

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

November 9, 2017, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # 17291)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,
(ID # 17292) October 12, 2017.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. McWatters, the Entire Board and the Mayor
(ID # 17293) Commending ten Fire Department employees on the
 auspicious occasion of their retirement, including
 District Chief Dennis Murphy, Lieutenants James Nolan
 and Stephen Ortolani, and Firefighters John Beckwith,
 Michael Bennett, Thomas Brown, Thomas Lopez,
 Vincent Mattera, Frederick Popken, and Joseph Rossi.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 48 feet of conduit in
Location Highland Avenue, from Manhole 15226 to a point of
(ID # 17294) pickup at the High School.

5. Officer's Chief Assessor's Classification Hearing Report regarding
Communication the adoption of Tax Levy Percentages for FY 2018,
(ID # 17274) including a minimum residential factor and a residential
 exemption.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. Order By Ald. Davis
(ID # 17269) That the City Arborist discuss with this Board the
 feasibility of pruning the trees along the Community
 Path opposite the community garden, near Grove Street.

7. Order By Ald. Niedergang
(ID # 17278) That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the
 neighborhood traffic calming planned for Central Street
 in 2018, especially around the Hoyt Sullivan playground.

8. Order (ID # 17279) By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a “STATE LAW–YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALK” sign on Central Street, on the telephone pole facing northbound traffic near Willoughby and Albion Streets.
9. Order (ID # 17280) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install flashing “SLOW-CHILDREN CROSSING”, “SLOW-YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS”, and/or "SPEED LIMIT 20MPH" signs on Central Street near the Hoyt Sullivan Playground.
10. Order (ID # 17281) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works post “NO DUMPING” signs, with the amount of the fine, on the north edge of the Cambridge Health Alliance parking lot on Central Street. (2nd request)
11. Order (ID # 17282) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the broken bollard at the intersection of Cedar Street and the Community Path. (2nd request)
12. Order (ID # 17283) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works fix the broken street light and the drooping wire at 436 Broadway.
13. Order (ID # 17284) By Ald. Niedergang
That the City Engineer, the Commissioner of Public Works, and the Water Director repair the pavement on Carver Street.
14. Order (ID # 17285) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and/or the Director of SPCD work with their counterparts in Medford to improve the intersection of Broadway, Albion and Winchester Streets, where there are no street signs or markings, and review other intersections on the Medford-Somerville line before the GLX opens.
15. Order (ID # 17286) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Capital Projects or the Director of Communications share with this Board the plan for keeping community members informed on a regular basis about the High School building project.

16. Order (ID # 17287) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Capital Projects or the Director of SPCD update this Board about the transportation management and parking plans for both the construction and the post-construction phases of the new High School.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

17. Citation 204454 By Ald. the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending Mary Caruso, on the happy occasion of her 85th birthday.
18. Resolution 204160 By Ald. Rossetti
That the Mayor provide to this Board, by October 26, 2017, the analysis he referenced in a communication on June 28, 2017 regarding the costs and uses of Dilboy Field by city nonprofit sports programs.
19. Order 204377 By Ald. Niedergang, Davis, Connolly, and the Entire Board
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the City Solicitor appear at this Board's November 9, 2017 meeting to discuss why developers have gotten building permits without meeting pre-conditions specified in zoning decisions, how the City can more effectively monitor projects for compliance with zoning conditions and other requirements, and what fines and penalties can be levied to deter future violations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

20. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 17288) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on November 2, 2017.
- B. Order 204171 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Board whether smoking tobacco and marijuana is restricted to beyond a 50 foot radius around parks, playgrounds and athletic fields, and, if it is not, work with the City Solicitor's Office to change the regulations to prohibit such smoking on public property within 50 feet of parks, playgrounds and athletic fields.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 204492 By Ald. Niedergang
That the City Solicitor draft a revised version of Ordinance 6-3(b)(3), Smoking in Parks, to extend the smoking prohibition to 50 feet.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

21. Mayor's Request (ID # 17276) Requesting an appropriation of \$2,400,000 in Parking Meter Receipts to reduce the FY18 Tax Levy.
22. Mayor's Request (ID # 17272) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Overlay Surplus approved by the Board of Assessors on October 6, 2017, to reduce the FY18 Tax Levy.
23. Mayor's Request (ID # 17277) Requesting the appropriation of \$140,151 from the Receipts Reserved-Deposits Account to reduce the FY18 Tax Levy.
24. Mayor's Request (ID # 17203) Requesting approval to appropriate \$40,357.05 from the Union Square Revitalization Fund for legal services.
25. Mayor's Request (ID # 17202) Requesting approval to create the 290 Highland Ave Stabilization Fund, and accept a payment to the Fund of \$10,000 from 290 Highland Ave LLC for Ward 5 Improvements.
26. Mayor's Request (ID # 17267) Requesting acceptance of a \$61,610 grant with no new match required, from Mass Development to the Arts Council to develop a co-working kitchen space for the Nibble program.
27. Mayor's Request (ID # 17200) Requesting acceptance of a \$34,200 grant with no new match required, from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for its grant program.
28. Mayor's Request (ID # 17266) Requesting acceptance of a \$22,460 grant with no new match required, from the MA Emergency Management Agency to the Fire Department for emergency operations.
29. Mayor's Request (ID # 17201) Requesting acceptance of a \$6,900 grant with no new match required, from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for operational support.
30. Mayor's Request (ID # 17176) Requesting the appointment of Eric Collins to the position of Fire Fighter.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

31. Officer's Communication (ID # 17268) Director of Water responding to #204375 re: cleaning the sewers on certain streets.

NEW BUSINESS

- 32. License/Permit (ID # 17295) Public Event Permit, Arts Council Illuminations Tour, Citywide, Dec 16, 3-10:30PM (raindate Dec 17).
- 33. License/Permit (ID # 17296) Transferring Flammables License, Shield Broadway, 620 Broadway.
- 34. License/Permit (ID # 17297) Sign/Awning Permit, Hair By Christine, 217 Highland Ave, 1 awning.
- 35. License/Permit (ID # 17298) New Garage License, K Professional Auto Detailing, 682 Mystic Ave, washing vehicles only, 3 vehicles inside, 4 outside.
- 36. License/Permit (ID # 17299) New Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston Commercial Vans, 161 Linwood St, mechanical repairs, washing vehicles, storing vehicles, 10 vehicles inside, 30 outside.
- 37. Public Communication (ID # 17300) 35atSummer LLC proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property at 3-5 Summer St to NB.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 38. Order (ID # 17303) By Ald. White Jr.
That this Board amends Rule 24 of the Rules of the Board to add the Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee as a Standing Committee, consisting of five members.
- 39. Order (ID # 17307) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Chief of Police, the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of SPCD monitor traffic speeds on North Street, High Street, Fairfax Street, Sterling Street, Gordon Street and Woods Avenue and suggest traffic dampening measures.
- 40. Order (ID # 17308) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD prioritize Cameron Avenue for repaving.
- 41. Order (ID # 17309) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the wooden placard horse on Ware Street.

42. Mayor's Request (ID # 17306) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,100,000 in a bond to design a Stormwater Pump Station and Force Main on Poplar Street.
43. Mayor's Request (ID # 17305) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,500,000 in a bond, for the Spring Hill Sewer Separation Project Design Phase.
44. Mayor's Request (ID # 17302) Requesting the appropriation of \$450,000 from the FY18 Tax Levy to the Green Line Extension Stabilization Fund, to fund debt service for the city's contribution to the GLX.
45. Mayor's Request (ID # 17304) Requesting the appropriation of \$450,000 from the FY18 Tax Levy to the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund, to fund debt service for the new High School.
46. Mayor's Request (ID # 17301) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices using \$16,092 in available funds in the Law Department Legal Services Account for outside legal counsel services.
47. Mayor's Request (ID # 17275) Requesting acceptance of a \$32,000 grant from the MA Department of Environmental Protection for the Public Works Department's Recycling Dividends Program.
48. Officer's Communication (ID # 17270) Assistant City Solicitor submitting amendments to Ordinances 6-3, Smoking in Parks, and 9-3, Marijuana in Public Places and Parks, as recommended by the Committee on Legislative Matters at its 11/2/17 meeting.
49. Officer's Communication (ID # 17311) Director of Parks & Recreation and City Solicitor responding to #204160, #203889, and #203733 re: nonprofit soccer and football organizations' use of Dilboy Field.
50. Officer's Communication (ID # 17289) Director of Water and Sewer responding to #204370 re: residential notifications for excessive water use.
51. Officer's Communication (ID # 17290) Director of Water and Sewer responding to #204371 re: customer service for questioned water bills.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT