

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

January 26, 2017, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.  
    (ID # 15441)
  
2. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meetings of  
    (ID # 15442)        December 1, 6, and 13, 2016, and the Regular Meeting  
                             of December 8, 2016.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation            By Ald. McWatters, White Jr., and the Entire Board  
    (ID # 15443)        Commending Sister Rachel Ferdinand on the auspicious  
                             occasion of her 100th birthday.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

4. Order                By Ald. Ballantyne  
    (ID # 15405)        That the Director of SPCD share with this Board a  
                             marketing plan for commercial development,  
                             highlighting the transformative districts.
  
5. Order                By Ald. Ballantyne  
    (ID # 15406)        That the Chief of Police monitor traffic exiting from  
                             Tannery Brook Road onto Cameron Avenue.
  
6. Order                By Ald. Ballantyne  
    (ID # 15407)        That the City Solicitor and Director of Traffic and  
                             Parking advise what surrounding communities' best  
                             practices are regarding home addresses written on  
                             residential parking permits.
  
7. Order                By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
    (ID # 15424)        That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the  
                             sidewalks on Oakland and Evergreen Avenues between  
                             Thurston and Marshall Streets.
  
8. Order                By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
    (ID # 15425)        That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint the  
                             crosswalks at the Marshall Street Playground.

9. Order (ID # 15426) By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works direct Eversource to replace the poles at the corner of School Street and Oakland Avenue.
10. Resolution (ID # 15427) By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Licensing Commission revoke all licenses held by the Winter Hill Market at 269 Broadway.
11. Order (ID # 15428) By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the City Solicitor contact the State Lottery Commission to begin revoking the lottery license for the Winter Hill Market at 269 Broadway.
12. Order (ID # 15429) By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait School Street between Medford Street and Broadway, and all around the Healy school.
13. Resolution (ID # 15430) By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Superintendent of Schools look into how trash is kept at the Healy School, to prevent rodent activity.
14. Resolution (ID # 15431) By Ald. Rossetti, McWatters  
That the Administration unveil the CPA-funded Prospect Hill Tour inclusion video at this Board's next meeting.
15. Order (ID # 15432) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board the City's position on installing artificial turf fields with crumb rubber infill while the US EPA studies the potential health and environmental hazards of such infill, and explain why the City doesn't use organic infill.
16. Order (ID # 15433) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Commissioner of Public Works work with the Mayor, Representative Provost and Senator Jehlen to get the appropriate state agency to clean state-owned trash-filled land on the east and west sides of the Central Street Bridge.
17. Order (ID # 15434) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to the Ward 5 Alderman on whether large truck traffic can be curtailed or banned on Cedar Street to avoid disturbing residents' peace and damaging their foundations.

- 18. Order (ID # 15435) By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., Davis  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the timer on the walkway lamps at Powder House Park on the College Avenue side.
- 19. Order (ID # 15436) By Ald. McWatters  
That the Chief of Police provide traffic enforcement on Atherton Street between Beech and Spring Streets at various times.
- 20. Resolution (ID # 15437) By Ald. McWatters  
That the Administration consider providing a sprinkler and irrigation system for Prospect Hill Park.
- 21. Order (ID # 15438) By Ald. McWatters  
That the Director of SPCD update this Board with the schedule and locations of this spring's tree plantings.
- 22. Order (ID # 15439) By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., Rossetti, Connolly, McLaughlin  
That the appropriate department head request that the commuter rail operator address some early morning noise issues.
- 23. Order (ID # 15440) By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., Rossetti, Connolly  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint the NO CYCLING sidewalk decals in all central business districts, as soon as weather permits.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**24. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE**

- A. Committee Report (ID # 15412) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters meeting on January 25, 2017.
- B. Mayor's Request 202379 Requesting the appointment of Cristina DeWeese to the Commission for Women.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. Mayor's Request 202380 Requesting the re-appointment of Daisy Monsalve to the Commission for Women.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Mayor's Request 202452 Requesting the appointment of Kat Rutkin to the Commission for Women.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- E. Mayor's Request 202453 Requesting the re-appointment of Katherine M. Wallace to the Commission for Women.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- F. Mayor's Request 202454 Requesting the re-appointment of Marlena Erdos to the Commission for Women.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- G. Mayor's Request 202455 Requesting the re-appointment of Melissa Alfone to the Commission for Women.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- H. Mayor's Request 202647 Requesting the confirmation of Rich Raiche as City Engineer.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- I. Mayor's Request 202655 Requesting confirmation of Christopher Hosman as Executive Director of the Women's Commission.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- J. Mayor's Request 202663 Requesting the appointment of Housing Authority employee Daniel J. Meade as a Special police Officer.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- K. Mayor's Request 202664 Requesting the appointment of Jessica Palacios Yamakawa to the Community Preservation Committee.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- L. Mayor's Request 202692 Requesting the confirmation of Ron Bonney as Superintendent of Fleet Management.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- M. Mayor's Request 202693 Requesting the appointment of William Roche as Municipal Hearing Officer.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- N. Mayor's Request 202694 Requesting the appointment of Anne Tate to the Somerville Redevelopment Authority.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- O. Mayor's Request 202698 Requesting confirmation of appointment of Maren Chiu to the Board of Library Trustees.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved

25. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 15411) Report of the Committee on Finance meeting on January 25, 2017.
- B. Mayor's Request 202374 Requesting the appropriation of \$40,000 from the CPA Fund Open Space and Recreation Land Reserve budget to the Parks and Open Space Division for a Land Acquisition Study Fund.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- C. Mayor's Request 202488 Requesting the appropriation of \$250,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Law Department Legal Services Account to fund additional outside legal counsel services.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Mayor's Request 202489 Requesting the appropriation of \$150,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Health & Human Services Professional and Technical Services Account to contract with Teen Empowerment for youth development.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. Mayor's Request 202532 Requesting a transfer of \$93,000 from the Sanitation Recycling Account to the Highway Overtime Account to fund overtime for maintenance of the increased vehicle fleet.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- F. Mayor's Request 202629 Requesting authorization to borrow \$1,660,000 in a bond, and appropriate the same amount for construction services as part of the MWRA Local Water Assistance Program.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- G. Mayor's Request 202630 Requesting to transfer CPA funds totaling \$889,962 from the CPA Fund Budgeted Reserve to designated CPA reserves per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- H. Mayor's Request 202631 Requesting the appropriation of \$880,416 from the CPA Fund Community Housing Reserve to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- I. Mayor's Request 202632 Requesting an appropriation of \$274,879 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of FY17 Police capital equipment and vehicles.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- J. Mayor's Request 202633 Requesting the acceptance and appropriation of an additional \$45,000 from US2 Associates into the Union Sq Revitalization and Stabilization Fund.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- K. Mayor's Request 202634 Requesting an appropriation of \$45,000 from the Union Square Stabilization and Revitalization Fund for the redevelopment of Union Square.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- L. Mayor's Request 202636 Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$750 using available funds in the Engineering Department Professional and Technical Services Account.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- M. Mayor's Request 202640 Requesting approval to accept the gift of a painting from the village of San Esteban Catarina, El Salvador.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- N. Mayor's Request 202690 Requesting an appropriation of \$50,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Law Department's Damages to Persons & Property Judgments/Settlements Account.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- O. Officer's Communication 202702 City Solicitor requesting approval of a contract with Deutsch Williams as outside legal counsel.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved

26. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 15408) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on January 17, 2017.

27. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 15410) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on January 24, 2017.

28. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 15409) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters meeting on January 19, 2017.
- B. Resolution 201899 By Ald. Niedergang, McLaughlin, McWatters, Lafuente, Sullivan, Davis, White Jr., Rossetti, Ballantyne, Connolly  
That this Board calls upon developers that receive any form of public financial support to use responsible prevailing-wage contractors that provide health insurance, worker's compensation, retirement benefits, and apprenticeship training to build their projects.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 201905 By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne  
That this Board, with the City Solicitor, develop an ordinance for trees on city-owned property that extends to them the requirements for public notices and hearings currently in place for all "public shade trees."  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- D. Resolution 201913 By Ald. Connolly  
That the Administration meet with Alderman Heuston and other Aldermen as necessary to prepare recommendations re: #199934 before the Legislative Matters Committee's next meeting.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Order 202361 By Ald. Rossetti  
That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on inserting a fee in the proposed jobs linkage ordinance, prior to the next Nexus study being completed.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Order 202510 By Ald. Rossetti  
That the City Solicitor draft a Home Rule Petition allowing residents who purchase a home from an absentee landlord the ability to claim residential tax exemption from the date of purchase.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Order 202511 By Ald. Rossetti  
That the City Solicitor advise this Board of its ability to not allow absentee landlords the continued benefit of the residential tax exemption at the time of purchase from a residential tax exempt homeowner.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- H. Mayor's Request 202689 Requesting approval to amend Ordinance 9-1 regarding alcohol in public parks.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

29. Mayor's Request (ID # 15413) Requesting the appropriation of \$2,335,038 from the Salary Contingency and Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to various Police Department Personal Services Accounts to fund retroactive and FY17 wage provisions of the JLMC Police Employees Association.
30. Mayor's Request (ID # 15418) Requesting authorization to borrow \$500,000 in a bond, and appropriate the same amount, for ADA accessibility building improvements.
31. Mayor's Request (ID # 15420) Requesting authorization to borrow \$410,000 in a bond, and appropriate the same amount, for Phase 2 of the Building Assessment / Preventive Maintenance Plan / Master Plan Project.
32. Mayor's Request (ID # 15348) Requesting acceptance of a \$22,460 grant with no new match required, from the MA Emergency Management Agency to the Health & Human Services Department for emergency preparedness activities.

- 33. Mayor's Request (ID # 15416) Requesting acceptance of a \$11,000 grant with no new match required, from Tufts' Tisch Community Research Center to the Health & Human Services Department for a comprehensive food system assessment.
- 34. Mayor's Request (ID # 15415) Requesting acceptance of a \$7,465 grant with no new match required, from the Metro Regional Employment Board to the Health & Human Services Department for youth employment.
- 35. Mayor's Request (ID # 15335) Requesting the re-appointment of Paula Machado to the Board of Health.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 36. Officer's Request (ID # 15444) City Clerk requesting approval of his Public Official's Bond.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 37. License/Permit (ID # 15445) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Dali Restaurant, 415 Washington St.
- 38. License/Permit (ID # 15449) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Soundbites, 704 Broadway.
- 39. License/Permit (ID # 15446) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Parkway.
- 40. License/Permit (ID # 15447) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, CM Auto Sales, 39 Webster Ave.
- 41. License/Permit (ID # 15448) Renewing Garage License, DM Auto Services, 45 Webster Ave.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

- 42. Order (ID # 15452) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a blinking STOP sign on the corner of Mount Vernon and Pearl Streets.
- 43. Order (ID # 15453) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the downed street light on the corner of Mount Vernon and Pearl Streets.



44. Order (ID # 15455) By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters  
That the Chief of Police enforce speed limits on lower Porter Street, by Carver Street and Williams Court, especially during rush hours.
45. Mayor's Request (ID # 15414) Requesting approval of an Ordinance amending the Local Historic District Map to create a new Harvard Hill Historic District encompassing properties in the area of Beacon Street and Smith Avenue.
46. Mayor's Request (ID # 15454) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$375,000 in a bond for the construction of a U8 Winter Hill Community School Soccer Field.
47. Mayor's Request (ID # 15402) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$36,730.52 using available funds within various Department of Public Works accounts.
48. Mayor's Request (ID # 15419) Requesting acceptance of a 12 month lease of the West Somerville Police Substation and office space at 1112-1114 Broadway.
49. Mayor's Request (ID # 15451) Requesting approval to use the firm of Foley Hoag as pro bono legal counsel for legal research and analysis regarding Sanctuary City status.
50. Mayor's Request (ID # 15450) Requesting the appointment of retired Police Officer Richard Gilberti as a Special Police Officer.
51. Officer's Communication (ID # 15417) Assistant City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance relating to alcohol in public parks as recommended at the 1/19/17 meeting of the Committee on Legislative Matters (#202689).

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**