

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 24, 2013, 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	
Maureen Cuff-Bastardi	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Sean T. O'Donovan	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Absent	

1. #194254 Call of the Roll.
Roll Call

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. #194255 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, December 18, 2012.
Minutes

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. #194256 By Ald. O'Donovan
Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking recalibrate the traffic signal on Medford Street to allow more vehicles to exit Lowell Street onto Medford Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. #194257 Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That the Commissioner of Public Works illuminate street lights earlier than 6:00 AM to accommodate early morning walkers and runners.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. #194258 Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That the Commissioner of Public Works install a non-wood MAGOUN SQUARE sign in Magoun Square to showcase the area.

RESULT: APPROVED

6. #194259 Communication By Ald. White Jr.
Acting as President, Appointing Wig Zamore to serve as his designee on the State's Technical Advisory Group for the study of the Safety Impacts of Ethanol Transportation by Rail through the cities of Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett and Revere.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

7. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #194260 Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on January 22, 2013.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #193789 Mayor's Request Request to accept a gift of unknown value in the form of a painting by Barbara D'Ambrosio.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. #194161 Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a reciprocal easement over private property in Assembly Square.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Cuff-Bastardi,
Heuston, Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

- D. #194163 Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$27,500 from the MA Emergency
Mayor's Request Management Agency for radiation detection equipment.

RESULT: APPROVED

- E. #194203 Requesting authorization to create a Traffic and Parking Special Event
Mayor's Request Revolving Fund, with a \$60,000 spending cap.

RESULT: APPROVED

- F. #194207 Requesting the dedication of North Street Veterans Playground for Open
Mayor's Request Space and Recreational Use in perpetuity.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Cuff-Bastardi,
Heuston, Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

- G. #194208 Requesting an appropriation of \$715,000 for the renovation of the North
Mayor's Request Street Veterans Playground.

RESULT: APPROVED

- H. #194209 Requesting the acceptance of a Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for
Mayor's Request Communities (PARC) grant of \$400,000 for the North Street Veterans
Playground.

RESULT: APPROVED

- I. #194210 Requesting an appropriation of \$48,569 from the Capital Stabilization Fund
Mayor's Request for a Hybrid Administrative Command Vehicle for the Fire Department.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Cuff-Bastardi,
Heuston, Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

- J. #194211 Requesting the acceptance of a reimbursement of \$3,369.54 from Federal
Mayor's Request Realty Investment Trust for Riverfest event expenses.

RESULT: APPROVED

- K. #194212 Requesting the acceptance of two "Quick Deploy" video cameras from the Mayor's Request Boston Office of Emergency Management for the Police Department.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

CONDITION: That the Police shall not use these video cameras until the BOA has approved the policies and procedures for their use.

- L. #194213 Requesting the acceptance of a donation from Target Corporation to the Mayor's Request Police Department for eight used Dell laptop computers.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. #194261 Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Committee Report Planning Board on January 24, 2013.

RESULT: APPROVED

9. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. #194262 Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on January 22, Committee Report 2013.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. RULES AD HOC COMMITTEE

- A. #194263 Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Rules, meeting on January 17, 2013. Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #194201 By Ald. White Jr.
Order That this Board consider a series of changes to the Rules of this Board as described within to clarify and improve the proceedings of this Board and its Committees.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Cuff-Bastardi,
Heuston, Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz

ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

C. #194264
Order

By Ald. White Jr.

That this Board adopts an Interim Rule, for each item that is currently referred to two or more committees, allowing any of the committees separately to discharge the item once it has been addressed.

RESULT: APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

11. #194265 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$10,000 for Preventive Policing
Mayor's Request Analytics from The Bureau of Justice Assistance.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

12. #194266 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$7,625 from the MA Office of
Mayor's Request Public Safety and Security for the Fire Dept.'s Student Awareness of Fire
Education program.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

13. #194267 Requesting the acceptance of an Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant of
Mayor's Request \$2,332.27 from the Boston Office of Emergency Preparedness for radio
installation in the Fire Dept.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

14. #194268 Requesting the appointment of Rachel Borgatti to the Conservation
Mayor's Request Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

15. #194269 Requesting the appointment of Alexander Hackman to the Conservation
Mayor's Request Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

16. #194270 City Clerk requesting approval of his Public Official's Bond.
Officer's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

17. #194271 Public Event Permit, John Michelin Memorial Road Race, Somerville Ave to
License/Permit Washington St to Beacon St, Mar 24, 8AM-2PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

18. #194272 Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Dave's Fresh Pasta, 79 Holland St.
License/Permit

RESULT: APPROVED

19. #194273 Renewing Garage License, Mike's Auto Service, 298 Somerville Ave.
License/Permit

RESULT: APPROVED

20. #194274 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Automotive Transport Service,
License/Permit 495 Columbia St.

RESULT: APPROVED

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

21. #194275 By Ald. Cuff-Bastardi
Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the faded street signs on
either end of Sunnyside Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

22. #194276 By Ald. Heuston, Taylor, White Jr., O'Donovan, Lafuente, Connolly
Order That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board whether
Somerville Avenue has been turned over to the City by the State, and, if
reconstruction is still incomplete, what actions are being taken to resolve
any outstanding issues.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

23. #194277 Order By Ald. Heuston, Taylor, White Jr., O'Donovan, Lafuente, Connolly That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Traffic and Parking provide this Board with recommendations to address the traffic and parking concerns of business owners on Somerville Avenue, especially within the 400-700 blocks.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

24. #194278 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$124,965 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for equipment for the school department

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

25. #194279 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Special Police Officers Francis Pisani, Scott Gamble, Michael Devereaux, John Monte, David Lyons, Anthony Nargi, Dennis Silva, and George McLean.

RESULT: APPROVED

26. #194280 Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of James DiFraia as Constable.

RESULT: APPROVED

27. #194281 Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Browne as Constable.

RESULT: APPROVED

28. #194282 License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Dunkin Donuts, 76 Middlesex Ave., Awnings and lighting.

RESULT: APPROVED

LATE ITEMS

29. #194283 Order By Ald. Connolly That the Police Chief appear before this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss policies and procedures related to the use and retention of all video recordings.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

30. #194284
Order
- By Ald. Desmond
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the light bulbs at the High School basketball courts with the original style bulbs that came with the fixtures.

RESULT: APPROVED

31. #194285
Order
- By Ald. Taylor
That Goodyear Tire Company, 9 Bow St., be permitted to expand their hours of operation on Sundays to 11AM-5PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

32. #194220
License/Permit
- Renewing Garage License, American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED

Discharged from the Licenses and Permits Committee.

33. #194234
License/Permit
- Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED

Discharged from the Licenses and Permits Committee.

34. #194239
License/Permit
- Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy.

RESULT: APPROVED

Discharged from the Licenses and Permits Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk