

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 26, 2015, 7:00 PM
 Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

- 1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 11252)

- 2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,
 (ID # 11253) February 26, 2015.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 3. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
 (ID # 11223) That the Director of SPCD (Planning) inform this Board
 in writing by March 30 of the number of additional
 dwelling units allowed under the proposed zoning
 ordinance.

- 4. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
 (ID # 11225) That the Director of SPCD (Planning) submit a plan by
 March 30 that identifies how the proposed zoning
 ordinance will affect the zoning of city owned buildings.

- 5. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
 (ID # 11226) That the Director of SPCD (Planning) submit by March
 30 an implementation plan for how the new proposed
 zoning ordinance relates to water and sewer, other
 infrastructure changes, police and fire personnel
 capacity, and public safety buildings.

- 6. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
 (ID # 11227) That the Director of SPCD and the City Solicitor advise
 this Board in writing by March 30 whether the proposed
 zoning ordinance complies with state law regarding the
 co-habitation of 4 unrelated adults and how much
 authority a municipality has in this regard.

- 7. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
 (ID # 11228) That the Director of SPCD (Planning) discuss with this
 Board by April 15 a requirement for Institutional Master
 Plans as part of the proposed zoning ordinance.

8. Order (ID # 11229) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Recreation and the Finance Director update this Board and its Committee on Youth Services about any outstanding invoices for the Veterans Rink in FY14 and FY15.
9. Order (ID # 11234) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works report to the Ward 5 Alderman on repairs to prevent tripping at the following crosswalks: Linden Avenue on the south side of Summer Street; Aberdeen Road by Highland Avenue; and Hall Street by Cherry Street. (3rd request)
10. Order (ID # 11231) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Hudson Street behind the Armory parking lot eastward to 46 Hudson Street.
11. Order (ID # 11232) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes between 26 Hall Street and Cherry Street.
12. Order (ID # 11233) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on the east side of Lowell Street between Hudson Street and Albion Street.
13. Order (ID # 11236) By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes at the Ward 3 locations describe within.
14. Order (ID # 11238) By Ald. McWatters, Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Porter Street, between Summer Street and Highland Avenue.
15. Order (ID # 11237) By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of Traffic and Parking determine if there is an adequate sight line for motorists turning left onto Central Street from Oxford Street.
16. Order (ID # 11239) By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the street sign at Winslow and College Avenues, including the Gordon Norman Square sign.

17. Order (ID # 11240) By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sunken manhole cover at Winslow Avenue and Grove Street.
18. Order (ID # 11241) By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD report in writing to this Board and to the residents of Cobble Hill, prior to this Board's next meeting, on the demolition and construction at 90 Washington Street.
19. Order (ID # 11242) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean and remove trash along lower Broadway.
20. Order (ID # 11243) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a crosswalk sign at the corner of Cross Street and Auburn Avenue.
21. Order (ID # 11244) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inform businesses of their responsibility to clean in front of their properties.
22. Order (ID # 11245) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the traffic signs on the corners of Gilman Terrace/Pearl Street and Pennsylvania/Indiana Avenues.
23. Order (ID # 11246) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street light on Washington Street near Cataldo Ambulance.
24. Order (ID # 11247) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the area surrounding 94 Broadway for rodents.
25. Communication (ID # 11221) By Ald. Rossetti
Conveying a Boston University Student Project relative to Logan Airport and community impacts.
26. Communication (ID # 11222) By Ald. Rossetti
Conveying a report of the first meeting of the SHS Construction Building Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

27. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 11218) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on March 24, 2015, as a Committee of the Whole.

- B. Mayor's Request 198228 Authorization to borrow \$300,000 and appropriate that amount in a bond for resignalization and an upgrade to the Powderhouse Square Rotary.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- C. Mayor's Request 198326 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$8,400 from the Department of Environmental Protection for recycling.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- D. Order 198354 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the cost break down of last week's snow removal and de-icing and discuss the procedures for determining when to initiate snow removal and de-icing.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- E. Mayor's Request 198415 Requesting approval of an intradepartmental transfer of \$17,500 in the Health and Human Services Dept., from the Personal Services Account to the Professional and Technical Services Account, to cover Shape Up Somerville's contract with the Head to Fitness Program Coordinator through FY15.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- F. Mayor's Request 198520 Requesting approval to extend a lease with Zipcar through 12/31/15 for 7 spaces in municipal lots.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- G. Order 198580 By Ald. McLaughlin, Rossetti
That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer explain public safety efforts in Assembly Square.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- H. Mayor's Request 198594 Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totalling \$9,688.26 with FY15 funds in the Dept. of Public Works.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- I. Mayor's Request 198595 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$460,000 from the MA Cultural Facilities Fund for the Arts Council's ARTFarm development.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- J. Officer's Communication 198601 Retirement Board notifying this Board of its intention to vote at a regular meeting on a Cost of Living Adjustment for eligible retirees for 2015.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- K. Mayor's Request 198615 Requesting the appropriation of \$258,669 in unused bond funds to renovate the Kennedy School Playground.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- L. Mayor's Request 198616 Requesting to appropriate \$500,000 from the CPA Fund Historic Resources Reserve for the rehabilitation of Prospect Hill Tower per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- M. Mayor's Request 198617 Requesting to appropriate \$450,945 from Undesignated CPA Fund Balance for the preservation and rehabilitation of Temple B'nai Brith per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- N. Mayor's Request 198618 Requesting to appropriate \$243,000 from Undesignated CPA Fund Balance for the rehabilitation of the historic windows at the Mystic Water Works per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- O. Mayor's Request 198619 Requesting to appropriate \$200,000 from the CPA Fund Historic Resources Reserve and Undesignated CPA Fund Balance for design services for the rehabilitation of City Hall per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- P. Mayor's Request 198620 Requesting to appropriate \$168,161 from the CPA Fund Historic Resources Reserve for the rehabilitation of the Somerville Museum and the preservation of its collections per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- Q. Mayor's Request 198621 Requesting to appropriate \$85,000 from the CPA Fund Open Space/Recreation Reserve for design services for the rehabilitation of Prospect Hill Park per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- R. Mayor's Request 198622 Requesting to appropriate \$52,090 from the CPA Fund Open Space/Recreation Reserve for the design of the rehabilitation of the Community Growing Center per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- S. Mayor's Request 198623 Requesting to appropriate \$48,360 from the CPA Fund Historic Resources Reserve for the rehabilitation of Milk Row Cemetery per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- T. Mayor's Request 198624 Requesting to appropriate \$45,373 from the CPA Fund Open Space/Recreation Reserve for the rehabilitation of eight school garden classrooms per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- U. Mayor's Request 198625 Requesting to appropriate \$45,000 from the CPA Fund Open Space/Recreation Reserve for the Healey School to Mystic project per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- V. Mayor's Request 198626 Requesting to appropriate \$44,982 from Undesignated CPA Fund Balance for the preservation and rehabilitation of the stained glassed window at First Congregational Church of Somerville UCC per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- W. Mayor's Request 198627 Requesting to appropriate \$43,000 from Undesignated CPA Fund Balance to preserve a portion of the City's permanent archives collections per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- X. Mayor's Request 198628 Requesting to appropriate \$7,500 from the CPA Fund Historic Resources Reserve for the preservation of the American Tube Works Complex through National Register of Historic Places Nomination per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- Y. Mayor's Request 198629 Requesting an appropriation of \$100,575 from the Capital Stabilization Fund, to allow the Public Works Dept. to purchase trash and recycling barrels as well as benches.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

28. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 11220) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on March 19, 2015, as a Committee of the Whole.
- B. Public Communication 198462 Linda Siraco submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- C. Public Communication 198463 Kate Wheeler and David Guss submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File

- D. Public Communication 198464 Rob Cheyne submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- E. Public Communication 198465 Karen Molloy submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- F. Public Communication 198466 Jennifer Grande submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- G. Public Communication 198467 Mark Gallagher submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- H. Public Communication 198468 MaJa Kietzke submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- I. Public Communication 198535 Kirsten Wesselhoeft submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- J. Public Communication 198536 Erica Voolich submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- K. Public Communication 198537 Kevin Oliver submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- L. Public Communication 198538 Fred Berman and Lori Segall submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- M. Public Communication 198539 John Bunzick submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- N. Public Communication 198540 Rob Cheyne submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- O. Public Communication 198555 Joe Lynch submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File

- P. Public Communication 198556 Elizabeth Levy submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- Q. Public Communication 198557 Allison Stieber submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- R. Public Communication 198612 Mary Mangan submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- S. Public Communication 198613 Brendan Kearney submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- T. Public Communication 198614 Leonard Tower submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- U. Order (ID # 11216) By Ald. Rossetti
That the City Clerk inform the Chamber of Commerce, Union Square Main Streets and East Somerville Main Streets of the proposed plastic bag ordinance (#198251).

29. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 11219) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on March 26, 2015, as a Committee of the Whole.

30. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 11217) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on March 25, 2015, as a Committee of the Whole.
- B. Resolution 194939 By Ald. Desmond, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., Bastardi, Taylor, Lafuente, O'Keefe, Gewirtz, Trane
That this Board requests that the Cambridge Health Alliance cease, or shelve, its proposed consolidation plan until they convene stakeholders to discuss how best to meet the challenges of an ever changing health care landscape, while meeting the needs of our community.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Resolution 197962 By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Administration and NSTAR provide this Board with an update regarding the numerous blackouts in East Somerville and the surrounding neighborhoods.

- RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Officer's Communication 198256 DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 11/13/14.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed, ,
- E. Order 198383 By Ald. Connolly, McWatters
That the Director of SPCD dispatch the NIT team to inspect 135 Lowell Street for building, health and/or zoning code violations.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Order 198579 By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the Rent a Center store on Broadway for trash and other violations.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Order 198582 By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect Walnut Street between Medford and Pearl Streets for possible chemical spills.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- H. Order (ID # 11282) By Ald. Heuston
That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (ISD) perform weekly inspections of the Rent-a-Center store on Broadway for trash and other violations.
- I. Order (ID # 11283) By Ald. Connolly
That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (ISD) perform weekly inspections of Walnut Street, between Medford and Pearl Streets, for any signs of a chemical spill.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

31. Mayor's Request (ID # 11230) Requesting approval of the 2015-2016 HUD One Year Action Plan, for CDBG, HOME, and ESG programming.
32. Mayor's Request (ID # 11209) Requesting to pay outstanding FY14 invoices totalling \$9,438.42 in the Traffic and Parking Department.
33. Mayor's Request (ID # 11251) Requesting the acceptance of a reimbursement of \$169,736 from MassDOT for the Public Works Department through the Winter Rapid Recovery Road Program, for repairs to roads due to winter damage.
34. Mayor's Request (ID # 11250) Requesting approval to create a Tufts University Consolidated Gift Account.

- 35. Mayor's Request (ID # 11249) Requesting the acceptance of a donation of \$75,000 from Tufts University for educational, recreational, or cultural purposes.
- 36. Mayor's Request (ID # 11215) Requesting approval to declare as surplus 3 vehicles in the Fire Department.
- 37. Mayor's Request (ID # 11254) Requesting the reappointment of Ed Bean to the position of City Auditor.
- 38. Mayor's Request (ID # 11255) Requesting the confirmation of the appointment of Jamie Lefkowitz to the Conservation Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 39. Officer's Communication (ID # 11188) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 2/26/15.

NEW BUSINESS

- 40. License/Permit (ID # 11264) Public Event Permit, Assembly Row Spring Bunny Hop, Artisan Way, Mar 28, 8:30AM-1PM (raindate Mar 29).
- 41. License/Permit (ID # 11265) Public Event Permit, Tufts Cycling Team Bike Race, Tufts campus area, Mar 29, 6:30AM-6:30PM.
- 42. License/Permit (ID # 11266) Public Event Permit, St. Benedict Good Friday Passion Re-enactment, St. Benedict area, Apr 3, 5-6PM.
- 43. License/Permit (ID # 11267) Public Event Permit, Connexion Easter Egg Hunt, Chuckie Harris Park, Apr 4, Noon-4PM.
- 44. License/Permit (ID # 11268) Public Event Permit, Mayor's Spring Clean Up, Boat House and citywide, Apr 25, 9AM-3PM (raindate Apr 26).
- 45. License/Permit (ID # 11269) Public Event Permit, Somerville Homeless Coalition Street Store, Davis Sq 7 Hills Park, Apr 26, 10:30AM-3:30PM (raindate May 3).
- 46. Withdrawn (ID # 11270) Withdrawn.
- 47. License/Permit (ID # 11271) Public Event Permit, Union Sq Farmers Market, Saturdays May 16-Nov 21, 7AM-2PM.

48. License/Permit (ID # 11272) Public Event Permit, Arts Council Porchfest, Citywide, May 16, Noon-6PM (raindate May 17).
49. License/Permit (ID # 11273) Public Event Permit, Somerville Homeless Coalition Save Our Homes Walk, HS Concourse and area, May 17, Noon-4:30PM.
50. License/Permit (ID # 11274) Public Event Permit, Davis Sq Farmers Market, Herbet St Lot, Wednesdays May 20-Nov 25, 9:30AM-7PM.
51. License/Permit (ID # 11275) Public Event Permit, Lake St Block Party, Jun 6, 9AM-7PM.
52. License/Permit (ID # 11276) Public Event Permit, Assembly Farmers Market, Sundays Jun 7-Oct 25, 8:30AM-3:30PM.
53. License/Permit (ID # 11277) Public Event Permit, Somerville Foundation for Animals Dog Fest, Trum Field, Sep 13, 7AM-5:30PM.
54. License/Permit (ID # 11258) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Blue Shirt Cafe, 424 Highland Ave.
55. License/Permit (ID # 11260) New Extended Operating Hours License, Brooklyn Boulders, 12A Tyler St., Opening until 2AM on selected dates.
56. Public Communication (ID # 11256) Rep. Provost submitting comments re: the proposed zoning ordinance.
57. Public Communication (ID # 11210) Nancy Donahue submitting comments re: the proposed zoning ordinance.
58. Public Communication (ID # 11211) KImberly Rego submitting comments re: the proposed zoning ordinance.
59. Public Communication (ID # 11214) Bill Valletta submitting comments re: the proposed zoning ordinance.
60. Public Communication (ID # 11257) Cecil Cummings submitting comments re: the proposed zoning ordinance.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 61. Resolution (ID # 11259) By Ald. McLaughlin
That Katherine Cremin appear before this Board to provide an update on the Deanna Cremin case.

- 62. Order (ID # 11261) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works install two new trash receptacles in front of 122 and 128 Broadway.

- 63. Order (ID # 11262) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that street cleaning is being performed on Glen Street.

- 64. Resolution (ID # 11263) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Administration update this Board on obtaining sound proof barriers along I-93, which would also help to curb fine particle pollution.

- 65. Order (ID # 11278) By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board
That the Chief Fire Engineer report to this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety on present and future fire station locations.

- 66. Order (ID # 11281) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD (Planning) advise by zoning district (i.e. NR, UR, 3MU) the increase in housing density (e.g. RA & RB change into NR), what is the increase in housing units in the proposed new zoning districts.

- 67. Mayor's Request (ID # 11284) Requesting the reappointment of William Roche as Director of Personnel.

- 68. License/Permit (ID # 11279) Public Event Permit, Somerville Homeless Coalition 5K Road Race, Ceremony, and Banner, Davis Sq area, Oct 3, 6:30AM-1PM.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT