

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 12, 2015, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 11168)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,
 (ID # 11169) February 12, 2015.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Grant of Submitted by NStar Electric for 129 feet of conduit in
 Location Tufts Street and the relocation of Pole 340/1 80 feet to
 (ID # 11170) the northwest.

4. Grant of Submitted by NStar Electric for 5 feet of conduit in
 Location Medford Street from Pole 228/2 to a point of pickup at 9
 (ID # 11171) Medford Street.

5. Grant of Submitted by NStar Electric for 54 feet of conduit in
 Location Beech Street from Pole 281/1 to a point of pickup at 10
 (ID # 11172) Beech Street.

6. Grant of Submitted by NStar Electric for 7 feet of conduit in
 Location North Street from Pole 190/2 to a point of pickup at 11
 (ID # 11173) North Street.

7. Grant of Submitted by NStar Electric for 4 feet of conduit in
 Location Medford Street from Pole 228/3 to a point of pickup 17
 (ID # 11174) feet northeast of Warren Street.

8. Grant of Submitted by NStar Electric for 26 feet of conduit in
 Location Thorndike Street from Pole 333/5 to a point of pickup
 (ID # 11175) near the bike path.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

9. Resolution By Ald. Niedergang, White Jr.
 (ID # 11140) Urging that Union Square's D2 and D3 blocks adjacent
 to the planned T station be developed primarily as
 commercial office and lab space.

10. Order (ID # 11144) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking inform this Board and the School Committee about enforcing parking regulations during street cleaning near schools in the morning between 8 and 8:30 AM.
11. Order (ID # 11145) By Ald. Niedergang, McLaughlin
That the Director of Recreation report to this Board on the playing fields for youth sports activities and efforts to develop new fields.
12. Resolution (ID # 11146) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Mayor report to this Board on new main branch of the Public Library in Union Square.
13. Order (ID # 11148) By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Highland Avenue at Crocker Street, Belmont Street and Benton Road.
14. Order (ID # 11141) By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at the corner of Greenville and Munroe Streets.
15. Order (ID # 11142) By Ald. McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility company regarding low hanging wires at the corner of Columbus and Bonner Avenues.
16. Order (ID # 11143) By Ald. McWatters, Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 3 Alderman on any plans to renovate Central Hill Park.
17. Order (ID # 11149) By Ald. Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works arrange for the Pothole Patrol on the major roadways and cross streets.
18. Order (ID # 11150) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on Inner Belt Road.
19. Order (ID # 11151) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect the Rent a Center store on Broadway for trash and other violations.

- 20. Order (ID # 11152) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer explain public safety efforts in Assembly Square.
- 21. Order (ID # 11153) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the old Chuckie Harris Park and place a trash barrel at the location.
- 22. Order (ID # 11154) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect Walnut Street between Medford and Pearl Streets for possible chemical spills.
- 23. Order (ID # 11155) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Veterans Services appear before this Board to discuss previous Board orders.
- 24. Order (ID # 11156) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD plan a walkway between East Somerville and Assembly Square in conjunction with Federal Realty and Criterion Development.
- 25. Order (ID # 11157) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a new WALK sign on Broadway at the East Somerville Library.
- 26. Order (ID # 11158) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD update this Board on renovating and taking control of Foss Park.
- 27. Order (ID # 11159) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) report back to the Ward 7 Alderman, every 2 weeks until May 1, with a car count on Alewife Automotive's lot, located at 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

28. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 11163) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on March 4, 2015.

- B. Mayor's Request 198476 Requesting the appointment of Mark Sternman to the Historical Preservation Commission.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. Mayor's Request 198477 Requesting the appointment of Todd Zinn to the Historical Preservation Commission.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Mayor's Request 198478 Requesting the appointment of Heather Davies as an Alternate Member of the Historical Preservation Commission.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. Mayor's Request 198548 Requesting the reappointment of Alyssa Rosen Saunders to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- F. Mayor's Request 198549 Requesting the appointment of Matt Miller to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- G. Mayor's Request 198550 Requesting the appointment of Vanessa Boukili to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- H. Mayor's Request 198551 Requesting the appointment of Spencer Lawrence to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

29. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 11162) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on March 4, 2015.
- B. Mayor's Request 196288 Requesting the transfer of a parcel of land at 163 Glen Street to the Redevelopment Authority for neighborhood development.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- C. Mayor's Request 197339 Requesting that the City-owned portion of 163 Glen Street be declared available for disposition.
RECOMMENDED: Approved with Conditions
- D. Order 197349 By Ald. White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Board with the invoices for electric light poles as they are purchased in FY15.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Mayor's Communication 197611 Communicating information regarding the needed relocation of the Public Safety Building.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- F. Order 197850 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Finance and/or the City Treasurer report to this Board on what categories of grants, gifts, payments, donations, etc. and by what type of entities need to be formally accepted by a vote of this Board and which do not require official acceptance.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Order 197881 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Chief Assessor report the addresses of all commercial properties that have decreased in land or building value.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- H. Order 197922 By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD provide administrative support and funding for a Main Streets initiative for the Beacon Street corridor.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- I. Resolution 197988 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Administration work with this Board to reschedule the community meetings currently set for November 19 and 20.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- J. Resolution 197989 By Ald. Heuston
That the Administration hold off from advertising the proposed community meetings on #196116, re: commercial and residential property tax valuations, and immediately direct the Communication Department to cease advertising as well.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- K. Order 197990 By Ald. White Jr.
That the Director of Finance create a database to track developers' contributions to stabilization funds and how those funds are utilized.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- L. Mayor's Request 198522 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$400,000 from the EPA for SPCD's use in assessing brownfields sites throughout the city.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- M. Mayor's Request 198523 Requesting the acceptance of a \$17,924 grant from the DPH First Responder Naloxone (Narcan) Grant Program for the Police Dept.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- N. Mayor's Request 198545 Requesting a contract extension for CDR Maguire through May 29, 2015, for engineering services for the East Somerville Community School.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- O. Mayor's Request 198547 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$64,423 from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security for police staffing for the Police Dept.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

- P. Mayor's Communication 198552 Conveying information about the construction of the Gilman Square Green Line station.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

30. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 11160) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 3, 2015.

- B. Order 196285 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide this Board with an update on improvements and developments in the Inspectional Services Division, including data on new hires over the past six months.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- C. Order 196287 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD, the Planning Director, and the Housing Director appear before this Board for an update on raising the inclusionary housing ordinance to promote development of more affordable housing.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- D. Order 196370 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD and the City Solicitor submit to this Board a proposal to impose institutional master plans.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- E. Order 197884 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board, before the Community Path extension is completed in November, on plans to protect pedestrians and cyclists from speeding motorists when Path users come up onto Lowell Street at the Lowell Street bridge.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- F. Resolution 197887 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Administration update this Board on the status of the Jobs Linkage Fee Home Rule Petition at the statehouse, and the implementation of a Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund, and share their strategy for moving it forward.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- G. Order 198089 By Ald. Lafuente
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) appear before this Board to discuss morale issues at the Building Dept.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- H. Order 198090 By Ald. Lafuente
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) appear before this Board to explain the new process of obtaining permits and why it takes so long to obtain one, even on simple projects.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- I. Order 198094 By Ald. Lafuente
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) appear before this Board to explain why inspectors are asking to take pictures during inspections inside people's homes.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- J. Officer's Communication 198174 SPCD Director responding to #196437 re: local hiring and workforce development initiatives.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- K. Order 198180 By Ald. Lafuente
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) explain to this Board why permits for solar panels have been placed on hold by the Inspectional Services Department.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- L. Order 198206 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) demonstrate to this Board the CitizenServe software that is being used for the permitting process.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

31. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 11164) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole in Joint Session with the Planning Board, on March 5, 2015.
- B. Public Communication 197941 Thirteen registered voters submitting a Zoning Ordinance amendment to prohibit the damage or destruction of any shade or fruit tree during the conversion of a single-family or two-family dwelling.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File

32. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 11165) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on March 9, 2015.

33. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 11161) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on March 3, 2015.

- B. Resolution 196760 By Ald. Heuston, Niedergang, Ballantyne
That the Administration create a process to evaluate public events for financial impacts on city resources, and use it for all public event applications.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. License/Permit 197845 New Extended Operating Hours License, Hess, 709 McGrath, operating 24/7.
RECOMMENDED: Approved with Conditions
- D. License/Permit 197940 New Garage License, ABJ Foreign Auto Supply, 91 Marshall St., 3 cars inside, 27 outside, M-F 8-6PM, Sa 8-3PM.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. Order 197964 By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inventory all businesses on Columbia Street to determine proper licensing and adherence to licensing requirements, and report his findings to the Ward 2 Alderman.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Grant of Location 198433 Submitted by Crown Castle to install 350 feet of fiber optic cable in new conduit from Pole 211/6 at Line Street along Smith Avenue to a point of pickup on the southeast side of Beacon Street near Smith Avenue.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- G. Grant of Location 198434 Submitted by Crown Castle to install 1,533 feet of fiber optic cable in new conduit from Pole 142/29 at Kent Street proceeding northwest to Prentiss Street, then along Prentiss Street to Pole 161/2.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- H. Grant of Location 198435 Submitted by Crown Castle to install optical repeater equipment, a pole-top antenna, and fiber optic cable from existing facilities to an existing wood utility pole at 181-183 Tremont Street.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- I. Grant of Location 198436 Submitted by Crown Castle to install optical repeater equipment, a pole-top antenna, and fiber optic cable from existing facilities to an existing wood utility pole at 281 Beacon Street.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- J. Grant of Location 198437 Submitted by Crown Castle to install optical repeater equipment, a pole-top antenna, and fiber optic cable from existing facilities to an existing wood utility pole at the corner of Beacon and Park Streets.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- K. License/Permit 198453 Public Event Permit, Somerville Birdhouse Project, Union Square, Apr 25, 8:30AM-5PM (raindate May 2).
RECOMMENDED: Approved with Conditions
- L. License/Permit 198457 New Garage License, Top Car Auto Repair, 497 Columbia St., 8 autos inside, 2 outside.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- M. License/Permit 198534 New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy., 0 autos in, 18 autos out.
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

34. Mayor's Request (ID # 11003) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totalling \$9,688.26 with FY15 funds in the Dept. of Public Works.
35. Mayor's Request (ID # 11120) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$460,000 from the MA Cultural Facilities Fund for the Arts Council's ARTFarm development.
36. Mayor's Request (ID # 11166) Requesting the appointment of Katherine Fichter to the Redevelopment Authority.
37. Mayor's Request (ID # 11167) Requesting the appointment of Josh Safdie as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
38. Mayor's Request (ID # 11137) Requesting the re-appointment of Adrian Botelho as Constable.
39. Mayor's Request (ID # 11138) Requesting the re-appointment of Nathaniel Greene as Constable.
40. Mayor's Request (ID # 11139) Requesting the re-appointment of Robert Lomanno as Constable.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

41. Officer's Communication (ID # 11185) Retirement Board notifying this Board of its intention to vote at a regular meeting on a Cost of Living Adjustment for eligible retirees for 2015.
42. Officer's Communication (ID # 11131) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 2/12/15.
43. Officer's Communication (ID # 11134) Traffic and Parking Director responding to #198511 re: speed signs at the Lowell St. Bridge.

NEW BUSINESS

44. License/Permit (ID # 11176) Public Event Permit, Shape Up Somerville 5K Road Race, City Hall and area streets, Apr 19, 8AM-1PM.

- 45. License/Permit (ID # 11177) Public Event Permit, Tufts U Tuftonias Day, Tufts Campus, Apr 24, 7AM-11:30PM (raindate Apr 26).
- 46. License/Permit (ID # 11178) Public Event Permit, Kids4Peace Walk 4 Peace, Cambridge to Park St to Central St to Temple B'nai Brith, Apr 26, 1-5PM.
- 47. License/Permit (ID # 11183) Public Event Permit, Somerville Open Studios Info Booths, Davis Sq and Union Sq, May 2-3, 11AM-6:30PM.
- 48. License/Permit (ID # 11179) Public Event Permit, Food Truck Festivals of New England - SomerstrEATS, Powderhouse Park, Tuesdays Jun 2-Aug 25, 4:30-8:30PM.
- 49. License/Permit (ID # 11181) Public Event Permit, Maiden Phoenix Theatre Company Winter's Tale production, Powderhouse Park, Rehearsals Aug 9-13, shows Aug 14-16, 21-23, 28-30, afternoons and evenings.
- 50. License/Permit (ID # 11182) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Mike's Restaurant, 8 Davis Sq.
- 51. License/Permit (ID # 11186) New Livery License, Jean Adrien, 121 Temple St., 1 vehicle.
- 52. Public Communication (ID # 11132) Mary Mangan submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
- 53. Public Communication (ID # 11133) Brendan Kearney submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.
- 54. Public Communication (ID # 11135) Leonard Tower submitting comments re: the snow removal ordinance.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 55. Mayor's Request (ID # 11184) Requesting the appropriation of \$258,669 in unused bond funds to renovate the Kennedy School Playground.
- 56. Mayor's Request (ID # 11192) Requesting to appropriate \$500,000 from the CPA Fund Historic Resources Reserve for the rehabilitation of Prospect Hill Tower per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.

57. Mayor's Request (ID # 11200) Requesting to appropriate \$450,945 from Undesignated CPA Fund Balance for the preservation and rehabilitation of Temple B'nai Brith per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
58. Mayor's Request (ID # 11199) Requesting to appropriate \$243,000 from Undesignated CPA Fund Balance for the rehabilitation of the historic windows at the Mystic Water Works per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
59. Mayor's Request (ID # 11196) Requesting to appropriate \$200,000 from the CPA Fund Historic Resources Reserve and Undesignated CPA Fund Balance for design services for the rehabilitation of City Hall per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
60. Mayor's Request (ID # 11193) Requesting to appropriate \$168,161 from the CPA Fund Historic Resources Reserve for the rehabilitation of the Somerville Museum and the preservation of its collections per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
61. Mayor's Request (ID # 11203) Requesting to appropriate \$85,000 from the CPA Fund Open Space/Recreation Reserve for design services for the rehabilitation of Prospect Hill Park per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
62. Mayor's Request (ID # 11201) Requesting to appropriate \$52,090 from the CPA Fund Open Space/Recreation Reserve for the design of the rehabilitation of the Community Growing Center per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
63. Mayor's Request (ID # 11195) Requesting to appropriate \$48,360 from the CPA Fund Historic Resources Reserve for the rehabilitation of Milk Row Cemetery per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
64. Mayor's Request (ID # 11204) Requesting to appropriate \$45,373 from the CPA Fund Open Space/Recreation Reserve for the rehabilitation of eight school garden classrooms per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
65. Mayor's Request (ID # 11202) Requesting to appropriate \$45,000 from the CPA Fund Open Space/Recreation Reserve for the Healey School to Mystic project per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.

66. Mayor's Request (ID # 11198) Requesting to appropriate \$44,982 from Undesignated CPA Fund Balance for the preservation and rehabilitation of the stained glass window at First Congregational Church of Somerville UCC per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
67. Mayor's Request (ID # 11197) Requesting to appropriate \$43,000 from Undesignated CPA Fund Balance to preserve a portion of the City's permanent archives collections per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
68. Mayor's Request (ID # 11194) Requesting to appropriate \$7,500 from the CPA Fund Historic Resources Reserve for the preservation of the American Tube Works Complex through National Register of Historic Places Nomination per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
69. Mayor's Request (ID # 11136) Requesting an appropriation of \$100,575 from the Capital Stabilization Fund, to allow the Public Works Dept. to purchase trash and recycling barrels as well as benches.
70. Public Communication (ID # 11187) Clint Richmond submitting comments re: the plastic bag ban.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT