

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

June 11, 2015, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.  
    (ID # 12029)
  
2. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May  
    (ID # 12030)        14, 2015.

**CITATIONS**

3. Withdrawn        Withdrawn.  
    (ID # 12031)
  
4. Citation            By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor  
    (ID # 12032)        Commending Dr. Alan Titelbaum, a long-time  
                              Somerville health care provider, who has partnered with  
                              the School Department to make eyeglasses available to  
                              children who could not otherwise afford them.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5. Grant of            Submitted by Eversource, to install 29 feet of conduit in  
    Location            Pitman St., from Pole 281/4 to 40 Pitman St.  
    (ID # 12033)
  
6. Grant of            Submitted by Lighttower Fiber Networks, to install 84  
    Location            feet of conduit in Elm St., from Manhole 0515/3105 to  
    (ID # 12034)        212 Elm St.

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

7. Resolution        By Ald. Rossetti  
    (ID # 12004)        That the Administration, with the Fire and Police  
                              Departments, compile a report of "needed assistance"  
                              calls made by each tax-exempt facility over the past 2  
                              years. (2nd request)
  
8. Order              By Ald. Rossetti  
    (ID # 12005)        That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider  
                              changing the signage on side streets that only allow  
                              access to abutters at certain times of the day, by  
                              changing the word abutters to residents.

9. Order (ID # 12006) By Ald. Rossetti, Ballantyne, Sullivan, Connolly, White Jr.  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) routinely inspect the neighboring grounds of Matignon High School to ensure that proper lawn maintenance is performed, so as not to become a breeding ground for rodents.
10. Order (ID # 12007) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board why many grass athletic playing fields are in poor condition, as compared with the excellent condition of Trum Field, and explain the resources and strategy of the DPW's turf maintenance operation.
11. Order (ID # 12008) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of Recreation report to this Board by the end of June on using the Trum Field outfield for youth soccer league games on Saturdays in the Fall of 2015.
12. Order (ID # 12009) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of Capital Projects and/or the Director of Sustainability and Environment update this Board and the Ward 5 Alderman regularly on the testing for contamination of groundwater from 154 Cedar Street.
13. Order (ID # 12010) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of Capital Projects and/or the Director of Sustainability and Environment report to this Board whether contaminated groundwater from underneath 154 Cedar Street may be getting into the pools of standing water beside the Community Path west of Cedar Street.
14. Order (ID # 12011) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of Capital Projects update the Ward 5 Alderman and this Board by the end of June on progress in resolving the drainage issues at 35R Lexington Avenue.
15. Order (ID # 12012) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the parking and trash area that opens onto Lowell Street, behind Modelo Bakery and White Sport Pizza in Magoun Square for signs of rodent activity and take appropriate action.
16. Order (ID # 12016) By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the roadway on Lowden Avenue between Kidder Avenue and Broadway.

- 17. Order (ID # 12017) By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove and replace the dead tree at 225 Morrison Avenue.
  
- 18. Order (ID # 12018) By Ald. White Jr.  
That the City Auditor prepare a list of all no bid contracts for goods and services in excess of \$25,000 currently in force.
  
- 19. Resolution (ID # 12019) By Ald. White Jr.  
That this Board supports MA House Bills 2870 and 2871, which seek to reduce gas leaks in the Commonwealth.
  
- 20. Communication (ID # 12028) By Ald. White Jr.  
Acting as President, Renaming the Special Committee on Environment and Energy as the Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

21. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 12015) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 4, 2015.
  
- B. Order (ID # 12000) By Ald. White Jr.  
That the Director of SPCD (Planning) provide copies of the proposed new zoning public comments to all Aldermen, within 3 weeks.
  
- C. Order (ID # 12001) By Ald. White Jr.  
That the Director of SPCD (Planning) provide the responses to the proposed new zoning public comments to this Board by August 21.

22. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 12014) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on June 3, 2015.
  
- B. License/Permit 199239 New Extended Operating Hours License, Pepi's Pizzeria, 515B Medford St., opening nightly to 2AM.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- C. License/Permit 199336 New Outdoor Seating License, Ward Maps, 24 Park St. #2, 1 A-Frame sign.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. License/Permit 199337 New Outdoor Seating License, Forge Baking Company, 626A Somerville Ave., 1 Parklet on street.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. License/Permit 199338 New Garage License, Mass Inspection, 712 Mystic Ave., 3 autos inside, 7 outside  
RECOMMENDED: Approved with Conditions

23. SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 12013) Report of the Committee on Senior Services, meeting on June 1, 2015.
- B. Resolution 190220 By Ald. Connolly  
That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission consider re-instating the policy of providing free resident parking stickers for residents 60 years old and older.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 190693 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.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Resolution 190885 By Ald. Gewirtz  
That this Board supports the Mayor in conducting a thorough investigation of the allegations pertaining to the Council on Aging, and urges that the findings of this investigation be reported to the Senior Services Committee.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Order 190905 By Ald. Taylor, Sullivan  
That the Chief of Police coordinate with the Housing Authority Police to enforce "Resident & Visitor Only" parking at 114 Highland Avenue, 252 Medford Street and 13 Warren Avenue.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Resolution 191363 By Ald. Taylor  
That this Board requests that the Administration investigate establishing a Seasonal Senior Clean Up Program in specific areas, for not more than 19 hours per week, to provide a stipend in conjunction with the Senior Tax Write-Off Program.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- G. Resolution 192149 By Ald. Trane, and the Entire Board  
That this Board stands opposed to the proposed increase in the Medicare eligibility age currently being debated in Congress.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- H. Order 192159 By Ald. Roche, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Director of the Council on Aging update the Senior Services Committee of any personnel changes, programming changes and number of regular attendee changes for each senior center.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- I. Order 192281 By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., Connolly, Desmond, Taylor, Heuston  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the city's Traffic Engineer appear before this Board's Committee on Senior Services to address pedestrian safety concerns in Union Square.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- J. Officer's Communication 192327 Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- K. Officer's Communication 192611 Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- L. Officer's Communication 192685 Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- M. Order 194842 By Ald. Taylor  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking lengthen the pedestrian WALK signal in Union Square beginning at the corner of Warren Avenue/Bow Street and continuing to Somerville Avenue.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- N. Officer's Communication 195028 Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- O. Order 195760 By Ald. Connolly, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) enforce the restriction against allowing dogs in the park beside 252 Pearl Street and report back to the Committee on Senior Services.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- P. Officer's Communication 196052 Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting a response to #195685 re: the intersection of Franklin Street and Broadway.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- Q. Resolution 198440 By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board  
That this Board supports the Don't Leave Seniors Behind Healthcare Campaign of the MA Senior Action Council.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- R. Order 198504 By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Directors of Constituent Services and the Council on Aging work with the Mayor's Office to develop a more robust program for low-cost shoveling for low-income seniors and people with disabilities who can't shovel or pay market rates.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- S. Order 199248 By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Director of the Council on Aging consider providing transportation to local supermarkets for seniors at Cobble Hill until construction of a new corner store is complete.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

24. Mayor's Request (ID # 11998) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$250,000 in a bond for two Hybrid DPW Refuse Trucks.
25. Mayor's Request (ID # 12002) Requesting a transfer of \$54,351 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund.
26. Mayor's Request (ID # 11999) Requesting a transfer of \$12,000 from the Schools Salaries Account to the DPW Electrical Lines and Lights Overtime Account for electrical work at the Cummings School.
27. Mayor's Request (ID # 11902) Requesting approval to pay prior fiscal year invoices in the Dept. of Public Works totalling \$5,544.29.
28. Mayor's Request (ID # 12025) Requesting the acceptance of a Metro North Regional Employment Board Summer Youth Works grant of \$39,300 for summer youth employment.
29. Mayor's Request (ID # 11859) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$3,000 from the Housing Authority for the Arts Council's Mystic Mural program.
30. Mayor's Request (ID # 11956) Requesting the reappointment of Laura Saunders to the Library Board of Trustees.
31. Mayor's Request (ID # 11957) Requesting the reappointment of June Pietrantoni to the Library Board of Trustees.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 32. License/Permit (ID # 12035) Public Event Permit, Newbury St. Block Party, Aug 15, 12-7PM (raindate Aug 22).
- 33. License/Permit (ID # 12044) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Tufts Mayer Campus Center, 44 Professors Row.
- 34. License/Permit (ID # 12045) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Tufts Tisch Library Cafe, 35 Professors Row.
- 35. License/Permit (ID # 12043) Renewing Flammables License, Somerville Hospital, 230 Highland Ave.
- 36. License/Permit (ID # 12042) Renewing Garage License, Teddy's Foreign Motors, 68 Joy St.
- 37. License/Permit (ID # 12041) Renewing Drainlayer's License, KB Aruda Construction.
- 38. License/Permit (ID # 12040) New Drainlayer License, NCCL Enterprises.
- 39. License/Permit (ID # 12039) New Outdoor Seating License, Tenoch Mexican, 382 Highland Ave., 2 tables, 4 chairs.
- 40. License/Permit (ID # 12037) New Mobile Food Vendor, Dino's Market.
- 41. License/Permit (ID # 12036) Amending Garage License Application, Mass Inspection, 712 Mystic Ave., seeking use of the on-premises lift.
- 42. License/Permit (ID # 12038) Amending Used Car Dealers License Class 2, American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave., extending to 654 Mystic Ave. with 16 vehicles outside.
- 43. Public Communication (ID # 11997) Good Jobs Somerville and the NE Regional Council of Carpenters expressing concern about FRIT's selection of Callahan Inc. as its general contractor for Assembly Row Parcel 6.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

- 44. Order (ID # 12020) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the pothole at 78 Woods Avenue.

45. Order (ID # 12021) By Ald. Ballantyne  
That the Chief Fire Engineer inspect 56 Sunset Road for the storage of a couch on the front porch.
46. Order (ID # 12046) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the grass on Inner Belt Road.
47. Order (ID # 12047) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking conduct a traffic study on Lincoln and Perkins Streets and propose traffic calming measures.
48. Order (ID # 12048) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the proprietor of the liquor store at 78 Broadway to remove the trash from the front of the building and issue fines where appropriate.
49. Order (ID # 12049) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the weeds on Edmond and Dana Streets.
50. Order (ID # 12050) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint the crosswalks along Pennsylvania Avenue.
51. Order (ID # 12051) By Ald. McWatters  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 16 Homer Square.
52. Order (ID # 12052) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees in Palmacci Park, especially the tree blocking the yellow pedestrian crossing sign.
53. Order (ID # 12053) By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install solar blinking lights at the pedestrian crossing at 270 Washington Street.
54. Order (ID # 12054) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider traffic calming measures to reduce the speed of vehicles around Hoyt-Sullivan Park, including applying to reduce the speed limit on the entirety of Central Street to 20 or 25 mph.



- 55. Mayor's Request (ID # 12026) Requesting the creation of the MillBrook Stabilization Fund and acceptance of a mitigation payment to the Fund of \$47,770 from Berkeley Investments Inc., for sidewalk improvements.
- 56. Officer's Communication (ID # 12024) Finance Director responding to #199279 re: Engineering consultants and invoices, Jan-May, 2015.
- 57. License/Permit (ID # 12058) Public Event Permit, Josephine Avenue Block Party, from Morrison to Kidder, Jun 13, 2-9:30PM (raindate Jun 14).
- 58. License/Permit (ID # 12059) Public Event Permit, School of Honk Open House, Seven Hills Park, Jun 21, 1-7PM.
- 59. License/Permit (ID # 12060) Public Event Permit, Wayside Youth and Family Support Network HIV Testing Day, Davis Square Statue Park, Jun 27, 11AM-5PM.
- 60. License/Permit (ID # 12057) Public Event Permit, Bay State Avenue Block Party, from Foskett to Kidder, Jul 16, 5-10PM (raindate Jul 17).
- 61. License/Permit (ID # 12056) New Outdoor Seating License, La Brasa, 124 Broadway, 13 tables, 26 chairs.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**