

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 26, 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 January 22, 2009.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Sullivan and the Entire Board, Congratulating Barbara McDonald on the auspicious occasion of her 90th birthday.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing street sign for Thurston St. at the corner of Broadway.
5. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Traffic Engineer recommend installing a crosswalk on Cameron Ave. near Tannery Brook Row or another suitable location, as there is no crosswalk between the Cambridge line and Holland St.
6. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that all lighting in Lincoln Park, including the tot lot and basketball court, is operational in the evening, and install additional lighting for public safety.
7. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify NStar to repair the street light at 355 Beacon St.

8. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration work with the Ward 6 Alderman to facilitate a visioning/planning process for Davis Sq., to meet the needs of residents and businesses for infrastructure.
9. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the multiple potholes on Orchard St.
10. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, Heuston and the Entire Board, That the City Clerk forward this Board's communication, attached, re: the Green Line Maintenance Facility, to the Exec. Office of Transportation, the Mayor and the State Delegation.
11. Order By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the property on Somerville Ave. across from Park St.
12. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board the effective result of designating all Somerville streets as permit parking.
13. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works add Carver St. and Linden Ave. to the list of streets to be re-paved.
14. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works explain why the fire alarm box at Pearl and Mt. Vernon Sts. has a plastic bag taped around it.
15. Order By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan, Roche and Trane, That the Director of Information Technology provide this Board a schematic of all city voice and data systems.
16. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, That this Board requests that the Administration consider installing reflective indicators on fire hydrants to mark their locations during snow storms.
17. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Franklin St. adjacent to Saint Benedict's Church.
18. Order By Ald. White, That the City Solicitor appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to explain whether payment is owed by Federal Realty to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the permit issued by the Planning Board for the Assembly Sq. Mall renovation.
19. Order By Ald. White, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services, the Chief of Police and the City Solicitor appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to follow up on issues pertaining to 31 Wilton St.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

20. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health & Safety, Feb. Report 17.
21. Committee Report of the Committees on Housing & Community Development and Public Health & Safety meeting jointly, Feb. 17.
22. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Feb. 18. Report
23. Committee Report of the Committee on Capital Planning, Feb. 18. Report
24. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use, Feb. 18. Report
25. Committee Report of the Committee of the Whole on Traffic & Parking, Feb. 19. Report
26. Committee Report of the Committee on Information Technology, Feb. Report 25.
27. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Feb. 25. Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

28. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to consolidate the Citywide and Assembly Sq. Design Review Committees into one Design Review Committee.
29. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$10,702 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Damage to Persons and Property-Judgments/Settlement of Claims Acct., to settle an outstanding grievance with the SMEA.
30. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay 6 prior year invoices in the Personnel Dept. totaling \$14,578, from the Cambridge Health Alliance.
31. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$843,400 from the Dept. of Homeland Security for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) in the Fire Dept.

- 32. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Paulette Renault-Caragianes as Director of the Health Dept.
- 33. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Jason Ruf as Firefighter.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 34. Officer's Comm. SPCD Director responding to various Board orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 35. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Somerville Community Corp. Save Our Homes 5K Walk, High School Concourse and various streets, Apr. 26, 2-4PM.
- 36. Garage New Garage License, Jamil Balaghi dba Hondaville, 1 Concord Ave., 8 cars inside, 4 outside.
- 37. Sign New Sign/Awning Permit, Broadway Mak Realty Trust, 80-82A Broadway, Awning.
- 38. Outdoor Seating New Outdoor Seating and Goods License, Prospect Hill Properties Inc. dba The Independent, 75 Union Sq., 15 tables, 58 chairs, bar counter, grill, raw bar, host stand and performance area.
- 39. Outdoor Seating Renewing Outdoor Seating and Goods License, Union Sq. Group dba Precinct, 70 Union Sq., 18 tables, 48 seats.
- 40. Comm. Kenneth Van Buskirk re: Proposed Condominium Conversion ordinance.
- 41. Comm. David Spinney re: Proposed Condominium Conversion ordinance.
- 42. Comm. Greg Hill re: Proposed Condominium Conversion ordinance.

LATE ITEMS