

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2011, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Walter F. Pero	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Sean T. O'Donovan	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. #192287 Call of the Roll.
Roll Call

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. #192288 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 10, 2011.
Minutes

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. #192289 Citation
By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan, Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending High School Coach Mark Antonelli, the 2011 Division 1 North Boys Basketball Coach of the Year.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. #192290 Citation
By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan, Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending Rashida Ellis, the USA Amateur Boxing Association's New England Champion for 2011.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. #192291 Grant of Location submitted by Comcast, for 33 ft. of conduit from a pole on
Grant of Location Buckingham St. to private property at 65 Beacon St.

RESULT: APPROVED

Ald. Roche recused.

6. #192292 Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric, to relocate a pole on
Grant of Location Mountain Ave. to provide clearance for a new driveway at 8 Mountain Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED

Ald. Roche recused.

7. #192293 Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric, to install 130 feet of
Grant of Location underground conduit in Somerville Ave. between Bleachery Court and
Garden Court, to support the new ice skating rink at Conway Park.

RESULT: APPROVED

Ald. Roche recused.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

8. #192294 By Ald. Gewirtz
Resolution That this Board requests that a representative of the MBTA meet with this
Board to discuss improvements at the MBTA station on College Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

9. #192295 By Ald. Gewirtz
Order That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board of the feasibility
of extending the community garden further down the community path
between Davis Square and Willow Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. #192296 By Ald. Gewirtz
Order That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide this Board with information on the
status of the Cabot Farm building on Broadway, at the Powderhouse Rotary.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. #192297
Order
- By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) and the Chief Fire Engineer report to this Board the current status of the Dilboy Post and when it will be permitted to re-open, and that the Commander of the Dilboy Post be invited to appear before this Board at its next regular meeting.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
12. #192298
Order
- By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the two rusty rail pipes sticking out of the ground on the community path between Willow Avenue and Cedar Street.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
13. #192299
Resolution
- By Ald. Gewirtz, Desmond, Connolly, Sullivan, Pero, Heuston, Roche
That this Board stands opposed to the establishment of the Somerville Progressive Charter School.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- Ald. Taylor recused.
14. #192300
Order
- By Ald. Desmond, Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the fence and gate attached to the rear of the Edgerly School on the Otis Street side.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 15.
- Withdrawn
16. #192301
Order
- By Ald. Roche
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the catch basins on Everett Avenue, Otis Street, MacArthur Street, Bonair Street and Wigglesworth Street for rodents.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
17. #192302
Order
- By Ald. Roche
That the Chief of Police and Director of SPCD (ISD) report to the Ward One Alderman on actions to control the ongoing abuse and disrespect resulting to the vacant building at 2 Broadway.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
18. #192303
Order
- By Ald. Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the Iacoppucci dedication sign at the corner of Broadway and Glen Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

19. #192304
Resolution

By Ald. Sullivan, Connolly, Roche, O'Donovan, Gewirtz, Taylor, White Jr.
That this Board requests that the Retirement Board increase the cost of living adjustment base for retirees from \$12,000 to \$14,000.

RESULT: APPROVED

20. #192305
Order

By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, Pero
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect, take appropriate action and report the findings to this Board for trees at the following locations: 99 Thurston Street, 11, 13 and 14 Rush Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

21. #192306
Order

By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the unlit street lamps on Davis Square Plaza and on the corner of Winter Street and College Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED

22. #192307
Order

By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works make the necessary repairs to correct the steep sidewalk grade on some Windom Street homes.

RESULT: APPROVED

23. #192308
Order

By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility to repair the street lamps on Winslow and College Avenues, adjacent to Ciampa Manor.

RESULT: APPROVED

24. #192309
Order

By Ald. Connolly, O'Donovan
That the Commissioner of Public Works arrange for all utilities with equipment on double poles to meet with the Committee on Public Utilities and Works early in 2012.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

25. #192310
Resolution

By Ald. Connolly
That this Board requests that a representative from NStar's Community Relations Dept. appear before a regular meeting of this Board to discuss NStar's street lamp repair and replacement schedule.

RESULT: APPROVED

Ald. Roche recused.

26. Withdrawn

27. #192311 By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, Taylor
Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the lights on the island
between 252 and 255 Medford Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

28. #192312 By Ald. Sullivan, Taylor
Resolution That this Board requests that the US Postal Service return the mail box at 252
Medford Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

29. #192313 By Ald. Gewirtz
Communication Acting as President, reporting on School Committee activities, with a special
focus on the proposed Charter School and hearing on December 14th.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

30. #192231 By Ald. O'Donovan, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Citation Commending Edward Reddin, who is retiring after more than 35 years of
dedicated service as a Police Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

31. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. #192314 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on December 5, 2011.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

B. #191883 Requesting an appropriation of \$48,000 from the Capital Projects
Mayor's Request Stabilization Fund for the purchase of 2 Ford Escapes for the Police Dept.'s
narcotics and gang units.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Taylor, Gewirtz

ABSENT: Walter F. Pero, Sean T. O'Donovan, Robert C. Trane

- C. #191885 Requesting an appropriation of \$30,000 from the Capital Projects
Mayor's Request Stabilization Fund for the purchase of handheld portable radios for the Police
Dept.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Taylor, Gewirtz

ABSENT: Walter F. Pero, Sean T. O'Donovan, Robert C. Trane

- D. #192135 Requesting acceptance of a \$42,000 grant from the Office of Emergency
Mayor's Request Preparedness for security improvements to the Public Safety Building.

RESULT: APPROVED

- E. #192183 Requesting an appropriation of \$30,000 and authorization to borrow that
Mayor's Request amount in a bond for renovations to the old Union Square Firehouse.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Taylor, Gewirtz

ABSENT: Walter F. Pero, Sean T. O'Donovan, Robert C. Trane

- F. #192188 Requesting to pay prior year invoices in the Dept. of Public Works totalling
Mayor's Request \$15,067.40.

RESULT: APPROVED

- G. #192315 By Ald. White Jr.
Order That the Chief of Police provide this Board with a list of seized cash and
property for the past five years, noting what has gone into the City's account
during that period.

RESULT: APPROVED

32. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. #192316 Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on December 1,
Committee Report 2011.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #192275 631 Somerville petitioners communicating their support for the proposed
Public local hiring ordinance.
Communication

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. #192317 By Ald. White Jr.
Order That the proposed Local Hiring Ordinance be presented to this Board for
further instruction.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

33. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. #192318 Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on December 7,
Committee Report 2011.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #191617 New Garage License, Chambers Motorcars, 71 Linwood St., Mechanical
License/Permit repairs, washing vehicles, storing vehicles, 9 autos in.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. #192088 Sign/Awning Permit, Laundromax, 630 Somerville Ave., one sign.
License/Permit

RESULT: APPROVED

- D. #192089 New Used Car Dealer License Class II, Mass Auto Brokers Inc., 631
License/Permit Somerville Ave., 10 autos in, 5 out.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

AMENDED: License granted for 60 days only, and for the storage of just
7 autos inside and 2 autos outside.

- E. #192147 New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, A/E Auto Repair, 13 Joy St., 8 autos
License/Permit in, 4 out.

RESULT: APPROVED

- F. #192286 Amending Garage License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington
License/Permit St., requesting to operate Sundays, 10AM-4PM.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

AMENDED: Approved hours of operation are 11 AM to 4 PM Sundays; closed on major holidays.

G. #192319
Order

By Ald. Heuston

That the City Clerk notify the holder of the license for G E Auto Repair to appear before the Committee on Licenses and Permits to discuss the terms of the license.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

34. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A. #192320 Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on Committee Report December 7, 2011.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. #192321
Order

By Ald. Roche

That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the roof of the East Somerville Library, make the necessary repairs and report back to the committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

C. #192322
Order

By Ald. Roche

That the Chief Information Officer make recommendations for a centralized database so that information may be shared among various city departments when tracking problem properties, etc.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Information Technology Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

35. #192323 Requesting an appropriation of \$150,000 and authorization to borrow that Mayor's Request amount in a bond for renovations to the ISD Office.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

36. #192324 Requesting a transfer of \$5,355 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Mayor's Request Police Personal Services Crossing Guard Acct. to fund a collective bargaining agreement with the Crossing Guard Unit.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

37. #192325 Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice in the Information Technology Dept. totalling \$83.83.

RESULT: APPROVED

38. #192326 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of \$7,665 grant from the MA Dept. of Fire Services for the Fire Dept.'s Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) campaign.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

39. #192327 Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Senior Services Committee

40. #192328 Officer's Communication SPCD Director responding to various Board Orders.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

NEW BUSINESS

41. #192329 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Vigil for Bradley Manning, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Fridays 1-2 PM from Dec 16 thru Jun 30, 2012.

RESULT: APPROVED

42. #192330 License/Permit Renewing Drain Layer's License, C and K Trucking and Excavating.

RESULT: APPROVED

43. #192331 License/Permit Renewing Automatic Amusement Devices License, Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St., 1 device.

RESULT: APPROVED

44. #192332 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Manny's Auto Center, 463 McGrath Hwy., 30 autos out.

RESULT: APPROVED

45. #192333 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, LIens Auto Repair, 65 1/2 Bow St., 17 autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

46. #192334 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Dodakin's Auto Sales, 191 Beacon St., 4 autos in, 18 out.

RESULT: APPROVED

47. #192335 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Motorcycles and More LLC, 109 Bailey Rd., 0 autos.

RESULT: APPROVED

48. #192336 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Pizzeria Posto, 187 Elm St., 10 tables, 20 chairs.

RESULT: APPROVED

49. #192337 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, PJ Ryans, 239 Holland St., 8 tables, 16 chairs.

RESULT: APPROVED

50. #192338 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Boston Burger Co., 37 Davis Sq., 5 tables, 10 chairs, 1 A-frame sign.

RESULT: APPROVED

51. #192339 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Mr. Crepe, 51 Davis Sq., 5 tables, 10 chairs, 1 A-frame sign.

RESULT: APPROVED

52. #192340 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm St., 1 bench.

RESULT: APPROVED

53. #192341 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Taipei Tokyo Cafe, 7 Holland St., 3 tables, 6 chairs.

RESULT: APPROVED

54. #192342 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, The Burren, 247 Elm St., 6 tables, 24 chairs.

RESULT: APPROVED

55. #192343 Public Communication Congressman Capuano responding to #192234 re: the impact of proposed federal cuts on Somerville.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

56. #192344 Public Communication MBTA Acting General Manager responding to #192285 re: Discounted advertising for Davis Sq. businesses during the Red Line track reconstruction project.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

57. #192345 Order By Ald. Gewirtz, O'Donovan
That the Chief of Police advise this Board on the safety measures in place in the Lexington Park area of the community path with respect to dogs off leash.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

58. #192346 Order By Ald. Trane
That the Chief Information Officer check, clean and secure all IT cables in the Committee Room and ensure that all IT equipment is working properly.

RESULT: APPROVED

59. #192347 Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of Section 20 of M.G.L. Chapter 32B allowing the City to establish a Trust Fund for Other Post Employment Benefit Liabilities (OPEB).

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

60. #192348 Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$367,631 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the DPW School Custodians Personal Services Acct. to fund a collective bargaining settlement.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

61. #192349 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$27,518 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Parking Meter Receipts Acct. to the Traffic and Parking Credit Card Services Acct.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

62. #192350 Officer's Communication City Solicitor responding to #192224 re: health insurance coverage for survivors under GIC.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

63. #192351 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, J. Talewsky and Son, 512 Columbia St.

RESULT: APPROVED

64. #192352 License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, J. Talewsky and Son, 517 Columbia St.

RESULT: APPROVED

LATE ITEMS

65. #192353 Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$976,469 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Police Personal Services Acct. to fund a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Somerville Police Employees Association from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2012.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

66. #192354 Public Event Permit, BA Events Jingle Bell Run, Davis Sq. area, Dec 18,
License/Permit 11AM.

RESULT: APPROVED

67. #192355 New Drain Layer's License, Manafort Brothers.
License/Permit

RESULT: APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk