

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

January 14, 2010, 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 of December 10, 2009.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation By Ald. Heuston and the Entire Board, Commending the Council on Aging, for taking veterans and Gold Star Mothers on a trip to Washington DC to visit the war memorials there.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

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

4. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Taylor, White, Connolly and Desmond, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a larger SENIOR HOUSING sign at 252 Medford St. to improve the safety of senior pedestrians and motorists.
5. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor draft revisions to the Zoning Ordinances to address temporary signage and the elimination of signs, and detailed specifications for signage and the table of uses and zoning districts.
6. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking extend parking meters to the lower end of Somerville Ave. and meet with the Ward 2 Alderman to discuss loading zones and short term drop-off points in the area.
7. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD provide the Ward 2 Alderman with an update on the development of the open space on Quincy St.

8. Order By Ald. Connolly, That this Board's Committee on Rules convene to review all current Rules, specifically the need for the Capital Planning Committee, and reconsideration procedures, and advise this Board of its recommendations.
9. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD forward to the Ward 5 Alderman a report on code violations and safety findings regarding 12 Warwick St.
10. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sign pole at Rogers and Morrison Aves.
11. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan and Gewirtz, That a representative of NStar appear before this Board's Committee on Public Utilities & Works to discuss power capacity in West Somerville, anticipating the 199 housing units at MaxPac.
12. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD preclude the property owner of One Ball Sq. from parking motor vehicles on the Somerville portion of that site, as the location's zoning does not permit such use.
13. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police place a speed board at various locations on Cedar St., Lowell St. and Central St., to deter speeding motor vehicles.
14. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Works direct all local cable companies to appear to justify their installation methods and explain why property is sometimes damaged during installation.
15. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the City Assessor provide this Board with information about programs to assist seniors and low to moderate income home owners who may be limited in their ability to pay increased property taxes.
16. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration work with this Board to formulate a stronger statement in support of a Green Line station stop at Rt. 16.
17. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to provide residents with options with respect to public shade tree roots that damage their pipes or property.
18. Order By Ald. White, That the City Clerk request that the owner of 515 Somerville Ave. attend a meeting of the Committee on Public Health & Safety on 1/25/10.
19. Order By Ald. White, That the Chief of Police provide this Board with 2009 crime statistics, and appear before the Committee on Public Health & Safety on 1/25/10.

20. Order By Ald. White, That the Chief of Police appear before the Committee on Public Health & Safety to update this Board on the use of surveillance cameras, as previously discussed.
21. Resolution By Ald. White, That any Alderman desiring to propose any changes to the Rules of the Board of Aldermen submit such proposed changes on or before 2/12/10.
22. Order By Ald. Trane, That ResiStat provide this Board with a breakdown by ward of all current public works construction projects and their costs, all projects scheduled for this fiscal year, and all projects conducted last fiscal year.
23. Order By Ald. Trane, That ResiStat provide this Board with the number of trash violations written, the number of appeals filed, the number and percentage of appeals dismissed, and the dollar amount collected during the past 12 months.
24. Resolution By Ald. Trane and the Entire Board, That this Board requests that the Administration consider allowing any city employee who wishes to respond to the call for volunteers to assist the people of Haiti during this time of crisis to be provided paid leave when they travel to Haiti.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

25. Committee Report of the Committee on Housing & Community Development, Jan. 6.
26. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use meeting with the Planning Board, Jan.7.
27. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use, Jan.7.  
Report
28. Committee Report of the Committee on Parks & Open Space, Jan. 12.  
Report
29. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Jan. 12.  
Report
30. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Jan. 13.  
Report
31. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Jan. 13.  
Report

## COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

32. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an amendment to the Local Historic District Ordinance to create and add properties to the Lower Franklin and Florence-Myrtle St. Districts, expand the existing Lowell St., Mt. Vernon St., and Boston St. Districts, consolidate and create the Union Sq.-Somerville Ave., Porter-Linden, and Upper Perkins-Webster Districts, and create two single-building Districts (60 Linden St., 14 Everett St.) (all labeled Group B).
33. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization for the City Treasurer to file an application with the MA Municipal Finance Oversight Board to qualify under MGL c44A any and all bonds authorized but unissued, and to execute such documents as the MA Board may require.
34. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the layout and alteration of Assembly Sq. Dr. and Ikea Way.
35. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an Order of Taking to allow the city to install a traffic signal loop detector at the main entrance to Cobble Hill Apts., 84 Washington St.
36. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$20,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for appraisal and environmental testing at 46 Pearl St. and 0 Florence St.
37. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$32,000 in the Traffic and Parking Dept. from the Parking Meter Receipts Acct. to the Capital Outlay Vehicles Acct., to procure a meter technician/collections van.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to extend a contract with D & R General Contracting Inc. for a street resurfacing project to August 31, 2010.
39. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to create the Haitian Earthquake Relief Consolidated Gift Account, so the city may accept donations for humanitarian relief efforts.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of Personnel Director Jessie Baker as the city's liaison to the State Ethics Commission.
41. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Ellen Fabiano McPherson to the Recreation and Youth Commission.
42. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Santangelo as Constable.

- 43. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Scott Kingsley as Constable.
- 44. Mayor's Comm. Proclaiming January 14, 2010, to be HealthierUS Schools Challenge Day.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 45. Officer Comm. Assistant City Solicitor proposing a revised Ordinance regarding penalties for snow and ice.
- 46. Officer Comm. Assistant City Solicitor proposing a revised Ordinance regarding the display of non-domesticated animals.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 47. Public Event Public Event Permit, Recreation Dept./City Dog Free Come When Called Clinic, Powderhouse Park, Jan. 17, 1-2PM.
- 48. Public Event Public Event Permit, Burren Outdoor Music Festival, Grove St. Parking Lot, Mar. 14, Noon.
- 49. Sign Sign/Awning Permit, Buffalo Exchange, 238 Elm St., Refacing 2 existing signs.
- 50. Junk New Junk Dealer's License, Spindle City Pawnbrokers dba Spindle City Precious Metals, Holiday Inn-30 Washington St., Purchasing precious metals and coins.
- 51. Billiards Renewing Billiard/Pool Table & Bowling Alley License, Northeast Motel Associates dba Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St., 1 pool table.
- 52. Used Car Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 1, Doms Motor Service Inc. dba Riverside, 2 Union Sq., 85 motorcycles.
- 53. Used Car Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Doms Motor Service Inc. dba Riverside, 2 Union Sq., 2 cars, 15 motorcycles.
- 54. Used Car Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Neeka Inc. dba Manny's Auto Center, 463 McGrath Hwy., 30 cars outside.
- 55. Used Car Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Auto Brokers Company, 182 Washington St., 26 cars.
- 56. Used Car Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Dodakin's Auto Sales, 191 Beacon St., 4 cars inside, 18 outside.

57. Used Car Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Cambridge Auto Sales, 75 Park St., 23 cars.
58. Ordinance Ten registered voters requesting approval of an amendment to the zoning ordinances to vest the authority to grant special permits or special permits with site plan review in the Board of Aldermen.
59. Ordinance Ten registered voters requesting approval of an amendment to the zoning ordinances to rezone to RB certain parcels near Park St. in Ward 2 currently zoned RC.
60. Ordinance Ten registered voters requesting approval of an amendment to the zoning ordinances to require water and sewer and traffic studies for certain development projects.
61. Ordinance Ten registered voters requesting approval of an amendment to the zoning ordinances to suspend the SPGA's authority to grant density bonus special permits for one year or until an independent report is prepared on the impact of the permits.
62. Ordinance Ten registered voters requesting approval of an amendment to the zoning ordinances requiring disclosure of every person holding an interest in a special permit or variance application.
63. Comm. Owner of 515 Somerville Ave. responding to #188528 re: issues at the property.

**LATE ITEMS**