

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

April 27, 2017, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 16000)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March
 (ID # 16001) 23, 2017.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 83 feet of conduit in
 Location Capen Court, from Pole 455/6 to a point of pickup at 149
 (ID # 16003) Capen Street.

4. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 36 feet of conduit in
 Location Woodbine Street, from Pole 632/3 to a point of pickup at
 (ID # 16004) 22 Woodbine Street.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Communication By Ald. Rossetti
 (ID # 15963) Reporting on the SHS Building Committee's meeting of
 April 24, 2017.

6. Order By Ald. Rossetti
 (ID # 15962) That the City Solicitor consult with the Attorney General
 on recreational marijuana and prepare a draft ordinance.

7. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
 (ID # 15969) That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services provide
 a list of all fines issued to the Cobble Hill Plaza since
 January 2016.

8. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
 (ID # 15970) That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services
 continue to fine the owner(s) of the abandoned Cobble
 Hill Plaza for neglecting the property.

9. Order (ID # 15971) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD begin the process of seizing the abandoned Cobble Hill Plaza by eminent domain with the intention of building a land trust and open space at the site.

10. Order (ID # 15964) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD consider using the empty plot of land next to the gas station on McGrath Highway and Pearl Street, by Aldrich Street, for green space.

11. Order (ID # 15965) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect potential rodent burrows under I-93, by Lombardi Way.

12. Order (ID # 15966) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect Pennsylvania Avenue for signs of rodent activity and bait accordingly.

13. Order (ID # 15967) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the plastic bag from the tree at 36 Pennsylvania Avenue.

14. Order (ID # 15968) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the basketball backboard at the Capuano School outdoor park.

15. Order (ID # 15976) By Ald. McWatters, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works ascertain the number of gas leaks in the city, keep data on all reported leaks, and develop a plan with Eversource and National Grid to eliminate the leaks.

16. Order (ID # 15979) By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment work with the city's arborist to compile data on trees that die as a result of gas leaks.

17. Order (ID # 15987) By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD consider planting new trees at 18 Richdale Avenue, 46 Greenville Street and 112 Belmont Street.

18. Resolution (ID # 15980) By Ald. McWatters, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Administration inform this Board of an action plan for the parking lot at the Cummings School, as parked vehicles obstruct the basketball court.
19. Order (ID # 15977) By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Porter Street, from Summer Street to Highland Avenue.
20. Order (ID # 15978) By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Munroe Street, from Walnut Street to Boston Street.
21. Order (ID # 15986) By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panels at 59 and 61 Boston Street.
22. Order (ID # 15995) By Ald. McWatters, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider placing a raised crosswalk at the intersection of Summer and Lowell Streets.
23. Order (ID # 15983) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD update this Board on plans developed in 2013-2015 to redevelop the outdoor space at the Brown School, and work with the Superintendent of Schools, the Brown School Council and PTA, neighbors, and other stakeholders to improve the space.
24. Order (ID # 15984) By Ald. Niedergang
That the appropriate department heads work with the Ward 5 Alderman to schedule a community meeting on the planned reconstruction of Cedar Street.
25. Order (ID # 15982) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the chain link fence at the east end of Junction Park, adjacent to the Cambridge Health Alliance parking lot.
26. Order (ID # 15985) By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan, Rossetti, White Jr., Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street lamps on the community path, between Cedar and Lowell Streets.

27. Order (ID # 15988) By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the large sink hole on Medford Street under the Bumpus bridge.
28. Order (ID # 15989) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO LEFT TURN sign at the corner of Webster Avenue and Newton Street.
29. Order (ID # 15990) By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install NO PARKING FROM HERE TO CORNER signage on Summer Street, at the intersection of Greene Street, to create an adequate line of sight when turning from Greene Street.
30. Order (ID # 15991) By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the Union Square businesses sign behind the SCAT building and install a "Welcome to Union Square" sign there as well.
31. Resolution (ID # 15992) By Ald. Heuston
That the Administration address the inaccessible crosswalk at Newton and Clark Streets and sidewalks along Clark Street, and provide the Ward 2 Alderman with potential remediation solutions.
32. Order (ID # 15993) By Ald. Heuston
That the City Engineer contact the Ward 2 Alderman about improper drainage on Wyatt Circle.
33. Order (ID # 15994) By Ald. Heuston
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services issue citations at 32 Webster Avenue for code violations, and direct the owner to clean and repair the property.
34. Order (ID # 15996) By Ald. White Jr.
That the Chief Assessor provide this Board with the numbers of residential exemptions issued this year for one, two and three family homes, along with the total numbers of such homes, and compare these numbers with prior years.
35. Order (ID # 15997) By Ald. White Jr.
That the Chief Assessor provide this Board with the numbers of sales of one, two and three family homes, with the number of residential exemptions claimed by the purchasers of those one, two and three family homes for the latest fiscal year.

36. Order By Ald. White Jr.
 (ID # 15998) That the Director of Finance provide this Board with the total amount of meals tax received in each of the last five fiscal years and, to the extent possible, those receipts broken out by business district.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

37. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on April 25, 2017.
 (ID # 15974)
- B. Mayor's Request 200413 Requesting acceptance of the fee interest in Parcel 34B, including portions of Great River Road, Assembly Row, Canal Street, and Foley Street, and all of Artisan Way.
 RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. Mayor's Request 201527 Requesting the acceptance of certain Assembly Row streets as Public Ways, including Grand Union Boulevard and portions of Great River Road, Artisan Way, Canal Street, and Foley Street.
 RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Mayor's Request 202886 Requesting authorization to increase the expenditure cap of the Planning and Zoning Notice Revolving Fund from \$28,000 to \$35,000 for FY17.
 RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. Mayor's Request 202977 Requesting an appropriation of \$41,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to conduct a Police Department Headquarters Feasibility Study.
 RECOMMENDED: Approved
- F. Order 203053 By Ald. Ballantyne
 That the Director of Finance provide this Board's Finance Committee with updates regarding the city's debt.
 RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Mayor's Request 203087 Requesting the appropriation of \$203,378 from the CPA Fund Undesignated Reserve to the Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development for Phase IB of the rehabilitation of the Grace Baptist Church.
 RECOMMENDED: Approved
- H. Mayor's Request 203088 Requesting the appropriation of \$41,863 from the CPA Fund Open Space and Recreation Land Reserve to the Mystic River Watershed Association for landscape design for the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse Park.
 RECOMMENDED: Approved

- I. Mayor's Request 203089 Requesting the appropriation of \$33,176 from the CPA Fund Open Space and Recreation Land Reserve to the Friends of the Community Growing Center for the rehabilitation of the Community Growing Center.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- J. Mayor's Request 203090 Requesting the appropriation of \$6,300 from the CPA Fund Undesignated Reserve to the city's Planning Division for the restoration of grave markers in the Milk Row Cemetery.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- K. Mayor's Request 203232 Requesting acceptance of an easement over Block 11 at Assembly Square.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

38. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 15973) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on April 24, 2017.
- B. Order 202620 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD, Director of Engineering, Commissioner of Public Works, ADA Coordinator, and Mayor's Office work with the Ward 5 Alderman to convene a community meeting in February to discuss improvements in the streetscape on Murdock Street.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 202876 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on plans to utilize the \$220,000 in traffic mitigation funds paid by Maxwell's Green, and whether they can be used for improvements at Cedar Street, Murdock Street, and the "Patch" neighborhood west of Maxwell's Green.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order 203069 By Ald. Niedergang, Davis, Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Director of Capital Projects update this Board on the West Branch Library renovation plans and timeline, including possible dates for the next community meeting.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Mayor's Request 203091 Requesting approval of the 2017-2018 HUD One Year Action Plan, for CDBG, HOME, and ESG programming and the revised Community Participation Plan.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

39. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 15972) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on April 20, 2017.

- B. Resolution 202122 By Ald. Rossetti
That the Administration present its recommendations and a draft ordinance for the proposed Rental Registration Program (#199934) to the Committee on Legislative Matters at its meeting on October 20, 2016.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. Officer's Communication 202457 Assistant City Solicitor responding to #201905 with a draft ordinance to extend protections for trees on city-owned property.
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended

40. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 15975) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on April 26, 2017.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 41. Mayor's Communication (ID # 15981) Presenting Somerville's water and sewer infrastructure needs and the strategies to meet those needs.
- 42. Mayor's Request (ID # 15779) Requesting approval, under the new Municipal Modernization Act, for certain language pertaining to all past and future bond premiums, as required by Bond Counsel.
- 43. Mayor's Request (ID # 15957) Requesting the appointment of Justin Buswell to the position of Police Officer.
- 44. Mayor's Request (ID # 15958) Requesting the appointment of Seamus Lynch to the position of Police Officer.
- 45. Mayor's Request (ID # 15955) Requesting the appointment of Ashley McLain to the Police Reserve List.
- 46. Mayor's Request (ID # 15956) Requesting the appointment of Edna DaCosta to the Police Reserve List.
- 47. Mayor's Request (ID # 15954) Requesting the appointment of Robert Ciccio to the Board of Health.
- 48. Mayor's Request (ID # 15781) Requesting the appointment of Aladdine Joroff to the Conservation Commission.
- 49. Mayor's Request (ID # 15960) Requesting the appointment of Conor Krupke to the Human Rights Commission.

50. Mayor's Request (ID # 15961) Requesting the appointment of Nadir Ait-Laoussine to the Human Rights Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

51. Officer's Communication (ID # 15959) Asst. City Solicitor responding to #202923 with a draft Home Rule Petition to eliminate the political party requirement for members of the Licensing Commission.
52. Officer's Communication (ID # 15999) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #199935 with a draft ordinance to require owners of rental properties to post relevant contact information, pursuant the Legislative Matters Committee's meeting on 4/20/17.

NEW BUSINESS

53. License/Permit (ID # 16005) Public Event Permit, Celebration for Rosalie and Edison, 5 Tennyson St, May 6, 2-5:30PM.
54. License/Permit (ID # 16006) Public Event Permit, Josephine Ave Porchfest Block Party, From Kidder Ave to Broadway, May 13, Noon-7PM (raindate May 14).
55. License/Permit (ID # 16007) Public Event Permit, Brain Arts Organization Fresh Air Benefit Festival, ArtFarm at 10 Poplar St, May 19-20, 3PM-1AM.
56. License/Permit (ID # 16008) Public Event Permit, Lupus Research Alliance Walk With Us, Assembly Row-Mystic River area, June 3, 6AM-1PM.
57. License/Permit (ID # 16009) Public Event Permit, Harrison St Block Party, between Ivaloo and Kent Sts, Jun 4, 2-7PM (raindate Jun 11).
58. License/Permit (ID # 16010) Public Event Permit, Olive Sq Block Party, Olive Sq and Lake St between Olive Sq's ends, Jun 4, 3-8PM (raindate Jun 11).
59. License/Permit (ID # 16011) Public Event Permit, Redbones Bike Party, Chester St from Elm to Herbert Sts, Jun 5, Noon-10PM (raindate Jun 12).
60. License/Permit (ID # 16012) Public Event Permit, Electric Ave Block Party, between Packard Ave and Mason St, Aug 12, 11AM-6PM.
61. License/Permit (ID # 16013) Public Event Permit, Thorpe St Block Party, Aug 19, 11:30AM-6:30PM (raindate Aug 26).

- 62. License/Permit (ID # 16014) Public Event Permit, Collier Kickball Extravaganza, Trum Field and Franey Rd, Sep 30, 8AM-6PM (raindate Oct 1, for Trum Field A and Franey Rd only).
- 63. License/Permit (ID # 16015) Public Event Permit, Somerville Homeless Coalition 5K Race, Davis Sq area, Oct 7, 6AM-12:30PM.
- 64. License/Permit (ID # 16016) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Caruso.
- 65. License/Permit (ID # 16017) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Jason Anthony.
- 66. License/Permit (ID # 16018) Renewing Drainlayer's License, NCCL Enterprises.
- 67. License/Permit (ID # 16019) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Celiberti Realty.
- 68. License/Permit (ID # 16020) Renewing Drainlayer's License, FE French Construction.
- 69. License/Permit (ID # 16021) Renewing Drainlayer's License, EB Rotondi and Sons.
- 70. License/Permit (ID # 16022) Renewing Drainlayer's License, JNJ Sacca.
- 71. License/Permit (ID # 16023) Renewing Garage License, Reilly's Garage, 61 Washington St.
- 72. License/Permit (ID # 16024) Renewing Garage License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St.
- 73. License/Permit (ID # 16025) Renewing Garage License, Sullivan Tire, 263 Beacon St.
- 74. License/Permit (ID # 16026) Renewing Garage License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave.
- 75. License/Permit (ID # 16027) Renewing Garage License, Webster Auto Body, 64 Webster Ave.
- 76. License/Permit (ID # 16028) Renewing Garage License, Gene Automotive Repair, 56 Joy St.

- 77. License/Permit (ID # 16030) Renewing Garage License, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St.
- 78. License/Permit (ID # 16031) Renewing Garage License, Mac's Auto Body, 53 Russell St.
- 79. License/Permit (ID # 16032) Renewing Garage License, Barnes and Walsh, 224 Somerville Ave.
- 80. License/Permit (ID # 16033) Renewing Flammables License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St.
- 81. License/Permit (ID # 16034) Renewing Flammables License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave.
- 82. License/Permit (ID # 16035) Renewing Flammables License, Winter Hill Yacht Club, 500 Artisan Way.
- 83. License/Permit (ID # 16036) Renewing Flammables License, Shield, 620 Broadway.
- 84. License/Permit (ID # 16037) Renewing Flammables License, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St.
- 85. License/Permit (ID # 16038) Renewing Flammables License, Mobil Mart Plus, 379 Alewife Brook Pkwy.
- 86. License/Permit (ID # 16039) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, KMart, 77 Middlesex Ave.
- 87. License/Permit (ID # 16040) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Red House Restaurant, 24 Union Sq.
- 88. License/Permit (ID # 16041) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, La Posada Restaurant, 505 Medford St.
- 89. License/Permit (ID # 16042) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Domino's Pizza, 201 Elm St.
- 90. License/Permit (ID # 16043) Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Cuisine En Locale, 156 Highland Ave.
- 91. License/Permit (ID # 16044) Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm St.

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- 92. License/Permit (ID # 16045) Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave.
 - 93. License/Permit (ID # 16046) Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Buffalo Exchange, 238 Elm St.
 - 94. License/Permit (ID # 16047) Renewing Hawker and Peddler License, Chiki Galvez.
 - 95. License/Permit (ID # 16048) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Blue Shirt Cafe, 424 Highland Ave.
 - 96. License/Permit (ID # 16049) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Taco Loco, 44 Broadway.
 - 97. License/Permit (ID # 16050) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Tapatio Mexican Grill, 82 Broadway.
 - 98. License/Permit (ID # 16051) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm St.
 - 99. License/Permit (ID # 16052) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Union Square Pizza, 63 Union Sq.
 - 100. License/Permit (ID # 16053) New Billiards and Bowling License, On the Hill Tavern, 499 Broadway, 3 pool tables.
 - 101. License/Permit (ID # 16055) Sign/Awning Permit, FLOAT Boston, 515 Medford St.
 - 102. License/Permit (ID # 16057) Sign/Awning Permit, Amsterdam Falafelshop, 248 Elm St.
 - 103. Public Communication (ID # 16002) District Attorney responding to #196432 re: the investigation of the murder of Deanna Cremin.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 104. Order (ID # 16058) By Ald. Sullivan, Heuston, McWatters, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works repaint the SIDEWALK – NO CYCLING decals in the Union Square Central Business District.
- 105. Resolution (ID # 16059) By Ald. Sullivan
That the Bicycle Advisory Committee make its posters and materials on bicycle safety multi-lingual.

106. Order (ID # 16060) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Parks and Recreation provide the number of youths under 18 served by gender and program, for FY16 and FY17 year to date.
107. Order (ID # 16061) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Parks and Recreation share outreach strategy and methods, by gender, for youths under 18 years of age.
108. Resolution (ID # 16062) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Administration work with the Directors of SPCD and Traffic and Parking to aid and implement efforts to de-pave city-owned properties.
109. Resolution (ID # 16063) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Administration, the City Solicitor and the Superintendent of Water and Sewer respond to a letter dated November 16, 2016 disputing St. James's Episcopal Church's water and sewer bills.
110. Order (ID # 16064) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Capital Projects discuss with this Board's Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, using water from the storm water tanks at Nunziato Field to water the field and the Growing Center gardens.
111. Resolution (ID # 16065) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Administration advise why speed dampening options were denied for Fairfax Street.
112. Order (ID # 16067) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parks and Open Space consider planting the following list of shrubbery and ground cover at Lincoln Park to meet the goals of sustainability and biodiversity.
113. Order (ID # 16068) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring native tree and plantings for all open space, to meet the goals of sustainability and biodiversity.
114. Mayor's Request (ID # 16071) Requesting approval of an appropriation of \$66,054 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to purchase two electric vehicles.

- 115. Officer's Communication (ID # 16066) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #201905 with an Ordinance to extend the requirements for public notices and public hearings for public shade trees to other trees on city-owned property.

- 116. Officer's Communication (ID # 16070) SRA Special Counsel conveying a revised Master Land Disposition Agreement.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

I. Agenda Item