

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

June 12, 2014, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.
  
2. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 8, 2014.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation            By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor  
                          Commending Richard Knibbs, whose dedication to Somerville  
                          and its children has been a tremendous benefit to this community.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

4. Order                By Ald. McWatters  
                          That the Chief of Police enforce the NO BIKING ON  
                          SIDEWALK ordinance citywide, especially in business districts,  
                          and attend the next Public Health and Safety Committee meeting  
                          to discuss bicycle safety education and enforcement.
  
5. Order                By Ald. McWatters  
                          That the Director of SPCD dispatch the NIT Team to inspect 10-  
                          12 Prescott Street for code violations and signs of rodent activity.
  
6. Order                By Ald. McWatters  
                          That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the hardtop on  
                          the sidewalks on Prospect Hill Avenue with concrete.
  
7. Order                By Ald. McLaughlin  
                          That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk and  
                          plant a tree at 10 Wisconsin Avenue.

8. Order By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the bus stop sign in front of 165 Broadway.
9. Order By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalks at 26 and 30 Wesley Street.
10. Order By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the slide at Chuckie Harris Park.
11. Order By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact Mass Highway to request that the median strip along McGrath Highway be cleaned of debris.
12. Order By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the trash near the bus stop off Alston Street (on McGrath Highway) and clean the medians along McGrath Highway.
13. Order By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait Sunnyside Avenue for rodents.
14. Order By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect and bait the Alston Street area for rodents.
15. Order By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait Pennsylvania Avenue for rodents.
16. Order By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works investigate and remedy the low pressure of the water fountains at the ESCS and the strange taste of the water from the school's second floor faucets.

17. Order By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works install NO DOGS ALLOWED signs along the ESCS.
18. Order By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works increase the number of recycling stations in the ESCS.
19. Order By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the Ward One Alderman with an update on the soap dispensers at the ESCS, that are still not working after having been previously reported.
20. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a STOP sign on Melville Road at its intersection of Ten Hills Road.
21. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works install a speed bump on Jaques Street.
22. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a CHILDREN PLAYING sign on Evergreen Avenue between School and Marshall Streets.
23. Order By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the streetlights in front of 94, 98-100 Morrison Avenue.
24. Order By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the middle street light in Junction Park and the one on Woodbine Street that is second-closest to Junction Park.
25. Resolution By Ald. Niedergang, Lafuente  
That the Superintendent of Recreation report to this Board by the end of June 2014, the reason why the outfield grass section of Trum Field is not scheduled for Saturday Fall Youth Soccer League games.

26. Order By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Traffic Engineer report to this Board whether STOP signs should be added to the intersection of Morrison Avenue and Highland Road to make it a four-way stop, to slow speeding traffic on Morrison Avenue.
27. Order By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of SPCD and the Superintendent of ISD report to this Board with a plan to ensure prompt and coordinated responses to Board Orders, 311 call entries, emails and phone calls from Aldermen about constituent issues.
28. Order By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Commissioner of Public Works present to this Board the results of the recent pavement management plan by Fay, Spofford & Thorndike.
29. Resolution By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Administration explain to this Board the decision making process for deciding the priority order and timeline for repaving streets.
30. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Niedergang  
Supporting Mayor Curtatone's May 22, 2014, Executive Order regarding the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Secure Communities Program.
31. Order By Ald. Connolly  
That the Director of Personnel appear before this Board at its regular meeting on June 12, 2014, to provide an update on the Police Chief selection process and the work of the Advisory Committee, to date.
32. Order By Ald. Connolly, McWatters  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace dead tree on Belmont Street, near the intersection of Summer Street.
33. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the roadway defects on College Avenue between the Powderhouse Rotary and Morrison Avenue.

34. Order By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., Ballantyne  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the fence along Broadway, in front of the city's Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.
35. Order By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., Niedergang, Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pedestrian/bike path and trim the shrubs along the path, from Cedar Street to the Cambridge Line.
36. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing sidewalk bricks at the intersection of Elm and Day Streets.
37. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., McWatters, McLaughlin, Connolly, Rossetti  
That the Chief of Police monitor traffic on McGrath Highway, near Brady Towers, for speeding vehicles and issue citations accordingly.
38. Order By Ald. Ballantyne, Rossetti  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) cite the owners of 75, 79 and 83 Ossipee Road and order them to remove the furniture from their front porches.
39. Order By Ald. Ballantyne  
That the Chief Fire Engineer share with this Board, the fire safety plan for the newly opened stores and housing at Assembly Square.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

40. Mayor's Request Requesting to appear before this Board in Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy relating to pending requests regarding Clear Channel billboards.
41. Public Communication 129 registered voters requesting a public hearing before this Board on divesting the city's pension fund from the fossil fuel industry.

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

42. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on June 12, 2014.

43. ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Environment and Energy, meeting on May 27, 2014.

- B. 197061 Assistant City Solicitor Responding to #196628 re: Plastic Bag  
Officer's Reduction.  
Communication  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

44. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 27, 2014.

45. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on May 28, 2014.

- B. 196484 Public Event Permit, Charles River AlleyCats Meow Mile 5K  
License/Permit Road Race, Highland Avenue-Summer Street and area roads, Oct  
12, 6AM-12:30PM.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- C. 196486 New Outdoor Seating License, Fortissimo Coffeehouse, 365  
License/Permit Somerville Ave.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- D. 196691 Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Diva Indian Bistro, 246 Elm  
License/Permit St.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- E. 196799 Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the City Solicitor advise the Committee on Licenses and Permits on the legality of parking vehicles with dealer plates, or no plates, at the Dilboy Field lot, and the city's ability to ticket and tow at that lot.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. 196979 Grant of Location Submitted by NStar Electric to install 145 feet of conduit in Prospect Street from Pole 292/12 to 97 Prospect St.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- G. 197086 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Assembly Row Assembled Arts Market, 1 Assembly Sq Drive, Saturdays Jun 7-Sep 13, 9AM-4PM.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended
- H. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Ballantyne  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide the Committee on Licenses and Permits with an explanation of how the work on St. James Avenue, referenced in #196765, was performed prior to the issuance of a permit and whether the work has been inspected.

46. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on June 4, 2014.
- B. 196294 Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of Health appear before this Board's Rodent Issues Special Committee to present the work of the Rodent Task Force and new programs to address rodent issues.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. 196301 Resolution By Ald. Heuston, Rossetti  
That the Rodent Task Force present its findings and recommendations at the next scheduled meeting of this Board's Rodent Issues Special Committee.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

47. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$750,000 for the cost of replacing DPW equipment and authorization to borrow \$750,000 in a bond to meet the appropriation.
48. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$248,925 from Salary Contingency to the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund.

49. Mayor's Request Request approval of a transfer of \$150,000 from the Sanitation Division to the Buildings & Grounds Division to pay Electricity and Heating Oil costs.
50. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$9,536 from the Building Insurance Account to the Pension/Non-Contributory Ordinary Maintenance Account to fund a projected year end deficit.
51. Mayor's Request Request to transfer \$9,174 in the School Custodians Dept., from its Personal Services Account to its Ordinary Maintenance Account to pay outstanding invoices.
52. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$7,000 from the Executive Capital Projects Management Salaries Account to the Workers Compensation Salaries Account to fund a projected year-end deficit.
53. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$6,767.44 from the MWRA Assessments Account to Debt Service.
54. Mayor's Request Requesting transfer of \$220 in the Arts Council from its Professional & Technical Services Account to its Salaries Account to fund a projected year end deficit.
55. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to seek a PARC grant of \$400,000 for Otis Playground Renovations.
56. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$200,000 grant for renovations to the Marshall Street Playground.
57. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization of funding necessary to complete renovation of Marshall Street Playground, as a requirement for grant acceptance of a reimbursable Our Common Backyards grant for \$200,000.
58. Mayor's Request Requesting the dedication of Marshall Street Playground in perpetuity for park and recreation purposes.



59. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a mitigation payment of \$94,744.75 to establish the Open Space Improvements Stabilization Fund.
60. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$60,000 grant from the Metro North Regional Employment Board for Mystic Learning Center and Groundworks employment opportunities.
61. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$35,000 from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council for the Police Department's Bicycle-Pedestrian Traffic Enforcement Program.
62. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$10,000 grant from the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation for the Arts Council's Mystic Mural and Art in the Garden programs.
63. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of an additional \$3,116 from the MA Department of Agriculture, for the Urban Agriculture Pilot Program.
64. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$3,000 from the Somerville Housing Authority for the Arts Council's Mystic Mural Project.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

65. Officer's Communication Assistant City Solicitor responding to #196799 re: the Dilboy Field Parking Lot.

**NEW BUSINESS**

66. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Josephine Avenue Summer Play events, Jun 15 from Kidder to Broadway, Jul 13 and Aug 17 from Kidder to Morrison, all 4-8PM.
67. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Senior Thesis Moth Collection Project, Bailey Park, random dates Jun 16-Jul 15, 10PM-2AM.
68. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Arts Council ArtsUnion Summer and Fall events, various locations and times from Jun 22 to Sep 27.

- 69. License/Permit Public Event Permit, SomerMovie Fest, various locations, Thursdays Jul 10-Aug 28, Sunset.
- 70. License/Permit Public Event Permit, StarlabFest Music and Arts Festival, 32 Prospect St and 453 Somerville Ave, Jul 19, 11AM-10PM (raindate Jul 26).
- 71. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Redbones Block Party, Chester St, Jul 28, 5-10PM (raindate Aug 4).
- 72. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Winter Hill Bank, 337 Broadway, 1 sign.
- 73. License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, Vinnie's at Night, 76 Broadway, 6 tables, 24 chairs.
- 74. License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, Gauchao Brazilian Cuisine, 102 Broadway, 3 tables, 12 chairs.
- 75. License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, Maya Sol Mexican Grill, 179 Broadway, 3 tables, 12 chairs.
- 76. License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, Ball Square Cafe, 708 Broadway, 3 tables, 8 chairs.
- 77. License/Permit New Drainlayer License, Lederman Engineering.
- 78. License/Permit New Drainlayer License, Hydra Tech.
- 79. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Manafort Brothers.
- 80. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Capitol Services.

- 81. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy.
- 82. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Shield, 620 Broadway.
- 83. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St.
- 84. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St.
- 85. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Drain Doctor, 612 Broadway.
- 86. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Automotive Transport Service, 495 Columbia St.
- 87. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Fred M Susan Auto Body, 269 Somerville Ave.
- 88. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, AutoSal, 444R Somerville Ave.
- 89. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy.
- 90. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy.
- 91. License/Permit Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, On the Hill Tavern, 499 Broadway.
- 92. Public Communication Courtney O'Keefe submitting comments re: #197043, an appropriation of \$1,355,671 to the Community Preservation Act Fund.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

93.     Communication     By Ald. Rossetti  
Presenting a report of the June 10 meeting of the Local Government Advisory Committee.
94.     Order                 By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking allow resident permit parking at the Washington Street parking lot across from the Argenziano School after 7 PM weekdays, all day Saturdays, and all day during the Summer.
95.     Order                 By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the fire damaged property at 27 Dickinson Street for violations and hazards which negatively impact the neighborhood, and direct the owners to make all required changes.
96.     Order                 By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the owner of 47 Webster Avenue to clear the lot of all overgrowth and debris and bait the property if evidence of rodent activity is found.
97.     Order                 By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the tree at 19 Rose Street and take appropriate actions if the tree is deemed unhealthy and/or a hazard to residents.
98.     Order                 By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the tree well at 25 Rose Street so that it does not present a hazard to pedestrians.
99.     Order                 By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the clock in the Argenziano School cafetorium.
100.    Order                 By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken door at the Argenziano School leading to the cafetorium.

101. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the double poles at 13 and 23 Dane Avenue regarding an oil-like odor and have said poles removed and replaced if necessary.
102. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the tangle of wires in the tree at 48 Dimick Street.
103. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of SPCD advise the Ward 2 Alderman of a date in July when resumption of the Lincoln Park redesign will take place.
104. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of SPCD (Transportation and Infrastructure) arrange a meeting with Mass DOT and the Ward Two Alderman to discuss noise mitigation during the Green Line Extension project to diminish construction noise in the affected neighborhoods.
105. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the owner of the vacant lot adjacent to 12 Beacon Place to clear it of overgrowth and debris, bait it for rodents, and address rodent burrows.
106. Order By Ald. Ballantyne  
That the Commissioner of Public Works direct Verizon to remove 2 large unused utility boxes, marked with graffiti, from the side lawn of the West Somerville Neighborhood School, adjacent to 10-12 Raymond Avenue.
107. Order By Ald. Ballantyne  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the weeds and mow the grass at the West Somerville Neighborhood School as it is growing onto the adjacent property at 10-12 Raymond Avenue.
108. Order By Ald. McWatters  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking post signs prohibiting parking at 34 Highland Avenue on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 7 AM-Noon to allow the dumpster there to be emptied.

109. Order By Ald. McWatters  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the hot top sidewalk at 26 Bow Street with cement.
110. Order By Ald. Connolly, Niedergang  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk and curbing at Lowell and Wilton Streets.
111. Order By Ald. White Jr., Lafuente, Sullivan  
That the City Engineer review drainage on Shore Drive, especially with storm water runoff during heavy rains, particularly at the corner of Shore Drive and Putnam Street, as well as the impact of development at Assembly Square on the sewer outflow line.
112. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$171,000 in a bond to install lighting for the turf field at the Capuano School.
113. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$64,300 and authorization to borrow that amount in a bond for additional final phase work pertaining to the design and engineering contract for the Davis Square streetscape improvements.
114. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$130,000 from the E911 Salaries Account to the Police Overtime Account to cover projected overtime costs.
115. Officer's Communication Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders.
116. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Brian Higgins Road Race, 682 Broadway and area roads, Sep 14, 8AM-3PM.
117. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Vecna Cares 5K/Robot Run, Davis Square-Highland Ave-Summer St, changing the date to Sep 21, 6-11AM.
118. License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, Perfect Dental, 128 Broadway, A-Frame sign.

119. License/Permit      Renewing Drainlayer's License, Roto Rooter Services.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**