

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 12, 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 Organizational Meeting of January 5, 2009, and the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2009.

CITATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. Order By Ald. Trane and Gewirtz, That the Director of Information Technology install a Wi-Fi network at the West Branch Library to provide free internet access to the public.
4. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking, with the Traffic Engineer, submit an engineering study to the MA Highway Dept., asking that trucks be excluded from entering Myrtle St.
5. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works reinstall the bench at the bus stop on Broadway at Glen St.
6. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police, the Director of Health and the Director of SPCD provide this Board's Committee on Licenses and Permits with reports on all complaints, site visits and findings relative to Khoury's State Spa on Broadway, so the Committee may determine if a Show Cause hearing is warranted.
7. Resolution By Ald. Roche, re: the East Somerville Community School.

8. Order By Ald. Roche and Gewirtz, That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to ban wild animals from being displayed in circuses, joining Revere, Quincy, Braintree, Weymouth and Provincetown in eliminating the abuse of elephants, tigers and other wild animals.
9. Order By Ald. Pero, That the City Solicitor report to this Board the feasibility of changing the ordinance to allow restaurants that have approved events on public ways to serve alcohol along with food, under guidelines approved by the Licensing Commission.
10. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Pero and Heuston, That this Board requests that the Licensing Commission immediately investigate the 2/8/09 early morning Davis Sq. shooting, carjacking and assault and take all necessary action.
11. Order By Ald. Connolly, Pero, Gewirtz and Heuston, That the Chief of Police investigate the 2/8/09 early morning Davis Sq. shooting, carjacking and assault and report back to this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety.
12. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking work with the Ward 2 Alderman on a community meeting to discuss the location of crosswalks on upper Beacon St.
13. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 2 Alderman on the development project at 515 Somerville Ave., including the expiration date of the Zoning Board decision related to said project.
14. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police, the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD take all necessary actions, including directed patrols during evening and weekend hours, to ensure that there is no off leash dog activity in Lincoln Park.
15. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works improve the signage at Lincoln Park, prohibiting off leash dog activity and publicizing the new fines for the offense.
16. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works place safety railings on the ramps at the Sloane Field House in preparation of the warm weather.
17. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works personally view and then order NStar to replace the street light at the corner of Alpine and Lowell Sts.

18. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the City Solicitor forward his response to the Ward 5 Alderman's request for an opinion on moving voters from one precinct to another.
19. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works explain why a tree sits in the middle of Cutter Place and why it is not removed to allow motor vehicles to pass.
20. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD inform this Board of the progress of the extension of the Community Path project from Cedar St. east.
21. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD inspect all houses on Wilton St. for code violations, especially unsafe conditions such as extension cords extending from one home to another.
22. Order By Ald. O'Donovan and Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD inform the Ward 5 Alderman of the progress of the garden at lower Highland Rd. at the bike path.
23. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That this Board requests that the Administration develop short range and long range plans to resurface Washington St.
24. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan and Trane, That this Board urges all residents to vote for one of the three Somerville sites being considered for the new Massachusetts state quarter.
25. Order By Ald. White, That the Chief of Police appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss crime statistics for 2008, compared with prior years.
26. Order By Ald. White and O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD update the Committee on Public Health and Safety on the property at the corner of Trull and Medford Sts.
27. Order By Ald. White and Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works examine the resurfaced trench area on Evergreen Ave. between Sycamore and Thurston Sts., and determine whether the utility can be required to resurface the street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

28. Extended Hours Amendment of Extended Hours License, Golden Light Restaurant, 24 College Ave., Su-Th to 1:30AM, Fr-Sa to 2AM. (Laid on Table via Sec. 15).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

29. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health & Safety, Jan. Report 29.
30. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Feb. 4. Report
31. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Utilities & Works, Feb. Report 9.
32. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance and Housing & Community Development, Feb. 10. Report
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34. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health & Safety, Feb. Report 10.
35. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Feb. 11. Report
36. Committee Report of the Committee on Youth Services, Feb. 12. Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

37. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an amendment to the Transfer Station Agreement with Waste Management of MA, to modify the option terms of the agreement.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$260,574 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Balance Surplus Account to the DPW's Land Improvements Account, for soil mitigation at Joesephine and Pearson Aves.
39. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$75,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund Balance Surplus Account to the DPW's Water Reconstruction and Repair Account, for Somerville Ave. water works improvements.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a mitigation payment of \$59,500 from Federal Realty Investment Trust, and its appropriation to a new Stabilization Fund to be known as the "Assembly Sq. Fire Box Fund," to install a wireless fire-box security system in Assembly Sq.
41. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$59,500 from the "Assembly Sq. Fire Box Fund," to install a wireless fire-box security system in Assembly Sq.

- 42. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice of \$4,133.16 in the School Dept. for out-of-district tuition.
- 43. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a donation of 19 Dell computers from the Concord Academy, valued at \$9,500, for use in the Police Dept.
- 44. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Paula Machado to the Board of Health.
- 45. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Babette Mello to the Board of Health.
- 46. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Sergio Lemos as Constable.
- 47. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Jay Weaver as Constable.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 48. Officer's Request City Clerk submitting his Public Official's Bond for approval.
- 49. Officer's Comm. Asst. City Solicitor submitting proposed revisions to Ord. 8-7, Operating Hours of Retail and Service Establishments.

NEW BUSINESS

- 50. Extended Hours New Extended Hours License, Red House Restaurant, 24 Union Sq., Su-Th to 1:30AM, Fr-Sa to 2AM.
- 51. Garage New Garage License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave., 2 autos inside, 2 outside.
- 52. Outdoor Parking New Outdoor Parking License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave., 2 zip cars.
- 53. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Frank and Ed's Inc., 483 Somerville Ave., 6 autos inside, 8 outside.
- 54. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Automotive Transport Service, 495 Columbia St., 12 autos.
- 55. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Isaac's Auto Sales, 486 Columbia St., 6 autos.
- 56. Open Air Renewal of Open Air Vendor License, J & P Flowers, 18 Benton Rd., to sell flowers on Valentine's weekend, Mother's Day weekend, Easter weekend and Thanksgiving.

57. Comm. Fred Berman re: Proposed Union Sq. zoning.
58. Comm. Chamber of Commerce re: Proposed Union Sq. zoning.
59. Comm. James Kostaras re: Proposed Union Sq. zoning.
60. Comm. Somerville Local First re: Proposed Union Sq. zoning.
61. Comm. Cheri Rolfes re: Proposed Condominium Conversion ordinance.
62. Comm. Lynnette Doolin re: Snow removal procedures.

LATE ITEMS