

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts  
Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen  
in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

May 12, 2005, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 31, 2005, and the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2005.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. Petition NStar Electric for a Grant of Location to install 7 ft. of conduit on Properzi Way.

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

4. Citation By Ald. Sullivan, Connolly and the Entire Board, Commending Felix Sabatino and Annette Serrao of La Contessa Bakery in Davis Square on more than 30 years of service to the city.
5. Citation By Ald. Sullivan and the Entire Board, Commending the Somerville News for covering the expenses of the USO Troop from New York that performed at this city's recent Memorial Day Parade fundraiser.
6. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint and raise the stop line for the red light at Myrtle and Washington Sts. for better visibility.
7. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD prepare a report for all activity in Ward 1 to date in 2005, with the nature of the complaint, addresses, action taken, Inspector assigned and follow up information.

8. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police direct the Traffic Division to work with the Principal of the Capuano School to explore a better system of dropping off and picking up children, as the neighborhood is currently gridlocked at these times.
9. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Health and the Director of SPCD report back to this Board the comprehensive plan to deal with the rodent problems in the city.
10. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol, from dusk to dawn, at Harris Playground as teenagers are hanging out drinking and being disruptive.
11. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking increase enforcement of Ord. 13-11 relative to the parking of taxis, especially in the area of Sydney St.
12. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking immediately commence ticketing and towing vehicles that are illegally parked in Stimpson Square, 259-265 Broadway, when street sweeping is performed, and that the Commissioner of Public Works step up efforts to maintain the cleanliness of this lot.
13. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the NO RIGHT TURN ON RED sign at the intersection of Temple St. and Mystic Ave.
14. Resolution By Ald. Pero, That the Administration submit a timeline and a plan for removing the Chief of Police from Civil Service, as has been proposed upon the appointment of the Acting Chief of Police.
15. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalk panel at 72 Thurston St.
16. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD inspect the tree at 55 Governor Winthrop Rd.
17. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Merriam St.
18. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking ticket and tow illegally parked cars on Beacon St. at street sweeping times.

19. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD contact the Manager of U-Haul at Webster and Prospect Sts. to request that the landscaped portion of the property be cleaned and continually maintained.
20. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the city owned lots on South St. and install Jersey barriers at the entrances to prevent illegal dumping.
21. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police monitor Joy and Linwood Sts. for double parking and illegally parked vehicles, as well as vehicles that block traffic lanes, and issue citations.
22. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the lifted sidewalk panels from 36 to 42 Oak St., and assess the damage to the sidewalks from tree roots to determine if this problem can be prevented or resolved.
23. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the front of the city owned lot next to the Durrell School and secure the School gate to prevent trespassing.
24. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor review the submitted set of procedures for Garage License and Used Car Dealers License Applications and report back to this Board regarding the adoption of such procedures.
25. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Clerk review the submitted set of procedures for Garage License and Used Car Dealers License Applications and report back to this Board regarding the adoption of such procedures.
26. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works install a decorative trash receptacle at the corner of Beacon and Park Sts.
27. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD direct the Cambridge Health Alliance to secure and clean their lot at Central St. connecting with Woodbine St.
28. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the City Solicitor communicate with SPCD regarding the breach of the lease between SF Properties and the City, namely, a street light pole that has been down for several weeks.
29. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Traffic Commission consider placing a loading zone sign at 231 Lowell St.

30. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint the crosswalk at Hoyt-Sullivan Park and add a second crosswalk across from Vernon St.
31. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police place a speed board on Central St.
32. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking design a plan to slow cars on Central St. with bump-out curbs or other such traffic calming measures.
33. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a sign at the crosswalk at the Hoyt-Sullivan Park, indicating the presence of a crosswalk on Central St.
34. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking direct Parking Control Officers to Endicott Ave. to ticket vehicles parked for more than 48 hours.
35. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the gymnasium roof at the West Somerville Neighborhood School and repair any leaks that are found.
36. Order By Ald. White and Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the defective traffic signal at the corner of Medford and Central Sts.
37. Order By Ald. White and Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the defaced street sign at the corner of Bailey Rd. and Shore Dr.
38. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the City Solicitor resubmit a Home Rule Petition to the State Legislature, reducing the speed limit citywide to 25 mph, and report the progress of the Petition to this Board.
39. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking, the Commissioner of Public Works, the Director of SPCD, the Chief Fire Engineer, the Chief of Police and the City Solicitor appear before a joint meeting of the Legislative Matters and Traffic and Parking Committees to address the construction of raised crosswalks, speed bumps and other traffic calming devices on public ways.
40. Resolution By Ald. Provost, That the Administration report to this Board, before the budget is submitted, on an explanation and inventory of the school supplies found in the High School basement last year.

41. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Water Superintendent or her designee appear at the next meeting of this Board to explain why the last water and sewer bills seem so high.
42. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the uplifted sidewalk panel at 36 Pearson Rd. and inspect the homeowner's retaining wall for damage, and take all appropriate action to correct any damages found.
43. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works check for uplifted sidewalk panels on Burnham St. and take all necessary action to correct the defects.
44. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works install a trash barrel at the corner of Herbert and Day Sts.
45. Order By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the 3 holes cut in the fence of the Conway Park Back Little League Field.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

46. Citation By The Entire Board, commending Elena Capobianco on the happy occasion of her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

47. Mayor's Request Requesting the review and approval of the draft RFP for the lease of the Homan's Building.
48. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval of a transfer of \$250 from Police Personal and Technical Svcs. to Personnel Settlement Payments.
49. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$14,040 grant from the Mass. Historical Commission FY05 Survey and Planning Grant Program.
50. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$60,000 grant from the Mass. Office of Public Safety for the purchase of firefighting equipment.
51. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$5,366.43 grant from the Mass. Office of Public Safety for fire safety education for children.
52. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to retain Noble and Wickersham LLP as outside counsel for a zoning study for Union Square, funded by the MA Cultural Council.

53. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Denton Randolph as Constable.
54. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Elizabeth Pyle to the Conservation Commission.
55. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Philip Goff to the Bicycle Committee.
56. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Alan Moore to the Bicycle Committee.
57. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Ron Newman to the Bicycle Committee.
58. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Greg Palmer to the Bicycle Committee.
59. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Derek Mangus to the Bicycle Committee.
60. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of James Gallagher to the Bicycle Committee.
61. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Peter Coyle to the Bicycle Committee.
62. Mayor's Comm. Proclaiming the Month of May as Older Americans Month.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

63. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, May 9.
64. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance (Public Hearing), May 9.
65. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, May 10.
66. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, May 10.
67. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, May 10.
68. Committee Report Report of the Committee of the Whole on Licenses and Permits, May 12.

69. Committee Report of the Committee on Veterans Services, May 12.  
Report

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

70. City Officer Comm. City Clerk submitting evidence for the revocation of a Used Car Dealer Class II License for Somerville Ave. Auto Brokers, 595 Somerville Ave. (#178064) pursuant to MGL c140 s58(7) re: canceled used car dealers bonds.
71. City Officer Comm. Chief Fire Engineer responding to #178516 re: the Homeland Security Program.
72. City Officer Comm. Police Chief responding to #178491 re: increasing patrols on Bowers Ave.
73. City Officer Comm. Police Chief responding to #178462 re: directed patrol to vicinity of the Growing Center on Vinal Ave.
74. City Officer Comm. Police Chief responding to #178500 re: complaints of homeless persons in the vicinity of the bike path.
75. City Officer Comm. SPCD Director responding to various Board orders.
76. City Officer Comm. Asst. City Solicitor responding to #178682 re: the encroachment of 35R Lexington Ave. into the bike path.

**NEW BUSINESS**

77. Public Occ **Public Property Occupancy Permit**  
Dilboy Post 529 VFW Poppy Drive, Davis Sq., May 20-22.
78. Public Occ Logan Post 6800 Annual Poppy Drive, Foodmaster Alewife Brook Pkwy., Star Market Broadway; Broadway & McGrath Hwy., Bickfords Winter Hill, May 26-28.
79. Public Occ Jason Ford Memorial Softball Tournament, Lincoln Park and 12 Sanborn Ave., May 29, 11AM-11PM.
80. Public Occ Roofers Union Local 33 Dollar for Diabetes Canning Drive, Broadway & McGrath Hwy., June 17, 4-6PM.
81. Public Occ. Girls Basketball Canning Drive, Broadway & McGrath Hwy., May 21 & June 11, 10AM-2PM.
82. Flamm. Lic. **Renewal of Flammables License**  
Sunoco Service Station #0005-3629, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy, 32,995 gallons.

83. Flamm. Lic. Sunoco Service Station #0005-2175, 434-450 McGrath Hwy., 33,380 gallons.
84. Flamm. Lic. Concord Oil Co., 73 Summer St., 20,000 gallons.
85. Flamm. Lic. Hillside Auto Repair, 583 Broadway, 22,600 gallons.
86. Flamm. Lic. Lappen's Auto Supply Co., 194-196 Somerville Ave., 2,877 gallons.
87. Flamm. Lic. MLM Corp. dba Trum Field Sunoco, 541 Broadway, 20,550 gallons.
88. Flamm. Lic. Cumberland Farms, 701-709 Somerville Ave., 25,000 gallons.
89. Flamm. Lic. Aris Auto, 675 Somerville Ave., 30,394 gallons.
90. Flamm. Lic. Joy Street LP, 66-86 Joy St., 24,000 gallons.
91. Garage Lic. **Renewal of Garage License**  
Mac's Auto Body, 53-55 Russell St., 18 autos.
92. Garage Lic. Boston Sand & Gravel, 492 Rutherford Ave., 60 autos.
93. Garage Lic. International Auto Repair, 508 Somerville Ave., 10 autos.
94. Garage Lic. Fred M. Susan & Sons Auto Repair, 267-269 Somerville Ave., 50 autos.
95. Garage Lic. Accurate Mobile Glass, 398-400 Mystic Ave., 3 autos.
96. Garage Lic. Krisco Corp. dba Maaco Auto Painting, 444 Somerville Ave., 100 autos.
97. Garage Lic. Goodyear Auto Service Ctr. #0354, 1 Bow St., 6 autos.
98. Garage Lic. Karen Molloy, 197 Highland Ave. #2, 3 autos.
99. Gar. & Flam. **Renewal of Garage and Flammable License**  
General Glass & Mirror Corp., 231 Lowell St., 10 autos, 1,000 gallons.
100. Gar. & Flam. 120 Beacon St. LP, 120 Beacon St., 80 autos, 20,000 gallons.
101. Gar. & Flam. Grove Street Realty Trust, 48 Grove St., 20 autos, 500 gallons.

102. Gar. & Flam. Fortini's Service Station, 225-227 Beacon St., 7 autos, 7,318 gallons.
103. Billiard/Pool **Renewal of Billiard/Pool Table & Bowling License**  
Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St., 1 Pool Table.
104. Drain Layer **Renewal of Drain Layer License**  
Snake it Away Inc.
105. Drain Layer J.W. DeNapoli Inc.
106. Outdoor Seat **New Outdoor Seating License**  
Hair Designs, 968 Broadway, sidewalk sale, balloons.
107. Outdoor Seat Sweet Brasil Baker Inc., 561 McGrath Hwy., A frame sign, 4 tables and 8 chairs on sidewalk.
108. Used Car **New Used Car Dealer License Class II**  
John's Auto Sales dba John's II, 161 Broadway.
109. Hawker **New Hawker Peddler License**  
Peddler Jan Michelle Chiarello, peddling portraits, Davis Sq.
110. Drain Layer **New Drain Layer Bond**  
Sean Farrell Excavation Inc.
111. Taxi Med. **Renewal of Taxicab Medallion**  
Gaeta Transportation Co., Medallion #84.
112. Taxi Med. Lee Taxi Inc., Medallion #7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.
113. Taxi Med. Gerald Chaille, Z.H. Inc., Medallion #14, 16 and 83.
114. Taxi Med. Country Club Inc., 85 Foley St., Medallion #3 and 4.
115. Taxi Med. Ike Inc., Medallion #58, 61, 81, and 92.
116. Taxi Med. Loch Ness Taxi Inc., Medallion #67 and 68.
117. Taxi Med. Sullivan Square Cab Inc. , Medallion #53 and 54.
118. Taxi Med. Cinema Taxi Inc., Medallion #44, 47 and 85.
119. Taxi Med. Mt. Pleasant Taxi Inc., Medallion #39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 72.
120. Taxi Med. Somerville Yellow Cab Assoc. Inc., Medallion #33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38.

121. Taxi Med. Stone Transportation Inc., Medallion #28, 30, 31and 32.
122. Taxi Med. Lochmere Taxi Inc., Medallion #21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 79 and 91.
123. Comm. **Communication**  
Rep. Jehlen re: Resolution affirming support of House Amendment #678 re: reimbursement rates for rest homes.
124. Comm. Rep. Jehlen re: House #1740 closing property tax loopholes for telecommunications companies.

**ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM**