

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

February 25, 2010, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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PRESENT for all or part of the meeting: President John M. Connolly, Vice President Rebekah L. Gewirtz, Aldermen Bruce M. Desmond, Dennis M. Sullivan, William A. White Jr., William M. Roche, Maryann M. Heuston, Thomas F. Taylor, Walter F. Pero

OPENING OF THE MEETING

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| 1. | Roll Call | Call of the Roll. | 188849
Placed on File |
| 2. | Minutes | Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 28, 2010. | 188850
Approved |

CITATIONS

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| 3. | Citation | By Ald. Desmond, the Entire Board and the Mayor, Commending High School Senior Franklin Salvador on his record-setting accomplishments as a member of the Boys Varsity Basketball Team. | 188851
Approved |
| 4. | Citation | By Ald. Connolly, the Entire Board and the Mayor, Commending the Kiwanis Club for co-producing the successful "Somerville Sings for Haiti" fundraiser. | 188852
Approved |
| 5. | Citation | By Ald. White, Pero and the Entire Board, Commending Palmira Colozzi on the happy occasion of her 100 th birthday. | 188853
Approved |
| 6. | Citation | By Ald. Roche, Desmond, Connolly, Sullivan, White and the Entire Board, Commending Fred Caruso on the happy occasion of his 79 th birthday. | 188854
Approved |

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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

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| 7. | Order | By Ald. Trane, That the Chief Fire Engineer and the Chief of Police report to this Board what fees, if any, are charged to property owners for connecting residential alarm systems to their respective departments. | 188855
Approved |
| 8. | Order | By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking examine the feasibility of moving the present MBTA bus stop at 33 Bow St. further up on Summer St. | 188856
Approved |
| 9. | Order | By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol in the Prospect Hill area between 9AM and 5PM to address recent break-ins. | 188857
Approved |
| 10. | Order | By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking survey the intersection of Dover and Orchard Sts. to determine what steps the city can take to make it safer. | 188858
Approved, Copy to
Traffic & Parking |
| 11. | Order | By Ald. Gewirtz and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the pothole at College Ave. and Winter St. | 188859
Approved |
| 12. | Resolution | By Ald. Heuston, That this Board requests that the Administration reconvene the Somerville Ave. Advisory Committee for a public meeting to provide updated information on the completion of the project. | 188860
Approved |
| 13. | Resolution | By Ald. Sullivan, That this Board requests that the Administration work with this Board to create a domestic violence policy for municipal employees. (2nd request) | 188861
Approved, Copy to
Public Health & Safety |
| 14. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan and O'Donovan, That the Animal Control Officer increase enforcement at Somerville Junction Park on Woodbine St. | 188862
Approved |
| 15. | Resolution | By Ald. Sullivan and White, That this Board requests that the Administration apply for a fruit tree planting grant sponsored by the Fruit Tree Planting Foundation. | 188863
Approved, Copy to
Parks & Open Space |
| 16. | Resolution | By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, White, Connolly and Desmond, That this Board requests that the Mt. Pleasant Apts. mgmt. consider installing more washing machines and dryers. | 188864
Approved |
| 17. | Order | By Ald. White, That the Director of SomerStat compile all complaints over the last 14 months about defective street lights, by date, number pertaining to the same light, and the length of time for repair or the length of time the complaint has been outstanding without action by the utility. | 188865
Approved, Ald. Roche
recused; Copy to Public
Health & Safety and
Public Utilities &
Works |

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| 18. | Order | By Ald. White and Sullivan, That the Director of SPCD appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss the state of business in Somerville and ways to gather input from businesses on the impact of the recession and how to improve the business climate. | 188866
Approved, Copy to
Housing & Community
Development |
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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| 19. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Housing & Community Development, Feb. 22. | 188867
Approved |
| 19A. | Order | By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Communications draft a press release regarding this Board's letter of support for the Green Line Extension Rt. 16 terminus, emphasizing that it is located in Somerville. | 188868
Approved |
| 19B. | Resolution | By Ald. Sullivan, That this Board requests that the Administration provide this Board with all details regarding the proposed Green Line maintenance facility options, especially Mirror H and Option L. | 188869
Approved |
| 20. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Parks & Open Space, Feb. 22.
No papers. | 188870
Approved |
| 21. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Feb. 24. | 188871
Approved |
| 21A. | Operating Hours | New Extended Retail Hours License, Dalel Corp. dba Dunkin Donuts, 282 Somerville Ave., 24 hours, 7 days/wk. | 182703
Approved |
| 21B. | Sign | Sign/Awning Permit, Buffalo Exchange, 238 Elm St., Refacing 2 existing signs. | 188672
Approved subject to
ISD inspection |
| 21C. | Operating Hours | New Extended Hours License, Laz Café dba Mr. B's, 142 Cross St., Th-Sa to 2AM. | 188760
NOT Approved |
| 21D. | Junk | New Junk Dealer's License, Buffalo Exchange, 238 Elm St., Used clothing. | 188761
Approved |
| 22. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Finance, Feb. 24. | 188872
Approved |
| 22A. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to transfer \$10,353 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Inspectional Services Sick Leave Buyback Acct., for a buyback for a retired ISD employee. | 188744
Approved |

22B.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$651,100 from the US DOE Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, to fund energy conservation programming.	188747 Approved
22C.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the use of \$9,693 in available funds in the Somerstat Salaries Acct. to establish a part-time ResiStat Coordinator, effective 3/1/10.	188809 Approved
22D.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the transfer of \$4,900 in the Somerstat Dept., from the Salaries Acct. to the Neighborhood Improvement Council Acct., for a part-time intern.	188810 Approved
22E.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the retention of Lynch Desimone and Nysten as outside legal counsel, to defend values at the Appellate Tax Board for the Board of Assessors.	188811 Approved
23.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, Feb. 24.	188873 Approved
23A.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to appoint David Farino as a Firefighter on the Reserve List.	188813 Approved
23B.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to appoint Keith McInnis as a Firefighter on the Reserve List.	188814 Approved
23C.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to appoint Christopher Clark as a Firefighter on the Reserve List.	188815 Approved
23D.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to appoint Sean Layton as a Firefighter on the Reserve List.	188816 Approved
23E.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to appoint Robert Galvin as a Firefighter on the Reserve List.	188817 Approved
23F.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to appoint Ryan Layton as a Firefighter on the Reserve List.	188818 Approved
23G.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to appoint Jay McKenzie as a Firefighter on the Reserve List.	188819 Approved
23H.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to appoint Thomas Medeiros as a Firefighter on the Reserve List.	188820 Approved
23I.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to appoint Timothy O'Hearn as a Firefighter on the Reserve List.	188821 Approved
23J.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to appoint David Pantanella as a Firefighter on the Reserve List.	188822 Approved

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| 23K. | Resolution | By Ald. Desmond, That this Committee on Confirmation of Appointments requests that the Mayor consider calling for another certified reserve firefighters list. | 188874
Approved |
| 23L. | Resolution | By Ald. Desmond, That this Committee on Confirmation of Appointments requests that the Mayor consider calling for a reserve list of one when the current list is closed. | 188875
Approved |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 24. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of a contract with MassDOT for \$2,727,630 for "nonparticipating items" in the construction of Assembly Sq. Drive and offsite improvements (superseding #188806 submitted 2/11/10). | 188876
Finance |
| 25. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to return \$20,000 from the MaxPak Stabilization Fund to KSS Investment LLC. | 188877
Finance |
| 26. | Mayor's Request | Requesting authorization to expend a \$350,000 grant from MassDOT for an Inner Belt and Brickbottom Urban Streetscape and Adaptive Re-Use Plan. | 188878
Finance |
| 27. | Mayor's Request | Requesting authorization to expend a \$20,000 grant from the MA Cultural Council for the Arts Council's ArtsUnion Union Sq. programming. | 188879
Finance |
| 28. | Mayor's Request | Requesting authorization to expend a \$2,000 grant from the MA Dept. of Public Health for the Fire Dept.'s Mass Decontamination Unit. | 188880
Finance |
| 29. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of amendments to the 2008-2013 Open Space & Recreation Plan, to extend the effective date of the Plan to 2015. | 188881
Parks & Open Space |
| 30. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Brad Arndt to the Tree Advisory Committee. | 188882
Conf. of Appointments |
| 31. | Mayor's Comm. | Conveying the convening of the Tree Advisory Committee in the Spring, to provide guidance on the management and maintenance of existing and new public shade trees. | 188883
Placed on File |
| 32. | Mayor's Comm. | Conveying an analysis of five proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance submitted by Somerville Residents for Sensible Development on 1/14/10 (#'s188681-188685). | 188884
Placed on File, Copy to Land Use |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 33. | Officer's Comm. | Planning Board, submitting a recommendation re: #188305, a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance to include a senior housing use. | 188885
Placed on File, Copy to Land Use |
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| 34. | Officer's
Comm. | City Clerk responding to #188787 re: noncriminal ticketing. | 188886
Placed on File, Copy to
Public Health & Safety |
| 35. | Officer's
Comm. | Acting Police Chief responding to various Board orders. | 188887
Placed on File |
| 36. | Officer's
Comm. | Director of SPCD responding to various Board orders. | 188888
Placed on File |
| 37. | Officer's
Comm. | Chief Fire Engineer responding to various Board orders. | 188889
Placed on File |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 38. | Public
Event | Public Event Permit, Destination Imagination 6 th Grade Bake Sale Benefit for Haiti, Davis Sq. Statue Park, 3/6, 11:30-3PM (raindate 3/7). | 188890
Approved |
| 39. | Public
Event | Public Event Permit, Recreation Dept./City Dog Free "Come When Called" Clinic, Perry Park, 3/7, 1-2PM, Ed Leathers Park, 5/2, 1-2PM. | 188891
Approved |
| 40. | Public
Event | Public Event Permit, Groundwork Somerville Maple Syrup Project Boil Down, Community Growing Center, 3/13, 10-4PM. | 188892
Approved |
| 41. | Public
Event | Public Event Permit, Somerville Striders Athletic Club Ras na hEirann 5k Road Race, Davis Sq. and area streets, 3/14, 11AM. | 188893
Approved |
| 42. | Public
Event | Public Event Permit, Unity Church of God Donkey Walk Palm Sunday Procession, Powderhouse Park to Davis Sq., 3/28. | 188894
Approved |
| 43. | Public
Event | Public Event Permit, Unity Church of God Easter Sunrise Service, Powderhouse Park, 4/4, 6PM. | 188895
Approved |
| 44. | Public
Event | Public Event Permit, Little League 2010 Opening Day Parade, Concourse to Conway Park, 4/24, 10AM (raindate 4/25, Noon). | 188896
Approved |
| 45. | Public
Event | Public Event Permit, M.O.M.'s 5k Run for Cancer, 371 Summer St. and area streets, 5/9, 10AM, also hanging banners at Hodgkins Park and Dilboy Post. | 188897
Approved |
| 46. | Public
Event | Public Event Permit, Mission Church Rise Up and Build Walkathon fundraiser, 130 Highland Ave. and area streets, 5/22, 9-Noon. | 188898
Approved |

47.	Public Event	Public Event Permit, Union Sq. Main Streets Farmers Market, Union Sq. Plaza, Saturdays 6/5-10/30, 7-2PM.	188899 Approved
48.	Public Event	Public Event Permit, Somerville Road Runners Gobble Gobble Road Race, Davis Sq. and area streets, 11/25, 9AM.	188900 Approved
49.	Sign	Sign/Awning Permit, Bergamot LLC, 118 Beacon St., One sign.	188901 Approved
50.	Used Car	Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2, Ideal Engine Rebuilders, 49 Day St., 8 autos.	188902 Licenses & Permits

LATE ITEMS

None

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk