

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 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 February 25, 2010.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Heuston and the Entire Board, Commending the Gentle Giant Moving Company for being named the 2010 Independent Mover of the Year, and for 30 years of success as a local business and a community partner.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Public Health bait Allston St. and around 240 Pearl St. for rodent control.
5. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols to Otis St. between Cross St. and McGrath Hwy., and at the dead end side of Flint St., as residents have reported vehicle break-ins and vandalism.
6. Order By Ald. Roche, That this Board's Committee on Licenses and Permits direct the owner of A+ Auto Body on Medford St. to appear before the committee for a show cause hearing on why the city should not revoke its business license.
7. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works obtain a cleaning and maintenance schedule from DCR for all of the open spaces that they are responsible for.

8. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works collaborate with the state to provide proper lighting on the pedestrian path under Rt. 93 from the Stop & Shop to the Assembly Sq. Mall, and to ensure ongoing maintenance.
9. Order By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works conduct a citywide "pothole patrol" to repair any dangerous conditions.
10. Order By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking ensure the protection of persons and property at the intersection at 132 Cedar St. and Lexington Ave.
11. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Clerk invite the State Delegation to a meeting of the Finance Committee to provide an update on the State budget and Local Aid.
12. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor, with the Director of Traffic and Parking, consider including Clark St. as a zoned parking area, (per #188924), since residents have difficulty parking due to the pickup and dropoff at the Argenziano School.
13. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking inform this Board when additional traffic-slowing signage will be available.
14. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works attend the next Public Utilities & Works Committee meeting to discuss various items, especially double poles.
15. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the debris along the fences at the MaxPak site.
16. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works coordinate with the owners of the MaxPak site to remove all graffiti from the Lowell St. bridge.
17. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works change street sweeping signs in school zones so street sweeping does not occur there during school drop offs.
18. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Library Director report to the Ward 6 Alderman the busiest and slowest hours at the West Branch library to determine the feasibility of shifting hours so the library may be open on Saturday mornings.
19. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Chief of Police report to this Board the locations of home break-ins in the Ward 6 area over the past 6 months.

20. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration provide this Board a timeline for when the traffic mitigation changes will be made on Willow Ave., including a bump out at Elm St. and a traffic calming table.
21. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking provide the Ward 6 Alderman with road closing plans in advance of major road races in Davis Sq. to maximize notification to residents and to ensure that only the most limited number of streets are impacted.
22. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the City Traffic Engineer initiate a study to reduce traffic on College Ave. from Powderhouse Rotary to Davis Sq., at the same time as bicycle symbols are installed on both sides of the street next month.
23. Order By Ald. Gewirtz and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove any graffiti on the community path between Willow Ave. and Cedar St.
24. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That this Board requests that the US Postal Service relocate the mailbox at 238-240 Broadway to its previous location at 236 Broadway prior to the commencement of sidewalk repairs.
25. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the recently installed sidewalks on Hooker Ave. as they appear to be failing prematurely.
26. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing street sign for Endicott Ave.
27. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works paint the acorn light fixtures in Teele Sq.
28. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police direct the Animal Control Officer to step up enforcement of pooper scooper rules on Conwell Ave. and surrounding streets.
29. Order By Ald. Trane and White, That the Director of Public Health review current regulations regarding dog droppings and make a recommendation for increased fines and better enforcement to address numerous complaints.
30. Order By Ald. Trane, Desmond, Sullivan, Connolly and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works report to the Ward 7 Alderman what utilities have not removed their equipment from the double poles on Hamilton Rd.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 31. Committee Report of the Committee on Housing & Community Development, Mar. 16.
Report
- 32. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health & Safety, Mar. 22.
Report
- 33. Committee Report of the Committee on Parks & Open Space, Mar. 22.
Report
- 34. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Mar. 23.
Report
- 35. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Mar. 23.
Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 36. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to modify the parking requirements in Article 9 for the Large Retail and Service Cluster in certain districts.
- 37. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of the utility infrastructure improvements in Assembly Sq. completed by Federal Realty Investment Trust, including sanitary sewer, water, storm drainage, electric, and telephone.
- 38. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$450,000 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Insurance Losses Acct. to the East Somerville School Renovations Acct., for renovation of the East Somerville Community School.
- 39. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$123,444 from the Traffic and Parking Meter Receipts Acct. to the Traffic and Parking Capital Outlay Parking Meter/Installation Acct., to fund the procurement of Automated Parking Meter Kiosks.
- 40. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$44,000 in SPCD, from its Planning Salaries Acct. (\$30,000) and its ISD Salaries Acct. (\$14,000) to its ISD Professional Services Acct., for an organizational study of the Inspectional Services Division.
- 41. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$35,000 from the Debt Service Principal on Long Term Debt Acct. to the Veterans Services Benefits Acct. for entitlement benefits.

- 42. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$20,000 from the Traffic and Parking Meter Receipts Acct. to the Traffic and Parking Repairs to Highway Acct., for thermoplastic line painting.
- 43. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$9,743 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Law Other Lump Sum Payments Acct. to fund accrued vacation and furlough time for the former City Solicitor.
- 44. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to use available funds of \$5,226 in the SPCD Transportation and Infrastructure Salaries Acct. to fund a Green Infrastructure Planner effective 4/1/10 at an annual salary of \$45,468.
- 45. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$62,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for emergency roof repairs at the High School.
- 46. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to extend a contract with the Maguire Group Inc. for engineering services at the East Somerville Community School to 12/31/12.
- 47. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Jared Falcon as Constable.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 48. Officer's Comm. Asst. City Solicitor submitting a proposed Ordinance to provide for reasonable accommodation in the land use and zoning and building regulations per the Fair Housing Laws.
- 49. Officer's Comm. Asst. City Solicitor responding to #188924 re: designated parking districts.
- 50. Officer's Comm. Asst. City Solicitor responding to #188927 re: issuing tickets to violators illegally parked in HP parking spaces.
- 51. Officer's Comm. Asst. City Solicitor responding to #188964 re: automatic amusement devices at 1123 Broadway.
- 52. Officer's Comm. Traffic and Parking Engineer responding to various Board orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 53. Public Event Public Event Permit, Candlelight Vigil for Deanna Cremin, 125 Jaques St., Mar 29, 7-7:30PM.

54. Public Event Public Event Permit, Christopher Leavitts Memorial Motorcycle Ride, Dilboy Parking Lot, May 1, 9:30-11AM (raindate May 2).
55. Drainlayer Renewing Drain Layer's License, AP Flowers and Son, LLC.
56. Drainlayer Renewing Drain Layer's License, RA Powell Construction.
57. Drainlayer Renewing Drain Layer's License, Suffolk Engineering Inc.
58. Drainlayer Renewing Drain Layer's License, LaMountain Brothers Inc.
59. Drainlayer Renewing Drain Layer's License, MJ Scully and Co.
60. Drainlayer Renewing Drain Layer's License, Sean Farrell Excavation Inc.
61. Drainlayer Renewing Drain Layer's License, Caruso and McGovern Construction Inc.
62. Drainlayer Renewing Drain Layer's License, James W. Flett Co.
63. Drainlayer Renewing Drain Layer's License, N. Sacca and Sons Inc.
64. Outdoor Seating New Outdoor Seating and Goods License, Ana Style USA, 114 Broadway, 1 A-frame sign.
65. Outdoor Seating Renewing/Amending Outdoor Seating and Goods License, PJ Ryan's, 239 Holland St., 8 tables, 16 chairs (last year: 6 tables, 12 chairs, 2 benches).
66. Outdoor Seating Renewing/Amending Outdoor Seating and Goods License, Dave's Fresh Pasta, 81 Holland St., 6 tables, 12 chairs, 1 A-frame sign (last year: 5 tables, 10 chairs, 1 A-frame sign).
67. Outdoor Seating Renewing Outdoor Seating and Goods License, Diva Indian Bistro, 246-248 Elm St., 4 tables, 8 chairs, 1 banner sign.
68. Outdoor Seating Renewing Outdoor Seating and Goods License, Sound Bites, 704 Broadway, 4 tables, 16 chairs.
69. Outdoor Seating Renewing Outdoor Seating and Goods License, Smart Tan, 258 Elm St., 1 sidewalk sign.
70. Outdoor Seating Renewing Outdoor Seating and Goods License, Blue Shirt Café, 535 Highland Ave., 4 tables, 8 chairs.

71. Outdoor Seating Renewing Outdoor Seating and Goods License, Precinct, 70 Union Sq., 18 tables, 48 chairs.
72. Outdoor Seating Renewing Outdoor Seating and Goods License, Mr. Crepe, 51 Davis Sq., 5 tables, 10 chairs, 1 A-frame sign.
73. Outdoor Seating Renewing Outdoor Seating and Goods License, Sagra, 400 Highland Ave., 6 tables, 12 chairs, 1 A-frame sign.
74. Outdoor Seating Renewing Outdoor Seating and Goods License, Pizzeria Posto, 187 Elm St., 10 tables, 20 chairs.
75. Garage Renewing Garage License, Somerville Auto Repair, 453 Somerville Ave., 7 autos outside, 2 inside.
76. Junk Renewing Junk Dealer's License, La Chic Boutique, 235A Elm St., Women's boutique and decorative household items.
77. Junk Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Nissenbaums Auto Parts Inc., 480 Columbia St., Scrap.
78. Junk Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Joseph Talewsky Enterprise Inc., 508 Columbia St., Scrap.
79. Billiards Renewing Billiard/Pool Table & Bowling Alley License, On the Hill Tavern, 499 Broadway, 3 pool tables.
80. Outdoor Parking Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Pat's Towing Inc., 160-200 McGrath Hwy., 340 spaces.
81. Outdoor Parking Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Nissenbaums Auto Parts Inc., 480 Columbia St., 76 spaces.
82. Outdoor Parking Renewing Outdoor Parking License, 534 Central LLC, 11-13 Washington St., 12 spaces.
83. Extended Hours Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Domino's Pizza, 201 Elm St., Th to 1AM, Fr-Sa to 2AM, for deliveries only.
84. Extended Hours Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, McDonald's, 14 McGrath Hwy., 24/7 operation.
85. Ordinance Ten registered voters/Somerville Residents for Sensible Development requesting approval of an amendment to the zoning ordinances to require the submission of a pro forma financial analysis to the Special Permit Granting Authority.

86. Ordinance Ten registered voters/Somerville Residents for Sensible Development requesting approval of an amendment to the zoning ordinances to prohibit certain residential uses within 150 feet of an active railroad right-of-way grade crossing.
87. Ordinance Ten registered voters/Somerville Residents for Sensible Development requesting approval of an amendment to the zoning ordinances to prohibit the use of tandem parking for any off-street parking plan.
88. Comm. Lynn McWhood submitting comments re: #188685, a proposed zoning amendment to disclose everyone holding an interest in a special permit or variance application.
89. Comm. Jessica Ziegler submitting comments re: #188847, a proposed zoning amendment to amend allowable uses, requirements for special permits, and purpose statements in IA and IP zones.
90. Comm. Fred Berman, submitting comments re: #'s188681-188685, five proposed zoning amendments submitted by Somerville Residents for Sensible Development.

LATE ITEMS