

**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 26, 2002, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Petition NStar Electric for a grant of location for four, 1203 foot, 5 inch PVC conduits from a manhole on Joy St. to a manhole at the intersection of Joy and Washington Sts.
2. Petition Teleport Communications Group (a division of AT & T) for a grant of location for three conduits, 83 feet in length from a manhole on Innerbelt Rd. approximately 60 feet north of the intersection with First Ave. to the private way off First Ave.

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

3. Citation **Submitted by the Entire Board**
Congratulating Mary Harris on 31 years of dedicated service to the community at Catholic Charities.
4. Citation **Submitted By Ald. Taylor and Connolly**
Commending Rev. Heather Kirk Davidoff on her ministry in the Community, especially as Pastor of the First Congregational Church of Somerville, for the last eight years.
5. Order **Submitted By Ald. O'Donovan**
That the Chief of Police order directed patrols at 39 Warwick St. at various times of day.
6. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of Public Health inspect the property at 100 Alpine St. for any and all code violations.
7. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the property at 39 Warwick St. for the overcrowding of residents.
8. Order That the Director of Traffic and Paring review the application for handicapped parking at 61 Highland Rd.

9. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and the Entire Board**
That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests the Mayor and State Delegation to contact MDC Commissioner Balfour as soon as possible, asking him to place whatever resources are needed to complete the work being performed on the MDC ice rink on Somerville Ave. prior to December 9, 2002, and to update the members of this Board on the Commissioner's response.
10. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond**
That the Chief of Police develop a list of safety tips and precautionary measures that parents can discuss with and instruct their children to use to help protect themselves from becoming a victim of a sexual assault crime, and distribute and share those safety tips and instructions with any private, parochial and charter schools that exist in the City as the Public School system has already done.
11. Order
That the Director of Communications request the list of safety tips and precautionary measures developed by the Chief of Police and display those tips on the Channel 16 "Notice Wheel" as frequently as possible.
12. Order
That the Director of Communications, the Chief of Police and the City Solicitor develop a "local news brief," to be run repeatedly on Channel 16 as frequently and as regularly as possible, describing the facts and conditions surrounding the recent events in the City, so that residents can be made aware of what has actually taken place, what the city is doing to be proactive in preventing reoccurrences, and what they can do to protect themselves and their families from such crimes.
13. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Taylor**
That the Director of Public Health inspect 202 Highland Ave. for violations of keeping bags of trash and garbage piled on the property without the use of any containers, as these bags are getting ripped open by animals and are attracting rodents. This landlord and the tenants have been warned and fined in the past.
14. Order
That the Director of Inspectional Services investigate a Highland Ave. address described within for any illegal work being performed and also for concerns of illegal housing being provided at the same address.
15. Order
That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase patrols in the area of Spring Hill Terrace and Highland Ave. to ticket illegally parked cars in that area.

16. Order **Submitted by Ald. Heuston**
That the Commissioner of Traffic and Parking change the sign at the corner of Merriam and Washington Sts. from NO HEAVY TRUCKS to NO TRUCKS.
17. Order That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance which would require all businesses that utilize shopping carts, to develop and register a plan for City approval to keep shopping carts within the confines of their property.
18. Order That the Director of Inspectional Services provide a current list of locations for free newspaper boxes within Ward Two with specifics on compliance concerning the ordinance governing such boxes.
19. Order That the Commissioner of Traffic and Parking change the time restriction for truck traffic on Washington St. to 7:00 PM - 7:00 AM (instead of 11:00 PM – 6:00 AM).
20. Order That the Commissioner of Traffic and Parking post NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER signage at the corner of Beacon and Park Sts., the corner of Beacon and Washington Sts., and the corner of Kirkland and Beacon Sts.
21. Order That the Commissioner of Traffic and Parking post NO TRUCKS signage on Prospect St. beginning at the intersection of Oak and Prospect Sts.
22. Order **Submitted By Ald. Taylor**
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services, the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce Ordinance 2001-14, relative to parking spaces with multi-unit dwellings, at 8-10 Avon St. and Summer St.
23. Order That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking remove the gray Ford Econoline van that is parked at the corner of Walnut and Aldersey Sts., as it is in violation of the 48 hour parking regulation.
24. Order **Submitted By Ald. McCallum and White**
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 14 Langmaid Ave. as it is damaging the house.
25. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing one way STOP sign at the corner of Fenwick and Heath Sts.
26. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the STOP sign lying on the sidewalk at the corner of Edgar Ave. and Heath St.

27. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes at 56 Putnam Rd., Governor Winthrop Rd. and Shore Dr., and 19 East Albion St.
28. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 22 Stickney Ave.
29. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing street sign at the corner of Radcliffe Rd. and Walnut St.
30. Order **Submitted by Ald. Curtatone**
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance prohibiting the overnight parking of non-residential trucks on City streets. This request is made due to the rising health, welfare & safety hazards resulting from the increasing amount of said trucks occupying City streets.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

31. 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.
32. Citation Submitted by Ald. Taylor, Honoring Norman Furtado, 2002 Commander of American Legion Post 19.
33. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

34. Proposing an amendment to Ordinance 5-93, to increase disconnection fees for Private Fire Alarm Systems to \$50 (from \$25).
35. Requesting confirmation of appointment for Daniel DiPalma of 11 Suzannah Rd., Billerica, to the position of Lieutenant, Fire Department.
36. Requesting confirmation of appointment for Robert McCarthy of 16 Greene St., Somerville to the position of Lieutenant, Fire Department.
37. Requesting confirmation of appointment of Gary Teixeira of 104 Linwood Ave., Melrose, to the position of Lieutenant, Fire Department.

38. Requesting confirmation of appointment for James Polito of 317 Alewife Brook Parkway, Somerville, to the position of Lieutenant, Police Department.
39. Requesting confirmation of appointment of Stephen Carrabino of 1 Gover Circle, Somerville, to the position of Sergeant, Police Department.
40. Requesting confirmation of appointment of Emily Arkin of 36 Oxford St., Somerville, to the position of Member, Arts Council.
41. Requesting confirmation of appointment of Elizabeth Driscoll of 60 Linden Ave., Somerville, to the position of Member, Arts Council.
42. Requesting confirmation of re-appointment of Gilbert Ribeiro of 6 Putnam St., Somerville, as Constable.
43. Requesting confirmation of re-appointment of Frederick MacDonald, of 10 Manning St., Roslindale, as Constable.
44. Requesting confirmation of re-appointment of Daniel Willinger of 509 Fellsway East, Malden, as Constable.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

45. Report of the Committee on Finance, November 19.
46. Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, November 21.
47. Report of the joint Committee on Public Health & Public Safety and Legislative Matters, November 21.
48. Report of the joint Committee on Finance and Legislative Matters, November 25.
49. Report of the Committee on Veterans and Public Services, November 25.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

50. Chief Assessor requesting to appear before this Board for purposes of discussing and adopting the Tax Levy Percentages for FY 2003.
51. OHCD Director responding to #172729 re: Dickerman Park.

52. Sealer of Weights and Measures re: Taxi fare changes.
53. City Solicitor responding to #172754 re: revised Criminal Street Gang Activity as Public Nuisance Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

54. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
Illumination Tour, City Hall Plaza, City Hall 1st Floor, and City streets, Dec. 14 from 4:30-9:30PM.
55. Public Occ. Boys and Girls Club Canning Drive, Union Square, Nov. 30 from 11AM-4PM.
56. Public Occ. Boys and Girls Club Canning Drive, Union Square, Dec. 7 from 11AM-4PM.
57. Open Air Vend **Open Air Vendor**
Next Wave/Full Circle Schools selling Christmas trees & wreaths, Foss Park, Dec. 3-21, Mon.-Fri. 4-8PM and Sat.-Sun. 9AM-9PM.
58. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Used Car Dealer's License Class 2**
Issac's Auto Sales & Service, 486 Columbia St.
59. Used Car Lic Somerville Ave Auto Brokers Inc., 595 Somerville Ave.
60. Used Car Lic Bennett Auto Exchange Inc., 32 Prospect St.
61. Used Car Lic Jean Fernezan, 47 Webster Ave.
62. Used Car Lic Broadway Auto Sales, 525 Broadway.
63. Used Car Lic Vicente Bros Auto Sales, 345 Medford St.
64. Used Car Lic Unlimited Auto Body, Inc., 471 Somerville Ave.
65. Used Car Lic Fortini's Auto Sales, 225-227 Beacon St.
66. Taxi Med. **Renewal of Taxi Medallion**
V&N Taxi Inc., Med. #46.
67. Claim Notice **Notice of Claim**
Geraldine Enos

68. Comm. **Communication**
Senator Kennedy responding to #172594 re: Iraq.
69. Comm. Anne Beckmann re: Gang Loitering Ordinance
70. Comm. Roy Bercaw re: Crimes against disabled persons.
71. Comm. The Family Center re: Meeting Space in Union Square.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM