

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen
in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting**

REGULAR MEETING

October 10, 2002 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Petition AT&T Broadband for a grant of location for 7 feet of 2 inch conduit at 174 Morrison Ave.

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

2. Resolution **Submitted By the Entire Board**
Congratulating Robert Gregory and Caryn Whitney on the 15th anniversary of Redbones in Davis Sq.
3. Order **Submitted By Ald. O'Donovan**
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services institute legal proceedings to remove all illegal tenants from 17 Murdock St. and its related properties immediately.
4. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 83 Highland Ave.
5. Order **Submitted By Ald. White**
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services provide this Board of Aldermen with a summary of enforcement actions undertaken against illegal units since the beginning of 2001, including the number of units investigated, the number of complaints brought and the disposition of those complaints.
6. Order **Submitted By Ald. White and McCallum**
That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the unattended weed tree located at the end of Sewall Ct. adjoining the stairs to the upper Star Market parking lot.
7. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police strictly enforce the parking restrictions at the corner of Main and Moreland Sts. and that the Director of Traffic and Parking examine whether additional signage should be posted.

8. Order **Submitted By Ald. McCallum and White**
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the tree stub across from 10 Grant St. and make an effort to remove others in and around Ward Four.
9. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the street sign at the corner of Memorial Rd. and Temple St.
10. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the MDC that the benches around the Mystic Boat House are unusable and request that they be repaired and/or replaced.
11. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works take the necessary measures to install a wall around the house at the corner of Essex St. and Richdale Ave., as it appears ready to collapse onto the sidewalk and is a danger for pedestrians.
12. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the MBTA to install a bus stop sign that is missing at the corner of Medford and Thurston Sts.
13. Order **Submitted By Ald. Connolly**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the intersection of Morrison and Willow Aves. for the installation of pedestrian activated traffic signals.
14. Order That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol for the Davis Sq. area on Friday and Saturday mornings from 12 AM to 6 AM in order to prevent breaking and entering, particularly to the Elm St. merchants.
15. Order That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol for the Chandler St. and Park Ave. intersection on Friday and Saturday nights for late night noise and traffic violations, as numerous complaints of noise have been received for 5 Chandler St.
16. Order **Submitted By Ald. Roche**
That the Commissioner of Public Works pave Louisburg Place to repair the street damage caused by a new water line installed there.
17. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect and repair the fencing at the tot lot at the East Somerville Community School as portions of it are broken, exposing pieces of sharp metal.
18. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking place SLOW CHILDREN or CHILDREN AT PLAY signs on Austin St.

19. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of Public Health investigate the Cross St. Market's practice of putting rubbish out daily and causing a public safety hazard by forcing pedestrians to walk on the street.
20. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the two trees that were damaged at the corner of Pennsylvania Ave. and Main St. on the Main St. side.
21. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a NO HEAVY TRUCKS sign at Pennsylvania Ave. and Cross St. East prohibiting trucks from entering Pennsylvania Ave.
22. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking aggressively monitor Indiana Ave. and tag all illegally parked vehicles, especially those that block fire hydrants and handicapped curb cuts.
23. Order That the Director of Public Health visit Branco's Restaurant on the corner of Indiana Ave. and Broadway, to determine if there is a health issue with the dumpsters constantly left open and not emptied often enough.
24. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Provost**
That this Board hereby informs the people of Somerville that, in response to growing concerns over pedestrian and bicycle safety, the State Legislature's Joint Committee on Public Safety is holding a public hearing on Tuesday, October 15, at 6:30 PM, in the City Council Chambers of Cambridge City Hall.
25. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Chief Engineer determine under what standards homeowners may lawfully operate "Bed and Breakfast" rooms, and publicize this information.
26. Order That the Chief of Police meet with the appropriate committee of the Board of Aldermen to explain how the Department identifies and tracks hate crimes.
27. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works work with the Bicycle Committee to develop and publicize the City's policy on bicycles locked to signs, parking meters and other public property, and post this information in City Hall, on the City's website and at other locations.
28. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking ensure that all of the City's faded pedestrian crosswalks are repainted by Halloween, in the interests of public safety.

29. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Halloran**
That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines repair the green street light heading west on Powderhouse Blvd. at the intersection of Curtis St.
30. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and McCallum**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the pedestrian walk signal on Broadway heading west in front of Walgreens on Winter Hill.
31. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing sign along School St. at the corner of Broadway adjacent to the Winter Hill Bank.
32. Order That the School Department review the condition of the landscaping along the front of the Healey School and ensure the clean up of the overgrown weeds and proper maintenance of the area in the future.
33. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works clear the weeds, overgrowth and debris along both sides of the temporary bridge on Sycamore St.
34. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Connolly**
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole on Chester St. approximately 100 feet in from Davis Square.
35. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing street sign for Vernon St. at the corner of Central St..
36. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Taylor**
That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines notify the appropriate agency to repair or remove the wire hanging from Edison pole #24/11 across from 59 Vinal Ave.
37. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the faded NO PARKING STREET SWEEPING sign in front of 95 Central St.
38. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the damaged sidewalk panel on School St. beside City Hall approximately 100 feet in from Highland Ave.
39. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the traffic pattern in the area of Columbus and Warren Aves. and possibly post NO PARKING signs in the area of the stop sign to allow cars to safely turn onto Columbus Ave. from Warren Ave.

40. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking remove or repair the END SCHOOL ZONE sign and pole located in front of 85 Central St.
41. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti on the High School Vocational Wing rear stairs heading onto Medford St.
42. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking investigate the area of Pitman St. for illegally parked cars.
43. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing STREET SWEEPING sign in the area of 129 Central St.
44. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing sign and pole on the right side of Walnut St. at the corner of Medford St.
45. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing NO PARKING THIS SIDE sign on the east side of Hamlet St. near Boston St.
46. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint the street STOP mark and the stop line on Columbus Ave. at the intersection of Warren Ave.
47. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Roche**
That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines notify the appropriate agency to repair the detached conduit hanging from the Edison pole on the corner of Alston and Cross Sts.
48. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the heaved sidewalk panel on the west side of the Cross St. bridge.
49. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Halloran**
That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Mayor rotate one Inspectional Service person to respond to parties with the Police to ensure that the city's zoning regulations are not being violated.
50. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services investigate the house at 38 Chetwynd Rd. for possible violations with regard to basement apartments.
51. Order **Submitted By Ald. Heuston**
That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking monitor truck traffic on Washington St. during the truck ban hours of 11 PM to 6 AM.

52. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of Public Health inspect the Chasen Company on Lake St. to determine the legality of 3 trailers occupying the property and identify any and all health and safety violations.
53. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce all regulations related to street cleaning for Rossmore, Merriam and Mansfield Sts., including towing cars which inhibit street cleaning.
54. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services order the business at 34 Allen St. to remove the overgrowth in the yard area as agreed to when the business was approved for occupancy.
55. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of Public Health inspect the abandoned barn at 18-20 Carlton St. for any and all health and safety violations.
56. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking study the traffic at the corner of Sacramento and Beacon Sts. to determine the feasibility of installing traffic signals.
57. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of Public Health inspect the abandoned property at 24 Lake St. for any and all safety and health violations.
58. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Curtatone**
That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Administration inform this Board of its intentions and/or plans for the hiring of a Water Superintendent.
59. Order That the Chief of Police enforce the Code of Ordinances pertaining to hours of operation of parks and playgrounds and respond back to this Board by the next regularly scheduled meeting (3rd Request).
60. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Curtatone and the Entire Board**
In support of the City of Boston's Janitors.
61. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Curtatone, Heuston and the Entire Board**
That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Administration inform this Board as to its plans for restructuring, consolidating and/or filling vacancies in the Youth Department.

62. Resolution That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Administration coordinate a meeting of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, Youth Services Subcommittee, representatives of the School Committee, a representative of the School Dept., a representative of the High School Administration, the Youth Services Dept. and any other appropriate agency to discuss any and all youth issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

63. Requesting the transfer of \$11,000 from the Recreation Dept. Salary Account to the School Dept. Custodial Services Account.
64. Requesting the amendment of Ordinance 1990-11 Section 1 to increase the connection fee to private alarm systems to \$400.
65. Requesting the amendment of Ordinance 3-1B regarding the salary of the Highway Superintendent.
66. Requesting the adoption of Ch. 242 of the Acts of 2000, codified in MGL c 31, Section 58A, regarding upper age limits for Police and Fire hires.
67. Requesting confirmation of appointment for Lynne M. Rocco of 3 Brook Road, Salem, NH, as a sworn weigher.
68. Requesting confirmation of re-appointment for Ronald J. Ellies, Jr. of 262 School St. as constable.
69. Requesting confirmation of re-appointment for Sandy Francis of 88 Raymond Ave. as constable.
70. Proclaiming congratulations to Samuel Nelson Greenwood, Somerville High School Class of '63, on his induction into the Villanova University Hall of Fame.
71. Proclaiming the week of October 22-28 as Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.
72. Proclaiming the October 10, 2002, as Lights on Afterschool! day, and encouraging all citizens to assure that every child has access to a safe friendly place where the lights are on after school.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 73. Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, Oct. 2.
- 74. Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Oct. 2.
- 75. Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Oct. 3.
- 76. Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, Oct. 3.
- 77. Report of the Committee on Youth Services, Oct. 8.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- 78. City Solicitor responding to #172302 re: Definition of a single housekeeping unit.
- 79. City Solicitor responding to #172315 re: Charter School funding.
- 80. City Solicitor responding to #172312 re: MBTA lease behind 35R Lexington Ave.
- 81. City Solicitor responding to #172313 re: State Dept. of Environmental Protection enforcement at 35R Lexington Ave.
- 82. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #172106 re: DeMoula's Market Basket Somerville Ave. safe crossing areas.
- 83. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #172464 re: Residential permit parking on Princeton St.
- 84. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #172128 re: Damaged sign at 255 Washington St.
- 85. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #172279 re: Red light at Washington and Webster Sts.
- 86. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #171307 re: Traffic patterns on Prospect Hill.
- 87. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #172399 re: Traffic enforcement at McGrath Hwy. and Linwood St.
- 88. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #172389 re: Traffic signals at the Marshall St. playground.

89. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #172277 and #172307 re: Traffic signals at Cedar and Elm Sts.
90. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #171282 and other orders re: Traffic on Alpine, Princeton, Albion and Hudson Sts.
91. Traffic and Parking Director re: Dedication request for Thomas Hall.
92. OHCD Director responding to #172466 re: 3 Resident-only parking spaces at the proposed CVS.
93. Planning Board recommending approval of the proposed zoning amendments to change the Zoning Map on Broadway between Franklin St. and the Boston City Line as well as the former Somerville Lumber site from NB to BA.
94. Planning Board recommending approval of the proposed zoning amendments to change the definitions of dwelling and mixed use.
95. DPW Operations Director responding to various Board orders.

NEW BUSINESS

96. Petition **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
High School Football Canning Drive, Davis Sq., McGrath & Broadway, and Union Sq., Oct. 5 from 9AM-3PM.
97. Petition Perkins Park-Phase I Makeover, Oct. 12 from 8AM-3PM.
98. Petition Boys & Girls Club Canning Drive, Broadway Brooks, Star Market and Dunkin Donuts, Oct. 16 & 18 from 3:30-5:30PM.
99. Garage Lic. **Renewal of Garage License**
Joy St. Motors, 42 Joy St., for 7 Autos.
100. Extended Hrs **New Extended Hours Permit**
Happy Garden Chinese Restaurant, 298 Beacon St. for 1 hour extension per day, 7 days a week.
101. Sign **New Sign Permit**
Jimmy Tingles Off Broadway , 255 Elm St.
102. Livery Lic. **New Livery License**
George Fiorenza, 64 Grove St.

103. Taxicab Op. **New Taxicab Operators**
Brian Kelley, 551 Broadway, Malden.
104. Taxicab Op. Denis Reis, 7 Laurel St., Arlington.
105. Taxicab Op. Saivelorme Lesaint, 223 Forest St., Medford.
106. Taxicab Op. Fritzner Molina, 320 Medford St., Malden.
107. Drainlayer **Drain-Layer's Bond**
Dowling Corporation.
108. Drainlayer J. Marchese and Sons.
109. Claim Notice **Notice of Claim**
Mathew J. Mahoney.
110. Comm. **Communication**
NStar Electric conveying its Oct. 1, 2002, Action Plan Status Update.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM