

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 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 February 26, 2009.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Sullivan and the Entire Board, Commending Paul Romeo who is retiring after 35 years of volunteer service as Captain in the Somerville Auxiliary Fire Unit.
4. Citation By Ald. O'Donovan and the Entire Board, Congratulating Ludwine Fisher on the auspicious occasion of her 100th birthday.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Location NStar Electric for a grant of location to install 254 feet of conduit at 56 Webster Ave.

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

6. Order By Ald. Trane and Gewirtz, That the Chief of Police meet with the Ward 6 and Ward 7 Aldermen to review policies to combat the increase in house break-ins in West Somerville.
7. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking conduct a traffic analysis of Myrtle St. from Washington St. to identify traffic patterns that would alleviate the traffic.
8. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking update the Ward 1 Alderman on the Myrtle St. truck exclusion study for the state, as requested in January.
9. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD notify all businesses on lower Broadway of the ordinance to keep sidewalks clean, and enforce the ordinance.

10. Resolution By Ald. Roche, Connolly, Heuston, Pero, Trane, Desmond, O'Donovan and Sullivan, In support of the Police Dept.
11. Resolution By Ald. Pero, Roche, Gewirtz and the Entire Board, In support of Somerville Local First, launching the 10% Shift campaign in Somerville.
12. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration consider implementing Earth Hour more often and consider turning off all non-essential city building lights on weekends to raise awareness about global warming and save energy and money.
13. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that in the FY10 budget, the Administration increase funding for youth programs, and work with non-profit youth organizations to seek foundation funding for out of school programming.
14. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works examine the intersection of Cedar St. and Lexington Ave., and act to prevent vehicle damage to abutting properties, especially at 132 Cedar St.
15. Order By Ald. Connolly, Desmond and White, That the Director of SPCD review all opportunities to access American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, especially for street improvements, and report back to this Board.
16. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD inspect 25 Gibbens St. for possible operation as a rooming house.
17. Order By Ald. Sullivan and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works install a MAGOUN SQUARE sign consistent with other square signs.
18. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Trane, Roche and White, That the Environmental Engineer appear before the Committee on Environment and Energy to report on curbside recycling.
19. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police report to this Board on the gang related incident reported on the front page of the March 19, 2009, Somerville Journal.
20. Order By Ald. Desmond, Gewirtz and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repave the road and repair the sidewalk on Fairlee St., and relocate the fire hydrant blocking the front steps of 9 Fairlee St. (2nd request)

21. Order By Ald. Desmond, Gewirtz and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 103 College Ave.
22. Resolution By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan and Connolly, That this Board requests that the Cambridge Health Alliance, which will be receiving \$40 million from the President's stimulus plan, immediately stop charging patients with handicapped license plates \$5.00 to park in the handicapped space outside the Somerville Hospital at Tower St.
23. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety convene another meeting to discuss safety concerns and zoning at 31 Wilton St.
24. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police place a speed board on Hudson St. between Lowell and Central Sts.
25. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works place a CHILDREN AT PLAY sign on Hudson St. at Benton Rd.
26. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works plant new trees at 26-28 Cedar St.
27. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the tar-patched sidewalk at 26-28 Cedar St. with cement.
28. Order By Ald. White and Heuston, That the Director of SPCD appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss the response to the State's proposal for a Green Line maintenance facility in Yard 8.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

29. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health & Safety, March Report 18.
30. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use, March 18. Report
31. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use, March 25. Report

32. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, March 25. Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

33. Mayor's Request Requesting that this Board convene in Executive Session to receive an update on contract negotiations.
34. Mayor's Request Requesting an extension of the development moratorium for a portion of the Winter Hill area on Broadway, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 6.1.21.D (Ordinance 2008-15).
35. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to execute a Notice of Activity and Use Limitation related to 112A Central St. (the Park at Somerville Junction), in order to avoid future issues related to soil handling.
36. Mayor's Request Requesting a reduction in FY09 appropriations of \$2,935,217, which is needed to balance the municipal budget following a reduction in state aid of \$2,935,217.
37. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to declare surplus 9 vehicles no longer useful to the Police Dept.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting an extension of the contract with Affiliated Computer Services (ACS), for parking ticket processing, until June 29, 2009.
39. Mayor's Request Requesting an extension of the contract with Design Consultants Inc. for the Magoun Sq. reconstruction project, until August 31, 2011.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to promote Officer Scott Whalen to Sergeant in the Police Dept.
41. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appoint Dana LeWinter as Associate Member of the Planning Board.
42. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to re-appoint Crystal Asiwe as Constable.
43. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to re-appoint William Medeiros as Constable.
44. Mayor's Comm. Proclaiming Friday, April 24, 2009, as Arbor Day 2009, to recognize the importance of trees and Somerville's status as "Tree City USA."
45. Mayor's Comm. Proclaiming Thursday, March 26, 2009, as 10% Shift Day, to support local independent businesses.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 46. Officer's Request City Clerk requesting that this Board convene in Executive Session to consider the release of certain Executive Session Minutes.
- 47. Officer's Request Election Commission Chairman requesting approval of a calendar for the 2009 election cycle.
- 48. Officer's Comm. SPCD Director responding to various Board orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 49. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Somerville Pride Fundraiser Canning Drive, Citywide, March 28, 8AM-2PM (raindate March 29).
- 50. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, King's Own Regiment Patriots Day British March Re-enactment, Medford St. & Somerville Ave. (sidewalk only). Apr. 20, 1-2AM.
- 51. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Little League Opening Day Parade, Concourse to Conway Park, Apr. 25, 10AM (raindate Apr. 26, 12PM).
- 52. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Wheel Questions Wheel Answers/Arts Council public art installation, Davis Sq. Statue Park, July 1-30.
- 53. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, R.A. Powell Construction Co.
- 54. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, James W. Flett Co.
- 55. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, Suffolk Engineering Inc.
- 56. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, LaMountain Bros. Inc.
- 57. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, M.J. Scully & Co.
- 58. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, Sean Farrell Excavation.
- 59. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, E.B. Rotondi & Sons.
- 60. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, Caruso & McGovern Construction Inc.

61. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, N. Sacca & Sons Inc.
62. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, P.T. Kelley Inc.
63. Flammable Renewal of Flammables License, Cubby Oil Co., 20 Medford St., 16,800 gallons.
64. Flammable Renewal of Flammables License, Hillside Auto Repair Inc., 583 Broadway, 22,600 gallons.
65. Flammable Renewal of Flammables License, Broadway Brake Corporation, 45 Broadway, 8,600 gallons.
66. Flammable Renewal of Flammables License, Pete's Boy's Inc., 229R Lowell St., 9,800 gallons.
67. Flammable Renewal of Flammables License, Union Gulf, 231 Washington St., 18,600 gallons.
68. Flammable Renewal of Flammables License, Nissenbaum's Auto Parts, 480-490 Columbia St., 1,500 gallons.
69. Flammable Renewal of Flammables License, Lub-O-Line Industrial Oil Co., 9 Florence St., 12,000 gallons.
70. Flammable Renewal of Flammables License, Lub-O-Line and Oil Co., 9 Florence St., 8,250 gallons.
71. Flammable Renewal of Flammables License, Chambers Motorcars, 259 McGrath Hwy., 6,075 gallons.
72. Flammable Renewal of Flammables License, Green Automotive Inc., 85 Foley St., 27,000 gallons.
73. Flammable Renewal of Flammables License, Doucette Auto Service, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy., 16,000 gallons.
74. Flammable Renewal of Flammables License, Cumberland Farms Inc., 212 Broadway, 32,800 gallons.
75. Flammable Renewal of Flammables License, Drake Petroleum Company, Inc., 360 Medford Street, 24,210 gallons.
76. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Paul F. Paone, 11 Rossmore St., 2 autos inside, 8 outside.
77. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Green Automotive Inc., 85 Foley St, 5 autos inside.

78. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Brasil Auto Repair, 621 Somerville Ave., 2 autos inside.
79. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Tracer Technologies Inc., 15 North Union St., 40 autos outside.
80. Garage Renewal of Garage License, D.M. Auto Body Inc., 48 Joy St., 8 autos inside, 7 outside.
81. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Herbert Chambers I-93 Inc. dba Chambers, 59 McGrath Hwy., 310 autos inside, 40 outside.
82. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Auto Express, 712 Mystic Ave., 3 autos inside, 7 outside.
83. Garage Renewal of Garage License, T.C. Auto Exchange, 176-178 Tremont St., 2 autos inside, 12 outside.
84. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Auto Mechanic Sousa Inc., 308 McGrath Hwy., 9 autos inside, 3 outside.
85. Garage Renewal of Garage License, ARCO Tire & Service, 16 Clarendon Ave., 2 autos inside, 2 outside.
86. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Don's Automotive, 13-27 Cutter St., 3 autos inside, 2 outside.
87. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Pete's Boy's Inc., 229R Lowell St., 10 autos inside.
88. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Pete's Boy's Inc., 229R Lowell St., 50 autos inside.
89. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Fellsway Auto Repair Co., 693 McGrath Hwy., 5 autos inside, 10 outside.
90. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Drain Doctor Inc., 612 Broadway, 15 autos inside, 10 outside.
91. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Broadway Brake Corporation, 45 Broadway, 3 autos inside, 27 outside.
92. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Reilly's Garage, 61-63 Washington St., 2 autos inside, 6 outside.
93. Garage Renewal of Garage License, P. Gioioso & Sons, 628 Somerville Ave., 2 autos outside.

94. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Doucette Auto Service, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy., 2 autos inside, 6 outside.
95. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Trustees of Tufts College, 26 Lower Campus Rd., 136 autos inside.
96. Garage Renewal of Garage License, J.R. Fennell Limited Partnership, 92-94 Prospect St., 90 autos inside.
97. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Modern Floors, Inc., 22 Marshall St., 2 autos inside, 10 autos outside.
98. Extended Hours New Extended Hours License, Wing Works, 201 Elm St., Fr-Sa to 2AM.
99. Extended Hours Renewal of Extended Hours License, McDonald's dba King-Selhi Assoc. LLC, 14 McGrath Hwy. 7 days/24 hrs.
100. Extended Hours Renewal of Extended Hours License, Cataldo Ambulance Service, 137 Washington St., 7 days/24 hrs.
101. Extended Hours Renewal of Extended Hours License, Golden Light Restaurant, 24 College Ave., Su-Th to 1:30AM, Fr-Sa to 2AM.
102. Junk Dealer Renewal of Junk Dealer License, Eddie's Furniture, 95A Elm St.
103. Outdoor Parking New Outdoor Parking License, 534 Central LLC, 11-13 Washington St., 20 autos.
104. Outdoor Seating Renewal of Outdoor Seating License, True Grounds, 717 Broadway, 2 tables & 4 chairs.
105. Outdoor Seating Renewal of Outdoor Seating License, FCMC Corp. dba Blue Shirt Café, 424 Highland Ave., 4 tables & 10 chairs.
106. Outdoor Seating Renewal of Outdoor Seating License, Crispy Crepe dba Mr. Crepe, 51 Davis Sq., 5 tables, 10 seats, 1 sandwich board.
107. Outdoor Seating Renewal of Outdoor Seating License, LDDJ Inc., dba Dave's Fresh Pasta, 81 Holland St., 6 outdoor tables.
108. Comm. George Haras, Trustee for 1 Concord Ave., submitting comments on #186920, a Garage License for Hondaville.

LATE ITEMS