

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

April 10, 2008, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2008.

**CITATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. Grant of Location NStar Gas Company for a grant of location to install 2,900 feet of 12" gas main in Bow St., Walnut St. & Boston St.

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

4. Order By Ald. Roche, That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance prohibiting any property owner from having more than one unregistered vehicle on his or her property, with a provision that the unregistered vehicle must be in the process of being registered and not pose a safety hazard.
5. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD investigate the garages on Cross St. East to ensure that persons illegally squatting there, and creating a safety hazard for abutters, are removed, and to determine if a public safety hazard exists.
6. Order By Ald. Roche and Sullivan, That the Director of SPCD discourage graffiti by aggressively monitoring and eliminating any hate or gang related graffiti, and that the City Solicitor advise this Board as to the maximum penalty that can be imposed upon anyone convicted of such a crime.
7. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the asphalt sidewalk panel on Washington St. from Calvin to Parker Sts.

8. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD contact the businesses at 45 and 47 Webster Ave. regarding vehicles on the pedestrian walkway, and determine whether 47 Webster Ave. is being occupied by an unlicensed business.
9. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police monitor Harrison and Ivaloo Sts. for speeding vehicles.
10. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panel at 53 Park St.
11. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking determine whether there is adequate visibility of the traffic signal at Beacon and Kent Sts.
12. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White, Trane, Connolly, Gewirtz and Taylor, That the city's Chief Financial Officer appear before the Committee on Finance to discuss the State Lottery formula for the distribution of lottery revenues.
13. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the City Solicitor appear before this Board to advise on any possible recovery against the contractor responsible for the poor condition of Rogers Ave.
14. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works present his plan for sidewalks on Murdock St. to the Finance Committee.
15. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works place trees on Central St., Lowell St., Boston Ave. and Warwick St.
16. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Committee on Parks and Open Space meet to discuss the Administration's redevelopment of the bike path area at Highland Rd. and Lexington Park.
17. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works budget for and install crosswalks on Boston Ave. at Kidder Ave., and on Highland Rd. at Kidder Ave.
18. Order By Ald. Desmond and Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the faded street cleaning sign at 101 Willow Ave.
19. Order By Ald. Desmond and Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the DO NOT ENTER signs at College and Hall Aves., and at College and Francesca Aves.

20. Order By Ald. Desmond and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the damaged and missing sidewalk panels at Cedar St. and Sartwell Ave.
21. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing street signs at Highland Ave. and Cedar St.
22. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works secure the street light base at Cedar St. and Highland Ave. as exposed wires present a danger.
23. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Traffic and Parking respond to previous Orders for the removal of the corroded switch box on Central St. at Highland Ave. (3<sup>rd</sup> Request)
24. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the faded street cleaning signs on Highland Ave. between School and Central Sts.
25. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of SPCD order the owners of 224 Summer St. to clean the property of all broken glass and debris from the fire over a month ago.
26. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking request of MA Highway that the street sign at the intersection of Medford St. and McGrath Hwy. be secured properly before it falls and injures a pedestrian.
27. Resolution By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan and Connolly, That this Board requests that the Mayor organize a committee to organize the dedication ceremony of Anthony Fedele Way.
28. Order By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan and Connolly, That the Director of SPCD request of KSS Realty, owners of the Max Pak site, that they clear the bike path between Cedar and Lowell Sts., prepare it for construction vehicles, tear down the buildings, and clear it of all debris.
29. Order By Ald. Desmond, Taylor and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Board with the Plan for the Somerville Ave. Street Replacement Project submitted by the contractor, with their winning proposal.
30. Order By Ald. Desmond, Taylor and Heuston, That the Director of SPCD work with Somerville Ave. and Union Sq. businesses on signage along pertinent traffic routes, to aide those businesses being adversely affected during construction.

31. Order By Ald. Desmond, Taylor and Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the City Traffic Engineer work with Somerville Ave. and Union Sq. businesses on a plan for parking on Somerville Ave. after work ends for the day.
32. Resolution By Ald. Taylor, Heuston and Desmond, That this Board requests that the Administration convene a meeting with the Somerville Ave. and Union Sq. businesses and residents to discuss the reconstruction of Somerville Ave.
33. Order By Ald. Desmond, Taylor and Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking allow parking in the Somerville Ave. lot next to the skating rink between 5 PM and 1 AM.
34. Order By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan and Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking request of the Cambridge Health Alliance permission for the public to park in their Central St. lot for Little League games at Conway Park between 5 and 9 PM.
35. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, That this Board reminds the School Committee, the State Delegation, City employees, residents and friends, that all are invited to the City's Youth Peace Conference on Saturday, April 12, from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM, at the High School.
36. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, That all Board members, especially Ward Aldermen, consider forwarding a list of all problem locations, with a brief explanation, to Ald. Connolly's attention within the next month, so Board Orders or Resolutions with all Aldermen at Large signed on along with the Ward Alderman, can deal directly with the appropriate city department or local authority, to focus attention and facilitate solutions expeditiously.
37. Ordinance By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Committee on Land Use and the Planning Board consider amending Zoning Ordinance 7-11 Section 4a to allow 4 guest rooms with a special permit with site plan review in RA and RB zoning districts.
38. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works direct NStar to expeditiously replace the trees lost to a gas leak last year on Burnside Ave.
39. Order By Ald. White and Sullivan, That the Committee on Public Utilities and Works request Verizon to appear before the Committee to discuss providing FIOS service to Somerville residents, including the projected timeline and work to be performed, including opening streets to lay conduit.

- 40. Order By Ald. White and Sullivan, That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Board with the policy for collecting trash from minor home improvements done by homeowners, and that the Director of Communications include a link to the policy on the City's website.
- 41. Comm. By Pres. Sullivan, Conveying notice of an "Open House" on Monday, April 14, 6-8PM at the High School Field House, on Algonquin Gas Transmission's proposal to install 2 miles of 14 inch pipeline through Medford and Somerville.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 42. Citation By Ald. O'Donovan and the Entire Board, Congratulating Constance Lauro on the auspicious occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- 43. Committee Report of the Committees on Finance, Traffic & Parking, & Report Public Health & Safety, meeting in Joint Session, Mar. 31.
- 44. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Mar. 31.  
Report
- 45. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use, Mar. 31.  
Report
- 46. Committee Report of the Committee on Veterans & Public Services, Report Apr. 1.
- 47. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health & Public Safety, Report Apr. 3.
- 48. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health & Public Safety, Report Apr. 7.
- 49. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Apr. 8.  
Report
- 50. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Apr.9.  
Report

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 51. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to clarify the authority of the Planning Board in Planned Unit Development applications and districts.

52. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to require the removal of abandoned satellite dishes.
53. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval to appropriate \$1,000,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Insurance Losses to the East Somerville School Fire School Dept. & DPW Accts., resulting from the first insurance reimbursement.
54. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval to appropriate \$250,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to the DPW Highway Capital Outlay Equipment – Communications Acct. for security cameras at a number of City schools.
55. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval to appropriate \$175,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to the DPW Building & Grounds Capital Outlay Buildings Improvements Acct. to paint the hallways in the High School.
56. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval to appropriate \$70,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to the DPW Buildings & Grounds Capital Outlay Buildings Improvements Acct. for building improvements in the Central Library.
57. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval to appropriate \$65,305 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to the DPW Highway Capital Outlay Vehicles Acct. to purchase four “Smart Cars.”
58. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval to appropriate \$20,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance to the DPW Interior Building Maintenance Acct. to install bulletproof glass and heavy duty doors at the East Somerville Police Substation.
59. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval to appropriate \$15,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to the DPW Buildings & Grounds Capital Equipment Acct. to purchase wall mats for the Winter Hill School gym.
60. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval to transfer \$137,414 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to Police Personal Services Accts. to fund the collective bargaining agreement with the Police Superior Officers Association through 6/30/08.
61. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval to transfer \$44,271 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Police Holidays Acct., for new hires and currently funded patrolmen.

- 62. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval to transfer \$40,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Parking Meter Receipts to the Traffic and Parking Repairs to Highway Acct. to fund the continuation of thermoplastic line painting citywide.
- 63. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval to transfer \$7,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Parking Meter Receipts to the Traffic & Parking Office Equipment Acct. to purchase an automated coin counting machine.
- 64. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval to authorize a Shape-Up Somerville Consolidated Gift Acct. under MGL Ch.44 Sec.53A, in order to receive donations.
- 65. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval to extend Contract #05-157 for an additional 3 years for Reed Hilderbrand Associates Inc. for the landscape design of the Kemp Nut Community Park.
- 66. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval of a Resolution to support an application for up to \$3 million in Federal Transportation Enhancement/Transportation Improvement Program funds for Broadway in East Somerville.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 67. Officer's Comm. City Solicitor re: the naming of the High School Concourse (Ordinance #184022).
- 68. Officer's Comm. City Solicitor re: the Supreme Judicial Court's April 4 decision on Zoning Regulations and MBTA Billboards.
- 69. Officer's Comm. SPCD Director responding to various Board Orders.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 70. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Little League Opening Day Parade, High School to Conway Park, April 19, 10AM (raindate April 26).
- 71. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Independent Film Society of Boston, Merchandise Tables, Jump Rope Performances, and Vehicles Displayed, Davis Sq. Statue Park, April 23-28.
- 72. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Arts Integration Initiative Gathering, Perry Park, May 3, 3-5PM (raindate May 4).
- 73. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Irmandade Divino Espirito Santo Procession to St. St. Joseph's Church, May 11, 10AM.

74. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Kickball Games, Nunziato Field, June 1, 1-2:30PM.
75. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Wallace Street Block Party, Wallace St. from Broadway to Holland St., June 14, 3-9PM (raindate June 15).
76. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Peters & Martini 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Stickball Tournament, Kelly Park, June 28, 11-5PM.
77. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Portuguese American Civic League Holy Ghost Feast & Parade, 26 Springfield St., July 11-12, 7PM-Midnight, July 13, 10AM-Midnight.
78. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, P.T. Kelley Inc.
79. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, Sean Farrell Excavation Inc.
80. Hawker Peddler Renewal of Hawker and Peddler License, Moe's BBQ Trolley, food trolley, April-Dec.
81. Open Air vendor New Open Air Vendor License, Independent Film Festival of Boston, selling t-shirts & buttons, Davis Sq. outside the Somerville Theatre, Apr.23-28, Noon to 9PM.
82. Flammable Amendment of Flammable License, MLM Corp. dba Trum Field Sunoco, 541 Broadway, to add an underground 4,000 gallon tank.
83. Flammable Transfer of Flammable License, Samay Inc. dba Somerville Gas, 73 Summer St., 20,000 gallons.
84. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Home Depot #2667, 75 Mystic Ave., 34,136 gallons.
85. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, 120 Beacon Street Limited Partnership, 120 Beacon St., 20,000 gallons.
86. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Grove Street Realty Trust, 48 Grove St., 500 gallons.
87. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, U-Haul Co. of Boston, 151 Linwood St., 2,280 gallons.
88. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, U-Haul Co. of Boston, 600 Mystic Valley Parkway, 14,000 gallons.
89. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Faulkner Bros. Inc., 9-13 Alpine St., 18,900 gallons.

90. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Winter Hill Yacht Club Inc., 130R Foley St., 7,000 gallons.
91. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, MLM Corp. dba Trum Field Sunoco, 541 Broadway, 20,550 gallons.
92. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Beacon Sales Co., 50 Webster Ave., 7,280 gallons.
93. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Broadway Petroleum Inc., 1284-1286 Broadway, 23,500 gallons.
94. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Drake Petroleum Co. Inc., 360 Medford St., 24,210 gallons.
95. Garage Renewal of Garage License, BH Towing & Auto Service, 13 Joy St., 9 autos inside & 1 tow truck outside.
96. Garage Renewal of Garage License, 120 Beacon St. LP c/o Eastport Real Estate, 120 Beacon St., 20 autos inside & 60 outside.
97. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Grove Street Realty Trust, 48 Grove St., 20 autos inside.
98. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Krisco Corp. dba MAACO Auto Painting, 444 Somerville Ave., 75 autos inside.
99. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Chicken & Shakes Automotive, 6A-6B Beach Ave., 8 autos inside.
100. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Don's Automotive, 25-27 Cutter St., 3 autos inside & 2 outside.
101. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Auto Mechanic Sousa Inc., 308 McGrath Hwy., 9 autos inside & 3 outside.
102. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Neeka Inc. dba Manny's Auto Center, 463 McGrath Hwy., 2 autos inside & 3 outside.
103. Garage Renewal of Garage License, All Rite Auto Inc., 38-42 Medford St., 4 autos inside & 6 outside.
104. Garage Renewal of Garage License, PMD Group LLC, 379-385 Broadway, 150 autos inside.
105. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Faulkner Bros., 13 Alpine St., 10 autos inside.
106. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Gemicar Inc. dba Tech Auto Body Repair Inc., 9 Union Sq., 3 autos inside & 5 outside.

107. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Inman Capital Cars dba Inman Motor Sales, 121-123 Prospect St., 4 autos inside & 46 outside.
108. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Ideal Engine Rebuilders Inc., 49 Day St., 20 autos inside & 20 outside.
109. Garage Renewal of Garage License, U-Haul of Boston Inc., 151 Linwood St., 10 autos inside & 50 outside.
110. Garage Renewal of Garage License, ARCO Tire & Service, 16 Clarendon Ave., 2 autos inside & 2 outside.
111. Garage Renewal of Garage License, ABJ Foreign Auto Supply Inc., 91 Marshall St., 3 autos inside & 27 outside.
112. Used Car Amending Used Car Dealers License Class II, Neeka Inc. dba Manny's Auto Center, 463 McGrath Hwy., increasing to 30 autos outside.
113. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Automotive Transport Service dba ATS, 495 Columbia St., 12 autos inside.
114. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, A+ Auto Body, 297 Medford St., 2 autos outside.
115. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Jeffrey D. Summers Auto Sales, 46 Franklin St., no autos.
116. Outdoor Seating Renewal of Outdoor Seating License, Taipei Tokyo Café, 7 Holland St., 3 Tables & 6 Chairs.
117. Outdoor Seating Renewal of Outdoor Seating License, Princess Beauty Salon, 364 Mystic Ave., 2 Tables, 2 Chairs & Sidewalk Sign.
118. Outdoor Seating Renewal of Outdoor Seating License, True Grounds, 717 Broadway, 4 Chairs & 2 Tables.
119. Extended Hrs New Extended Hours License, Wang's Fast Food, 509 Broadway, M-F 4PM-1AM, Sa-Su 11:30AM-1AM.
120. Extended Hrs New Extended Hours License, New Dragon Star Restaurant, 273 Broadway, Su-W 11AM-1AM, Th-Sa 11AM-2AM.
121. Extended Hrs New Extended Hours License, Spikes Rules Inc. dba Spikes Junkyard Dogs, 217 Elm St., M-Su 6AM-1AM.

- 122. Extended Hrs New Extended Hours License, Kee Kar Lau Restaurant, 1158 Broadway, Su-Th 4PM-2AM, F-Sa 4:PM-2:30AM.
- 123. Comm. MA Highway Dept. Commissioner responding to #185024 & #185025 re: Washington St. and fencing along I-93.
- 124. Comm. Small Property Owners Association Executive Director submitting comments re: Proposed Demolition by Neglect Ordinance (#185272).
- 125. Comm. Abbey Place Realty Trust submitting comments re: NStar Gas Grant of Location Petition (Agenda #3).

**LATE ITEMS**