

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

February 27, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Petition NStar Electric for a grant of location to install two 4-inch PVC conduits, 71 feet long, in Knowlton St. about 104 feet north of Morton St.
2. Petition NStar Electric for a grant of location to install an anchor guy pole #432/45 in the sidewalk between 31 and 35 Knowlton St.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. Resolution By the Entire Board, That the Mayor and Chief of Police reconsider the Chief's proposal on restructuring the Community Policing Program and restructure the plan in order that it not affect the Ward One or Ward Two community policing effort. This revision could be a pilot until June 30, 2003, at which time it can be evaluated.
4. Resolution By Ald. Trane and the Entire Board, That this Board of Aldermen offers its sincere thanks to Eileen Costa for her dedication to the city as displayed during the recent Feb. 18 snowstorm, when she walked to work and opened the city's switchboard 2 hours early so residents could have contact with city officials during the emergency.
5. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the snow plowed into the crosswalk and sidewalk at Curtis St. and Powder House Blvd.
6. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol for noise, alcohol and under age drinking at 14-16, 18-20, and 22-24 Curtis Ave., and make arrests when necessary.
7. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works delay the pickup of trash during a snow emergency.

8. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the numerous potholes on Curtis Ave.
9. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works install trash receptacles at various intervals along Holland St. from Teele Sq. to Davis Sq.
10. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the Christmas lights hanging from the tree in front of 3 Jaques St. and the old air conditioner on the sidewalk at the same location.
11. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the STOP sign at the corner of Tennyson and Forster Sts.
12. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines raise the utility lines hanging from the telephone pole and connecting to 4 Florence Terrace.
13. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at 31 Bailey Rd.
14. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the NO PARKING–TOW ZONE sign at 133 Ten Hills Rd.
15. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes along Ash Ave. and East Albion St.
16. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board of Aldermen requests that the Administration continue its efforts to join the City of Boston Health Insurance Program.
17. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Administration re-institute the Senior Shuttle Transportation Program.
18. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce all parking violations on Lowell Terrace during the morning and evening hours.
19. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking, or her designee, reply to this Board before its next regularly scheduled meeting to explain enforcement procedures.
20. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Sewage Division of the DPW clean and repair any clogged pipes on Gussie Terrace.

21. Order By Ald. O'Donovan and Provost, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services enforce any and all code violations at 35R Lexington Ave., follow up on his most recent letter to the property owner, and report to this Board.
22. Order By Ald. O'Donovan and Provost, That the Director of Public Health enforce and follow up on any and all violations at 35R Lexington Ave. and report to this Board.
23. Order By Ald. O'Donovan and Provost, That the City Solicitor report to this Board any and all responses to her letters to the MBTA and EPA regarding 35R Lexington Ave.
24. Resolution By Ald. Provost, That the Traffic Commission consider changing the rule that parked motor vehicles must be moved to another location every 48 hours, to allow vehicles with Somerville resident stickers to park for longer periods of time without having to be moved.
25. Order By Ald. Provost, That the City post its Fiscal Year 2003 budget, and the Fiscal Year 2004 budget, once developed, on the city's web site.
26. Resolution By Ald. Provost, That the Director of Housing and Community Development consider conducting a preliminary planning study of Gilman Square, and report to this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development on the feasibility of conducting such a study in the near future.
27. Resolution By Ald. Provost, That the Mayor reconsider the downsizing of the Human Services Dept.; alternatively, if that department is to be reduced to two positions, that these be staff positions and not management positions.
28. Order By Ald. Provost and Heuston, That the City Solicitor inform this Board whether city employees who use personal vehicles for city work could lawfully be required to keep records of the dates, times, nature and actual mileage driven on city business, and be required to submit such records to the city in order to be reimbursed for the cost of actual vehicle usage based on this documentation. (2nd request; 1st request was 5/9/02.)
29. Order By Ald. Provost and Heuston, That the Department of Public Works designate and publicize a telephone number which residents can call 24 hours a day to register complaints about failure of property owners to remove snow and ice from sidewalks in a timely manner.

30. Order By Ald. Provost and O'Donovan, That the City Solicitor update this Board on the status of law enforcement actions pending against the owners of 35R Lexington Ave., and whether that property is encroaching upon the Community Bike Path.
31. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the catch basin at the corner of Chandler and Park Sts. to minimize flooding risk.
32. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Kidder Ave. between College and Willow Aves.
33. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the College Ave. roadway for deterioration and potholes from the Medford/Somerville line to Davis Sq.
34. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works extend the curb cut at the rear of the Baptist Church at 31 College Ave. approximately ten feet in an easterly direction towards Grove St., in order to allow easier access to the parking lot.
35. Order By Ald. White, That the City's web site be constructed in such a way that there is readily available a short summary of Somerville's regulations and ordinances relating to parking, trash pickup and recycling.
36. Resolution By Ald. White, That this Board of Aldermen requests that the Administration prepare a short summary of regulations and ordinances relating to parking, trash pickup, and recycling, and provide that summary to every person who renews a residential parking permit at the time of renewal.
37. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services review the requirements for a police detail at the MWRA construction site in Union Square, at Bow St. and Somerville Ave., inform the Ward Two Alderman of the findings, and take the necessary actions to insure that the public's safety is secure at all hours at said site.
38. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police enforce a condition set by the Zoning Board of Appeals that the Developer of 65 Park St./17 Ivaloo Trust obtain approval before occupying the street layout in any way during construction and impose all fines and sanctions, if such approvals are not currently in place.

39. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on School St. between Summer St. and Somerville Ave.
40. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking review signals, signs and traffic patterns at the convergence of Prospect St. and Webster Ave., to insure public safety.
41. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the street sign at Allen Court.
42. Order By Ald. Heuston, Connolly, Desmond, Roche and Trane, That the Chief Engineer and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services appear before this Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting to brief the members on safety inspection procedures for all large assembly facilities, both public and private, with a capacity of 50 or more persons.
43. Order By Ald. Curtatone, That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance prohibiting smoking on or near public parks, playgrounds or monuments, and report back to this Board.
44. Order By Ald. Curtatone, That the Director of Telecommunications establish a hotline for residents to report any potholes, damaged sidewalks, meters or signs, and report back to this Board.
45. Order By Ald. Curtatone, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace or repair any damaged trash barrels.
46. Order By Ald. Curtatone, That this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development invite the City's Affordable Housing Director and representatives from the Somerville Community Corporation, and any other agency it deems appropriate, to begin analyzing the Governor's proposed budget cuts to affordable housing and the City's strategy for moving forward.
47. Order By Ald. Curtatone, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Traffic and Parking appear before a future joint meeting of the Committees on Public Health and Public Safety and Traffic and Parking to review the City's snow emergency and enforcement policy.
48. Order By Ald. Curtatone, That the Director of Traffic and Parking or the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Board with the number of tow companies utilized to assist in snow emergency enforcement this fiscal year.

49. Order By Ald. Curtatone, That the Director of Traffic and Parking submit all data regarding the issuance of snow emergency citations and vehicles towed for all snow emergencies this fiscal year, including a geographic breakdown.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

50. Requesting the transfer of \$10,000 from the Health Dept. to various Ordinary Maintenance accounts as described within.
51. Requesting confirmation to appoint Donald Norton, 8 Howe St., to the Licensing Commission.
52. Requesting confirmation to re-appoint Donald Norton, 8 Howe St., as Constable.
53. Requesting confirmation to re-appoint Andy Kokolis, 15 Upland Rd., as Constable.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

54. Report of the Committee on Finance, Feb. 24.
55. Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Feb. 26.
56. Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, Feb. 26.
57. Report of the Committee on Public Health and Safety, Feb. 26.
58. Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Feb. 27.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

59. City Solicitor responding to #173281 re: The status of 4 cases.
60. City Solicitor responding to #173279 re: charging for false alarms.
61. City Solicitor responding to #173242 re: Auxiliary Police and snow removal.

- 62. OHCD Director responding to #173017 re: informing CVS of the Board's preference for an all union workforce.
- 63. OHCD Director responding to #173282 re: completion of the Open Space Plan.
- 64. OHCD Director responding to #173280 re: completion of the Assembly Square transportation plan.
- 65. DPW Operations Director responding to various board orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 66. Public Occ. **Public Occupancy Permit**
Ride 2 Love, motorcycle ride, party and benefit, Trum Field, June 22.
- 67. Outdoor Seat **Renewal of Outdoor Seating**
Café Rustica, 356 Beacon St., for one table and two chairs on either side of front entrance.
- 68. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Second Hand Auto License, Class 2**
Dom Hector Auto Sales, 30 Joy St.
- 69. Flamm. Lic. **Renewal of Flammable License**
Henry F. Owens Inc., 35 McGrath Hwy., 6,670 gallons.
- 70. Garage Lic. **Renewal of Garage License**
UpNorth LTD Inc, dba U-Save Auto Rental, 70 Prospect St., 6 Autos
- 71. Taxi Driver **New Taxi Driver**
Carlo Noel, 182 Willow Ave., Cambridge.
- 72. Taxi Driver Jean Jean-Louis, 3 Hawkins St.
- 73. Taxi Driver Scott Ramsey, 91 Marion St.
- 74. Taxi Driver Potel Jean-Baptiste, 133 Pearl St.
- 75. Claim Notice **Notice of Claim**
Nan Levinson & Alan Lebowitz.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM