

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

June 23, 2011, 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, May 26, 2011.

CITATIONS

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

 Commending Fire Captain William Fitzpatrick, Firefighters William Costa and Robert Hodnett, Police Sergeant Warren Chaille, and Officers Anthony Manzelli and Eduardo Soares for their heroic actions on May 16, trying to save the life of a Summit St. resident.

4. Citation By Ald. Roche, White Jr., Taylor, and the Entire Board and the Mayor

 Commending Sr. Mary Timothy de St. Jean Baptiste as she celebrates her 50th Jubilee with the Little Sisters of the Poor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Order By Ald. Heuston

 That the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the owner of 4 Milk Place to clear the debris and old furniture from the property.

6. Order By Ald. Heuston

 That the Commissioner of Public Works install a bench at 285 Beacon Street.

7. Order By Ald. Heuston

 That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a STOP sign before the crosswalk at the intersection of Windsor and South Streets.

8. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the paved sidewalk panel at 23 Allen Street.
9. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works paint a STOP decal on the roadway at the intersection of the Somerville Avenue Extension and Linwood Street.
10. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) investigate 51 Allen Street for an illegal use and notify the owner.
11. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct Royal White Hospitality Services, on Windsor Street, to bait their property during the entire course of construction.
12. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works direct Verizon to secure its hanging wires from the utility pole at 14 Dimick street.
13. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works arrange for regular street sweeping for all of Somerville Avenue, immediately and independently of Mass DOT's return of the street to the City.
14. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works place a sign at Perry Park regarding park hours and dog regulations.
15. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the City Clerk notify the following businesses to appear before this Board's Committee on Licenses and Permits for a Public Hearing regarding the terms and conditions of their licenses: USave Rental - 70 Prospect Street, Webster Auto Sales - 61 Prospect Street, and McDonald's - Twin City Plaza.
16. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD (Planning) report to this Board on the feasibility of changing the zoning ordinance to allow shared-car space as a use in the RA and RB districts, as the current ordinance prohibits most residents from renting a driveway space to ZipCar.

17. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the City Solicitor inform this Board whether its representative to the SomerPromise Advisory Board may be an individual appointed by the Board as opposed to being a member of the Board.
18. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the feasibility of a sticker or placard for non-commercial resident vehicles that a resident owner could obtain for legal street parking when they plan to be away from the city for more than 48 hours.
19. Order By Ald. Connolly, O'Donovan, Trane
That the City Clerk request that representatives of NStar Gas and Electric appear before this Board's Committee on Public Works and Public Utilities regarding the recent power outage in Magoun Square (June 14-15), ongoing repairs in West Somerville, and ongoing repairs and improvements citywide.
20. Order By Ald. Trane
That the Chief of Police order increased speed enforcement on Cameron Avenue.
21. Order By Ald. Trane, Sullivan, Roche
That the Director of Traffic and Parking purchase a removable speed bump for use as a viability test for speed management at various locations across the city.
22. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, White Jr., Desmond, Connolly
That the Commissioner of Public Works clear debris and cut vegetation at the city owned vacant lot at the corner of Pearl and Florence Streets.
23. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Pero, White Jr., Desmond, Connolly
That the Commissioner of Public Works regularly empty the trash cans and clear the debris at the Shore Drive Boat House.
24. Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the broken sidewalk panel at 71 Cedar Street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

25. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation and Appointments meeting on June 22, 2011.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Marc Ardolino as permanent Firefighter.

26. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, June 13, 2011.

27. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, June 14, 2011.

28. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, June 15, 2011.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting the authorization of the Dilboy Pool Revolving Fund for FY2012.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting the authorization of the SomerStreets Event Revolving Fund for FY2012 under the provisions of MGL c44 s53E1/2.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-authorization of certain Departmental Revolving Funds for FY2012.

29. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, June 22, 2011.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$21,940 from the Assembly Square Stabilization Fund to pay debt service related to the reconstruction of certain parks.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$700,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the DPW Snow Removal Account to eliminate the FY2011 Snow Removal Deficit.

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- D. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$45,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Police Overtime Acct. to eliminate a year-end deficit.
 - E. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$17,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Auditing Division Accounting & Auditing Professional Services Acct. to pay for forensic auditing services in connection with the investigation of the Council on Aging.
 - F. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$3,900 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Clerk of Committees Salaries Monthly Account to eliminate a year end deficit.
 - G. Mayor's Request Requesting transfers from various DPW Accts. to offset the projected DPW snow deficit of \$207,934.31.
 - H. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$75,000 from the Fire Dept. Salary Acct. to the Fire Alarm Overtime Acct.
 - I. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$3,254 from the Sewer Capital Improvements Acct. to the MWRA Assessments Acct.
 - J. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$811 from the DPW's Recycling Acct. to its School Custodian Overtime Acct.
 - K. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay a prior fiscal year invoice of \$795 for wheelchair ramp repairs made at the Water Dept.
 - L. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$375 in the Veterans Services Dept., from the Printing and Stationary Acct. to the Personal Services Longevity Acct.
 - M. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to pay a \$69.22 prior year invoice from New England Office Supply using FY11 funding in the Mayor's office.
 - N. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to seek a PARC grant of \$500,000 for North Street Veterans Playground renovation costs.
 - O. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to submit a PARC grant application for \$500,000 for construction costs for a new Harris Park at 15-25 Cross Street East.
 - P. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of the provisions of MGL c44, s53F1/2 establishing an Enterprise Fund for Dilboy Stadium and Dilboy Field Recreational areas.
 - Q. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the FY 2012 Dilboy Enterprise Budget in the amount of \$110,000.

- R. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of the provisions of MGL c44, s53F1/2 establishing an Enterprise Fund for the Veterans Memorial Ice Skating Rink and an outdoor ice skating rink adjacent to the facility.
- S. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the FY 2012 Veterans Memorial Ice Skating Rink Enterprise Budget in the amount of \$479,208.
- T. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$3,500,000 in Free Cash to reduce the FY2012 Tax Levy.
- U. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$2,435,355 and authorization to borrow \$2,435,355 in a bond for the construction of a new outdoor skating rink.
- V. Officer's Request City Clerk submitting recommendations for adjustments to certain fees charged by the City Clerk's Office, effective July 1, 2011.
- W. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund.
- X. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$800,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund.
- Y. Mayor's Request Requesting appropriation of \$127,513 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for renovations to the Veterans Memorial Skating Rink.
- Z. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a home rule petition authorizing the City to incur debt to repair or maintain property under the control of the City through an agreement with the Commonwealth.
- AA. Resolution By Ald. Trane, Sullivan, Connolly, Desmond, White Jr., Pero, Heuston, Taylor
That this Board requests that the Administration consider changing the Junior Detail Clerk position from half time to full time, to meet the needs of those requesting Police details.
- AB. Resolution By Ald. Trane
That this Board requests that the Administration consider changing the Part Time Animal Control position to a Full Time position, to provide weekend coverage.

- AC. Resolution By Ald. Taylor
That this Board requests that the Administration add an additional building inspector in the Inspectional Services Department.
- AD. Resolution By Ald. Desmond
That this Board requests that the Administration review the description of each line item in the budget to ensure that all costs are assigned to the appropriate line items in all future budgets.
- AE. Order By Ald. Desmond
That the Commissioner of Public Works develop a backup plan to ensure that the high quality of maintaining the Weights and Measures in the city will continue, should the current Sealer of Weights and Measures retire or become incapacitated.
- AF. Resolution By Ald. Desmond
That this Board requests that the Administration use funding cut from the FY12 budget to hire an Assistant Sealer of Weights and Measures.

30. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on June 22, 2011.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting an amendment to Ordinance 1-11(b) regarding penalties for violations of Commercial Trash and Cutting of Grass on Sidewalks ordinances.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting an amendment to Ordinance 1-11(b) regarding the Traffic and Parking Regulations penalties for violations for Expired Vehicle Registrations and Inspections.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

31. Mayor's Request Requesting revocation of the Dilboy Revolving Fund effective June 30, 2011, and transferring the remaining Fund Balance to the Dilboy Stadium Enterprise Fund.
32. Mayor's Request Requesting revocation of the Veterans Memorial Skating Rink Revolving Fund effective June 30, 2011, and transferring the remaining fund balance to the Veterans Memorial Skating Rink Enterprise Fund.

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- 33. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$75,285 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Insurance Losses to the DPW Flood Acct. to pay expenses related to the July 10, 2010, Flood.
 - 34. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$4,668.64 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Insurance Losses to the School Dept. Flood Acct. to pay expenses related to the July 10, 2010 Flood.
 - 35. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$3,430 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Clerk of Committees Salaries Monthly Acct. to eliminate a year end deficit.
 - 36. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to pay a prior year invoice of \$272 in the Council on Aging.
 - 37. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$100,000 grant from the MA Dept. of Public Health for the Health Dept.'s Tobacco Control Program.
 - 38. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a grant of \$1,000 from the MA Dept. of Agricultural Resources for EBT purchases at the Winter Farmers' Market.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

- 39. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Summertime in Somerville Family Fun Day, Trum Field, Jun 25, 12-5PM (raindate Jun 26), and Fireworks Display, Trum Field, Jun 30, 5-10PM (raindate Jul 7).
- 40. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Dana Farber Fundraising Stationary Cycling, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Jun 30 and Jul 7, 6:30-8:30PM, Jul 9, 3-6PM.
- 41. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Memorial Tribute to Karen Aqua, Parade from Arts at the Armory to the Community Growing Center/Nunziato Field for a Reception, Jul 10, 4-6PM.
- 42. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Redbones Block Party for the Homeless Coalition, Chester St. from Elm to Herbert Sts., Aug 1, 5-10PM (raindate Aug 8).
- 43. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Fire Local 76 MDA Boot Drive, Broadway/McGrath Hwy., Davis Sq., and Union Sq., Aug 20 & 27, 9AM-Noon.
- 44. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, MA Bay Commuter Rail, 70R Third Ave., 393,510 gallons.

- 45. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 381-383 Washington St., 30 autos out, 22 in.
- 46. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St., 12 autos in.
- 47. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 139-147 Beacon St., 22 autos in.
- 48. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, International Auto Repair, 508 Somerville Ave., 8 autos out, 2 in.
- 49. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Taipei Tokyo Cafe, 7 Holland St., 3 tables, 6 seats.
- 50. License/Permit New Junk Dealer's License, Crescent Jewelers Inc., Operating at Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St., buying used items.
- 51. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Odney Cab, Med #72.
- 52. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Marc Morency Inc., Med #78.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 53. License/Permit Public Event Permit, The Training Room "Fitness on the Avenue" Event, 691A Somerville Ave. parking corridor, Jul 23, Noon-4PM.
- 54. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Great Urban Campout, Lincoln Park, Jul 23-24, Noon-Noon (raindate Jul 22-23).
- 55. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Burton Faulkner Tower, 25 Highland Ave., 10,000 gallons.
- 56. License/Permit Renewing Pool Table License, Samba Bar and Grille, 596-608 Somerville Ave., 1 pool table.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk