

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

July 9, 2015, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 12202)

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, June 4,
 (ID # 12203) 2015, and the Regular Meeting, June 11, 2015.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
 (ID # 12206) Commending Odmark Ozit, a High School graduate and
 member of the Boys Track Team, who won the State
 Outdoor Track Meet Triple Jump Event.

4. Citation By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
 (ID # 12205) Commending the creative and dedicated team that
 brought home to Somerville the 2015 All-America City
 Award.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Order By Ald. White Jr., Niedergang
 (ID # 12180) That the Director of SPCD install safety call boxes along
 the Lowell Street Community Path Extension, and work
 with MA DOT to install auxiliary lighting and pigeon
 deterrents under the Lowell Street Bridge.

6. Order By Ald. Niedergang
 (ID # 12181) That the Director of SPCD inform the Ward 5 Alderman
 about safety measures that will be in place before the
 Community Path Extension opens to slow traffic and
 protect pedestrians and cyclists around the Lowell Street
 bridge.

7. Order By Ald. Niedergang
 (ID # 12182) That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the
 sidewalks on both sides of the bridge over the railroad
 tracks on Central Street near Hoyt-Sullivan Park. (2nd
 request)

8. Order (ID # 12183) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Capital Projects update this Board about resolving the drainage issues at 35R Lexington Avenue by this Board's August 27, 2015 meeting.
9. Order (ID # 12184) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Inspectional Services report to the Ward 5 Alderman the possible use of an herbicide by the owner of 35R Lexington Avenue on the Community Path alongside the property.
10. Order (ID # 12185) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works report to the Ward 5 Alderman the schedule for repaving Main Street.
11. Order (ID # 12186) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the cracks in the sidewalk in front of 51 Main Street.
12. Order (ID # 12187) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment report to this Board on the design, placement, effectiveness and enforcement of "NO IDLING" signs by all schools.
13. Order (ID # 12188) By Ald. Connolly, McWatters
That the City Engineer inspect 36 Hamlet Street for possible settling issues as a result of nearby street and building construction.
14. Resolution (ID # 12189) By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz, and the Entire Board
That the Mayor request the MBTA to install additional bike racks at both head houses of the Davis Square Red Line station.
15. Resolution (ID # 12190) By Ald. Sullivan, McLaughlin
That the Department of Public Utilities investigate and take appropriate actions against electricity companies that use deceptive sales tactics.
16. Order (ID # 12191) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the grass at, and clean, Harris Park.

- 17. Order (ID # 12192) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the trees at 11 and 13 Melvin Street to determine if a safety condition exists with regards to the utility wires.

- 18. Order (ID # 12193) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Mount Pleasant Street

- 19. Order (ID # 12194) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD place Mount Pleasant Street on the re-paving list.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

20. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 12173) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on June 30, 2015.

21. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 12178) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on July 9, 2015.

22. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 12176) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on July 6, 2015.

23. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 12177) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on July 7, 2015.

- B. Mayor's Request 199433 Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$250,000 in a bond for two Hybrid DPW Refuse Trucks. RECOMMENDED: Approved

- C. Mayor's Request 199436 Requesting approval to pay prior fiscal year invoices in the Dept. of Public Works totalling \$5,544.29. RECOMMENDED: Approved

- D. Mayor's Request 199464 Requesting the creation of the MillBrook Stabilization Fund and acceptance of a mitigation payment to the Fund of \$47,770 from Berkeley Investments Inc., for sidewalk improvements.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. Mayor's Request 199528 Requesting the approval of an appropriation of \$5,824.15 from the Capital Equipment Stabilization Fund to purchase new seating for the public's use in the Aldermanic Chambers.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- F. Mayor's Request 199530 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$2,500 from the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation for the Arts Council's Mystic Mural and Art in the Garden programs.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- G. Mayor's Request 199559 Requesting the creation of the Elmwood Stabilization Fund and acceptance of a mitigation payment to the Fund of \$12,500 from GFC Development Inc., for crosswalk installation.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- H. Order (ID # 12228) By Ald. Connolly
That the Director of SPCD provide the Finance Committee with the indirect and acquisition costs related to the proposed taking of 515 Somerville Avenue.
- I. Order (ID # 12227) By Ald. White Jr.
That #197611, an August 22, 2014, report on the relocation of the Police and Fire Departments, be recommitted to this Board's Finance Committee for review.

24. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 12174) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on June 30, 2015.
- B. Resolution 197475 By Ald. White Jr., Lafuente, Sullivan, and the Entire Board
That the Administration discuss with DCR, an agreement by which the City takes joint control of the DCR park area from Shore Drive to the riverbank so the City can maintain that area for the benefit and protection of its residents.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 198324 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board the possibility of putting a community garden and/or a dog park in the eastern part of Junction Park.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- D. Public Communication 198494 Federal Realty Investment Trust requesting to address this Board re: #198410, a Resolution urging FRIT to employ union labor and give preference to Somerville residents for all construction work.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Resolution 198572 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Mayor report to this Board on new main branch of the Public Library in Union Square.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Order 198584 By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD plan a walkway between East Somerville and Assembly Square in conjunction with Federal Realty and Criterion Development.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Order 199127 By Ald. Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD (Transportation and Infrastructure) report to this Board on plans to convert the city owned parking lot between Central Street and Junction Park to a park.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- H. Order 199265 By Ald. Heuston, and the Entire Board
That the Director of SPCD report to this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development on negotiating with DCR to obtain public input on the design of Draw 7 Park.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- I. Order 199296 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD contact the Ward 7 Alderman to arrange a community meeting to discuss mobility around Teele Square.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- J. Public Communication 199452 Good Jobs Somerville and the NE Regional Council of Carpenters expressing concern about FRIT's selection of Callahan Inc. as its general contractor for Assembly Row Parcel 6.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- K. Resolution (ID # 12222) By Ald. Niedergang
That the Administration request Federal Realty Investment Trust to provide the wages, hours and residency of everyone employed at the parcel 6 site.

25. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 12175) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on June 30, 2015.

- B. License/Permit 199257 Public Event Permit, BA Events Let's Run and Have Fun 5K Races, Assembly Sq area, Thursdays, May 28-Oct 1, 5PM-Midnight.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. License/Permit 199339 New Mobile Food Vendor, Bon Me Foods.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. License/Permit 199451 Amending Used Car Dealers License Class 2, American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave., extending to 654 Mystic Ave. with 16 vehicles outside.
RECOMMENDED: Not Approved
- E. License/Permit 199539 New Outdoor Seating License, Kirkland Tap and Trotter, 425 Washington St., Occupying 2 parking spaces for a charcoal grill on weekends, Jun-Oct.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- F. License/Permit 199543 New Extended Operating Hours License, Papa John's Pizza, 622 Somerville Ave, Opening Sun-Thu to 1AM, Fri-Sat to 3AM.
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 26. Mayor's Request (ID # 12160) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City to appropriate funds to assist commercial properties in maintaining and improving exterior storefronts.
- 27. Mayor's Request (ID # 12166) Requesting approval to discontinue the portion of Cross Street East between Pennsylvania and Mystic Avenues.
- 28. Mayor's Request (ID # 12167) Requesting the partial release of the Open Space Covenant affecting property on Cross Street East.
- 29. Mayor's Request (ID # 12168) Requesting the acceptance of an Easement and Easement Releases over a former portion of Cross Street East.
- 30. Mayor's Request (ID # 12197) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$835,000 in a bond for the modular construction of living quarters for Fire Station Engine 3.
- 31. Mayor's Request (ID # 12196) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$91,890 to the DPW Sanitation Professional and Technical Services Account, to fund a pilot residential compost program.
- 32. Mayor's Request (ID # 12165) Requesting an appropriation of \$50,000 from the Workforce Training Stabilization Fund for Local Workforce Development.

- 33. Mayor's Request (ID # 12201) Requesting approval to apply for a PARC Grant of \$400,000 for renovations at Hoyt-Sullivan Playground on Central Street.
- 34. Mayor's Request (ID # 12204) Requesting acceptance of the donation of a van valued at \$2,500 from Fire Equipment Inc., to the Fire Department.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

- 35. License/Permit (ID # 12210) Public Event Permit, Redbones BBQ Pig Pickin Homeless Coalition Block Party, Chester St from Elm to Herbert Sts, Jul 27, Noon-10PM (raindate Aug 3).
- 36. License/Permit (ID # 12211) Public Event Permit, East Somerville Main Streets Mural Project, Cross St East across from Chuckie Harris Park, Jul 30, 6:30-10:30PM.
- 37. License/Permit (ID # 12212) Public Event Permit, East Somerville Main Streets Banner Festival, E. Somerville Library sidewalk, Aug 1, Noon-6PM.
- 38. License/Permit (ID # 12213) Public Event Permit, Hudson St Block Party from Benton to Central Sts, Aug 1, 2-9:30PM (raindate Aug 2).
- 39. License/Permit (ID # 12214) Public Event Permit, Skehan St Block Party at 35 Skehan St, Sep 6, Noon-8PM.
- 40. License/Permit (ID # 12215) Public Event Permit, Nave Gallery YarnStorm Wraparound Project, Powderhouse Park, Sep 26, 10AM-5PM.
- 41. License/Permit (ID # 12208) Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green Cab and Yellow Cab Assn., 2 cabs at 255 Elm St., 2 cabs at 503 Broadway, 6 cabs at 295 Broadway, 4 cabs at 1 Davis Sq., 5 cabs at 0 Foley St., 4 cabs at 30 Washington St., 3 cabs at 22-26 Union Sq.
- 42. License/Permit (ID # 12207) Renewing Garage License, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy., from November 1, 2014, through April 30, 2015.
- 43. License/Permit (ID # 12209) New Outdoor Seating License, Taqueria Montecristo, 146 Broadway, 2 tables, 4 seats.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 44. Order (ID # 12223) By Ald. McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works landscape the area around the East Somerville Community School.
- 45. Order (ID # 12224) By Ald. Connolly
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services investigate the possible illegal residency and storage of items near the Church at Francesca and College Avenues and act to remedy the situation.
- 46. Order (ID # 12225) By Ald. Connolly
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services investigate the possible vacant building at 29 Kidder Avenue and compel the owner(s) to improve the condition of the property.
- 47. Order (ID # 12226) By Ald. McWatters
That the arborist examine the tree at 61 Putnam Avenue and determine its vitality, replacing it in the fall if it cannot be saved.
- 48. Mayor's Request (ID # 12238) Requesting authorization to develop a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) plan to aggregate the electricity load of residents and businesses, per MGL c164 s134.
- 49. Mayor's Request (ID # 12216) Requesting the promotion of Christopher Major to Deputy Chief in the Fire Department.
- 50. Mayor's Request (ID # 12217) Requesting the promotion of Matthew Wall to District Chief in the Fire Department.
- 51. Mayor's Request (ID # 12218) Requesting the promotion of Thomas Gorman to Captain in the Fire Department.
- 52. Mayor's Request (ID # 12219) Requesting the promotion of Justin Bonner to Lieutenant in the Fire Department.
- 53. Mayor's Request (ID # 12220) Requesting the promotion of Marc Ardolino to Lieutenant in the Fire Department.
- 54. Mayor's Request (ID # 12221) Requesting the promotion of Dennis Sullivan Jr to Lieutenant in the Fire Department.
- 55. Officer's Communication (ID # 12159) DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 6/11/15.

- 56. License/Permit (ID # 12230) Public Event Permit, Josephine Avenue SomerPlay, from Kidder to Morrison Aves, Jul 19 and Aug 1, 4-8PM (raindate Aug 2).
- 57. License/Permit (ID # 12236) Public Event Permit, Nepali Relief Fund Yard Sale, Union Sq Plaza, Jul 26, 11AM-8PM (raindate Aug 2).
- 58. License/Permit (ID # 12235) Public Event Permit, RCN Marketing Event, Davis Sq, 5 dates between Aug 15-Sep 15, 11:30AM-6:15PM.
- 59. License/Permit (ID # 12233) Public Event Permit, Starlab Music and Arts Festival, 10 Poplar St, Aug 21 (setup) 6-10 PM, Aug 22 (event) Noon-11PM (raindate Aug 28, 29).
- 60. License/Permit (ID # 12234) Public Event Permit, Somerville Democratic City Committee Picnic, Powderhouse Park, Aug 29, 11AM-4PM.
- 61. License/Permit (ID # 12237) Public Event Permit, 5Point Film Festival, Davis Sq Statue Park, Sep 24-25, 2-9PM.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT