



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Thursday - October 25, 2018, 6:30 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 10/18/18 at 10:09 AM)

1. **Approval of the September 11, 2018 Minutes**

2. **200773: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Commissioner of Public Works describe to this Board, the rationale for treating multi-unit residences the same as single family residences for purposes of volume-based escalation of water rates.

3. **202332: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the City Engineer repair the curb cut and sidewalk ramp at the intersection of Murdock and Clyde Streets.

4. **204486: Discuss** (White Jr., Davis, McWatters) – Proposing an Ordinance for the management and elimination of natural gas leaks.

5. **204552: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Capital Projects or the Director of SPCD update this Board about the transportation management and parking plans for both the construction and the post-construction phases of the new High School.

6. **205010: Discuss** (Davis) – That the City Solicitor advise this Board about whether the way in which the Beacon Street trees were taken down was compliant with state law and the city's Tree Ordinance.

7. **205059: Discuss** (Davis, Rossetti, Mbah, Niedergang, White Jr.) – That the Administration present the information described herein about the Brown School's physical plant and planned and completed renovations, to this Board, to the School Committee, and to the Brown School community.

8. **205498: Discuss** (Scott) – That the City Solicitor provide the Committee on Public Utilities

and Public Works an opinion on the ability of the city to bar a contractor from future city work.

9. **205811: Discuss** (Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, Ballantyne, Scott, Mbah) – That the Director of Engineering and Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on the registration of paving contractors pursuant to Ordinance 11-33.
10. **205813: Discuss** (Niedergang, Rossetti) – That the Director of Engineering and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on enforcement of the ordinance on driveway construction and paving over front, back or side yards, with a list of violations and fines levied in 2016 and 2017.
11. **206060: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Commissioner of Public Works fix the street lamp on the traffic island outside Brady Towers at 252 Medford Street.
12. **206204: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ewen-Campen) – That the Commissioner of Public Works report on the feasibility of extending yard waste pickup later in the season.
13. **206303: Discuss** (Hirsch, Davis) – That the Director of Engineering share how pedestrian detours are required for planned street work resulting in sidewalk closures.
14. **206440: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with a detailed report of current contractual obligations regarding Beacon Street reconstruction, including costs incurred, work still outstanding on the current contracts, and the implications of cancellation of the outstanding contracts.
15. **206642: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Commissioner of Public Works and Director of Parks and Recreation explain how DPW develops maintenance plans, staffing, and budgets for new parks, especially parks that have significant landscaped areas or new types of play equipment, benches, or other features.
16. **206594: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That the City Solicitor prepare a document for review by this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works in preparation for filing a complaint regarding the removal of trees along Beacon Street.
17. **206667: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Engineering inspect Russell Road at the corner of Ware Street for repeated sink holes.
18. **206700: Discuss** (Hirsch, Davis, Ballantyne, McLaughlin) – That the Commissioner of Public Works explain the city's options for reducing the number of unused utility lines connecting to properties.

19. **206707: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Administration endeavor to add a properly signed and signaled crosswalk at 45 Beacon Street to enhance safety for residents accessing the Whole Foods Market.
20. **206741: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, White Jr.) – That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board how a utility pole on Belmont Street, behind St. Catherine's Church, came down on September 23, 2018.
21. **206742: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board why a previous Order, #205803, regarding a dangerously curved utility pole on Belmont Street, has not been responded to.
22. **206779: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr.) – That the Director of Engineering or the Commissioner of Public Works share with this Board the current process for coordinating street paving with underground utility repairs, including how it compares with the Worcester Cooperative Paving Program.
23. **206780: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr.) – That the Administration work with other municipalities for the creation of a DPU community advisory board, similar to the MWRA's advisory board, to provide input on the regulation of utilities.
24. **206781: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr.) – That gas leaks be a regular topic on any standing meetings with Eversource or National Grid.
25. **206782: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr.) – That the Director of SPCD, with the Director of Sustainability and Environment, explain the feasibility of encouraging or requiring that areas of new utility infrastructure – such as Boynton Yards or the Inner Belt – use sustainable forms of energy.
26. **206783: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr.) – That the Administration and this Board support Bill H2683, “An Act relative to protecting consumers of gas and electricity from paying for leaked and unaccounted for gas.”
27. **206826: Discuss** (Niedergang, Scott) – That the Director of Engineering and/or the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pedestrian and bicycle ramp under the railroad bridge on Sacramento Street, and respond to this Board in writing before the next meeting of the Committee on Public Utilities and Works.
28. **206836: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That the Commissioner of Public Works and the City Engineer address before the Committee on Public Utilities and Works what appears to be the failure of a contractor to tie the local sewer line from Ten Hills Road into the Shore Drive main sewer pipe, which was part of a major separation contract, and discuss measures that

will be undertaken to oversee future water and sewer projects.

29. **204944: Discuss** 23 residents submitting a petition re: the trees removed on Beacon Street.
30. **205406: Discuss** Chris Dwan submitting comments re: the removal of trees from Beacon St.
31. **206615: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted at the 6/14/18 meeting.
32. **206616: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted at the 6/28/18 meeting.