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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll. (ID # 11861)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April (ID # 11862) 23, 2015.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board and the (ID # 11853) Mayor

Commending the Welcome Project, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary of services to Somerville's immigrant youth, adults and families.

4. Citation By Ald. White Jr., and the Entire Board and the Mayor (ID # 11912) Commending the Kiwanis Club of Somerville, which is celebrating its 90th Anniversary of community service.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Submitted by Eversource (NStar Electric) for 7 feet of Location conduit in Spring Street from Pole 318/1 to 595 (ID # 11911) Somerville Ave.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. Resolution By Ald. Niedergang, Gewirtz, McLaughlin (ID # 11878) Supporting One Fair Wage for workers in Massachusetts.

7. Resolution (ID # 11879) By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters
That the Mayor's Office provide to this Board by June
11, the consultant's study on the Traffic Commission's regulations for the public process to request traffic calming measures.

8. Order (ID # 11880) By Ald. Niedergang
(ID # 11880) That the Director of Finance report to this Board which engineering consultants have been retained for which projects from January through May, 2015, and provide copies of all such invoices to this Board by June 11.

9. Order By Ald. Niedergang

(ID # 11881) That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the

Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board on the placement of NO IDLING signs at all public schools.

10. Order By Ald. Niedergang

(ID # 11882) That the Director of Traffic and Parking or the

Commissioner of Public Works prevent vehicles from

parking on the east side of Cedar Street at the

Community Path Extension, as automotive fluids are

staining the Path Extension.

11. Order By Ald. Niedergang

(ID # 11883) That the Director of Traffic and Parking suggest traffic

calming measures on Pembroke Street to slow traffic that cuts through to avoid the traffic light at Central and

Medford Streets.

12. Order By Ald. Niedergang

(ID # 11884) That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider

installing a NO PARKING spot on the south side of Vernon Street at Trull Street to allow fire engines to turn

onto Trull Street, and report back to the Ward 5

Alderman.

13. Order By Ald. Niedergang

(ID # 11885) That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider

installing a NO PARKING spot on both sides of Morrison Avenue at Cedar Street to relieve rush-hour congestion, and report back to the Ward 5 Alderman.

14. Order By Ald. Niedergang

(ID # 11886) That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a SLOW,

CHILDREN PLAYING caution sign on Francis Street

near Porter Street.

15. Order By Ald. Niedergang

(ID # 11887) That the Director of Traffic and Parking place an

additional 25 MPH speed limit sign on each side of Porter Street between Summer and Elm Streets.

16. Order By Ald. Heuston

(ID # 11874) That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the

sidewalk panels and roadway on Lincoln Parkway.

17. Order By Ald. Heuston

(ID # 11875) That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the

pitted and crumbling sidewalks on Hammond Street and

follow up with the contractor who installed them.

18. Order By Ald. Heuston That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the (ID # 11876) Ward 2 Alderman with an explanation regarding a patched section of roadway on Hammond Street, which was recently paved. 19. Order By Ald. Heuston That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the (ID # 11877) asphalt patched sidewalk panel at 3 Beacon Street. 20. Order By Ald. McWatters That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at (ID # 11888) 27 Porter Street. 21. Order By Ald. McWatters (ID # 11889) That the Director of SPCD plant a tree at 17 Richdale Avenue. 22. Order By Ald. McWatters (ID # 11890) That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the grass in the Craigie Street park. 23. Order By Ald. Ballantyne (ID # 11891) That the Director of Sustainability and Environment discuss methods to reduce light pollution with dark sky lighting. 24. Order By Ald. Ballantyne (ID # 11892) That the Director of SPCD discuss capitalizing on street repaving to bury utilities, beautify the city, and reduce the threat of power outages due to rain/snow/ice storms. 25. Order By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD contact the Ward 7 Alderman (ID # 11893) to arrange a community meeting to discuss mobility around Teele Square. 26. Resolution By Ald. Ballantyne

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(ID # 11894)

27. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to create a Tufts University 198672 Consolidated Gift Account.

That the Administration implement a PILOT program to

promote partnerships with major local non-profit institutions for fair-value voluntary PILOTs.

28. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a donation of \$75,000 from 198673

Tufts University for educational, recreational, or cultural

purposes.

29. Citation By Ald. McWatters, and the Entire Board and the Mayor

198940 Commending Seamus O'Donovan, who has been

accepted to the US Naval Academy.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

30. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Report Appointments, meeting on May 27, 2015.

(ID # 11897)

B. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Rebecca Schrumm to the

198985 Somerville Redevelopment Authority.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

C. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Peter Granitsas as a

198986 Special Police Officer for the Housing Authority Police.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

D. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of John Aufiero as a Special

198987 Police Officer.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

31. ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report of the Special Committee on Environment and

Report Energy, meeting on May 21, 2015.

(ID # 11898)

B. Order By Ald. Niedergang

197977 That the Director of the Office of Sustainability

implement a plan to prohibit all departments,

commissions and other bodies from distributing singleserve bottles of water at meetings, events, and other

functions.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

C. Order By Ald. Niedergang

198736 That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment

update this Board on the progress of the Curbside Composting Task Force toward developing a citywide

composting program.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

D. Resolution By Ald. McWatters

(ID # 11934) That the Administration take an inventory of water

fountains in the city's parks and develop a plan to install

fountains in those parks where none are present.

E. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

(ID # 11935) That the City Engineer, the City Solicitor and the

> Director of Capital Projects examine the permitting documents for 35R Lexington Avenue to determine if there is any way to encourage testing on this site.

32. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May

20, 2015. Report

(ID # 11900)

В. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to declare as surplus 3 vehicles in 198674 the Fire Department.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

C. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$27,500 from the Capital 198753

Stabilization Fund for the purchase of an Olympian Ice Resurfacer to replace a non-functioning Zamboni.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

D. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$67,188 from the Salary 198929

and Wage Stabilization Fund to the Fire Alarm Personal

Services Account to fund a successor Collective

Bargaining Agreement.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

E. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$2,017 within the Elections

198981 Department, from its Professional and Technical

Services Account to its Salaries Account, to fund a

retirement payout.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

F. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$1,000 within the Grants

198982 Development Department, from its Professional and

Technical Services Account to its Salaries Account, to

fund increased hours for the grant writer.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

G. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$12,500 grant from the 198984

Metro Mayors Community Safety Initiative, for the

Police Department's Shannon Grant for youth violence

prevention.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

H. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$2,800,409 from Sewer

199155 Enterprise Retained Earnings to the Water and Sewer

Stabilization Fund.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

I. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$1,850,780 from Water

199156 Enterprise Retained Earnings to the Water and Sewer

Stabilization Fund.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

J. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$328,613 from the Parks
 199157 Stabilization Fund to the General Debt Service Fund for Debt Service of Park Renovations.
 RECOMMENDED: Approved

Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$50,000 from the Trash
 199158 Transfer Stabilization Fund for additional environmental engineering services for the interim re-use of the former Waste Transfer facility.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$35,000 from the Parks
 199159 Stabilization fund for Engineering and Design work for Lincoln Park.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

M. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$5,000 from Project
 199160 Bread to the Health and Human Services Department for a mobile market model.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

N. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a transfer of \$75,000 in the Law 199251 Department from its Judgments/Settlements Account to

its Legal Services Account, to cover ongoing services by outside counsel.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

33. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May Report 27, 2015.

(ID # 11896)

B. Mayor's Request Requesting an adjustment to the property exemption for 198750 seniors with respect to income and asset limits under MGL c59 s5(41C).

RECOMMENDED: Approved

C. Mayor's Request Requesting an adjustment to income limits and interest 198927 rates with respect to the senior property tax deferral under MGL c59 s5(41A).

RECOMMENDED: Approved

D. Mayor's Request Requesting an adjustment to income limits with respect 198751 to the senior work off program under MGL c59 s5 (5K).

RECOMMENDED: Approved

E. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice of \$360 198983 in the Planning Division of SPCD.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

F. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow 199066 \$2,475,000 in a bond for LED Light Conversion.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

G. Mayor's Request Requesting the adoption of MGL c59 s5C 1/2, to 199154 approve an optional additional real estate tax exemption.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

H. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow
 199249 \$2,200,000 in a bond for the Union Square Streetscape and Utility Early Action Project.
 RECOMMENDED: Approved

I. Mayor's Request Requesting to appear before this Board to describe the 199253 city's application for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery discretionary grant

program.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

J. Resolution By Ald. Lafuente, Heuston, Ballantyne, White Jr. (ID # 11943) That the Council on Aging and Assessors' Office develop an outreach program to inform senior citizens

about the senior property tax deferral exemption.

K. Order By Ald. White Jr., Ballantyne

(ID # 11944) That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with a

comprehensive financial plan to develop Union Square, including expenditures to date and future costs, by early

September.

L. Resolution By Ald. White Jr., Lafuente, Heuston, Ballantyne (ID # 11945) That this Board's Committee on Finance supports the

city's application for the TIGER grant.

34. FLOOD FORUM SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report of the Flood Forum Special Committee, meeting on May 19, 2015.

(ID # 11899)

B. Order By Ald. Rossetti, Gewirtz, White Jr.

197624 That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to require

backflow regulators in new construction. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

C. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, Niedergang, Ballantyne

197637 That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring

developers of new residential projects to install backflow preventers to prevent combined sewer overflow during

heavy rains.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

D. Order By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne

That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment

report to this Board on plans for participation in the Spring 2015 regional summit on climate change.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

E.	Order 198205	By Ald. Niedergang, Heuston, Ballantyne, McWatters That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment present a written plan to this Board to develop a vulnerability assessment and climate change mitigation and adaptation plan, especially regarding flooding in Union Square and all vulnerable areas of economic revitalization. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
F.	Order 198323	By Ald. Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board where homeowners should discharge water pumped out of basements that are flooded in the winter, to avoid water freezing on sidewalks. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
G.	Order 198355	By Ald. Heuston That the City Engineer inform the Ward 2 Alderman about flooding on Oak Street and any steps that can be taken to mitigate it. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
H.	Order 198388	By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD discuss with this Board the possibility of a curbside gardens program, similar to what other cities have done, to soak up storm water and ground water runoff. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
I.	Resolution 198970	By Ald. Gewirtz, Niedergang That the Administration detail a plan to mitigate flooding on the community path in the vicinity of Morrison Avenue and Highland Road. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
J.	Resolution 199063	By Ald. Heuston That the Administration provide an update to plans for the mitigation of flooding on Clark Street and Dane Avenue. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
K.	Resolution (ID # 11933)	By Ald. Heuston That this Board supports the Board of Health's petition to the State to allow the City to require back flow

35. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on May 27, 2015.

(ID # 11895)

buildings and major renovations.

prevention devices below first floor fixtures in all new

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В.	Order 197223	By Ald. Heuston That the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the owner of 47 Webster Avenue to clear the rear lot of all overgrowth and debris and bait the property if evidence of rodent activity is found. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
C.	Order 198191	By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (ISD) contact the appropriate agencies to deal with rodent issues on state owned property citywide. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
D.	Order 198373	By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the 33 Franklin Street area for signs of rodent activity, and bait where needed. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
E.	Order 198497	By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the area around 74 Gilman Street for rodents. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
F.	Order 198973	By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the state streets off Broadway for rodents, and bait accordingly. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
G.	Order 199110	By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the General Insulation building on Cross Street East for rodents and bait accordingly. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
36.	VETERANS ANI	O PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE
A.	Committee Report (ID # 11901)	Report of the Committee on Veterans and Public Services, meeting on May 19, 2015.
B.	Communication 197016	By Ald. Rossetti Conveying a report of the Local Government Advisory Commission meeting, held on May 13, 2014. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
C.	Officer's Communication 197341	Director of Veterans Services responding to #197016 re: the Valor Act II and the creation of veterans' services districts. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
D.	Order 198583	By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of Veterans Services appear before this Board to discuss previous Board orders. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

E.	Order (ID # 11930)	By Ald. Connolly That the City Clerk inform the city's state delegation that the Valor Act (HR-319), as proposed, is not in the best interest of veterans and ask that they move to defeat its passage.

F. Resolution By Ald. Connolly

(ID # 11931) That the Administration work with the Director of

Veterans Services to find a more suitable and prominent

location for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

G. Resolution By Ald. Connolly

(ID # 11932) That the Administration consider moving the Vietnam

Veterans Monument to a more prominent location on the

concourse.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$10,000 from the DPW
 (ID # 11858) Highway Division Salaries Account to the DPW
 Administration Division Salaries Account to fund a year-end deficit.

38. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$9,277 from the Arts (ID # 11848) Council Detail Account to the Police Overtime Account to cover expenses incurred.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

39.	License/Permit	Public Event Permit, Memorial Day Parade, City Hall to
	(ID # 11905)	Veterans Cemetery, May 24, 10AM-4PM.

- 40. License/Permit Public Event Permit, CAAS Head Start 50th Anniversary (ID # 11906) Celebration, Trum Field, Jun 12, 8:30AM-1:30PM.
- 41. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Boston Sikh Sangat Society Free (ID # 11907) Drink Distribution, Union Sq, Jun 13, 8AM-8PM (raindate Jun 20).
- 42. License/Permit (ID # 11913) Public Event Permit, Nepali Women's Global Network Earthquake Relief Yard Sale, Union Sq Plaza, Jun 14, 11AM-7PM (raindate Jun 21).
- 43. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Sinha Capoeira Martial Arts Dance (ID # 11908) Performance, Prospect Hill Park, Jun 26, 6:30PM-8:15PM.

44.	License/Permit (ID # 11914)	Public Event Permit, Nepali Women's Global Network Earthquake Relief Yard Sale, Seven Hills Park, Jun 27,
		11AM-7PM (raindate Jun 28).
45.	License/Permit (ID # 11915)	Public Event Permit, Portuguese American Civic League Holy Ghost Feast, 26 Springfield St, Jul 10-12, various times.
46.	License/Permit (ID # 11916)	Public Event Permit, Hope Fellowship Church Grant Brown Memorial 5K Race, Davis Sq area, Aug 1, 7- 10AM.
47.	License/Permit (ID # 11909)	Public Event Permit, Garden Club Plant Sale, Davis Sq Statue Park, Sep 19, 7AM-1:30PM (raindate Sep 20).
48.	License/Permit (ID # 11917)	Public Event Permit, Arts Council Fluff Festival, Union Sq, Sep 26, Noon-9PM (raindate Sep 27).
49.	License/Permit (ID # 11903)	Public Event Permit, Charles River Alleycats Meow Mile 5K Race, Davis Sq area, Oct 11, 6AM-Noon.
50.	License/Permit (ID # 11904)	Public Event Permit, Road Runners Gobble Gobble Gobble 5K Race, Davis Sq area, Nov 26, 7AM-Noon.
51.	License/Permit (ID # 11868)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Sean Farrell Excavation.
52.	License/Permit (ID # 11863)	Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Kay Jewelers, 360 Artisan Way.
53.	License/Permit (ID # 11866)	Renewing Fortune Teller License, Psychic Readings by Nina, 382 Somerville Ave.
54.	License/Permit (ID # 11867)	Renewing Garage License, Jim's Heavy Duty Service, 42 Joy St.
55.	License/Permit (ID # 11864)	Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Star Market, 275 Beacon St.
56.	License/Permit (ID # 11865)	Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Kee Kar Lau, 626C Somerville Ave.
57.	License/Permit (ID # 11869)	New Drainlayer's License, JR & Sons Construction.
58.	License/Permit (ID # 11870)	New Drainlayer's License, MT Mayo Corp.

59. License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, Ward Maps, 24 Park St. (ID # 11872) #2, 1 A-Frame sign.

60. License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, Forge Baking Company, (ID # 11873) 626A Somerville Ave., 1 Parklet on street.

61. License/Permit New Garage License, Mass Inspection, 712 Mystic Ave., (ID # 11871) 3 autos inside, 7 outside

62. License/Permit New Mobile Food Vendor, Bon Me Foods. (ID # 11910)

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

63. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

(ID # 11918) That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the defective lights along Grand Union Blvd. behind Home

Depot.

64. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

(ID # 11919) That the Commissioner of Public Works water all plants

and grass along lower Broadway regularly.

65. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

(ID # 11920) That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the corner of

Everett Avenue and Cross Street for rodents and bait

accordingly.

66. Resolution By Ald. McLaughlin, Sullivan

(ID # 11921) That the Administration arrange for members of the

Boxing Club to park in the East Somerville Community

School parking lot weekdays 4-9PM.

67. Order By Ald. McLaughlin, Sullivan

(ID # 11922) That the Director of Traffic and Parking limit parking

permits for the Boxing Club and encourage parking in

the East Somerville Community School lot.

68. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

(ID # 11923) That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the

utility pole on the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Cross Street East that is crooked and shooting off sparks.

69. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

(ID # 11924) That the Commissioner of Public Works determine if the

tree at 6 Gilman Terrace is a hindrance for handicapped

persons.

70. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

(ID # 11925) That the Director of Traffic and Parking address traffic

flow issues at the intersection of Broadway and McGrath

Highway.

71. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

(ID # 11926) That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the

broken benches in front of the Rent-a-Center on

Broadway and in front of 99 Broadway.

72. Order By Ald. McWatters

(ID # 11927) That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the

faded DO NOT ENTER sign on the corner of Lowell and

Summer Streets.

73. Order By Ald. McWatters

(ID # 11928) That the Chief of Police order directed patrols, during

morning rush hours on Summer and Lowell Streets to ensure that motorists are coming to a complete stop at

the blinking red light.

74. Order By Ald. McWatters

(ID # 11929) That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 19A Stone

Avenue for the proper containment of trash.

75. Order By Ald. McWatters

(ID # 11940) That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the

metal pole and repair the cracked sidewalk panel on the

corner of Summer and Lowell Streets.

76. Order By Ald. Heuston

(ID # 11937) That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the

Sacramento Street pedestrian underpass, set a regular cleaning schedule, and communicate that schedule to the

Ward 2 Alderman.

77. Order By Ald. Heuston

(ID # 11938) That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sink

hole at 62 Marion Street.

78. Resolution By Ald. Heuston

(ID # 11939) That the Administration institute a plan to notify and

update affected residents during water main breaks, distribute bottled water to them, and check on their well-

being.

79.	Order (ID # 11941)	By Ald. White Jr., Sullivan That the Legislative Matters Committee work with the City Solicitor on a home rule petition to amend the City Charter by removing the restriction that registered voters may only sign nomination papers for one candidate for each municipal office (and four for alderman at large).
80.	Mayor's Request (ID # 11949)	Requesting that this Board convene in Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining strategy.
81.	Officer's Request (ID # 11951)	City Clerk requesting approval to release seven sets of Executive Session minutes as described within.
82.	Officer's Communication (ID # 11677)	DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 4/9/15.
83.	Officer's Communication (ID # 11855)	DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 4/23/15.
84.	Officer's Communication (ID # 11950)	DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 5/14/15.
85.	Officer's Communication (ID # 11860)	Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders submitted 4/23/15.
86.	License/Permit (ID # 11946)	Public Event Permit, Mountain Ave/Conwell St Block Party, Jun 20, 2-9PM (raindate Jun 27).
87.	License/Permit (ID # 11947)	Renewing Taxi Medallion License, My Cab, Med #61.
88.	License/Permit (ID # 11948)	Sign/Awning Permit, Momo n Curry, 431 Somerville Ave., 2 signs.
	LATE ITEMS	

ADJOURNMENT