

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

September 10, 2015, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 12509)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 9,
 (ID # 12510) 2015.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Rossetti, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
 (ID # 12511) Congratulating the Somerville High School Scholarship
 Foundation as it celebrates 25 years of supporting the
 aspirations of Somerville High School graduates to attain
 a higher education.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Order By Ald. McWatters, Connolly, Sullivan, Rossetti, White
 (ID # 12469) Jr.
 That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the
 cement curbs and the bench in Kelley Park that were put
 in the skate board area without authorization from the
 city. (Photos attached)

5. Order By Ald. McWatters, Connolly, Sullivan, Rossetti, White
 (ID # 12470) Jr.
 That the Chief of Police order directed patrols at Kelley
 Park to enforce the 10PM closing time.

6. Order By Ald. McWatters, Connolly, Sullivan, Rossetti, White
 (ID # 12471) Jr.
 That the Director of Traffic and Parking notify MASS
 DOT about the malfunctioning traffic signal at McGrath
 Highway and Medford Street.

7. Resolution By Ald. McWatters, McLaughlin
 (ID # 12472) That MASS DOT consider placing a pedestrian signal at
 Chester Street and McGrath Highway.

8. Order (ID # 12473) By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD plant trees at 112 Belmont Street and 18 Richdale Avenue.
9. Order (ID # 12474) By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works street sweep Harvard Place.
10. Order (ID # 12475) By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the grass at Prospect Hill Park.
11. Resolution (ID # 12476) By Ald. Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Administration consider the attached Policy Order, recently adopted by the neighboring community of Cambridge, as it relates to Air Traffic Noise Pollution, and report back to this Board at its next meeting.
12. Order (ID # 12477) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the bulb in the streetlight at the entrance to Junction Park at Woodbine and Centre Streets.
13. Order (ID # 12478) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SomerStat inform the Ward 5 Alderman about the likely timeline for repaving Carver Street and Robinson Street and explain the process for reconsidering the schedule.
14. Order (ID # 12479) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a second DO NOT ENTER sign on the southwest corner at Conwell Street and Highland Avenue.
15. Order (ID # 12480) By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the decorative bench in Lincoln Park at the end of Fremont Street.
16. Order (ID # 12481) By Ald. Heuston
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect 471 Somerville Avenue for a valid garage license and report back to the Ward 2 Alderman.
17. Order (ID # 12482) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD (Transportation and Infrastructure) update this Board on the Beacon Street reconstruction project and work with the Ward 2 Alderman on a Community meeting to update the public.

18. Order (ID # 12483) By Ald. Heuston
That the Chief of Police add a school crossing guard to the crossing at Washington Street and Hawkins Street.
19. Order (ID # 12484) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking add solar blinking lights to the SLOW pedestrian sign in front of Catholic Charities on Washington Street.
20. Order (ID # 12485) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint the crosswalks on Dane Street and the crosswalk at Calvin and Washington Streets.
21. Order (ID # 12486) By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board of the plan for fall plantings and flowers for Union Square and Somerville Avenue.
22. Order (ID # 12487) By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the catch basins along the entire length of Somerville Avenue.
23. Order (ID # 12488) By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works maintain and make needed repairs to all of the tree wells and traffic islands along Somerville Avenue.
24. Resolution (ID # 12489) By Ald. Heuston
That the Administration consider the development of a Tree and Bench donation program to supplement the City's investments in these areas.
25. Resolution (ID # 12490) By Ald. Heuston
That the Administration develop a city-wide Open Space Integrated Plan for the protection, development, maintenance and programming of both private and public open spaces.
26. Order (ID # 12491) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking inventory crosswalks that need painting in Ward 2 and report back to the Ward 2 Alderman on a plan for having them painted.

27. Order (ID # 12492) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD (Planning) and the Supervisor of Inspectional Services compile a list of properties in Ward 2 that have been granted Zoning or Planning Board approval or building permits in the last 24 months but have not completed construction, including the reasons why.
28. Order (ID # 12493) By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board how the city addresses the increase in trash during late August and early September due to the influx of students.
29. Order (ID # 12494) By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works install additional bicycle racks on Washington Street, from Beacon Street to Union Square.
30. Resolution (ID # 12495) By Ald. Heuston
That the Administration inform the Clark Street neighbors about the TV pipe testing which should have been performed in 2014.
31. Resolution (ID # 12496) By Ald. Heuston
That the Administration add Bolton Street to the re-paving list.
32. Order (ID # 12497) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the lights on the median at the corner of Broadway and McGrath Highway and on Kensington Avenue, close to Broadway.
33. Order (ID # 12498) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works modify the sidewalk at 69 Pearl Street to make it ADA accessible.
34. Order (ID # 12499) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the overgrowth along McGrath Highway.
35. Order (ID # 12500) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the overgrowth at 22 Everett Avenue.
36. Order (ID # 12501) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken lights on Everett Avenue.

37. Order (ID # 12502) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the City Arborist inspect the trees at 13 Everett Avenue and 43 Cross Street and take appropriate action.
38. Order (ID # 12503) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the sidewalk at 43 Cross Street is ADA compliant.
39. Resolution (ID # 12504) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Administration place Everett Avenue on the repaving list.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

40. Grant of Location 199648 Submitted by Comcast for 40 feet of conduit in Windsor Place from Pole #439/1 to 600 Windsor Pl.
41. Order 199659 By Ald. Rossetti
That the City Solicitor appear before this Board to address the concerns of SCATV and the city's contract with Comcast.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

42. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 12468) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on September 3, 2015.
- B. Mayor's Request 198000 Requesting an amendment to the Trash Ordinance in Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- C. Order 198393 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring an institutional master plan for any institution in Somerville.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order 199267 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance that institutional master plans must require home rule petition approval from the Legislature (per a 5/7/15 Planning Staff memo).
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- E. Order (ID # 12464) By Ald. Rossetti
That the Clerk of Committees request of Representative Denise Provost why H739, which she sponsored, requires that recycled bags contain a minimum of 80% recycled material.

43. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 12466) Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on September 9, 2015.
- B. Resolution 199678 By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Administration provide financial assistance to residents to combat rodent problems on MacArthur Street and all of East Somerville.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 199683 By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SomerStat consider other options for measuring rodent control efforts.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order (ID # 12550) By Ald. Heuston
That the Directors of Inspectional Services and SomerStat attend all meetings of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues or, if unable to attend, send representatives in their place.
- E. Order (ID # 12548) By Ald. Heuston
That the City Clerk request of Representative Tim Toomey that the state address the rodent issue behind 11 Austin Street and I-93.
- F. Order (ID # 12549) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Communications notify the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, within 30 days, of the plan to utilize the Connect CTY system to remind residents of the importance of rodent prevention, as directed in #199680.

44. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 12465) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on September 9, 2015.
- B. Order 196185 By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide a timeline to replace the traffic signal at the intersection of Washington and Beacon Streets.

- RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Resolution 197707 By Ald. Heuston
That the Traffic Commission consider eliminating the requirement that before a temporary speed bump can be installed, 66% of residents on the street must formally agree to request it.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order 197890 By Ald. Sullivan, Gewirtz, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services update this Board on safety measures undertaken at the Elm Street bus stop located in front of Dunkin Donuts.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Order 198570 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking inform this Board and the School Committee about enforcing parking regulations during street cleaning near schools in the morning between 8 and 8:30 AM.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Order 198725 By Ald. Heuston, McWatters
That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the status of Mass DOT work on McGrath Highway.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Order 199058 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Traffic and Parking appear before this Board to discuss the on-street parking permits given to Tufts University employees.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- H. Order 199135 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the damaged NO LEFT TURN sign at Cameron Avenue and Mead Street.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- I. Order 199137 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Traffic and Parking confirm whether parking is allowed in the middle of the end of Fairmount Street abutting Russell Road, and address installing a NO PARKING sign there.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- J. Order 199269 By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing Hanson street sign at Village and Hanson Streets and install a ONE WAY sign for Hanson Street.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- K. Order 199271 By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking re-paint crosswalk striping on Somerville Avenue to distinguish the brick paved pedestrian crosswalks.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- L. Resolution 199278 By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters
That the Mayor's Office provide to this Board by June 11, the consultant's study on the Traffic Commission's regulations for the public process to request traffic calming measures.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- M. Order 199281 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking or the Commissioner of Public Works prevent vehicles from parking on the east side of Cedar Street at the Community Path Extension, as automotive fluids are staining the Path Extension.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- N. Order 199283 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing a NO PARKING spot on the south side of Vernon Street at Trull Street to allow fire engines to turn onto Trull Street, and report back to the Ward 5 Alderman.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- O. Resolution 199343 By Ald. McLaughlin, Sullivan
That the Administration arrange for members of the Boxing Club to park in the East Somerville Community School parking lot weekdays 4-9PM.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- P. Officer's Communication 199360 DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 4/23/15.
RECOMMENDED: Kept in Committee, , Work Completed
- Q. Officer's Communication 199362 Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders submitted 4/23/15.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- R. Order 199415 By Ald. Rossetti
That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider changing the signage on side streets that only allow access to abutters at certain times of the day, by changing the word abutters to residents.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- S. Order 199462 By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install solar blinking lights at the pedestrian crossing at 270 Washington Street.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- T. Order 199463 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider traffic calming measures to reduce the speed of vehicles around Hoyt-Sullivan Park, including applying to reduce the speed limit on the entirety of Central Street to 20 or 25 mph.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- U. Officer's Communication 199563 Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders submitted 5/14/15.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- V. Officer's Communication 199564 DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 5/28/15.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- W. Order 199571 By Ald. White Jr.
That the Committee on Traffic and Parking investigate why the directive in #198726, regarding notification to residents, property owners, and businesses of changes to parking regulations along Medford Street with respect to the McGrath Highway project, was not complied with.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- X. Order 199586 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment report to this Board on the design, placement, effectiveness and enforcement of "NO IDLING" signs by all schools.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- Y. Order 199662 By Ald. Rossetti, Gewirtz, Connolly, White Jr.
That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing a crosswalk at 64 College Avenue.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- Z. Order 199690 By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police inspect, monitor and develop a plan to control the speed of traffic on Medford Street, between Central and School Streets.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AA. Order 199691 By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking inspect the corners of James and Marshall Streets, at their intersection with Pearl Street, and suggest a plan to increase visibility for motorists who are turning onto Pearl Street.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AB. Order 199693 By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a crosswalk at the intersection of Thurston and Fenwick Streets and Broadway.

- RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AC. Order 199697 By Ald. McWatters, Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Chief of Police order directed patrols on Greenville Street from 7 to 9 AM and 4 to 6 PM, to ensure that motorists aren't illegally cutting through Prospect Hill.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- AD. Order 199707 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to the Ward 7 Alderman on a plan to clear up the confusing signage at Capen Street, 405 Alewife Brook Parkway and Capen Court.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

45. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 12467) Report of the Committee on Youth Services, meeting on September 8, 2015.
- B. Order 199665 By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Recreation and Youth appear before the Youth Services Committee to discuss changes to youth football and baseball programs.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order (ID # 12537) By Ald. Rossetti
That the Director of Recreation submit a detailed cost analysis of the Commonwealth Youth Football League.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

46. Mayor's Request (ID # 12463) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$262,000 for Phase 1 of the Building Assessment/Preventive Maintenance Plan.
47. Mayor's Request (ID # 12251) Requesting acceptance of an 18 month lease of the West Somerville Police Substation and office space at 1114 Broadway.
48. Mayor's Request (ID # 12456) Requesting an appropriation of \$142,036 From the Capital Stabilization Fund to purchase 4 police vehicles.
49. Mayor's Request (ID # 12457) Requesting approval for the Inspectional Services Weights & Measures Division to use FY16 funds to pay a FY15 invoice of \$434.77.
50. Mayor's Request (ID # 12459) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$2,500 from Mass Creative for the Arts Council to support organization and advocacy.

- 51. Mayor's Request (ID # 12506) Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$1,792.72 from the Mass DEP for recycling outreach and materials.
- 52. Mayor's Request (ID # 12461) Requesting the appointment of Robson Lemos to the Arts Council.
- 53. Mayor's Request (ID # 12462) Requesting the appointment of Nan Levinson to the Arts Council.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 54. Officer's Communication (ID # 12505) SRA Special Counsel conveying an Amended Master Developer Designation Agreement.
- 55. Officer's Communication (ID # 12458) Director of Personnel responding to #199656 re: employee vacancies.
- 56. Officer's Communication (ID # 12460) Director of Personnel responding to #199797 re: employee sick leave.

NEW BUSINESS

- 57. License/Permit (ID # 12512) Public Event Permit, Somerville Overcoming Addiction Candlelight Memorial Vigil, High School Atrium, Sep 15, 6-10:30PM (raindate Sep 16).
- 58. License/Permit (ID # 12513) Public Event Permit, Irving St Block Party, Sep 19, Noon-8PM (raindate Sep 20).
- 59. License/Permit (ID # 12522) Public Event Permit, Ossipee Rd Block Party, 56 Ossipee Rd to Packard Ave, Sep 20, 3:30-6:30 PM (raindate Sep 27).
- 60. License/Permit (ID # 12514) Public Event Permit, Redbones Oktoberfest, Chester St from Elm to Herbert Sts, Sep 27, 7AM-6PM (raindate Oct 4).
- 61. License/Permit (ID # 12515) Public Event Permit, East Somerville Main Streets Brazil 5K Road Race, East Broadway-Assembly Row, Sep 27, 8AM-3PM.
- 62. License/Permit (ID # 12516) Public Event Permit, First Church Somerville Block Party, Francesca Ave at College Ave, Sep 27, Noon-6PM.

- 63. License/Permit (ID # 12517) Public Event Permit, Boston-Prichard Ave Block Party, Boston Ave from Kidder to Prichard, Sep 27, 3-8:30PM (raindate Oct 4).
- 64. License/Permit (ID # 12518) Public Event Permit, East Somerville Main Streets Foodie Crawl, East Broadway, Sep 29, 4-10PM (raindate Sep 30).
- 65. License/Permit (ID # 12519) Public Event Permit, Arts Council Solar System Pop-up Playground, Perry Park, Oct 3, 10AM-9PM (raindate Oct 10).
- 66. License/Permit (ID # 12520) Public Event Permit, Office of Commissions Candlelight Vigil for Domestic Violence Awareness, Police Station to Union Sq Plaza, Oct 7, 5-7PM.
- 67. License/Permit (ID # 12521) Public Event Permit, HONK! Festival, Hodgkins Park on Oct 9, Davis Sq area on Oct 10, Davis Sq to Beech St on Oct 11, various times.
- 68. License/Permit (ID # 12523) New Drainlayer License, J. Masterson Construction.
- 69. License/Permit (ID # 12524) New Outdoor Seating License, Taco Party, 711 Broadway, 1 table, 2 seats, 1 planter.
- 70. License/Permit (ID # 12525) New Outdoor Seating License, Nine Bar Espresso, 11 Holland St, 4 tables, 8 seats, 1 A-frame sign.
- 71. License/Permit (ID # 12526) New Garage License, ABJ Auto Repair, 91 Marshall St, 6 cars inside, 25 outside.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 72. Order (ID # 12507) By Ald. Connolly, Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the dead public shade tree on Cedar Street near Hudson Street.
- 73. Order (ID # 12534) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD (Transportation) relocate the hubway holding station so it does not cover the gutter on Holland Street at PJ Ryans.
- 74. Order (ID # 12535) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works reposition the black city bench so that it does not obstruct the business mailbox at 1212 Broadway.

75. Order (ID # 12536) By Ald. Ballantyne
That Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect 43 Barton Street for severe overgrowth onto city sidewalks on Barton Street and Hamilton Road, and take the appropriate action.
76. Ordinance (ID # 12539) By Ald. White Jr.
That the provisions of Ordinance 11-105, regarding the demolition of buildings, be amended as described within.
77. Order (ID # 12540) By Ald. White Jr.
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services report to this Board on the ticketing of homeowners for overhanging tree branches per Ordinance 12-14, and that this Board consider amending that Ordinance to clarify its intent.
78. Resolution (ID # 12541) By Ald. White Jr.
That the Administration provide assistance, including financial where appropriate, to resident homeowners whose property is damaged from the roots of trees planted by the City.
79. Order (ID # 12542) By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD change the practice of not immediately responding to messages left at 617-625-6600 ext 2577 for homeowners seeking assistance for heating system rehabilitation.
80. Mayor's Request (ID # 12239) Requesting approval to pay an FY12 invoice of \$45,000 in the DPW using FY16 appropriations.
81. Mayor's Request (ID # 12246) Requesting the appointment of Linda Ingersol to the Recreation and Youth Commission.
82. Officer's Request (ID # 12538) Assistant City Solicitor submitting for approval a Home Rule Petition to require city approval of Institutional Master Plans.
83. License/Permit (ID # 12528) Public Event Permit, Madison St Block Party, Sep 13, 1-5PM.
84. License/Permit (ID # 12529) Public Event Permit, Food Truck Festivals of New England - SomerstrEATS, Powderhouse Park, Tuesdays Sep 15-Dec 29, 4-8:30PM.

- 85. License/Permit (ID # 12530) Public Event Permit, Brain Arts "Grass Stains Somerville" concert, Davis Sq Statue Park, Sep 19, 2-9PM.
- 86. License/Permit (ID # 12531) Public Event Permit, Chandler St Block Party, Chandler St from Chapel to Park Sts, Sep 19, 3:30-7:30PM (raindate Sep 20).
- 87. License/Permit (ID # 12532) Public Event Permit, Reunion Church Picnic, Powderhouse Park, Sep 20, 11:30AM-3PM (raindate Sep 27).
- 88. License/Permit (ID # 12533) Public Event Permit, Highland Rd Block Party, Highland Rd from Kidder to Morrison Aves, Sep 27, 2-8:30PM (raindate Oct 4).
- 89. License/Permit (ID # 12551) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Target Store T 1441, 180 Somerville Ave.
- 90. Public Communication (ID # 12543) Tufts Senior Vice President submitting comments re: #198393, a Home Rule Petition to require local review of all institutional master plans.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT