

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 11, 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 February 11, 2010.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Connolly, the Entire Board and the Mayor, Commending John Gannon for his dedicated service to the City as City Solicitor from 2004 to 2010.
4. Citation By Ald. Connolly and the Entire Board, expressing condolences on the passing of Paul Haley, a native Somervillian and former Alderman and City Solicitor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Location Grant of Location, NStar Electric to install 45 feet of conduit in Houghton St. from Pole #174/6 to private property at 47 Houghton St.
6. Grant of Location Grant of Location, NStar Electric to install 70 feet of conduit in Broadway from Manhole #7502 to private property at 280R Broadway.
7. Grant of Location Grant of Location, NStar Electric to install 88 feet of conduit in Main St. from Pole #146/3 to private property at 14 Main St.

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

8. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the status of the Safe Start Study findings, including completed projects, projects in process and a timeline for uncompleted projects.

9. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works inventory the defective street lights on Somerville Ave. and ensure that the proper utility or state agency repairs them.
10. Resolution By Ald. Heuston and Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration provide this Board a budget strategy in preparation for a potential 5% reduction in state aid.
11. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove debris from the roadway at Durham and Skehan Sts., in the fire lane.
12. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 20, 22 and 24 Durham St. for code violations including the expiration of, or the need for, permits.
13. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing street signs at Waldo Ave. and Quincy St.
14. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works update the Ward 2 Alderman on adding green space to the perimeter of Lincoln Park, along Lincoln Parkway.
15. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police place a traffic patrol at Washington St. and Webster Ave. to cite and ticket drivers who run the red light.
16. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works request of NStar that the utility pole at Green Cab on Windsor St. be replaced.
17. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes at Adrian and Joseph Sts., at Lincoln Pkwy. and Joseph St., and on Wyatt St.
18. Resolution By Ald. Heuston, That this Board requests that the Administration appear before the Finance Committee to discuss outstanding unfinished business at the Argenziano School.
19. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the permit parking signs from the odd side of Properzi Way from, 91 Properzi Way to the intersection of Properzi Way and Beacon St., and post this section as NO PARKING ANYTIME.
20. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works plant additional trees on Sargent Ave.

21. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD (ISD) communicate with the management of the Super Stop & Shop to ensure that a plan is in place to continually monitor and clean the lot on Garfield Ave.
22. Order By Ald. Roche, That the City Solicitor provide this Board with an opinion as to whether certain areas (near Sullivan Sq.) can be designated for extended resident parking.
23. Resolution By Ald. Roche, That this Board requests that the Mayor consider installing the same decorative street lighting along Washington St., during its repaving, as was used for the Somerville Ave. project.
24. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works conduct a pothole patrol throughout Ward 1.
25. Order By Ald. Roche and Sullivan, That the City Solicitor update this Board with the status of the PCO's tagging vehicles illegally parked in HP spots.
26. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the area around the Powderhouse School and run the street sweeper over the play area.
27. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol on Paulina St. for increased police visibility.
28. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NStar to repair the street light at 53 Farragut Ave.
29. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, Desmond, Connolly and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works regularly clear the tree wells on Broadway, from Glen to Cutter Sts.
30. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Taylor, White, Desmond and Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider measures, including the synchronization of traffic lights on Highland Ave. and Medford St., to allow residents of 252 Medford St. to exit and enter their parking lot safely. (2nd request)
31. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, White, Pero and Roche, That this Board requests that DCR regularly remove debris from the Mystic River path and land adjacent to the path.
32. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White, Trane, Desmond, Connolly and Roche, That the City's ADA Coordinator appear at a Public Health and Public Safety Committee meeting to explain the handicapped van spaces restrictions.

33. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration repave Irving St. this spring.
34. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove debris from the corner of Chapel St. and College Ave. weekly.
35. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the STOP sign on the north side of Orchard St. and the DO NOT ENTER sign on the west side of Dover St. and install a DO NOT ENTER sign and a ONE WAY blade on the east side of Dover St. per the recommendation of the city's Traffic Engineer.
36. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inspect 258 Elm St. for improper, unlicensed or nonconforming sidewalk signage for the second floor tanning shop and remove all impediments to passers-by, and that the Committee on Licenses and Permits be notified of the findings, so that further action may be considered.
37. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the damaged right turn directional sign at 58 Day St. before the intersection of Elm St.
38. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing DOGS ON LEASH sign on the bike path near Lexington Ave. Park.
39. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD prepare to discuss #188633 in or around June, 2010.
40. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD forward an action plan for #188630 to the Committee on Public Health and Safety and that the Director and the City Solicitor appear at the next meeting of that Committee.
41. Order By Ald. O'Donovan and Gewirtz, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols after dusk for the next 90 days on the bike path from Cedar St. to Davis Sq.
42. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with an update on the review of RA & RB districts, as proposed in 2008, addressing such concerns as neighborhood character, congestion, impact on the quality of life and encroachment.
43. Resolution By Ald. White, That the attached be added to the Rules of the Board of Alderman.

44. Order By Ald. White, Taylor, Heuston and Sullivan, That the Director of SPCD and the consultant appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss the proposed traffic redesign for the Union Sq. area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

45. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use, Mar. 2.
Report
46. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Mar. 2.
Report
47. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use meeting jointly with
Report the Planning Board, Mar. 4.
48. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Mar. 4.
Report
49. Committee Report of the Committees on Public Health & Safety and
Report Traffic & Parking meeting jointly, Mar. 8.
50. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health & Safety, Mar. 8.
Report
51. Committee Report of the Committee on Parks & Open Space, Mar. 8.
Report
52. Committee Report of the Committee on Senior Services, Mar. 9.
Report
53. Committee Report of the Committee on Environment & Energy, Mar.
Report 9.
54. Committee Report of the Committee of the Whole on Legislative
Report Matters, Mar. 9.
55. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Mar. 10.
Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

56. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to amend the appropriation of \$4,400,000 (#185830, approved 7/10/08) to purchase and install water meters, by increasing it to \$4,824,000, and authorizing issuance of a bond to meet the appropriation.

57. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an appropriation of \$18,853 from the remaining balance of \$34,687 in the Trum Field House Project, to the School Traffic Safety Bollards Acct., to install LED lighted bollards at various schools citywide.
58. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an appropriation of \$15,350 from the remaining balance of \$34,687 in the Trum Field House Project, to the Winter Hill School Repairs Acct., for vertical pointing of the east wall at the school.
59. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$15,000 from the Fire Dept. Salaries Acct. to the Election Dept. Special Election Acct., to fund the special State Senate primary election on 4/13/10 and the special State Senate election on 5/11/10.
60. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$105,356 from FEMA's Dept. of Homeland Security for technical rescue training and rescue equipment in the Fire Dept.
61. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$56,334 from the MA Technology Collaborative's Clean Energy Choice program to the Office of Sustainability and Environment, for a solar panel on the Central Library, several solar area lighting units, and a sustainability fair.
62. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Keith McInnis, from the Reserve Roster, as a Firefighter in the Fire Dept.
63. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Christopher Clark, from the Reserve Roster, as a Firefighter in the Fire Dept.
64. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Timothy O'Hearn, from the Reserve Roster, as a Firefighter in the Fire Dept.
65. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Robert Galvin, from the Reserve Roster, as a Firefighter in the Fire Dept.
66. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Sean Layton, from the Reserve Roster, as a Firefighter in the Fire Dept.
67. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of David Farino, from the Reserve Roster, as a Firefighter in the Fire Dept.
68. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Jessie Baker as Director of Personnel.
69. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of George Landers as Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds.
70. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Stanley Koty as Commissioner of Public Works.

- 71. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Steven MacEachern as Superintendent of Highways, Lights and Lines.
- 72. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Carol Antonelli as Superintendent of Water Works.
- 73. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Elizabeth Craveiro as City Treasurer/Collector.
- 74. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Rose Durham as Purchasing Director.
- 75. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Senesi as Director of Veterans Services.
- 76. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Robert McWatters as Clerk of Committees.
- 77. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Peter Forcellese as Assistant Clerk of Committees.
- 78. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Charles Sillari as Assistant Clerk of Committees.
- 79. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Marie-Annett Bernard to the Commission for Women.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 80. Officer's Comm. Police Chief responding to various Board orders.
- 81. Officer's Comm. Traffic and Parking Director responding to various Board orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 82. Public Event Public Event Permit, Independent Film Festival of Boston displaying a Ford auto, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Apr. 21-25.
- 83. Sign Sign and Awning Permit, Bostonian Convenience II, 420 Medford St., new sign and lighting.
- 84. Outdoor Seating Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Au Bon Pain, 118 Holland St., 34 tables, 68 chairs.
- 85. Garage Renewing Garage License, Executive Auto Body, 30 Medford St., 13 autos inside.

86. Flammable Renewing Flammable License, BBC Auto Repair, 483 Somerville Ave., 7,420 gallons.
87. Taxi Med Transferring Taxi Medallion, Halligan Corp. to Z.H. Inc., Med. #63.
88. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Bye Bye Cab Inc., Med. #86.
89. Comm. Kevin Paquette and Joseph Barros submitting comments re: 71-73 Boston St. and its designation as a local historic district.
90. Comm. Elaine Leary submitting comments re: #188305, a proposed zoning amendment to facilitate senior housing, and comments re: #188681-188685, proposed zoning ordinances submitted by ten registered voters.
91. Comm. Katherine Wheeler submitting comments re: #188681-188685, proposed zoning ordinances submitted by ten registered voters.
92. Comm. Molly and David Harris submitting comments re: #188681-188685, proposed zoning ordinances submitted by ten registered voters.
93. Comm. Teri Swartzel submitting comments re: #188681-188685, proposed zoning ordinances submitted by ten registered voters.

LATE ITEMS