

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

October 27, 2011, 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,
September 22, 2011.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending John Leuchter, who is retiring after more
than 35 years of dedicated service as a Police Officer.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric for 6 feet
of conduit in Cedar St., from a pole to a point of pickup
at 270 Cedar St, for underground electric service.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Resolution By Ald. Trane
That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission
consider extending visitor parking from 48 to 72 hours.

6. Order By Ald. Trane, Sullivan, White Jr., Connolly, Desmond
That the Director of Traffic and Parking examine the
pedestrian signal at Weston Avenue and Broadway and
suggest safety improvements.

7. Order By Ald. Trane, Sullivan, White Jr., Connolly, Desmond
That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol at
Broadway and Weston Avenue for pedestrian crossing
enforcement.

8. Resolution By Ald. Trane
That this Board requests that the Housing Authority
review the key control policy at Weston Manor and
change the locks if necessary.

9. Order By Ald. Trane, Desmond
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at the intersection of Curtis Street and Powder House Boulevard, as it is obstructing the traffic signal.
10. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz
That this Board requests that the Administration update this Board on Walmart's efforts to locate a store in Somerville.
11. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint pedestrian crosswalk markings at the intersection of College Avenue and Chapel Street/Hall Avenue.
12. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD research Boston's New Urban Mechanics program, that engages community members in promoting civic innovation, and determine if a similar program is feasible in Somerville.
13. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the Park Avenue area for rodents, especially at dusk, and bait it accordingly.
14. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of Public Libraries provide an update on the status of opening the branch libraries on Saturdays from 9 AM to 1 PM.
15. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works determine the health of the trees in Perry Park and make recommendations about their care.
16. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Chief of Police and the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board about signage and enforcement of off leash dogs in Perry Park.
17. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Parks and Open Space meet with the Ward 2 Alderman regarding landscape and signage improvements to Perry Park.

18. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works conduct a study of Dane Avenue to determine causes of excessive flooding during rain events.
19. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the missing bricks in front of Mike's Restaurant in Davis Square.
20. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Chief of Police enforce the red light traffic signal at Broadway and Warner Street, especially during rush hour.
21. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Taylor, White Jr., Connolly, Desmond
That the Commissioner of Public Works determine what repairs are necessary to repair the clock in the tower of City Hall.
22. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Taylor, White Jr., Connolly, Desmond
That the Commissioner of Public Works clear all the plant growth or move the dedication sign for Nunziato Field as the plaque continues to be obstructed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

23. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on October 25, 2011.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$186,976 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, for the Police Dept.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$48,500 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of a replacement breathing air compressor for the Fire Dept.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$35,00 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of bullet-proof vests for the Police Dept.

- E. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$24,700 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of a fire prevention vehicle for the Fire Dept.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$20,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of Mobile Audio/Visual Surveillance Equipment for the Police Dept.
- G. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$7,500 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of 5 laptops with language translation software for the Police Dept.
- H. Mayor's Request Requesting the creation of the 270 Cedar Street LLC Stabilization Fund and the acceptance of a mitigation payment of \$1,000 from 270 Cedar Street LLC to purchase pedestrian safety devices.
- I. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a grant of up to \$8,000 from the Homeland Security Investigations Office for the Police Dept. to purchase a Cellbrite Mobile Forensic and Data Transfer Device.
- J. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Superintendent of Recreation provide the Committee on Finance with a detailed accounting of the ice rink's enterprise fund expenditures, to date.

24. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on October 26, 2011.
- B. License/Permit New Extended Operating Hours License, Mr. B's Restaurant, 142 Cross St., Sun-Sat till 2AM for deliveries only.
- C. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Sally O'Brien's, 335 Somerville Ave., one awning.
- D. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Laundromax, 630 Somerville Ave., one sign.
- E. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Amethyst Chiropractic Center, 259 Elm St., sandwich board.

- F. Resolution By Ald. Heuston
- That the NStar principals involved in the May 17, 2011, Public Utilities and Works Committee meeting appear before this Board's Committee on Licenses and Permits on October 26, 2011, at 6 PM, to provide an update on the improvements and upgrades discussed at that meeting.

25. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on October 24, 2011.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

26. Mayor's Request Requesting the establishment of a new Stabilization Fund to be known as the Workforce Training Stabilization Fund, under the provisions of MGL c40, s5B.
27. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$100,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to the Workforce Training Stabilization Fund.
28. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a donation of 6 computer kiosks from IKEA, to assist Somerville residents in Workforce Training activities.
29. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$42,000 grant from the Office of Emergency Preparedness for security improvements to the Public Safety Building.
30. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to extend Contract 08-009 through December 31, 2011, in order to make final payments for sewer and drainage improvements.
31. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$9,373.20 from the Salary Contingency - Salaries Acct. to the City Clerk's Office - Salaries Acct. to fund temporary clerical assistance due to an extended medical leave.
32. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of George Born to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term to expire May 15, 2015.
33. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Eric Parkes to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term to expire May 15, 2015.
34. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Derek Snare to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term to expire May 15, 2015.

35. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Tom DeYoung to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term to expire May 15, 2015.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

36. Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

37. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Pop Warner Canning Drive, Citywide, Oct 29, 9AM-5PM.
38. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Pride Girls Basketball Canning Drive, Citywide, Nov 5, 8AM-3PM (raindate Nov 12).
39. License/Permit Renewing Open Air Vendor License, Next Wave/Full Circle Schools, selling Christmas trees and wreaths, Foss Park, Dec 1-23, M-F 4-8PM, Sa-Su 10AM-8PM.
40. License/Permit New Outdoor Seating and Goods License, Reunion Christian Church, 55 Davis Square, A-Frame Sign.
41. License/Permit New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, A/E Auto Repair, 13 Joy St., 8 autos in, 4 out.
42. License/Permit New Fortune Teller License, Stacey Mitchell dba Astrology by Nina, 511 Medford St.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

43. Resolution By Ald. Trane
That this Board stands opposed to the proposed increase in the Medicare eligibility age currently being debated in Congress.
44. Order By Ald. Trane
That the Commissioner of Public Works plant a tree in front of 8 Waterhouse Street.
45. Order By Ald. Sullivan, O'Donovan
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees away from the power lines and houses at 314 Lowell Street. (2nd request).
46. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing GEORGE STREET sign on Broadway.

- 47. License/Permit New Drain Layer License, J. Derenzo Co.

- 48. Public Communication The Duhamel Education Initiative, submitting a thank-you to this Board for its volunteer efforts on behalf of the initiative.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk