

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

May 26, 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, April 28, 2011.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Pero, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending Joseph Piro, the Grand Marshal of
Somerville's 2011 Memorial Day Parade.
4. Citation By Ald. Roche, Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White
Jr., and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending Susan Fontano, who is resigning after 4
years as President of East Somerville Main Streets.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Order By Ald. Pero
That the Commissioner of Public Works plant varying
species of trees on the first part of upper Jaques Street
(from approximately #55 to #79).
6. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol of the
Central Playground from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM, to deter
individuals from using the tot lot as an off-leash area.
7. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the
Director of Traffic and Parking investigate placing a
raised traffic calming table at the intersection of
Prospect Hill Avenue and Munroe Street.
8. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Commissioner of Public Works investigate
placing one or more trees and a bench on the island in
Union Square across from Citizens Bank.

9. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the Stone Place and Sanborn Court area for rodents and institute the new policy for rodent control.
10. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works install a raised crosswalk at the intersection of Chester and Orchard Streets.
11. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works make various repairs at the West Branch Library including reinforcing basement walls and repairing broken windows.
12. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Library Director create a written plan and timeline detailing how the \$15,000 donation to the Children's Room at the West Branch Library will be allocated.
13. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Library Director create a plan within the scope of the current budget to make the West Branch Library accessible for at least part of a weekend day.
14. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works place a sign at the corner of Beacon and Sacramento Streets to notify pedestrians of access to Somerville Avenue via the underpass.
15. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pot holes at 36 and 34 Beacon Street.
16. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide the Ward 2 Alderman with a status of the condemned building at 294 Beacon Street.
17. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to monitor 294 Beacon Street from dusk to dawn.

18. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the grass along the sidewalk on Joy Street.
19. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol of Twin City Plaza to monitor noise and activity from late at night to early morning, especially on weekends, and report back to the Ward 2 Alderman.
20. Communication By Ald. Gewirtz
As President of this Board, conveying the Summer schedule, by cancelling the Regular meetings of this Board previously scheduled for July 28, 2011, and August 11, 2011.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

21. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 25, 2011.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a supplemental increase in the Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Program (BCRLF) of \$400,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an extension of the Homeland Security Grant Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Boston to December 31, 2012.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$2,500 grant from the MA Dept. of Public Health for the Fire Dept.'s Mass Decontamination Unit.
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$120,000 from the E911 Salary Acct. to the Police Overtime Acct. to cover expenses.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$12,000 in the Fire Dept., from the Salary Acct. to the Supplies for Men and Women Acct., for bunker gear and other equipment.
- G. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$5,000 grant from the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund to support the Arts Council's Mystic Mural project.

- H. Mayor's Request Requesting the authorization of a Special Events Revolving Fund for FY11 to offset the costs of overtime related to preparing and cleaning public spaces for private events.
- I. Mayor's Request Requesting an increase in the Dilboy Revolving Account Fund Expenditure Cap by \$40K to accomodate additional activity through FY11.
- J. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$115,000 from the remaining balance of \$416,933 from the Argenziano School Construction Project to fund the construction of an outdoor Ice Skating Rink adjacent to the Veterans Memorial Ice Rink.
- K. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$72,735 from the Receipts Reserved-Parking Meter Receipts Acct. to the Traffic and Parking Professional Services Acct. to pay for on-line customer credit card transactions.
- L. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer \$12,500 from the DPW Sanitation Recycling Acct. to the School Custodian Salaries Acct. to fund salaries for the remaining portion of this fiscal year.
- M. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to raise the FY2011 Council on Aging Revolving Account Spending Limit from \$55,000 to \$90,000.
- N. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to declare as Surplus Equipment several Cisco 3500 network switches that are no longer being used or supported.

22. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on May 25, 2011.
- B. Board Communication By Ald. O'Donovan
That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Meet with the Magoun Square Businesses and the Ward 5 Alderman to Develop a Plan for Magoun Square to Stimulate Business, All in Anticipation of 2015 Green Line Arrival.

- C. Board Communication By Ald. White Jr.
That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Apprise This Board of Aldermen of Any Past or Anticipated Utilization of the Massachusetts Economic Development Incentive Program by the City of Somerville and Appear Before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to Discuss the Program.
- D. Mayor's Communication Conveying an update on the city-wide comprehensive plan known as SomerVison.

23. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on May 25, 2011.
- B. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Subway #49185, 860 Broadway, 1 sign.
- C. License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Red House Restaurant, 24 Union Sq., Su-Th to 1:30AM, Fr-Sa to 2AM.

24. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on May 16, 2011.

25. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on May 17, 2011.
- B. Board Communication By Ald. O'Donovan, Gewirtz
That a Representative of NStar Appear Before This Board's Committee on Public Utilities & Works to Discuss Power Capacity in West Somerville, Anticipating the 199 Housing Units at MaxPac.
- C. Board Communication By Ald. O'Donovan
That the Commissioner of Public Works Attend the Next Public Utilities and Public Works Subcommittee to Discuss Any and All Business, Especially the Issue of Double Poles.

- D. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works Direct NSTAR to Provide a Written Report Explaining Why Repeated Requests to Replace a Missing Street Lamp at 575 Windsor Street and to Repair the Street Light at 11 Joseph Street Have Been Ignored.
- E. Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That the Superintendent of Lines and Lights provide the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works with an accurate listing of all double poles in the city.
- F. Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That the Commissioner of Public Works appear before this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to discuss efforts to stop automobiles from turning around in the middle of Boston Avenue at Pritchard Avenue.
- G. Order By Ald. Trane
That this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works request that NSTAR Gas appear before the Committee to discuss the condition of gas pipelines in the city and any preventive maintenance being performed.
- H. Order By Ald. Trane
That the Commissioner of Public Works submit to this Board the number of emergency street openings during the past 2 years for gas line repairs made by NStar.
- I. Order By Ald. Connolly
That the Traffic Engineer and other appropriate officials meet to prioritize a plan to communicate traffic plans to detail officers.

26. SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Senior Services, meeting on May 23, 2011.

27. VETERANS AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Veterans and Public Services, meeting on May 16, 2011.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

28. Mayor's Request Requesting an amendment to Ordinance 11-38 regarding rodent control.
29. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$120,420 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to pay in-the-line-of-duty medical bills in the Police Dept.
30. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$10,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Veterans Benefits Acct.
31. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$122,000 in the Sewer Dept. from the Capital Improvements Acct. to the Professional and Technical Services Acct., for engineering for the East Broadway Improvements Project.
32. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$100,000 in the Sewer Dept. from the Capital Improvements Acct. to the Professional and Technical Services Acct. to create a hydraulic model for existing flooding problems.
33. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$7,350 from the Highway Wages Acct. to the Engineering Salaries Acct. in order to fund it for the remainder of FY11.
34. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to transfer \$7,000 in the Inspectional Services Division, from the Professional Services Acct. to the Salaries Acct., to fund temporary employee services in the Division.
35. Mayor's Request Requesting the use of FY11 funds to pay Mt. Auburn Hospital Employee Assistant Program FY10 invoices totaling \$2889.67.
36. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Juliette Rooney-Varga to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
37. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Adrian Botelho as Constable.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

38. Officer's Communication Director of SPCD responding to various Board Orders.
39. Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #191359 re: signage at Wallace and Holland Sts., and #191368 re: LPI signaling in Ward 2.

NEW BUSINESS

40. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Adrian St. Block Party, Jun 11, Noon-3PM.

41. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Arts Council ArtsUnion events, Union Sq. Plaza and Lot, Jun 11, 19, Jul 8, 30, Aug 6, 13, 21, Sep 10, 17, 24, various times and raindates.
42. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Bull McCabe Music Fest 2011, 366 Somerville Ave., Jun 11, 3-10PM (raindate Jun 12).
43. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Joe's Jazz and Blues Festival, Powderhouse Park, Jun 25, 11AM-6PM (raindate Jun 26).
44. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Conwell St./Mountain Ave. Block Party, Conwell St. dead end, Jun 26, 4-10PM.
45. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Glenwood Rd. Block Party, Glenwood Rd. between Vernon and Medford Sts., Jun 26, 10AM-8PM.
46. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Portuguese American Civic League Holy Ghost Feast, 26 Springfield St., Jul 8 7PM-Midnite, Jul 9 11AM-4PM and 7PM-Midnite, Jul 10 10AM-Midnite.
47. License/Permit Public Event Permit, ArtBeat, Davis Sq., Jul 15 6PM-11PM, Jul 16 8AM-8PM (raindate Jul 16-17).
48. License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Your Space Landscape and Construction.
49. License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Express Excavation.
50. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Somerville Citgo, 620 Broadway, 36,000 gallons.
51. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Alex Auto Body, 75 Washington St., 5 autos in, 3 out.
52. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Jim's Heavy Duty Service, 42 Joy St., 7 autos in.
53. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Goodyear Auto Service Center, 1 Bow St., 6 autos in.
54. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor Place, 50 autos in, 40 out.
55. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Drain Doctor, 612 Broadway, 15 autos in, 10 out.
56. License/Permit Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Imperial Jewelry, 499 Medford St., Buying and selling gold.

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| 57. | License/Permit | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Dali Restaurant, 415 Washington St., 2 benches. |
| 58. | License/Permit | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Kee Kar Lau, 1158 Broadway, Su-Th to 1AM, Fr-Sa to 2AM. |
| 59. | License/Permit | Sign/Awning Permit, Five Horses Tavern, 400 Highland Ave., 1 sign. |
| 60. | License/Permit | New Outdoor Seating License, Five Horses Tavern, 400 Highland Ave., 6 tables, 12 seats, 1 A-frame sign. |
| 61. | License/Permit | New Hawker Peddler License, Bark 'N Bite, Food Vendor. |
| 62. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green Cab and Yellow Cab Assn., 3 cabs at 236 Highland Ave., 2 cabs at 255 Elm St., 2 cabs at 503 Broadway, 6 cabs at 295 Broadway, 4 cabs at 1 Davis Sq., 5 cabs at 0 Foley St., 4 cabs at 30 Washington St., 3 cabs at 22-26 Union Sq. |
| 63. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, T.R. Cab, Med #2. |
| 64. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Country Club Transportation, Med #'s 3, 4, 5, 46. |
| 65. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Lee Transportation, Med #'s 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. |
| 66. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Z.H. Inc., Med #'s 14, 16, 63. |
| 67. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Yung Cab, Med #15. |
| 68. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Roly Cab, Med #17. |
| 69. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Bibi's Cab, Med #20. |
| 70. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Lochmere Taxi, Med #'s 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 79, 91. |
| 71. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Loch Ness Taxi, Med #'s 27, 67, 68. |
| 72. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Stone Transportation, Med #'s 28, 30, 31, 32. |
| 73. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, 32 Summer St. Corp., Med #29. |

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| 74. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Somerville Yellow Cab Assn., Med #'s 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38. |
| 75. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Mt. Pleasant Taxi, Med #'s 39, 40, 41, 42, 43. |
| 76. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Cinema Taxi, Med #'s 44, 47, 85. |
| 77. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Sullivan Sq. Cab, Med #'s 53, 54. |
| 78. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Talkd Transportation, Med #55. |
| 79. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Victory Cab, Med #56. |
| 80. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Ike Inc., Med #'s 57, 58, 59, 61, 81, 84. |
| 81. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, J.P. Laurie Taxi, Med #60. |
| 82. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Honey Cab, Med #82. |
| 83. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Michael Cab, Med #88. |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 84. | Resolution | By Ald. Pero, Roche, Connolly

That this Board honors the lives and deeds of the sixty eight soldiers from Somerville who died while defending our nation and who are buried at the Somerville Veterans Cemetery. |
| 85. | Citation | By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor

Commending the Irish Film Festival, which has brought the best in Irish Cinema to Somerville audiences for 12 years. |
| 86. | Order | By Ald. Taylor

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the uplifted sidewalk at 32 Munroe Street. |
| 87. | Order | By Ald. Heuston

That this Board convene in Executive Session at the June 9, 2011 meeting to discuss issues pertaining to the Council on Aging and that any required notifications be sent. |

- 88. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the city RePrecincting proposed by the Commonwealth based on the 2010 Federal Census results.
- 89. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$298,220 and authorization to borrow \$298,220 in a bond for the renovation of Morse-Kelley Park.
- 90. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$169,720 and authorization to borrow \$169,720 in a bond for the renovation of Dickerman Park.
- 91. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the preliminary architectural design of a new public library in Union Square, authorization for the Library Board of Trustees to apply for a MA Public Library Construction Program grant, and approval to accept and expend the grant, contingent on the receipt of funding and the appropriation of matching funds.
- 92. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Wallace St. Block Party, Jun 25, 3-8PM (raindate Jun 26).
- 93. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Theatre@First Shakespeare in the Park, Davis Sq. Seven Hills Park, Sep 3-11.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk