

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

March 28, 2013, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.
  
2. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,  
February 28, 2013.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation            By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor  
  
Commemorating the life of Captain Richard Amber,  
who served on the Somerville Auxiliary Fire  
Department for 38 years.
  
4. Citation            By Ald. Cuff-Bastardi, Gewirtz, and the Entire Board  
and the Mayor  
  
Commending Kate Ashton, who is retiring after more  
than 12 years of dedicated service as the City's Grant  
Administrator.
  
5. Citation            By Ald. Cuff-Bastardi, and the Entire Board and the  
Mayor  
  
Commending Andre Rolim, a High School student who  
was named Indoor MA Runner of the Year for 2012.
  
6. Citation            By Ald. Cuff-Bastardi, and the Entire Board and the  
Mayor  
  
Commending Paul Collyer, Director of B.A. Event  
Promotions, whose 3 Somerville road races have  
generated thousands of dollars so that High School  
athletes could compete, succeed, and further their  
education after graduation.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

7. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board the feasibility of extending the 48 hour parking rule beyond 48 hours to accommodate those going out of town, and other circumstances, as determined appropriate by this Board in coordination with the Traffic Commission.
8. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board the feasibility of installing a crosswalk on Cutter Avenue, near Hawthorne Street, to accommodate families traveling to Kenney Park.
9. Order By Ald. Gewirtz  
That the City Engineer report to this Board the feasibility of installing a bump out on both sides of Elm Street at the crosswalk with Beech Street, and of engaging the Cambridge Engineering Department as a partner in this project.
10. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz  
That this Board requests that the Administration report to this Board the status of the city's application for the "Working Cities Challenge" grant that could bring \$700,000 to our community over several years in support of low income residents.
11. Order By Ald. White Jr.  
That the Communications Department arrange with the MA Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation to post the agreements with cityc Cable TV providers online, so residents can read those contracts.
12. Order By Ald. White Jr.  
That the Communications Department report to this Board any measures undertaken in agreements with Cable TV providers to protect residents from rate increases in both cable TV and internet services.
13. Order By Ald. White Jr., Gewirtz  
That the Director of SPCD (Planning) review Article 4.4.1 and recommend changes to address substantial increases in square footage in projects that bypass the special permit requirements of the Zoning Code so developers can build large structures as of right that adversely impact neighbors.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

14. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Youth Services, meeting on March 25, 2013.
- B. 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.
- C. Order By Ald. Desmond  
That the Superintendent of Recreation communicate with the Committee on Youth Services regarding the scheduling of fields and the reasoning for establishing the American Youth Football League.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 15. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to hire outside legal counsel to assist the Board of Assessors.
- 16. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$167,030 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Veterans Services Veterans Benefits Account to fund projected expenditures through the end of FY13.
- 17. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$100,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Hurricane Sandy Damage-General Fund Account to fund the required deductible under the City's insurance policy.
- 18. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$10,720 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Insurance Losses Account to the Hurricane Sandy Damage-School Dept. Account.
- 19. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$10,771.90 from the Traffic and Parking Renovation and Maintenance Buildings and Grounds Account to the Public Works Building Maintenance Account for painting services.
- 20. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$5,440 from the SomerStat Professional & Technical Services Account to the SomerStat Salaries Account for language liaisons.
- 21. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$2,558 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Health Salaries Account to correct for an underappropriation.

- 22. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$200 from SPCD's Transportation and Infrastructure In State Travel Account to the Capital Stabilization Fund for Kenney Park to cover additional construction document costs.
- 23. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$23,348 from the MA Office of Public Safety, for the Municipal Police Services Staffing program.
- 24. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a donation of computers valued at \$500 from Tufts University, for the Council on Aging.
- 25. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Michael Dwyer to the Redevelopment Authority.
- 26. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Donald Norton to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- 27. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Gerard Amaral to the Planning Board as an Alternate.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 28. Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #194404 re: signage at Broadway and McGrath Hwy.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 29. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Tuftonia's Day, Tufts Campus, Apr 26, 6PM-9PM (setup 11AM-11:30PM) (raindate Apr 28).
- 30. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Mary O'Brien Memorial 5k Run, Dilboy Post and area streets, May 12, 9:30-11:30 AM.
- 31. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Gobble Gobble Gobble Road Race, Davis Square and area streets, Nov 28, 8-Noon.
- 32. Public Communication Property owners Sunoco Inc. and Krisco Realty LLC submitting a proposed zoning map amendment for Prospect Hill and Somerville Avenue.
- 33. Public Communication DCR submitting comments responding to #194355 re: increasing the priority for snow removal on DCR property in Somerville.
- 34. Public Communication Courtney O'Keefe submitting comments re: #194444, SomerStreets street closures.
- 35. Public Communication Erik Nottleson submitting comments re: #194056, a proposed ban on polystyrene.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

- 36. Mayor's Request Requesting that this Board approve the 2013 local election calendar.
- 37. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Bruno DeOliveira as Constable.
- 38. Mayor's Communication Proclaiming the month of April 2013 as Peace Month.
- 39. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Som|Dog Spring Fling, Union Sq. Parking Lot, May 19, 8AM-5PM.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk