

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

September 27, 2018, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 19492)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August
 (ID # 19493) 23, 2018.

CITATIONS

3. Citation Commending George Wood on the auspicious occasion
 (ID # 19494) of his retirement after 36 years of dedicated service to
 the City.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 70 feet of conduit in
 Location Montgomery Ave from Pole 549/1 to a point of pickup at
 (ID # 19495) 7 Montgomery Ave.

5. Grant of Submitted by Comcast to install 13 feet of conduit in
 Location Highland Ave from a Verizon Manhole at 123 Highland
 (ID # 19496) Ave to a new manhole, then to continue with another 77
 feet of conduit from that manhole to a point of pickup at
 117 Highland Ave.

6. Grant of Submitted by Comcast to install 106 feet of conduit in
 Location Highland Ave from Pole 198/9 to a point of pickup at
 (ID # 19497) 346 Highland Ave.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

7. Resolution By Ald. White Jr., Hirsch
 (ID # 19454) That a representative of the Board of Health and the
 Administration work with the Committee on Public
 Health and Public Safety to revamp the City's current
 ordinances and regulations for the use of tobacco and
 cannabis products in public places, and recommend
 signage and posting locations to inform the public where
 the consumption of those products is prohibited, with the
 fines for violation.

8. Resolution (ID # 19455) By Ald. Mbah, White Jr., Rossetti, Hirsch
That the Administration update this Board on the wage theft ordinance that was enacted several years ago.
9. Withdrawn (ID # 19456) Withdrawn.
10. Resolution (ID # 19457) By Ald. Mbah, White Jr., Rossetti, Hirsch
That the Administration provide this Board, in writing, the lessons learned from the gas explosion in Lawrence, Andover and North Andover.
11. Order (ID # 19458) By Ald. Mbah, White Jr., Rossetti, Hirsch
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment update this Board on the City's 2050 carbon neutral goals.
12. Order (ID # 19460) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on when various necessary improvements to the Union Square traffic pattern, including an "All-Walk" cycle and left-turn arrows at certain intersections, will be implemented.
13. Order (ID # 19463) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Chief of Police consider deploying a traffic safety officer on Summer Street, near Belmont and Lowell Streets, weekdays from 2 to 3 PM to aid children crossing the street.
14. Order (ID # 19461) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Scott, Mbah
That the Director of Engineering build a crosswalk to allow pedestrians to safely cross Washington Street at the Public Safety Building.
15. Order (ID # 19459) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the broken sidewalk panels on Crown Street near Porter Street.
16. Order (ID # 19462) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services address the dramatic increase in rat sightings on Wesley Park and Bow Street and discuss baiting and examining nearby garbage dumpsters and public waste bins.

17. Resolution (ID # 19464) By Ald. Niedergang
Approving “A Call to Prevent Nuclear War,” urging the US government to take steps to avoid nuclear war, such as renouncing the first use of nuclear weapons, taking nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert, and ending the unchecked authority of the President to launch a nuclear attack.

18. Order (ID # 19465) By Ald. Niedergang, Hirsch
That the Director of SPCD prioritize for this Board the traffic calming projects in the City, and the process to determine those priorities.

19. Resolution (ID # 19466) By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne
That the Administration update this Board on the contract negotiations regarding the school nurses.

20. Order (ID # 19468) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD or the Director of Traffic and Parking alter the cycle of the traffic signals at Lowell Street and Highland Avenue ASAP to allow more time for vehicles to turn onto Highland Avenue from Lowell Street, especially during the morning rush hour, to alleviate the traffic backup on Hudson Street when the Cedar Street/Highland Avenue intersection is closed for construction.

21. Order (ID # 19469) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Engineering assess the drainage and flooding problems on Alpine Street near Lowell Street and report to the Ward 5 Alderman on what the City can do now and should do in the future to relieve the problems.

22. Order (ID # 19470) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on any discussions with our state delegation to increase the per-ride assessment that ride-share companies pay, and how this Board could advocate for an increase.

23. Order (ID # 19467) By Ald. Niedergang
That this Board discharge #206660 from the Legislative Matters Committee for consideration at this meeting:
“Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203822 re: regulating the length of real property license agreements.”

24. Communication (ID # 19471) By Ald. Niedergang
Updating this Board on recent meetings and actions of the Traffic Commission.

25. Order (ID # 19472) By Ald. Hirsch
That the Director of SPCD establish an advisory service to help residents learn how to reduce storm water runoff, cool their yards and homes naturally, plant and preserve trees, reduce invasive species, and waive dumpster parking permit fees for households undertaking de-paving efforts.
26. Resolution (ID # 19473) By Ald. Hirsch
That the Administration provide information regarding the transfer of some Kennedy Pool functions to the Parks and Recreation Department.
27. Order (ID # 19474) By Ald. Hirsch
That the Commissioner of Public Works explain the city's options for reducing the number of unused utility lines connecting to properties.
28. Order (ID # 19475) By Ald. Hirsch
That the Commissioner of Public Works report on the materials and practices used for school cleaning in terms of their impact on childhood health conditions, such as asthma.
29. Resolution (ID # 19476) By Ald. Hirsch
Conveying its appreciation to the Health and Human Services Department for arranging to deliver flu shots to school communities at school drop-off times.
30. Order (ID # 19479) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Housing Stability create a list of benevolent landlords who charge below market rate for housing, to identify possible homes for residents on housing wait lists.
31. Order (ID # 19477) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SomerStat collect data on drug related arrests and all police stops that don't result in an arrest and present them to the public at ResiStat meetings.
32. Order (ID # 19478) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill all potholes along Otis and Tufts streets.
33. Resolution (ID # 19481) By Ald. Scott
That the Administration report, in writing, on the current status of an Acquisition Fund to increase the City's ability to buy parcels for open space. (2nd request)

34. Order By Ald. Scott
(ID # 19480) That the Director of Traffic and Parking add a properly signed and signaled crosswalk at 45 Beacon Street to enhance safety for residents accessing the Whole Foods Market. (2nd request)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

35. Resolution By Ald. Davis
206666 That the Administration adopt a holistic urban development approach, following the Ciudad Dulce (Sweet City) model, that attends to all members of the community, especially marginalized populations, both human and nature.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

36. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Report
(ID # 19482) Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on September 17, 2018.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Jane Carbone to the
204402 Community Preservation Committee.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Marc Ardolino to the
205522 position of Fire Captain.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Timothy Donovan to the
205523 position of Fire Lieutenant.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Francis Otting to the
205524 position of Fire Lieutenant.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting an Exemption Under Section 20(b) of
206453 Chapter 268A on behalf of employee David Capuano.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

37. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Report
(ID # 19485) Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on September 24, 2018.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of David Stiltner to the
206600 position of Fire Captain.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- C. Mayor's Request 206601 Requesting the appointment of Jay McKenzie to the position of Fire Lieutenant.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Mayor's Request 206602 Requesting the appointment of Andrew Patriquin to the position of Fire Lieutenant.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. Mayor's Request 206603 Requesting the appointment of Michael Kilduff to the position of Fire Fighter.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- F. Mayor's Request 206604 Requesting the appointment of Marika DuVal to the position of Police Officer.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- G. Mayor's Request 206605 Requesting the appointment of Aaron Smith to the position of Police Officer.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- H. Mayor's Request 206606 Requesting the appointment of Courtney Coulombe to the position of Police Officer.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- I. Mayor's Request 206607 Requesting the appointment of Erik Corricelli to the position of Police Officer.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- J. Mayor's Request 206608 Requesting the appointment of Melissa Dooley to the position of Police Officer.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

38. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 19486) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on September 25, 2018.
- B. Mayor's Request 206324 Requesting approval to appropriate \$250,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase of IT computer equipment.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. Mayor's Request 206325 Requesting approval to appropriate \$200,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase of Firefighter Protective Bunker Gear.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Mayor's Request 206443 Requesting approval of a transfer of \$15,000 in the Police Department, from the Detention Attendants Account to the Salary and Wages Temporary Account, to fund Matron Salaries.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. Mayor's Request 206444 Requesting approval to pay two prior year invoices totaling \$3,550 using available funds in the FY2019 Communications Department Professional Services and Employee Training Courses Accounts.

- RECOMMENDED: Approved
- F. Mayor's Request 206446 Requesting acceptance of a \$298,280 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Mental Health to the Police Department, for Crisis Intervention Team training.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- G. Mayor's Request 206448 Requesting acceptance of a \$37,315 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Mental Health to the Police Department, for the Jail Diversion Program.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- H. Mayor's Request 206449 Requesting acceptance of a \$12,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and Click It or Ticket Mobilization Programs.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- I. Mayor's Request 206450 Requesting acceptance of a \$3,750 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for pedestrian and bicycle safety enforcement.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- J. Mayor's Request 206595 Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,007,566 from the Parks Stabilization Fund for the renovation and restoration of Prospect Hill Park.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- K. Mayor's Request 206596 Requesting approval to appropriate \$17,805.91 from the Union Square Stabilization Fund for legal services.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- L. Mayor's Request 206597 Requesting acceptance of a \$37,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for the Local Cultural Council regrant program.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- M. Mayor's Request 206598 Requesting acceptance of an \$8,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operational support.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- N. Resolution (ID # 19526) By Ald. Rossetti
That the Administration provide this Board with a running total of all grant funding, by department, for the last four fiscal years, including the dates and amounts of each grant.

39. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 19483) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on September 19, 2018.

- B. Order 200700 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the plan and timeline for implementing the recommendations in the recent report of the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Officer's Communication 202258 Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #200102 (inclusionary housing), with respect to Tenancy Preservation.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Officer's Communication 202259 Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #200102 (inclusionary housing), with respect to Waiting Lists.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Resolution 202497 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Superintendent of Schools share plans with the Ward 7 Alderman to mitigate the negative student enrollment at the West Somerville Neighborhood School caused by the proposed Clarendon/North Street Public Housing project.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Order 203275 By Ald. Niedergang, Davis
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.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Order 203698 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD discuss options property owners have to split lots in residential neighborhoods.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- H. Order 203981 By Ald. Niedergang, Davis
That the Director of SPCD develop a Memorial Bench Program for public parks, the Community Path and other public property, and report back to this Board by October 12, 2017.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- I. Resolution 204533 By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Administration request that the developers of the long-vacant Cobble Hill Plaza update this Board on their plans.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- J. Resolution 204851 By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne
That the Administration update this Board on its efforts to form an Office of Housing Stability, as recommended by the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group and mentioned in the Mayor's recent inaugural address.

- RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- K. Resolution 204863 By Ald. Clingan
That the Administration update this Board on the former Winter Hill Star Market and the associated lawsuit, as requested in #201772.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- L. Order 204884 By Ald. Scott, and the Entire Board
That this Board explore establishing a community-based independent Community Land Trust that can purchase property in conjunction with non-profit organizations and private citizens, and make housing permanently affordable.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- M. Order 204967 By Ald. Mbah
That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the street repaving schedule for 2018.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- N. Resolution 205098 By Ald. Hirsch, Niedergang
That the Administration update this Board on opportunities for expanded advertisement of the city's tax deferral program, and other tools that may help seniors and homeowners on fixed incomes to achieve financial stability.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- O. Order 205099 By Ald. Hirsch
That the Director of Libraries share his vision for neighborhood access to branch libraries and/or library services.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- P. Officer's Communication 205127 Director of SPCD responding to #203981 re: a memorial bench donation program.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- Q. Resolution 205245 By Ald. Clingan, and the Entire Board
Condemning the outsourcing of 100 medical coding jobs by Partners Healthcare to India, and requesting from Partners Healthcare how many of those jobs were based in Somerville and/or held by Somerville residents.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- R. Order 205287 By Ald. Hirsch
That the Community Preservation Act Manager inform this Board whether or not small open spaces can be designated as publicly accessible open space in combination with an affordable housing or historic preservation funding allocation.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- S. Officer's Communication 205317 Director of Libraries responding to #205099 re: the Libraries' vision for neighborhood access to branch libraries and services.

- RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- T. Officer's Communication 205676 Community Preservation Manager responding to #205287 re: current practices on designating open space in CPA affordable housing and historic resources projects.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- U. Order 205931 By Ald. Hirsch
That the Director of SPCD inform this Board of any plans to update the Housing Needs Assessment.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- V. Order 206057 By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Davis
That the Director of SPCD make the online decision/report database searchable by applicant name.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- W. Order 206165 By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with an update on apartment vacancies in the 100 Homes Program.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

40. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 19484) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on September 20, 2018.
- B. Order 203822 By Ald. Davis, White Jr.
That this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters draft appropriate language to require this Board's approval of certain licenses entered into by the City for a term of more than 3 years.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order (ID # 19519) By Ald. Rossetti
That the City Solicitor draft a Home Rule Petition to increase the membership of the Somerville Redevelopment Authority from 5 to 7.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

41. Mayor's Request (ID # 19363) Requesting acceptance of a Confirmatory Reciprocal Easement over Block 11 in Assembly Square.
42. Mayor's Request (ID # 19489) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$7,350,000 in a bond for the renovation/construction of the West Branch Library.
43. Mayor's Request (ID # 19451) Requesting the appointment of Jorge Morel to the position of Police Officer.

- 44. Mayor's Request (ID # 19488) Requesting the appointment of Christopher Allen to the Licensing Commissioner.
- 45. Mayor's Request (ID # 19423) Requesting the appointment of Eleanor Rances to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.
- 46. Mayor's Request (ID # 19424) Requesting the appointment of Paula Vancini to the Ethics Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 47. Officer's Communication (ID # 19487) City Solicitor requesting approval of Pierce Atwood as outside legal counsel.

NEW BUSINESS

- 48. License/Permit (ID # 19499) Public Event License, HONK! Festival, Davis Sq area, Oct 5 2-9:30PM, Oct 6 10AM-10PM, Oct 7 10AM-2PM.
- 49. License/Permit (ID # 19500) Public Event License, HONK! Festival Musicians Party, ArtFarm, Oct 6-7, 4PM-2AM.
- 50. License/Permit (ID # 19501) Public Event License, SomerStreets Monster Mashed Up, Somerville Ave from Park St to Warren Ave, Oct 14, Noon-8PM (raindate Oct 28).
- 51. License/Permit (ID # 19502) Public Event License, Boston-Prichard Block Party, Boston Ave from Kidder Ave to Prichard Ave, Oct 14, 3:30-6PM (raindate Oct 21).
- 52. License/Permit (ID # 19507) Public Event License, Haunted Hall, City Hall Concourse, Oct 18, 5-8PM (raindate Oct 25).
- 53. License/Permit (ID # 19503) Public Event License, Taza Chocolate Day of the Dead Celebration, Windsor Pl from Windsor St to Columbia St, Oct 27, 10AM-6PM (raindate Oct 28).
- 54. License/Permit (ID # 19504) Public Event License, Lexington Ave Halloween Block Party, Lexington Ave from Willow Ave to Cedar St, Oct 31, 5-10PM.
- 55. License/Permit (ID # 19505) Public Event License, Somerville Honor Run, Davis Sq area, Nov 11, 5AM-3PM.
- 56. License/Permit (ID # 19506) Public Event License, Boston Turkey Trot 8K Run, Assembly Row-Mystic Reservation, Nov 22, 4AM-Noon.

- 57. License/Permit (ID # 19508) Renewing Flammables License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.
- 58. License/Permit (ID # 19509) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Nine Bar Espresso, 11 Holland St.
- 59. License/Permit (ID # 19510) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, The Burren, 247 Elm St.
- 60. License/Permit (ID # 19511) New Outdoor Seating License, Thai Massage, 55 Union Sq.
- 61. Public Communication (ID # 19512) Attorney Robert McLaughlin, Sr., submitting a court decision relevant to #206003, an Order of Taking for 90 Washington St.
- 62. Public Communication (ID # 19513) Eric Schwartz submitting comments re: #206285, a proposed Adult Use Marijuana Zoning Ordinance.
- 63. Public Communication (ID # 19514) SMEA President Ed Halloran submitting comments re: #205501, an Administrative Order for the appointment of school physicians and nurses by the School Committee.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 64. Communication (ID # 19490) By Ald. Rossetti Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of September 24, 2018.
- 65. Order (ID # 19491) By Ald. Rossetti, Davis That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider placing traffic safety signage at the intersection of Willow Avenue, Broadway and Bristol Road.
- 66. Order (ID # 19523) By Ald. Rossetti That the City Clerk and/or the appropriate city staff, discuss with this Board the current permit application process for street closures.
- 67. Order (ID # 19515) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, White Jr. That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board how a utility pole on Belmont Street, behind St. Catherine's Church, came down on September 23, 2018.

- 68. Order (ID # 19516) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board why a previous Order, #205803, regarding a dangerously curved utility pole on Belmont Street, has not been responded to.

- 69. Resolution (ID # 19527) By Ald. Ballantyne, Hirsch
Opposing a Federal Communications Commission Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order regarding Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment.

- 70. Order (ID # 19520) By Ald. Ballantyne, White Jr.
That the City Solicitor appear before this Board on September 27, 2018 and explain how a City asset, and physical building, like the Homans Building, can be demolished without the approval of this Board.

- 71. Order (ID # 19521) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Somerville Climate Coalition provide this Board with updates on their attempts to address climate change.

- 72. Order (ID # 19522) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD, with the Finance and SomerStat Departments, construct modeling that demonstrates the likely economic impacts of various commercial types on commercial development, jobs, housing, and other factors, and advise if there should there be caps on any business type when in conflict with SomerVision's goals.

- 73. Mayor's Request (ID # 19498) Requesting the adoption of a New Zoning Ordinance (9/2018 update) to supersede the current Zoning Ordinance as originally adopted on March 23, 1990.

- 74. Mayor's Request (ID # 19525) Requesting the position of School Committee Members be classified as a Special Municipal Employees pursuant to MGL c268A.

- 75. Mayor's Request (ID # 17893) Requesting a transfer of \$10,000 from the Housing Division Personal Services Account to the Housing Sustainability Ordinary Maintenance Account for department startup costs.

- 76. Mayor's Request (ID # 19453) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$114.85 using available funds in the Personnel Department's Office Supplies Account for printer toner.

77. Mayor's Request (ID # 19452) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$87 using available funds in the Personnel Office Supplies Account for printer toner.
78. Officer's Communication (ID # 19524) Assistant City Solicitor submitting a Home Rule Petition that would increase the membership of the Redevelopment Authority from 5 to 7 members.
79. Officer's Communication (ID # 19518) Finance Director responding to #206385 Re: Projected State Aid.
80. License/Permit (ID # 19528) Renewing Lodging House License, Theta Delta Chi, 123 Packard Ave.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT