

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

October 10, 2013, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.

2. Remembrance By the Entire Board, and the Mayor

 Moment of remembrance for Deanna Cremin, whose name was added to the Garden of Peace Memorial on Beacon Hill last month, 18 years after her murder.

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 12, 2013.

CITATIONS

4. Citation By Ald. Sullivan, and the Entire Board and the Mayor

 Commending Frederick and Mary Caruso on the auspicious occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Location Grant of Location submitted by Lighttower Fiber Networks for 100 feet of conduit in Broadway, from a manhole to 300 Broadway.

6. Grant of Location Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric to relocate Pole 162/5 on Harrison Street 5 feet northwest, to provide for a driveway at 47 Harrison Street.

7. Grant of Location Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric to install 7 feet of conduit in Highland Avenue from Manhole #18943 to 129 Highland Avenue.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

8. Order By Ald. O'Keefe

 That the Chief of Police order a speed enforcement patrol on Trull Street.

9. Order By Ald. O'Keefe

 That the Traffic Engineer inspect Trull Street to determine if better signage would alleviate speeding.

10. Order By Ald. O'Keefe
That the City Solicitor research whether other cities and towns have implemented regulations on E-cigarettes and report back to the Ward 5 Alderman.
11. Resolution By Ald. O'Keefe
That the Administration consider moving SomerStreets events to areas around city parks to alleviate the burden placed on residents trying to navigate around these festivals.
12. Resolution By Ald. O'Keefe
That the Administration map out 5K road race routes in different locations around the city, so the same location is not used every time.
13. Order By Ald. O'Keefe
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait Aberdeen Road, Highland Avenue between Aberdeen Road and Cherry Street, Cherry Street, Wilton Street and Lowell Street for rodents.
14. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) and the Director of Health address the rodent issue at 7 Grand View Avenue.
15. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Director of SPCD and the Chief of Police enforce the trash ordinance pertaining to early morning dumpster pick ups in Union Square, specifically on Sanborn Court.
16. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the malfunctioning street lights at the corner of Warren Avenue and Bow Street.
17. Resolution By Ald. Bastardi
That the Administration begin steps to acquire the parcel of land at the intersection of Austin Street and Maine Terrace in hopes that it will become a green space.
18. Order By Ald. Bastardi
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the old Chuckie Harris Park as well as the dead end portion of Cross Street East and make it part of their regular maintenance schedule.

19. Order By Ald. Bastardi
That the Superintendent of Recreation maintain an updated calendar of park permit availability online so constituents can readily know if a park is available on any given date.
20. Order By Ald. Bastardi
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the car wash at 31 Washington Street for rodent burrows, especially the grounds around the fence surrounding the dumpster.
21. Order By Ald. Bastardi
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the owner of 19 Pinckney Street to clear the overgrowth there.
22. Order By Ald. Bastardi
That the Commissioner of Public Works level off the sidewalk at 12 Pennsylvania Avenue.
23. Order By Ald. Bastardi
That the Commissioner of Public Works direct the City Arborist to inspect all trees on Rush Street and make recommendations as to the best course of action to be taken.
24. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, and the Entire Board
That this Board declares the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
25. Order By Ald. Sullivan
That the Director of the Women's Commission appear at a future Public Health and Safety Committee meeting to update this Board on the city's domestic violence prevention efforts.
26. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Bastardi, Connolly, Desmond, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works install a decorative wrought iron barrel at 240 Pearl Street. (2nd request.)
27. Order By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Chief of Police enforce the NO BIKING ON SIDEWALK ordinance in commercial districts, and attend the next Public Health and Safety Committee meeting to discuss bicycle safety and enforcement issues.

28. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the unlit street lamp on Winter Street.
29. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board
That this Board commends the Mayor and Administration for their efforts in securing the recent GLX funding commitment from the Commonwealth and the MBTA, to fund the Green Line Stations from Lechmere to the Union Square stations.
30. Order By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean and repair all solar powered trash containers, city-wide.
31. Communication By Ald. White Jr.
Acting as President, Forwarding two recent rulings from the Attorney General regarding the Open Meeting Law and advising this Board that these rulings will be discussed at an upcoming Rules Committee meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

32. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance meeting on October 3, 2013.
- B. Resolution By Ald. White Jr.
That this Board requests that the city's contribution towards the health care premiums for its retirees be brought back up to 80%.
- C. Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That this Board's Committee on Finance meet with the Administration to formulate a Bond request for new seating/benches at Trum Field.
- D. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD provide the information requested herein regarding the purchase of real estate by the Redevelopment Authority.

- E. Resolution By Ald. White Jr.
That this Board requests that the Administration provide the Committee on Finance with a detailed explanation of how the additional \$6.25 million for the East Somerville Community School project will be used.
- F. Public Communication School Superintendent commenting on a Medford City Council Resolution seeking supplemental State funding for students' out-of-district transportation.
- G. Public Communication Medford City Council submitting a Resolution seeking supplemental State funding for students' out-of-district transportation.
- H. Resolution By Ald. Roche, O'Donovan, Sullivan, Connolly, Desmond, Trane, Lafuente, 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.
- I. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan
That this Board requests that the Administration and this Board increase all public occupancy permit fees for events that are not for 100% charitable purposes.
- J. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan
That this Board requests that the Administration and the City Engineer submit a bond to this Board to rectify the drainage issues on Cedar Street.
- K. Resolution By Ald. Heuston
That this Board requests that the Administration provide this Board with an analysis of potential mid-year cuts in state aid on the budget, and contingency plans to maintain current services if the cuts are implemented.
- L. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the City Solicitor appear before the Finance Committee to discuss the methodology to submit claims to insurance companies for damages to city buildings.
- M. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz
That this Board requests that the Administration report to this Board the status of the city's application for the "Working Cities Challenge" grant that could bring \$700,000 to our community over several years in support of low income residents.

- N. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD respond in writing to #193062, to describe funds paid or anticipated to be paid through the Somerville Redevelopment Authority to Federal Realty Investment Trust, including reimbursements of FRIT expenses, in connection with Assembly Square.
- O. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan, Bastardi
That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Board on #194517, the renovation of High School Room 143, including the scope, architectural and engineering plans, RFPs, bids and a timeline.
- P. Order By Ald. Connolly
That the Director of SPCD provide the Finance Committee with a breakdown of the costs and chronology of the land swap and parcels referenced in #194370 and #194765.
- Q. Officer's Communication DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders.
- R. Resolution By Ald. O'Keefe
That the Administration inform the Ward 5 Alderman on the bond request to update the bleachers at Trum Field.
- S. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Administration reduce the fee charged to the Davis Square Farmer's Market for use of the Herbert Street lot, as the Market provides a tremendous amenity to the Square.
- T. Officer's Communication Director of SPCD updating this Board on recent developments regarding property acquisitions by the Redevelopment Authority in the Union Square Revitalization Area.
- U. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to extend the Traffic and Parking Dept.'s Multi-Space Meter Contract until September 30, 2013.
- V. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to retain outside legal counsel to provide services regarding casino proposals before the MA Gaming Commission and surrounding community impacts.

- W. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$33,000 From the Cambridge Health Alliance for the Health Department to pursue programming to prevent opioid abuse.
- X. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$21,785.57 from the Boston Office of Emergency Management, to expand the connectivity of the Emergency Operations Center within the Public Safety Building.
- Y. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD meet with this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss #195571, a proposed \$500,000 bond to fund a major plan change to the existing Assembly Square Urban Renewal Plan.

33. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development meeting on October 1, 2013.
- B. Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development meet with the Director of SPCD and the Director of Housing to develop an appropriate Senior Housing Ordinance.
- C. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz
That this Board requests that the Administration provide information about plans to support local grocery stores in our economic centers.
- D. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the Development Covenant for Assembly Square between the City, the Redevelopment Authority, and FRIT, including all revisions and amendments.
- E. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with an update regarding the timeline for expansion of the community path garden behind Rite-Aid, as gardening season is about to be underway.

- F. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD (Parks and Open Space) provide this Board with the feasibility of creating "Friend of Parks" organizations for city parks, to promote citizen participation in the oversight of parks and to provide resources for the establishment of such groups.
- G. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) appear before this Board to discuss the so-called Italian/Portuguese kitchens that are commonplace throughout the city.
- H. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD inform this Board of the jurisdiction the City has over Clear Channel billboards, including contracts the City is party to, and ways the City can reduce the negative impact of they have on residents' quality of life.

34. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits meeting on October 3, 2013.
- B. Public Communication Carla DeLellis submitting comments re: #195198 and #195222, two mobile food vendor applications for Davis Sq.
- C. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Radio BDC Festival on the Square, Union Sq. Somerville Ave. & Washington St., Oct 13, 6AM-9:30PM.
- D. Grant of Location Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric, for 63 feet of conduit in Porter Street from a pole to 146 Hudson Street.

35. SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Senior Services, meeting at Bryant Manor on October 1, 2013.
- B. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Connolly, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees on Myrtle Street from Pearl Street to Perkins Street.

- C. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Connolly, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works re-pave the sidewalk at 75 Myrtle Street and make the entrance safer for seniors.
- D. Resolution By Ald. White Jr.
That the Traffic Commission examine the traffic pattern on Franklin Street and Broadway and report its findings to the this Board's Committee on Senior Services.

36. SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Senior Services, meeting at Cobble Hill Apartments on October 9, 2013.

37. SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Senior Services, meeting at Pearl Street Park on October 9, 2013.

38. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Youth Services meeting on October 10, 2013.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

39. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to extend the Traffic and Parking Dept.'s Multi-Space Meter Contract.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay Department of Public Works Prior Fiscal Year Invoices totalling \$25,321.44.
41. Mayor's Request Withdrawn.
42. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Shaun Clark to the Somerville Police Reserve List.
43. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Joel Giacobozzi to the Somerville Police Reserve List.
44. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Joseph Moreira to the Somerville Police Reserve List.
45. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Alexander Lorenti to the Somerville Police Reserve List.
46. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Michael O'Regan to the Somerville Police Reserve List.

47. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Michael Cabral to the Somerville Police Reserve List.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

48. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Honk! Festival, Davis Sq., Oct 12 Noon-9PM, Oct 13 Noon-1PM.
49. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, JP Vara Company.
50. License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, M. Ciulla Inc.
51. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2 2012-2013, Ideal Automotive Services, 96 Dover St.
52. License/Permit Temporary Grant of Location, BayRing Communications, for overhead wires on Curtis Street, Ware Street, Russell Road, Hamilton Road, and Barton Street.
53. Public Communication Rachel Mello submitting comments re: #194483, a proposed zoning change on Somerville Avenue.
54. Public Communication Janiel Siciliano and Antonio Anzalone submitting comments re: #195247, a proposed zoning ordinance to change all CCD45 and CCD55 zoning districts in Ward 4 to RC zoning districts.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

55. Communication By Ald. White Jr.
Acting as President, Creating a Special Committee on Rodent Issues, chaired by Alderman Heuston, with members Aldermen Connolly and White.
56. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Reunion Christian Church, 55 Davis Sq.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk