

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

May 24, 2018, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.  
    (ID # 18719)
  
2. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, April  
    (ID # 18721)      26, 2018, and the Regular Meeting, April 26, 2018.

**CITATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. Grant of            Submitted by Eversource to install 49 feet of conduit in  
    Location            Dover St from Pole 195/4 to a point of pickup at 88  
    (ID # 18763)        Dover St.
  
4. Grant of            Submitted by Comcast to install 26 feet of conduit in Mt  
    Location            Pleasant St from Pole 243/1 to a point of pickup at 6  
    (ID # 18764)        Broadway.
  
5. Public              55 voters requesting a Public Hearing on Tufts  
    Communication    University's Payments in Lieu of Taxes and other  
    205782              benefits provided to the community.

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

6. Resolution        By Ald. McLaughlin, Davis, Ewen-Campen  
    (ID # 18683)      That the Administration submit a Home Rule Petition  
                         similar to Boston's "Jim Brooks Act," but with less rigid  
                         language, to encourage passage by the State.
  
7. Order              By Ald. McLaughlin  
    (ID # 18684)      That the Director of SPCD promote bicycle-safe  
                         infrastructures on all future Assembly Square  
                         development.
  
8. Order              By Ald. McLaughlin  
    (ID # 18685)      That the Commissioner of Public Works install a street  
                         light on the corner of Grand Union Boulevard and  
                         Artisan Way.

9. Order (ID # 18689) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Commissioner of Public Works install trash bins (closed Big Belly bins if possible) on the two corners at Broadway and Cedar Street.
10. Order (ID # 18690) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken light in Junction Park.
11. Order (ID # 18691) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the soil erosion at the eastern edge of Junction Park.
12. Order (ID # 18692) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place two pop-up caution signs on Central Street where they have been previously, near Hoyt Sullivan Park and Rogers Foam, one at Vernon Street, the other at the crosswalk near Albion Street.
13. Order (ID # 18693) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of SPCD cut down the dead tree at 149 Central Street, and if possible, plant a new one in its place.
14. Order (ID # 18694) By Ald. Niedergang, Ewen-Campen  
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the large pothole in front of Somerville Hospital again.
15. Order (ID # 18695) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Hirsch  
That the Directors of Traffic and Parking and SPCD install a bicycle corral in place of the first parking spot on the northeast corner of the intersection of Washington Street and Washington Terrace.
16. Order (ID # 18696) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Scott  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking re-paint the NO BICYCLING ON THE SIDEWALK markings in Union Square and all central business districts.
17. Order (ID # 18697) By Ald. Ewen-Campen  
That the Director of Water and Sewer and the Director of Finance include in their upcoming presentation of the proposed Fire Suppression Charge, the fiscal impacts of an owner-occupant exemption, as well as the per-household cost if the fee was evenly split among all households.

18. Order (ID # 18707) By Ald. Scott  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking add an item to the June Traffic Commission meeting requesting a change of the two 2-hour-parking spaces in front of 483 Somerville Avenue to metered parking spaces.
19. Order (ID # 18698) By Ald. Hirsch  
That the Director of SPCD inform this Board of any plans to update the Housing Needs Assessment.
20. Order (ID # 18699) By Ald. Hirsch  
That the Director of SPCD or the Director of Housing Stability develop an evidenced-based scale of qualifying income levels that reflects the cost of housing, to guide residents' access to subsidies for City or District programming.
21. Order (ID # 18700) By Ald. Hirsch  
That the Director of SPCD inform this Board of plans to regulate or enable dockless bikes, and share information on the City's contractual relationship with Hubway/BlueBikes.
22. Order (ID # 18701) By Ald. Hirsch  
That the City Solicitor inform this Board of any applicable regulations related to the use of drones.
23. Resolution (ID # 18702) By Ald. Hirsch  
That the Administration inform this Board of any opportunities to incentivize waste reduction, such as opt-in composting, PAYT, or charges to phone book distributors for disposal costs.
24. Resolution (ID # 18703) By Ald. Hirsch  
That the Administration work with this Board on a fund for traffic calming and pedestrian/transit infrastructure pilot projects through such sources as demand pricing for meters in business districts and the creation of incentives for residents to forgo residential permits so as to create more business permits.
25. Order (ID # 18704) By Ald. Hirsch  
That the Director of Purchasing inform this Board of how it monitors the gender and ethnicity/race of employees of City contractors in compliance with "good faith" efforts as specified in the City's procurement guide.

- 26. Communication By Ald. Hirsch  
(ID # 18705) Reporting on the recent Community Cabinet “By All Means” conference.
- 27. Communication By Ald. Hirsch  
(ID # 18706) Reporting on the 2018 Block Party Challenge.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 28. Committee Report  
205837 Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 1, 2018.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

29. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report  
(ID # 18717) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on May 23, 2018.
- B. Mayor's Request  
203896 Requesting the appointment of Holly Fox to the Commission for Women.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. Mayor's Request  
204678 Requesting the appointment of Joseph P. Lynch, Jr., to the Licensing Commission.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Mayor's Request  
205226 Requesting the re-appointment of Dennis Fischman to the Fair Housing Commission.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. Mayor's Request  
205227 Requesting the re-appointment of Rona Fischman to the Fair Housing Commission.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- F. Resolution  
(ID # 18771) By Ald. Ewen-Campen  
That the Administration describe for the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters the relevant law governing financial disclosure for commission members, and the existing remedies for ethical violations.

30. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report  
(ID # 18716) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 22, 2018.

- B. Order 205816 By Ald. Niedergang  
That the Director of SPCD provide to this Board before the submission of the FY19 budget, a description and status of each major commercial development that has applied to, or been permitted by, the Planning Board in FY17 and FY18.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Mayor's Request 205843 Requesting acceptance of a \$32,000 grant with no new match required, from the Metro North Regional Employment Board Summer Youth Works Grant to the Health & Human Services Department for youth employment programming.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Mayor's Request 205907 Requesting the appropriation of \$200,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance to the Law Department's Legal Services Account to fund anticipated outside legal counsel invoices.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved

31. FINANCE COMMITTEE IN JOINT SESSION WITH THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 18711) Report of the Committees on Finance and Legislative Matters, meeting in Joint Session as a Committee of the Whole on May 16, 2018.

32. FINANCE COMMITTEE IN JOINT SESSION WITH THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 18714) Report of the Committees on Finance and Legislative Matters, meeting in Joint Session as a Committee of the Whole on May 21, 2018.
- B. Public Communication 205326 Our Revolution Somerville Steering Committee submitting comments re: #205250, a proposed Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project Home Rule Petition.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Public Communication 205327 Preservation of Affordable Housing Inc submitting comments re: #205250, a proposed Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project Home Rule Petition.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Public Communication 205328 Ronald Cavallo submitting comments re: #205250, a proposed Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project Home Rule Petition.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Public Communication 205336 Ronald Cavallo submitting further comments re: #205250, a proposed Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project Home Rule Petition.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- F. Public Communication 205407 Clarendon Residents United submitting comments re: #205250, a proposed Clarendon Hill Public Housing Home Rule Petition.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Public Communication 205681 Our Revolution Somerville submitting comments re: #205250, a Home Rule Petition for the reconstruction of the Clarendon Hill Housing Project.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- H. Public Communication 205682 9 unions submitting comments re: #205250, a Home Rule Petition for the reconstruction of the Clarendon Hill Housing Project.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- I. Public Communication 205896 Building and Construction Trades Council of the Metropolitan District submitting comments re: #205250, a Home Rule Petition for the reconstruction of the Clarendon Hill Housing Project.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- J. Public Communication 205897 Our Revolution Somerville submitting comments re: #205250, a Home Rule Petition for the reconstruction of the Clarendon Hill Housing Project.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- K. Public Communication 205898 Clarendon Residents United submitting comments re: #205250, a Home Rule Petition for the reconstruction of the Clarendon Hill Housing Project.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

33. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 18709) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 15, 2018.

34. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 18718) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on May 23, 2018.

35. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 18713) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 17, 2018.
- B. Mayor's Request 204954 Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City to impose a Real Estate Transfer Fee.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended

- C. Order 205439 By Ald. Hirsch  
That the Director of SPCD prepare a detailed explanation of how funding from a transfer fee or other local sources could fund housing initiatives.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order 205440 By Ald. Hirsch  
That the Director of SPCD share options for establishing the residency status of prospective buyers, as related to exemptions and the proposed transfer fee.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Resolution 205493 By Ald. Scott, Rossetti, White Jr.  
That the Administration draft the minimally necessary language to amend the Real Estate Transfer Fee Home Rule Petition to allow a separate fee on the buyer and seller based on their status as a resident/owner-occupant, and including estate protection for a decedent who has such status.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Public Communication 205680 5 residents submitting comments re: #204954, a Home Rule Petition for a Real Estate Transfer Fee.  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- G. Public Communication 205783 6 residents submitting comments re: #204954, a Home Rule Petition for a Real Estate Transfer Fee.  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File

36. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 18708) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on May 14, 2018.
- B. Order 203802 By Ald. Heuston, Davis  
That the City Solicitor and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services provide this Board with a plan to address the use of AirBnB for whole house rentals, including communications to residents who report such uses.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 204960 By Ald. McLaughlin, Rossetti  
That the Director of SPCD update this Board on plans to renovate the area under I-93, near the Stop & Shop, for pedestrian access to Assembly Square.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order 205075 By Ald. Mbah, Niedergang  
That the Director of Water and Sewer report to this Board on whether our municipal tap water is safe to drink.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

**37. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE**

- A. Committee Report (ID # 18710) Report of the Committee on Youth Services, meeting on May 16, 2018.
  
- B. Order 205359 By Ald. Hirsch  
That the Director of SPCD share a report on the CDBG program as it relates to inter-division cooperation and the city's larger Health and Human Service goals.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 38. Mayor's Request (ID # 18680) Requesting approval of a reciprocal easement over portions of Block 6 in Assembly Row.
  
- 39. Mayor's Request (ID # 18673) Requesting a transfer of \$30,000 from the School Custodian Salary Account to the Electrical OT Labor Account to provide sufficient overtime funding for the Electrical Department.
  
- 40. Mayor's Request (ID # 18545) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$90 using available funds in the Personnel Advertising Account for an advertisement on Idealist.com.
  
- 41. Mayor's Request (ID # 18675) Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Public Health to the Health and Human Services Department for the Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative Grant.
  
- 42. Mayor's Request (ID # 18676) Requesting acceptance of a \$94,622.16 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Public Health to the Health and Human Services Department for Tobacco Control Prevention.
  
- 43. Mayor's Request (ID # 18679) Requesting acceptance of a \$32,354.14 bequeath from the Estate of Mary M. Fontaine to the Council on Aging.
  
- 44. Mayor's Request (ID # 18564) Requesting acceptance of a rapid deployment vehicle, ballistics helmets, and sunglasses from OEM, with no match required, for the Police Department's Special Response Team.
  
- 45. Mayor's Request (ID # 18678) Requesting approval of a time-only extension of the CBI Consulting House Doctor contract, to June 28, 2019, to allow for the closeout of construction projects.
  
- 46. Mayor's Request (ID # 18682) Requesting approval of a time-only extension to the contract with D&R General Contracting for the 2015 Street Resurfacing Project to April 30, 2019.



**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 47. Officer's Communication (ID # 18686) Legislative Liaison responding to #200593 with updated reports on Police and Fire services rendered to tax-exempt facilities.
- 48. Officer's Communication (ID # 18720) Legislative Liaison responding to #205477 re: Block 8 payments.
- 49. Officer's Communication (ID # 18672) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 5/10/18.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 50. License/Permit (ID # 18727) Public Event License, Lupus Research Alliance Boston Walk with Us to Cure Lupus, Baxter Park and Mystic River Loop, Jun 2, 6AM-1PM.
- 51. License/Permit (ID # 18728) Public Event License, Knowlton St Block Party, from Morton St to the dead end, Jun 2, 12Noon-10PM (raindate Jun 3).
- 52. License/Permit (ID # 18729) Public Event License, Ryan Harrington Foundation Just One Run, Blessing of the Bay Boathouse and Mystic River Loop, Jun 3, 7AM-3PM.
- 53. License/Permit (ID # 18730) Public Event License, Arts Council SomerStreets Carnival, Broadway from McGrath Hwy to Pennsylvania Ave, Jun 3, 12Noon-8PM (raindate Jun 10).
- 54. License/Permit (ID # 18731) Public Event License, Mindful Revolutions Namaste Brunch, Albion Park, Jun 9, 9AM-2:30PM (raindates Jun 16,23).
- 55. License/Permit (ID # 18732) Public Event License, Warwick St Block Party, Jun 9, 2:30PM-7PM (raindates Jun 10,16,17).
- 56. License/Permit (ID # 18733) Public Event License, Homeless Coalition Save Our Homes Walk, High School Concourse and area streets, Jun 10, 12Noon-4:30PM.
- 57. License/Permit (ID # 18734) Public Event License, BRAIN Arts Organization New England Underground Music Festival, ArtFarm, Jun 16, 12Noon-1AM.

58. License/Permit (ID # 18735) Public Event License, Columbus Ave Block Party, from Prospect Hill Pkwy to Bonner Ave, Jun 21, 4:30PM-9PM.
59. License/Permit (ID # 18736) Public Event License, Wayside Youth and Family Support Network HIV Free Testing Awareness Day, Statue Park, Jun 23, 11AM-5PM (raindate Jun 24).
60. License/Permit (ID # 18737) Public Event License, St Anthony Brazilian Festival, 12 Properzi Way, Jun 23, 1PM-1AM.
61. License/Permit (ID # 18738) Public Event License, Arts Council Night Market, Union Sq Plaza, Jun 30, 3PM-11:30PM (raindate Jul 7).
62. License/Permit (ID # 18739) Public Event License, JCC of Greater Boston PJ Library Family Yoga in the Park, Dickerman Park, Jul 28, 10:30AM-1:30PM.
63. License/Permit (ID # 18740) Public Event License, Arts Council August SomerStreets, Holland St from Winter St to Newbury St, Aug 5, 12Noon-8PM.
64. License/Permit (ID # 18741) Public Event License, Arts Council Ignite Fire and Food Festival, Union Sq Plaza, Aug 11, 3PM-12Midnite (raindate Aug 12).
65. License/Permit (ID # 18742) Public Event License, Garden Club Plant Sale, Statue Park, Sep 15, 7AM-1PM.
66. License/Permit (ID # 18743) Public Event License, Road Runners Gobble Gobble Gobble Road Race, Teele Sq-Ball Sq-Davis Sq area streets, Nov 22, 6:30AM-12Noon.
67. License/Permit (ID # 18744) New Extended Operating Hours License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Dr, staying open in-store with no alcohol service until 2AM daily.
68. License/Permit (ID # 18746) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Jones Contracting.
69. License/Permit (ID # 18747) Renewing Drainlayer's License, McGue Excavating.
70. License/Permit (ID # 18748) Renewing Flammables License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St.

- 71. License/Permit (ID # 18749) Renewing Flammables License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St.
- 72. License/Permit (ID # 18750) Renewing Garage License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St.
- 73. License/Permit (ID # 18751) Renewing Garage License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St.
- 74. License/Permit (ID # 18752) Renewing Garage License, Modern Floors, 22 Marshall St.
- 75. License/Permit (ID # 18753) Renewing Garage License, Fellsway Auto Repair, 693 McGrath Hwy.
- 76. License/Permit (ID # 18754) Renewing Garage License, Hawkins St Automotive, 9 Hawkins St.
- 77. License/Permit (ID # 18755) Renewing Garage License, JN Phillips Auto Glass, 47 Webster Ave.
- 78. License/Permit (ID # 18756) Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Cuisine En Locale, 156 Highland Ave.
- 79. License/Permit (ID # 18757) Renewing Livery License, Mass Cab, 45 Endicott Ave.
- 80. License/Permit (ID # 18758) Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Pat's Towing, 160 McGrath Hwy.
- 81. License/Permit (ID # 18759) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Wang's Fast Food, 509 Broadway.
- 82. License/Permit (ID # 18760) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Union Sq Pizza, 63 Union Sq.
- 83. License/Permit (ID # 18761) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, MIke's Restaurant, 8 Davis Sq.
- 84. License/Permit (ID # 18762) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Taco Loco, 44 Broadway.
- 85. Public Communication (ID # 18724) 5 residents submitting comments re: #204954, a Home Rule Petition for a Real Estate Transfer Fee.

- 86. Public Communication (ID # 18725) 3 residents submitting comments re: #205728, a proposed Fire Suppression Charge.
- 87. Public Communication (ID # 18726) 4 residents submitting comments re: dockless bikeshares in Somerville.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

- 88. Order (ID # 18767) By Ald. Clingan  
That the Director of Engineering report to the Ward 4 Alderman the feasibility of installing a crosswalk on Marshall Street near the Marshall Street Playground.
- 89. Order (ID # 18768) By Ald. Clingan  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a “THROUGH TRAFFIC FOR ABUTTERS ONLY 7AM–9AM” sign on Governor Winthrop Road at Shore Drive.
- 90. Resolution (ID # 18769) By Ald. Rossetti  
That the Administration consider offering childcare assistance for attendees of ResiStat meetings.
- 91. Mayor's Request (ID # 18674) Requesting approval of an Order of Taking for 90 Washington Street.
- 92. Mayor's Request (ID # 18766) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$8,745,000 in a bond to purchase land by eminent domain.
- 93. Mayor's Request (ID # 18765) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,860,000 in a bond for new Public Safety Building design, architectural, engineering, and owner's and contractual project management services.
- 94. Mayor's Request (ID # 18770) Requesting approval of a Clean Cab Proposal to waive taxi medallion fees for qualifying vehicles.
- 95. Officer's Communication (ID # 18776) Asst. City Solicitor submitting an updated Home Rule Petition to Impose a Real Estate Transfer Fee.
- 96. License/Permit (ID # 18778) New Drainlayer's License, The Welch Corp.
- 97. License/Permit (ID # 18779) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Jason Anthony.

- 98. License/Permit (ID # 18780) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Ferrante Construction.
- 99. License/Permit (ID # 18781) Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul, 600 Mystic Valley Pksy.
- 100. License/Permit (ID # 18782) Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul, 151 Linwood St.
- 101. License/Permit (ID # 18783) Renewing Flammables License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St.
- 102. License/Permit (ID # 18784) Renewing Garage License, U-Haul, 151 Linwood St.
- 103. License/Permit (ID # 18785) Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St.
- 104. License/Permit (ID # 18786) Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 381 Washington St.
- 105. License/Permit (ID # 18787) Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 141 Beacon St.
- 106. License/Permit (ID # 18788) Renewing Garage License, Chicken and Shakes Automotive, 6 Beach Ave.
- 107. License/Permit (ID # 18789) Renewing Garage License, Mac's Auto Body, 53 Russell St.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**