

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 13, 2014, 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, February 18, 2014.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. Resolution By Ald. Rossetti
That the Administration take steps to address the snow related concerns affecting public safety, especially of school aged children and elderly residents, expressed in the attached letter.

4. Order By Ald. Rossetti
That the Director of Traffic and Parking inform this Board about issuing parking permits for religious facilities, including the number per facility, their cost, and their duration.

5. Resolution By Ald. Rossetti
That the Administration provide this Board with the details of the soon-to-expire deed restrictions on the TAB building.

6. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz
In support of Domestic Workers' Rights.

7. Ordinance By Ald. Gewirtz
That the city's Human Rights Police at Ordinance 2-237 be amended by adding the words "gender identity and expression," to protect transgender individuals from discrimination.

8. Order By Ald. Rossetti, Sullivan, Niedergang, White Jr., Connolly, Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate agency to repair the sidewalks on and around the Dane Street bridge, as they pose a serious public safety hazard, and to request that all overgrowth and vegetation surrounding the bridge (on State property) be cleared and the area cleaned, A.S.A.P. Cc: State Delegation
9. Order By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Lowell Street, between Hudson and Albion Streets.
10. Order By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Porter Street between Francis Street and Highland Avenue and the large pothole on Porter Street by Crown Street.
11. Order By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works request the MBTA to remove the extensive graffiti on the walls around the Lowell Street bridge and report back to the Ward 5 Alderman on the progress until the cleaning is completed.
12. Order By Ald. Niedergang, White Jr.
That the City Solicitor appear before this Board to describe the process for responding to requests for public records, including fees and redactions, and how this comports with the requirements of state law, the Secretary of State's Public Records Division, and the practices of other communities.
13. Order By Ald. Connolly, Lafuente
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) dispatch the NIT Team to inspect 174 Walnut Street for numerous code violations.
14. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD improve and maintain the condition of the bike racks outside the College Avenue and Holland Street subway entrances.

15. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti from the red brick facade at the corner of Day and Elm Streets.
16. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD submit a plan to create “Middle Class” housing.
17. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD provide an opportunity for public input to the proposed new zoning code overhaul prior to submission to this Board.
18. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD submit a plan on the use of city owned properties as it relates to projected growth identified in the SomerVision Plan.
19. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD submit a SomerVision implementation and accountability plan as described within.
20. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD and the City Solicitor submit to this Board a proposal to impose institutional master plans.
21. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NSTAR about removing the double pole at 46 Elmwood Street.
22. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole in front of 46 Elmwood Street.
23. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the MBTA to shovel the sidewalk at the bus turn-around by Clarendon Hill Towers.
24. Resolution By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Administration contact the owner of 1060 Broadway and inquire about the reuse of the property.

25. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan
That the Administration consider exempting senior citizens from paying the surcharge associated with the Community Preservation Act.
26. Order By Ald. Sullivan
That the Commissioner of Public Works explain how the city deals with handicap parking spots on the even sides of streets during snow emergencies.
27. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Lafuente, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street lights on Crest Hill Road and Melville Road, and at the corner of Shore Drive and Bailey Road.
28. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD and/or the Commissioner of Public Works notify property owners along lower Broadway of the five year moratorium on renovations to private sewer systems and encourage them to make appropriate plans.
29. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Chief of Police increase traffic enforcement along Myrtle and Washington Streets weekdays from 3-6 PM, to eliminate cut-through traffic from Myrtle to Pearl to Mt. Vernon Streets.
30. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 51 Cross Street.
31. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Veterans Services appear before this Board's Committee on Veterans and Public Services to discuss street corner dedications and how the committee may help on veteran's issues.
32. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inform the Ward One Alderman if the Dollar Store at 86 Broadway has the necessary permit(s) to display mattresses on the street in front of their business.

33. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the litter from the public property by the Barrios Liquor store on Broadway, and that the Director of SPCD (ISD) direct the property owner/proprietor to increase cleaning on their property.
34. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the trash beneath the Gilman Street bridge, and that the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to determine who is responsible for dumping trash there.
35. Order By Ald. McWatters, White Jr.
That the City Solicitor determine whether the U.S. Postal Service complied with federal law and applicable guidelines regarding the closing and selling of the Union Square Post Office facility.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

36. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on March 4, 2014.

37. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on March 6, 2014.

- B. 194195 By Ald. Gewirtz
Order That the City Solicitor prepare an ordinance and/or policy to govern the use of the Automated License Plate Recognition System in preparation for the Police Department's use of these devices again.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- C. 194909 By Ald. Bastardi
Order That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide the Ward 1 Alderman with an update on the attached properties.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- D. 195034 Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Chief of Police provide residents with recommended actions to be taken to deter trespassers from rummaging through trash barrels on private property.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. 195644 Order By Ald. Taylor
That this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety examine the feasibility of registering bicycles.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. 195809 Order By Ald. O'Keefe
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 50-54 Murdock Street for compliance with all zoning and municipal ordinances and submit a report to the Public Health and Safety Committee.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. 195835 Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) determine if 46 South Street is being used as a rooming house and take all necessary actions.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- H. 195971 Officer's Communication Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting responses to various Board Orders.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- I. 196207 Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the City Solicitor inform this Board on enforcement of the Wage Theft Ordinance and its effectiveness in reducing the problem.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- J. 196299 Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol at the intersection of Washington Street, Somerville Avenue and Webster Avenue, weekdays between 7:30 and 9 AM, to cite vehicles who don't stop for the red light, blocking the intersection, and respond to the Ward 2 Alderman within 7 days with the dates of the patrol.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- K. 196313 Order By Ald. McWatters, Connolly
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) dispatch the NITTeam to investigate 406 and 408 McGrath Highway for code and health violations.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- L. Order By Ald. Connolly
That the Chair of this Board's Finance Committee expedite financial matters relating to the city's rodent problem.

38. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on March 4, 2014.
- B. 195830 Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the defective streetlamps in Davis Square Plaza and on Elm Street at One Davis Square.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. 195990 Order By Ald. Bastardi
That the Commissioner of Public Works work with the city's Community Liaison to develop and implement temporary lighting and bus stop signage along Broadway for the duration of the lower Broadway streetscape project.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. 196059 Officer's Communication DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted this evening.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. 196150 Order By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utilities about the double pole at 42 Columbus Avenue and determine why it has yet to be removed.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. 196156 Order By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility about the rotting utility pole bases in the back yards of 30 and 33 Ossipee Road, and have them check all of the utility pole bases in the back yards along Ossipee Road between Mason Street and Packard Avenue.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. 196180 Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board about the double poles on South Street and at Milk Row Cemetery, and the plans for their removal.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- H. 196220 Order By Ald. Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NSTAR about removing the double pole at 8 Ware Street.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- I. 196222 Order By Ald. Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NSTAR about removing the double pole at 72 Curtis Street and replacing the street light removed from the old pole onto the new pole.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- J. 196291 Officer's Communication DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 1/23/14.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- K. 196295 Officer's Communication DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 2/18/14.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

39. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$45,000 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Parking Meter Receipts Account to the Traffic and Parking-Repairs to Highway Account to fund crosswalk and line painting citywide.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

40. Officer's Communication The Commission on Monuments, Memorials, and Dedications responding to #196154 re: a Park Dedication for Joseph Mackey.
41. Officer's Communication Assistant City Solicitor responding to #196207 re: enforcement of the wage theft ordinance.
42. Officer's Communication Assistant City Solicitor updating this Board with respect to #196346, the Petition for Reconsideration of Approval of City of Everett's Central Waterfront Municipal Harbor Plan.
43. Officer's Communication DPW Commissioner responding to #196134 re: notifying abutters of construction along lower Broadway.

NEW BUSINESS

- 44. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Connexion Community Easter Egg Hunt, Chuckie Harris Park, Apr 19, Noon-4PM.
- 45. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Taza Chocolate Cinco de Mayo Block Party, 561 Windsor St., May 3, 10AM-7PM (raindate May 4).
- 46. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Union Sq. Farmers Market, Union Sq. Plaza, May 17-Nov 22, 7AM-2PM.
- 47. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Homeless Coalition Save Our Homes Walk, City Hall area, May 18, 1-4PM.
- 48. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Davis Sq. Farmers Market, Day & Herbert Sts. Lot, May 21-Nov 26, 10AM-7PM.
- 49. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Taste of Somerville, Buena Vista Parking Lot, Jun 4, 7AM-Midnight (Raindates Jun 11, Jun 18).
- 50. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Vecna Cares 5K Robot Run, Davis Square area, Jun 29, 6:30AM-Noon.
- 51. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Road Runners Race to the Row, Assembly Row area, Aug 24, 7AM-Noon.
- 52. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Homeless Coalition Road Race and Signage, Davis Square area, Oct 4, 6:30AM-1PM.
- 53. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Road Runners Gobble Gobble Gobble Road Race, Davis Square area, Nov 27, 8AM-Noon.
- 54. License/Permit Renewing 2013 Garage License, Inman Motors Sales, 463 McGrath Hwy.
- 55. License/Permit Renewing 2013 Garage License, ABJ Auto Repair, 91 Marshall St.

56. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Top Gear Motor Group, 161 Linwood St., 1 freestanding sign.
57. License/Permit New Used Car Dealer's License Class II, Top Gear Motor Group, 161 Linwood Street, for 20 autos stored outside.
58. Public Communication 27 Resident mothers submitting comments re: excess snow on sidewalks.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

59. Resolution By Ald. Heuston
Thanking the Police and Traffic and Parking Departments for their extraordinary efforts managing exceptional traffic and parking problems in Ward 2 and Union Square over the past week.
60. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a speed board on Properzi Way, from Hanson Street to Beacon Street.
61. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking restrict traffic from Dane Street onto Village Street for residents only, 7-9 AM and 4-7 PM.
62. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking post NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER signs at the corner of Somerville Avenue and Properzi Way, to allow for cars turning onto Properzi Way.
63. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking meet with the Ward 2 Alderman to review the business permit parking placards assigned to Granite and Laurel Streets and reassign them to areas that do not impose on resident permit parking.
64. Order By Ald. Rossetti
That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the 15 MINUTE PARKING postings citywide, especially at 514 Medford Street.

65. Order By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the decorative street light in Magoun Square on Medford Street in front of the CVS.
66. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to extend a contract with TRC to October 31, 2015, for the cleanup of the Kiley Barrel site..
67. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$64,000, and authorization to borrow \$64,000 in a bond, for Architectural and Engineering Services to replace existing temporary trailer living quarters for the Fire Department at 220 Washington St.
68. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$5,000 grant from Project Bread, for the Health Dept.'s Shape Up Somerville program to support access for low income residents to the Mobile Farmers' Market.
69. Officer's Communication Finance Director responding to #196320 re: FY appropriations.
70. License/Permit Public Event Permit, St. Benedict Passion Re-Enactment, Arlington-Hathorn Streets area, Apr 18, 5-6:30PM.
71. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Tuftonias Day, Tufts Fletcher Field, Apr 25, 11AM-11:30PM.
72. License/Permit Public Event Permit, St. Benedict Marion Procession, Arlington-Hathorn Streets area, May 11, 11-11:45AM.
73. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Radio 92.9 Rock and Run, Assembly Row, Jun 21, 8AM-8PM (setup Jun 19-20).

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT