

City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

January 8, 2009, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of Dec. 4, 2008 and the Regular Meeting of Dec. 11, 2008.

CITATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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

3. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Administration create a snow plowing policy which ensures equity and fairness to all citizens.
4. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD appear before the Committee on Parks and Open Space to discuss the garden area on the bike path at Lower Highland Rd.
5. Order By Ald. Desmond, That the Director of SPCD appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to explain the construction schedule at Maxpak.
6. Order By Ald. Desmond, That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer report on the number and type of calls at the MaxPak site, between Clyde and Lowell Sts., in 2008.
7. Order By Ald. Desmond, That the Director of SPCD report on the number of tickets written for not shoveling sidewalks in December, 2008.

8. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NStar to repair the street lights from 401 to 419 Somerville Ave.
9. Order By Ald. Sullivan, That the Commissioner of Public Works appear at the next Public Works and Utilities Committee meeting to explain the snow emergency parking regulations.
10. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, That this Board requests that the Administration consider a return to alternate sides of the street parking during snow emergencies.
11. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, Taylor, White, Connolly and Desmond, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact DCR to request that the lights on the bridge on McGrath Hwy., near Highland Ave., be repaired.
12. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, White, Connolly and Desmond, That the Commissioner of Public Works request of the MA Highway Dept. a permanent repair to the chain link fence that separates Route 93 from New Hampshire Ave.
13. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NStar to repair the street lamps at 855 Broadway and on the even side of Morrison Ave. closest to College Ave.
14. Order By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works respond in writing to the attached constituent letter regarding annual alternate side plowing/parking, and forward a copy to each Alderman.
15. Order By Ald. White, That the Director of SPCD or her designee appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss a possible downgrade of the MBTA by the Federal Transit Admin., and whether that will impact the Orange Line Assembly Sq. station or the Green Line Extension.
16. Order By Ald. White and Sullivan, That the Commissioner of Public Works or his designee appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss snow removal around T stops and handicapped ramps.
17. Order By Ald. Trane, That the City Solicitor update the Ward 7 Alderman on the performance bond issued by the developers of 1188 Broadway.
18. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of SPCD and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services appear before the Committee on Public Utilities and Works to discuss what training and direction is provided for inspectors.

19. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street sign at Paulina and Holland Sts. and at Endicott and Hooker Aves.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

20. Citation By Ald. Sullivan and the Entire Board, Commending Michael Buckley, who is resigning after 5 years of distinguished service on the Mayor's staff and at the DPW.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

None

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

21. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to extend a contract with J&J General Contractors Inc. for construction of the Argenziano School, to 6/30/09.
22. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to extend a contract with Affiliated Computer Services for parking ticket processing, to 4/30/09.
23. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for SPCD to pay two prior year invoices totaling \$110.42 in the Inspectional Services Dept. for office supplies.
24. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$4,936,281 from US Dept. of HUD's CDBG, HOME and ESG programs as described in the proposed HUD 2009-2010 Action Plan.
25. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$136,435 from the MA 911 Dept. Support and Incentive Grant Program to the Police Dept. for compensation issued to employees.
26. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$21,000 from the MA Office of Public Safety for the Police Dept.'s Click it or Ticket and You Drink & Drive, You Lose programs.
27. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$15,787 from the MA Office of Public Safety for the Fire Dept. to purchase firefighter equipment.
28. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$6,764.62 from the MA Office of Public Safety to the Fire Dept. to provide safety education to Somerville's children.
29. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$3,000 from the MAPC Shannon Grant for the Recreation Dept. to reimburse staff for the 2008 Somertime Day Program.

30. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$1,500 from the Ira A. Roschelle MD Family Foundation for the Library to create a community garden for children at the West Branch Library.
31. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of John Gannon to the position of City Solicitor for a one year term.
32. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Edward Bean to the position of City Auditor.
33. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Elizabeth Craveiro to the position of Treasurer/Collector of Taxes for a one year term.
34. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Rositha Durham to the position of Purchasing Agent for a one year term.
35. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Carol Antonelli to the position of Superintendent of Water Works for a one year term.
36. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Steven MacEachern to the position of Supt. Of Highway, Lines and Lights for a one year term.
37. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of George Landers to the position of Supt. Of Inspectional Services for a one year term.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Charles O'Brien Jr. to the position of City Engineer for a one year term.
39. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Santangelo to the position of Supt. of Building and Grounds for a one year term.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Robert McWaters to the position of Clerk of Committees.
41. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Peter Forcellese to the position of Clerk of Committees.
42. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Charles Sillari Jr. to the position of Clerk of Committees.
43. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Cherilyn Ruane and Deborah Fennick to the Design Review Committee.

- 44. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Berlin Haynes as Constable.
- 45. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Ernest Felice as Constable.
- 46. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Santangelo as Constable.
- 47. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Timothy McGonigal as Constable.
- 48. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Robert Lomanno as Constable.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 49. Officer's Comm. Chief Fire Engineer responding to #186473 re: 45 Clyde Street.
- 50. Officer's Comm. SPCD Director responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 51. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Souza Bros. Foreign Car Service Inc., 35-37 Prospect St., 21 autos.
- 52. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Master Used Cars LLC, 121 Prospect St., 46 autos.

LATE ITEMS