

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 14, 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 Organizational Meeting of January 7, 2008, and the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2008.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Sullivan and the Entire Board, Commending Police Officers Derrick Dottin, Alex Capobianco and Steven St. Hilaire for their bravery and heroism at the Dec. 6 house fire at 9-11 Harvard Place.
4. Citation By Ald. Taylor and the Entire Board, Commending Firefighter Sylvester Moore and Fire Lieutenant Mark Wall for their bravery and heroism at the Dec. 6 house fire at 9-11 Harvard Place.
5. Citation By Ald. Sullivan, Heuston and the Entire Board, Congratulating Barbara McDonald on the auspicious occasion of her 89th birthday.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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

6. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol in Spring Hill, from Central St. to Belmont St. and from Summer St. to Highland Ave., 9:30 PM to 1:30 AM.
7. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol in Union Sq., especially in the Bow St. and Somerville Ave. neighborhoods, 10:00 PM to 3:00 AM.

8. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the handicap access ramp at College Ave. and the bus way adjacent to the MBTA Station as the grade is not ADA-compliant.
9. Order By Ald. Connolly and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the roadway at 58 Central St. to alleviate the pooling of water there.
10. Order By Ald. Connolly, O'Donovan, Desmond, Sullivan and White, That the City Solicitor and Neighborhood Inspection Team ensure that the owner of 492 Medford St. brings the property into compliance with the zoning code.
11. Order By Ald. Connolly, O'Donovan, Desmond, Sullivan and White, That the City Solicitor and Neighborhood Inspection Team ensure that the owner and lessee of 31 Wilton St. bring the property into compliance with the zoning code.
12. Order By Ald. Connolly, O'Donovan, Desmond, Sullivan and White, That the Chief of Police investigate all complaints at 31 Wilton St. voiced at the Feb. 12 Public Health and Safety Committee meeting, and take corrective measures.
13. Order By Ald. Connolly, O'Donovan, Desmond, Sullivan and White, That the Chief of Police request that the MA Dept. of Corrections, the Middlesex County Sheriff and any other pertinent agency, advise the city of any pre or post release locations, or group homes, being used similar to 31 Wilton St., and that the Chief share this information with this Board and with all appropriate city departments.
14. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works request a meeting with DCR to discuss maintenance issues along Alewife Brook Pkwy. and notify the Ward 7 Alderman when this meeting will occur.
15. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol for pedestrian safety violations near Weston Ave. (2nd request)
16. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol for speeding near the West Somerville Neighborhood School.
17. Resolution By Ald. Trane and the Entire Board, Supporting Somerville Climate Action's Somerville Solar Challenge.

18. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works report to the Ward 6 Alderman his progress in surveying the broken and missing bricks throughout Davis Sq.
19. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti from the garage doors of the Buena Vista Garage.
20. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the abandoned and stripped bicycles at the entrance to the Davis Square MBTA station on Holland St.
21. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Chief of Police direct the Ward 6 Community Police Officer to increase patrols around Wallace St. and Chandler St., and order a directed patrol, in response to recent house break ins.
22. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works repair the parking meter on Chester St. that is slanting into the sidewalk
23. Order By Ald. White, That a representative of the Water and Sewer Dept. provide this Board with a summary of any grant applications from the Water Pollution Abatement Trust Fund and whether it intends to apply in the future.
24. Order By Ald. White, That the Director of Finance provide this Board with a mid-fiscal year budget summary, including revenue and expenditures, and overtime figures for the Police, Fire and DPW.
25. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Clerk of Committees notify NStar to appear at the next Public Health and Safety Committee meeting to discuss the effects of their power outages on our constituency.
26. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Administration work with the Ward 5 Alderman and residents of the 'Patch' neighborhood, consisting of Murdock, Clyde and Warwick Sts., to preserve the history of this unique historical location.
27. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the City Clerk contact Chicopee, Illinois, for information about and the history of their 'Patch' neighborhood.
28. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the NO PARKING restriction at the MBTA bus stop on Medford St. at Lowell St.

29. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police continue directed patrols of the Ward 5 area between Cedar St. and Central St. and Highland Ave. and the Lowell St. bridge.
30. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works sweep down the remaining pebbles on Pearson Ave. including the sidewalks.
31. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, Sullivan, Desmond, Connolly and White, That the City Solicitor and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services apprise our Mayor of the issues discussed at the Feb. 12 Public Health and Safety Committee meeting.
32. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, Sullivan, Desmond, Connolly and White, That the Clerk of Committees forward the Minutes of the Feb. 12 Public Health and Safety Committee meeting to the Mayor.
33. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, Taylor, Heuston and Desmond, That the City Solicitor report to this Board the feasibility of changing the appropriate city ordinance to allow restaurants that have approved outdoor seating to serve alcohol along with food, under guidelines approved by the Licensing Commission.
34. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the snow plow parked at 11 Hawkins St.
35. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the pole stump at the corner of Dane and Washington Sts.
36. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police and Director of Traffic and Parking examine traffic patterns and violations on Dane St. and report back to the Ward 2 Alderman with suggestions to improve traffic and pedestrian safety.
37. Resolution By Ald. Heuston, That this Board requests that the Mayor's Office provide the protocol for all permit granting authorities and boards to enforce existing ordinances that no one be granted a permit or license without paying overdue taxes, fees and fines to the City.
38. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the construction barrel at 380 Washington St. with something that can better alert drivers to the danger in the roadway, and then repair the pothole in the roadway.

- 39. Ordinance By Ald. Desmond, Sullivan, White and Connolly, Regulating billboards and other forms of outdoor alcohol advertising.
- 40. Order By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan, Connolly, White and Sullivan, That the City Clerk inquire of the Sheriff of Middlesex County if his Office uses the Sober House on Wilton St. as an early release site for county prisoners, and if so, to inform this Board of the type of convicts being released and the frequency of their release.
- 41. Order By Ald. Desmond, Sullivan, White, Connolly and Trane, That the City Clerk request that the CEO of the Cambridge Health Alliance stop charging people a fee to park in the handicapped spot at the Tower St. entrance to the Somerville Hospital.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 42. Resolution By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, In support of the "Shape Up Somerville" campaign.
- 43. Citation By Ald. Taylor and the Entire Board, Congratulating John McEachern on the auspicious occasion of his 93 birthday.
- 44. 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.
- 45. Citation By Ald. O'Donovan and the Entire Board, Congratulating Constance Lauro on the auspicious occasion of her 100th birthday.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 46. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, Jan. 29.
- 47. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Safety, Jan. 30.
- 48. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Environment and Energy, Feb. 7.
- 49. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, Feb. 7.
- 50. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Safety, Feb. 12.

- 51. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Feb. 12.
Report
- 52. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Feb. 13.
Report
- 53. Committee Report of the Joint Committee on Finance and Housing &
Report Community Development, Feb. 13.
- 54. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Feb. 13.
Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 55. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval of proposed amendments to the
Request Zoning Ordinance's Table of Permitted Uses.
- 56. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to waive the Residency Requirement
Request in accordance with Ordinance 2-310.
- 57. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend \$285,000 from the Safe-
Request START fund to initiate Phase 2 for pedestrian
improvements.
- 58. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$73,000 from the Capital
Request Projects Stabilization Fund to the DPW B&G Capital
Paving Acct. to resurface the Kennedy School Playground.
- 59. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$35,000 from Free Cash to
Request the Veterans Benefits Acct., as the State now allows
peacetime veterans to be assisted.
- 60. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$15,000 from Free Cash to
Request SPCD Prof. & Tech. Services Acct. to conduct appraisals
of 3 municipally owned properties in Davis Sq.
- 61. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$15,000 from various FY08
Request SPCD Accts. to the SPCD ISD Overtime Acct.
- 62. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$9,849 from the Arts Council
Request Salaries Acct. to its OM Professional Services Acct. for a
contractor to cover an unpaid leave of absence.
- 63. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$5,000 from the Capital
Request Projects Stabilization Fund to the DPW B&G Capital
Equipment Acct. for mats for the Winter Hill Community
School gymnasium.

- 64. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the DPW to pay a prior year invoice of \$8,745.11 from Boston Sand & Gravel for cement and stone.
- 65. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$40,000 grant from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for cultural economic development initiatives in Union Sq.
- 66. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$6,400 grant from Federal Realty Investment Trust to update 2 appraisals of properties in Assembly Sq.
- 67. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to extend Contract #03-025, Symmes Maini & McKee Assoc., for architectural services for the Argenziano School project.
- 68. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Michael Capuano, Esq., as an Associate Member of the Planning Board.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 69. Officer's Request City Clerk submitting his Public Official's Bond for approval.
- 70. Officer's Comm. Chief of Police responding to various Board Orders.
- 71. Officer's Comm. Director of SPCD responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 72. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Youth Hockey Canning Drive, Citywide, Mar. 1, 8-3PM.
- 73. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Pride Girls Basketball Canning Drive, Citywide, Mar. 8, 8-2PM. (raindate Mar. 15)
- 74. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, College Ave. United Methodist Church Palm Sunday Parade, Davis Sq., Mar. 16, 9-10:30AM.
- 75. Public Occ Public Property Occupancy Permit, Somerville Striders 5K Road Race, Davis Sq., Mar. 16, 11AM.
- 76. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, Caruso & McGovern Construction Inc.
- 77. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, Borges Sewer & Drain Cleaning Co.

78. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, CJ Doherty.
79. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, LaMountain Bros. Inc.
80. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, Anthony P. Flowers.
81. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, Caruso Corp.
82. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, Metro Equipment.
83. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, Suffolk Engineering.
84. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, JJ Phelan & Son Co.
85. Garage New Garage License, H & F Motors, 486 Columbia St., 5 autos inside & 1 auto outside.
86. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Somerville Auto Transport Service Inc., 495 Columbia St., 22 autos.
87. Used Car New Used Car Dealers License Class II, H & F Motors, 486 Columbia St., 0 autos inside & 2 autos outside.
88. Used Car Amending Used Car Dealer's License Class II, P.J. Auto Sales requesting an amendment to change the name only to John's Auto Sales Inc., 161 Broadway.
89. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Ideal Engine Rebuilders Inc., 49 Day St., 8 autos.
90. Junk Dealer Renewal of Junk Dealer License, Nissenbaums's Auto Parts Inc., 480 Columbia St.
91. Junk Dealer Renewal of Junk Dealer License, Atlas Metal Inc., 475 Columbia St.
92. Outdoor Parking Renewal of Outdoor Parking License, Faulkner Brothers Inc., 2 Alpine St., 4 autos.
93. Outdoor Parking Renewal of Outdoor Parking License, Nissenbaum's Auto Parts, 490 Columbia St., 15 autos.
94. Outdoor Parking Renewal of Outdoor Parking License, Nissenbaum's Auto Parts, 500 Columbia St., 61 autos.
95. Outdoor Seating Renewal of Outdoor Seating License, Fu Shen Therapeutic Spa, 258 Elm St. Suite 220, Sign on sidewalk.

- 96. Outdoor Seating Renewal of Outdoor Seating License, ABP Corp. dba Au Bon Pain, 118 Holland St., 34 tables & 68 chairs.
- 97. Taxi Driver New Taxi Driver License, Milder Jean Baptiste.
- 98. Taxi Driver New Taxi Driver License, Joseph Dunn.
- 99. Taxi Driver New Taxi Driver License, Babar Shanzad.
- 100. Taxi Driver New Taxi Driver License, Previlion Gregor.
- 101. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 1 Davis Sq., 4 taxis.
- 102. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 503 Broadway, 2 taxis.
- 103. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 30 Washington St., 4 taxis.
- 104. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 236 Highland Ave., 3 taxis.
- 105. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 00 Foley St., 5 taxis.
- 106. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 22-26 Union Sq. 3 taxis.
- 107. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 255 Elm St. 2 taxis.
- 108. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 121 Broadway, 2 taxis.
- 109. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 295 Broadway, 6 taxis.
- 110. Comm. Representative Provost responding to #184536 re: letter from MA Highway regarding debris under Interstate 93.

LATE ITEMS