

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

May 8, 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 Regular Meeting of April 10, 2008.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, Commending James O'Donovan, Joseph Steen and James Galvin, Grand Marshals of Somerville's 2008 Memorial Day Parade.
4. Citation By Ald. Sullivan, Pero and the Entire Board, Commending John Ciampa and Joseph Medeiros, who are retiring after many years of dedicated service to the Somerville Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
5. Citation By Ald. Roche, Sullivan and the Entire Board, Commending Sal and Claudia Ferro on the happy occasion of their 45th Wedding Anniversary.
6. Citation By Ald. Sullivan and the Entire Board, Commending the Somerville PTA on the occasion of its 34th annual Scholarship Dinner Dance, for its tireless efforts to advance the educational opportunities for our children.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

7. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking examine the vicinity of Virginia, Aldrich, Jasper and Gilman Sts. to determine a solution to discourage or eliminate vehicles leaving the Pearl St. Gas Station from entering into this neighborhood.

8. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police enforce the No Right Turn restriction at Jasper and Pearl Sts., and that the Director of Traffic and Parking determine if a better location for signage is needed.
9. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD direct the owner of 50 Tufts St. to remove the graffiti from the rear of the building.
10. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works install American flags along Broadway, from Walnut St. to Boston, and leave them in place through Veterans Day.
11. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD and the Commissioner of Public Works jointly notify the appropriate MBTA officials to clean up debris around the tracks near the Cross St. bridge.
12. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the restrictions on overnight parking in the Winter Hill Community School at Thurston St. and Evergreen Ave.
13. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works post signs on, and order regular street cleaning of, E. Albion St.
14. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol on Marshall St. for numerous reports of vandalism.
15. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk on Thurston St. at the entrance to the City Hall Annex.
16. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works report on the condition of the tree at 14-16 Langmaid Ave.
17. Resolution By Ald. Pero and Roche, That this Board requests that the Mayor's Office determine responsibility and a removal plan for the Youth Peace Conference flyers and other such flyers posted at various locations throughout Ward 4 and the City.
18. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works instruct the Superintendent of Lights and Lines to appear before the Committee on Public Utilities and Works to discuss double poles and what is being done to have the companies responsible move the lines to new poles.
19. Resolution By Ald. Trane and Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Dedication Committee accept a gift from the Garden Club for the West Branch Library, in honor of Barbara Sibley and her many years of work with the Garden Club.

20. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Health arrange to clean and/or bait the sewers in the vicinity of Grove St., Winslow Ave., Villa Ave. and Elm Ct.
21. Resolution By Ald. Connolly and the Entire Board, That this Board requests that the Somerville Kiwanis Club be given permission to locate and maintain two poles to display the flag of the United States.
22. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan and White, That this Board requests that the MBTA's General Manager install additional bicycle racks at both the College Ave. and Holland St. entrances to the MBTA station in Davis Sq.
23. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan and White, That this Board requests that the Mayor and State delegation review the proposed siting of the Green Line's 11-acre maintenance facility in the Inner Belt/Brickbottom area.
24. Order By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White, Trane and Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking mark specific bicycle travel lanes on College Ave. from Medford to Davis Sq., and from the Powderhouse rotary to the intersection of Broadway and Holland St. in Teele Sq.
25. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD contact the manager of the Citizens Bank in Union Sq. to advise on the pending construction of a handicap ramp.
26. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the damaged DO NOT ENTER signs at the corner of Greenville St. and McGrath Hwy.
27. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the sewer basins at each corner of Benton Rd. and Gibbens St.
28. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD provide the Ward 3 Alderman with a report on 2 Benton Rd.
29. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board the feasibility of the rule requiring the Traffic Dept. to place signs on bagged meters indicating hours the meters are unavailable when bagged and report on the new parking meter bags ordered by the dept.
30. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board the status of ID numbers on bike path light poles for the safety of residents and bike path users.

31. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works again advise Russell Disposal that residential trash pick up is not to begin before 7 AM, and that the Director of SPCD fine any disposal company that violates this law.
32. Order By Ald. Desmond and Gewirtz, The Director of SPCD notify the owner of 58 Burnside Ave. that the fence on the Summer St. side of the property is a safety hazard to pedestrians. (2nd request)
33. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or remove the water main sticking 3 inches above the sidewalk at 56 Cedar St.
34. Order By Ald. Desmond, Trane and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works install sidewalks with curbs and curb cuts in the area of 45 Webster Ave.
35. Order By Ald. Desmond, Trane and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works install trees in the area of 45 Webster Ave.
36. Order By Ald. Desmond, Trane and Heuston, That the Chief of Police assign a crossing guard to the intersection of Webster and Prospect Sts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

37. Citation By Ald. O'Donovan and the Entire Board, Congratulating Constance Lauro on the auspicious occasion of her 100th birthday.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

38. Committee Report of the Committee on Environment & Energy, April 28.
39. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, April 30. Report
40. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, May 6. Report
41. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, May 6. Report
42. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, May 7. Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

43. Mayor's Request Requesting support of a joint application with Federal Realty Investment Trust for State funding through the MORE jobs program for infrastructure in Assembly Sq.
44. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of The Somerville Annex of the Metro-Boston Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan approved by FEMA to ensure eligibility for all hazard mitigation grants that become available from FEMA.
45. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to refinance SPCD's HUD Section 108 Loan #B-97-MC-25-0022 as part of a public offering to be made in June, 2008.
46. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$948,053 and issue a bond to borrow said amount for participation in the MWRA Local Pipeline Assistance Program, an interest free loan.
47. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to raise the FY2008 spending cap for the Cable and Telecommunications Revolving Fund (1620) from \$702,912 to \$908,088, as a one-time increase to pay for programs such as the City's summer youth employment.
48. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$82,160 from the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earning Acct. to the Sewer Street/Sidewalk Repairs Acct.
49. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$2,538 from the Finance Internal Control Salaries Acct. to the Finance Auditing Office Equipment Acct. to purchase office equipment for Payroll and for the new Budget Analyst.
50. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$2,227 from the Personnel OM budget to the PS budget to offset the salary expense for last summer's Personnel intern.
51. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to use available funds of \$575 in the Constituent Services Salaries Acct. to fund a new salary rate for one Representative; the position will be budgeted for FY09 at the annual salary of \$49,859.11.
52. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the Law Dept. to pay a prior year invoice of \$8,713.17 with FY08 funds for services provided by the law firm of Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, relative to the Police Advisory Group.
53. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the Dept. of Public Works to pay a \$2,000 prior year invoice using FY08 funds for the annual compliance fee issued in FY07, as required by MGL c21E.

- 54. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for Personnel to pay two prior year invoices with FY08 funds: \$1,279.30 for the Cambridge Health Alliance and \$175 for the International Public Management Association.
- 55. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$101,000 from the MA Dept. of Public Health for the Health Dept.'s School Nursing Program.
- 56. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$7,200 from the MA Executive Office of Public Safety to the Fire Dept to provide fire safety education to children.
- 57. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of William Medeiros as Constable.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 58. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Redbones Bike to Work Week Benefit, Chester St., May 12, 5-10PM (raindate May 19).
- 59. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Conwell St. Block Party, June 1, 4-8:30PM.
- 60. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Fucile/Wells Wedding Reception Softball game & BBQ, Trum Field, June 21, 12-7PM.
- 61. Drainlayer New Drain Layer's License, D' Alelio Construction Co.
- 62. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, Advanced Water & Sewer.
- 63. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, Roto-Rooter Services.
- 64. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Mass. Bay Commuter Rail (MBCR), 70R Third Ave., 393,510 gallons.
- 65. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Cumberland Farms Inc., 701-709 Somerville Ave., 25,000 gallons.
- 66. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Fred Hubbard Gulf Inc., 369-371 Highland Ave., 19,100 gallons.
- 67. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave., 18,150 gallons.

68. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, GE&M. Auto Service dba Parkway Sunoco, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy., 32,995 gallons.
69. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Pat's Auto Body Inc., 13-19 Joy St., 22 autos inside & 20 outside.
70. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Pat's Auto Body Inc., 161 Linwood St., 25 autos inside.
71. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Rodriguez Auto Repair, 66-68 Joy St., 10 autos inside.
72. Garage Renewal of Garage License, F.W. Russell & Sons Disposal, 120 McGrath Hwy., 4 autos inside & 21 outside.
73. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Brasil Auto Repair, 621 Somerville Ave., 2 autos inside.
74. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Alex Auto Body Inc., 75 Washington St., 5 autos inside & 3 outside.
75. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Somerville Auto Repair, 453 Somerville Ave., 2 autos inside & 7 outside.
76. Garage Renewal of Garage License, GE&M Auto Service, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy., 3 autos inside & 14 outside.
77. Junk Dealer Renewal of Junk Dealer License, Eddie's Furniture, 95 Elm St.
78. Billiards Renewal of Billiard/Pool Table & Bowling Alley License, Davis Sq. Bowladrome, 45 Day St., 8 pool tables & 15 bowling alleys.
79. Outdoor Seating New Outdoor Seating License, Crispy Crepe dba Mr. Crepe, 51 Davis Sq., 5 tables, 10 chairs & a sandwich board.
80. Outdoor Seating Renewal of Outdoor Seating License, Terranova Inc. dba Mike's Restaurant, 9 Davis Sq., 8 tables & 16 chairs.
81. Outdoor Seating Renewal of Outdoor Seating License, Eddie's Furniture, 95 Elm St., goods on sidewalk.
82. Outdoor Seating Renewal of Outdoor Seating License, Union Sq. Acupuncture, 21 Bow St., sandwich board.
83. Outdoor Seating Renewal of Outdoor Seating License, Amethyst Chiropractic PC dba Amethyst Center, 259 Elm St. #300, sandwich board.

- 84. Outdoor Parking Renewal of Outdoor Parking License, FW Russell & Sons Disposal Inc., 120 McGrath Hwy., 25 autos.
- 85. Outdoor Parking Renewal of Outdoor Parking License, Pat's Auto Body Inc., 160-200 McGrath Hwy., 340 autos.
- 86. Outdoor Parking Renewal of Outdoor Parking License, Pat's Auto Body Inc., 24-30 Joy St., 100 autos.
- 87. Outdoor Parking Renewal of Outdoor Parking License, Pat's Auto Body Inc., 161 Linwood St., 63 autos.
- 88. Extended Hrs Renewal of Extended Hours License, Hess Corp., 709 McGrath Hwy., 24/7.
- 89. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, 32 Summer St. Corp., Med. #29.
- 90. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, King's Transportation Co., Med. #70.

LATE ITEMS