

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 25, 2010, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 28, 2010.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Desmond, the Entire Board and the Mayor, Commending High School Senior Franklin Salvador on his record-setting accomplishments as a member of the Boys Varsity Basketball Team.
4. Citation By Ald. Connolly, the Entire Board and the Mayor, Commending the Kiwanis Club for co-producing the successful "Somerville Sings for Haiti" fundraiser.
5. Citation By Ald. White, Pero and the Entire Board, Commending Palmira Colozzi on the auspicious occasion of her 100th birthday.
6. Citation By Ald. Roche, Desmond, Connolly, Sullivan, White and the Entire Board, Commending Fred Caruso on the happy occasion of his 79th birthday.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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

7. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief Fire Engineer and the Chief of Police report to this Board what fees, if any, are charged to property owners for connecting residential alarm systems to their respective departments.

8. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking examine the feasibility of moving the present MBTA bus stop at 33 Bow St. further up on Summer St.
9. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol in the Prospect Hill area to address recent break-ins.
10. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking survey the intersection of Dover and Orchard Sts. to determine what steps the city can take to make it safer.
11. Order By Ald. Gewirtz and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the pothole at College Ave. and Winter St.
12. Resolution By Ald. Heuston, That this Board requests that the Administration reconvene the Somerville Ave. Advisory Committee for a public meeting to provide updated information on the completion of the project.
13. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, That this Board requests that the Administration work with this Board to create a domestic violence policy for municipal employees. (2nd request)
14. Order By Ald. Sullivan and O'Donovan, That the Animal Control Officer increase enforcement at Somerville Junction Park on Woodbine St.
15. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan and White, That this Board requests that the Administration apply for a fruit tree planting grant sponsored by the Fruit Tree Planting Foundation.
16. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, White, Connolly and Desmond, That this Board requests that the Mt. Pleasant Apts. mgmt. consider installing more washing machines and dryers.
17. Order By Ald. White, That the Director of SomerStat compile all complaints over the last 14 months about defective street lights, by date, number pertaining to the same light, and the length of time for repair or the length of time the complaint has been outstanding without action by the utility.
18. Order By Ald. White and Sullivan, That the Director of SPCD appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss the state of business in Somerville and ways to gather input from businesses on the impact of the recession and how to improve the business climate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

19. Committee Report of the Committee on Housing & Community Development, Feb. 22.
Report
20. Committee Report of the Committee on Parks & Open Space, Feb. 22.
Report
21. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Feb. 24.
Report
22. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Feb. 24.
Report
23. Committee Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, Feb. 24.
Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

24. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a contract with MassDOT for \$2,727,630 for "nonparticipating items" in the construction of Assembly Sq. Drive and offsite improvements (superseding #188806 submitted 2/11/10).
25. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to return \$20,000 from the MaxPak Stabilization Fund to KSS Investment LLC.
26. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to expend a \$350,000 grant from MassDOT for an Inner Belt and Brickbottom Urban Streetscape and Adaptive Re-Use Plan.
27. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to expend a \$20,000 grant from the MA Cultural Council for the Arts Council's ArtsUnion Union Sq. programming.
28. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to expend a \$2,000 grant from the MA Dept. of Public Health for the Fire Dept.'s Mass Decontamination Unit.
29. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of amendments to the 2008-2013 Open Space & Recreation Plan, to extend the effective date of the Plan to 2015.
30. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Brad Arndt to the Tree Advisory Committee.
31. Mayor's Comm. Conveying the convening of the Tree Advisory Committee in the Spring, to provide guidance on the management and maintenance of existing and new public shade trees.

32. Mayor's Comm. Conveying an analysis of five proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance submitted by Somerville Residents for Sensible Development on 1/14/10 (#'s188681-188685).

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

33. Officer's Comm. Planning Board, submitting a recommendation re: #188305, a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance to include a senior housing use.
34. Officer's Comm. City Clerk responding to #188787 re: noncriminal ticketing.
35. Officer's Comm. Acting Police Chief responding to various Board orders.
36. Officer's Comm. Director of SPCD responding to various Board orders.
37. Officer's Comm. Chief Fire Engineer responding to various Board orders.

NEW BUSINESS

38. Public Event Public Event Permit, Destination Imagination 6th Grade Bake Sale Benefit for Haiti, Davis Sq. Statue Park, 3/6, 11:30-3PM (raindate 3/7).
39. Public Event Public Event Permit, Recreation Dept./City Dog Free "Come When Called" Clinic, Perry Park, 3/7, 1-2PM, Ed Leathers Park, 5/2, 1-2PM.
40. Public Event Public Event Permit, Groundwork Somerville Maple Syrup Project Boil Down, Community Growing Center, 3/13, 10-4PM.
41. Public Event Public Event Permit, Somerville Striders Athletic Club Ras na hEirann 5k Road Race, Davis Sq. and area streets, 3/14, 11AM.
42. Public Event Public Event Permit, Unity Church of God Donkey Walk Palm Sunday Procession, Powderhouse Park to Davis Sq., 3/28.
43. Public Event Public Event Permit, Unity Church of God Easter Sunrise Service, Powderhouse Park, 4/4, 6PM.
44. Public Event Public Event Permit, Little League 2010 Opening Day Parade, Concourse to Conway Park, 4/24, 10AM (raindate 4/25, Noon).

- 45. Public Event Public Event Permit, M.O.M.'s 5k Run for Cancer, 371 Summer St. and area streets, 5/9, 10AM.
- 46. Public Event Public Event Permit, Mission Church Rise Up and Build Walkathon fundraiser, 130 Highland Ave. and area streets, 5/22, 9-Noon.
- 47. Public Event Public Event Permit, Union Sq. Main Streets Farmers Market, Union Sq. Plaza, Saturdays 6/5-10/30, 7-2PM.
- 48. Public Event Public Event Permit, Somerville Road Runners Gobble Gobble Road Race, Davis Sq. and area streets, 11/25, 9AM.
- 49. Sign Sign/Awning Permit, Bergamot LLC, 118 Beacon St., One sign.
- 50. Used Car Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2, Ideal Engine Rebuilders, 49 Day St., 8 autos.

LATE ITEMS