

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

May 12, 2016, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 14112)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April
 (ID # 14113) 14, 2016.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. Resolution By Ald. McLaughlin
 (ID # 14103) Offering support for striking Verizon workers.

4. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
 (ID # 14082) That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect
 Pinckney Place for rodent activity.

5. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
 (ID # 14083) That the Commissioner of Public Works address the low
 hanging wires at 6 Florence Street.

6. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
 (ID # 14084) That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services enforce
 quiet hour regulations at the car wash on the corner of
 Florence and Washington Streets.

7. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
 (ID # 14085) That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the
 grass in front of the East Somerville Library and ensure
 that the sprinklers are operational.

8. Order By Ald. McLaughlin
 (ID # 14089) That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the
 numerous dead trees on lower Broadway and update this
 Board on his progress.

9. Resolution (ID # 14104) By Ald. Sullivan, Lafuente, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti
That the Housing Authority remove the litter at the staircase leading to the Healey School.
10. Order (ID # 14105) By Ald. Sullivan, McLaughlin, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the leaning utility pole at the East Somerville Community School on Glen Street.
11. Order (ID # 14106) By Ald. Sullivan, Lafuente, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact DCR to repair Pole #25 on Route 28, across from the Somerville Courthouse.
12. Order (ID # 14107) By Ald. Connolly, Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works maintain or replace the tree at 81 College Avenue.
13. Order (ID # 14108) By Ald. Connolly, Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the gap between the driveway/sidewalk and the roadway at 80 Winslow Avenue.
14. Order (ID # 14109) By Ald. Connolly, Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the loose manhole cover at 30 College Avenue.
15. Communication (ID # 14078) By Ald. Rossetti
Reporting on the High School Building Committee's meeting of May 9, 2016.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

16. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 14079) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on May 4, 2016.
- B. Mayor's Request 201171 Requesting approval of the 2016-2017 HUD One Year Action Plan, for CDBG, HOME, and ESG programming.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

17. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 14081) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 10, 2016.

- B. Order 195811 By Ald. O'Keefe
That the Director of SPCD and the City Solicitor present a report to this Board on what may be done to improve upon Section 13 of the Zoning Ordinances (Inclusionary Housing).
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- C. Order 198558 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD hire an independent consultant to conduct and provide to this Board an expedited economic analysis of the impacts of a range of potential inclusionary zoning affordable housing percentages from 12 1/2% to 25% on affordable and market-rate housing.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- D. Public Communication 200123 Fred Berman submitting comments re: #200102, the proposed inclusionary housing ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- E. Public Communication 200583 Simon Thompson submitting comments re: #200102, a proposed inclusionary housing ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- F. Public Communication 200584 Lee Palmer submitting comments re: #200102, a proposed inclusionary housing ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- G. Public Communication 200585 Rahul Bhargava submitting comments re: #200102, a proposed inclusionary housing ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- H. Public Communication 200586 Rebecca Schofield submitting comments re: #200102, a proposed inclusionary housing ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- I. Public Communication 200677 Betsy Lenora submitting comments re: #200102, a proposed inclusionary housing ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- J. Public Communication 200678 Libby Mahaffy submitting comments re: #200102, a proposed inclusionary housing ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- K. Public Communication 200679 Delia Marshall submitting comments re: #200102, a proposed inclusionary housing ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File

- L. Public Communication 200739 Patricia Wild submitting comments re: #200102, a proposed inclusionary housing ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- M. Public Communication 200761 24 residents submitting comments re: #200102, a proposed inclusionary housing ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- N. Public Communication 200768 Somerville Chamber of Commerce submitting comments re: #200102, a proposed inclusionary housing ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- O. Officer's Communication 200827 Planning Director submitting a preliminary memo on the financial feasibility of amendments to the inclusionary zoning requirements.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- P. Public Communication 200842 Viesia Novosielski submitting comments re: #200102, a proposed inclusionary housing ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File

18. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 14080) Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on May 2, 2016.
- B. Resolution 198203 By Ald. Rossetti, Heuston
That the Administration report its Action Plan in response to the recommendation of the Fields Task Force.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Public Communication 199791 671 Somerville petitioners communicating their support for keeping natural grass at Lincoln Park, not artificial turf.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Public Communication 199792 Lynn Weissman submitting comments re: grass fields at Lincoln Park.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Public Communication 200012 David Turin submitting comments re: grass fields at Lincoln Park.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Order 200044 By Ald. McLaughlin
That the City Arborist address the numerous dead and dying trees on Jasper Street and back to this Board on progress in remedying the situation.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- G. Public Communication 200103 Sara Rostampour submitting comments re: grass fields at Lincoln Park.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- H. Order 200441 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment report to this Board on the delay in the curbside composting pilot program.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- I. Order 200644 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Recreation report to this Board why many athletic fields are locked and provide the rationale for each field that is not available for public use.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- J. Order 200705 By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD add 112 Belmont Street to the tree planting list.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- K. Resolution 200781 By Ald. Niedergang, Heuston, Davis
That the Administration report to this Board on its consideration of #197288, which recommended the creation of a Parks and Recreation Department to provide better care for Somerville's athletic fields.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- L. Public Communication 200843 Shawn Szturma submitting comments re: #200539 and turf/grass at Lincoln Park.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- M. Order 200879 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD provide the Ward 5 Alderman with the tree planting list for Ward 5, in order of priority.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- N. Order 200880 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD discuss with this Board, the Administration's plans for funding tree planting in areas that do not qualify for CDBG funding.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- O. Order 200979 By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the trees on Jasper Street and replace any that are dead.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- P. Mayor's Request 201170 Requesting the review and approval to proceed with the state's review of the draft Community Electric Aggregation Plan.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- Q. Order 201309 By Ald. Ballantyne, Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD and the Healey-Mystic Plan consultant provide the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy with an update on the project.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- R. Order (ID # 14110) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment and the Commissioner of Public Works explore alternatives, such as a "pay as you throw" program, to limit the amount of curbside trash, and integrate curbside composting.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

19. Mayor's Communication (ID # 14111) Requesting to appear before this Board to provide an update on the Green Line Extension.
20. Mayor's Request (ID # 14071) Requesting to appropriate \$750,000 from the CPA Fund Open Space and Recreation Land Reserve and Undesignated CPA Fund Balance for the creation of an Open Space Land Acquisition Fund, per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
21. Mayor's Request (ID # 14075) Requesting to appropriate \$300,000 from the Water & Sewer Stabilization Fund for the replacement of Medford Street and Pearl Street sewers.
22. Mayor's Request (ID # 14070) Requesting to appropriate \$140,000 from the CPA Fund Open Space and Recreational Land Reserve for repaving the Community Path per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
23. Mayor's Request (ID # 13954) Requesting approval to expend FY16 funds totaling \$3,917.92 to pay a prior year invoice in the Police Dept.
24. Mayor's Request (ID # 14066) Requesting approval to pay a \$139.98 FY14 invoice from Dell, using available FY16 funds in the Library Ordinary Maintenance Account.
25. Mayor's Request (ID # 14025) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$11,000 from the NEA for the Arts Council's support of dance in the community.
26. Mayor's Request (ID # 14072) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$5,600 from the MA Dept. of Housing and Community Development, for the Continuum of Care Homeless Youth Count.
27. Mayor's Request (ID # 14027) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$3,000 from the Housing Authority, for the Arts Council's Mystic Mural program.

- 28. Mayor's Request (ID # 14067) Requesting the acceptance of a gift of \$2,500 from Middlesex Federal for the Libraries' purchase of children's books.
- 29. Mayor's Request (ID # 14029) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$2,000 from the Eastern Bank Foundation, for the Arts Council's Art in the Garden program.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 30. Officer's Communication (ID # 13920) City Assessor responding to #200751 re: residential exemption statistics.
- 31. Officer's Communication (ID # 14041) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 4/28/16.
- 32. Officer's Communication (ID # 14073) Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders submitted 4/14/16.

NEW BUSINESS

- 33. License/Permit (ID # 14114) Public Event Permit, MA Motorcycle Association Storm the Statehouse, 9 New Washington St to Charlestown, May 19, 9AM-Noon.
- 34. License/Permit (ID # 14115) Public Event Permit, St James Ave Block Party, from Summer to Elm Sts, May 21, 3-7PM.
- 35. License/Permit (ID # 14116) Public Event Permit, CPA Celebration, Prospect Hill Park and Tower, May 24, 4:30-8PM.
- 36. License/Permit (ID # 14117) Public Event Permit, Memorial Day Parade, Highland Ave to Holland St to Broadway and adjoining streets, May 29, 10AM-5PM.
- 37. License/Permit (ID # 14118) Public Event Permit, OpenAir Circus, Rehearsals at Nunziato Field Tuesdays Jun 28-Aug 2 and Aug 3, 4-9PM, Rehearsals at Powderhouse Park Thursdays Jun 30-Jul 21 4-8PM, Performances at Nunziato Field Aug 4-8, various times.
- 38. License/Permit (ID # 14119) Public Event Permit, Road Runners Gobble x 3 Road Race, Davis Sq and area streets, Nov 24, 7AM-Noon.
- 39. License/Permit (ID # 14088) New Drainlayer's License, McCourt Construction.

40. License/Permit (ID # 14100) Renewing Drainlayer's License, NCCL Enterprises.
41. License/Permit (ID # 14098) Renewing Flammables License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St.
42. License/Permit (ID # 14099) Renewing Flammables License, Somerville Mobil, 360 Medford St.
43. License/Permit (ID # 14090) New Garage License, Paul Carneiro dba Barnes and Walsh, 224 Somerville Ave, autobody work and spray painting, 10 cars inside, 5 outside.
44. License/Permit (ID # 14091) Renewing Garage License, Leins Auto Repair, 69 Bow St.
45. License/Permit (ID # 14092) Renewing Garage License, Teddy's Foreign Motors, 68 Joy St.
46. License/Permit (ID # 14093) Renewing Garage License, A Plus Auto Body, 295 Medford St.
47. License/Permit (ID # 14094) Renewing Garage License, A Plus Auto Body, 297 Medford St.
48. License/Permit (ID # 14095) Renewing Garage License, Alex Auto Body, 75 Washington St.
49. License/Permit (ID # 14096) Renewing Garage License, Triumvirate Environmental, 191 Innerbelt Rd.
50. License/Permit (ID # 14097) Renewing Garage License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St.
51. License/Permit (ID # 14121) Renewing Garage License, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor Pl.
52. License/Permit (ID # 14101) Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Thunder Road, 379 Somerville Ave.
53. License/Permit (ID # 14102) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Pepi's Pizzeria, 516 Medford St.
54. License/Permit (ID # 14122) Transferring Taxi Medallion License, Medallions #7,8,9,10,11,12,13 from Lee Taxi to Country Club Transportation.

- 55. License/Permit (ID # 14123) Transferring Taxi Medallion License, Medallions #14,16,63 from ZH Inc to Cinema Taxi.
- 56. License/Permit (ID # 14124) Transferring Taxi Medallion License, Medallions #57,58,81,84 from Ike Inc to Cinema Taxi.
- 57. License/Permit (ID # 14087) Transferring Taxi Medallion License, Medallion #62 from Ormond Trans to DLCS Trans.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 58. Order (ID # 14120) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Health and Human Services explain the food serving policy in relation to the recent Somerville Open Studios event.
- 59. Order (ID # 14126) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works and/or the City Solicitor report to this Board on efforts to make the Albion Street sidewalk contractor repair the sidewalks or refund the City, and that the Commissioner of Public Works have the sidewalks repaired and report to this Board on when that will happen.
- 60. Order (ID # 14127) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and Traffic Engineer meet with the neighbors and Ward 5 Alderman to determine what can be done to improve the safety of the intersection of Morrison and Boston Avenues.
- 61. Order (ID # 14128) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services report to this Board his assessment of whether Stop Work Order fines and penalties are sufficient to deter developers from working without permits, and provide a detailed list of all Stop Work orders issued since May, 2015.
- 62. Order (ID # 14129) By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters
That the Commissioner of Public Works fix the catch basin/storm drain on the southeast corner of Porter Street at Summer Street.
- 63. Order (ID # 14135) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Traffic Engineer and the Chief of Police suggest traffic calming measures for High, Sterling, Fairfax and Gordon Streets and Woods Avenue and report back to the Ward 7 Alderman.

- 64. Order (ID # 14136) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of Traffic and Parking line paint the intersection Broadway and Alewife Brook Parkway, at the corner of Stop and Shop.
- 65. Order (ID # 14137) By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the malfunctioning pedestrian traffic signal at Alewife Brook Parkway near Powderhouse Boulevard at the Clarendon Hill housing complex.
- 66. Mayor's Request (ID # 14134) Requesting authorization to borrow \$275,000, and appropriate that amount in a bond, for design services for the renovations of the Winter Hill Schoolyard and Nunziato Fields.
- 67. Mayor's Request (ID # 14077) Requesting a transfer of \$25,000 from the School Custodian Salaries Account to the DPW Buildings & Grounds Salaries Account.
- 68. Mayor's Communication (ID # 14138) Conveying the Carlson Group's study of Somerville's fire and rescue services.
- 69. License/Permit (ID # 14140) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Baystate Engineering.
- 70. License/Permit (ID # 14131) Renewing Flammables License, Cambridge Health Alliance, 230 Highland Ave.
- 71. License/Permit (ID # 14132) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Rincon Mexicano, 99 Broadway.
- 72. License/Permit (ID # 14139) New Outdoor Seating License, The Juice Union, 23A Bow St, one bench and planter.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT