

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

May 9, 2013, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 11, 2013.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Bastardi, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
 Commending Police Officers Patrick Canty and Katherine Costa for their exemplary actions in the immediate aftermath of the Boston Marathon bombing.

4. Citation By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
 Commending School Dept. Teacher Stephen Cronin for his exemplary actions in the immediate aftermath of the Boston Marathon bombing.

5. Citation By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
 Commending Deputy Chief Robert Lyons, who is retiring after 40 years of outstanding service to this city in the Fire Dept.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. Resolution By Ald. Bastardi
 That the Administration advise the Ward 1 Alderman of the status of this Board's 2010 resolution, binding Federal Realty Investment Trust to ensuring all retail tenants of Assembly Square adhere to a local hiring ordinance via a written contract.

7. Order By Ald. Bastardi, Lafuente
 That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street lamps at 240 Pearl Street.

8. Order By Ald. Bastardi
That the Director of Traffic and Parking instruct Parking Control Officers to regularly patrol the fire lanes on Pinckney Street at Pinckney Place, and issue warnings for the first offense.
9. Order By Ald. Bastardi
That the Commissioner of Public Works plant a tree on Auburn Avenue, near Cross Street, to replace the tree that was damaged during a recent storm.
10. Resolution By Ald. Trane
That the Administration appear before this Board to explain the current leadership and organizational chart of the Inspectional Services Dept.
11. Resolution By Ald. Trane
That the Human Rights Commission investigate complaints of unlawful treatment, discrimination and harassment of tenants by the management of the Clarendon Hill Towers.
12. Order By Ald. O'Keefe
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the intersection of Wilton and Lowell Streets for rodents and ensure that all residents in the surrounding areas have covers on their trash barrels to prevent rat infestations.
13. Order By Ald. O'Keefe
That the Commissioner of Public Works mulch all tree wells on both sides of Broadway and Medford Streets, from Trum Field to Bartlett Street, after May 16th.
14. Order By Ald. O'Keefe
That the Commissioner of Public Works return the trash barrel on the sidewalk at Henry Hanson Park.
15. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the tree that was destroyed last winter on Wallace Street, near the corner of Holland Street.
16. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works install two trash barrels on the southern side of Powderhouse Park, near Liberty Avenue.

17. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works conduct a full review of trash pick up and street sweeping in Davis Square, replace any defective trash cans and thoroughly clean all big belly trash bins at least twice per year.
18. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking include a full analysis of the traffic problem on College Avenue, from Davis Square to the Powderhouse Rotary, in the upcoming Somerville by Design Davis Square project, and that concrete solutions be vetted and implemented.
19. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the curb and paint a crosswalk across Marshall Street at Howe Street.
20. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a sign at the entrance of Marshall Street, on the Broadway end, limiting traffic to residents only between 7 and 9 AM.
21. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the HANDICAP PARKING signs at 87 Wheatland Street.
22. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the specified locations for rodents and report back to the Ward 4 Alderman upon completion.
23. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan, Bastardi
That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Board on #194517, the renovation of High School Room 143, including the scope, architectural and engineering plans, RFPs, bids and a timeline.
24. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of SPCD and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services appear before this Board regarding the Inspectional Services/Building Dept.'s granting of permits in a consistent, professional and timely manner.

25. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) demand that the developer of 87 Wheatland Street clean the entire lot, remove all debris and heavy equipment, and lock all buildings; and that the Director of SPCD (ISD) also issue fines for current violations there, and report back to the Ward 4 Alderman.
26. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Chief of Police inform this Board of all calls regarding 3-5 Walter Terrace and what fines were issued.
27. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 3-5 Walter Terrace for violations and fine the landlord accordingly, and report back to the Ward 4 Alderman.
28. Order By Ald. White Jr., Lafuente, Sullivan, Gewirtz
That the Director of Finance provide this Board with a list of all contracts, purchase orders, or payments to vendors in excess of \$25,000 for 2012 and 2013 (to date), whether funded through the budget or through grants, that were not publicly bid, with a brief explanation of why they were exempt.
29. Order By Ald. White Jr., Sullivan, Connolly
That the Recreation Commission consider establishing an advisory committee of representatives of all City youth sport organizations to provide feedback and coordination on the condition of fields and scheduling.
30. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of Commissions update this Board on #193203, the city's volunteer commissions, including vacancies for each commission and the number of times each commission met in 2012 and 2013 (to date).
31. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide plantings, flowering baskets, and containers throughout Union Square as seen in other city squares.
32. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide the Ward 2 Alderman with a plan for addressing rodent infestation in the areas of Beacon Street, Washington Street, Calvin Street and Waldo Avenue.

33. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street light at the end of Fremont Street.
34. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works plant 2 trees on Adrian Street.
35. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the cracked sidewalk panel at the driveway of 44 Adrian Street.
36. Order By Ald. Connolly, Heuston, Taylor, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr.
The Commissioner of Public Works maintain and improve the Argenziato and Vinal Street playing fields, and communicate with Somerville's Youth Soccer League and the Recreation and Youth Commission regarding safety standards.
37. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Chief of Police enforce the NO LEFT TURN restriction on Kidder Avenue and College Avenue from 7 to 9 AM and 4 to 6 PM, as posted.
38. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Director of Traffic and Parking present the attached recommendations for Kidder Avenue to the Traffic Commission for consideration.
39. Order 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.
40. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait all catch basins on Vinal Avenue in response to recent sightings of rodents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

41. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 8, 2013.
- B. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD create with the Ward 6 Alderman a Davis Square Hotel Advisory Group that includes neighborhood residents, and lay out a public process so community members know where, when and how to engage in this conversation.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$24,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Office of Sustainability and Environment Professional Services Account to fund a Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Summit.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of a portion of the former Assembly Square Drive to the Redevelopment Authority.
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$1,455,100 and the authorization to borrow \$1,455,100 in a bond as part of the MWRA Infiltration/Inflow Local Financial Assistance Program.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$1,242,340 and the authorization to borrow \$1,242,340 in a bond as part of the MWRA Local Pipeline Assistance Program.
- G. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer in the Sewer Enterprise Fund of \$196,000, from the Capital Improvements Account to the Professional and Technical Services Account, to fund two projects.
- H. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$15,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Information Technology Computer Equipment Account to purchase barcode printers for MUNIS bill processing across city departments.
- I. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a grant from the MWRA of \$654,795 for participation in the Infiltration/Inflow Local Financial Assistance program.
- J. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$93,000 for the cost of the Library's Security System from Unreserved Fund Balance to the Library Capital Equipment Account.
- K. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$5,095 from the Elections Salaries Account and \$7,655 from the Elections Temporary Salaries Account to the Special Election Account, to help offset the cost of the US Senate Special Election.

- L. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of the Fee Interest in 4 parcels comprising Grand Union Boulevard at Assembly Row.
- M. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of a city-owned parcel in the North Prospect Block to the Redevelopment Authority, for the Union Square Green Line station.
- N. Resolution By Ald. Heuston
That the Administration arrange for the climate change consultant, Seed Systems, to appear before the Finance Committee to discuss #194312, a requested appropriation of \$24,000.
- O. Order By Ald. Connolly
That the Director of SPCD provide the Finance Committee with a breakdown of the costs and chronology of the land swap and parcels referenced in #194370 and #194765.

42. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on April 29, 2013.
- B. Public Communication Owner of 68 Holland Street submitting comments re: #193946, a Fortune Teller license issued at that address to Maryann Mitchell dba Astrology by Gia.
- C. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, MA Association of Portuguese Speakers, 92 Union Sq., One awning and two banners.
- D. License/Permit Public Event Permit, 2013 SomerStreets Series, Jun 2 at East Broadway (McGrath to Franklin), Jul 28 at Highland Ave. (Walnut to Cedar), Aug 18 at Shore Dr. (Entirety), Sep 8 at Alewife Brook Pkwy. (Dilboy to Broadway), Oct 20 at Somerville Ave. (Union Sq to Beacon), all 10-6PM--events 12-4PM.
- E. License/Permit New Extended Operating Hours License, Chow N Joy, 626C Somerville Ave., Sun-Thu to 2 AM, Fri-Sat to 3 AM.

43. AD HOC RULES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Rules, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 7, 2013.
- B. Public Communication Lynn Weissman submitting comments re: this Board's appointment process.

- C. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the attached list of proposed methods for filling vacancies on this Board, with the exception of Method "F", be referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters for further action.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

44. Officer's Request City Clerk requesting approval to release certain Executive Session minutes as described within.

NEW BUSINESS

45. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Partners Healthcare Still Photo Shoot, Fairlee St and Aberdeen Rd, May 3, 3-7PM (raindate May 6).
46. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Porchfest on Pearson Block Party, Pearson Rd from Warner St to Broadway, May 18, Noon-8PM.
47. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Homeless Coalition Save Our Homes Walk, May 19, 1-4PM.
48. License/Permit New Fortuneteller License, Psychic Readings by Mary, 382 Somerville Ave.
49. License/Permit New Outdoor Seating, The Connection, 1204 Broadway, Displaying merchandise.
50. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, EB Rotondi & Sons.
51. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Rykor Concrete and Civil.
52. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Manafort Brothers.
53. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, J Marchese and Son.
54. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tufts Inc.
55. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, BBS Services, 45 Broadway.
56. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Cambridge Health Alliance, 230 Highland Ave.

- 57. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, 120 Beacon Street LP, 120 Beacon St.
- 58. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Grove Street Realty Trust, 48 Grove St.
- 59. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Mass Bay Commuter Railroad, 70R Third Ave.
- 60. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Winter Hill Yacht Club, 130R Foley St.
- 61. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St.
- 62. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Teele Square Auto, 1284 Broadway.
- 63. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Teele Square Auto, 1284 Broadway.
- 64. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Automotive Transport Service, 495 Columbia St.
- 65. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, BBS Services, 45 Broadway.
- 66. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, A Plus Autobody, 295 Medford St.
- 67. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, A Plus Autobody, 297 Medford St.
- 68. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, EZ Auto Body, 627 Somerville Ave.
- 69. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Jim's Heavy Duty Service, 42 Joy St.
- 70. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Tufts University, 26 Lower Campus Rd.
- 71. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Foreign Body Works, 593 Somerville Ave.
- 72. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St.
- 73. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, APCA Third Avenue LLC, 48 Third Ave.
- 74. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Grove Street Realty Trust, 48 Grove St.

- 75. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, 120 Beacon Street LP, 120 Beacon St.
- 76. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Motorsports, 486 Columbia St.
- 77. License/Permit Renewing 2012 Garage License, Motorsports, 486 Columbia St.
- 78. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, County Auto Repair, 103 Washington St.
- 79. License/Permit Renewing 2012 Garage License, County Auto Repair, 103 Washington St.
- 80. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Somerville Gas, 73 Summer St.
- 81. License/Permit Renewing 2012 Garage License, Somerville Gas, 73 Summer St.
- 82. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, General Glass and Mirror, 231 Lowell St.
- 83. License/Permit Renewing 2012 Garage License, General Glass and Mirror, 231 Lowell St.
- 84. License/Permit Renewing 2012 Garage License, Chris's Auto Service, 371 Highland Ave.
- 85. License/Permit Renewing Junk Dealer's License, La Chic Boutique, 235A Elm St.
- 86. License/Permit Renewing Hawker and Peddler License, Robert Carr.
- 87. License/Permit Renewing Livery License, Diamond J Livery and Limo Transportation, 132 Summer St.
- 88. License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Wang's Fast Food, 509 Broadway.
- 89. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, TR Cab, Med #2.
- 90. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Country Club Transportation, Med #3,4,5,46.
- 91. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Talkd Transportation, Med #55.
- 92. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Lee Transportation, Med #7,8,9,10,11,12,13.

- 93. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, ZH Inc., Med #14,16,63.
- 94. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Mt. Pleasant Taxi, Med #40,41,42,43.
- 95. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Cinema Taxi, Med #44,47,85.
- 96. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Loch Ness Taxi, Med #27,67,68.
- 97. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Lochmere Taxi, Med #21,22,23,24,25,26,79,91.
- 98. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Somerville Yellow Cab, Med #33,34,35,36,37,38.
- 99. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Sullivan Square Cab, Med #53,54.
- 100. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Honey Cab, Med #82.
- 101. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Ike Inc., Med #57,58,60,61,78,81,84.
- 102. Public Communication 140 registered voters requesting a Public Hearing before this Board on filling interim BOA vacancies, pursuant to Section 8 of the City Charter.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 103. Order By Ald. Bastardi
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide the Ward 1 Alderman with an update on the attached properties.
- 104. Mayor's Request Requesting the use of \$1,694.88 in available funds from the Personnel Services Account to fund a Traffic Commission Secretary retroactive stipend increase.
- 105. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of an upgrade or replacement of audio / visual equipment having a value of \$71,262.25 from the Boston Office of Emergency Management for the Emergency Operations Center.
- 106. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$5600 grant from the MA Public Safety and Security Highway Safety Division for the Police's Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Mobilization program.

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- 107. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$2,500 grant from the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation to support the Arts Council's Mystic Mural program.
 - 108. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the re-appointment of Andrew Upton to the Licensing Commission.
 - 109. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Cindy Hickey to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
 - 110. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Rob King to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
 - 111. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Guerlince Semerzier to the Human Rights Commission.
 - 112. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Mahesh Limbu to the Human Rights Commission.
 - 113. Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.
 - 114. Officer's Communication DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders.
 - 115. License/Permit New Theater Production, Cavalia USA, 101 Grand Union Blvd.
 - 116. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, East End Grille, 118 Broadway, 2 signs, 5 awnings.
 - 117. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Caruso and McGovern Construction.
 - 118. 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.
 - 119. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Raymy Inc., Med #59.
 - 120. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Maxwell's Green Spring Celebration, 1 Maxwell's Green, May 9, 3-10PM.
 - 121. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Arts Council SomDances, various locations, May 11, 18, Jun 16, 20, 23, 25, 29, 6PM-10PM.
 - 122. License/Permit Public Event Permit, New Balance Photo/Video Shoot, Prospect Hill Park, May 13, 5AM-Noon.

- 123. License/Permit Public Event Permit, East Somerville Main Streets "It's Tuesday" events, East Branch Library Lawn, Tuesdays May-July, 4-9PM.
- 124. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Aigner and Prensky Marketing/Assembly Row "Assembled: the Handmade Arts Market," 1 Assembly Sq. Drive, Saturdays May 18-Sep 21.
- 125. License/Permit Public Event Permit, The Davis Flea, Buena Vista Parking Lot, Sundays Jun 2-Oct 27, 8AM-5:30PM.
- 126. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Duhamel Education Initiative Walk, Davis Sq., Jun 9, 11AM-3PM.
- 127. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Arts Council SqueezeBox Festival, Davis Sq. 7 Hills Park, Jun 15, 1-6PM (raindate Jun 29).
- 128. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Joe's Jazz and Blues Festival, Powderhouse Park, Jun 22, 12-6PM.
- 129. License/Permit Public Event Permit, 3 Graces Cupcake Camp 2013, Hodgkins Park, Jun 30, 9AM-6PM.
- 130. License/Permit Public Event Permit, City Sports 10K Road Race, Davis Sq and area streets, Jun 30, 6AM-1PM.
- 131. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Portuguese American Civic League Holy Spirit Feast, 26 Springfield St., Jul 12-13 7PM-12Midnite, Jul 14 3PM-Midnite.
- 132. License/Permit Public Event Permit, ArtBeat, Davis Sq., Jul 19 8PM-11PM, Jul 20-21 8AM-8PM.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk