

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

January 24, 2008, 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 December 5, 2007, the Special Meeting of December 13, 2007, the Regular Meeting of December 13, 2007, and the Special Meeting of December 27, 2007.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. O'Donovan and the Entire Board, Congratulating Constance Lauro on the auspicious occasion of her 100th birthday.
4. Citation By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, Commending the US Air Force Band of Liberty on the occasion of its performance in Somerville on February 6, 2008, at 7PM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Resolution By Ald. Roche and the Entire Board, Declaring February 26, 2008, to be Spay Day USA.
6. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking investigate removing the two metered parking spots on Mt. Vernon St. at Broadway, and replace them with resident only parking spots.
7. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking investigate removing the parking spot on Mt. Vernon St. at Broadway, and inform the Ward 1 Alderman when this intersection is due for a complete upgrade.

8. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO PARKING HERE TO DRIVEWAY sign a safe distance from the driveway at 240 Pearl St.
9. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the NO RIGHT TURN 4-6 PM sign on Bonair St. at McGrath Hwy.
10. Order By Ald. Roche, That Commissioner of Public Works coordinate the repaving of Washington St., east of McGrath Hwy., with the MA Highway Dept.
11. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board his analysis of traffic calming measures such as speed bumps and raised road sections.
12. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the parking problem on Bow St. between Summer St. and Somerville Ave., and make recommendations to the Ward 3 Alderman to ease the situation.
13. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the No Parking to Corner restriction on Maple Ave.
14. Order By Ald. Connolly and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the exterior lamp at the entry of the East Branch Library.
15. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works alter the lighting at Albion Park so it illuminates at dusk, rather than 11 PM.
16. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Health bait all sewers on Vernon St. as soon as possible.
17. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase enforcement on Wilton St.
18. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Supt. of Inspectional Services appear at this Board's next Public Health & Safety Committee meeting to discuss Morrison Ave. issues.
19. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Technical Advisory Group to be formed for the Davis Sq. Hotel involve at least 3 individuals from the Davis Sq. community with a knowledge of dense urban development and a demonstrated commitment to the community.

20. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Chief of Police direct the Ward 6 Community Police Officer to work with the Animal Control Officer to make sure the bike path behind 82 Morrison Ave. is free of dogs off leash.
21. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Committee on Rules consider a change to Rule 3 of the Rules of the Board of Aldermen governing late items, as described within.
22. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Directors of the Council on Aging and the Youth Services Dept. recreate the program that paired teens with elders to shovel their property during snow storms, and look to other communities to see how this can be accomplished either through volunteer or community service work by teens so as to not be cost prohibitive.
23. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 18-20 Mt. Vernon St.
24. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White, Taylor, Connolly and Desmond, That the Commissioner of Public Works perform the repairs listed herein at the Central Branch Library.
25. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the street sign at Fairmount Ave. and Dickson St.
26. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol on Broadway at Weston Ave. for enforcement of the new crossing signals for pedestrians there.
27. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of SPCD increase enforcement of snow removal regulations along Broadway and Holland St., particularly at bus stops.
28. Order By Ald. Trane and O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police appear before this Board's Public Health & Safety Committee to address recent house breaks across the city.
29. HomeRule Petition By Ald. Trane, Proposing the adoption of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the MA Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements re: the Housing Authority and Conwell Capen LP affordable housing project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

30. Resolution By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, In support of the "Shape Up Somerville" campaign.
31. Citation By Ald. Taylor and the Entire Board, Congratulating John McEachern on the auspicious occasion of his 93 birthday.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

32. Committee Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, Report Jan 15.
33. Committee Report of the Committee on Information Technology, Jan. Report 15.
34. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Jan. 15. Report
35. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Jan. 23. Report
36. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Jan. 15. Report
37. Committee Report of the Committee of the Whole on Legislative Report Matters, Jan. 22.
38. Committee Report of the Joint Committee on Public Health & Safety and Legislative Matters, Jan. 22.
39. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health & Safety, Jan. Report 23.
40. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Jan. 23. Report
41. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Utilities & Works, Jan. Report 23.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

42. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a 5 year extension of a lease with Myer Dana & Sons for a parking lot on Grove St., to extend from June 1, 2007- May 31, 2012.
43. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$44,255 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to the Fire Capital Outlay Vehicles Acct. to purchase a shop maintenance vehicle.
44. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$27,324 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to the Police Capital Outlay Vehicles Acct. to purchase a replacement police cruiser.
45. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$132,656 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to various departmental Salary Accts. to fund the retroactive 1% salary adjustment for SMEA Unit B for FY07.

46. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$48,050 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Police Salaries Acct. to fund the retroactive 1% salary adjustment for the Police Superior Officers Association from 7/1/06 to 12/12/07.
47. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$15,844 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation – Parking Meter Receipts to the Traffic and Parking Rentals Acct. to fund an FY08 lease with Myer Dana & Sons for a parking lot on Grove St.
48. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the Dept. of Public Works to pay a prior year invoice of \$6,458 from Enviro-Safe Corp. for household hazardous waste removal.
49. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the Dept. of Public Works to pay a prior year invoice of \$4,000 from the MA Dept. of Environmental Protection for fees due under MGL c21E for MA Contingency Planning requirements.
50. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$19,000 from the MA Office of Public Safety for the Police Dept.'s Click it or Ticket and You Drink & Drive, You Lose program.
51. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to establish the position of Budget Analyst in the Finance Dept. Auditing Division at the rate of \$64,211 per year, using funds available due to the elimination of a Systems Accountant in Auditing last Sept.
52. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Ernest Felice as Constable.
53. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Frederick Mangone as Constable.
54. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Veronica Mason as Constable.
55. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Deborah-Jean McGonigal as Constable.
56. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Timothy McGonigal as Constable.
57. Mayor's Comm. Proclaiming February, 2008, as "Go Direct Month."

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

58. Officer's Comm. Licensing Commission responding to #184710 re: 2 AM licensure and other licensing concerns.

- 59. Officer's Comm. Assistant City Solicitor responding to #184653 re: Denial of permit applications for nonpayment of taxes.
- 60. Officer's Comm. SPCD Director responding to #184634 re: Updated schedule of Green Line Extension meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

- 61. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Northeastern Race Directors 5K Road Race for St. Charles' Children, Davis Sq., March 30, 11-1PM.
- 62. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Hildebrand-Scott Wedding, Prospect Hill Park, May 17, 2-5PM.
- 63. Livery New Livery License, A & M Joseph Livery and Limo Transportation, 132 Summer St., 1 auto.
- 64. Used Car New Used Car Dealers License Class II, Somerville Ave. Used Auto Sales, M-F 9-7PM & Sa 10-7PM, 18 autos outside.
- 65. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Boston Best Cars Auto Sales, 266 Beacon St., 4 autos.
- 66. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Auto Brokers Company, 182 Washington St., 26 autos.

LATE ITEMS