

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

January 22, 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 Regular Meeting of December 30, 2008.

CITATIONS

3. Citation Commending Joanne Burke who is retiring after 34 years of dedicated service to the City, including 20 years as Executive Secretary of the Licensing Commission.
4. Citation Commending Jack Hamilton who is retiring after 25 years of dedicated service to the community as Executive Director of Community Action Agency of Somerville.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Location NStar Electric for a grant of location to install 9 feet of conduit at 221 Beacon St.

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

6. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police forward to this Board, all public safety incidents documented at the LaQuinta Inn on Cummings St. since Jan. 1, 2008.
7. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works request that DCR routinely clear the sidewalk between Cross and Washington Sts. alongside the on-ramp for McGrath Hwy. from ice and snow, along with the other DCR owned sidewalks.
8. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking monitor the corners of Cross St. at Gilman and Oliver Sts., for vehicles parking in violation of the setbacks.

9. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify NStar to repair the street light at 14 Clyde St.
10. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD clarify the ownership and current zoning of the six acres of Somerville land in the North Point Development.
11. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD clarify the ownership of all property in the Yard 8 storage area between Inner Belt Rd. and the rail line.
12. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD direct the Beacon St. Star Market to cease snow removal before 7 AM, and advise them about the noise ordinance.
13. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of SPCD or her designee appear before this Board's Committee on Youth Services to discuss the progress of skate park plans.
14. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works request the presence of all utilities at a meeting of this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Works to report on double poles and other items of concern.
15. Order By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan and White, That the Chief Fire Engineer appear before this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to report on the safety of all fire truck apparatus, especially the ladder truck, in light of the recent tragedy with the Boston Fire Dept.
16. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Porter St. at Elm St.
17. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD inform the owner/landlord of 495 Broadway that the building's alarm has repeatedly sounded at early morning hours, disturbing the neighbors' peace and wasting the Police's time, and that they will be fined if this continues.
18. Order By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan and Heuston, That the Director of SPCD report back to this Board on Cambridge's development plans for Porter Sq.
19. Order By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan and Heuston, That the Director of SPCD report back to this Board on the air rights and zoning along the Somerville Ave. railroad tracks, from the intersection of Somerville Ave. and Elm St. to Porter Sq., as well as along White St. and White St. Place.

20. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White, Roche, Gewirtz, Desmond and Heuston, That the Chief Fire Engineer, Chief of Police and Commissioner of Public Works appear before this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss vehicle maintenance.
21. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration report to this Board exactly what the new surveillance cameras purchased through the Dept. of Homeland Security are recording, how these tapes will be used and whether protections have been put in place to ensure the civil liberties of our residents.
22. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration secure funding in the next budget or devote staff resources for a visioning process for Davis Sq. to determine how best to meet the needs of businesses and residents, and offset the realities of the aging of the square.
23. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works install a new light post at Kidder and College Aves. for the safety of residents living in the area.
24. Order By Ald. Gewirtz and Desmond, That City Solicitor draft an ordinance to curtail mass phone book distribution in the interest of the environment and the convenience of residents, and provide an advisory opinion about how to do this so that phone books are available upon request but are not littered on doorsteps of those who do not want them.
25. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz and Heuston, That this Board requests that the Administration provide this Board with any contingency plans given the Governor's new authority to cut the budgets of cities and towns mid-year and the anticipation of his announcement on Jan. 28, about mid-year cuts and the FY10 budget, and report to the Finance Committee on mid-year cost saving opportunities.
26. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz and Heuston, That this Board requests that Doug Foy appear before this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss his role in the CBT/Greenburg study that recommended the siting of a soccer stadium at Inner Belt.
27. Order By Ald. White and Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD, Superintendent of Inspectional Services and a representative of the Assessor appear before this Board's Committees on Public Health and Safety and Housing and Community Development to discuss home foreclosures.

- 28. Order By Ald. White and Sullivan, That a representative of the City Solicitor appear before this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters to address regulating the non-mail distribution of advertising brochures and phone books.
- 29. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works evaluate the possibility of a NO PARKING sign 10 feet from the entrance to the parking lot at 186 Highland Ave.
- 30. Order By Ald. Taylor and Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police monitor traffic on Somerville Ave. from Bow to School Sts. on Saturdays for congestion and pedestrian safety.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 31. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Jan. 13.
Report
- 32. Committee Report of the Committees on Finance and Housing &
Report Community Development meeting jointly, Jan. 13.
- 33. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Jan. 13.
Report
- 34. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Jan. 15.
Report
- 35. Committee Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments,
Report Jan. 20.
- 36. Committee Report of the Committees on Legislative Matters and
Report Finance meeting jointly, Jan. 20.
- 37. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Jan. 21.
Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 38. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$2,969.50 from Federal Realty Investment Trust for Fire Dept. Overtime from the Assembly on the Mystic event on Oct. 4, 2008.
- 39. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Darcy Haynes as Constable.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 40. Officer's Comm. Planning Dept. responding to #186405 re: proposed Union Square Zoning Amendments.
- 41. Officer's Comm. Asst. City Solicitor submitting a revision to a proposed Ordinance (#186446) regarding snow, slush and ice on sidewalks.
- 42. Officer's Comm. Asst. City Solicitor responding to #186556 re: Revocation of 2AM Liquor Licenses.
- 43. Officer's Comm. Chief Fire Engineer responding to #186697 re: 61 Clyde St.
- 44. Officer's Comm. Director of SPCD responding to various board orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 45. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, MOM's 5k for Cancer Road Race, Summer St. to Highland Ave., May 10, 10AM.
- 46. Sign New Sign/Awning Permit, Connection Bee Inc., 85 Broadway, Sign.
- 47. Sign New Sign/Awning Permit, Real Transfer Inc., 1156 Broadway, Sign.
- 48. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, CM Auto Sales Inc., 30 Joy St., 40 autos.
- 49. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Auto Broker Company, 182 Washington St., 26 autos.
- 50. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Ideal Engine Rebuilders Inc., 49 Day St., 8 autos.
- 51. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Top Cars of Boston LLC dba Inman Motor Sales of Somerville, 39 Webster Ave., 30 autos outside.
- 52. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Pat's Auto Body Inc., 182 Washington St., 27 autos.
- 53. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Pat's Auto Body, Inc. 161 Linwood St., 27 autos.
- 54. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Pat's Auto Body Inc., 308 McGrath Hwy., 12 autos.

LATE ITEMS