

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

January 28, 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 22, 2009.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation By the Entire Board, Commending the High School Highlanders Boys Varsity Soccer Team, Greater Boston League Champions.
4. Citation By the Entire Board and the Mayor, Commending outgoing Communications Director, Tom Champion, the "Voice of Somerville," leaving after four years of dedicated service.
5. Citation By the Entire Board and the Mayor, Commending outgoing Police Chief Anthony Holloway, who is returning to Clearwater, Florida, after two years of outstanding service.
6. Citation By Ald. Connolly and the Entire Board, Commending the Tufts Beelzebubs, who won 2<sup>nd</sup> place on NBC's "The Sing Off" competition among the nation's top a cappella groups.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

7. Grant of Location Suzanne Mermelstein, owner of 83 Munroe St., requesting a Grant of Location for 12 ft. of conduit in Munroe St. from Pole #245/12 to 83 Munroe St.

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

8. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking determine whether the meters on the odd side of Highland Ave. between Central and Sycamore Sts. have been detrimental to businesses there.

9. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works rectify the water pooling at Central and Oxford Sts.
10. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD research the initiatives of the Cambridge Energy Alliance with NStar to determine the feasibility of a program here for renovations on historically designated properties, and report back to the Ward 3 Alderman in 30 days.
11. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking develop a parking permit for out-of-city patrons performing and participating at the Growing Center on Vinal Ave.
12. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate a crosswalk at Crocker St. and Highland Ave.
13. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works install a streetlight at Central St. and Westwood Rd.
14. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Animal Control Officer address dog owners leaving dog waste on the public way near 25 Atherton St. (generally weekday evenings 5-7PM and Saturday/Sunday afternoons 12-2PM).
15. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police and Chief Fire Engineer investigate and remove, if necessary, a blue Dodge Durango on Richardson Terrace (for the last 18 months) with a strong odor of gasoline.
16. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD appear before this Board to discuss all snow citations written in Ward 5 in December 2009 and January 2010.
17. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works facilitate a curb-cut at 10 Francis St. and contact the homeowner regarding scheduling.
18. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police provide this Board with all incident reports and follow-ups at the Maxpak site on Warwick St. for the last 90 days.
19. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police conduct direct patrols at the Maxpak site for the next 6 months, viewing the area from Warwick St., the Lowell St. Bridge and the undeveloped portion of the community path.
20. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police appear at the next Public Health & Safety Committee meeting to discuss specific actions to stop trespassing onto the Maxpak site.

21. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Committee on Traffic & Parking invite representatives from the MBTA to a meeting to discuss moving the bus stop at 438 Medford St. enough to prevent obstruction of the driveway at 438 Medford St.
22. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the street sign at Lowell and Medford Sts.
23. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Traffic and Parking inform this Board of the policies for the placement and upkeep of the pedestrian crosswalk signs in the winter, and identify who is responsible for their proper placement.
24. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD (ISD) meet with the Ward 2 Alderman to review the use of banners as permanent signage on businesses, and notify any businesses violating the sign ordinances.
25. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police issue tickets to vehicles totally or partially parked on sidewalks.
26. Order By Ald. White, That the Director of SPCD appear before the Committee on Housing & Community Development to describe whether information required by Applications for Special Permits is reviewed for factual correctness as part of the review conducted by the planning staff.
27. Order By Ald. White, That a representative of the Office of Sustainability and Environment apprise this Board of the impact that the draft plan released by the US Environmental Protection Agency for storm water runoff will have.
28. Order By Ald. White, That the Rules Committee enact a rule for the procedure that Committees should follow when orders or resolutions are referred to committee for further action.
29. Order By Ald. White, That the Chief Assessor appear before the Finance Committee to discuss the which real estate in the city received an increase in the assessed value of the property of more than the city-wide average.
30. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the defaced street signs along Shore Dr.
31. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Pero, White, Desmond and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact DCR to request the shopping carts, bicycles, and large debris be removed from the Mystic River under the Route 28 bridge.

- 32. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD (ISD) find the cause of the noise emitting from 14 Lowden Ave. and dispatch the Neighborhood Impact Team if necessary.
- 33. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD (ISD) fine any violators if there is illegal dumping of construction debris and snow at the old Carli fence site at the community path and Willow Ave.
- 34. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the City Solicitor provide this Board with available options to sever the City's contract with FW Russell Disposal in light of their recent violation of state wage and hour laws.
- 35. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments review Constable appointment #188492.
- 36. Resolution By Ald. Pero, Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan and White, That this Board requests that the Dedication Commission name the corner of Main and Fremont Sts. in honor of Mr. Vito Vaccaro, a World War II veteran, former School Committee member, present Licensing Commission member and resident of Somerville for over 60 years.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- 37. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health & Safety, Jan. Report 25.
- 38. Committee Report of the Committee on Housing & Community Report Development, Jan. 25.
- 39. Committee Report of the Committee on Traffic & Parking, Jan. Report 26.
- 40. Committee Report of the Committee of the Whole on Legislative Report Matters, Jan. 26.
- 41. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Jan. Report 27.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 42. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$24,500 from the Fire Salaries Acct. to the Personnel Professional & Technical Svcs. Acct., for the recruitment of a new Police Chief.

43. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$10,353 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Inspectional Services Sick Leave Buyback Acct., for a buyback for a retired ISD employee.
44. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$7,200 in the Inspectional Services Dept., from the Salaries Acct. to the Professional & Technological Services Acct., for a contracted licensed/certified sanitarian to perform inspections.
45. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$2,300 in the Inspectional Services Dept., from the Salaries Acct. to the Professional & Technological Services Acct. (\$1,800) and the Office Equipment Acct. (\$500) for office equipment and software.
46. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$651,100 from the US DOE Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, to fund energy conservation programming.
47. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$3,428 from the MA Office of Public Safety, for the Fire Dept. to provide fire safety education to children.
48. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to promote Police Sergeant James Donovan to the rank of Lieutenant.
49. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to promote Police Officer Timothy Mitsakis to the rank of Sergeant.
50. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to promote Police Officer Sean Sheehan to the rank of Sergeant.
51. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Joseph Collete as Constable.
52. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Sergio Lemos as Constable.
53. Mayor's Request Requesting to appear before this Board with an update on efforts to rebuild the East Somerville Community School.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

54. Officer's Request City Clerk submitting his Public Officials Bond for Board approval.
55. Officer's Comm. Asst. City Solicitor submitting a revised Ordinance re: Operating Hours of Retail, Restaurant and Service Establishments.

- 56. Officer's Comm. Acting Chief Assessor, responding to #188636 re: programs that assist seniors and low income homeowners who have difficulty paying their property taxes.
- 57. Officer's Comm. SPCD Director responding to various Board orders.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 58. Operating Hours New Extended Hours License, Laz Café dba Mr. B's, 142 Cross St., Th-Sa to 2AM.
- 59. Junk New Junk Dealer's License, Buffalo Exchange, 238 Elm St., Used clothing.
- 60. Sign Sign/Awning Permit, Ball Sq. Café and Breakfast Inc., 708-710 Broadway, Awning.
- 61. Used Car Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, James A. Kiley Co., 15 Linwood St., 6 autos inside.
- 62. Used Car Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Auto Gallery Group Inc. dba American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave., 2 autos inside, 20 out.
- 63. Used Car Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Mass Auto Sales, 631 Somerville Ave., 14 autos inside.
- 64. Used Car Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Automotive Transport Service, 495 Columbia St., 10 autos inside.
- 65. Used Car Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, CM Auto Sales Inc., 30 Joy St., 40 autos.
- 66. Garage Renewing Garage License, Sandra Henriquez dba Autosol, 444R Somerville Ave., 15 autos inside.
- 67. Garage Renewing Garage License, Somerville Auto Transport Service Inc., 495 Columbia St., 12 autos inside.
- 68. Garage Renewing Garage License, Motorsports Inc., 486R Columbia St., 8 autos.
- 69. Garage Renewing Garage License, Century Tire Co. of Somerville, 263-269 Beacon St., 6 autos inside, 4 outside.
- 70. Comm. MBTA responding to #188584 re: Busway lighting in Davis Sq.

71. Comm. Solh Zende, submitting comments re: #188112, the proposed rezoning of Broadway.
72. Comm. Lisa Brukilacchio, submitting comments re: #188112, the proposed rezoning of Broadway.
73. Comm. Daniel Salomon, submitting comments re: #188112, the proposed rezoning of Broadway.
74. Comm. Anonymous, submitting comments (including an audio recording of the Zoning Board of Appeals 10/15/08 meeting) re: #188305, a proposed zoning amendment to facilitate senior housing.

**LATE ITEMS**