

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

September 13, 2012, 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, June 5, 2012, and the Regular Meeting, June 14, 2012.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Desmond, Roche, Connolly, O'Donovan, and the Entire Board and the Mayor

Welcoming the Right Stuff Boxing Club, from Staffordshire, England, for a cultural exchange.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric for 40 feet of conduit installed from a manhole to 225-231 Elm St.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Order By Ald. Trane

That the Clerk of Committees notify the owner of Alewife Automotive, located at 395 Alewife Brook Parkway, to appear at the next meeting of this Board's Committee on Licenses and Permits, to discuss possible overcrowding of their parking lot in violation of their Used Car Dealer's license.
6. Order By Ald. Gewirtz

That the City Solicitor review Ordinance 8-121 - Musicians and street performers and report to this Board its constitutionality and its accordance with the 1st Amendment right to free speech.
7. Order By Ald. Gewirtz

That the Commissioner of Public Works repaint the white NO BICYCLING insignias on the sidewalk entrances to Davis Square, indicating that bike riding is not permitted on the sidewalks in the Central Business District.

8. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the south-bound facing flashing light on Willow Avenue, at the corner of Morrison Avenue, and trim back the branches that obscure it.
9. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz
That this Board requests that the Historic Preservation Commission provide an update on the West Branch Library accessibility study.
10. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public replace the missing WELCOME TO SOMERVILLE/WELCOME TO CAMBRIDGE sign on the traffic island at the corner of Beech and Elm Streets.
11. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz
That this Board requests that the Administration provide an update and timeline for the expansion of the community garden behind the Rite-Aid pharmacy.
12. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Election Commissioner make the entrance signs to the Ward 6 Precinct 1 polling place more discernible to voters and keep the playground area unlocked until voting hours are closed (if a sign directs voters through the playground area).
13. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works create curb cuts on the western side of the intersection of Willow Avenue and Beech Street, heading up Willow Avenue, and that the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate the sight lines on Beech Street, at the crosswalk at Elm Street, and that this matter be referred for a full vetting by the Committee on Public Health and Safety.
14. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the Committee on Youth Services examine the City's policy of assigning times for football practice at Foss Park for youth organizations such as Pop Warner.
15. Order By Ald. White Jr.
That the City Solicitor contact communities in the Greater Boston area such as Boston, Lynn, Saugus, Chelsea, Malden and Everett, to investigate any changes they have made to their ordinances or regulations to address rodent problems.

16. Resolution By Ald. Desmond, Roche, Connolly, O'Donovan
That this Board requests that the Dedication Committee designate the corner of Kensington Avenue and Broadway in honor of the Stone brothers: John, Ralph, Richard, and Lawrence, who joined the armed services together and served honorably during WWII.
17. Order By Ald. Connolly, Lafuente, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the overgrowth of shrubs from the two rear stairs behind the Healey School, assess the safety and condition of the stairs, and make recommendations for needed improvements, especially with respect to lighting.
18. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Clerk of Committees notify the owner of Lien's Auto Repair, located at 65½ Bow Street, to appear at the next meeting of this Board's Committee on Licenses and Permits, to discuss possible overcrowding of their parking lot in violation of their Used Car Dealer's license.
19. Resolution By Ald. Taylor
That this Board requests that the Administration report back to the Ward Three Alderman on the installation of the raised traffic table at the intersections of Munroe Street and Prospect Hill Parkway.
20. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk in front of 40 Bow Street.
21. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Commissioner of Public Works reinforce the dedication sign honoring Joseph & Catherine Lapuma, at the corner of Bow Street and Wesley Park.
22. Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Commissioner of Public Works report back to the Ward Three Alderman concerning the curb cut at 32 Central Road.
23. Order By Ald. Taylor, Roche
That the Director of Traffic and Parking work with the School Department to address the perceived traffic and parking safety issues at the Edgerly School.

24. Communication By Ald. Taylor
In his capacity as a member of the School Committee,
conveying a report of the School Committee's activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

25. Citation By Ald. Heuston, Taylor, and the Entire Board and the
Mayor
Commending Tony Ciccariello, who is retiring as High
School Headmaster after 6 years of outstanding
leadership, and 34 years of dedicated service overall.
26. Citation By Ald. Roche, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending Louise McCarthy, who is retiring after 22
years of distinguished service in the Elections
Department.
27. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$1,125,000 and
authorization to borrow that amount in a bond for a
replacement Ladder Truck in the Fire Dept.
28. Mayor's Request Requesting that this Board convene in Executive
Session pursuant to MGL c30A, s21(a)(3) to discuss
civil action number 86-3222-WD involving Clear
Channel Outdoor Inc. as successor-in-interest to
Ackerly Communications.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

29. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of
Appointments, meeting on September 5, 2012.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Charles Breen to the
position of Deputy Fire Chief.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of John Norton to the
position of District Fire Chief.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Vincent Lampley to the
position of Fire Captain.
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Michael Anzalone to the
position of Fire Captain.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Thomas Gorman to the
position of Fire Lieutenant.
- G. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of John Donovan to the
position of Fire Lieutenant.

- H. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Derek Nolan to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

30. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on August 29, 2012.
- B. Order By Ald. Lafuente, Gewirtz
- That the Director of SPCD (Housing) inform this Board what affordable housing opportunities are available for single individuals and if singles can enter the affordable housing lottery for two bedroom units.

31. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on September 13, 2012.

32. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on September 10, 2012.

33. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on September 5, 2012.
- B. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Smart Tan, 258 Elm St., 1 A-frame sign.
- C. License/Permit New Garage License, Executive Auto Body, 30 Medford St., Mechanical repairs, auto body, spray painting, washing vehicles, storing vehicles, 13 autos in, 0 out.
- D. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Smiles by Rosie, 6 Kensington Ave., 1 sign over sidewalk.
- E. License/Permit New Used Car Dealer Class II License, Jeffrey Summers Auto Sales, 5 Berkeley St., 0 autos.
- F. License/Permit New Garage License, John's Auto Sales, 266 Beacon St., Mechanical repairs, washing vehicles, storing vehicles, operating tow vehicles, 5 autos in, 13 out.

34. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on September 5, 2012.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

35. Mayor's Request Requesting that \$8,161,478 of the \$23,400,000 authorized to be borrowed in a bond for the Lincoln Park School, on March 27, 2006, be rescinded.
36. Mayor's Request Requesting that \$948,053 authorized to be borrowed in a bond for Water Mains, on July 9, 2009, be rescinded.
37. Mayor's Request Requesting that \$76,975 of the \$307,750 authorized to be borrowed in a bond for a sewer separation project, on June 24, 2004, be rescinded.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting that \$55,000 of the \$125,000 authorized to be borrowed in a bond to pay the costs of traffic signal, lighting, fire alarm, or communications equipment, on February 26, 1998, be rescinded.
39. Mayor's Request Requesting that \$34,199 of the \$878,000 authorized to be borrowed in a bond for departmental equipment, on August 11, 2005, be rescinded.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the mandatory, city-wide conversion of radios from wide-band to narrow-band.
41. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$60,000 from the Parking Meter Receipts Account to the Traffic and Parking Repairs to Highway Lines Account for roadway markings.
42. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to declare surplus 8 DPW vehicles.
43. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the Personnel Department to use FY13 funds to pay FY12 invoices totalling \$1,025.
44. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$25,890 grant from the MA Cultural Council to support the Arts Council's local grant program.
45. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$10,000 grant from the Carl and Ruth Shapiro Family Foundation to support the Arts Council's Books of Hope program.

- 46. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of this Board, pursuant to Ordinance 2-121, to retain the services of outside Workers' Compensation counsel.
- 47. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of this Board, pursuant to Ordinance 2-121, to retain the services of outside environmental counsel for the Union Square Revitalization Plan.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 48. Officer's Communication Assistant City Solicitor responding to #193457 re: Traffic Commission oversight of traffic-related fees.
- 49. Officer's Communication SPCD Director responding to #193317 re: early summer tree planting schedule and locations.
- 50. Officer's Communication Traffic and Parking Director responding to #193474 re: truck traffic in Medford, and #193475 re: the intersection of Broadway and Hinckley St.
- 51. Officer's Communication Traffic and Parking Director responding to various Board Orders.
- 52. Officer's Communication City Assessor responding to a question raised about the lease at Mudflat.

NEW BUSINESS

- 53. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Boston Ave Block Party, Glenwood Rd between Vernon St and Medford St, Sep 9, 10AM-8PM.
- 54. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Boston Ave Block Party, Boston Ave between Kidder Ave and Prichard Ave, Sep 9, 2-7:30PM.
- 55. License/Permit Public Event Permit, "Help-Our Bands Are On Fire" Street Performers Benefit, Union Sq. Plaza, Sep 9, 3-10PM.
- 56. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Oxford St. Block Party, Oxford St between School St and Trull Lane, Sep 22, 1-8PM (raindate Sep 23).
- 57. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Chandler St. Block Party, Chandler St between Park Ave and Chapel St, Sep 22, 4-7PM (raindate Sep 23).
- 58. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Somerville Seniors Voter Registration Project and Table, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Sep 23, 30, Oct 7, 14, 11AM-2PM.

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| 59. | License/Permit | Public Event Permit, Henry Ave. Block Party, Sep 23, 11AM-9PM. |
| 60. | License/Permit | Public Event Permit, First Church Somerville Block Party, Francesca Ave between College Ave and Liberty Ave, Sep 23, 2-7PM. |
| 61. | License/Permit | Public Event Permit, Tufts Jumbo Stampede Homecoming Road Race, Tufts campus and College Ave, Powderhouse Blvd, Packard Ave and Curtis St, Sep 29, 8-11AM. |
| 62. | License/Permit | Public Event Permit, Women's Commission Domestic Violence Awareness Month Vigil, Union Square area, Oct 3, 5:50-7:30PM. |
| 63. | License/Permit | New Drainlayer, S&R Construction Enterprises. |
| 64. | License/Permit | Renewing Flammables License, Cambridge Public Health Commission, 230 Highland Ave. |
| 65. | License/Permit | Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Amethyst Chiropractic, 259 Elm St. |
| 66. | License/Permit | Sign/Awning Permit, Taj Mahal Desi Bazaar, 274 Broadway, one sign. |
| 67. | Public Communication | MA DEP responding to #193288 re: a public safety report on the safety of transporting ethanol by train to Chelsea. |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 68. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the increase of the number of liquor licenses that the Licensing Commission may issue. |
| 69. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Michael Fager to the Conservation Commission. |
| 70. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Owen Wartella to the Conservation Commission. |
| 71. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of David Turin to the Conservation Commission. |
| 72. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Mathias Neuber to the Conservation Commission. |
| 73. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of John Hultgren to the Conservation Commission. |

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| 74. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of John Reinhardt to the Conservation Commission. |
| 75. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Kenneth Carlson to the Bicycle Advisory Committee. |
| 76. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Alan Moore to the Bicycle Advisory Committee. |
| 77. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Enid Kumin to the Bicycle Advisory Committee. |
| 78. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Ron Newman to the Bicycle Advisory Committee. |
| 79. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Brian Postlewaite to the Bicycle Advisory Committee. |
| 80. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Charlie Denison to the Bicycle Advisory Committee. |
| 81. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Timothy Talun to the Bicycle Advisory Committee. |
| 82. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Alex Epstein to the Bicycle Advisory Committee. |
| 83. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Dr. Brian Jeffrey Green to the Board of Health. |
| 84. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Babette Mello to the Board of Health. |
| 85. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Joey Buizon to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. |
| 86. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Peter McPhee to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change. |
| 87. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of William Medeiros to the Condominium Review Board. |
| 88. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Elizabeth Medeiros to the Condominium Review Board. |
| 89. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Marlene Smithers to the Condominium Review Board. |
| 90. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Suzanne Rinfret to the Council on Aging. |
| 91. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Louis Favreau to the Council on Aging. |

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| 92. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Barbara Hutchinson to the Council on Aging. |
| 93. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Cheryl Horan to the Council on Aging. |
| 94. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Connie Ramsdell to the Council on Aging. |
| 95. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Roseanne Bent to the Council on Aging. |
| 96. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Anthony Alibrandi to the Election Commission. |
| 97. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Kaley Klanica to the Ethics Commission. |
| 98. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Brian McHugh to the Ethics Commission. |
| 99. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of John Heymann to the Ethics Commission. |
| 100. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Dennis Fischman to the Fair Housing Commission. |
| 101. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Barry Rafkind to the Human Rights Commission. |
| 102. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of John Robinson to the Human Rights Commission. |
| 103. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of June Pietrantoni to the Library Board of Trustees. |
| 104. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Mark Howland to The Library Board of Trustees. |
| 105. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Katherine Van Sleet to the Library Board of Trustees. |
| 106. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Peter Tsourianis to the Multicultural Affairs Commission. |
| 107. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of John Carreiro to the Multicultural Affairs Commission. |
| 108. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Netra Darai to the Multicultural Affairs Commission. |
| 109. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Jerry Carvalho to the Traffic Board. |

- 110. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Chien-Chi Huang to the Women's Commission.
- 111. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Kate Wallace to the Women's Commission.
- 112. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Nancy Bacci to the Women's Commission.
- 113. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Alicia Byrd to the Women's Commission.
- 114. Mayor's Request Requesting the reappointment of Michelle Albert to the Women's Commission.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk