

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

June 9, 2011, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, May 2, 2011, and the Regular Meeting, May 12, 2011.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. Communication By Ald. Roche

 Congratulating all involved for the huge success of the June 5th SomerStreets event in East Somerville.

4. Order By Ald. Roche

 That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police consider installing bollards in the median on Pearl Street to prevent motorists from making a left turn into the Pearl Street Gas Station, and report the findings to the Ward One Alderman.

5. Order By Ald. Roche

 That the Chief of Police and the Director of SPCD (ISD) report back to the Ward One Alderman on actions or plans to control the ongoing abuse and disrespect resulting from the vacant building at 2 Broadway.

6. Order By Ald. Roche

 That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the depressions in the sidewalk at 51 Mt. Vernon Street.

7. Order By Ald. Roche

 That the Commissioner of Public Works place Jersey Barriers, or something comparable, to prohibit motor vehicles from entering Cross Street East at the Harris Park boundary line, and that the Director of SPCD place Hopscotch or Four-Square markings on the street pavement that now would be child friendly.

8. Order By Ald. Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the Iacoppucci dedication sign at the corner of Broadway and Glen Street.
9. Order By Ald. Roche
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a crosswalk on Washington Street, at Franklin Street, leading to and from the Cobble Hill market.
10. Order By Ald. Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works have the contractor that performed the work on Broadway, return to repair the depressions on the even side of Broadway, from Melvin Street to McGrath Highway.
11. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works place a CHILDREN PLAYING sign on Kidder Avenue as requested and approved in September 2010.
12. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with information regarding plans to construct an off leash dog park in Ward 2 at South Street.
13. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Chief of Police monitor Prospect Street at various times, and ticket and tow unregistered vehicles.
14. Ordinance By Ald. Heuston, Desmond
That the City adopt the attached Local Hiring Ordinance.
15. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 20 Thorndike Street and take any action necessary to compel the owner to improve the property.
16. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works re-stripe the intersection of Cutter Avenue and Summer Street, indicating a left turn only lane and a straight lane for Summer Street.
17. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works re-stripe Kidder Avenue, between College and Willow Avenues.

18. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Director of Traffic and Parking post NO PARKING 4–6 PM signs on the parking meters on Highland Avenue near College Avenue, so that they may be seen by oncoming motorists.
19. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility company to repair the street lamp on Pole #1913 on Grove Street and to remove the double pole at 45 Grove Street.
20. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works request that the appropriate utility company install a street lamp on the even side of Winslow Avenue, between Grove Street and Villa Avenue.
21. Order By Ald. Taylor, O’Donovan
That the Commissioner of Public Works place free-standing YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS signage in the crosswalks at Central Street and Highland Avenue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

22. Citation By Ald. Roche, Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending Susan Fontano, who is resigning after 4 years as President of East Somerville Main Streets.
23. Order By Ald. Heuston
That this Board convene in Executive Session at the June 9, 2011 meeting to discuss issues pertaining to the Council on Aging and that any required notifications be sent.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

24. Not used.

25. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 6, 2011.
- B. Mayor’s Request Requesting the transfer of \$43,838 from the Sanitation Recycling Acct. to the School Custodians Professional & Technical Services Acct. to fund the remaining portion of the AM/PM Cleaning Corp. contract.

- C. Mayor's Request Transfer \$32,000 from the DPW Sanitation/Recycling Acct. to the School Custodian Overtime Acct. to fund a projected deficit for the rest of the fiscal year.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$120,420 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to pay in-the-line-of-duty medical bills in the Police Dept.
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$122,000 in the Sewer Dept. from the Capital Improvements Acct. to the Professional and Technical Services Acct., for engineering for the East Broadway Improvements Project.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$100,000 in the Sewer Dept. from the Capital Improvements Acct. to the Professional and Technical Services Acct. to create a hydraulic model for existing flooding problems.
- G. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$7,350 from the Highway Wages Acct. to the Engineering Salaries Acct. in order to fund it for the remainder of FY11.
- H. Mayor's Request Requesting the use of FY11 funds to pay Mt. Auburn Hospital Employee Assistant Program FY10 invoices totaling \$2889.67.
- I. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$298,220 and authorization to borrow \$298,220 in a bond for the renovation of Morse-Kelley Park.
- J. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$169,720 and authorization to borrow \$169,720 in a bond for the renovation of Dickerman Park.
- K. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the preliminary architectural design of a new public library in Union Square, authorization for the Library Board of Trustees to apply for a MA Public Library Construction Program grant, and approval to accept and expend the grant, contingent on the receipt of funding and the appropriation of matching funds.
- L. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the City Solicitor provide the Committee on Finance with a communication on the application for a library construction grant (#191543), and the application process.

- M. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of SPCD create a business/financial plan to build a new library, detailing how revenues would be earmarked and providing a feasibility study and secure financial analysis to the Committee on Finance within 90 days.

26. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on June 6, 2011.

27. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on June 6, 2011.

28. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on June 7, 2011.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the city re-precincting proposed by the State based on the 2010 Federal Census results.

29. PARKS AND OPEN SPACE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Parks and Open Space, meeting on June 2, 2011.
- B. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, Heuston
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide this Board with the rationale for the \$18 fee for each \$1000 in construction cost for installing a green roof on a home, which may serve as a disincentive for residents to install green roofs.
- C. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD include the Groundwork Somerville Green Team in the design of the city's parks in the future, with compensation, with the understanding that each party reserves the right to participate or not on each project, and that this Board and its Committee on Parks and Open Space be advised of each new project.

30. PARKS AND OPEN SPACE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Parks and Open Space, meeting on June 6, 2011.

31. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on June 7, 2011.
- B. Public Communication MA Dept. of Public Health submitting a response to #190061 re: studying the health impacts of pollution from Rt. 93.
- C. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to monitor 294 Beacon Street from dusk to dawn.
- D. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Constituent Services provide the Committee on Public Health and Safety with a list of calls to 311 over the past 2 years on the trash/dumpster problem at 64 Walnut Street.

32. SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Senior Services, meeting on May 31, 2011.
- B. Order By Ald. Roche
That the Clerk of Committees inform the Director of the Somerville Housing Authority of the security concerns of the residents of Bryant Manor, and request measures to alleviate the problems resulting from the language barrier at the facility.
- C. Order By Ald. Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the bricks at 89 Broadway.
- D. Order By Ald. Roche
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the sewer in front of Bryant Manor.

33. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Youth Services, meeting on June 1, 2011.

- B. Resolution By Ald. Connolly
That this Board recognizes all of the good work of the youth network undertaken for the city's youth.
- C. Resolution By Ald. Connolly
That this Board requests that the Administration use SomerStat and the Recreation and Youth Dept. to work with Teen Empowerment to improve services for youths at risk.
- D. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan
That this Board requests that the state delegation advocate for additional state funding for summer jobs for youths.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

34. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to change the Ward 7 Precinct 3 polling location from the West Somerville Neighborhood School to the Somerville Visiting Nurses' Association Facility.
35. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$21,940 from the Assembly Square Stabilization Fund to pay debt service related to the reconstruction of certain parks.
36. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$700,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the DPW Snow Removal Account to eliminate the FY2011 Snow Removal Deficit.
37. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$45,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Police Overtime Acct. to eliminate a year-end deficit.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$17,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Auditing Division Accounting & Auditing Professional Services Acct. to pay for forensic auditing services in connection with the investigation of the Council on Aging.
39. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$3,900 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Clerk of Committees Salaries Monthly Account to eliminate a year end deficit.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting transfers from various DPW Accts. to offset the projected DPW snow deficit of \$907,934.31.
41. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$75,000 from the Fire Dept. Salary Acct. to the Fire Alarm Overtime Acct.

- 42. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$3,254 from the Sewer Capital Improvements Acct. to the MWRA Assessments Acct.
- 43. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$811 from the DPW's Recycling Acct. to its School Custodian Overtime Acct.
- 44. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay a prior fiscal year invoice of \$795 for wheelchair ramp repairs made at the Water Dept.
- 45. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$9,000 grant from the Carl and Ruth Shapiro Family Foundation to support the Arts Council's Books of Hope program.
- 46. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Andres Calderone as Constable.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 47. Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 48. License/Permit Public Event Permit, "TED" Film Shoot, 55 Davis Sq. (Somerville Theater area), Jun 14, 8AM-Midnight.
- 49. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Oak St. Block Party, Oak St. between Houghton and Bolton Sts., Jun 18, 2-7PM.
- 50. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Sikh Sangat Society Free Drink Distribution, Union Sq., Jun 25, 8AM-8PM (raindate Jul 2).
- 51. License/Permit Public Event Permit, East Cambridge Savings Bank Community Shred Day, 285 Highland Ave., Jun 25, 3-5PM.
- 52. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Grove St. Block Party, Grove St. between Winslow and Morrison Aves., Jun 25, 2-7PM (raindate Jun 26).
- 53. License/Permit Public Event Permit, School St. Block Party, School St. between Summer and Preston Sts., Jun 25, 3-9PM (raindate Jul 10).
- 54. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Garden Club Plant Sale, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Sep 17, 6AM-2PM (raindate Sep 24).
- 55. License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Jason Anthony Corp.

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- 56. License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, L.M. Heavy Civil Construction.
 - 57. License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Golden Light Restaurant, 24 College Ave., Su-Th to 1:30AM, Fr-Sa to 2AM.
 - 58. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St., 3,500 gallons.
 - 59. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Somerville Auto Center, 193 Somerville Ave., 16 autos in.
 - 60. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Cedars Petroleum, 182 Pearl St., 2 autos in, 4 out.
 - 61. License/Permit New Garage License, Chambers Motorcars, 71 Linwood St., Mechanical repairs, washing vehicles, storing vehicles, 9 autos in.
 - 62. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Fasika Restaurant, 145-147 Broadway, 3 awnings, blade sign, letters and logo.
 - 63. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Elzira and Luc, Med #6.
 - 64. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Elysse Corp., Med #48.
 - 65. License/Permit Renewing Taxi Medallion License, SLS Transportation, Med #75.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 66. Mayor's Request Requesting that this Board convene in Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property relative to 34 Sturtevant Street pursuant to MGL c30A, s21(b)(6).
- 67. Mayor's Request Requesting that this Board convene in Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining as it relates to a pending arbitration hearing, pursuant to MGL c30A, s21(a)(3).
- 68. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$375 in the Veterans Services Dept., from the Printing and Stationary Acct. to the Personal Services Longevity Acct.
- 69. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to pay a \$69.22 prior year invoice from New England Office Supply using FY11 funding in the Mayor's office.

- 70. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to seek a PARC grant of \$500,000 for North Street Veterans Playground renovation costs.
- 71. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to submit a PARC grant application for \$500,000 for construction costs for a new Harris Park at 15-25 Cross Street East.
- 72. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Marc Ardolino to the position of permanent Firefighter.
- 73. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Josephine Ave. Block Party, Josephine Ave. between Kidder and Morrison Aves., Jun 26, 4-9PM (raindate Jun 27).
- 74. License/Permit Public Event Permit, "Winter Hill" film shoot, Foss Park area, Jul 1, 10AM-5PM (raindate Jul 7).
- 75. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, A & E Auto Repair, 13 Joy St., 6 autos in, 3 out.
- 76. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Fred Susan and Sons Auto Repair, 267-269 Somerville Ave., 12 autos in.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk