

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 8, 2012, 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 9, 2012.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Grant of Location Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric to install
24 feet of conduit from a manhole to private property at
48 Highland Avenue.

4. Grant of Location Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric to install
11 feet of conduit from a pole to private property at 6
Beacon St.

5. Grant of Location Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric to
relocate a pole on Grove Street.

6. Grant of Location Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric to install
two poles and remove one pole on Lowell Street.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

7. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, Desmond

That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain the
increase of large truck traffic entering Magoun Square
from the Medford and Route 93 areas.

8. Order By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Chief Fire Engineer determine the cause of the
recent fire at the MBTA shaft site, and report whether
this should have any bearing on recently approved plans
for development at the site.

9. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz

That this Board requests that the Administration
provide information about plans to support local
grocery stores in our economic centers.

10. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Environmental Programs Manager report on the compact fluorescent light bulb program and advise if the city could feasibly implement something similar.
11. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of Communications place a reminder on the city cable wheel about trash pickup regulations.
12. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, Connolly
That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking create a traffic management plan for Kidder Avenue to slow traffic.
13. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works place a trash barrel at the corner of Willow and Morrison Avenues.
14. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, Connolly, Lafuente, Heuston, Roche, Desmond, White Jr., Sullivan
That this Board requests that the Administration provide a timeline for repairs to the West Branch Library and that the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update on repairs to interior walls that are peeling.
15. Resolution By Ald. Roche, Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Gewirtz, O'Donovan, Heuston, Lafuente
That this Board requests that the Administration analyze improvements needed at the East Branch Library and provide this Board with a schedule for completion.
16. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Gewirtz, Roche, O'Donovan, Heuston, Lafuente
That this Board requests that the Administration conduct a thorough review of the Public Library, including long-range planning to maintain the highest level of community services, and report back to this Board prior to the FY13 budget review.
17. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the City Engineer inspect catch basins and roadway depressions on Adrian Street and take action to restore structural integrity and address problems of overflow.
18. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works repave Adrian Street as part of the Spring 2012 paving program.

19. Resolution By Ald. Roche
That this Board requests that the Administration budget funds for the meetings of certain boards and commissions to be recorded and broadcast via the city's cable station.
20. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Commissioner of Public Works adjust the blinking traffic sign at the corner of Thurston Street and Evergreen Avenue so it blinks during school hours only.
21. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install signs on Medford Street, at the corners of Thurston and Sycamore Streets, to slow down traffic.
22. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO U TURN sign on the westbound side of Broadway at School Street.
23. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sinkhole and cracks on the mats at Grimmons Park.
24. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of SPCD dispatch the Neighborhood Inspection Team to 35-37 Jackson Road for possible building violations, health violations, illegal activity and disturbances.
25. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of SPCD dispatch the Neighborhood Inspection Team to 3-5 Walter Terrace for possible building violations, health violations, illegal activity, and disturbances.
26. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install NO PARKING signs and a traffic mirror on Main Street, at the corner of Fremont Street.
27. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO PARKING sign in front of 12 Maple Avenue and paint the curb yellow from driveway to driveway.

28. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a DEAD END sign at the corner of Ash Avenue and E. Albion Street.
29. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, Trane, Lafuente, Heuston, White Jr., Roche, Gewirtz, Desmond, Connolly
That this Board offers it support of the 5th Annual White Ribbon Day campaign, advocating against domestic violence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

30. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on March 7, 2012.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of John O'Connor to the Fire Dept. Reserve List.

31. ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Environment and Energy, meeting on March 8, 2012.

32. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on March 6, 2012.
- B. 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).

33. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on March 7, 2012.
- B. License/Permit New Hawker Peddler License, The Tear Drop Inc., Flowers, Fruit and Vegetables Vendor.

34. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on February 29, 2012.
- B. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., Desmond, Connolly
That the Commissioner of Public Works Direct the Appropriate Utility to Remove the Double Pole at 29 Delaware Street and Check the Utility Lines for Safety as They Appear to be Touching the House.
- C. Order By Ald. Connolly, O'Donovan, Trane
That the City Clerk request that representatives of NStar Gas and Electric appear before this Board's Committee on Public Works and Public Utilities regarding the recent power outage in Magoun Square (June 14-15), ongoing repairs in West Somerville, and ongoing repairs and improvements citywide.
- D. Order By Ald. Sullivan
That the City Clerk contact NStar Electric to request that a representative appear before this Board to explain the process for requesting commercial service.
- E. 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.
- F. Public Communication NStar Electric responding to #192310 re: street lights, double poles, power outages, and other items.
- G. Order By Ald. Connolly
That the Commissioner of Public Works follow up on the information provided by NSTAR relative to the number of inoperable lights remaining to be repaired and follow up on a bi-weekly schedule on NSTAR's progress, in anticipation of completing the repairs within 60 days.

35. VETERANS AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Veterans and Public Services, meeting on February 29, 2012.
- B. Resolution By Ald. Roche
That this Board requests that the Administration consider asking former Veterans Services Directors Frank Senesi and Walter Pero to be co-Chairs of the Memorial Day Committee.

- C. Resolution By Ald. Connolly
- That this Board requests that the Administration submit a request to purchase the appropriate equipment for dedications and ceremonies.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

36. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$375,000 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Acct. to the Algonquin Gas Loop Project Stabilization Fund.
37. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$375,000 from the Algonquin Gas Loop Project Stabilization Fund to reconstruct roads and sidewalks.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$75,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of Christmas and other seasonal decorations.
39. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$73,200 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to purchase Police vehicles.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to increase the Council on Aging's Revolving Fund Cap for FY2012 from \$90,000 to \$130,000.
41. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay several prior-year invoices in the Traffic and Parking Dept. totalling \$1,700.12.
42. Mayor's Request Requesting the use of FY12 funds in the Personnel Dept. to pay Arbitrator Richard Higgins for Arbitration Services on an Fiscal Year 2011 invoice totaling \$600.
43. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Peter Forcellese Jr. as City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.
44. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Edward Bean as City Auditor.
45. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Angela Allen as Purchasing Agent.
46. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Wright as City Solicitor.
47. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Sarah Kloos as Director of Personnel.
48. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Robert King as City Engineer.

- 49. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of James DiFraia as Constable, for a term to expire December 31, 2012.
- 50. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Browne as Constable, for a term to expire December 31, 2012.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 51. Officer's Communication City Clerk conveying a Resolution forwarded by the Chelsea City Council opposing the transportation of ethanol by rail to Revere.
- 52. Officer's Communication City Clerk conveying a Determination from the Attorney General re: the Open Meeting Law and participation at committee meetings.
- 53. Officer's Communication Licensing Commission responding to #192068 re: training requirements for licensees.
- 54. Officer's Communication Retirement Board responding to #192304 re: an increase in the Cost of Living Adjustment base for retirees.
- 55. Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 56. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Recreation Dept. Shape Up Somerville Road Race, High School Concourse, Apr 15, 10-1PM.
- 57. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Independent Film Festival of Boston Display, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Apr 25-30, 10AM-1AM.
- 58. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Davis Sq. Farmers Market, Day and Herbert Streets Parking Lot, Wednesdays May 23-Nov 21.
- 59. License/Permit Public Event Permit, "The Davis Flea" Open-Air Flea Market, Buena Vista Parking Lot, Sundays Jun 3-Oct 28.
- 60. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Gobble Gobble Gobble Road Race, Davis Sq. and surrounding area, Nov 22.
- 61. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, The Painted Burro, 219 Elm St., Sign.
- 62. License/Permit New Garage License, Mac's Auto Body Corp., 53 Russell St., mechanical repairs, auto body, spray painting, vehicle storage, 10 autos in, 8 out.

63. License/Permit New Fortune Teller License, Dolly Costello dba Spiritual New Age Boutique, 153 Washington St.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

64. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Purchase and Sales Agreement with NStar Electric, for the purchase of NStar-owned street lights.
65. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a donation from Christos Poutahidis in the amount of \$10,000, for youth programming.
66. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a donation of \$10,000 from D&R General Contracting, for community initiatives.
67. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a donation of \$10,000 from MetroPCS for youth programming and other community events.
68. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a donation of \$1,000 from Robert B. King, local McDonalds owner-operator, for youth activities and community events.
69. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Marguerite Barrett as Superintendent of Water Works.
70. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of George Landers as Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds.
71. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Steve MacEachern as Superintendent of Highways, Lines and Lights.
72. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Robert McWatters as Clerk of Committees.
73. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Charles Sillari as Assistant Clerk of Committees.
74. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Peter Forcellese as Assistant Clerk of Committees.
75. Mayor's Request Requesting to discuss with this Board the status of Responsible Employer Ordinances in the State, in light of the UCANE v. Fall River case.
76. Officer's Communication Assistant City Solicitor responding to #192499 re: the rights of the city with respect to utility companies, specifically Verizon.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk