

**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

March 28, 2002, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Petition Garage License for E.G.B. Rent-a-Car, Inc., 161 Broadway.

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

2. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Provost and Entire Board**
That the Board of Assessors develop a model Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) formula for the use of non-profit organizations owning real estate in the city.
3. Resolution That, due to the construction at Glen Park, Conway Park and Dilboy Field, and the closure of Nunziato Field and of parts of Lincoln Park, and the consequent shortage of playing fields for the young people of this City and their organized sports teams, that the MDC take steps to equip Draw Seven Park with portable toilets, equipment storage boxes, and such other amenities as will make that park hospitable to families and youth sports teams.
4. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Taylor**
That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Administration present to this Board its overall strategy to address the cleanliness of the City.
5. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. O'Donovan**
That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Administration meet with the Board to discuss preparations for future Veteran dedication ceremonies.
6. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board on the status of the Lowell St. Bridge.
7. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking contact the Ward Three Alderman to discuss concerns over the traffic flow on Hudson, Albion, and Alpine Sts.

8. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the fence and clean the area below 44 Henderson St.
9. Order **Submitted By Ald. McCallum**
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk and fill in the pothole at 88 Marshall St.
10. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works contact representatives of Mass Highway and the MDC to explore the feasibility of installing a guardrail on the island at the corner of Shore Dr. and McGrath Hwy., to prevent vehicles from overturning when making a right hand turn at excessive speed.
11. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the TOW ZONE – NO PARKING THIS SIDE sign across from 23 Marshall St.
12. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 262 School St.
13. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at the intersection of Moreland St. and Meacham St.
14. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 262 Mystic Ave.
15. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost, Halloran and White**
That the appropriate City departments inform the members of this Board as to why construction has begun again on 48 Elmwood St. and 10 and 11 Elmwood Terrace, and provide detailed information as to how the project complies with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.
16. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost and McCallum**
That the Superintendent of Highways report to this Board what requirements of minimum width and other standards must be met in order for a private way to be accepted by the City as a public way.
17. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost, McCallum and O'Donovan**
That the Department of Public Works install a guard rail at the dead end of Ash Ave., where the land slopes away sharply, to protect the public safety.
18. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost, White and McCallum**
That the Department of Public Works cut the overgrown weeds and clean out the trash and debris that has accumulated in the City owned lot at the corner of Ash Ave. and East Albion St., and keep the weeds cut so as to allow visibility at the intersection.

19. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond**
That the Director of the Board of Health and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the barn located at 59 Albion St., as numerous raccoons, skunks, squirrels are living in the barn and it appears to be collapsing when viewed from the rear.
20. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Halloran**
That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines notify NStar to install a cover plate on the light pole across from 76–78 Powderhouse Blvd., near the entry to the Tufts tot lot.
21. Order
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the bent sign pole in front of 24–26 Powderhouse Blvd.
22. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond, McCallum and White**
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the damaged sidewalk panels across from 88 Sycamore St.
23. Order
That the Director of the Board of Health bait the sewer lines and basins in and around the Oakland Ave. area, as numerous rats have been sighted in and around the sewers and at least one has come up through the pipes and out a toilet.
24. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Connolly**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing WALK sign at the corner of Summer St. and Willow Ave.
25. Order
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the bent sign pole at the corner of Lowden Ave. and Kidder Ave.
26. Order
That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines notify NStar to repair the damaged electrical wires and conduit on the public tree located in front of the Burren at 247 Elm St.
27. Order
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the damaged sidewalk panels on College Ave. to the right of the Powderhouse entry walkway near the fire hydrant.
28. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Roche**
That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines inspect and repair the inoperable street light on McGrath Hwy. and Broadway adjacent to the Dunkin Donuts.
29. Order
That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines inspect and repair the street lights that are inoperable along Route 28 North in the area of the Assembly Square entrance, the Somerville Court House and the Route 28 underpass.

30. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Tarpley**
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti on the property adjacent to the Market Basket on Lake St.
31. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the debris and trash within the area of the empty lot adjacent to 18–22 Quincy St.
32. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the damaged sidewalk panels across from 5 Smith Ave. and the corner of Beacon St.
33. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the damaged sidewalk panels across from 104–106 Concord Ave.
34. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the pile of cardboard boxes on the public walkway in front of 270 Washington St.
35. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes in front of 26 Rose St.
36. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the trash in the area to the right of 41 Dane St. along the bridge guardrail (2nd request.)
37. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk panel near the NStar utility pole at the corner of Quincy and Summer St.
38. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at the corner of Lake and Olive Sts.
39. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works patch the hole around the depressed water gate within the crosswalk at the corner of Washington and Hawkins Sts.
40. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the sidewalk and street along Bowers Ave. for future reconstruction due to the poor condition from a previous utility installation.
41. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Taylor**
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at the corner of Hamlet St. and Highland Ave.
42. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works patch the pothole in front of 168 Highland Ave.

43. Order **Submitted by Ald. Connolly**
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the premises at 6 Liberty Ave. for any and all building and/or zoning code violations, especially concerning the display of illuminated signage in the windows along the Broadway side of the building.
44. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works clean and repair the municipal parking lots on Grove St. between Highland and Holland Sts., especially the asphalt surface of the lot which has deteriorated dramatically.
45. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate electric utility company to replace the street lamps that are currently flashing on and off, between the Powderhouse Rotary and Dearborn Rd.
46. Order **Submitted by Ald. Connolly and O'Donovan**
That the Chief of Police increase patrols of the bike path from Cedar St. to the Cambridge Line in the evening hours after dark, due to recent robbery incidents having been reported.
47. Resolution **Submitted by Ald. Curtatone**
That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Administration examine the city's fine and fee structure as a means of increasing city revenue.
48. Comm. **Submitted by Ald. Tarpley**
Conveying his resignation from the Board of Aldermen.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

49. Mayor's Comm. Requesting approval to sell the Broadway Theatre to Mudflat Pottery School.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR

50. Requesting the adoption of MGL Ch 44 Sec 53F¹/₂ for the establishment of a Water Enterprise Fund, effective FY03.
51. Requesting the adoption of MGL Ch 44 Sec 53F¹/₂ for the establishment of a Sewer Enterprise Fund, effective FY03.
52. Requesting the approval of a declaration of intent to transfer and a declaration of surplus property for the vacant land located at 81 Highland Ave.

53. Requesting the approval of a declaration of surplus property for a portion of the Magoun Square Municipal Parking Lot.
54. Requesting the transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,800 from the Veterans Benefit Account to the Personal Service Overtime Account.
55. Requesting the transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,950 from the Veterans Benefit Account to Personal Service Longevity Account.
56. Requesting the transfer of funds in the amount of \$5,000 from the Veteran's Benefit Account to the Mayor's Office Professional and Technical Services Account.
57. Requesting the transfer of funds of \$35,000 from the Free Cash Account to the cost of preparing an RFP for the electrical system work at the High School.
58. Requesting the granting of all easements needed for the reconstruction of the Walnut St. Bridge.
59. Requesting confirmation of Jack Vondras, 6 Curve St., Wakefield, for the position of Director of the Board of Health.
60. Requesting confirmation of Joseph Latronica, 134 Norfolk St., Holliston, for the position of Director of Inspectional Services.
61. Proclaiming April 7-13 as the Week of the Young Child.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

62. Report of the Committee on Finance, March 19.
63. Report of the Committee on Finance of the Whole, March 19.
64. Report of the Committee on Finance of the Whole, March 28.
65. Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, March 19.
66. Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, March 26.
67. Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, March 20.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

68. OHCD Director responding to #170938 re: the East Somerville Community School Tot Lot.
69. OHCD Director responding to #170948 re: tree planting at 97 Summer St.
70. OHCD Director re: the Broadway Theatre.
71. DPW Director of Operations re: various Board orders.
72. DPW Commissioner re: Glen Park's status during construction of the New Edgerley School.
73. DPW Commissioner re: status of the Walnut St. Bridge project.
74. Election Commissioner re: a special election for Ward 2 Alderman.

NEW BUSINESS

75. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
Sidewalk Sale, Vernon St., May 18, 9AM-2PM, raindate May 25.
76. Public Occ. Re-enactment of the 1775 British march from Boston to Lexington & Concord, starting at Gore St., Apr. 15, 1-2AM.
77. Public Occ. 7th Annual Dee Zuccaro Memorial Road Race, Logan Post, May 19, 11AM-3PM.
78. Public Occ. 5K Road Race to Benefit Somerville Homeless Coalition, starting at Johnny D's, Oct. 5, 9-11AM.
79. Public Occ. 5K Road Race Registration & Post Race Award Ceremony, Seven Hills Park in Davis Sq., Oct. 5, 7AM-1PM.
80. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class 2**
E&M Automotive Inc., 42 Dana St.
81. Flam. Lic. **Renewal of Flammables License**
Clyde Realty Trust, 56 Clyde St., 1,000 Gallons.
82. Petition **Fortune Teller**
Theresa Thom, 327A Highland Ave.
83. Bond **Drainlayer's Bond**
Richard and Cheryl Williams dba Snake It Away.

84. Bond Pipeline Equipment and Supply Co.
85. Comm. **Communication**
Wareham Board of Selectmen re: the State budget crisis.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM