

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2011, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Absent	
Walter F. Pero	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Sean T. O'Donovan	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. #192169 Call of the Roll.
Roll Call

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. #192170 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 13, 2011.
Minutes

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. #192171 Commending Captain John Keane, Lt. Steven Ortolani, and Firefighters
Citation Michael Powers, Christopher Clark, Francis Sharpe, and John Donovan, each given the Thomas Chetham Award as Firefighter of the Year by American Legion Post 19.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

FOLLOWUP: Somerville Board of Aldermen

4. #192172 Citation Commending Officers Alan Monaco and Steve St. Hilaire, each given the Alexander McQuestion Award as Police Officer of the Year by American Legion Post 19.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

FOLLOWUP: Somerville Board of Aldermen

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. #192173 Order By Ald. Desmond, Trane
That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the status of the Water Works building at the corner of Capen Court and Mystic Valley Parkway.

RESULT: APPROVED

6. #192174 Order By Ald. Desmond, Trane
That the Director of SPCD investigate complaints that the lighting at the Capen Court VNA is shining into surrounding homes.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. #192175 Order By Ald. Desmond, Trane
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the hot top sidewalk panels at 509 Mystic Valley Parkway.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. #192176 Order By Ald. Desmond, Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the fence gate behind the Edgerly School.

RESULT: APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

9. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. #192177 Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on Committee Report November 9, 2011.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #192161 Requesting the appointment of Kenneth Silva to Fire Lieutenant.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. #192162 Requesting the appointment of Thomas Bellini to the Reserve Fire List.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

- D. #192163 Requesting the appointment of Eric Saulnier to the Reserver Fire List.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

- E. #192164 Requesting the appointment of John Curley to the Fire Reserve List.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

- F. #192165 Requesting the appointment of Brendan Hughes to the Fire Reserve List.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

- G. #192166 Requesting the appointment of James Piwinski to the Fire Reserve List.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

- H. #192167 Requesting the appointment of Kevin Williams to the Fire Reserve List.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

- I. #192168 Requesting the appointmernt of Francis Otting to the Fire Reserve List.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

10. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. #192178 Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on
Committee Report November 3, 2011.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #190999 Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That this Board's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety once again address the safety of the abandoned building at 82 Pearson Avenue, which remains in disrepair.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. #191733 Order By Ald. Trane
That the Director of Communications update this Board regarding the July 7 phone outage that affected the Fire Dept. and explain what steps have been taken to ensure it will not happen again.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. #192035 Order By Ald. Trane
That the City Solicitor and the Administration explore the legality and feasibility of banning HAZMAT trucks from driving through the City.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. #192179 Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Chief of Police appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to present a plan to enforce bicycling regulations for Spring, 2012.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

- F. #192180 Resolution By Ald. White Jr.
That the Administration inform the Committee on Public Health and Safety when the parking plan for the skating rink is ready.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

- G. #192181 Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works submit a lighting plan for the skating rink to the Committee on Public Health and Safety.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 11. | #192182
Mayor's Request | Requesting an appropriation of \$46,000 and authorization to borrow that amount in a bond to complete the planned replacement of DPW vehicles. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION | | |
| FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | | |
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| 12. | #192183
Mayor's Request | Requesting an appropriation of \$30,000 and authorization to borrow that amount in a bond for renovations to the old Union Square Firehouse. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION | | |
| FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | | |
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| 13. | #192184
Mayor's Request | Requesting an appropriation of \$76,923.02 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation – Insurance Losses Acct. to pay expenses related to the July 10, 2010, flood. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | | |
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| 14. | #192185
Mayor's Request | Requesting a transfer of \$15,000 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Police Other Lump Sum Payments Acct. to fund relocation expenses for the Police Chief per an Employment Agreement. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION | | |
| FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | | |
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| 15. | #192186
Mayor's Request | Requesting the use of available funds of \$11,348.80 to create a new Part-Time Data Entry Clerk for a School Nurse Unit at the Public Health Dept. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | | |
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| 16. | #192187
Mayor's Request | Requesting a transfer of \$9,350 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Police Animal Control Salaries Acct. to fund additional staff services during the maternity leave of the Animal Control Officer. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION | | |
| FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | | |
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| 17. | #192188
Mayor's Request | Requesting to pay prior year invoices in the Dept. of Public Works totalling \$15,067.40. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION | | |
| FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | | |

18. #192189 Mayor's Request Requesting to accept a \$25,000 MA Public Health Grant for the SCAP Social Norms/Marketing/Media Project to support several youth initiatives.

RESULT: APPROVED

19. #192190 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of \$2,856.87 from Federal Realty Investment Trust for the Fire Dept. to cover overtime associated with the Riverfest Fireworks.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

20. #192191 Officer's Request Chief Assessor requesting to appear before this Board for the classification hearing on November 22, 2011.

RESULT: APPROVED

21. #192192 Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

NEW BUSINESS

22. #192193 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Five Horses Tavern, 400 Highland Ave., 6 tables, 12 chairs, 1 A-frame sign.

RESULT: APPROVED

23. #192194 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Smart Tan, 258 Elm St., 1 A-frame sign.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

24. #192195 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Dave's Fresh Pasta, 81 Holland St., 6 tables, 12 chairs, 1 A-frame sign.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 25. | #192196
License/Permit | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, SSG Development LLC, 50 Middlesex Ave., planters and display windows. |
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| 26. | #192197
License/Permit | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, El Potro Mexican Grill, 61 Union Sq., 4 tables, 8 chairs. |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">RESULT: APPROVED</div> | | |
| 27. | #192198
License/Permit | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Dali Restaurant, 415 Washington St., 2 benches. |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">RESULT: APPROVED</div> | | |
| 28. | #192199
License/Permit | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, SoundBites, 704 Broadway, 4 tables, 16 chairs. |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">RESULT: APPROVED</div> | | |
| 29. | #192200
License/Permit | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Joshua Tree, 256 Elm St., A-Frame sign. |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">RESULT: APPROVED</div> | | |
| 30. | #192201
License/Permit | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 1, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy., 290 autos in, 55 out. |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">RESULT: APPROVED</div> | | |
| 31. | #192202
License/Permit | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 1, Smart Center Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy., 5 autos in. |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">RESULT: APPROVED</div> | | |
| 32. | #192203
License/Permit | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, William Doucette Auto Sales Inc., 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy., 2 autos in, 30 out. |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">RESULT: APPROVED</div> | | |
| 33. | #192204
License/Permit | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Executive Auto Leasing and Sales, 30 Medford St., 3 autos in. |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">RESULT: APPROVED</div> | | |
| 34. | #192205
License/Permit | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Towing Inc., 160 MdGrath Hwy., 75 autos out. |

RESULT: APPROVED

35. #192206 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, D.M. Auto Body Inc., 48 Joy St., 13 autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

36. #192207 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Motobidia LLC, 561 Windsor St., Suite A205, 0 autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

37. #192208 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, United Motors, 188 Broadway, 4 autos out.

RESULT: APPROVED

38. #192209 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Somerville Avenue Motors Inc., 595 Somerville Ave., 18 autos out.

RESULT: APPROVED

39. #192210 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Brake Corp., 45 Broadway, 3 autos out.

RESULT: APPROVED

40. #192211 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, John's Auto Sales, 181 Somerville Ave., 38 autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

41. #192212 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Barnes and Walsh, 224 Somerville Ave., 5 autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

42. #192213 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Mystic Auto Sales and Service, 712 Mystic Ave., 10 autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

43. #192214 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Tech Auto Body, 9 Union Sq., 2 autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

44. #192215 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Unlimited Auto Body, 471 Somerville Ave., 10 autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

45. #192216 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Teele Sq. Auto, 1284 Broadway, 2 autos out.

RESULT: APPROVED

46. #192217 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St., 22 autos out.

RESULT: APPROVED

47. #192218 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pearl Street Auto, 182 Pearl St., 2 autos in, 4 out.

RESULT: APPROVED

48. #192219 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum's Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.

RESULT: APPROVED

49. #192220 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum's Auto Parts, 0 Windsor St.

RESULT: APPROVED

50. #192221 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Ed's Used Auto Parts, 516-518 Columbia St.

RESULT: APPROVED

51. #192222 License/Permit New Extended Operating Hours License, Target Corp., 180 Somerville Ave., Opening "Black Friday," Nov 25, from 12 AM to 11 PM.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

LATE ITEMS

52. #192223 By Ald. Desmond, Taylor, O'Donovan, Connolly
Resolution That this Board requests that the Administration ensure that any person covered as a survivor, while insured through the City, maintains a level of coverage equal to or better than the coverage received while insured through the City.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

53. #192224 By Ald. Desmond, Taylor, O'Donovan, Connolly
Order That the City Solicitor and Director of Personnel report back to this Board as to why the few Somerville residents previously covered as survivors through their parent's policies will not receive coverage from the GIC.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

54. #192225 By Ald. Trane, and the Entire Board
Citation Congratulating Mary Bocella on the happy occasion of her 100th birthday.

RESULT: APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk