

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

May 24, 2012, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, April 18, 2012, and the Regular Meeting, April 26, 2012.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending Dan Hovanesian, Grand Marshal of the 2012 Memorial Day Parade.
4. Citation By Ald. Roche, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending Joseph Yengo on the happy occasion of his 60th birthday.
5. Citation By Ald. Taylor, Heuston, White Jr., and the Entire Board and the Mayor

Commending Reverend Henry Jennings, who is retiring from St. Joseph's Parish after 50 years of dedicated ministry.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. Order By Ald. Roche

That the Director of Health and the 3-member Board of Health Commission report back to this Board regarding their plan/policy to control the rodent problem.
7. Order By Ald. White Jr., Gewirtz

That the Director of Commissions prepare a report for the Board of Aldermen on the status of Somerville commissions membership and activities.
8. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the driveway opening at 159 Morrison Avenue damaged by a recent tree removal.

9. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at 8 Houghton Street.
10. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., Lafuente
That the City Solicitor review Boston's ordinance to eliminate public nuisances caused by problem properties, and appear before the Committee on Legislative Matters to discuss adopting it here.
11. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, White Jr.
That the Chief of Police utilize all available speed calming measures on Florence Street, near the playground.
12. Communication By Ald. Taylor
In his capacity as a member of the School Committee, conveying a report of the School Committee's activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

13. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on May 22, 2012.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting that this Board's Committee on Confirmation of Appointments convene prior to this Board's next meeting to allow the Chief of Police and the Director of Personnel Dept. to inform the Board of a new procedure regarding student police officers.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Michael Caruso to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Eli Kim to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Orlando Jacquet to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Patrick Canty to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
- G. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Michael Connors to the position of Permanent Police Officer.

- H. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Richard Calixte to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
- I. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Brian Pavao to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
- J. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Debora Jacquet to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
- K. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Mallory Sarno to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
- L. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Joseph Rivera to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
- M. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Tyler Sousa to the position of Permanent Police Officer.

14. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 21, 2012.
- B. Officer's Communication City Treasurer/Tax Collector submitting his Treasurer and Tax Collector Public Official Bonds.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$287,000 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings Account for the purchase of new vehicles and equipment for the Water Dept.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$550,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings Account for the purchase of new vehicles and equipment for the Sewer Dept.
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$390,396.63 FTA grant administered by MAPC, for a Bike Share system.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$250 in the Information Technology Dept., from the Maintenance Software Account to the Salaries and Wages Account, to cover longevity payments.
- G. Mayor's Request Requesting to declare two vehicles in the Fire Department surplus equipment.
- H. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$12,000 from the DPW Snow Removal Acct. to the DPW Buildings & Grounds Interior Building Maintenance Acct. to procure shelving for the new Teen Space at the Central Library.

- I. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$164,018 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to match the Federal Transportation Administration grant for a bike share system.

15. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 24, 2012.

16. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board, on May 17, 2012.

17. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on May 17, 2012.

- B. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with an update of the zoning study preserving RA and RB zoned districts.

- C. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the status of its study to protect neighborhoods in RA and RB Districts.

- D. Order By Ald. Taylor, Lafuente, Heuston, Desmond, Sullivan
That the Director of SPCD (Planning) evaluate the appropriateness of the zoned height in the Union Square CBD (Washington Street to Bow Street) and report back to this Board by mid-April.

- E. Resolution By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That this Board requests that the Administration appear before this Board to provide updates on the former Winter Hill Star Market Land Court litigation.

- F. Mayor's Request Requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance amending Zoning Districts for the Porter Square area (remaining portion of #192256).

18. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on May 23, 2012.
- B. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, College Ave. Methodist Church of Somerville, 149 Broadway, Sign, canopy and lights.

19. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on May 21, 2012.
- B. Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety with a listing of ramps that have been requested to be made ADA compliant, indicating those that have been completed.
- C. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr.
That this Board requests that a representative from the Administration appear before the Public Health and Safety Committee to provide an update on the proposed Bicycle/Pedestrian Public Safety Campaign.
- D. Order By Ald. O'Donovan
That the Committee on Public Health and Safety place Albion Park and its related noise issues on the next possible agenda to discuss lighting and basketball play at all hours of the night.
- E. 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.
- F. Order By Ald. White Jr., Sullivan, Taylor, Connolly, Desmond
That the Chief of Police, Superintendent of Inspectional Services, Director of Public Health and City Environmental Officer appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to address issues pertaining to the recent Oxford Street crystal meth lab incident.
- G. Order By Ald. White Jr., Lafuente, Sullivan
That the Chief of Police appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety on January 23, at 6:30 PM, at the Mystic Development, to address crime activities, especially house breaks, in the Ten Hills section.

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| H. | Officer's Communication | City Clerk conveying a Resolution forwarded by the Chelsea City Council opposing the transportation of ethanol by rail to Revere. |
| I. | Public Communication | Revere City Council conveying a Resolution opposing the transportation of ethanol by rail to Revere. |
| J. | Order | <p>By Ald. White Jr., Trane, Sullivan</p> <p>That the Director of Constituent Services (311), the Commissioner of Public Works and the Chief of Police appear before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to explain the procedures involved in responding to citizen complaints about construction vehicles driving over public sidewalks, in general, and in particular, an incident that was reported to 311 on or about November 28, 2011, with respect to 1298 Broadway.</p> |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 20. | Mayor's Request | Requesting an appropriation of \$1,125,000 and authorization to borrow that amount in a bond for a replacement Ladder Truck in the Fire Dept. |
| 21. | Mayor's Request | Requesting an appropriation of \$13,500 from the Unreserved Fund Balance Account (free cash) to the SPCD Transportation Infrastructure Tree Planting Account to fund the purchase of trees for planting. |
| 22. | Mayor's Request | Requesting authorization to transfer \$30,000 from the DPW Sanitation Professional and Tech Services Account to the DPW Administration Motor Gas & Oil Account to avoid a deficit. |
| 23. | Mayor's Request | Requesting authorization to transfer \$12,500 from the DPW Sanitation Rubbish Removal Account to the SPCD Transportation Infrastructure Tree Planting Account to fund the purchase of trees for planting. |
| 24. | Mayor's Request | Requesting authorization to transfer \$12,000 from the DPW Sanitation Rubbish Removal Account to the DPW Highway Motor Parts and Accessories Account to fund the repair of two street sweepers. |
| 25. | Mayor's Request | Requesting a transfer of \$1,500 from the Constituent Services Stationery Account to the Constituent Services Salaries and Wages Temporary Account. |
| 26. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval for the DPW to pay a prior-year invoice of \$75 to Anthony DeVita for reimbursement for a license renewal. |

27. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to accept a grant of \$12,200 from the Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Initiative for the Police Dept. to address gang violence and substance abuse.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

28. Officer's Communication Assistant City Solicitor responding to #193073 re: Filing a complaint with the Lottery Commission regarding litter and trash.
29. Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #193070 and #193071 re: Wheatland St.

NEW BUSINESS

30. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Bay State Ave Block Party, between Kidder Ave and Foskett St, Jun 2, 4PM-Midnight.
31. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Duhamel Education Initiative Walk, Davis Sq. and Bike Path, Jun 3, 11AM-2PM.
32. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Carneval at SomerStreets, Broadway from Temple St to Pennsylvania Ave, Jun 3, 10AM-6PM.
33. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Summertime in Somerville 4th of July Celebration, Trum Field, Fireworks Display Jun 28 5-10:30PM (raindate Jul 5), Family Fun Day Jun 30 12-5PM (raindate Jul 1).
34. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Garden Club Plant Sale, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Sep 15, 6AM-4PM (raindate Sep 22).
35. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, F.E. French Construction.
36. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Vanaria Brothers.
37. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, LM Heavy Civil Construction.
38. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, M.S. Walker, 15R Third Ave.
39. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Cumberland Farms, 212 Broadway.
40. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Sunoco Service Station, 434 McGrath Hwy.

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| 41. | License/Permit | Amending Garage License, Partners Healthcare System, 21 Third Ave., amending license (#192859) to permit mechanical repairs. |
| 42. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, International Auto Repair, 508 Somerville Ave. |
| 43. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Alex Auto Body, 75 Washington St. |
| 44. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Fred M. Susan and Sons, 267 Somerville Ave. |
| 45. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Auto Mechanic Souza, 308 McGrath Hwy. |
| 46. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, City Auto Service, 13B Joy St. |
| 47. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Jim's Heavy Duty Service, 42 Joy St. |
| 48. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Foreign Body Works, 593 Somerville Ave. |
| 49. | License/Permit | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Golden Light Restaurant, 24 College Ave. |
| 50. | License/Permit | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Tufts Mayer Campus Center, 44 Professors Row. |
| 51. | License/Permit | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Tufts Tisch Library Cafe, 35 Professors Row. |
| 52. | License/Permit | Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Eddie's Furniture, 95 Elm St. |
| 53. | License/Permit | Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Sunshine Lucy's, 93 Holland St. |
| 54. | License/Permit | New Junk Dealer License, David Susi dba Talya's Place, 1242 Broadway, buying and selling used merchandise. |
| 55. | License/Permit | New Junk Dealer License, Great American Estate Road Show, 23 Cummings St., buying precious metals. |
| 56. | License/Permit | Sign/Awning Permit, Punjabi Grill, 236 Elm St., Sign. |

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| 57. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green Cab and Yellow Cab Assn., 3 cabs at 236 Highland Ave., 2 cabs at 255 Elm St., 2 cabs at 503 Broadway, 6 cabs at 295 Broadway, 4 cabs at 1 Davis Sq., 5 cabs at 0 Foley St., 4 cabs at 30 Washington St., 3 cabs at 22-26 Union Sq. |
| 58. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, DDJ Taxi, Med. #1. |
| 59. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, TR Cab, Med. #2. |
| 60. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Country Club Transportation, Med. #3, 4, 5, 46. |
| 61. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Lee Taxi, Med. #7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. |
| 62. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, ZH Inc, Med. #14, 16, 63. |
| 63. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Yung Cab, Med. #15. |
| 64. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Bibi's Cab, Med. #20. |
| 65. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Lochmere Taxi, Med. #21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 79, 91. |
| 66. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Loch Ness Taxi, Med. #27, 67, 68. |
| 67. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Stone Transportation, Med. #28, 30, 31, 32. |
| 68. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Somerville Yellow Cab, Med. #33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38. |
| 69. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Mt. Pleasant Taxi, Med. #39, 40, 41, 42, 43. |
| 70. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Cinema Taxi, Med. #44, 47, 85. |
| 71. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Sullivan Square Taxi, Med. #53, 54. |
| 72. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Talkd Transprtation, Med. #55. |
| 73. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Ike Inc, Med. #57, 58, 59, 51, 81, 84. |

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| 74. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, JP Laurie Taxi, Med. #60. |
| 75. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Honey Cab, Med. #82. |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 76. | Resolution | <p>By Ald. Roche</p> <p>That this Board requests that the Dedication Committee consider a dedication, at a location to be determined, recognizing Sister Steven Marie, for her work as a teacher, Principal and mentor at the Little Flower School in Saint Benedict's Parish for over 50 years.</p> |
| 77. | Order | <p>By Ald. Roche</p> <p>That the Director of SPCD (ISD) ensure that the owner and residents of 50 Tufts Street abide by all city regulations, especially regarding truck deliveries and overnight parking.</p> |
| 78. | Order | <p>By Ald. Heuston</p> <p>That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works install a 15 minute parking spot at 238 Somerville Avenue.</p> |
| 79. | Mayor's Request | Requesting an appropriation of \$625,000 for the reconstruction and streetscape of East Broadway and authorization to borrow \$625,000 in a bond to meet said appropriation. |
| 80. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appropriation of \$100,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to design improvements to Lincoln Park. |
| 81. | Mayor's Request | Requesting an appropriation of \$80,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the DPW-Engineering Professional and Technical Services Account to fund a city-wide assessment of sidewalks and curb ramps. |
| 82. | Mayor's Request | Request for authorization to transfer \$5,000 from the DPW Sanitation Rubbish Removal Account to the DPW Highway Care of Trees Account to fund the arborist for the care of trees. |
| 83. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice of \$667 for Collins Overhead Door for service performed in FY11. |

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| 84. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to extend the contract with Professional Account Management LLC for 3 months to allow analysis of proposals received for parking ticket processing services. |
| 85. | Mayor's Request | Requesting authorization to establish a Consolidated Gift Account for the Libraries. |
| 86. | Mayor's Request | Requesting authorization to establish a Consolidated Gift Account for the Library Teen Services programming. |
| 87. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Andrew Upton to the Licensing Commission. |
| 88. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of Vito Vaccaro to the Licensing Commission. |
| 89. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of John McKenna to the Licensing Commission. |
| 90. | License/Permit | Public Event Permit, Wallace Street Block Party, Jun 17, 3-8PM. |
| 91. | License/Permit | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Gold's Gym, 14 McGrath Hwy. |

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk