

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

August 27, 2009, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes Approval of the Special Meeting of June 22, 2009, and the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2009.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Heuston and the Entire Board, Congratulating Bernadine McCarthy on the auspicious occasion of her 80th birthday.
4. Citation By Ald. Heuston and the Entire Board, Congratulating Elaine Mathews on the happy occasion of her 65th birthday.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Order By Ald. Desmond and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole on College Ave. at the West Branch Library.
6. Order By Ald. Desmond and Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking secure the street and ONE WAY signs at Simpson Ave. and Holland St.
7. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking correct the DO NOT ENTER sign on Glenwood Rd. at Medford St., so it faces the right direction.
8. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalk at 41 Porter St.

9. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of SPCD demand of the owner of 206 Summer St. that the property be cleaned up and the overgrowth cut back.
10. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking conduct a traffic study on Bonair St. from McGrath Hwy. to Walnut St. to find a more conducive traffic flow.
11. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that proper baiting for rodents was completed at the construction site on McGrath Hwy. near Chester Ave.
12. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor 85 Pearl St. for noise disturbances after dusk.
13. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor Foss Park at different hours near the swimming pool and tot lot for adults defecating and urinating, and send a communication to the Park Rangers to monitor same, and that the Commissioner of Public Works request that DCR monitor the cleanliness of these areas.
14. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking monitor Auburn Ave. for illegal or no use of parking passes.
15. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor George St. and Lincoln Ave. for vehicle break-ins and other vandalism.
16. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works determine if the two trees at 55-57 Bonair St. are harmful to the residents' quality of life as they constantly emit a thick liquid that is hard to remove from vehicles and surfaces.
17. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Health bait around Chester Ave. for rodents and contact the Advertising Sign Company to clear all debris around their sign abutting Chester Ave. and McGrath Hwy.
18. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor 17 George St. for illegal activity.
19. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works install a "Big Belly" solar barrel at the OLRA Dog Park at Nunziato Field.
20. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking recommend solutions to enhance pedestrian safety at 33 Bow St.
21. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD inspect 22 Richdale Ave. for occupancy and health code violations.

22. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a "Recovery" sign at the intersection of Summer St. and Putnam Ave.
23. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Health bait the Hamlet St./Highland Ave. neighborhood, and 10-12 Prescott St.
24. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panel at 29 Preston Rd.
25. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees at 25 and 29 Preston Rd.
26. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the crosswalk sign at 65 Beacon St.
27. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the water spray at the Lincoln Park tot lot to ensure it does not stay on excessively when not in use.
28. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD inspect 153 Beacon St. for building and health code violations.
29. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the Union Sq. Traffic Study, including a timeline for final review, plan approval and implementation.
30. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring that all property taxes and revenues owed to the City be paid in full by the applicant before an appeal can be submitted to the Planning Board or Zoning Board.
31. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor and the Commissioner of Public Works review the Trash Ordinance for potential inconsistencies in definitions or directions related to bulk items.
32. Resolution By Ald. Heuston, That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission consider an additional alternative to city-wide resident parking to provide for certain major streets with both commercial sections and major residential portions, to keep resident parking all day and evening in the residential portions and resident parking from 2:30 to 10 AM only in the commercial sections.
33. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor advise this Board on the ability of the city to regulate noise, overcrowding, and other activities from churches that impact the quality of life for residents.

34. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD instruct the owners of 60 Park St., 62 Park St. and Holden Green to trim the trees and bushes that overhang the city sidewalks.
35. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety investigate the condition of 82 Pearson Ave., as it is grossly unhealthy to the neighborhood.
36. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission rescind its 10 PM meter regulation in Magoun Sq.
37. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission complete a parking study in Magoun Sq. prior to placing any metered parking on residential streets there.
38. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission rescind the \$1 guest parking fee for taxpayers and residents.
39. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Personnel appear before this Board to explain the city's policy for retirees regarding their benefits and available options on retirement.
40. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalks at 36 Rogers Ave.
41. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission place two 15 minute parking spots on Elm St. at Cedar St., at the Big Fish Little Fish store.
42. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols, beginning at 4 PM, at Somerville Junction Park (Woodbine St. Park), and appear at the next meeting of this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss the challenges surrounding this new open space.
43. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that Ken Fischl be placed on the Davis Sq. Hotel Advisory Committee.
44. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration consider launching a wireless device recycling program at City Hall.
45. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works plant an "October Glory" tree at 48 Liberty Ave.

46. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works instruct NStar to immediately address the cut double pole with the enormous electrical box at Windsor Ave. and Hancock St.
47. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration and this Board make appointments to the Tree Preservation Committee and that the Administration assign a staff person to it to develop the annual tree plan in accordance with the Tree Preservation Ordinance.
48. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk panels at 17 and 18 Hancock St. and consider placing a sewer drain at 18 Hancock St.
49. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that Statue Park is cleaned vigorously and that the benches are power washed to remove pigeon droppings.
50. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the WELCOME TO SOMERVILLE sign on the traffic island at the intersection of Beech and Elm Sts.
51. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 14 Burnside Ave. near the electrical wires.
52. Order By Ald. Gewirtz and Sullivan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 4 West St.
53. Order By Ald. Gewirtz and Sullivan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the raised sidewalk panel on St. James Ave. at Summer St.
54. Order By Ald. Sullivan, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree on the median in front of the East Branch Library and repair the lighting on the tree.
55. Order By Ald. Sullivan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking inspect all intersections and install the appropriate markings and signs identifying the twenty foot rule to motorists.
56. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Chief of Police increase enforcement of the bicycle lane regulations on Washington St.
57. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That this Board requests that the Administration update this Board on the repavement of Washington St.

- 58. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the unused real estate newspaper racks at the East Library Branch and 74 Washington St.
- 59. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Gewirtz, White, Desmond and Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing a pedestrian crosswalk on Highland Ave. at West St.
- 60. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Gewirtz, White, Desmond and Connolly, That the Director of SPCD compel the owners of 343 Summer St. to clean and maintain their property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 61. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Utilities & Works, July Report 29.
- 62. Committee Report of the Committees on Housing & Community Development and Land Use meeting jointly, July 29.
- 63. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Aug. 11. Report
- 64. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use, Aug. 20. Report
- 65. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Aug. 20. Report
- 66. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Aug. 26. Report
- 67. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health & Safety, Aug. Report 26.
- 68. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Aug. 26. Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 69. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an ordinance regarding weeds, grass and overgrowth.
- 70. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an increase in the annual rate of pay for the vacant Planning Director position in SPCD from \$66,276, to \$73,000.

- 71. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to enter into a new 3-year contract with Elizabeth Fleming, Esq., as outside workers' compensation legal counsel.
- 72. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to extend for one year a contract with Kimo Griggs Inc. for two benches in Union Sq.
- 73. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a settlement with Ultraguard Protective Services of \$5,650.66.
- 74. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a transfer of \$5,650.66 from the DPW B&G Alarms Acct. to the Law Dept. Settlement Acct., for a settlement with Ultraguard Protective Services.
- 75. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay \$4,070.16 in various prior year invoices in the Personnel Dept.
- 76. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$156,117 grant from the FY09 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program, for Police Dept. law enforcement programs.
- 77. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$7,500 grant from the MA Board of Library Commissioners, for the Library's Somerville Reads/One Book program.
- 78. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of James McCallum as the union representative appointment to the Housing Authority.
- 79. Mayor's Comm. Proclaiming Monday, September 28, 2009, as Family Day, a day to eat dinner with your children.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 80. Officer's Comm. Board of Assessors responding to Board order#187843 re: valuation and taxation of the telecom industry.
- 81. Officer's Comm. Police Chief responding to various Board orders.
- 82. Officer's Comm. SPCD Director responding to various Board orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 83. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Josephine Ave. Block Party, July 25, 4PM-Dusk (raindate July 26).
- 84. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Redbones Chester St. Block Party, Aug. 10, 2PM-10PM (raindate Aug. 17).

85. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Somerville Climate Action 350 Coast to Coast Kick-Off Project, Davis Sq., Aug. 29, 12-3PM.
86. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Tufts Leonard Carmichael Society/ Somerville Homeless Coalition Food Drive, Davis Sq., Aug. 29, 10AM-6PM.
87. Public Occ Public Event Permit, World Rhythms Grand Opening, 313 Highland Ave., Aug. 30, 2-6PM.
88. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Somerville Homeless Coalition 5K Road Race Banner, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Aug. 31-Oct. 3.
89. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Tasha Pictures Film Shoot, Public Library Prospect Hill Tower, Union Sq., Sep. 2 & 16.
90. Public Occ Public Event Permit, East Somerville Main Streets Under the Stars International Movie Nights, Behind Cross St. Senior Center, Sep. 5, 12 & 19, 5-10PM (raindate Sep. 26).
91. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Somerville Youth Hockey Canning Drive, Citywide, Sep. 12 & Oct. 3, 8AM-3PM.
92. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Irving St. Block Party, Sep. 12, 12-6PM (raindate Sep. 13).
93. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Oxford St. Family Fun Block Party, School St. to Trull Ln., Sep. 12, 12-9PM (raindate Sep. 19).
94. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Malvern Ave. Block Party, Sep. 12, 1-7PM (raindate Sep. 13).
95. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Dean's Birthday Party/Block Party, 58-60 Atherton St., Sep. 12, 2-10PM, (raindate Sep. 19).
96. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Prospect Hill Block Party, Prospect Hill Park and Munroe St. from Greenville St. to Prospect Hill Pkwy., Sep. 13, 3-7PM (raindate Sep. 19, 4-8PM).
97. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Boston/Prichard Ave. Block Party, Boston Ave. from Prichard to Kidder Aves., Sep. 13, 3-7PM (raindate Sep. 20).
98. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Pop Warner Canning Drive, Citywide, Sep. 19, 9AM-5PM.
99. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Brian Higgins Foundation Road Race, Rogers Ave./Broadway to Medford St. to Highland Ave. to College Ave. to Broadway, Sep. 20, 8AM-4PM.

100. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Fairmount Ave. Block Party, Hill St. to Curtis St., Sep. 20,12-6PM (raindate Oct. 4).
101. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Mossland St. Block Party, Sep. 26, 11AM-10PM.
102. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Chandler St. Block Party, Park Ave. to Chapel St., Sep. 26, 4-7PM (raindate Sep. 27).
103. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Somerville Homeless Coalition Road Race Registration & Awards, Seven Hills Park, Oct. 3, 7AM-1PM.
104. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Somerville Homeless Coalition Road Race, Seven Hills Park, Oct. 3, 9AM.
105. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Boston Book Festival installation of temporary “reading glasses” and signage on the statues, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Oct. 11-24.
106. Flammable Renewing Flammable License, Aris Auto Inc., 3 Craigie St., 30,394 gallons.
107. Flammable New Flammables License, Green Automotive Corp., 600 Windsor Place, 500 gallons.
108. Used Car New Used Car Dealers License Class II, Green Automotive Corp., 600 Windsor Place, 20 autos inside.
109. Garage New Garage License, Green Automotive Corp., 600 Windsor Place, Mechanical repairs, storage of registered & unregistered vehicles, vehicle towing, 50 autos inside, 40 outside.
110. Garage New Garage License, BBC Auto Repair, 483 Somerville Ave., 10 autos inside.
111. Garage Renewing Garage License, Ferry Street Motor Inc. dba American Auto, 682 Mystic Ave., 3 autos inside, 7 outside.
112. Garage Renewing Garage License, Aris Auto Inc., 3 Craigie St., 3 autos inside, 8 outside.
113. Extended Hours New Extended Hours License, Farah Enterprises Inc. dba Domino’s Pizza, 201 Elm St., Th to 1AM, Fr-Sa to 2 AM.
114. Extended Hours New Extended Hours License, Jubiter Inc., dba 7-Eleven, 580 Broadway, 24/7 operation.

- 115. Junk Dealer New Junk Dealer License, Sunshine Lucy's, 93 Holland St.
- 116. Sign Sign/Awning Permit, Jumbo's LLC dba Eat at Jumbo's, 688 Broadway, sign & awning.
- 117. Sign Sign/Awning Permit, Great Thai Chef Inc., 255 Washington St., 2 signs & awnings.
- 118. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, ATO Associates Inc., 134 Professors Row.
- 119. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Corp. dba Alpha Omicron Phi, 25 Whitfield Rd.
- 120. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Corp. dba Theta Chi, 100 Packard Ave.
- 121. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Corp. dba Sigma Phi Epsilon, 114 Curtis St.
- 122. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties dba Alpha Phi, 14 Sawyer Ave.
- 123. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 12 Dearborn Rd.
- 124. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba Hillside House, 32 Dearborn Rd.
- 125. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba Capen House, 8 Professors Row.
- 126. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba Anthony House, 14 Professors Row.
- 127. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba Richardson House, 28 Professors Row.
- 128. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 92 Professors Row.
- 129. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 106 Professors Row.
- 130. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba Wilson House, 136 Curtis St.
- 131. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 176 Curtis St.

132. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 90-94 Curtis St.
133. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 9-11 Sunset Rd.
134. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Sawyer Ave.
135. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba Bartol House, 37 Sawyer Ave.
136. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba Davies House, 13 Sawyer Ave.
137. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba Chandler House, 125 Powderhouse Blvd.
138. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba Hall House, 98 Packard Ave.
139. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba Milne House, 8 Whitfield Rd.
140. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba Schmalz House, 15 Whitfield Rd.
141. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba Wyeth House, 21 Whitfield Rd.
142. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 101 Talbot Ave.
143. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba Start House, 17 Latin Way.
144. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba Lewis Hall, 75-85 Packard Ave.
145. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba South Hall, 73 Powderhouse Blvd.
146. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba Hodgdon Hall, 100 Talbot Ave.
147. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba Stratton Hall, 45 Talbot Ave.
148. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba Sophia Gordon Hall, 13-15 Talbot Ave.

- 149. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba Metcalf Hall, 56-64 Professors Row.
- 150. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba Bush Hall, 29 Latin Way.
- 151. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba Tilton Hall, 39R Latin Way.
- 152. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba Haskell Hall, 43 Latin Way.
- 153. Lodging Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University dba Latin Way Dormitory, 40A-40F Latin Way.
- 154. Taxi Med Transfer of Taxi Medallion, Ike Inc. to Love Cab Inc., Med. #92.

LATE ITEMS