

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

May 23, 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, April 25, 2013.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation            By Ald. O'Keefe, Heuston, Gewirtz, and the Entire Board and the Mayor  
  
                              Commending John O'Leary and James Legee, Jr., the Grand Marshals of the 2013 Memorial Day Parade, occurring this Sunday, May 26, at 1 PM.
  
4. Citation            By Ald. Bastardi, and the Entire Board and the Mayor  
  
                              Commending the Full Circle High School and Next Wave Junior High School on the auspicious occasion of their 40th anniversary of outstanding service to Somerville's youth.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

5. Order                By Ald. O'Keefe  
  
                              That the Chief of Police obtain a schedule of Trum Field activities and order directed patrols to ensure that all users act appropriately when using the field and leave at the scheduled time.
  
6. Order                By Ald. O'Keefe  
  
                              That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Traffic Engineer investigate the parking situation on Cedar Street, near Trum Field, that is causing accessibility issues for neighbors getting in and out of their driveways during the spring to fall months.
  
7. Resolution          By Ald. O'Keefe  
  
                              That the Administration inform the Ward 5 Alderman on the bond request to update the bleachers at Trum Field.

8. Order By Ald. O'Keefe  
That the Director of Veterans Services replace the faded pictures at Henry Hanson Park.
9. Order By Ald. O'Keefe  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking, the Traffic Engineer, the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer investigate travel over the Lowell Street bridge, northbound towards Magoun Square, and offer low-cost fixes to improve the visibility for both motorists and cyclists.
10. Order By Ald. Desmond, Taylor  
That the Commissioner of Public Works secure the flagpole ropes at the Prospect Hill monument so they don't bang against the flagpole.
11. Order By Ald. Desmond, Taylor  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk panels on Oxford Street near 73 Central Street.
12. Order By Ald. Desmond, Taylor  
That the Commissioner of Public Works cut back the trees at 75 Central Street and on the Oxford Street side of 73 Central Street.
13. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a STOP sign on Melville Street, at the intersection of Ten Hills Road.
14. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) bait Marshall Street in its entirety, especially in the area of Pearl Street.
15. Order By Ald. Lafuente, White Jr., Sullivan  
That the Chief of Police investigate commercial vehicle overnight parking on and around Wheatland Street, including vehicles with regular plates being used for commercial work.
16. Ordinance By Ald. White Jr., Gewirtz, Lafuente  
Requesting approval of the attached Ordinance Regulating Campaign Contributions from Those Seeking Contracts, Zoning Relief, the Purchase of City Property, or Financial Assistance from the City.

17. Order By Ald. White Jr.  
That the Chief Fire Engineer appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss the travel of ethanol trains through the City.
18. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Administration confirm that the city will contract for a crosswalk bump-out at Elm and Beech Streets in coordination with the City of Cambridge in 2014 and provide a detailed timeline on this process.
19. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Administration reduce the fee charged to the Davis Square Farmer's Market for use of the Herbert Street lot, as the Market provides a tremendous amenity to the Square.
20. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Commissioner of Public Works update the Ward 6 Alderman on the new street cleaning and trash barrel maintenance for Davis Square.
21. Order By Ald. Bastardi  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inform the Ward 1 Alderman of proactive rodent control measures being implemented now that rodent activity and visibility is more prevalent.
22. Order By Ald. Bastardi  
That the Community Liaison ensure that the responsible contractor restore the green space in front of 199 and 201 Broadway that was ruined due to construction debris being stored there all winter.
23. Resolution By Ald. Bastardi  
That the East Somerville Community School Oversight Committee ensure that all plaques honoring veterans or others are restored and re-dedicated prior to the opening of school in the fall.
24. Resolution By Ald. Bastardi  
That the State Delegation consider prioritizing Somerville residents for employment in all facets of the Green Line Extension Project and provide this Board with a response to this request.
25. Order By Ald. Bastardi, Sullivan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the broken locks and routinely clear the walkway at the dog park on New Washington Street.

26. Order By Ald. Bastardi  
That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that street cleaning continues on its designated days on Alston Street and all other streets near the Cross Street Bridge construction.
27. Order By Ald. Bastardi  
That the Commissioner of Public Works report to the Ward 1 Alderman the feasibility of adding trees on Fountain Avenue.
28. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the tree at 31 Adrian Street to determine its health and take any recommended action.
29. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 35 Adrian Street for all structural and health code violations, issue appropriate fines, contact the owner regarding remediation, and report back to the Ward 2 Alderman.
30. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the ONE WAY sign at the intersection of Leon and Dickinson Streets.
31. Order By Ald. Heuston  
That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol at the intersection of Dickinson and Leon Streets between 6 and 8 AM to stop vehicles traveling in the wrong direction.
32. Order By Ald. Connolly  
That the Committee on Public Health and Safety request that the Executive Director of the Cambridge Health Alliance appear to explain, at a public hearing, its recent proposal to reduce funding for services to Somerville's youth community.
33. Order By Ald. Connolly  
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the invasive tree roots at 26-28 Winslow Avenue and take any necessary corrective action.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

34. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on May 15, 2013.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Barry Rafkind to the Human Rights Commission.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Michael Harvey as Constable.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Bruno DeOliveira as Constable.
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Brian Pavao to the Police Department.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Paul Anderson to the Police Department.
- G. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Samir Messaoudi to the Police Department.
- H. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Cassandra Goncalves to the Police Department.
- I. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Paul Beckford to the Police Department.
- J. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Juan Ducasse to the Police Department.
- K. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Matthew Khoury to the Police Department.
- L. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Mark Pulli to the Police Department.
- M. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Samuel Stanford to the Police Department.

35. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board, on May 16, 2013.

36. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 14, 2013.

- B. Resolution By Ald. Heuston, Desmond, Sullivan, Taylor, O'Donovan, Gewirtz, Trane, and the Mayor  
That the City hereby re-affirms its longstanding policies in support of all immigrants, and expresses its support for comprehensive immigration reform that combines a path to permanent status for immigrants already here with the humane enforcement of our nation's borders.
- C. Order By Ald. Trane, Taylor, White Jr., Connolly, Bastardi, Desmond, Lafuente, Sullivan  
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance banning the use of polystyrene containers for take-out food service.
- D. Resolution By Ald. Bastardi  
That the School Superintendent report to this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters the School Dept.'s use of polystyrene containers, before the Committee next meets to discuss a possible ban on such containers on February 27.
- E. Public Communication 59 residents submitting comments re: #194056, a proposed ban on polystyrene.
- F. Public Communication 6 residents submitting comments re: #194056, a proposed ban on polystyrene.
- G. Public Communication Dart Container Corp. submitting comments re: #194056, a proposed ban on polystyrene.
- H. Public Communication Erik Nottleson submitting comments re: #194056, a proposed ban on polystyrene.
- I. Public Communication Kara Tutunjian submitting comments re: #194056, a proposed ban on polystyrene.
- J. Public Communication 21 residents submitting comments re: #194056, a proposed ban on polystyrene.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

37. Mayor's Request Requesting an authorization to borrow \$715,000 in a bond for renovation of North Street Veteran's Playground.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$319,903 from the Assembly Square Construction Fund to the Debt Service Fund for FY2013 Debt Service for Parks Renovation.

- 39. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$25,000 from the Dilboy Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to the Dilboy Enterprise Fund Electricity Account to pay outstanding electric bills from DCR.
- 40. Mayor's Request Requesting the use of \$4,327 in available funds from the SomerStat Salaries Account to hire a Community Preservation Act Intern.
- 41. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a donation of \$7,500 from Honeywell International, Inc. to support urban agriculture programs.
- 42. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of \$5,000 from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security for the Police Dept.'s pedestrian safety initiatives.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 43. Officer's Request City Clerk requesting approval to release two sets of Executive Session minutes as described within.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 44. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Redbones Bike to Work Benefit, Chester St to Herbert St, Jun 3, Noon-10PM (raindate Jun 10).
- 45. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Josephine Ave. Block Party, between Morrison and Kidder Aves., Jun 8, 2-9PM.
- 46. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Starlab Recording Company Festival, 32 Prospect St., Jun 15, Noon-9PM.
- 47. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Arts Council ArtsUnion Events, Union Sq. Plaza, various dates Jun 23-Oct 5, various times.
- 48. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Democratic Committee BBQ, Powderhouse Park, Jun 29 10AM-4PM (raindate Jun 30).
- 49. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Krystal Campbell Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser, Grove St. Parking Lot, Jun 30, 2-8PM.
- 50. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Missionary Church of the Haitian Community GospelFest, Trum Field, Jul 6, 8AM-9PM.
- 51. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Redbones Homeless Coalition Block Party, Chester St to Herbert St, Jul 29, 5-10PM (raindate Aug 5).

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- 52. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, N. Sacca and Sons Inc.
  - 53. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Tufts University, 62 Talbot Ave.
  - 54. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Tufts University, 37R Latin Way.
  - 55. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Alex Auto Body, 75 Washington St.
  - 56. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Metro Auto Repair, 47 Webster Ave.
  - 57. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Somerville Auto Center, 193 Somerville Ave.
  - 58. License/Permit Renewing 2012 Garage License, Somerville Auto Center, 193 Somerville Ave.
  - 59. License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Golden Light Restaurant, 24 College Ave.
  - 60. License/Permit Renewing and Amending Extended Operating Hours License, Chow N Joy, 626C Somerville Ave., Extending Sun-Thu to 2 AM, Fri-Sat to 3 AM.
  - 61. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Gardy Inc., Med #19.
  - 62. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Elysse Corp, Med #48.
  - 63. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Stone Transportation, Med #28,30,31,32.
  - 64. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Love Cab, Med #92.
  - 65. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Elzira and Luc Inc, Med #6.
  - 66. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Odney Cab, Med #72.
  - 67. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Victory Cab, Med #56.
  - 68. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Roly Cab, Med #17.
  - 69. Public Communication Representative Provost submitting comments re: #194849, a proposal to amend the City Charter with respect to filling vacancies on this Board.



70. Public Communication David and Renee Scott submitting comments re: #194483, a proposed Zoning Amendment on Medford St.
71. Public Communication Ray Warburton submitting comments re: #194483, a proposed Zoning Amendment for Prospect Hill.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

72. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an Ordinance regulating "pay-to-play" public contracting and campaign contributions for municipal elected office.
73. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an Ordinance amending the Local Historic District Map to create a new Somerville Main Post Office Historic District encompassing the property at 237 Washington Street.
74. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to retain the law firm of Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP as outside counsel.
75. Officer's Communication Director of SPCD updating this Board on recent developments regarding property acquisitions by the Redevelopment Authority in the Union Square Revitalization Area.
76. Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.
77. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Marchi Paving.
78. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, A & E Auto Repair, 13 Joy St.
79. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Bibi's Cab Inc, Med #20.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk