

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

February 24, 2011, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.
  
2. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,  
January 27, 2011.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation            By Ald. Heuston, and the Entire Board and the Mayor  
Commending Mark Wall, who is retiring after 42 years  
of dedicated service to the city in the Fire Dept.
  
4. Citation            By Ald. Roche, Heuston, and the Entire Board and the  
Mayor  
Commending Carol Antonelli, who is leaving after 33  
years of dedicated service to the city in the DPW.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5. Grant of Location   Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric, to install  
28 ft. of conduit in Thurston St. and relocate lamppost  
158.

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

6. Resolution            By Ald. Roche  
That this Board requests that the Dedication  
Commission name the corner of Walnut and Wellington  
Streets in memory of WWII veteran Daniel Foley Jr.
  
7. Resolution            By Ald. Gewirtz, Taylor  
That this Board supports An Act Investing in Our  
Communities, legislation that will allow the  
Commonwealth to invest in our community and make  
the tax system more fair and equitable.
  
8. Order                By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this  
Board an update on the Somerville Ave. reconstruction  
project including a timeline for the final punch list,  
acceptance from the State, signage and parking meters.

9. Resolution By Ald. Heuston  
That this Board supports City participation in the Boston Tree Party with a Ward 2 neighborhood delegation planting 2 fruit trees at Concord Square/Placa Portuguese.
10. Resolution By Ald. Heuston  
That this Board urges Congress to maintain full funding for the CDBG program, the reduction of which would devastate local services and severely impact projects designed to improve life in Somerville.
11. Order 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.
12. Order By Ald. Taylor  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate the intersection of Washington Street and McGrath Highway for pedestrian safety and initiate any warranted corrective measures to address safety issues.
13. Order By Ald. Trane  
That the Commissioner of Public Works make inquires on the purchase or lease of a snow melting machine and report back to the chair of Environment and Energy with cost projections.
14. Order By Ald. Trane  
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the cost to haul snow to snow farms, and the number of trucks and operating hours used so far this winter.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

15. Mayor’s Communication Requesting Approval of a Home Rule Petition to Amend the City Charter to Bring it into Conformity with Current State Law and Streamline Enactment of Administrative Matters.

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### **16. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, February 16, 2011.

- B. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of David Fallon to the Position of Police Captain.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of William Rymill to the Position of Police Lieutenant.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Michael Mulcahy to the Position of Police Lieutenant.
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Gerald Reardon to the Position of Police Lieutenant.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of David Monte to the Position of Police Sergeant.
- G. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Jeffrey DiGregorio to the Position of Police Sergeant.
- H. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Richard Lavey to the Position of Police Sergeant.
- I. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Warren Chaille to the Position of Police Sergeant.
- J. Mayor's Request Request the appointment of Devin Schneider to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
- K. Mayor's Request Request the appointment of Joseph Teves to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
- L. Mayor's Request Request the appointment of Gravin Guillen to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
- M. Mayor's Request Request the appointment of Mark Nevin to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
- N. Mayor's Request Request the appointment of Christopher Collette to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
- O. Mayor's Request Request the appointment of Michael Perrone to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
- P. Mayor's Request Request the appointment of Ashley Catato to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
- Q. Mayor's Request Request the appointment of Jason Costa to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
- R. Mayor's Request Request the appointment of Naza Haynes to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
- S. Mayor's Request Request the appointment of Michael McCarey to the position of Permanent Police Officer.

- T. Mayor's Request Request the appointment of Daniel Bourque to the position of Permanent Police Officer.
- U. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Patrick Sullivan to the position of Deputy Fire Chief.
- V. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Matthew Wall to the position of Fire Captain.
- W. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Elliot Kerner to the position of Fire Lieutenant.
- X. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Patrick Keane to the position of Fire Lieutenant.
- Y. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Charles Richardson to the position of Fire Lieutenant.
- Z. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Blanca Alcaraz to the Position of Fire Lieutenant.

17. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, February 23, 2011.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Browne as Constable.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Robert Sweeney as Constable.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of James DiFraia as Constable.
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Timothy McGonigal as Constable.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Matthew Derany as Constable.
- G. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of John E. Hultgren to the Conservation Commission
- H. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Alan Bingham to the Historic Preservation Commission.
- I. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Natasha Burger to the Historic Preservation Commission.
- J. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Kelly Speakman to the Historic Preservation Commission.

- K. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Todd Zinn to the Historic Preservation Commission.
- L. Mayor's Request Requesting the Appointment of Nia DeYounge to the Arts Council.

18. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, February 22, 2011.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$15,000 from Karl and Hannah Voskuil to the Public Library.

19. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters meeting as a Committee of the Whole, February 17, 2011.
- B. Order By Ald. Roche  
That the City Solicitor appear before this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters to discuss whether KSS has breached its covenant with the city, and if so, to take action to revoke their permits.

20. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, February 22, 2011.

21. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, February 16, 2011.
- B. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Louis Frank Motorcars LLC, 99 Albion St. #1, Storing Unregistered Autos Only, 3 Autos Inside.
- C. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Eastern Bank, 256 Elm St., 1 sign, 1 projecting sign.

22. WITHDRAWN

23. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, February 23, 2011.

24. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Youth Services, February 23, 2011.

- B. Order By Ald. Roche, Heuston  
That the Director of Recreation explain to this Board the parking policy around the Somerville Avenue Skating Rink, specifically why parking is prohibited at the rear of the rink.

- C. Order By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan  
That the Director of Recreation re-schedule the public skating hours to what they've been in previous years.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

25. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$20,000 grant from the MA Cultural Council for the Arts Council's ArtsUnion programming.
26. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$12,213 grant from the Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Initiative for Police Dept. anti-gang activities.
27. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$4,400 grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Police Dept.
28. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$1,000 grant from America's Promise Alliance, to conduct a local celebration.
29. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of William Hallinan to the position of Deputy Fire Chief.
30. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Frank Lee to the Position of District Fire Chief.
31. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Antonio Cicolini to the position of Permanent Firefighter.
32. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Christopher Carroll to the position of Permanent Firefighter.
33. Mayor's Request Request the appointment of Justin Bonner to the position of Permanent Firefighter.

- 34. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Daniel Costa to the position of Permanent Firefighter.
- 35. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Brendan Noonan to the position of Permanent Firefighter.
- 36. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Andrew Patriquin to the position of Permanent Firefighter.
- 37. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Dennis Sullivan to the position of Permanent Firefighter.
- 38. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Santangelo as Constable.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 39. Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking conveying an update on the I-93 Bridge Replacement Program.
- 40. Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 41. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Au Bon Pain, 118 Holland St., 34 tables, 68 chairs.
- 42. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, H & F Motors, 486 Columbia St., 5 autos inside, 1 outside.
- 43. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Motorsports Inc., 486R Columbia St., 3 autos inside, 5 outside.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

- 44. Order By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the lights on the west side of Albion Park.
- 45. Order By Ald. Desmond, Taylor  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sinking sewer at the corner of Summer and Craigie Streets.
- 46. Communication By Ald. Gewirtz  
Conveying, as President, the re-appointment of Brian Postlewaite to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

47. Communication By Ald. Gewirtz  
Conveying, as President, the re-appointment of Aldermen Sullivan and Taylor to the Multicultural Affairs Commission.
48. Communication By Ald. Gewirtz  
Conveying, as President, the re-appointment of Ald. Gewirtz to the Affordable Housing Trust.
49. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an extension of the Homeland Security Grant Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Boston to December 31, 2012.
50. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Hult International Business School Red Cross Run, Shore Drive area, April 10, 10AM.
51. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Mission Church of Christ Walk for the Cause 10K Walk-a-Thon, 130 Highland Ave. area, May 21, 9:30AM.
52. License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, SGT Excavation Inc.
53. License/Permit New Garage License, Triumvirate Environmental Inc., 191 Inner Belt Rd., Mechanical repairs, spray painting, washing and storing vehicles, M-F 4A-4P, Sa 6A-4P, 2 autos inside, 35 outside.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk