

**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

November 14, 2002, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Petition NStar Electric for a grant of location for 40 feet of 5 inch conduit in Washington St. where it intersects Tufts St.

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

2. Citation **Submitted by Ald. Taylor**
Commending Gentle Giant Moving Company for winning the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce's 2002 Small Business of the Year Award.
3. Citation Honoring Norman Furtado, 2002 Commander of American Legion Post 19.
4. Ordinance **Submitted By Ald. Roche, Heuston, Taylor, McCallum, O'Donovan, Connolly, Halloran, Curtatone and Desmond**
Proposing an ordinance relating to gang activity.
5. Order **Submitted By Ald. Roche**
That the Director of Public Health inspect the property located at 7 Dell St. for any and all violations, specifically those related to the amount of trash in and around the property.
6. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the sidewalk in front of 9 Sunnyside Ave. for a lifted sidewalk panel that is creating a safety hazard.
7. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees on Dell St.
8. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the underside of the bridge on Gilman St. to determine if a public safety hazard exists.

9. Order **Submitted By Ald. O'Donovan**
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services provide the Ward Five Five Alderman with copies of correspondence regarding the enforcement of all illegal businesses at the building known as 229 Lowell St.
10. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking either enforce the regulations against speeding and cut-through traffic off of Cedar St. onto Hudson, Albion and Alpine Sts., or devise a plan to alleviate this problem while the City awaits the State's repair of the Lowell St. Bridge.
11. Order That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines repair the street light below the driveway of 270 Cedar St. which goes out when motor vehicles cross the Cedar St. Bridge, causing the sensory detector to shut the light off.
12. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees at 18-22 Cedar St.
13. Order **Submitted By Ald. Taylor**
That the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief, the Director of Public Health and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services coordinate efforts to remove the junk and abandoned cars located in the rear of 45 Union Sq.
14. Order That the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief, the Director of Public Health and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services coordinate efforts to remove the junk and abandoned cars from the parking lot at 21 Aldersey St.
15. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking re-post the Fire Lane between Spring and Belmont Sts.
16. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees between 42-46 Bow St.
17. Order **Submitted By Ald. McCallum and White**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the PRIVATE WAY - DEAD END STREET sign at the corner of Winter Hill Circle and Broadway.
18. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the graffiti on the DO NOT ENTER sign at the corner of Pembroke and Sycamore Sts.

19. Order That the Chief of Police put into place a speed trap and speed board on Heath St. between Bond and Temple Sts. between the hours of 2:30 and 8:30 PM.
20. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at 130 Ten Hills Rd.
21. Order That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines repair the broken street light at 155 Sycamore St.
22. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the litter and debris from the corner of Pearl St. and Walnut St.
23. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Connolly**
That this Board of Aldermen requests that her Honor the Mayor, the Chief of Police and all other necessary City personnel appear before this Board on November 14, 2002, in order to advise this Board and respond to questions on the status of the public safety. Specific emphasis should be placed on the violent crimes recently committed in the City, especially the incidents at Foss Park and the hate-crime attack on gay/lesbian individuals in Kenney Park near Davis Sq.
24. Order That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines advise the responsible utility to repair or replace the un-lit street lamps on College Ave. near the intersection with Winter St. and on Dearborn Rd. near the intersection with Bromfield Rd.
25. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of Public Health inspect the white painted wood-frame church building on the corner of Morrison and College Aves. for any and all code violations, specifically regarding the storage of trash in the landscaped yard area, and take action as necessary.
26. Order That the Chief of Police take all enforcement actions necessary to eliminate double-parking in Davis Sq., especially during daytime business hours Monday through Saturday.
27. Order That the Fire Chief and the Director of Traffic and Parking take all appropriate actions necessary to identify and post all necessary emergency access routes in congested neighborhoods to insure immediate entry for all public safety vehicles, in order to avoid a tragedy, as recently occurred in Boston due to the over-crowding of improperly parked vehicles.

28. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking post notice to close overnight parking on the night of November 29th and the morning of Dec. 1st in the parking lot adjacent to the Brune Field House and the Central Library, as well as the City Hall Concourse parking lot, all for the annual Somerville High School Trackpac Craft Fair.
29. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken sidewalk panels outside of 27 College Ave., Ciampa Manor, as soon as possible. (2nd notice.)
30. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond**
That the Chief of Police provide this Board with a summarized list of calls and complaints that the Police Department has been asked to respond to for each month from January 2002, through October, 2002. This report should contain the total number of calls for each month, the total number of calls by category or type, the average response time by category or type, and the final disposition of calls by category or type (i.e.; # of arrests, # of warnings, # taken into protective custody, etc.), and finally the total number of incidents by Ward.
31. Order That the Chief of Police provide this Board with a monthly report that details all calls and complaints that the Police Department is asked to respond to. This report should contain the time of the call, the origin or location of the call, the nature or category of the call, the name, address, and phone number (if not a privacy issue) of the caller, the time the call was responded to and the final disposition of the call.
32. Order That the Director of Communications provide this Board with a monthly summarized list of all E-911 calls from January, 2002, through October, 2002. This report should contain the total number of calls for each month, the average response time of those calls and a breakdown of calls by category or type.
33. Order That the Director of Communications provide this Board with an on-going monthly report that details each E-911 call received during that month. This report is to contain the time of the call, the name, address and phone number of the caller, the final disposition of the call, the name of the E-911 operator that took the call, and the time the call was finally closed.
34. Resolution That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Secretary of Public Safety provide this Board with any and all statistics or information available that totals or measures the number of calls, the type of calls, the response time and final disposition of calls by Massachusetts city and town police departments.

35. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and the Entire Board**
That this Board of Aldermen supports the Administration's efforts to reorganize the E-911 operators so that they report directly to, and are answerable to, the Chief of Police or his designated Superior Officer, and to impact bargain any contractual issues that may arise from the reorganization.
36. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Halloran**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the DON'T WALK signal at the intersection of North St. and Powderhouse Blvd. on the northeast corner.
37. Order
That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the new business located at 964 Broadway regarding the posting of business signs on utility poles.
38. Order
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing street sign on Ossipee Rd. at Packard Ave. on the west corner.
39. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and McCallum**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the ONE WAY sign blade on Dartmouth St. at the intersection of Evergreen Ave.
40. Order
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the bent sign pole across the street from 107 Temple St.
41. Order
That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines notify the proper utility to remove the wires hanging over the sidewalk near 39 Temple St.
42. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking remove the sign stub or replace the missing sign pole on Medford St. in the area of the bus stop to the left of Piro Printers.
43. Order
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the Franey Rd. street sign at the intersection of Cedar St.
44. Order
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the ONE WAY sign blade on Norwood Ave.
45. Order
That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines notify NStar to repair the two inoperable street lights on their poles located at the rear of the Somerville Armory at 109 Highland Ave.
46. Order
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree branches hanging onto the house located at 36 Albion St.

47. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing electrical wiring cover plate on the bottom of the signal pole on the southeast corner at the intersection of Highland Ave. and Lowell St.
48. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Taylor**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the bent sign pole in front of 17 Prescott St.
49. Order That the Director of Housing and Community Development and the Commissioner of Public Works review the condition of the play structure surface within Dickerman Park and determine what repairs are needed to protect the area from further damage.
50. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the catch basins in the area of 110 Central St. as a result of flooding during recent rains.
51. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Roche**
That the Somerville Board of Aldermen hereby supports the City's ongoing efforts to negotiate fair and appropriate terms for a cable license renewal with AT&T that includes an adequate equipment grant and revenue stream to support city, school and community cable programming.
52. Order That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines notify NStar to repair the inoperable street light on Franklin St. at Pearl St.
53. Order That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines notify NStar to repair the inoperable street light #92/1 on Dana St. at Pearl St.
54. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the ONE WAY sign blade on the west side of Oliver St. at Glen St.
55. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing street sign on the west side of Flint St. at the intersection of Cross St.
56. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works patch the hole in the sidewalk on Cross St. near the corner of Fountain Ave. within the bus stop.
57. Order **Submitted By Ald. Heuston**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking report back to the Ward Two Alderman on the feasibility of restricting truck traffic on Tremont St.
58. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking post a SLOW sign at the corner of Morgan and Park Sts.

59. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at the Washington St. entrance to the Lincoln Park School.
60. Order **Submitted By Ald. Heuston and Provost**
That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the Ward Two Alderman upon the receipt of new architectural plans for the Lincoln Park School, and that the Commissioner and the Superintendent of Schools work with the Ward Alderman to convene a community meeting for to solicit neighborhood input and reaction to such plans before final submission to the State.
61. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost**
That the Director of Public Health research and prepare proposed regulations for the keeping and breeding of animals in the City, so as to safeguard human and animal health, and that arrangements be made to hold at least one public hearing prior to adoption of such regulations. (Order first adopted by this Board in May 2000.)
62. Order That the Director of Communications post on the City's website, the agendas of the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and other boards and commissions, including meeting times and places, and information about whom to contact with questions.
63. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost and O'Donovan**
That the City Clerk send a letter to the owner of the property at 1-4 Hayden Terrace to inform this landlord that the frequent late, loud parties given by the tenants at this address are a disturbance to the neighborhood and that the landlord should advise these tenants that unless they conduct themselves in a more courteous manner, rigorous enforcement actions will be taken.
64. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost, O'Donovan, Heuston and Taylor**
That the Chief of Police ensure that all members of the Police Department are informed of changes in the city's noise ordinance and take notice of violations and provide enforcement where warranted.
65. Order **Submitted By Ald. Halloran**
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk in front of 9 Gordon St.
66. Order That the Director of Inspectional Services provide this Board with a report on the house at 34 Chetwynd Rd. regarding illegal apartments.
67. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree in front of 80 Electric Ave.

68. Order **Submitted By Ald. White**
That the Commissioner of Public Works and Kevin Douglas jointly appear before this Board to address the concerns of this Board concerning the removal of trash in the City.
69. Resolution That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Administration inform this Board as to its intentions on creating task forces to deal with the problems of illegal rooming houses and trash problems as previously requested by this Board.
70. Order **Submitted By Ald. White and McCallum**
That the Commissioner of Public Works determine whether the alley running off of Sewall St., situated behind the last block of properties located at the intersection of Sewall St. and Fellsway West, is a public alley subject to the City's jurisdiction and if so, that the alley be cleaned of accumulated trash and brush overgrowth.
71. Order **Submitted By Ald. Curtatone**
That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Board regarding efforts to remove graffiti and on the enforcement of the City's graffiti ordinance, by the next regularly scheduled meeting of this Board.
72. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking formulate a policy/plan to delineate and designate parking spaces in heavy parking areas.
73. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Curtatone and the Entire Board**
That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Administration develop and implement a city wide violence prevention and youth development plan/policy.
74. Resolution That the City develop and implement a Criminal Street Gang Injunction program/policy to abate said public nuisance., as described within.
75. Order **Submitted By Ald. Curtatone, Taylor, White, Desmond and Provost**
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the area surrounding Prospect Hill Park.
76. Order That the Chief of Police order directed patrols at Prospect Hill Park, and respond back to this Board within 7 days.
77. Order That the Chief of Police investigate the pattern of recent Breaking and Entering crimes in the Prospect Hill neighborhood, and respond back to this Board within 7 days.

78. Order That the Chief of Police place a speed board on Walnut St. and conduct speed enforcement surveillance, and respond back to this Board within 7 days.
79. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a four-way STOP sign at the intersection of Prospect Hill Ave. and Munroe St., and respond back to this Board within 7 days.
80. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking place signage restricting the parking distance from the intersection at the following intersections: Aldersey and Walnut Sts., Summit Ave. and Walnut St., Hamlet St. and Highland Ave., Greenville St. and McGrath Hwy., and Prospect Hill Ave. and McGrath Hwy., and respond back to this Board within 7 days.
81. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Curtatone and White**
That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Administration assign an Assistant City Solicitor to the Middlesex District Attorney's Office, Somerville District Court Division, to prioritize and enforce violations of the Somerville Code of Ordinances.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

82. Citation Submitted by Ald. Roche and the Entire Board, Congratulating Thomas J. O'Connor III for displaying exceptional leadership of the Perkins St. Playground Community Build Project.
83. Ordinance Amending Ordinance 3-1B regarding the salary of Highway Superintendent.
84. Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1990-11 Section 1 to increase the connection fee to private alarm systems to \$400.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

85. Requesting that the May 9, 1996, appropriation of \$5,000,000 for acquiring land and constructing and/or reconstructing a community center, and authorization for the Treasurer to borrow \$5,000,000 to meet said appropriation, be hereby amended as follows: (a) the appropriation and bond authorization shall be increased by \$4,000,000, thereby making said total appropriation and bond authorization \$9,000,000; and (b) the appropriation shall be for the purpose of acquiring the Homans property and for renovations and improvements for its use as a City Hall Annex and a center for senior and other community oriented activities and purposes, including all equipment, related site improvements and demolition of existing structures, if necessary.

86. Requesting the transfer of \$328,593 from the Sick Leave Buyback/Vacation Contingent Account to the departments described within, to replenish those departments for the costs of the sick leave buyback, accrued vacation time, and incentives associated with the early retirement incentive program.
87. Requesting the transfer of \$2,400 from the Youth Dept. Personal Service Account to its Ordinary Maintenance Account as described within.
88. Requesting the transfer of \$2,525.52 from the Planning Dept. Salaries- Weekly Account to its Professional and Technical Services Account to cover compensation for the Interim Planning Director.
89. Requesting approval to pay a FY02 invoice of \$217.90 from available FY03 funds, as described within.
90. Requesting confirmation of appointment for Patricia Amey Wild, 25 School St., to the Board of Library Trustees.
91. Requesting confirmation of re-appointment for Pasquale DeFeo, Jr. of 63 St. Andrew Road, East Boston, as Constable.
92. Proclaiming that November 29, 2002, be Giving Massachusetts Day.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

93. Report of the Committee on Information Technology, Nov. 6.
94. Report of the Committee on Finance, Nov. 12.
95. Report of the Joint Committee on Legislative Matters and Finance, Nov. 12.
96. Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Nov. 12.
97. Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Nov. 13.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

98. City Solicitor responding to #172618 re: Appointment of Special Police Officers.

99. Chief Assessor requesting to appear before this Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 26, 2002, for purposes of discussing and adopting the Tax Levy Percentages for FY 2003.
100. Traffic and Parking Director appearing before this Board in response to #172417 re: Parking enforcement at all-night parties.
101. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #172291 re: NO U TURN signage at Broadway and School St.
102. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #172525 re: Traffic signals at Beacon and Sacramento Sts.
103. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #172465 re: Safety at Cedar and Clyde Sts.
104. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #172280 re: Parking restrictions at Clyde and Cedar Sts.
105. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #172434 re: Parking restrictions on Lowell St.
106. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #172403 re: Truck traffic on Waldo Ave.
107. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #172306 re: New crosswalk at Cedar St. and Franey Rd
108. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #172491 re: Restricting truck traffic on Pennsylvania Ave. and Cross St. East.
109. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #172498 re: Repainting crosswalks prior to Halloween.
110. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #172276 re: Traffic calming at Concord Ave. and Springfield St.
111. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #172483 re: Traffic signals at Morrison and Willow Aves.

NEW BUSINESS

112. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
The Foundation for a Christian Civilization Prayer Vigil, Davis Sq., Dec. 7 from 2:30-5:30PM.

113. Public Occ. Somerville Football Mother's Club Canning Drive, Union Sq., Davis Sq., and Broadway & McGrath, Nov. 23 from 9AM-3PM.
114. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Used Car Dealer's License Class 2**
Sullivan A/S Inc, 0 Chestnut St.
115. Taxi Transfer **Taxi Medallion Transfer**
Med. #58 Joel & Guirlane Inc. to Loch Ness Taxi Inc.
116. Taxi Transfer Med. #15 Love Genois Inc. to Loch Ness Taxi Inc.
117. Taxi Med. **Renewal of Taxi Medallion**
Elzira & Lue Guerine Cab Inc., Med. #6.
118. Taxi Med. DRQ Taxi Inc., Med. #27.
119. Taxi Op. **New Taxi Operator**
Ben Guerrier, 9 Brook St., Somerville.
120. Taxi Op. Paul Pinto, 50 Washington St. #402, Somerville.
121. Ordinance **Request for a Taxi Rate Increase**
Green Cab Association, Yellow Cab Co. and the Independent Taxi Cab Owners, requesting an increase in taxi rates.
122. Claim Notice **Notice of Claim**
Andrew M. Fischer.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM