

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

January 26, 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,
December 20, 2011.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. Order By Ald. O'Donovan

That this Board's Committee on Finance arrange a meeting with the Administration to formulate a Board request for new seating/benches at Trum Field.

4. Order By Ald. O'Donovan

That this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development meet with the Director of SPCD and the Director of Housing to develop an appropriate Senior Housing Ordinance.

5. Order By Ald. O'Donovan

That the Director of SPCD update this Board on initiatives to rectify the lack of economic growth in Magoun Square.

6. Order By Ald. O'Donovan

That the Chief of Police inspect the area behind 1, 3, and 5 Woodbine Street and Somerville Junction Park for illegal drug activity, and conduct directed patrols there without compromising the element of surprise.

7. Order By Ald. Trane, White Jr.

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to provide an update on rodent abatement efforts in the Curtis Street area.

8. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update on the Somerville Avenue reconstruction project and the City's acceptance of it, including the restrictions the City is under regarding traffic, parking and streetscape changes because the project is incomplete and still under State jurisdiction.
9. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the status of the lots on South Street and plans for an alternate location for an off leash dog park in Ward 2.
10. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD update this Board on planned bridge repairs by Mass DOT and plans for alerting the public, diverting traffic and providing assistance for access to affected businesses.
11. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Chief Assessor appear before this Board to provide specific details and responses to citizens' concerns regarding recent tax bills, including increased land values in particular areas of the city.
12. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz, Trane
That the Commissioner of Public Works advise the appropriate utility company to repair/replace the streetlamps at the locations listed within.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

13. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on January 18, 2012.

14. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on January 19, 2012.

15. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS & TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEES

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting in Joint Session with the Committee on Traffic and Parking on January 17, 2012.

16. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on January 17, 2012.

17. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on January 23, 2012.
- B. Order By Ald. Sullivan
That the Chief of Police consider funding a second detective, or a civilian, position in the Forensic Unit.
- C. Order By Ald. Lafuente
That the Chief of Police examine the following locations for surveillance cameras: Bailey Road and Temple Road, Bailey Road and Shore Drive, the stairs at the top of Ten Hills Road.
- D. Order By Ald. Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works (Lines and Lights analyze the streetlights on Bailey and Temple Roads, under Route 93, and report the findings to the Committee on Public Health and Safety.
- E. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the City Clerk contact the State Delegation to request that DCR clear and clean the area along the river bank, from the corner of Route 28 and Shore Drive to the boat house.

18. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on January 24, 2012.
- B. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works Notify the Appropriate Utility to Repair the Streetlamps at at Morrison and Newberne Aves., 256 Morrison Ave., 22 Winslow Ave., Ciampa Manor, and College and Park Aves.

- C. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works report back to this Board on the completion of the Somerville Avenue MA Highway project and the timeframe for accepting the street from the State.
- D. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr.
That this Board requests that a representative of NStar appear before this Board, ASAP, to discuss the recent series of power outages in East Somerville and to propose a corrective action program to ensure consistent power throughout the winter months.
- E. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, Connolly, Desmond, White Jr.
That this Board requests that a representative from NStar appear at the first meeting of this Board's Public Works and Utilities Committee in 2012 to explain the consistent power outages in East Somerville.
- F. Order By Ald. Trane
That the City Solicitor review the Department of Telecommunications and Cable regulations to determine what rights the city may have in dealing with utility companies and what protections are afforded to utility companies, specifically Verizon.
- G. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan
That the Administration re-file the SPOFF program with this Board.
- H. Order By Ald. Connolly
That the City Solicitor investigate the legality of Verizon charging a low voltage fee and passing that fee on to its subscribers.

19. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on January 17, 2012.
- B. Order By Ald. Trane
That the Director of Traffic and Parking perform a cost benefit analysis on the proposal to increase visitor passes from 48 to 72 hours and report the findings to the Committee on Traffic and Parking.

- C. Order By Ald. Trane
That the Chief of Police conduct sting operations on non-licensed cabs and report the results to the Committee on Traffic and Parking.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

20. Mayor's Request Requesting this Board approve a change in the polling location for Ward 6 Precinct 1 to the Kennedy School.
21. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of two Amended and Restated Easement Agreements for Assembly Square.
22. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an Amendment to the Assembly Square Layout and Alteration Order adopted by this Board in January, 2010.
23. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 Federal Realty Investment Trust gift to the SomerPromise Program.
24. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Todd Easton to the Recreation and Youth Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

25. Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

26. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, J.P. Vara Company.
27. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St., 18,600 gallons.
28. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, BBC Auto Repair, 483 Somerville Ave., 7,420 gallons.
29. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Good Gas Somerville, 343-345 Medford St., 20,500 gallons.
30. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Executive Auto Body, 30 Medford St., 13 autos in.
31. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, U Call We Haul, 9R Sherman St., 10 autos out.
32. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Somerville Gas, 73 Summer St., 2 autos in, 10 out.
33. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Chris's Auto Service, 371 Highland Ave., 3 autos in, 10 out.

- 34. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St., 4 autos in, 4 out.
- 35. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave., 3 autos in, 7 out.
- 36. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Good Gas Somerville, 343-345 Medford St., 2 autos in, 5 out.
- 37. License/Permit Used Car Dealer License Class II, Mass Auto Brokers Inc., 631 Somerville Ave., 7 autos in, 2 out.
- 38. Public Communication NStar Electric responding to #192310 re: street lights, double poles, power outages, and other items.
- 39. Public Communication Environment Massachusetts requesting support of a bill to raise the cap on the state's net-metering program, to support solar energy.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 40. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Taylor, White Jr., Connolly, Desmond, Trane, Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the city's Traffic Engineer attend the February 1, 2012 Senior Services Committee meeting at Properzi Manor to discuss traffic and pedestrian safety in Union Square.
- 41. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works install a PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG/\$50 FINE sign at the vacant lot at Pearl and Florence Streets.
- 42. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works install a wrought iron barrel at the vacant lot at Pearl and Florence Streets.
- 43. Order By Ald. Trane, Heuston, Sullivan
That the City Solicitor immediately draft a City Ordinance for the licensing of food trucks.
- 44. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Director of Traffic and Parking investigate the number of accidents at the intersection of Summer and Lowell Streets to determine if corrective action may be needed.
- 45. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$2,400,000 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Fire Dept. Salaries Acct. to fund the agreement with the IAFF Local 76.

- 46. Mayor's Request Requesting transfers totalling \$902,425, specified in the attached spreadsheet, to the Fire Dept. Salaries Acct. to fund the agreement with IAFF Local 76.
- 47. Mayor's Request Requesting the use of \$86,533 in available funds in the Fire Dept. Salaries Acct. to fund the agreement with IAFF Local 76.
- 48. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a donation of \$5,000 from Deb. D. Ganguly, for the West Branch Library.
- 49. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a donation of \$527.99 from Jeffrey L. Fullerton to the Public Library.
- 50. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave., 2 autos in, 20 out.
- 51. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Doucette Auto Service, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy, 2 autos in, 6 out.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk