

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

April 25, 2013, 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, March 28, 2013.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. White Jr., and the Entire Board
Commending Sean O'Donovan for fourteen years of distinguished service as Ward Five Alderman.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board
That this Board conveys its best wishes to the Fraternal Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 136, on the happy occasion of its 100th anniversary.
5. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., and the Entire Board
That the City fly the POW/MIA flag, beneath the American Flag, at all municipal locations.
6. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., and the Entire Board
That the City place an "empty chair" in City Hall as a reminder to never forget our nation's POW/MIA military personnel.
7. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) and the Director of Health provide a detailed plan for addressing increased rodent activity in the neighborhood of Washington and Calvin Streets and report back to the Ward 2 Alderman.

8. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees from 259 Washington Street to the intersection of Beacon Street.
9. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace, repair, or paint the signs and poles in Union Square and Somerville Avenue that are bent, missing paint, or defaced with flyers and tape.
10. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works inventory the tot lot at Lincoln Park and repair and paint any structures which may be hazardous.
11. Resolution By Ald. Heuston
That a memorial be established in Somerville in memory of the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing, and that a task force be established to work with the Memorials Committee on its design and location.
12. Resolution By Ald. Heuston, Taylor
That the Dedication Committee establish a plaque as a posthumous honor to Lou Ann David to commemorate her activism and her work for affordable housing.
13. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, Heuston, Taylor, Lafuente, Sullivan
That this Board supports comprehensive immigration reform and urges action from the 113th Congress.
14. Order By Ald. White Jr., Gewirtz, Connolly, Sullivan, Lafuente
That this Board approves a Home Rule Petition to amend Section 7 of Title 2 of Division 1 of the City Charter re: filling vacancies.
15. Resolution By Ald. White Jr.
That the Administration provide information to residents on logging complaints to Massport about plane noise and explain the importance of filing noise complaints with Massport.
16. Resolution By Ald. White Jr., Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD work with this Board to establish recommended guidelines to submit to the Licensing Commission to assist it in deciding applications for the new liquor licenses.

17. Order By Ald. Sullivan
That the Chief of Police provide this Board with the crime statistics near the East Somerville dog park for twelve months prior to, and after, opening.
18. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Taylor
That the Commissioner of Public Works resurface the dog park at Nunziato Field with a more durable material.
19. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Bastardi
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install stronger NO PARKING signage between the driveways at 2 Wheeler Street.
20. Order By Ald. Sullivan
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken street light at Shore Drive and Ten Hills Road.
21. Order By Ald. Sullivan
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) contact the Magoun Square Dunkin Donuts to address the repair of the retaining wall on Hinckley Street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

22. Officer's Request City Clerk requesting approval to release certain Executive Session minutes as described within.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

23. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on April 17, 2013.
- B. Order By Ald. Desmond
That this Board appoints Courtney O'Keefe as the Alderman from Ward 5 for the remainder of Alderman O'Donovan's term.

24. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Somerville Planning Board on April 18, 2013.

25. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on April 22, 2013.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

26. Mayor's Request Requesting, with this Board of Aldermen, approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the Mayor to posthumously appoint Sean Collier to the Police Dept.
27. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$93,000 for the cost of the Library's Security System from Unreserved Fund Balance to the Library Capital Equipment Account.
28. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$5,095 from the Elections Salaries Account and \$7,655 from the Elections Temporary Salaries Account to the Special Election Account, to help offset the cost of the US Senate Special Election.
29. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$42,833 grant from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security, State 911 Department for 911 Training and Emergency Medical Dispatch services.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

30. Officer's Retirement Board informing this Board that the
Communication Retirement Board may vote on a cost of living adjustment at their May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

31. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Ed Markey Meet and Greet, Powder House Park, Apr 27, 9-11:15AM.
32. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Dormition of the Virgin Mary Good Friday Procession, 29 Central Street area, May 3, 8-9AM.
33. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Museum Open Studios tables and chairs, 1 Westwood Rd., May 4-5, 11AM-5PM.
34. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Bicycle Committee Commuter Challenge Starting Line Party, Chester Street between Herbert and Elm Sts., May 7, 7-9AM (raindate May 8).
35. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Francesca Ave. Block Party, May 11, 3-7PM (raindate May 12).

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| 36. | License/Permit | Public Event Permit, MA Motorcycle Assn. Storm the State House Ride, 9 New Washington St., May 16, 9AM-Noon. |
| 37. | License/Permit | Public Event Permit, Union Sq. Farmers Market, Union Sq. Plaza, Saturdays Jun 1 - Nov 23, 7AM-2PM. |
| 38. | License/Permit | Sign/Awning Permit, The Training Room, 373 Washington St. |
| 39. | License/Permit | Sign/Awning Permit, Whole Foods, 47 Beacon St. |
| 40. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Fabrizio Realty, 290R Somerville Ave. |
| 41. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Nippon Express, 30 Inner Belt Rd. |
| 42. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Maaco Auto Painting, 444 Somerville Ave. |
| 43. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Tech Auto Body, 9 Union Sq. |
| 44. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Original Auto Body and Mechanic, 12 Joy St. |
| 45. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, U Call We Haul, 9R Sherman St. |
| 46. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Mac's Auto Body, 53 Russell St. |
| 47. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Goodyear Auto Service Center, 1 Bow St. |
| 48. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, FW Russell & Sons Disposal, 120 McGrath Hwy. |
| 49. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Boston Sand & Gravel, 492 Rutherford Ave. |
| 50. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, J&C Auto Repair, 91 Prospect St. |
| 51. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, ABJ Auto Repair, 91 Marshall St. |
| 52. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Monro Muffler Brake, 223 Washington St. |
| 53. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Partners Healthcare System, 21 Third Ave. |

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| 54. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Walnut Hill Auto Body, 235 Lowell St. |
| 55. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway. |
| 56. | License/Permit | Renewing Flammables License, Cumberland Farms, 212 Broadway. |
| 57. | License/Permit | Renewing Flammables License, Cumberland Farms, 701 Somerville Ave. |
| 58. | License/Permit | Renewing Flammables License, Somerville Auto Service, 57 Warren St. |
| 59. | License/Permit | Renewing Flammables License, Mobil Mart Plus, 379 Alewife Brook Pkwy. |
| 60. | License/Permit | Renewing Flammables License, MS Walker, 20 Third Ave. |
| 61. | License/Permit | Renewing Flammables License, Home Depot, 75 Mystic Ave. |
| 62. | License/Permit | Renewing Flammables License, Sunoco, 434 McGrath Hwy. |
| 63. | License/Permit | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Suffolk Engineering. |
| 64. | License/Permit | Renewing Drainlayer's License, LM Heavy Civil Construction. |
| 65. | License/Permit | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Borges Sewer and Drain. |
| 66. | License/Permit | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Jason Anthony Corp. |
| 67. | License/Permit | Renewing Drainlayer's License, NELM Corp. |
| 68. | License/Permit | Renewing Drainlayer's License, S & R Construction Enterprises. |
| 69. | License/Permit | Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Spindle City Precious Metals, 30 Washington St. |
| 70. | License/Permit | Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Sunshine Lucy's, 93 Holland St. |
| 71. | License/Permit | Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Eddie's Furniture, 95 Elm St. |

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| 72. | License/Permit | Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Odds and Ends Thrift Store, 62A Summer St. |
| 73. | License/Permit | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, FW Russell & Sons Disposal, 120 McGrath Hwy. |
| 74. | License/Permit | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Star Market, 275 Beacon St. |
| 75. | License/Permit | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Mr. B's, 142 Cross St. |
| 76. | License/Permit | Renewing Hawker and Peddler License, Francisca Morales. |
| 77. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, 32 Summer St Corp, Med #29. |
| 78. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Michael Cab, Med #88. |
| 79. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Yung Cab, Med #15. |
| 80. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Silva Cab, Med #83. |
| 81. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Bye Bye Cab, Med #86. |
| 82. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, ODJ Taxi, Med #1. |
| 83. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Somerville Taxi, Med #66. |
| 84. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, SJP Taxi, Med #45. |
| 85. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Madkep Transportation, Med #64. |
| 86. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Alewife Transportation, Med #65,69,80. |
| 87. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Eastern Transportation, Med #73,87,90. |
| 88. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Silcor Transportation, Med #51,52,77,93. |
| 89. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Ormond Transportation, Med #49,50,62,89. |

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| 90. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Somerville Transportation, Med #70,71. |
| 91. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, WLEJ Inc., Med #76. |
| 92. | License/Permit | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, J&J Transportation, Med #74. |
| 93. | Public Communication | Karen Molloy submitting comments re: #194060, a zoning amendment to permit a larger ground-floor supermarket at Assembly Square. |
| 94. | Public Communication | Kara Tutunjian submitting comments re: #194056, a prpoosed ban on polystyrene. |
| 95. | Public Communication | 21 residents submitting comments re: #194056, a prpoosed ban on polystyrene. |
| 96. | Public Communication | Lynn Weissman submitting comments re: a gender-neutral name for this Board. |
| 97. | Public Communication | Lynn Weissman submitting comments re: this Board's appointment process. |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 98. | Resolution | By Ald. Bastardi, and the Entire Board

Commending our public safety officials for their roles in the aftermath of the Marathon Day bombing. |
| 99. | Order | By Ald. Bastardi

That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the former Harris Park site as well as the area under the bridge at Otis Street. |
| 100. | Order | By Ald. Desmond, Connolly, White Jr., Sullivan

That the Director of SPCD (ISD), the Director of Health, and the Licensing Commission investigate why the Armory on Highland Avenue used its driveway on April 20 from 2 PM to Midnight for cooking food and as a staging area, and inform this Board of all violations that took place that day and what will be done to ensure it does not happen again. |
| 101. | Order | By Ald. Desmond, Taylor

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the two street lights in front of 227 and 229 Summer St. |

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| 102. | Order | By Ald. Desmond

That the Commissioner of Public Works clean Henry Hanson Memorial Park prior to Memorial Day. |
| 103. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan, Lafuente

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the damaged sidewalk panel at 81 & 83 Ten Hills Road. |
| 104. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the renaming of Assembly Square Drive as Grand Union Boulevard, and New Street as Revolution Drive. |
| 105. | Mayor's Request | Requesting acceptance of the Fee Interest in 4 parcels comprising Grand Union Boulevard at Assembly Row. |
| 106. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the transfer of a city-owned parcel in the North Prospect Block to the Redevelopment Authority, for the Union Square Green Line station. |
| 107. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Elaine Severino to the Zoning Board of Appeals. |
| 108. | Officer's Communication | Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #194338, a proposed zoning ordinance amending Sections 2.2 and 7.11.9.2 to separate supermarkets from the general retail and department store use. |
| 109. | License/Permit | New Drainlayer License, Tufts Construction Inc. |
| 110. | License/Permit | Renewing Drainlayer's License, JW DeNapoli Inc. |
| 111. | License/Permit | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Atlantic Excavation and Utility Corp. |
| 112. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Mike's Auto Service, 6 Beach Ave. |
| 113. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Autosol, 444R Somerville Ave. |
| 114. | License/Permit | Renewing 2012 Garage License, Autosol, 444R Somerville Ave. |
| 115. | License/Permit | Renewing 2011 Garage License, Autosol, 444R Somerville Ave. |
| 116. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St. |
| 117. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave. |

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| 118. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St. |
| 119. | License/Permit | Renewing 2012 Garage License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St. |
| 120. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 381 Washington St. |
| 121. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 147 Beacon St. |
| 122. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St. |
| 123. | License/Permit | Renewing Garage License, PMD Group, 385 Broadway. |
| 124. | License/Permit | Renewing Flammables License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St. |
| 125. | License/Permit | Renewing 2012 Flammables License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St. |
| 126. | License/Permit | Renewing Flammables License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St. |
| 127. | License/Permit | Renewing Flammables License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St. |
| 128. | License/Permit | Renewing Flammables License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave. |
| 129. | License/Permit | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave. |

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk