolly
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint the crosswalk at Winslow and Grove Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. #193574
Order
- By Ald. Connolly
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the uplifted sidewalk at 23-25 Cutter Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. #193575
Order
- By Ald. Connolly
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint the traffic lanes at Cutter and Summer Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

12. #193576
Resolution
- By Ald. Connolly
That this Board requests that the Licensing Commission hold a hearing to accept a proposed change requiring that applications to change the ownership of businesses serving alcoholic beverages be posted in the business's window as a public notice.

RESULT: APPROVED

13. #193577
Order
- By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a 3-way STOP sign on Stone Avenue, approaching Warren Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED

14. #193578
Order
- By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a pedestrian crossing signal at the intersection of Bow Street and Warren Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED

15. #193579
Order
- By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) contact the owner of 45 Union Square to request that dumpsters not be emptied before 7 AM.

RESULT: APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

16. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #193580 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on August 9, 2012.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #193216 Requesting an appropriation of \$1,125,000 and authorization to borrow that
Mayor's Request amount in a bond for a replacement Ladder Truck in the Fire Dept.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

Ald. White exercised his right to table the item under Charter Section 15.

- C. #193281 Requesting authorization to establish a Consolidated Gift Account for the
Mayor's Request Libraries.

RESULT: APPROVED

- D. #193282 Requesting authorization to establish a Consolidated Gift Account for the
Mayor's Request Library Teen Services programming.

RESULT: APPROVED

- E. #193426 Requesting the acceptance of a \$272,327 FEMA Assistance to Firefighter
Mayor's Request Grant to install Opticom Pre-emption systems at 22 intersections citywide.

RESULT: APPROVED

- F. #193481 Requesting acceptance of a \$22,000 grant from the MA Emergency
Mayor's Request Management Agency for Fire Dept. Emergency Management Preparedness.

RESULT: APPROVED

17. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #193581 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on August 13, 2012.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #192694 Requesting approval of a Purchase and Sales Agreement with NStar
Mayor's Request Electric, for the purchase of NStar-owned street lights.

RESULT: APPROVED

Ald. Roche recused.

- C. #193392 Requesting an appropriation of \$30,000 from the Capital Projects
Mayor's Request Stabilization Fund for a Nexxus Study on Inclusionary Housing Linkage and
20B Trust.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Lafuente,
O'Donovan, Trane

ABSENT: Maryann M. Heuston, Thomas F. Taylor, Rebekah Gewirtz

AMENDED: Strike the words "inclusionary housing" from the item.

- D. #193417 Requesting appropriation of \$160,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund
Mayor's Request for Appraisals and Relocation Services related to planning activities for the
revitalization of Union Square.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Lafuente,
O'Donovan, Trane

ABSENT: Maryann M. Heuston, Thomas F. Taylor, Rebekah Gewirtz

- E. #193420 Requesting the appropriation of \$25,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund
Mayor's Request to fund house doctor services to produce construction documents associated
with the in-house design of Kenny Park.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Lafuente,
O'Donovan, Trane
ABSENT: Maryann M. Heuston, Thomas F. Taylor, Rebekah Gewirtz

- F. #193421 Requesting an appropriation of \$24,000 from the Assembly Square
Mayor's Request Stabilization Fund for the construction of a new park on Quincy St.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Lafuente,
O'Donovan, Trane
ABSENT: Maryann M. Heuston, Thomas F. Taylor, Rebekah Gewirtz

- G. #193478 Requesting approval of an Amended Economic Development Proposal for
Mayor's Request Phase 1 of the I-Cubed funding approved by the Commonwealth.

RESULT: APPROVED

Ald. Trane recused.

- H. #193482 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of up to \$15,000 from NStar for the
Mayor's Request Residential Energy Efficiency Program.

RESULT: APPROVED

Ald. Roche recused.

18. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. #193582 Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on August 8, 2012.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

19. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. #193583 Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on August 15, 2012.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

#192922 was replaced by Agenda #72 (#193636), an amended and corrected version of the Ordinance.

- B. #192922 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Zoning Ordinance to encourage urban agriculture by adding definitions and amending the table of uses and its footnotes to allow farms as accessory residential uses, and to allow community gardens, community farms and farming on municipal land.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Replaced by Agenda #72 (#193636), an amended and corrected version of the Ordinance.

- C. #193388 Public Communication League of Urban Cannors submitting comments re: #192922, the Urban Agriculture Ordinance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. #193485 Officer's Communication Planning Board submitting a recommendation re: #192922, a proposed Zoning Ordinance to encourage urban agriculture.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

20. #193584 Mayor's Request Requesting, with the sponsorship of Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, Roche, Heuston, Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz, Trane, and White, that this Board vote to place the adoption of the Community Preservation Act (MGL c44B ss3-7) onto the Nov. 6, 2012 ballot.

RESULT: APPROVED

21. #193585 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the Union Square Revitalization Plan, per MGL c121B s48 and 760 CMR 12.00 et seq.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

22. #193586 Mayor's Request Requesting that this Board declare the Day Street/Herbert Street parking lot available for disposition as a hotel use.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

23. #193587 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Complete Streets Ordinance to insure equal access for all users of the public ways.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

24. #193588 Mayor's Request Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$130,000 to the Engineering Dept.'s Professional and Technical Services Account to prepare a citywide ADA transition plan.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

25. #193589 Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$35,000 to fund a new Disabilities Coordinator position.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

26. #193590 Mayor's Request Requesting authorization for the Department of Public Works to pay prior fiscal year invoices totaling \$19,017.19 using FY13 appropriations.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

27. #193591 Mayor's Request Requesting authorization for the Department of Public Works to pay prior fiscal year invoices, totaling \$9,496.28, using FY13 appropriations.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

28. #193592 Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 donation from Federal Realty
Mayor's Request Investment Trust for the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

29. #193593 Requesting the acceptance of a \$5,000 grant from the Massachusetts Office
Mayor's Request of Public Safety and Security for the Police Department's Pedestrian Safety
Initiatives.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

30. #193594 Requesting the appointment of Charles Breen to the position of Deputy Fire
Mayor's Request Chief.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

31. #193595 Requesting the appointment of John Norton to the position of District Fire
Mayor's Request Chief.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

32. #193596 Requesting the appointment of Vincent Lampley to the position of Fire
Mayor's Request Captain.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

33. #193597 Requesting the appointment of Michael Anzalone to the position of Fire
Mayor's Request Captain.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

34. #193598 Requesting the appointment of Thomas Gorman to the position of Fire
Mayor's Request Lieutenant.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

35. #193599 Requesting the appointment of John Donovan to the position of Fire
Mayor's Request Lieutenant.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

36. #193600 Requesting the appointment of Derek Nolan to the position of Fire
Mayor's Request Lieutenant.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

37. #193601 Requesting the re-appointment of Marc Levy as Chief Assessor and
Mayor's Request Chairman of the Board of Assessors.

RESULT: APPROVED

38. #193602 Conveying a response to #190766 and #192594 re: SPCD staff study of
Mayor's Communication regulations for RA and RB Zoning Districts.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

39. #193603 School Superintendent commenting on a Medford City Council Resolution seeking supplemental State funding for students' out-of-district transportation.
Public Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

NEW BUSINESS

40. #193604 Public Event Permit, Training Room Fitness on the Avenue Event, Elm St.-
License/Permit Somerville Ave. Connector, Aug 25, 8AM-4PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

41. #193605 Public Event Permit, Memphis Soul Run Burren Afterparty, Grove St.
License/Permit Parking Lot, Aug 26, 9AM-6PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

42. #193606 Public Event Permit, Tufts "Discover Davis" event, Davis Square Statue
License/Permit Park, Sep 2, 11:45AM-5:30PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

43. #193607 Public Event Permit, Bradley Manning Square Vigil, Davis Sq. Statue Park,
License/Permit Sep 5,12,19,26, 4-5:10PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

44. #193608 Public Event Permit, 29 Miller St. Pig Roast, 29 Miller St., Sep 8, 7AM-
License/Permit 10PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

45. #193609 Public Event Permit, Olde Magoun Saloon Paulaner Biergarten Tour, Sep
License/Permit 15, 9AM-9PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

46. #193610 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Irving St. Block Party, Irving St., Sep 15, 12-8PM (raindate Sep 16).

RESULT: APPROVED

47. #193611 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Dog Festival, Trum Field, Sep 16, 6AM-5PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

48. #193612 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Brian Higgins Road Race, Ball Square and area streets, Sep 16, 9AM-1PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

49. #193613 License/Permit Public Event Permit, East Somerville Main Streets Foodie Crawl, Broadway sidewalks from Sullivan Square to McGrath Hwy., Sep 18, 4:30-10:30PM (raindate Sep 25).

RESULT: APPROVED

50. #193614 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Bull McCabe's Outdoor MusicFest, Parking Lot adjacent to 366 Somerville Ave., Sep 22, 12-10PM (raindate Sep 23).

RESULT: APPROVED

51. #193615 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Prospect Hill Block Party, Prospect Hill Park and Munroe Street from Prospect Hill Parkway to Bigelow Street, Sep 22, 4-8:30PM (raindate Sep 23).

RESULT: APPROVED

52. #193616 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Redbones Oktoberfest, Chester Street from Elm to Herbert Sts., Sep 30, 7AM-6PM (raindate Oct 7).

RESULT: APPROVED

53. #193617 Public Event Permit, Reunion Church Picnic, Hodgkins-Curtin Park, Sep 30,
License/Permit 12-4PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

54. #193618 Public Event Permit, Union Sq. Main Streets Honk Festival Preview, Union
License/Permit Sq. Plaza, Oct 4, 7-10PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

55. #193619 Renewing Drainlayer's License, J. Marchese and Sons.
License/Permit

RESULT: APPROVED

56. #193620 Renewing Drainlayer's License, J. P. Vara Co.
License/Permit

RESULT: APPROVED

57. #193621 Renewing Drainlayer's License, Marchi Paving.
License/Permit

RESULT: APPROVED

58. #193622 Renewing Drainlayer's License, NELM Corp.
License/Permit

RESULT: APPROVED

59. #193623 Renewing Garage License, Somerville Auto Transport Service, 495
License/Permit Columbia St.

RESULT: APPROVED

60. #193624 New Hawker Peddler License, GMR Marketing/Comcast, Vending Cable License/Permit Service at Davis Sq. Statue Park and Powderhouse Park.

RESULT: APPROVED

61. #193625 Amending Garage License, Goodyear Auto Service Center, 1 Bow St., License/Permit seeking to open Sundays 9AM-4PM.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

62. #193626 MA DOT responding to #193325 re: trimming the tree growth along the Public Davis Sq. Busway. Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

63. #193627 Verizon responding to this Board's concerns re: double poles. Public Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

64. #193628 Medford City Council submitting a Resolution seeking supplemental State Public funding for students' out-of-district transportation. Communication

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

65. #193629 By Ald. Roche, O'Donovan, Sullivan, Connolly, Desmond, Trane, Lafuente, Resolution White Jr.
That this Board requests that the Administration consider hiring a full time rodent control manager whose primary responsibility will be to deal with the city's various rodent issues.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

66. #193630 By Ald. Connolly
Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking mark the Park Avenue and College Avenue intersection to prevent it from being blocked by backed-up traffic, especially during rush hours.

RESULT: APPROVED

67. #193631 Requesting the amendment of Ordinance Section 15 re: Ethics.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

68. #193632 Requesting the amendment of Ordinances 2-322 and 2-323 pursuant to the
Mayor's Request Municipal Compensation Advisory Board recommendations.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

69. #193633 Requesting the acceptance of a MassDevelopment Brownfield Grant totaling
Mayor's Request \$950,000 for the remediation of the Kiley Barrel Brownfield Site.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

70. #193634 Requesting the appointment of Melissa McWhinney to the Affordable
Mayor's Request Housing Trust.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

71. #193635 Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Nancy Busnach to the Redevelopment Authority.

RESULT: APPROVED

LATE ITEMS

72. #193636 Officer's Communication Director of Planning submitting for approval an updated and corrected version of #192922, a Zoning Ordinance to encourage urban agriculture by adding definitions and amending the table of uses and its footnotes to allow farms as accessory residential uses, and to allow community gardens, community farms and farming on municipal land.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Trane

ABSENT: Maryann M. Heuston, Thomas F. Taylor, Rebekah Gewirtz

73. #193637 Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a multi-year lease of the West Somerville Police Substation and office space at 1114 Broadway.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk