

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

December 10, 2015, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 13070)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,
 (ID # 13071) October 22, 2015.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
 (ID # 13075) Commending Michael McGlynn, Mayor of Medford and
 Dean of MA Mayors, who is retiring after 28 years of
 dedicated public service.

4. Citation By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
 (ID # 13076) Commending Barbara Rubel, recently awarded the John
 Fitzgerald Lifetime Achievement Award by the Chamber
 of Commerce, for her many contributions to the City,
 both personally and professionally as Tufts' Director of
 Community Relations.

5. Citation By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
 (ID # 13079) Commending Teen Empowerment, which has worked
 tirelessly for more than a decade to improve the lives of
 Somerville's young people.

6. Citation By the Entire Board
 (ID # 13068) Commending outgoing Alderman Rebekah L. Gewirtz
 for her outstanding service to the people of Ward Six and
 the entire City as Alderman, from 2006 to 2015.

7. Citation By the Entire Board
 (ID # 13067) Commending Alderman William A. White, Jr., for his
 distinguished service as President of this Board in 2015.

8. Citation By the Entire Board
 (ID # 13069) Commending Alderman Katjana Ballantyne for her
 distinguished service as Vice President of this Board in
 2015.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 9. Grant of Location (ID # 13080) Submitted by Eversource (NStar Electric) to install 93 feet of conduit in Somerville Avenue from Manhole #8639 to private property at 508-510 Somerville Avenue.
- 10. Grant of Location (ID # 13081) Submitted by Verizon to install 6 feet of conduit in Properzi Way from Pole T12 to private property at 100 Properzi Way.
- 11. Grant of Location (ID # 13082) Submitted by Envirotrac for Speedway LLC, to advance 3 soil borings in the sidewalk at 24 and 26-28 Kensington Avenue, and install monitoring wells in 2 of those borings.
- 12. Public Communication 200177 195 registered voters submitting a petition for a public hearing on economic inequality, pursuant to Section 8 of the City Charter.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 13. Resolution (ID # 13048) By Ald. Gewirtz
Thanking the residents of Ward 6 for the privilege of serving as their Alderman for the past 10 years.
- 14. Resolution (ID # 13049) By Ald. Gewirtz
Thanking city officials and staff for their support, commitment to service, and wisdom during her tenure on this Board.
- 15. Order (ID # 13040) By Ald. McLaughlin, White Jr.
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to describe inspections for new residential units and whether they protect buyers from shoddy construction and poor soundproofing.
- 16. Order (ID # 13041) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works adjust the traffic lights on McGrath Highway and Washington Street by Cobble Hill, to ensure seniors can cross the street.
- 17. Order (ID # 13042) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NOT A THROUGH STREET sign at the entrance to Cobble Hill to prevent cut through traffic.
- 18. Order (ID # 13043) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD place Wesley Street on the paved streets list.

19. Order (ID # 13044) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works place plowed snow on the non-permit parking side of Dana Street to ensure residents have parking.
20. Order (ID # 13045) By Ald. McLaughlin, Lafuente, McWatters
That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the Gilman Square building and when traffic issues will be alleviated there.
21. Order (ID # 13046) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing Florence Street sign by Symphony Park.
22. Order (ID # 13047) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services address rodent problems on Wigglesworth Street, Cross Street Place, and Everett Avenue.
23. Order (ID # 13066) By Ald. McLaughlin, Rossetti
That the Mayor's Aide and/or the Director of Sustainability and the Environment update this Board on addressing the litter from Globe Direct circulars.
24. Order (ID # 13057) By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Director of Constituent Services appear before this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Works with a written report on streetlamp repairs citywide.
25. Order (ID # 13062) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment report to this Board on the delay in the curbside composting pilot program.
26. Order (ID # 13061) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalk at 86-88 Rogers Avenue.
27. Order (ID # 13063) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street light on Charles E. Ryan Road behind 13 Roberts Street.
28. Order (ID # 13064) By Ald. Sullivan, McLaughlin, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.
That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce traffic regulations at the corner of Wigglesworth and Otis Streets.

29. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Lafuente, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.
(ID # 13065) That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street light in front of 31 Bailey Road.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

30. Communication By Ald. Rossetti
200217 Reporting on the November 4, 2015 meeting of the High School Building Committee.
31. Order By Ald. White Jr.
200286 Proposing an amendment to Rule 27 of this Board, to insure public access to documents submitted to this Board's committees.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

32. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
(ID # 13052) Report of the Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on December 1, 2015.
- B. Order 198353 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works meet with this Board's Committee on Energy and Environment to discuss the use of salt and salt substitutes during the winter.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 199696 By Ald. McWatters
That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 3 Alderman on plans for renovating Central Hill Park.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

33. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
(ID # 13054) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on December 2, 2015.
- B. Public Communication 198905 CPC-T Holdings LLC requesting that this Board discontinue Cross Street East from Pennsylvania Avenue to Mystic Avenue.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. Mayor's Request 199606 Requesting the acceptance of an Easement and Easement Releases over a former portion of Cross Street East.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Mayor's Request 199922 Requesting approval to pay an FY12 invoice of \$45,000 in the DPW using FY16 appropriations.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- E. Mayor's Request 200076 Requesting approval to pay FY15 invoices from FY16 appropriations totaling \$53,666.71 in the Department of Public Works.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- F. Mayor's Request 200077 Requesting the payment of an FY15 collection invoice totalling \$10,602.40 with FY16 funds in the Traffic and Parking Department.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- G. Mayor's Request 200164 Requesting approval to transfer \$11,000 in the Health and Human Services Department, from its Personal Services Account to its Professional and Technical Services Account, to pay for summer school contracted nursing services.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- H. Mayor's Request 200165 Requesting approval to pay an FY15 Dell Marketing invoice of \$81,312.50 from the Information Technology Department's FY16 budget, for Exchange online licensing.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- I. Mayor's Request 200166 Requesting approval pay an FY15 invoice totaling \$4,995 from the Information Technology Department's FY16 budget, for the Recreation Department's online registration system.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- J. Mayor's Request 200167 Requesting approval to pay a FY15 invoice of \$1,613.03 in the Information Technology Department using FY16 funds, for the leasing of eight printers.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- K. Mayor's Request 200168 Requesting approval to pay a FY15 invoice of \$225.79 in the Information Technology Department using FY16 funds, for a copy machine rental.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- L. Mayor's Request 200169 Requesting approval to pay a FY15 invoice of \$183.52 in the Information Technology Department using FY16 funds, for a copy machine rental.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- M. Mayor's Request 200170 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$ \$4,048.60 from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council for the Shape Up Somerville Program.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- N. Mayor's Request 200188 Requesting approval pay a FY15 invoice of \$221.19 using FY16 Information Technology Department funds, for a leased copier.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- O. Mayor's Request 200189 Requesting approval to pay a FY15 invoice of \$215.70 using FY16 Information Technology Department funds, to pay for a copier lease.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- P. Mayor's Request 200320 Requesting to rescind \$24,970 of \$168,191 in CPA funds appropriated for the Somerville Museum to purchase a wheelchair lift per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- Q. Mayor's Request 200323 Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$885,000 in a bond to pay final design costs for the West Branch Library Renovation Project.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- R. Mayor's Request 200324 Requesting an appropriation of \$142,036 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to purchase 4 police vehicles.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- S. Mayor's Request 200326 Requesting authorization to pay a prior year invoice of \$1,098.45 in the City Clerk's Office from Invoice Cloud, for online payment processing.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- T. Mayor's Request 200327 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$29,179 from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to support the Housing Division's Continuum of Care planning efforts.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- U. Mayor's Request 200328 Requesting approval of a \$26,500 grant from the MA Department of Environmental Protection for the Public Works Department's Recycling Dividends Program.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- V. Mayor's Request 200329 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$25,964 from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to support the Housing Division's Continuum of Care planning efforts.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- W. Mayor's Request 200330 Requesting the acceptance of a \$12,000 grant from the MA Public Safety and Security Highway Safety Division for the Police's Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and Click It or Ticket Mobilization Program.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- X. Mayor's Request 200331 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$10,000 from the MA Historical Commission for historical planning and survey work in Union Square.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- Y. Mayor's Request 200332 Requesting acceptance of a \$9,990 grant from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security for Police Department underage alcohol enforcement.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- Z. Mayor's Request 200333 Requesting acceptance of a \$7,357 grant from the Metro North Regional Employment Board for the Health and Human Service Youth Works Program.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- AA. Mayor's Request 200334 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$6,082 from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services for the Council on Aging for health and wellness programs.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- AB. Mayor's Request 200335 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$5,102 From The MA Office of Public Safety and Security for the Police Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Enforcement initiative.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- AC. Mayor's Request 200336 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$4,828 from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services for the Council on Aging for transportation services.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- AD. Mayor's Request 200337 Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$2,000 from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for child passenger safety equipment.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- AE. Mayor's Request 200338 Requesting approval to extend a contract with Zip Car through December 31, 2017.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- AF. Mayor's Request 200339 Requesting approval to extend a House Doctor contract with CDR Maguire to complete the closeout of two city construction projects.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- AG. Mayor's Request 200412 Requesting an appropriation of \$27,362 in Parking Meter Receipts to the School Department to establish a FIRST Robotics Team.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- AH. Mayor's Request 200416 Requesting approval to extend a contract with Joel Russell Associates to December 31, 2016 for on call consulting for the zoning overhaul.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- AI. Mayor's Request 200417 Requesting approval to extend a contract with Clarion Associates to December 31, 2016 for on call consulting for the zoning Overhaul.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

34. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 13050) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on November 30, 2015.

35. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 13051) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board, on December 9, 2015.

36. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 13055) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on December 3, 2015.
- B. Order 197626 By Ald. Gewirtz, Ballantyne That the City Solicitor appear before this Board's Committee on Confirmation of Appointments to discuss the hiring of a Director of Recreation and Youth. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Mayor's Request 198414 Requesting approval of an Administrative Code pursuant to the City Charter. RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- D. Mayor's Request 199553 Requesting revisions to the City Charter and Ordinances to adjust the threshold for written contracts to align with MA General Law. RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. Mayor's Request 199726 Requesting amendments to Ordinance 2-369 to align the threshold for written contracts with MA General Law. RECOMMENDED: Approved
- F. Mayor's Request 199727 Requesting an amendment to the City Charter to align with a related proposed revision to the City Ordinances and with MA General Law regarding written contracts. RECOMMENDED: Approved
- G. Order 200305 By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of Recreation and Youth and the Mayor's Aide appear at the next meeting of the Legislative Matters Committee to discuss the hiring for the position of Director of Recreation and Youth. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- H. Order 200307 By Ald. Rossetti That the City Solicitor prepare and forward to the Board of Aldermen and the Recreation Commission, an amendment to the Code of Ordinances to allow for Board of Aldermen approval of new hires for the position of Director of Recreation and Youth. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

37. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 13053) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on December 2, 2015.
- B. License/Permit 199223 Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 381 Washington St. RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. License/Permit 199224 Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St.

- RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. License/Permit 199225 Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 147 Beacon St.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
 - E. License/Permit 200009 New Extended Operating Hours License, Speedway, 709 McGrath Hwy, Operating 24/7.
RECOMMENDED: Withdrawn
 - F. License/Permit 200175 New Garage License, Sullivan Tire, 263 Beacon St, mechanical repairs, 6 autos inside, 4 outside, M-F 7AM-7PM, Sa 7AM-5:30PM, Su Closed.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
 - G. License/Permit 200370 Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, CM Auto Sales, 30 Joy St.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
 - H. License/Permit 200407 Amending Used Car Dealers License Class 2, PJ's Motorcars, 161 Broadway, increasing cars outside to 6, adding hours Sun 10AM-4PM.
RECOMMENDED: Withdrawn
 - I. Public Communication 200414 MA Office of Consumer Affairs submitting Lemon Law Sticker Audit results for CM Auto Sales, 30 Joy St.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 38. Mayor's Request (ID # 13059) Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Law Department Legal Services Account to fund the hire of previously approved outside legal counsel.
- 39. Mayor's Request (ID # 13039) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$82,574 from the MA Office of Housing and Economic Development, for the Advanced Manufacturing Training Program.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 40. Officer's Request (ID # 13074) City Solicitor submitting an amendment to Ordinance 2-247 regarding the appointment of the Recreation and Youth Director, as approved by the Legislative Matters Committee on 12/3/15.
- 41. Officer's Communication (ID # 13072) City Solicitor requesting approval to hire outside legal counsel for Haynes v Somerville.

NEW BUSINESS

- 42. License/Permit (ID # 13083) Public Event Permit, MOM's 5K Run for Cancer, Davis Sq area, May 8, 7AM-2PM.

43. License/Permit (ID # 13084) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pearl St Auto Sales, 182 Pearl St.
44. License/Permit (ID # 13085) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Executive Auto Leasing and Sales, 30 Medford St.
45. License/Permit (ID # 13086) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor Pl.
46. License/Permit (ID # 13087) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Motorcycles and More, 109 Bailey Rd.
47. License/Permit (ID # 13088) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Joseph Talewsky and Son, 517 Columbia St.
48. License/Permit (ID # 13089) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Joseph Talewsky and Son, 512 Columbia St.
49. License/Permit (ID # 13090) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, The Burren, 247 Elm St.
50. License/Permit (ID # 13091) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, East End Grille, 118 Broadway.
51. License/Permit (ID # 13092) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, PJ Ryans, 239 Holland St.
52. License/Permit (ID # 13093) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Taipei Tokyo, 7 Holland St.
53. License/Permit (ID # 13094) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Tapatio Mexican Grill, 82 Broadway.
54. License/Permit (ID # 13095) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Taco Loco, 44 Broadway.
55. License/Permit (ID # 13096) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, The Joshua Tree, 256 Elm St.
56. License/Permit (ID # 13097) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, The Independent, 75 Union Sq.
57. License/Permit (ID # 13098) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Brass Union, 66 Union Sq.

- 58. License/Permit (ID # 13099) Renewing Garage License, M Korson and Company, 91 Washington St.
- 59. License/Permit (ID # 13100) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Papa John's Pizza, 622 Somerville Ave.
- 60. License/Permit (ID # 13101) Sign/Awning Permit, 393 Highland Ave, 1 sign, 1 projecting sign.
- 61. License/Permit (ID # 13102) Sign/Awning Permit, Esquina's Lanches, 508 Medford St.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 62. Resolution (ID # 13108) By Ald. Rossetti, and the Entire Board That the MassPort Community Advisory Committee seek to address Logan Airport noise, airport, and traffic issues by sponsoring a regional citizens' forum, an online runway database, and federal research.
- 63. Order (ID # 13077) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works evaluate the tree at 23 Irvington Road, and if dead, remove it.
- 64. Order (ID # 13078) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Finance report all expenditures for Union Square since the passage of the Union Square Redevelopment Plan, identifying those excluded and included in the Memorandum of Understanding with the Master Developer.
- 65. Mayor's Request (ID # 13115) Requesting the appointment of Mary Battinelli as Constable.
- 66. Mayor's Request (ID # 13114) Requesting the re-appointment of Catello Battinelli II as Constable.
- 67. Mayor's Request (ID # 13113) Requesting the re-appointment of Alan Bishop as Constable.
- 68. Mayor's Request (ID # 13111) Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Browne as Constable.
- 69. Mayor's Request (ID # 13112) Requesting the re-appointment of James DiFraia as Constable.

- 70. Mayor's Request (ID # 13056) Requesting the re-appointment of Mark Howland to the Library Board of Trustees.
- 71. Mayor's Request (ID # 13104) Requesting the re-appointment of Katherine Van Sleet to the Library Board of Trustees.
- 72. Mayor's Request (ID # 13105) Requesting the reappointment of Akil Williams to the Library Board of Trustees.
- 73. Officer's Request (ID # 13110) Retirement Board requesting approval to increase the cost of living adjustment maximum base amount for eligible retirees to \$13,000.
- 74. Officer's Communication (ID # 12812) Commissioner of Public Works responding to various Board Orders .
- 75. Officer's Communication (ID # 13038) Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders submitted 10/22/15.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT