

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

September 13, 2018, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # 19385)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, July
(ID # 19386) 12, 2018.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Withdrawn Withdrawn.
(ID # 19391)

4. Grant of Submitted by LIghttower Fiber Networks to install 252
Location feet of conduit from Manhole 5A in New Washington St
(ID # 19392) southerly in Cobble Hill Rd to a point of pickup at 32
Cobble Hill Rd. (Interim approval granted.)

5. Grant of Submitted by LIghttower Fiber Networks to install 274
Location feet of conduit from Manhole 8653 in Somerville Ave
(ID # 19393) southerly in Merriam Ave to a new Handhole at the
intersection of Merriam Ave and Merriam St, then
continuing with 38 feet of conduit to a point of pickup at
35 Charlestown Rd. (Interim approval granted.)

6. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 66 feet of conduit in
Location Highland Ave from Manhole 14703 to a point of pickup
(ID # 19394) at 117 Highland Ave. (Interim approval granted.)

7. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 57 feet of conduit in
Location Thorpe St from Manhole 334/2 to a point of pickup at 18
(ID # 19395) Highland Ave.

8. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 33 feet of conduit in
Location Medford St from Manhole 4781 to a point of pickup at
(ID # 19396) 44 Medford St, and 38 feet of conduit in Ward St from
44 Medford St to a point of pickup at 46 Medford St.

9. Grant of Location (ID # 19397) Submitted by Eversource to re-locate Pole 22/6 on Banks St 10 feet northeast of its existing location at 41 Banks St.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

10. Resolution (ID # 19381) By Ald. Davis Supporting the "Yes on 3 Coalition" and re-affirming this Board's commitment to equal protection under the laws for all people.
11. Order (ID # 19367) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD explain to this Board why not a single tree was spared when they were cut along the commuter rail line, including trees far from the tracks, and what the GLX Team's plans are to replant trees to prevent erosion on the hills.
12. Order (ID # 19379) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on whether the City plans to plant trees by the fence at the north edge of Junction Park to replace the nearby trees lost when they were cut down recently for the GLX project.
13. Order (ID # 19365) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking install 2 CAUTION: CHILDREN CROSSING signs on both sides of Lowell Street around 294 Lowell Street to accommodate the daycare center there.
14. Order (ID # 19366) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD install a crosswalk on Lowell Street at the Wilton Street bumpouts, as there is no crosswalk on Lowell Street between Magoun Square and the bridge.
15. Home Rule Petition (ID # 19376) By Ald. White Jr. Increasing the membership of the Redevelopment Authority from 5 to 7, with one new member an Alderman appointed by the President, and the other new member appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by this Board.
16. Order (ID # 19377) By Ald. White Jr., Ballantyne That the Chief of Police report to this Board the number of times the Chief has sent a notice to landlords whose tenants have violated the provisions of Ordinance 9-97, and whether such a notice was sent to the owner of 38 Chetwynd Road for the incident on September 1, 2018.

17. Order (ID # 19378) By Ald. White Jr.
That this Board amend the Rules of the Board as noted in the attached list.
18. Resolution (ID # 19380) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Administration explain to this Board why the new textile recycling contract was not subject to the city's Living Wage ordinance, and inform this Board when that contract will be re-negotiated.
19. Resolution (ID # 19382) By Ald. Hirsch
That the Administration share a more comprehensive set of goals related to air quality based on CAFEH study results, when or if available.
20. Order (ID # 19383) By Ald. Hirsch
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide information on challenges with recycling items that go into recycling bins in parks and on streets.
21. Order (ID # 19384) By Ald. Hirsch
Thanking the Department of Public Works, the Superintendent of Schools Office, and the Office of Sustainability and the Environment for implementing a pilot composting and recycling program in the Public School cafeterias.
22. Communication (ID # 19390) By Ald. Ballantyne
In her capacity as President, Rescheduling this Board's 2nd regular meeting in October to Tuesday, October 23, 2018, at 7PM, in order to accommodate the early voting that will be occurring in the Aldermanic Chambers on Thursday, October 25.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

23. Order 206384 By Ald. Rossetti, Scott, Hirsch, Mbah, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Davis, White Jr., Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the status of the Urban Forestry Committee.
24. Resolution 206487 By Ald. Scott
That the Administration discuss with this Board a plan to create a permanent space for the Groundworks Somerville program, currently known as the South Street Farm, which is planned for displacement.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

25. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 19368) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on August 28, 2018.

- B. Mayor's Request 204649 Requesting the re-appointment of Nancy Busnach to the Redevelopment Authority.
RECOMMENDED: Not Approved

- C. Mayor's Request 204652 Requesting the re-appointment of Joseph Favaloro to the Planning Board.
RECOMMENDED: Not Approved

- D. Mayor's Request 204654 Requesting the re-appointment of Richard Rossetti to the Zoning Board of Appeals
RECOMMENDED: Withdrawn

- E. Mayor's Request 204655 Requesting the re-appointment of C. Anne Brockelman as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- F. Mayor's Request 205224 Requesting the reappointment of Elaine Severino to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- G. Mayor's Request 205225 Requesting the re-appointment of Pooja Phaltankar as an Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
RECOMMENDED: Withdrawn

26. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 19371) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on September 12, 2018.

- B. Officer's Communication 204582 Director of Parks & Recreation and City Solicitor responding to #204160, #203889, and #203733 re: nonprofit soccer and football organizations' use of Dilboy Field.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation

- C. Mayor's Request 206327 Requesting approval to appropriate \$150,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for tree planting.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- D. Mayor's Request 206328 Requesting approval to appropriate \$35,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for Nibble kitchen equipment.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- E. Mayor's Request 206372 Requesting approval to appropriate \$180,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the Central Hill Campus Plan.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation

- F. Mayor's Request 206502 Requesting appropriation of \$272,795.10 from the Receipts Reserved-Transportation Network Company Revenue Fund to the Transportation Network Company Special Revenue Fund, for Vision Zero road safety efforts.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- G. Mayor's Request 206503 Requesting approval to appropriate \$241,390 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the construction of the Nibble Kitchen.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- H. Mayor's Request 206504 Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$61,691 to the SPCD Transportation & Infrastructure Salaries Account, to establish the Sr. Urban Forestry & Landscape Planner position.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- I. Mayor's Request 206505 Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$47,175 to the Health & Human Services Salaries Account to establish the position of Environmental Health Liaison.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- J. Mayor's Request 206506 Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice of \$10,700 using available funds in the Planning and Zoning Professional Services Account for Central Hill Campus planning services.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- K. Mayor's Request 206507 Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$34,185 using available funds in the DPW Snow Account for snow removal services.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

27. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 19372) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board on September 6, 2018.

28. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 19369) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on August 30, 2018.
- B. Mayor's Request 199603 Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City to appropriate funds to assist commercial properties in maintaining and improving exterior storefronts.
RECOMMENDED: Withdrawn

- C. Order 200625 By Ald. Rossetti, McWatters, Heuston, Ballantyne, Niedergang
That the City Solicitor review the recently approved Home Rule Petitions for Natick and Framingham re: double pole removals and utility company fines, and report back to this Board.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Officer's Communication 202313 Assistant City Solicitor responding to #201997 with a proposed amendment of Ordinance 11-71(a) regarding requirements for the construction of conduits and lines.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Order 202401 By Ald. Heuston, McWatters
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to regulate car rental businesses.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Order 203218 By Ald. McLaughlin
That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on whether the city can ban gay conversion therapy and if it can, prepare a draft ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Order 203822 By Ald. Davis, White Jr.
That this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters draft appropriate language to require this Board's approval of certain licenses entered into by the City for a term of more than 3 years.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- H. Order 204886 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the City Solicitor and the City Arborist clarify the ordinance requiring tree removal for a new driveway or other construction project.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- I. Ordinance 205464 By Ald. Davis
That the Ordinances be amended to provide fines for violating Ordinance 9-116 Subsection 3 (Construction) of \$100 for first offense and \$300 for each subsequent offense as described within.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- J. Order 205492 By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD prepare a report analyzing why the current 20% affordable housing requirement, the \$10.00 per sq ft linkage fee, and other city initiatives are not sufficient to meet the affordable housing needs of the city.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- K. Officer's Communication 205789 Housing Programs Coordinator submitting a summary of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund FY18 activity.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File

- L. Order 205801 By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to require voter registration forms to be displayed and available at Libraries, Public Schools, and the Traffic and Parking Department, and to allow high school students to arrive late to school on any election day if they present proof of voting.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- M. Order 206021 By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Davis, Scott, Hirsch
That the City Solicitor draft an amendment to Ordinance 7-46(c) so the non-profit representative on the Fair Housing Commission has to work, but not necessarily reside, in Somerville.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- N. Order 206394 By Ald. Niedergang
That the City Solicitor provide update this Board on drafting a home rule petition to change the name Alderman to City Councilor.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

29. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 19370) Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on September 11, 2018.
- B. Resolution 205499 By Ald. Scott
That the Administration provide a written response to the petition in #204944 for an accounting of street trees removed from Beacon Street.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order (ID # 19431) By Ald. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 30. Mayor's Request (ID # 19375) Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,007,566 from the Parks Stabilization Fund for the renovation and restoration of Prospect Hill Park.
- 31. Mayor's Request (ID # 19352) Requesting approval to appropriate \$17,805.91 from the Union Square Stabilization Fund for legal services.
- 32. Mayor's Request (ID # 19353) Requesting acceptance of a \$37,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for the Local Cultural Council regrant program.

33. Mayor's Request (ID # 19351) Requesting acceptance of an \$8,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operational support.
34. Mayor's Request (ID # 19364) Requesting acceptance of an in-kind gift of event space from Remnant Brewing to hold an appreciation event for the City's unpaid board and commission members.
35. Mayor's Request (ID # 19354) Requesting the appointment of David Stiltner to the position of Fire Captain.
36. Mayor's Request (ID # 19355) Requesting the appointment of Jay McKenzie to the position of Fire Lieutenant.
37. Mayor's Request (ID # 19356) Requesting the appointment of Andrew Patriquin to the position of Fire Lieutenant.
38. Mayor's Request (ID # 19357) Requesting the appointment of Michael Kilduff to the position of Fire Fighter.
39. Mayor's Request (ID # 19358) Requesting the appointment of Marika DuVal to the position of Police Officer.
40. Mayor's Request (ID # 19359) Requesting the appointment of Aaron Smith to the position of Police Officer.
41. Mayor's Request (ID # 19360) Requesting the appointment of Courtney Coulombe to the position of Police Officer.
42. Mayor's Request (ID # 19361) Requesting the appointment of Erik Corricelli to the position of Police Officer.
43. Mayor's Request (ID # 19362) Requesting the appointment of Melissa Dooley to the position of Police Officer.
44. Mayor's Request (ID # 19374) Requesting the appointment of Richard Scanlon to the Board of Assessors.
45. Mayor's Request (ID # 19373) Requesting the appointment of Stephanie Galaitsi to the Commission for Women.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

46. Withdrawn (ID # 19345) Withdrawn.

- 47. Officer's Communication (ID # 19350) City Solicitor responding to #206046 re: an ordinance for the registration and maintenance of vacant commercial and industrial buildings.
- 48. Officer's Communication (ID # 19388) City Solicitor submitting an ordinance to require the registration of short term rental properties.
- 49. Officer's Communication (ID # 19162) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #205377 re: establishing preference for women and minority owned businesses in granting liquor licenses.
- 50. Officer's Communication (ID # 19346) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted at the 6/14/18 meeting.
- 51. Officer's Communication (ID # 19348) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted at the 6/28/18 meeting.
- 52. Officer's Communication (ID # 19349) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted at the 7/12/18 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- 53. License/Permit (ID # 19398) Public Event License, Tufts Housing League Community Block Party, Powderhouse Park, Sep 16, 4-7:30PM (raindate Sep 23).
- 54. License/Permit (ID # 19399) Public Event License, East Somerville Main Streets Foodie Crawl, Broadway from Kensington Ave to Lincoln St, Sep 18, 9AM-11PM (raindate Sep 19).
- 55. License/Permit (ID # 19400) Public Event License, Somerville Overcoming Addiction Vigil, Trum Field Bandstand Sidewalk, Sep 21, 4-9PM.
- 56. License/Permit (ID # 19401) Public Event License, Puritan Rd Block Party, from Temple Rd to Ten Hills Rd, Sep 22, 12:30-5PM (raindate Sep 23).
- 57. License/Permit (ID # 19402) Public Event License, Arts Council MUM Dance Party, ArtFarm, Sep 22, 4PM-2AM.
- 58. License/Permit (ID # 19403) Public Event License, Glenwood Rd Block Party, from Medford St to Vernon St, Sep 23, 11AM-8:30PM (raindate Sep 22).

- 59. License/Permit (ID # 19404) Public Event License, Highland Rd Block Party, from Morrison Ave to Kidder Ave, Sep 23, 2-9PM (raindate Sep 30).
- 60. License/Permit (ID # 19405) Public Event License, Waldo Ave/Dimick St/Marion St Block Party, Waldo Ave and Dimick St from Calvin St to Marion St, with the Dimick/Marion intersection, Sep 29, 7AM-6PM (raindate Sep 30).
- 61. License/Permit (ID # 19406) Public Event License, Arts Council Evolution of Hip Hop Festival, Union Sq Plaza and Parking Lot, Sep 29, 1-8:30PM (raindate Sep 30).
- 62. License/Permit (ID # 19407) Public Event License, Redbones Oktoberfest, Chester St from Elm St to Herbert St, Sep 30, 7AM-7PM (raindate Oct 14).
- 63. License/Permit (ID # 19408) Public Event License, Thorndike St Block Party, Sep 30, 2-6PM.
- 64. License/Permit (ID # 19409) Public Event License, Women's Commission Candlelight Vigil for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Statue Park, Oct 3, 2-8:30PM.
- 65. License/Permit (ID # 19410) Public Event License, Wade Ct Block Party, Oct 6, Noon-8PM (raindate Oct 7).
- 66. License/Permit (ID # 19411) Public Event License, Dysautonomia International POTS Walk and 5K Race, Mystic River Reservation, Oct 20, 8AM-3PM.
- 67. License/Permit (ID # 19412) Public Event License, Veterans' Memorial Parade, Highland Ave from Walnut St to Holland St to Broadway with adjacent streets, Nov 4, 8AM-6PM.
- 68. License/Permit (ID # 19413) New Drainlayer's License, Manet Contracting. (Interim approval granted.)
- 69. License/Permit (ID # 19414) New Drainlayer's License, JR and Sons Construction. (Interim approval granted.)
- 70. License/Permit (ID # 19415) Renewing Garage License, Auto Mechanic Souza, 308 McGrath Hwy.
- 71. Withdrawn (ID # 19266) Withdrawn.

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| 72. | Withdrawn
(ID # 19264) | Withdrawn. |
| 73. | Withdrawn
(ID # 19265) | Withdrawn. |
| 74. | Withdrawn
(ID # 19318) | Withdrawn. |
| 75. | License/Permit
(ID # 19319) | Renewing Lodging House License, Delta Tau Delta Foundation, 98 Professors Row. |
| 76. | Public
Communication
(ID # 19416) | Matthew Pakos submitting comments re: Grant of Location application submitted by Eversource to re-locate a pole on Banks St. |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

LATE ITEMS

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| 77. | Order
(ID # 19418) | By Ald. Hirsch
That the Commissioner of Public Works and Director of Parks and Opens Space 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. |
| 78. | Resolution
(ID # 19417) | By Ald. Hirsch
That the Administration report on how the port-a-potty pilot went this summer, whether or not it can be expanded, and how residents should notify the city if port-a-potties need cleaning. |
| 79. | Order
(ID # 19419) | By Ald. Hirsch
That the Director of SomerPromise or Health and Human Services provide this Board with an overview of the Somerville Learning 2030 initiative and how the Board may be involved. |
| 80. | Resolution
(ID # 19425) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Administration use permitting and community benefits revenue for future Assembly Row developments to address pollution mitigation along I-93. |
| 81. | Order
(ID # 19426) | By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services coordinate with Mass DOT to address rodent issues along the GLX, particularly along Gilman Street, and update the Ward 1 Alderman on progress. |

- 82. Order (ID # 19427) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Parks and Recreation express to DCR the importance of keeping public pools and water fountains open later in the season due to climate change.
- 83. Order (ID # 19428) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD install a blinking STOP sign on the corner of Aldrich and Gilman Streets.
- 84. Order (ID # 19429) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at the corner of Gilman and Aldrich Streets.
- 85. Order (ID # 19430) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO LEFT TURN sign by the rotary next to the Burger Dive in Assembly Row.
- 86. Mayor's Request (ID # 19433) Requesting approval to appropriate \$154,050 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the Central Hill Campus Plan.
- 87. Mayor's Request (ID # 19420) Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 7-46(c) re: residency of Fair Housing Commission members.
- 88. Mayor's Communication (ID # 19389) Proclaiming the 2nd Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day.
- 89. Officer's Communication (ID # 19387) City Solicitor submitting an amendment to Ordinance 8-69 re: defining holidays with respect to junk collection.
- 90. Officer's Communication (ID # 19421) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #205801 with an Ordinance to provide voter registration accessibility.
- 91. Officer's Communication (ID # 19347) City Solicitor responding to #206394 re: a home rule petition to change the Board of Aldermen to a City Council.
- 92. Public Communication (ID # 19435) Ananda Lowe submitting comments re: #206285, proposed zoning for adult use marijuana establishments.

93. Public Communication (ID # 19434) Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #206504, to establish a Sr. Urban Forestry & Landscape Planner position.

ADJOURNMENT