

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 8, 2018, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 18067)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, January
 (ID # 18068) 30, 2018, and the Regular Meeting, February 8, 2018.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. Resolution By Ald. Rossetti, Ballantyne
 (ID # 18036) Supporting the students of Somerville High School in
 their efforts to demand that our country's leaders act to
 ensure safety in all schools and neighborhoods, and
 extending our willingness to work together with them.

4. Resolution By Ald. Davis
 (ID # 18038) That the Administration provide this Board with the
 regulations that govern the extent to which utility
 companies can cut back trees.

5. Resolution By Ald. Mbah
 (ID # 18039) That the Administration hire more substitute teachers for
 the high school or contract with a private company to
 provide them.

6. Resolution By Ald. Mbah
 (ID # 18040) That the Administration update this Board with the
 parking situation at the high school.

7. Communication By Ald. Niedergang
 (ID # 18047) Updating this Board on meetings of the Capital Projects
 Master Plan Working Group in January and February,
 2018.

8. Order (ID # 18048) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services talk with, and if necessary ticket, the Powderhouse Pub in Ball Square for littering on the sidewalk.
9. Order (ID # 18049) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Personnel explain to this Board in writing why the City does not give part-time employees who work less than 20 hours a week earned sick time. (2nd request)
10. Order (ID # 18050) By Ald. Niedergang
That this Board discharge from the Legislative Matters Committee #201740, Proposing an ordinance relative to a mid-fiscal year report of municipal finances, with next fiscal-year budget projections.
11. Order (ID # 18051) By Ald. Niedergang
That this Board discharge from the Legislative Matters Committee #204486, Proposing an ordinance for the management and elimination of natural gas leaks.
12. Order (ID # 18052) By Ald. Niedergang
That this Board discharge from the Legislative Matters Committee #203711, That the City Solicitor consult with the Commissioner of Public Works to draft an ordinance requiring contractors and utilities to secure metal plates during street construction.
13. Order (ID # 18053) By Ald. Niedergang
That this Board discharge from the Legislative Matters Committee #203190, Publishers Circulation Fulfillment responding to #203057 re: Globe Direct distribution.
14. Order (ID # 18054) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO PARKING sign on the east side of Central Street, about 20 feet from the corner of Summer Street, to increase visibility at this dangerous intersection.
15. Order (ID # 18055) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Manager of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion discuss with the Ward 3 Alderman options for creating additional handicapped parking spaces at Properzi Manor.
16. Order (ID # 18056) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on Highland Avenue, from Walnut Street to Greenville Avenue.

17. Order (ID # 18057) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Director of the Council on Aging meet with the Ward 3 Alderman to discuss forming partnerships between the Housing Authority's elderly housing facilities and the many "maker spaces" in the city, to encourage intergenerational tech assistance.
18. Resolution (ID # 18058) By Ald. Hirsch
That the Administration consider hiring a software engineer in the FY19 budget cycle to design and maintain information management systems to link data, such as information related to properties.
19. Order (ID # 18059) By Ald. Hirsch, Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD share plans, when available, for its upcoming Vision Zero planning process.
20. Order (ID # 18060) By Ald. Hirsch
That the Director of SPCD share what role the city has, or could have with additional staff, in assisting residents with condo association dilemmas, tenant organizing, or ensuring that inclusionary unit owners or tenants have equal voice in building decisions.
21. Order (ID # 18061) 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.
22. Resolution (ID # 18062) By Ald. Hirsch, Niedergang
Expressing appreciation for the staff of the Departments of Assessing, Communications, Health and Human Services, and the Council on Aging, for designing an excellent mailing notifying seniors of ways to lessen their tax burden, and for responding to requests for information.
23. Order (ID # 18063) By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne
That the Director of Purchasing share the process for procuring food, food packaging and flatware for the school cafeterias.
24. Order (ID # 18064) By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works share the process of handling different types of cafeteria waste, including recyclables and food waste.

25. Communication By Ald. Hirsch, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr.
(ID # 18066) Announcing the 2018 Somerville Block Party Challenge, and inviting all residents to participate, in whatever way they are able or interested, in the annual tradition of gathering the block together.
26. Resolution By Ald. Hirsch
(ID # 18065) That, in preparation for his role representing this Board at next Friday's citywide basketball matchup with the Harlem Wizards, Alderman Jesse Clingan helps turn the game around, delivers a perfect spin dribble, plays to make us proud and remembers that, as Yogi Berra once said, "Ninety percent of the game is half mental."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

27. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
(ID # 18023) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on March 7, 2018.
- B. Mayor's Request 205039 Requesting the appointment of Charles Conway to the position of Fire Fighter.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. Mayor's Request 205040 Requesting the appointment of Lysander Amado to the position of Fire Fighter.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

28. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
(ID # 18020) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 6, 2018.
- B. Mayor's Request 205018 Requesting the appropriation of \$10,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Communications Department Professional and Technical Services Account to fund construction translation services.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- C. Mayor's Request 205029 Requesting the approval of funding to establish an Office of Housing Stability in SPCD.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Mayor's Request 205157 Requesting the appropriation of \$16,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Division Salaries Account to fund a Construction Liaison and Compliance Manager.

- RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. Mayor's Request 205160 Requesting the appropriation of \$18,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a GLX Project Liaison.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- F. Mayor's Request 205166 Requesting the appropriation of \$18,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a Transportation Planner.
RECOMMENDED: Not Approved.
- G. Mayor's Request 205171 Requesting the appropriation of \$32,692 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Director of Housing Stability.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- H. Mayor's Request 205212 Requesting approval to create the Medical Marijuana Stabilization Fund and accept payments to the Fund from medical marijuana dispensaries.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- I. Mayor's Request 205214 Requesting to transfer CPA funds totaling \$1,214,322 from the CPA Fund Budgeted Reserve to designated CPA reserves per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- J. Mayor's Request 205215 Requesting a transfer of \$205,000 from the Police Department Salaries Account and \$45,000 from the E-911 Salaries Account to the Fire Department Salaries Account to correct an under-funding in the FY18 budget.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- K. Mayor's Request 205216 Requesting a transfer of \$98,000 from the E-911 Salaries Account and \$77,000 from the Parks & Recreation Field Maintenance Salaries Account to the Law Legal Services Account to fund anticipated outside legal counsel invoices.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- L. Mayor's Request 205217 Requesting approval to transfer \$60,000 in the Health & Human Services Department from the Salaries Account to the Professional & Technical Services Account, for temporary school nursing services.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- M. Mayor's Request 205218 Requesting acceptance of a \$400,000 grant that requires a match, from the MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs PARC Grant Program to SPCD for renovations to Lincoln Park.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- N. Mayor's Request 205219 Requesting acceptance of a \$150,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund Transportation Planning program to SPCD for mitigation at the intersection of Rts 93, 28, and 38.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- O. Mayor's Request 205220 Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Reserve Fund to SPCD for baseline monitoring of air quality and vehicular traffic in impacted neighborhoods.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- P. Mayor's Request 205221 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$59,747 from HUD to support SPCD's Continuum of Care planning efforts.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

29. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 18016) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on February 27, 2018.
- B. Mayor's Request 204638 Requesting an amendment to Zoning Ordinance Article 7 to institute a study period to review recreational marijuana facilities prior to permitting them.
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended.
- C. Public Communication 204669 Eric Schwartz submitting comments re: zoning for cannabis that supports small local business owners.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- D. Mayor's Request 204893 Requesting the adoption of a zoning amendment to Amend Article 16 to establish that owners or developers of future PUD projects may not seek a waiver of any change to affordable housing requirements.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. Officer's Communication 205228 Planning Board submitting recommendations re: #204638, amending the Zoning Ordinance for a recreational marijuana study period.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File

30. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 18018) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 1, 2018.
- B. Public Communication 205062 Philip Parsons submitting comments re: #17779, a Resolution recognizing the Union Sq Neighborhood Council.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- C. Public Communication 205063 Union Sq Main Streets submitting comments re: #17779, a Resolution recognizing the Union Sq Neighborhood Council.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

31. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 18024) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on March 8, 2018.

32. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 18017) Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on February 28, 2018.
- B. Order 201695 By Ald. Davis, Ballantyne
That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment report to this Board on reducing food waste and expanding composting at city schools.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 202019 By Ald. Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne, Rossetti
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Sustainability and Environment report to this Board, and to the School Committee, on the type, brand, cost, and use of all cleaning agents used in city and school buildings, and report on how "green," non-toxic cleaning products would compare with current practices.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order 202973 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the tree planting plan for the city, by Ward.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Order 202993 By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne, Davis
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment update this Board on the planned curbside composting pilot program, and on other possible programs to promote composting.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Order 204353 By Ald. Ballantyne, Davis
That the Director of SPCD advise the Ward 6 and 7 Aldermen when the tree that was requested 6 years ago will be planted at 80 Bay State Avenue.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Order 204381 By Ald. Niedergang
That the City arborist report to the Ward 5 Alderman on the status of the tree at 48 Holyoke Road.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- H. Order 204389 By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD consider planting trees on Somerville Avenue from Lowell Street to Central Street.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- I. Order 204435 By Ald. Ballantyne
That Director of Sustainability and Environment provide this Board with periodic updates on the Somerville Forward initiatives.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- J. Resolution 204726 By Ald. McWatters, and the Entire Board
That the Administration continue to increase the tree canopy by adding 1,000 trees in the next 5 years.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- K. Order 204889 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the City Arborist trim the tree at 26 Mead Street.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

33. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 18019) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on March 5, 2018.
- B. Order 204751 By Ald. Rossetti
That the Chief of Police appear before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety by January 2018, with supporting documentation, to report on the shortage of detail officers.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 205072 By Ald. White Jr.
That the Chief of Police provide this Board with the number of incidents of the circulation of racist, anti-Semitic or hate-speech literature in 2016 and 2017.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order 205073 By Ald. Mbah, Hirsch
That the Chief of Police provide this Board with an update on surveillance cameras in the city.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

34. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 18022) Report of the Committee on Youth Services, meeting on March 7, 2018.
- B. Order 198075 By Ald. Rossetti, McLaughlin
That the Director of the Office of Prevention update this Board's Youth Services Committee of the department's plan to address youth health matters of concern.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- C. Resolution 198227 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Administration provide this Board, in early 2015, with an update regarding the city's efforts to combat drug addiction.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order 198586 By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD update this Board on renovating and taking control of Foss Park.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Order 198742 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Recreation update this Board's Committee on Youth Services on the 100 day plan.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Order 198955 By Ald. Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin
That the Administration of Teen Empowerment update this Board of its recent accomplishments and plans for the remainder of the calendar year.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Order 201166 By Ald. Rossetti
That the Director of Health and Human Services share the report on community conversations regarding race and racism with this Board's Committee on Youth Services when it becomes available.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- H. Order 202113 By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Health and Human Services appear before this Board to discuss progress in the city's race dialogs.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- I. Resolution 202316 By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board
That the Administration resolve the outstanding issues with Teen Empowerment's contract.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- J. Order 202416 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Superintendent of Recreation update this Board on the number of youth served, by program and gender, since Spring 2016.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- K. Officer's Communication 202555 Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #202416 re: the numbers of youth served since Spring, 2016.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- L. Resolution 204873 By Ald. Hirsch
That the Administration, with the School Department, provide data by student income, school and grade, on children being served after school at school-based and non-profit providers, to identify gaps in service and better coordinate and expand such programming.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- M. Order 205096 By Ald. Hirsch
That the Director of Recreation appear before this Board's Committee on Youth Services to provide information on the membership and function of the Recreation Commission.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

35. Mayor's Request (ID # 18027) Requesting approval of a Time Only extension of the Weston & Sampson Lincoln Park construction contract, to December 31, 2018.
36. Mayor's Request (ID # 18043) Requesting a transfer of \$4,482 from the Police Overtime Account to the Grant Match Account to cover the Metro Mayors Shannon Grant match requirement.
37. Mayor's Request (ID # 17999) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$2,000 in the Police Animal Control Division, from the Professional & Technical Services Account to the Overtime Account, to cover projected overtime FY18 costs.
38. Mayor's Request (ID # 17780) Requesting acceptance of a \$60,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety & Security to the Fire Department for Fire Dept. staffing costs.
39. Mayor's Request (ID # 17715) Requesting acceptance of a \$11,388.66 grant that requires a match, from the Metro Mayors Shannon Initiative to the Police Department for youth violence prevention.
40. Mayor's Request (ID # 17980) Requesting acceptance of a \$1,560.98 grant, with no match required, from the Federation of MA Farmers Markets to the Health and Human Services Dept. for the City's Mobile Farmers Market.
41. Mayor's Request (ID # 18069) Requesting the appointment of Chris Ward to the position of Police Captain.
42. Mayor's Request (ID # 18028) Requesting the appointment of Thomas Lambert to the position of Police Officer.
43. Mayor's Request (ID # 18029) Requesting the appointment of Michael Cleary to the position of Police Officer.
44. Mayor's Request (ID # 18030) Requesting the appointment of Mark Canty to the position of Police Officer.

- 45. Mayor's Request (ID # 18031) Requesting the appointment of Priscilla Ribeiro to the position of Police Officer.
- 46. Mayor's Request (ID # 18032) Requesting the appointment of Dylan Lambert to the position of Police Officer.
- 47. Mayor's Request (ID # 18033) Requesting the appointment of Allisha Omolade to the position of Police Officer.
- 48. Mayor's Request (ID # 18034) Requesting the appointment of Robert Anaya to the position of Police Officer.
- 49. Mayor's Request (ID # 18035) Requesting the appointment of Nicholas Moreira to the position of Police Officer.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 50. Officer's Communication (ID # 18025) Finance Director submitting the city's FY 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
- 51. Officer's Communication (ID # 18003) Director of Libraries responding to #205099 re: the Libraries' vision for neighborhood access to branch libraries and services.
- 52. Officer's Communication (ID # 18026) Legislative Liaison submitting a March 1, 2018 email to this Board conveying a Conway Park update.
- 53. Officer's Communication (ID # 18041) Grants Development Manager responding to #205206 re: grant opportunities for the proposed Office of Housing Stability.
- 54. Officer's Communication (ID # 18044) Director of Constituent Services responding to #204377 with the city's policy for following up on Inspectional Services issues when ISD is closed.

NEW BUSINESS

- 55. License/Permit (ID # 18070) Public Event Permit, Tufts University Tuftonia's Day, Tufts Campus, Apr 27, 7AM-11:30PM.
- 56. License/Permit (ID # 18071) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Top Gear Motor Group, 24 Joy St.
- 57. License/Permit (ID # 18072) New Flammables License, Metropolitan Pipe and Supply, 30 Innerbelt Rd, storing 1,215 gallons.

- 58. License/Permit (ID # 18073) New Flammables License, Internap Corp, 50 Innerbelt Rd, storing 9,600 gallons.
- 59. Public Communication (ID # 18079) Tufts University submitting its Spring 2018 University Accountability report.
- 60. Public Communication (ID # 18074) Our Revolution Somerville Steering Committee submitting comments re: #205250, a proposed Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project Home Rule Petition.
- 61. Public Communication (ID # 18075) Preservation of Affordable Housing Inc submitting comments re: #205250, a proposed Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project Home Rule Petition.
- 62. Public Communication (ID # 18077) Ronald Cavallo submitting comments re: #205250, a proposed Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project Home Rule Petition.
- 63. Public Communication (ID # 18076) Union Square Main Streets submitting comments re: the role of a Community Benefits Agreement in supporting the local business community.
- 64. Public Communication (ID # 18078) Kevin Walford submitting comments re: #204953, the proposed zoning ordinance overhaul.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 65. Order (ID # 18080) By Ald. Niedergang, Davis
That the Director of Traffic and Parking add blinking lights to the STOP sign on Cherry Street before Summer Street, and install flashing PEDESTRIAN CROSSING signs on both sides of Summer Street at Cherry Street, all as soon as possible, since beginning on March 12, traffic will be diverted to this intersection from the closed Highland Avenue-Cedar Street intersection.
- 66. Order (ID # 18081) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Parks and Recreation refresh the stone dust at the Nunziato dog park and install some form of transparent dust mitigation on the fence surrounding the dog park.
- 67. Resolution (ID # 18082) By Ald. Ewen-Campen
That the Traffic Commission revoke the "48-hour parking ban."

68. Order By Ald. White Jr.
(ID # 18084) That the Committee on Housing and Community Development investigate the condition of affordable housing units in the City, gathering testimony and data, to determine whether there is an affordable housing crisis that constitutes a public emergency, which may inform any home rule petitions related to affordable housing.
69. Officer's Director of Personnel responding to #205081 and
Communication #18049, re: sick time for part-timers earning less than 20
(ID # 18083) hours per week.
70. Public Ronald Cavallo submitting further comments re:
Communication #205250, a proposed Clarendon Hill Public Housing
(ID # 18086) Project Home Rule Petition.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT