

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 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	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Sean T. O'Donovan	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

- #193757 Call of the Roll.
Roll Call

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- #193758 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, June 21, 2012, and the Minutes Regular Meeting, July 12, 2012.

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

- #193759 Citation
By Ald. Taylor, and the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Wilbur Smith, on the auspicious occasion of his 100th birthday.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

4. #193760 Citation By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Ida Azzolino, on the auspicious occasion of her 100th birthday.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. #193761 Order By Ald. Trane That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the abandoned bicycles from the bike rack at the Holland Street Red Line station.

RESULT: APPROVED

6. #193762 Order By Ald. Trane That the Chief of Police take note of overloaded vehicles collecting metal from trash and ticket those that are deemed unsafe for operation.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. #193763 Order By Ald. Trane That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the road depression on Broadway, near the Powderhouse School.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. #193764 Order By Ald. Trane That the Commissioner of Public Works place the Powderhouse School property on a regular grounds maintenance schedule.

RESULT: APPROVED

9. #193765 Resolution By Ald. Heuston That this Board requests that the Administration provide information regarding the noise-reduction installation schedule at the new Conway Park skating rink, and review the parking restrictions behind the building.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

10. #193766 Resolution By Ald. Roche, Sullivan
That the Chairman of the Licensing Commission personally explain to the Ward One Alderman how an outdoor event at the Holiday Inn parking lot was approved without it being on the Commission's agenda, and that provisions be put in place to ensure this can never happen again.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. #193767 Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche
That the Chief of Police and the Director of Constituent Services (311) provide this Board with the number of resident phone calls, arrests and incident reports pertaining to the concert held at the Holiday Inn on September 23, 2012.

RESULT: APPROVED

12. #193768 Order By Ald. Sullivan
That the City Clerk provide this Board with the Licensing Commission's August, 2012 meeting minutes.

RESULT: APPROVED

13. #193769 Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, Taylor
That this Board requests that the MBTA replace the Bus Stop at the corner of Somerville Avenue and Central Street (Central Street side).

RESULT: APPROVED

14. #193770 Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., Lafuente
That this Board requests that DCR repair the fence near the Blessing of the Bay Boat House, separating the bike path from I-93 North.

RESULT: APPROVED

15. #193771 Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair all brick sidewalks and street crossings in Davis Square prior to the winter weather.

RESULT: APPROVED

16. #193772 By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
Order That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the city-owned street lamps in Davis Square and repair or replace them as necessary.

RESULT: APPROVED

17. #193773 By Ald. Taylor
Communication In his capacity as a member of the School Committee, conveying a report of the School Committee's activities.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Ald. Taylor reported on several items:

- Enrollment is up to 4,965 students.
- Four schools are under new leadership.
- Winter Hill is the city's first Innovation School.
- US News & World Report's 2012 College Guide featured 8 SHS 2012 graduates.
- The MA Assn. Of School Committees will award the MASC Division IX All-State School Committee 2012 Award to Mayor Curtatone.
- The schools have 150 new staff members.
- There are 5 new initiatives: 1) Increased community engagement and family outreach; 2) El Sistema music education introduced in Grades 3-4; 3) Spanish introduced in Grades 7-8; 4) Mandarin Chinese introduced in High School; 5) Intramural sports introduced in Grades 7-8.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

18. #193436 By Ald. Roche, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Citation Commending Louise McCarthy, who is retiring after 22 years of distinguished service in the Elections Department.

RESULT: APPROVED

19. #193342 Requesting that this Board convene in Executive Session pursuant to MGL
Mayor's Request c30A, s21(a)(3) to discuss civil action number 86-3222-WD involving Clear Channel Outdoor Inc. as successor-in-interest to Ackerly Communications.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

20. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #193774 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on September 27, 2012.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

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

RESULT: APPROVED

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

RESULT: APPROVED

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

RESULT: APPROVED

- E. #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: APPROVED

- F. #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: APPROVED

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

RESULT: APPROVED

- H. #193673 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the mandatory, city-wide conversion of radios from wide-band to narrow-band.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston, Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

- I. #193674 Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$60,000 from the Parking Meter Receipts Account to the Traffic and Parking Repairs to Highway Lines Account for roadway markings.

RESULT: APPROVED

- J. #193675 Mayor's Request Requesting approval to declare surplus 8 DPW vehicles.

RESULT: APPROVED

- K. #193676 Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the Personnel Department to use FY13 funds to pay FY12 invoices totalling \$1,025.

RESULT: APPROVED

- L. #193677 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$25,890 grant from the MA Cultural Council to support the Arts Council's local grant program.

RESULT: APPROVED

- M. #193678 Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$10,000 grant from the Carl and Ruth Shapiro Family Foundation to support the Arts Council's Books of Hope program.

RESULT: APPROVED

- N. #193679 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of this Board, pursuant to Ordinance 2-121, to retain the services of outside Workers' Compensation counsel.

RESULT: APPROVED

21. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. #193775 Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, Committee Report meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on September 19, 2012.

RESULT: APPROVED

22. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. #193776 Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, Committee Report meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on September 25, 2012.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

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

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

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

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

23. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. #193777 Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on Committee Report September 19, 2012.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

24. #193778 Requesting the creation of the Assembly Square District Improvement
Mayor's Request Financing Stabilization Fund.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

25. #193779 Requesting an appropriation of \$52,000 and authorization to borrow \$52,000
Mayor's Request in a bond to purchase two vans for the Recreation Department.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

26. #193780 Requesting an appropriation of \$41,222 from the Receipts Reserved for
Mayor's Request Appropriation - Parking Meter Receipts Account to the Library Office
Furniture Account to furnish the new Teen Room.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

27. #193781 Requesting approval for the Personnel Dept. to use FY 2013 funds to pay a
Mayor's Request FY 2012 invoice of \$600.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

28. #193782 Requesting approval for the Personnel Dept. to use FY 2013 funds to pay a
Mayor's Request FY 2012 invoice of \$400.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

29. #193783 Requesting authorization for the Treasurer to pay a prior fiscal year invoice
Mayor's Request of \$110.50 to Accurint.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

30. #193784 Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to declare a 1993 Ford E350 van as surplus.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

31. #193785 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$25,000 donation from the WalMart State Giving Council to support the Arts Council's general operations.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

32. #193786 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$10,000 grant from the MA Cultural Council to support the Arts Council's Books of Hope literacy program.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

33. #193787 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$5,000 grant from the MA Cultural Council to support the Arts Council's general operations.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

34. #193788 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a gift in the form of light pole banners from Flagraphics, Inc.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

35. #193789 Request to accept a gift of unknown value in the form of a painting by
Mayor's Request Barbara D'Ambrosio.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

36. #193790 Requesting the appointment of Kelly Speakman to the Design Review
Mayor's Request Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

37. #193791 Requesting the reappointment of James Kirylo to the Design Review
Mayor's Request Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

38. #193792 Requesting the reappointment of Frank Valdez to the Design Review
Mayor's Request Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

39. #193793 Requesting the reappointment of Deborah Fennick to the Design Review
Mayor's Request Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

40. #193794 Requesting the reappointment of Julie Brady to the Design Review
Mayor's Request Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

41. #193795 Request the reappointment of Matthew Rice to the Design Review
Mayor's Request Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

42. #193796 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Jillian Adams to the Historic Preservation Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

43. #193797 Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Abby Freedman to the Historic Preservation Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

44. #193798 Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Alan Bingham as an alternate member of the Historic Preservation Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

45. #193799 Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Denis Chagnon as an Alternate Member of the Historic Preservation Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

46. #193800 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Courtney O'Keefe to the Human Rights Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

47. #193801 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Robina Bhasin to the Human Rights Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

48. #193802 Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Ashraf Hegazy to the Human Rights Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

49. #193803 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Scout Scavenger Hunt, Citywide, Sep 22, 9AM-8PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

50. #193804 License/Permit Public Event Permit, "The Makeover" filming, 73 Hudson Street and 20 Vernon Street, Sep 26-29, 7AM-11PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

51. #193805 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Highland Rd Block Party, from Morrison to Kidder, Sep 29, 2-8PM (raindate Sep 30).

RESULT: APPROVED

52. #193806 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Bradley Manning Vigil, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Oct 3,10,17,24,31, 4-5:10PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

53. #193807 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Homeless Coalition Road Race Amended Route, Davis Sq to Holland to Broadway to North to Powderhouse to Broadway to Cedar to Bike Path to Davis Sq, Oct 6, 7-10AM.

RESULT: APPROVED

54. #193808 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Francesca Ave Block Party, between 24 and 50 Francesca, Oct 21, 10AM-5PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

55. #193809 License/Permit Public Event Permit, SomerStreets "MonsterMashed Up" and "Oktoberfest", Somerville Ave from Washington St to Beacon St, Oct 28, 10AM-6PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

56. #193810 License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Celiberti Realty LLC.

RESULT: APPROVED

57. #193811 License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Sequoia Construction.

RESULT: APPROVED

58. #193812 License/Permit New Junk Dealer's License, Odd and Ends Thrift Store, 62A Summer St., vending used furniture, household goods and clothing.

RESULT: APPROVED

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

59. #193813 Order By Ald. Heuston That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the damaged traffic signal at the intersection of Washington and Beacon Streets since it has not been functional for a week.

RESULT: APPROVED

60. #193814 Order By Ald. Heuston That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the patched sidewalk panel at 88 Concord Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

61. #193815 Order By Ald. Heuston That the Director of SPCD use Connect CTY to notify residents of Beacon Street of reconstruction meetings and use direct mail to notify businesses and property owners of such meetings.

RESULT: APPROVED

62. #193816 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$8,000,000 and authorization to borrow \$8,000,000 in a bond for the cost of initiating the 2012 Union Square Revitalization Plan.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

63. #193817 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Josh Solomon to the Library Board of Trustees.

RESULT: APPROVED

64. #193818 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Foundry on Elm Oktoberfest, 255 Elm St., Oct 7. Noon-7PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

LATE ITEMS

65. #193819 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$91,253 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Insurance Losses Account to the DPW Flood Costs Account to pay for expenses related to the July 10, 2010, flood.

RESULT: APPROVED

66. #193820 Order By Ald. White Jr. That the Chief of Police coordinate with the Licensing Commission to report on prior incidents and/or complaints as part of the review when considering issuing a special alcohol license for recurring events.

RESULT: APPROVED

67. #193821 License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Dellaria Salon, 267 Elm St., 1 awning.

RESULT: APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

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