

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

September 22, 2016, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 14805)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August
 (ID # 14806) 25, 2016.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. Order By Ald. Rossetti
 (ID # 14785) That the Director of Traffic and Parking install signage
 at all traffic light intersections for enforcement of
 bicycling regulations.

4. Order By Ald. Niedergang, McLaughlin
 (ID # 14790) That the Director of Personnel and the Manager of
 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion present an outreach plan
 to this Board to encourage applications by immigrants
 and people of color for the many vacancies on city
 boards.

5. Order By Ald. Niedergang
 (ID # 14787) That the Director of Traffic and Parking assess Sartwell
 Avenue for immediate traffic calming measures and
 report to the Ward 5 Alderman by the end of September.

6. Order By Ald. Niedergang
 (ID # 14788) That the Director of Traffic and Parking, the Director of
 SomerStat or a representative of the Administration,
 report to this Board on the time frame for responses to
 the dozens of traffic calming petitions that have been
 submitted by residents over the past year.

7. Resolution By Ald. Niedergang, Davis
 (ID # 14789) That the Traffic Commission consider increasing the fine
 for blocking a driveway from \$30 to \$100.

8. Order (ID # 14786) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of Engineering report to this Board on the timeframe for re-stripping crosswalks that are erased due to repaving or construction.
9. Resolution (ID # 14792) By Ald. Davis, Niedergang
That the Administration develop a process for interim crosswalk painting and/or other measures to protect pedestrians when road work or other conditions prevent the immediate re-stripping of road markings.
10. Order (ID # 14791) By Ald. Davis
That the Director of Engineering add Burnside Avenue to the 5-year paving plan.
11. Order (ID # 14793) By Ald. Davis
That the Director of Engineering install a "bump out" at the terminus of the crosswalk on Elm Street west of Willow Avenue opposite Beech Street.
12. Resolution (ID # 14794) By Ald. Davis
That the Administration work with the City of Cambridge to improve pedestrian safety at the intersections of Elm Street with Beech Street and Willow Avenue, including consideration of a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon.
13. Order (ID # 14795) By Ald. Davis
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police increase enforcement of the NO IDLING ordinance, particularly around school drop-off and pick-up times.
14. Order (ID # 14796) By Ald. Sullivan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint the NO SIDEWALK CYCLING decals on the sidewalks in the business districts and post larger signage in both English and Spanish.
15. Order (ID # 14797) By Ald. Sullivan
That the Director of SPCD implement a bicyclist and pedestrian safety education campaign. (3rd request)
16. Order (ID # 14804) By Ald. Sullivan, Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works re-pave Trull Lane.

17. Order (ID # 14798) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Health and Human Services appear before this Board to discuss progress in the city's race dialogs.
18. Order (ID # 14799) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking provide a response to requests for traffic calming measures on Knowlton Street.
19. Order (ID # 14800) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works fix the broken handicap access street curb on the Glen Street side of the East Somerville Community School.
20. Resolution (ID # 14801) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Administration update this Board on the future of Veterans Memorial Park.
21. Order (ID # 14802) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the dead tree at 28 Illinois Avenue.
22. Order (ID # 14803) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the trash barrel in front of Santander Bank on Broadway.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

23. Order 201868 By Ald. White Jr., and the Entire Board
That the Director of Water and Sewer appear before this Board at its September 13 regular meeting to discuss the new base water charge, the reasons for its adoption, and why the Board was not informed of it during the budget meetings.
24. Order 202008 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Finance and the Superintendent of Water and Sewer provide this Board with the total costs associated with emergency water and sewer repairs for FY14, FY15 and FY16 by this Board's September 13 regular meeting.
25. Order 202026 By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board
That the Water Superintendent report to this Board on the imposition or suspension of water and sewer base charges for customers.

26. Officer's Communication 202080 Acting Water Superintendent submitting a Water & Sewer Enterprise Funds Financial Analysis and a Water & Sewer Rate Study.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

27. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 14780) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on September 21, 2016.
- B. Mayor's Request 201338 Requesting approval to rescind the acceptance of a mitigation payment of \$47,770 from Berkeley Investments Inc. (#199464), and authorize the refund of that amount to that entity.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. Mayor's Request 201532 Requesting the creation of the 197 Washington Street Stabilization Fund and the acceptance of a mitigation payment to the Fund of \$8,322 from A&M Realty Trust for striping and sidewalk improvements.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Officer's Communication 201641 City Assessor presenting for approval a proposed Solar PILOT Agreement for a solar electric generating facility at the Partner's Health Care site.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. Mayor's Request 201812 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$248,922 from the MA Department of Energy Resources, for the Office of Sustainability and Environment's installation of energy efficient indoor lighting.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- F. Mayor's Request 201813 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$9,248 from FEMA for the Fire Department's purchase of new highrise firefighting equipment.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- G. Mayor's Request 201915 Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of Big Belly trash and recycling units.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- H. Mayor's Request 201916 Requesting an appropriation of \$150,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for Tree Planting.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- I. Mayor's Request 201917 Requesting an appropriation of \$100,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of decorative benches and barrels.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- J. Mayor's Request 201918 Requesting an appropriation of \$47,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for a five-year Elgin Sweeper lease for the DPW.

- RECOMMENDED: Approved
- K. Mayor's Request 201919 Requesting an appropriation of \$45,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase and installation of a Plymal Vent System for DPW Mechanic's Fleet Maintenance Garage.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- L. Mayor's Request 201920 Requesting an appropriation of \$14,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the renovation of the call center facility.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- M. Mayor's Request 201921 Requesting an appropriation of \$12,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the renovation of the DPW's Fleet Maintenance Garage.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- N. Mayor's Request 201922 Requesting a transfer of \$150,565 from certain Police Department Salary and Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to certain DPW Highway Accounts to fund mechanic salaries and maintenance costs now managed within the Fleet Department.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- O. Mayor's Request 201923 Requesting approval to pay prior fiscal year invoices in the Department of Public Works totaling \$33,283.92.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- P. Mayor's Request 201924 Requesting the acceptance of a \$89,000 grant from the MA DMH Police Based Jail Diversion Program for the Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team Training.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- Q. Mayor's Request 201925 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$87,831 from the MA Office of Elder Affairs for Council on Aging staffing, transportation and services for elder residents.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- R. Mayor's Request 201926 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$37,315 from the Department of Mental Health, for the Police Department's Jail Diversion Program.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- S. Mayor's Request 201927 Requesting the acceptance of a \$29,685 grant from the MA Urban Area Security Initiative for Critical Infrastructure Investment Area for target hardening at City Hall.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- T. Mayor's Request 201928 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$20,004 from the Office of Justice Programs (2015) Byrne JAG Grant for Police Department mental health programs.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- U. Mayor's Request 201929 Requesting the acceptance of a \$12,581.25 grant from the Metro Mayors Community Safety Initiative, for the Police Department's Shannon Grant for youth violence prevention.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

- V. Mayor's Request 201930 Requesting the acceptance of a \$8,676 grant from the DPH First Responder Naloxone (Narcan) Grant Program for the Police Department.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- W. Mayor's Request 201931 Requesting the acceptance of 30 concrete planters from Ames Business Park, for the Arts Council's ArtFarm site.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- X. Officer's Communication 201937 City Solicitor requesting approval to hire outside legal counsel in the matter of Lopez v. City of Somerville et al.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- Y. Mayor's Request 201998 Requesting the acceptance and appropriation of an additional deposit of \$49,750 from US2 into the Union Square Stabilization and Revitalization Account.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- Z. Mayor's Request 201999 Requesting an appropriation of \$49,750 from the Union Square Stabilization and Revitalization Fund for services in connection with the redevelopment of Union Square.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- AA. Mayor's Request 202000 Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$1,566.61 using available funds in the City Clerk's Office's Office Supplies Account to pay WB Mason for office supplies purchased in FY16.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- AB. Mayor's Request 202001 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$4,560.09 from the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, for the City's target hardening project.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- AC. Mayor's Request 202075 Requesting approval to expend FY17 funds totaling \$221.88 to pay a prior year invoice in the Police Dept.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- AD. Mayor's Request 202076 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$34,200 from the MA Cultural Council for the Arts Council's Local Cultural Council grant program.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- AE. Mayor's Request 202077 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$6,500 from the MA Cultural Council for the Arts Council's general operational support.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

28. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 14778) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on September 19, 2016.

- B. Order 196366 By Ald. Ballantyne, Heuston
That the Director of SPCD submit a plan to create “Middle Class” housing.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Mayor's Communication 199725 Updating this Board on the shortfall in Green Line Extension funding.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order 200521 By Ald. Niedergang
That the City Solicitor brief Housing Department staff and Condominium Review Board members to ensure they are implementing the Condominium Conversion Ordinance to the fullest extent possible, and report back to this Board.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Order 201508 By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD communicate with state authorities the need for sound proof windows at 240 Pearl Street, which were previously promised as part of the Green Line Extension.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Order 201698 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Capital Projects update this Board on the West Branch Library and on any other capital projects that may be of concern to this Board.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Order 202007 By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD appear before this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development to apprise this Board of the disposition of the Homans Building and any related rights-of-way involved with the Green Line Extension.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

29. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 14777) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on September 15, 2016.
- B. Order 201902 By Ald. Niedergang
That the City Solicitor advise this Board on its powers to call property owners and especially developers before this Board to discuss building code violations, stop work orders, dangerous practices, and repeated violations of the City's laws and regulations.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- C. Resolution (ID # 14772) By Ald. Rossetti
That the Administration present its recommendations and a draft ordinance for the proposed Rental Registration Program (#199934) to the Committee on Legislative Matters at its meeting on October 20, 2016.

- D. Resolution (ID # 14773) By Ald. White Jr.
That the Administration consider a Home Rule Petition to provide relief from the base water/sewer charges to property owners who occupy their homes, by shifting the excess cost to non-owner-occupied property owners.

30. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 14779) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on September 20, 2016.

- B. Grant of Location 202013 Submitted by Eversource to install 31 feet of conduit in Morrison Avenue, from Pole 238/28 to a point of pickup at the rear of 10 Winslow Avenue. (Interim approval issued 8/29/16)
RECOMMENDED: Approved

31. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 14776) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on September 14, 2016.

- B. Order 199724 By Ald. Rossetti
That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer appear before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss concerns regarding #198703 and #199522 for public safety at Assembly Row and citywide.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- C. Public Communication 200587 Ben Asack submitting comments re: establishing a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- D. Officer's Communication 201198 DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 3/24/16.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- E. Order 201308 By Ald. McLaughlin, Sullivan
That the Chief of Police extend school crossing guard services from 3:15 PM to 3:30 PM.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- F. Public Communication 201375 District Attorney responding to #196432 re: the investigation of the murder of Deanna Cremin.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Order 201475 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services report to this Board his assessment of whether Stop Work Order fines and penalties are sufficient to deter developers from working without permits, and provide a detailed list of all Stop Work orders issued since May, 2015.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- H. Order 201498 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Chief of Police and the Animal Control Officer enforce the leash law on the Community Path and around Lexington Park.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- I. Resolution 201565 By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board
That the Administration work with this Board to provide evidence of the City's runner-friendly activities to the Road Runners Club of America in order to be designated a Runner Friendly Community.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- J. Order 201789 By Ald. McWatters
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services direct NIT personnel to immediately investigate the property at 40 Columbus Avenue for health and building code violations.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- K. Order 201790 By Ald. McWatters
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services dispatch NIT personnel to investigate 87 Lowell Street for building code violations.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- L. Order 201897 By Ald. Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Chief Fire Engineer report to this Board on plans to deal with gas leaks and explain why utilities are not required to repair Level 3 leaks.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- M. Order 201988 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 33-35 Barton Street weekly for continual overgrowth onto the public sidewalk.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- N. Order (ID # 14769) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Chief of Police assign a crossing guard to the Prospect Hill Academy Charter School location on Franklin Street.

32. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 14781) Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on September 21, 2016.

- B. Order 200695 By Ald. McLaughlin, White Jr.
That the Director of Capital Projects and the Disability Coordinator appear before the Committee on Public Utilities and Works to discuss ADA issues and construction defects at the East Somerville Community School.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- C. Order 202096 By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Chief of Police report to this Board whether their departments bring claims against, or cite, motorists who damage city trees.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 33. Mayor's Request (ID # 14770) Requesting the acceptance and appropriation of an additional \$80,000 from US2 Associates into the Union Square Stabilization and Revitalization Fund.

- 34. Mayor's Request (ID # 14771) Requesting an appropriation of \$80,000 from the Union Square Stabilization and Revitalization Fund for services in connection with the redevelopment of Union Square.

- 35. Mayor's Request (ID # 14774) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$186,976 from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security for the Police Department, for 911 support.

- 36. Mayor's Request (ID # 14775) Requesting the acceptance of a \$59,791 grant from the MA Office of Public Safety for 911 training and emergency medical dispatch services.

- 37. Mayor's Request (ID # 14750) Requesting acceptance of a \$12,500 grant from MA Department of Energy Resources to the Office of Sustainability & Environment for technical assistance in net metering agreements.

- 38. Mayor's Request (ID # 14768) Requesting acceptance of a \$100 donation from the USAlliance Federal Credit Union for the city's Haiti and Brazil Hit the 'Ville Festival.

- 39. Mayor's Request (ID # 14782) Requesting the appointment of Candace Cooper to the position of Director of Personnel.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 40. Officer's Communication (ID # 14807) Acting Water Superintendent responding to #202008 re: emergency water and sewer repairs in FY14-FY16.
- 41. Officer's Communication (ID # 14749) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 8/25/16.

NEW BUSINESS

- 42. License/Permit (ID # 14809) Public Event Permit, Highland Rd Block Party, from Kidder Ave to Morrison Ave, Sep 25, 2-8PM (raindate Oct 1).
- 43. License/Permit (ID # 14810) Public Event Permit, Sprout Somerville STEAM Celebration, Seven Hills Park and Meacham Rd from Buena Vista Rd to Dover St, Oct 3, 4-9PM.
- 44. License/Permit (ID # 14811) Public Event Permit, Groundwork Somerville Dance Party, 138 South St, Oct 8, 3PM-Midnite (raindate Oct 9).
- 45. License/Permit (ID # 14812) Public Event Permit, Landers Street Birthday Block Party, Oct 10, 1:30-5:30PM.
- 46. License/Permit (ID # 14813) Public Event Permit, Lungevity Foundation Walk-a-thon, Assembly Row and Mystic River area, Nov 5, 89AM-3PM.
- 47. License/Permit (ID # 14814) Public Event Permit, BA Event Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk, Davis Sq and area streets, Dec 18, 7AM-1PM.
- 48. License/Permit (ID # 14815) Renewing Drainlayer's License, J Masterson Construction.
- 49. License/Permit (ID # 14816) Renewing Lodging House License, Alpha Tau Omega, 134 Professors Row.
- 50. License/Permit (ID # 14817) Renewing Open Air Vendor License, Next Wave/Full Circle School, Foss Park area.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 51. Citation (ID # 14830) Commending the Somerville Little League 10 Year Old All Star Team, who won the 2016 Jimmy Fund Tournament Championship.

52. Order (ID # 14821) By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works plant a tree at 26 Montrose Street.
53. Order (ID # 14822) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD and the Administration discuss pre-planning and planning processes and requirements for private developers and city infrastructure projects, identifying differences and similarities.
54. Resolution (ID # 14823) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Administration discuss requiring adding the word "Somerville" to buildings in the Assembly Square area, to enhance office and commercial marketing efforts.
55. Order (ID # 14824) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Chief of Police monitor traffic speeds on Cameron Avenue.
56. Order (ID # 14829) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the sewer at 24 Endicott Avenue to mitigate rodent activity.
57. Mayor's Request (ID # 14825) Requesting the adoption of MGL Chapter 90, Section 17C, to reduce the prima facie speed limit in the City to 25 MPH.
58. Mayor's Request (ID # 14826) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$94,000 in a bond for additional design services for the West Branch Library Renovation Project.
59. Mayor's Request (ID # 14783) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$140,000 in the Law Department, from the Judgments/Settlements Account to the Legal Services Account, for rendered and anticipated outside counsel services.
60. Mayor's Request (ID # 14818) Requesting a transfer of \$55,577 from the Salary Contingency Account to the SPCD Transportation and Infrastructure Personal Services Salaries Account to fund a Senior Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner.
61. Officer's Communication (ID # 14827) Acting Director of Personnel responding to #201896 re: status of City vacancies.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT