

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 28, 2013, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|
| John M Connolly | Alderman At Large | Present | |
| Bruce M. Desmond | Alderman At Large | Present | |
| Dennis M. Sullivan | Alderman At Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | Alderman At Large | Present | |
| Maureen Cuff-Bastardi | Ward One Alderman | Present | |
| Maryann M. Heuston | Ward Two Alderman | Present | |
| Thomas F. Taylor | Ward Three Alderman | Absent | |
| Tony Lafuente | Ward Four Alderman | Absent | |
| Sean T. O'Donovan | Ward Five Alderman | Absent | |
| Rebekah Gewirtz | Ward Six Alderman | Present | |
| Robert C. Trane | Ward Seven Alderman | Present | |

- #194451 Call of the Roll.
Roll Call

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- #194452 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 28, 2013.
Minutes

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

- #194453 By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Citation Commemorating the life of Captain Richard Amber, who served on the Somerville Auxiliary Fire Department for 38 years.

RESULT: APPROVED

- #194454 By Ald. Bastardi, Gewirtz, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Citation Commending Kate Ashton, who is retiring after more than 12 years of dedicated service as the City's Grant Administrator.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. #194455 Citation By Ald. 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.

RESULT: APPROVED

6. #194456 Citation By Ald. 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.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

7. #194457 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.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

8. #194458 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.

RESULT: APPROVED

9. #194459 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.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. #194460 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.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

11. #194461 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 city Cable TV providers online, so residents can read those contracts.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Information Technology Committee

12. #194462 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.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Information Technology Committee

13. #194463 Order By Ald. White Jr., Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD (Planning) review Zoning Ordinance 4.4.1 and recommend changes to address substantial increases in square footage in projects that can bypass the special permit requirements so developers can build large structures as of right that adversely impact neighbors.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

14. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. #194464 Committee Report Report of the Committee on Youth Services, meeting on March 25, 2013.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #193651 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. #194465 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.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Youth Services Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

15. #194466 Mayor's Request Requesting approval to hire outside legal counsel to assist the Board of Assessors.

RESULT: APPROVED

16. #194467 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.

RESULT: APPROVED

17. #194468 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.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

18. #194469 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.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

19. #194470 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.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

20. #194471 Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$5,440 from the SomerStat Professional & Technical Services Account to the SomerStat Salaries Account for language liaisons.

RESULT: APPROVED

21. #194472 Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$2,558 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Health Salaries Account to correct for an underappropriation.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

22. #194473 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.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

23. #194474 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.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

24. #194475 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a donation of computers valued at \$500 from Tufts University, for the Council on Aging.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

25. #194476 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Michael Dwyer to the Redevelopment Authority.

RESULT: APPROVED

26. #194477 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Donald Norton to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

27. #194478 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Gerard Amaral to the Planning Board as an Alternate.

RESULT: APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

28. #194479 Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #194404 re: signage at Broadway and McGrath Hwy.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

NEW BUSINESS

29. #194480 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Tuftonia's Day, Tufts Campus, Apr 26, 6PM-9PM (setup 11AM-11:30PM) (raindate Apr 28).

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

CONDITION: The petitioner must arrange for a Somerville Police Detail to be present for the event.

30. #194481 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Mary O'Brien Memorial 5k Run, Dilboy Post and area streets, May 12, 9:30-11:30 AM.

RESULT: APPROVED

31. #194482 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Gobble Gobble Gobble Road Race, Davis Square and area streets, Nov 28, 8-Noon.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

32. #194483 Public Communication Property owners Sunoco Inc. and Krisco Realty LLC submitting a proposed zoning map amendment for Prospect Hill and Somerville Avenue.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

33. #194484 Public Communication DCR submitting comments responding to #194355 re: increasing the priority for snow removal on DCR property in Somerville.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

34. #194485 Courtney O'Keefe submitting comments re: #194444, SomerStreets street
Public closures.
Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

35. #194486 Erik Nottleson submitting comments re: #194056, a proposed ban on
Public polystyrene.
Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

36. #194487 Requesting that this Board approve the 2013 local election calendar.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

37. #194488 Requesting the appointment of Bruno DeOliveira as Constable.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

38. #194489 Proclaiming the month of April 2013 as Peace Month.
Mayor's
Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

39. #194490 Public Event Permit, Som|Dog Spring Fling, Union Sq. Parking Lot, May
License/Permit 19, 8AM-5PM.

RESULT: APPROVED

LATE ITEMS

40. #194491 Mayor's Request Requesting approval to hire the law firm of Kerbey Harrington LLP as outside counsel to finish negotiating the renewal of the City's Comcast Licence.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

41. #194373 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$8,246 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Recreation Dept. Equipment Account to procure a batting cage.

RESULT: APPROVED

Discharged from the Committee on Finance.

42. #194322 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, PJ Ryans, 239 Holland St.

RESULT: APPROVED

Discharged from the Committee on Licenses and Permits.

43. #194323 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Blue Shirt Cafe, 424 Highland Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED

Discharged from the Committee on Licenses and Permits.

44. #194345 License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Stanhope Framers, 55 Bow St., new awnings.

RESULT: APPROVED

Discharged from the Committee on Licenses and Permits.

45. #194389 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Executive Auto Body, 30 Medford St., through April 30, 2013.

RESULT: APPROVED

Discharged from the Committee on Licenses and Permits.

46. #194492 Communication By Ald. White Jr. Acting as President, Communicating information with respect to a Public Hearing on #194056, a proposed ban on polystyrene.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk