

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

January 13, 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 Special Meeting of December 2, 2010, and the Regular Meeting of December 9, 2010.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Sullivan, Trane, the Entire Board

 Commending Rayberns for being a good Teele Sq. neighbor for 17 years.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz

 That this Board offers its support for the City of Somerville becoming a "Runner Friendly Community" in the upcoming national contest sponsored by the Road Runners Club of America, on February 1, 2011.

5. Order By Ald. Gewirtz

 That this Board's Committee on Rules convene to establish the Committee on Environment and Energy as a Standing Committee.

6. Order By Ald. Heuston

 That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board on the most recent reconstruction and re-design of the Somerville Avenue, Elm Street and Wilson Square area, which was intended to address potential accidents.

7. Order By Ald. Heuston

 That the Director of SPCD and the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board on the feasibility, cost and funding sources to eliminate impervious surfaces on the city's school playgrounds.

8. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Manager of Capital Projects include in the design of the East Somerville School, pervious surfaces for areas which will not be landscaped, including play areas and parking areas.
9. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Chief of Police and the Director of SPCD (ISD) create a plan to address noise issues at 26 Mansfield Street and 9 Ward Street.
10. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring properties of a certain use and size, to obtain a permit before using an amplified sound system, and be soundproofed.
11. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Chief of Police provide a detail to monitor traffic traveling from Somerville Avenue through Union Square onto Webster Avenue from 7:30 to 9 AM Monday through Friday, cite motorists violating the red light or blocking traffic on Webster Avenue during school drop off times, and determine the need for a police detail at the Charter School during drop off and pick up hours.
12. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 23 Calvin Street for health and building code violations, including evidence of rodent infestation, and contact the property owner for immediate remediation.
13. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the NOT A THROUGH STREET sign at the corner of Stone Avenue and Stone Place.
14. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate the feasibility of placing a STOP sign at the intersection of Bow Street and Somerville Avenue (East).

15. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Commissioner of Public Works evaluate, and if needed, repair the sidewalk panels at the intersection of Central Street and Highland Avenue, in front of the YMCA parking lot, at the Cummings School basketball court on School Street, and at the corner of School and Summer Streets.
16. Order By Ald. Roche, Sullivan
That the Director of SPCD work with the Chief Fire Engineer and the Ward One Alderman to ensure that the Broadway Streetscape plan allows for a simple and uninterrupted means of access for emergency vehicles servicing the streets in the Nunnery grounds area.
17. Order By Ald. Roche, Sullivan
That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the two street lights on Skilton Avenue, along the tracks closest to 240 Pearl Street, are continually illuminated, and that the Chief of Police monitor the area on a regular basis, from dusk to dawn, for individuals gathered there.
18. Order By Ald. Roche, Sullivan
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Communications direct all cable and phone companies to inspect their service drops in Ward One to ensure they are not drooping, so they don't get pulled down by passing vehicles, and inform the Ward One Alderman of their progress on a bi-weekly basis.
19. Order By Ald. Roche, Sullivan
That the Commissioner of Public Works secure the NO U TURN sign at Hathorn Street and Broadway, as its spinning creates a potential public safety incident, and inspect the other NO U TURN signs along lower Broadway, from Cross Street to Mount Vernon Street, to ensure their integrity.
20. Order By Ald. Roche, Sullivan
That the Chief of Police monitor traffic and cite motorists making illegal U-Turns on Broadway, from Cross Street to Mount Vernon Street.

21. Order By Ald. Roche, Sullivan
That the Chief of Police inform this Board if the Mayor's public statement of the city's support of all immigrants includes eliminating the SPD's General Order 2009-11, which states in part that notification of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency will only be authorized if a non-resident is arrested for murder, sexual offenses, narcotics trafficking, or other serious offenses. (2nd request)
22. Order By Ald. Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the two Sunnyside Avenue street signs and the STOP sign on corner of Sunnyside Avenue and Wigglesworth Street.
23. Order By Ald. Pero
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the snow and ice from the stairs between the Healey School and the Mystic neighborhood and take measures to ensure that they remain cleared.
24. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, the Entire Board
That this Board requests that the Administration provide a mid-year report on the FY 2011 city budget, including an analysis of departmental spending, health insurance and overtime expenditures.
25. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Pero
That this Board requests that Governor Deval Patrick explain why Thomas Kelly, retired USN, Vietnam Veteran and Medal of Honor recipient, who has led the Commonwealth's Department of Veteran's Services under four governors, was not retained.
26. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz, Trane
That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility company to repair the street lamp at the corner of Chapel and Chandler Streets.
27. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Broadway, between Leonard Street and Packard Avenue, ASAP.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

28. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Thomas Pasquarello to the position of Chief of Police.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

29. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, January 11, 2011.
- B. Mayor's Request Transferring \$30,000 from the DPW B&G Electricity Acct. to the Law Dept. Judgments/Settlement of Claims Acct.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to declare as Surplus Equipment a 1989 fire pumper in the Fire Dept.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$39,343 from the US Dept. of Justice's Justice Assistance Grant Program for the Police Dept. to purchase equipment.
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$5,222 from Federal Realty Investment Trust for Police expenses associated with the Riverfest Fireworks on Sept. 25.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for a \$7,500 grant from the MA Cultural Council to the Somerville Arts Council.
- G. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for a grant for \$ 25,890 from the MA Cultural Council for the Somerville Arts Council.
- H. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for \$4,500 grant from the MA Cultural Council to the Somerville Arts Council.
- I. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a contract for five years with incoming Police Chief Thomas Pasquarello.
- J. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to declare a 1994 Ford Crown Victoria in the Fire Dept. as a Surplus Vehicle.
- K. Mayor's Request Requesting the creation of the Rockwell Restaurant Group Stabilization Fund and acceptance of a mitigation payment to the fund of \$9,015 from the Rockwell Restaurant Group, to purchase a multi-spaced parking meter.
- L. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$15,341 from the Computer Equipment Acct. to the IT Capital Outlay Acct. to purchase a Voice Recorder System for the Police Dept.
- M. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$45,000 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Police Other Lump Sum Benefits Acct. to fund the Early Retirement Incentive Program for Police Superiors.

- N. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a 2010 All Traffic Solutions, Variable Message Board Trailer, valued at \$17,208, from the Urban Area Security Initiative Grant, for the Police Dept..
- O. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$16,591 from the Workers Compensation Personal Services Acct. to the Somerstat Professional Services Acct. to procure training services for the LeaderSTAT Program.
- P. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$10,000 from the American Health Association/American Stroke Association to the Health Dept. to promote physical activity and heart-healthy living.
- Q. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$2,000 from the MA Region 4B Emergency Preparedness Office to the Health Dept. to support emergency preparedness.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 30. Mayor's Request Requesting the acquisition of three East Somerville parcels at 15-25 Cross Street East (Map 89, Block K, Parcels 14, 15, and 16) for a new Harris Park.
- 31. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$170,047 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Insurance Losses Acct. to DPW and Police Flood Costs Accts. to pay expenses related to the July 10, 2010 Flood.
- 32. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$6,454 from the Water Enterprise Salary Contingency Acct. to the Water Enterprise Salaries Acct. to establish the position of Director of Administration & Finance, Water/Sewer Enterprise Funds.
- 33. Mayor's Request Requesting the expenditure of \$2,891.39 of FY11 Appropriations to pay three outstanding FY10 invoices in the Police Dept.
- 34. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$8,400 from the State Office of Public Safety to the Police Dept. for traffic enforcement.
- 35. Mayor's Request Requesting the expenditure of a grant of \$7,815 from the State Office of Public Safety and Security for the Fire Dept.'s SAFE Program.
- 36. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to enter into a street tree planting contract in excess of three years.
- 37. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Elizabeth Craveiro as City Treasurer & Collector of Taxes.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 38. Officer's Communication Director of SPCD responding to #189412 re: using CDBG funding for parking lot facades abutting public walkways.
- 39. Officer's Communication City Solicitor responding to #190434 re: Contacting NStar Electric to re-pave Bow Street.

NEW BUSINESS

- 40. License/Permit New Drain Layer's License, D. Muzzioli Associates Inc.
- 41. License/Permit Renewing Bus Route, Joseph's Transportation Inc., Tufts to Davis Sq. route.
- 42. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 1, Riverside, 2 Union Sq., 85 autos.
- 43. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Riverside, 2 Union Sq., 2 autos, 15 motorcycles.
- 44. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Auto Brokers of Somerville, 182 Washington St., 26 autos.
- 45. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Automotive Transport Service, 495 Columbia St., 10 autos in.
- 46. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Green Automotive Inc., 600 Windsor Place, 20 autos in.
- 47. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Pat's Auto Body Inc., 182 Washington St., 27 autos.
- 48. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Pat's Auto Body Inc., 161 Linwood St., 15 autos.
- 49. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Pat's Auto Body Inc., 308 McGrath Hwy., 12 autos.
- 50. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, John's Auto Sales, 181 Somerville Ave., 38 autos.
- 51. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, All Rite Collision LLC, 38-42 Medford St., 10 autos.
- 52. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Benny's Auto Sales, 508 Somerville Ave., 2 autos in, 8 out.
- 53. License/Permit 2010 Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Benny's Auto Sales, 508 Somerville Ave., 2 autos in, 8 out.

- 54. Public Communication MA DOT presenting information about upcoming work on I-93: the I-93 Fast Fourteen Project.
- 55. Public Communication 51 Registered Voters submitting a petition for a public hearing on KSS Realty Partners and the use of union labor at the MaxPac site.
- 56. Public Communication Rep. Provost submitting a response to #190410 re: Winter Hill and MBTA Rt. 89 bus service.
- 57. Public Communication MA Dept. of Public Health submitting a response to #190061 re: studying the health impacts of pollution from Rt. 93.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 58. Resolution By Ald. Roche
That this Board requests that the State Delegation notify the appropriate state agency to clear all state-controlled sidewalks of snow and ice, specifically from McGrath Highway from Pearl Street to Broadway.
- 59. Mayor's Request Requesting the Board of Alderman vote to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for Somerville High School
- 60. Mayor's Request Requesting the Board of Alderman vote to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the Benjamin Brown School
- 61. Mayor's Request Requesting the Board of Alderman vote to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the Winter Hill Community School
- 62. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of Ordinance amending the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances to amend or add provisions related to Chapter 12, Article 4, Placement and Maintenance of Newsracks and Chapter 12, Article 1, General
- 63. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to enter into a contract with City Solutions, Inc. to operate a modular newsrack program for ten (10) years

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk