

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 10, 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,
February 10, 2011.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Taylor, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending James Powers, who is retiring after 33
years of dedicated service to the city as a Firefighter.

4. Citation By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board
Commending Karen Harrington, who is retiring after
more than 30 years of dedicated service to the city,
primarily in the Recreation Dept.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 93 School
Street and make recommendations to the landlord for
the storage of trash.

6. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the trash
at the Post Office newsracks on Washington Street.

7. Order By Ald. Taylor, Heuston
That the Director of SPCD, in conjunction with the
manager of the Union Square Post Office, update the
Ward 3 and Ward 2 Aldermen on the pending sale and
relocation of the Union Square Post Office.

8. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Health
update this Board on the public awareness campaign to
address rodent control, and describe specific problem
areas and plans to address rodent control in those areas.

9. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the City Solicitor and the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide recommendations for the abandoned property at 47 Harrison Street, and advise this Board on actions the city can take to address safety and health issues as well as taxes and fees owed the city.
10. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Capital Projects address the continual structural problems in the roof and doors of the Argenziano School, explaining whether they are covered under a warranty or are now a cost to the City, and provide a detailed reconciliation of those repairs.
11. Resolution By Ald. Heuston
That this Board requests that the Dedication Commission consider placing a memorial in Ward 2 (at a location to be determined) in memory of Donald Loughman, a retired school custodian and Korean War Veteran.
12. Order By Ald. Roche
That the City Solicitor advise this Board on the process for increasing the number of Beer and Wine licenses in the city.
13. Order By Ald. Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works begin an aggressive pot hole repair program around Ward One.
14. Order By Ald. Roche
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait for rodents in and around Virginia Street near Aldrich Street, Pearl Street between Wesley and Dana Streets, and Franklin Street near Franklin Avenue.
15. Order By Ald. Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect and repair the lights along the median strip in Ward One.
16. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Pero
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean Temple Street and Shore Drive (under Route 93).
17. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Pero
That the Commissioner of Public Works clear Grimmons Park of dog feces.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

18. 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

19. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, March 8, 2011.

20. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, March 7, 2011.

21. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, March 3, 2011.

22. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, March 8, 2011.

23. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, March 2, 2011.

24. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Youth Services, March 8, 2011.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

25. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$60,183.56 from the Computer Equipment Acct. to the IT Capital Outlay Acct. to purchase a centralized storage area network appliance.

- 26. Mayor's Request Requesting to accept a \$1,876,179 Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant from the federal Dept. of Housing & Urban Development, for SPCD's Lead Hazard Abatement Program.
- 27. Mayor's Request Requesting to accept a \$205,854 CLAMP Grant from MassDOT for the Health Dept.'s Transportation Demand Management project to expand Walk/Ride Day.
- 28. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$14,473.50 grant from the MAPC's Regional Bike Parking Program for new bicycle accommodations citywide.
- 29. Mayor's Request Requesting to accept a \$2,869 grant from Factory Mutual Insurance Company for the Fire Dept.'s Fire Investigation Unit.
- 30. Mayor's Communication Conveying the Assembly Row DIF Consultant Analysis on municipal service impacts.
- 31. Mayor's Communication Conveying the Assembly Row DIF Tri-Party Public Funding Agreement.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 32. Officer's Communication Asst. City Solicitor responding to #190773 re: Shore Drive.
- 33. Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #190906 re: pedestrian safety at Washington Street at McGrath Highway.

NEW BUSINESS

- 34. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Striders Race of Ireland Road Race, Davis Sq. area, Mar 13, 11AM.
- 35. License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, J. Marachese and Sons Inc.
- 36. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Maria Ferry Salon, 1152 Broadway, 1 sign.
- 37. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Broadway Dollar, 314 Broadway, 1 sign.
- 38. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Somerville Auto Repair, 453 Somerville Ave., 2 autos inside, 7 outside.
- 39. License/Permit New Junk Dealer License, Aldrine Beauty Salon, 369 Somerville Ave., buying and selling gold.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk