

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

May 25, 2017, 7:30 PM
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 16229)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April
 (ID # 16230) 27, 2017.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Heuston, the Entire Board and the Mayor
 (ID # 16237) Commending the Somerville Youth Hockey Pee Wee A
 Team for winning the 2017 Valley League
 Championship.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Resolution By Ald. Heuston
 (ID # 16191) Supporting legislative efforts at the State House to
 reform the use of solitary confinement.

5. Order By Ald. Heuston
 (ID # 16215) That the Superintendent of Inspectional services bait all
 public facilities along Merriam Street, including sewers
 and the Public Safety Building, cite all private properties
 on the street where conditions exist to attract rodents,
 and distribute informational door knockers to those
 properties with evidence of rodent activity.

6. Resolution By Ald. Heuston
 (ID # 16216) That the Traffic Commission consider changing Merriam
 Street to a one way street, from Charlestown Street to
 Somerville Avenue.

7. Order By Ald. Heuston
 (ID # 16218) That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect
 20 and 22 Durham Street for all code violations,
 including an abandoned vehicle, extensive overgrowth, a
 decayed building facade, and uninhabited units.

8. Order (ID # 16219) By Ald. Heuston
The Director of Traffic and Parking place a second DO NOT ENTER sign at the corner of Prospect and Oak Streets, and a one way arrow sign on top of the DO NOT ENTER signs.
9. Resolution (ID # 16220) By Ald. Heuston
That the Administration facilitate the replacement of the wooden slats that provide the pedestrian foundation on the Webster Avenue Bridge.
10. Order (ID # 16217) By Ald. Heuston
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services direct the owner of 147 Beacon Street to clear the debris and overgrowth from the rear of the property.
11. Order (ID # 16199) By Ald. McWatters, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the City Arborist evaluate the vitality of the trees at 70 Craigie Street, 64 Craigie Street, and the intersection of Prospect Hill Avenue and Munroe Street.
12. Order (ID # 16200) By Ald. McWatters, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panels at 66 Putnam Street.
13. Order (ID # 16201) By Ald. McWatters, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on Porter and Munroe Streets, and on Summer Street between Craigie and Porter Streets.
14. Order (ID # 16202) By Ald. McWatters, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Director of Engineering determine why the repaving job on Pitman Street between Belmont and Spring Streets is in its present condition, and why sink holes are now causing issues on the street.
15. Order (ID # 16203) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services provide a rundown of all rodent control efforts throughout Ward 1 and a plan for rodent control for the summer.
16. Order (ID # 16205) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a SLOW – SENIORS sign in front of the Cobble Hill apartments on Washington Street.

17. Order (ID # 16206) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a STOP sign by Aggies, on Franklin and Pearl Streets.
18. Order (ID # 16207) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD plant a tree at 6 Austin Street.
19. Order (ID # 16208) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD plant trees at the end of Knowlton Street by the Capuano field. (3rd request)
20. Order (ID # 16209) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Chief of Police take appropriate action against speeding motorcycles at the corner of Cross Street and McGrath Highway around 7:30 PM on weekdays.
21. Order (ID # 16210) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works paint the entrance sign to East Somerville
22. Order (ID # 16211) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the improperly covered patch of turf field at the Capuano School.
23. Order (ID # 16212) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees at 75 Myrtle Street so the street may be properly illuminated.
24. Order (ID # 16213) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works make sure the water fountain and sprinkler services are working at Deanna Cremin Park.
25. Order (ID # 16214) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide shaded areas for public pools including Foss Park and Dilboy.
26. Order (ID # 16204) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Constituent Services provide the residents of Ward 1 with information regarding rodent control.
27. Order (ID # 16221) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing Pedestrian Impact Recovery System in the crosswalk at Morrison Avenue and Highland Road.

28. Order (ID # 16222) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Engineering install the four curb cuts near Maxwell's Green that the city has committed to installing, and notify the Ward 5 Alderman of the timeline for their installation.
29. Order (ID # 16223) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to the Ward 5 Alderman on the Murdock Street neighbors' request for four no parking spots on Murdock Street at Cedar Street.
30. Order (ID # 16224) By Ald. Niedergang, White Jr.
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on the condition of 17 Ashland Street, and advise, with the City Solicitor, whether the city can force the owner to fix the property, and whether the city should begin the process of having a receiver appointed for the property.
31. Resolution (ID # 16225) By Ald. Davis, Niedergang
Opposing the Keystone XL Pipeline, and restricting engagement with the financial institutions supporting the pipeline.
32. Order (ID # 16226) By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan, Rossetti, White Jr., Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the overgrowth from the rock outcrop behind the field house at Powderhouse Park, extending to the pedestrian walkway.
33. Resolution (ID # 16227) By Ald. Connolly
Supporting the local efforts of MOTHERS OUT FRONT on the dangers of climate change and natural gas leaks.
34. Order (ID # 16238) By Ald. White Jr.
That #202853, the Union Square zoning proposal, be discharged from the Land Use Committee pursuant to Rule 47, for consideration at this Board's May 25 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

35. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16193) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on May 17, 2017.

36. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16195) Report of the Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on May 24, 2017.
- B. Grant of Location 200428 Submitted by Envirotrac for Speedway LLC, to advance 3 soil borings in the sidewalk at 24 and 26-28 Kensington Avenue, and install monitoring wells in 2 of those borings.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 202018 By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne, Sullivan, Davis, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Sustainability and Environment report to this Board, and to the School Committee, on the use and necessity of pesticides in city-owned or city-maintained properties, and report on how organic maintenance would compare to current practices.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order 202974 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Parks and Recreation provide this Board with a fields maintenance plan, and comment on the current condition of the East Somerville Community School artificial turf field.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Order 203362 By Ald. Ballantyne, McWatters
That the Director of Capital Projects discuss with this Board's Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, using water from the storm water tanks at Nunziato Field to water the field and the Growing Center gardens.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Order 203364 By Ald. Ballantyne, Davis
That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parks and Open Space consider planting the following list of shrubbery and ground cover at Lincoln Park to meet the goals of sustainability and biodiversity.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Order 203382 By Ald. McWatters, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the City Arborist advise the Ward 3 Alderman of the condition of the tree on Belmont Street adjacent to Bailey Park.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- H. Resolution 203388 By Ald. Niedergang, and the Entire Board Expressing to Governor Baker, our State Delegation, and DCR this Board's concern about the possible renovation of Draw 7 Park as a concert venue, due to the resulting traffic and air pollution, and its preference for a high-quality soccer and athletic field there instead.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- I. Officer's Communication 203413 DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 4/27/17.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- J. Order 203451 By Ald. Ballantyne That the City Engineer discuss with this Board's Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, requiring new building projects to have storm water tanks on site or underground.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

37. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 16194) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on May 22, 2017.
- B. Order 201794 By Ald. Niedergang, McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on measures to design streets and bike lanes, and educate drivers and bicyclists, to increase safety with respect to the door-opening zone for parked cars.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 202782 By Ald. Niedergang, Davis, and the Entire Board That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services and the Chief Fire Engineer report to this Board on the cause of the fire at 8-10 Appleton Street, including whether the AirBnB rental there was in compliance with city and state laws, and whether it played any role in the cause of the fire.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order 202991 By Ald. Davis, Niedergang, Heuston That Directors of SPCD and Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the current policy, or plans, to include bicycle safety education materials in parking permit renewal mailings, and involve this Board and the Bicycle Committee to develop or expand such a program.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Order 203259 By Ald. McLaughlin That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services provide a list of all fines issued to the Cobble Hill Plaza since January 2016.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- F. Order 203285 By Ald. Heuston
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services issue citations at 32 Webster Avenue for code violations, and direct the owner to clean and repair the property.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Order (ID # 16228) By Ald. Connolly
That the Director of SPCD work with the Bicycle Committee and the Police Department to utilize social media to develop a video to enhance bicycle safety measures.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

38. Mayor's Request (ID # 16189) Requesting acceptance of a 12 month lease of the East Somerville Police Substation and office space at 83 Broadway.
39. Mayor's Request (ID # 16197) Requesting the transfer of \$35,000 from various Workers Comp Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to the Workers Comp Salaries Account to cover salaries.
40. Mayor's Request (ID # 16188) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$31,576.76 in the Election Department, from the Salaries & Wages Temporary Account to the Equipment Account, for modems and ancillary items.
41. Mayor's Request (ID # 16166) Requesting acceptance of a 5,000 grant with no new match required, from Project Bread to the Health and Human Services Department for the Shape Up Somerville Mobile Farmers Market.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

42. Officer's Communication (ID # 16170) Assistant City Solicitor conveying the letter mailed to the Lottery Commission pursuant to #202722 and #203017 re: starting the process to revoke the Lottery Commission License at Winter Hill Market.
43. Officer's Communication (ID # 16190) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203482 re: 32 Webster Avenue.
44. Officer's Communication (ID # 16196) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203248 re: issues with the Chicken & Rice Guys food trucks.
45. Officer's Communication (ID # 16240) Director of SPCD conveying the phasing provisions of the Master Land Disposition Agreement between the Redevelopment Authority and Union Square Station Associates.

46. Officer's Communication (ID # 16198) Director of Personnel submitting the Municipal Compensation Advisory Board's wage study recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS

47. License/Permit (ID # 16244) Public Event Permit, Community Preservation Committee Community Path Ribbon Cutting, Community Path at Lexington Park, May 25, 7:45-9AM.
48. License/Permit (ID # 16245) Public Event Permit, Arts Council Cactushead Puppets performance, Chuckie Harris Park, Jun 2, 5:30-8:30PM (raindate Jun 9).
49. License/Permit (ID # 16246) Public Event Permit, Arts Council Good Hearted Entertainment performance, Glen Park, Jun 5, 4-7PM (raindate Jun 6).
50. License/Permit (ID # 16247) Public Event Permit, Greene St Block Party, Greene St dead end, Jun 9, 4PM-12Midnite (raindate Jun 23).
51. License/Permit (ID # 16248) Public Event Permit, Waldo-Marion Neighborhood Neighborways Block Party, Dimick St from Calvin St to Marion Ave, Jun 11, 8AM-12Noon (raindate Jun 18).
52. License/Permit (ID # 16249) Public Event Permit, Arts Council Puppet Short Films, Chuckie Harris Park, Jun 16, 7:30-9:30PM (raindate Jun 23).
53. License/Permit (ID # 16250) Public Event Permit, Boston Sikh Sangat Society Free Drink Distribution, Union Sq Plaza, Jun 17, 8AM-7PM (raindate Jun 24).
54. License/Permit (ID # 16251) Public Event Permit, Groundworks Somerville Summah Solstice, 138 South St, Jun 17, 12Noon-12:30AM (raindate Jun 18).
55. Withdrawn (ID # 16252) Withdrawn.
56. License/Permit (ID # 16253) Public Event Permit, OpenAir Circus Classes, Perry Park, Jun 27, Jul 11, 18, 25, 4PM-8PM.
57. License/Permit (ID # 16254) Public Event Permit, Arts Council Tanglewood Marionettes performance, Chuckie Harris Park, Jun 28, 4-7PM (raindate Jun 30).

-
- 58. License/Permit (ID # 16255) Public Event Permit, OpenAir Circus Classes, Powderhouse Park, Jun 29, Jul 6, 13, 20, 27, 4PM-8PM.
 - 59. License/Permit (ID # 16256) Public Event Permit, SomerMovie Fest, Seven Hills Park-Jul 6, Jul 13, Aug 24; Assembly Row Sylvester Park-Jul 20; Powderhouse Park-Jul 27; Nunziato Field-Aug 3; ESCS Field-Aug 10; Mystic Housing Development-Aug 17; all 6:30-10:30PM.
 - 60. License/Permit (ID # 16257) Public Event Permit, Portuguese American Civic League Holy Ghost Feast, Springfield St, Jul 7 6PM-12Midnite, Jul 8 7PM-Midnite, Jul 9, 9AM-10PM.
 - 61. License/Permit (ID # 16258) Public Event Permit, Teen Empowerment Summer Block Party, Cross St East, Jul 20, 3-8:30PM (raindate Jul 21).
 - 62. License/Permit (ID # 16259) Renewing Garage License, Jim's Heavy Duty Service, 40 Joy St.
 - 63. License/Permit (ID # 16260) Renewing Garage License, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway.
 - 64. License/Permit (ID # 16261) Renewing Garage License, Pearl St Auto Sales, 182 Pearl St.
 - 65. License/Permit (ID # 16262) Renewing Flammables License, Pearl St Auto Sales, 182 Pearl St.
 - 66. License/Permit (ID # 16263) Renewing Open Air Vendor License, Somerville Flea, Buena Vista Parking Lot.
 - 67. License/Permit (ID # 16264) Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Pat's Towing, 160 McGrath Hwy.
 - 68. License/Permit (ID # 16265) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Pepi's Pizzeria, 516 Medford St.
 - 69. License/Permit (ID # 16266) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pearl St Auto Sales, 182 Pearl St.
 - 70. License/Permit (ID # 16267) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Towing, 160 McGrath Hwy.
 - 71. License/Permit (ID # 16268) New Transient Vendor License, Restoration Hardware, 133 Middlesex Ave, Fri-Sun May 26-Jul 2, May 29, Jul 3-4.

72. Public Communication (ID # 16241) The Chamber of Commerce, Union Square Main Streets, and Somerville Local First submitting comments re: the Union Sq proposed zoning, the US2 Covenant, and the Community Benefits Ordinance.
73. Public Communication (ID # 16242) The Maurice and Jane Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice submitting comments re: #203098, the Community Benefits Ordinance.
74. Public Communication (ID # 16243) Somerville Garden Club submitting comments re: development at the West Branch Library.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

75. Order (ID # 16269) By Ald. Sullivan, McWatters, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees at 6 and 8 Greenville Street.
76. Order (ID # 16270) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment update this Board's Special Committee Open Space, Environment and Energy regarding Community Choice Aggregation.
77. Order (ID # 16271) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD replace the 2 trees that were removed in 2016 at Rudy's Restaurant in Teele Square.
78. Order (ID # 16272) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD replace the trees along Powder House Blvd. from Dow Street to Alewife Brook Pkwy. to restore the tree canopy.
79. Order (ID # 16273) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes down the center of Ossipee Road from Curtis Street to Packard Avenue, and on Packard Avenue from Ossipee Road to Powder House Blvd.
80. Order (ID # 16274) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD provide bi-annual progress reports on Assembly Square, Gilman Square, Lowell Street, Winter Hill, and future planned neighborhoods as they are completed.

-
- 81. Order By Ald. Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.
(ID # 16275) That the Director of SPCD incorporate into the initial notice to abutters of development projects, that they may submit their e-mail address to the Planning Department for updates as the designs or plan change.

 - 82. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to amend Ordinances 2-322 and 2-
(ID # 16235) 323 re: municipal salary ranges.

 - 83. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow
(ID # 16234) \$3,968,259 in a bond for accelerated repair of the Winter Hill Community Innovation School, external windows, doors and roofing system.

 - 84. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow
(ID # 16236) \$2,700,000 in a bond for street resurfacing, sidewalk improvements and ADA ramps and improvements.

 - 85. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$144,050 from the Parks
(ID # 16278) Stabilization Fund to conduct geotechnical engineering at Healey and Conway Parks.

 - 86. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$80,000 from the Free
(ID # 16279) Cash Account to the SPCD Economic Development Account-Special Items for a deposit on the purchase of 45 College Avenue.

 - 87. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer within the Law Office of \$25,000
(ID # 16233) from the Salaries Account and \$20,000 from the Judgments and Settlements Account, all to the Legal Services Account, to pay anticipated outside legal services.

 - 88. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a gift of \$10,000 from
(ID # 16276) Wynn for the Memorial on the Mystic Fireworks celebration on May 29, 2017.

 - 89. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a gift of \$5,000 from
(ID # 16277) Federal Realty Investment Trust for the Memorial on the Mystic Fireworks celebration on May 29, 2017.

 - 90. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Alexandra Kleyman to
(ID # 16231) the Design Review Committee.

 - 91. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Jordan A. Smith to the
(ID # 16232) Design Review Committee.

 - 92. License/Permit Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Flatbread
(ID # 16283) Company at Sacco's Bowl Haven, 45 Day St.

- 93. License/Permit (ID # 16285) New Outdoor Seating License, Spoke Wine Bar, 89 Holland St, 4 tables, 8 seats.

- 94. License/Permit (ID # 16284) New Extended Operating Hours License, Big Belly Deli, 513 Medford St, remaining open Mon-Sat to 2 AM for seating, take-out and delivery.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT