

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

November 22, 2011, 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,
October 27, 2011.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. O'Donovan, and the Entire Board and the
Mayor

Commending Edward Reddin, who is retiring after
more than 35 years of dedicated service as a Police
Officer.
4. Citation By Ald. The Entire Board, and the Mayor

Commending Peter St. Clair, Thomas Salemme,
Vincent McLaughlin, Leslie Rentel, Robert Doherty,
and James Powers, all retiring after dedicated careers as
Firefighters.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Officer's Request Chief Assessor's Classification Hearing Report
regarding adoption of Tax Levy Percentages for
FY2012, including adoption of a minimum residential
factor, a residential exemption, and an additional
statutory exemption of up to 100%.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz

That this Board requests that Congressman Capuano, or
a representative from his office, appear before this
Board to discuss the nation's fiscal situation and the
specific impacts of proposed federal cuts on Somerville
in the coming cfiscal year.
7. Order By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works advise this
Board of the timeline for delivering single stream
recycling totes to medium to large condo buildings.

8. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of Traffic and Parking inform this Board of the feasibility of painting a STOP LINE at the intersection of Park and College Avenues.
9. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Traffic and Parking coordinate with the organizers of Midnight Madness in Davis Square to resolve any parking or traffic issues in advance.
10. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works install a raised crosswalk at the intersection of Chester and Dover Streets.
11. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of Communications send a citywide Connect-CTY message informing residents of their remedy if they received extra single stream recycling totes.
12. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide comments on the placement of the new crosswalk at Meacham Road and Orchard Street, as there may be a safety issue.
13. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NStar to repair the street lamp at 79 Willow Avenue.
14. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz
That this Board requests that the Administration coordinate efforts with NStar to inventory the non-operating lights in West Somerville and make them operational as quickly as possible.
15. Order By Ald. White Jr., Sullivan, Taylor, Connolly, Desmond
That the Chief of Police, Superintendent of Inspectional Services, Director of Public Health and City Environmental Officer appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to address issues pertaining to the recent Oxford Street crystal meth lab incident.
16. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Chief Fire Engineer appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss implementing the Fire Dept. study recommendations.

17. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of Finance appear before the Finance Committee to discuss the impact upon the City's budget from the City's notice to terminate the lease for the waste transfer facility.
18. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD inform this Board of plans for the two city owned lots on South Street, including whether the city has contracted to have work done there, and if so, what that work is.
19. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the curb and sidewalk panel at 7 Dickinson Street.
20. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 7 Dickinson Street and inform the Ward 2 Alderman on ways to alleviate the damage to private property and the safety hazard caused by its berries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

21. Citation Commending Captain John Keane, Lt. Steven Ortolani, and Firefighters Michael Powers, Christopher Clark, Francis Sharpe, and John Donovan, each given the Thomas Chetham Award as Firefighter of the Year by American Legion Post 19.
22. Citation Commending Officers Alan Monaco and Steve St. Hilaire, each given the Alexander McQuestion Award as Police Officer of the Year by American Legion Post 19.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

23. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on November 22, 2011.

24. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on November 17, 2011.

25. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on November 16, 2011.
- B. License/Permit New Extended Operating Hours License, Target Corp., 180 Somerville Ave., Opening “Black Friday,” Nov 25, from 12 AM to 11 PM.
- C. License/Permit New Fortune Teller License, Stacey Mitchell dba Astrology by Nina, 511 Medford St.
- D. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Laundromax, 630 Somerville Ave., one sign.
- E. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the City Clerk investigate whether mobile food vendors are prohibited from operating at specific locations, and if so, to provide a list of locations to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.
- F. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance regulating mobile food vendors.

26. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Youth Services, meeting on November 16, 2011.
- B. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, Desmond, Connolly
That this Board Committee on Youth Services supports Groundwork Somerville’s use of the city controlled lot at 100 South Street for Green Team endeavors.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 27. Mayor’s Request Requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to establish minimum pervious area requirements on lots in certain zoning districts.
- 28. Mayor’s Request Requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance amending Zoning Districts for the areas consisting of Somerville Avenue from Wilson Square to the Somerville-Cambridge line at Porter Square, White Street, and Elm Street from White Street to Wilson Square, and amending the Floodplain Overlay District.
- 29. Mayor’s Request Requesting an appropriation of \$1,892,036 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation – Parking Meter Receipts Acct. to reduce the FY2012 tax levy.

- 30. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$100,000 from the Overlay Surplus declared by the Board of Assessors, to reduce the FY2012 tax levy.
- 31. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$20,000 in the Public Health Dept., from the Salaries Acct. to the Professional and Technical Services Acct., to fund the Healthy Dining Initiative Consultant.
- 32. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$1,000 in the Public Health Dept., from the Salaries Acct. to the Professional and Technical Services Acct., to support the Youth Risk Behavior Survey.
- 33. Mayor's Request Requesting the authorization of a Consolidated Gift Account for the Council on Aging.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

- 34. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Davis Sq. Midnight Madness Zipcar Tent, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Dec 1, 4PM-Midnight.
- 35. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Union Sq. Winter Craft Market, Union Sq. Plaza, Dec 3, 9AM-6PM.
- 36. License/Permit Public Event Permit, College Ave United Methodist Church Connexion Christmas, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Dec 24, 4-5PM.
- 37. License/Permit New Drainlayer License, JNJ Sacca Inc.
- 38. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Auto Sales, 525 Broadway, 11 autos out.
- 39. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, 429 Corp., 109-111 Prospect St., 5 autos.
- 40. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St., 6 autos.
- 41. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Hillside Jaguar, 45 Mystic Ave., 10 autos.
- 42. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Au Bon Pain, 118 Holland St., 34 tables, 68 seats.
- 43. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Ola Cafe, 112 Broadway, awning.

- 44. License/Permit New Outdoor Parking License, George Dilboy Post 529 VFW, 371 Summer St., 30 autos.
- 45. Public Communication Green Cab requesting consideration from this Board for a taxi fare increase.
- 46. Public Communication Green Cab requesting consideration from this Board and its Committees on Legislative Matters and Traffic and Parking for ways to facilitate taxi medallion financing.
- 47. Public Communication 631 Somerville petitioners communicating their support for the proposed local hiring ordinance.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 48. Committee Report Report of the Caucus of the 2012 Board of Aldermen, meeting on November 22, 2011.
- 49. Communication By Ald. Gewirtz
Rescheduling to Tuesday, December 20, the Board meeting that had been previously scheduled for Thursday, December 22.
- 50. Order By Ald. Roche
That the City Clerk send a communication to Senator Patricia Jehlen and Representative Timothy Toomey, inquiring as to the status of the sound barrier along Route 93 and the Nunnery Grounds area.
- 51. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan
That this Board requests that NStar and National Grid create a policy to notify the Mayor's Office, Communications Dept., Constituent Services Dept. and all affected Aldermen of scheduled outages, ensuring that a repeat of the November 16 incident, where only residents were notified, is not repeated.
- 52. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., Connolly, Desmond, Pero
That the Chief of Police appear before this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to address the recent house break-ins in the Ten Hills neighborhood.
- 53. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White Jr., Connolly, Desmond, Taylor, Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the city's Traffic Engineer appear before this Board's Committee on Senior Services to address pedestrian safety concerns in Union Square.

54. Order By Ald. Sullivan

That the Water Superintendent explain to this Board the policy for a non-working residential water transponder and the homeowner's responsibility.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk