

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

September 12, 2013, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.
  
2. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 11, 2013.

**CITATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. Grant of Location    Grant of Location submitted by Lighttower Fiber Networks, for 154 feet of conduit in Mystic Ave., from a manhole to 5 Middlesex Ave.
  
4. Grant of Location    Grant of Location submitted by Lighttower Fiber Networks, for 250 feet of conduit in Broadway, from a manhole to 1020 Broadway.
  
5. Grant of Location    Grant of Location submitted by Lighttower Fiber Networks, for 155 feet of conduit in Broadway, from a manhole to 366 Broadway.

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

6. Order                By Ald. Gewirtz  
  
                              That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that there is street sweeping on Willow Avenue, between Kidder Avenue and Broadway, and report to the Ward 6 Alderman why this section has routinely been missed on the street sweeping route.
  
7. Order                By Ald. Gewirtz  
  
                              That the Environmental Programs Manager report to the Ward 6 Alderman and the Committee on Public Health and Safety, the impact of bamboo and whether it is a plant that should be limited due to its invasive nature.
  
8. Order                By Ald. Gewirtz  
  
                              That the Environmental Programs Manager report on Somerville's involvement in the Earth Hour City Challenge.

9. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works sweep the parking lot on Grove Street no earlier than 5:30 AM daily, in deference to nearby residents.
10. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait the sewers on Cottage Avenue for rodents.
11. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works include Meacham Road for repaving in the new street paving cycle.
12. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Environmental Programs Manager and the Director of SPCD report to this Board whether there is currently a city tax in place when residents want to install solar panels on their homes, and if so, work with this Board to eliminate or reduce it significantly.
13. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) visit the Pinkberry in Davis Square to determine if their coolant machines are in violation of the noise ordinance and to work with them to find alternative solutions to their cooling needs, as residents live close by.
14. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Administration provide an update on air traffic noise over Somerville and continuing efforts to reduce this noise.
15. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Director of SPCD make the Somerville by Design Davis Square series information available as soon as possible and ensure that follow up steps are pursued based on recommendations made.
16. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr.  
That the Licensing Commission continue the application for Somerville Beer Works, 240 Elm Street, previously scheduled for September 16, 2013, so that a neighborhood meeting may be scheduled prior to appearing before the Commission.

17. Order By Ald. O'Keefe  
That the Director of Communications warn landlords about "couch surfing".
18. Order By Ald. O'Keefe  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panel at 42 Morrison Avenue.
19. Order By Ald. O'Keefe  
That the Chief of Police order directed patrols to Fisk Avenue.
20. Order By Ald. O'Keefe  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait Rogers Avenue for rodents.
21. Order By Ald. O'Keefe  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking observe and recalibrate the light at Lowell and Medford Streets.
22. Order By Ald. O'Keefe  
That the Chief of Police enforce the DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION directive at Lowell and Medford Streets in Magoun Square and provide a report to the Ward 5 Alderman.
23. Order By Ald. O'Keefe  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street light at Highland Road and Boston Avenue.
24. Order By Ald. Bastardi  
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance that all commercial gas tank replacements require permit approval by this Board.
25. Resolution By Ald. Heuston  
That the Administration pursue the willingness of Tufts University to pay full property taxes as the successful bidder for the redevelopment of the Powder House Community School, and include payment of taxes in the final agreement.
26. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD (ISD) implement a plan to address trash and code violations each May and September, when student moves have the greatest impact on the City.

27. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Chief of Police assign traffic enforcement officers in Union Square, at the intersection of Washington Street/Webster Avenue and Washington Street/Somerville Avenue, to monitor drivers who ignore the traffic signals and block the intersection.
28. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Traffic Engineer monitor the morning and afternoon traffic on Webster Avenue at the Prospect Hill Charter school, and submit recommendations to the Ward 2 Alderman regarding solutions to traffic issues caused by dropoffs and pickups.
29. Order By Ald. Taylor, Desmond  
That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility to replace the leaning pole at the corner of Craigie and Summer Streets.
30. Order By Ald. Taylor  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the street lights at the corner of Vinal Avenue and Highland Avenue.
31. Order By Ald. Connolly  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the dangerous sinkhole at Morrison Avenue and Grove Street.
32. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the non-working street lamps in Davis Square Plaza and the street lamp on the corner of Dover and Holland Streets.
33. Order By Ald. Sullivan  
That this Board's Land Use Committee explore Boston's Ordinance CBC 9-1.3, which requires private rental units to be registered on an annual basis and inspections to be conducted for non-exempt units on a 5-year cycle starting January 2014.
34. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Lafuente, White Jr., Connolly, Desmond  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street light at 10 Melville Road.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

35. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on September 10, 2013.

36. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on September 10, 2013.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

37. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to borrow \$500,000 in a bond, and appropriate the same amount, for ADA Accessibility - Building Improvements.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to borrow \$150,000 in a bond, and appropriate the same amount, to purchase a compacting garbage truck.
39. Mayor's Request Requesting the expenditure of \$1,110.47 of FY14 appropriations to pay six outstanding FY13 invoices in the Police Department.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to extend the Traffic and Parking Dept.'s Delinquent Collections Contract for one year.
41. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$23,562 grant from the Department of Justice, for the Police to purchase a Ford Transit Connect XLT Van.
42. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$22,030 grant from the MA Emergency Management Agency, for the Fire Department to enhance its response to disasters.
43. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$19,175 grant from the MA Cultural Council for the Arts Council's ArtsUnion programming.
44. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$5,500 grant from the MA Cultural Council for the Arts Council's operations.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

45. Officer's Communication Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #194483, an ordinance amending the zoning map for Prospect Hill and Somerville Avenue.

46. Officer's Communication City Clerk responding to #195497 re: noncriminal violations.

**NEW BUSINESS**

47. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Chandler St. Block Party, Sep 21, 3-7PM (raindate Sep 22).
48. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Olde Magoun Saloon Paulaner Biergarten Tour, Magoun Sq. Parking Lot, Oct 5-6, 9AM-8PM.
49. License/Permit New Drainlayer License, Brooksdale Construction.
50. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Sawyer Ave.
51. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, 134 Professors Row.
52. License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Theta Delta Chi Fraternity, 123 Packard Ave.
53. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Mike's Restaurant, 8 Davis Sq.
54. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Bright Horizons, 99 Dover St., 1 sign on Meacham Rd.
55. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Santander Bank, 403 Highland Ave., 2 signs.
56. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Ebi Sushi, 290 Somerville Ave., 1 sign.
57. Public Communication Lisa White and Michael LaVigne submitting comments re: #195464, Master Used Cars petition to operate Sundays as a Used Car Dealer.
58. Public Communication Leroy Hoskins submitting comments re: #195464, Master Used Cars petition to operate Sundays as a Used Car Dealer.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

59. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to retain outside legal counsel to provide services regarding casino proposals before the MA Gaming Commission and surrounding community impacts.
60. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Captain David Fallon to the position of Deputy Chief of Police.

61. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Police Lieutenant James Donovan to the position of Captain.
62. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Vivian Taylor to the Human Rights Commission.
63. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Andre Greene to the Human Rights Commission.
64. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Jenny Dworkin to the Commission on Women.
65. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Rebecca Booth-Fox to the Multicultural Affairs Commission.
66. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Edwin Torres as Constable.
67. Officer's Communication Director of Sustainability and Environment submitting a description of activities under the Green Communities Grant (#195296).
68. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Celebrity Series of Boston & Arts Council Street Piano Project, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Sep 27-Oct 14, 9AM-10PM.
69. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Police Dept. Collier Kickball Extravaganza, Trum Field, Oct 5, 10AM-7PM.
70. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Radio BDC Festival on the Square, Union Sq. Somerville Ave. & Washington St., Oct 13, 6AM-9:30PM.
71. License/Permit Temporary Grant of Location, Lighttower Fiber Networks, Highland Ave. to Crocker St.
72. License/Permit Temporary Grant of Location, Lighttower Fiber Networks, Beacon St. to Eustis St.
73. License/Permit Temporary Grant of Location, Lighttower Fiber Networks, Beacon St. to Sacramento St.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk