

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

May 14, 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 April 7, 2009.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Gewirtz, Connolly, White, Pero, Desmond, Sullivan, Trane, Taylor and the Entire Board, Congratulating the West Branch Library, on the historic occasion of its 100th anniversary.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk on Evergreen Ave. at 37 Dartmouth St.
5. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk on Evergreen Ave. at 38 Dartmouth St.
6. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk opposite 24 Evergreen Ave.
7. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalks at the manholes at Evergreen Ave. and Dartmouth St. to prevent future problems.
8. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the handicap ramp at Evergreen Ave. and Dartmouth St.

9. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol of the Vinal Ave./Walnut St. neighborhood between 9 PM and 1:30 AM.
10. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works report on the correctness of the handicap ramp recently installed on Westwood Rd.
11. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the hottop sidewalk at 4 Aldersey St. with cement.
12. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan , White, Trane, Gewirtz, Heuston, Pero and Connolly, That this Board requests that the Administration consider allowing city employees to use bicycles for city business.
13. Order By Ald. Sullivan and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a pedestrian safety crossing sign at the crosswalk on Highland Ave. near the fire station.
14. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works assess the safety of the double pole at 63 Pinckney St. and contact the utility to fix it if necessary.
15. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalk panel and trim the tree at 20 Otis St.
16. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works re-install a GO SLOW - DEAF CHILD sign on Pinckney St. near Pearl St.
17. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works install a GO SLOW - DEAF RESIDENT sign and a GO SLOW - BLIND RESIDENT sign near the front of Bryant Manor, 75 Myrtle St.
18. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider delaying the traffic light at Highland Ave. and Medford St. to allow ample time for motorists exiting Brady Tower.
19. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Taylor, Roche, White, Connolly and Desmond, That the Commissioner of Public Works reinstall a KEEP RIGHT sign at Highland Ave. and McGrath Hwy.
20. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Chief of Police report to this Board the actions of other cities and towns relative to pit bull attacks and provide an update on the recent incident where a small dog was mauled in Ward 6 by two pit bulls that escaped their confinement.

21. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair all the broken handles on Big Belly trash cans in Davis Sq., particularly the trash can at CVS, and advise this Board on solutions to this ongoing problem.
22. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works place a drain in the street at 10-12 Cutter Ave. as water routinely puddles there.
23. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD provide the Ward 6 Alderman with a report on the Cabot Farms building on Broadway and an opinion on the old and rusted awning over the public sidewalk at that site and whether it ought to be removed in the interest of the public safety.
24. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works report back to the Ward 6 Alderman on the sidewalk repair and tree replacement at 14 Lowden Ave.
25. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the tree that was removed in front of Dunkin Donuts at Chester and Elm Sts.
26. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken water fountains in Kenny Park and in Statue Park.
27. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the City Clerk, with the Director of Traffic and Parking, notify residents on Broadway, from Irving St. to the Powderhouse Rotary, that the Traffic Commission will take up making the street resident permit parking with 2 hour parking for non-residents.
28. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the broken fence behind the municipal parking lot on Grove St., by Kenny Park, and ensure that the owners of the abutting home on Dresden Circle are made aware of it.
29. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Chief of Police order a continued directed patrol from behind 80 Morrison Ave., at Lexington Park, to Willow Ave., to enforce the leash law.
30. Ordinance By Ald. Gewirtz, Amending the Tree Preservation Ordinance in Sec 12-100.
31. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD direct the owner of 62 Dane St. to clear the bushes that overhang the sidewalk.

32. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works plant trees on Dimick and Marion Sts. and meet with the Ward 2 Alderman to determine the locations.
33. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalk panel at 24 Dane Ave.
34. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the dead bushes at the entrance to Perry Park.
35. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the crumbling sidewalks on the Dane St. bridge.
36. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works place signs on Dane St. notifying residents of the street sweeping days and times.
37. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD direct the owner of 44 Park St. to clean the front of the building.
38. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works plant trees at 78, 80 and 82 Properzi Way.
39. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 62 Dane St.
40. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken lights at the entrance to Perry Park.
41. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD direct Ames Envelope to clean all of their lots on Park St., Properzi Way and Dane St. and to remove the graffiti on the sign outside their building on Dane St.
42. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sunken sewer on Joy St. at Fitchburg St.
43. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works install a bench at the MBTA stop in front of The Glass Stop.
44. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the MBTA to install BUS STOP signs on McGrath Hwy. at The Glass Stop.
45. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD direct the owner of The Glass Stop on McGrath Hwy. to clean the area in front of the business.

46. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking relocate the STOP sign at Somerville Ave. Extension and Linwood St.
47. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works meet with the Ward 2 Alderman to determine the locations for additional trees along Lincoln Pkwy.
48. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD monitor Iron Mountain on Joy St. regarding noise from their employees prior to 7:00 AM.
49. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the asphalt walkway along Lincoln Pkwy. and replace it with grass and cement sidewalk panels.
50. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking verify that the crossing light at Medford and South Sts. is operational.
51. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Health bait Ward St.
52. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD inspect 7-9 Ward St. for all health and building code violations and require the owner to bait the building.
53. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works fill in the tree well at 7 Bolton St.
54. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the damaged sidewalk panel at 22 Houghton St.
55. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works patch the hole at Bolton and Houghton Sts.
56. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at Houghton and Bolton Sts.
57. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking continually monitor cars parked in fire lanes on Houghton St. at the Cambridge city line, and issue parking violations.
58. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the MBTA to clean the tracks that run parallel to Somerville Ave. from Dane St. to Park St.
59. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works install tables in Perry Park.

60. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD instruct the owners of 24 Dane St. about improper trash dumping.
61. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD direct the owner of the property at the corner of Dane Ave. and Dane St. to trim the hedges that interfere with the line of site for cars exiting Dane Ave. onto Dane St.
62. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Health bait the sewers in Perry Park.
63. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the DO NOT ENTER sign at Houghton and Prospect Sts.
64. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief Fire Engineer designate one side of the Somerville Ave. Extension as a fire lane.
65. Order By Ald. White, That the City Solicitor advise this Board as to the ability of the city to enforce the regulations requiring retail stores to accurately price items on their shelves and to pull expired perishable items from their shelves.
66. Order By Ald. White and Pero, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols in the area of Tennyson St., Foster St., Central St. and Browning Rd.
67. Resolution By Ald. White, Sullivan, Connolly, Trane and Heuston, That the Bicycle Committee consider implementing a "white bike" program similar to the one in Portland, Maine, especially for the Davis Sq. Red Line station, the Sullivan Sq. Orange Line station, and future Green Line stations.
68. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police work with the Ward 7 Alderman to arrange an opportunity to observe traffic enforcement officers perform radar speed enforcement.
69. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the MBTA to request that the BUS STOP sign at the corner of Belknap St. and Broadway be replaced.
70. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works perform a night tour of Ward 7 with the Ward Alderman to address the numerous broken street lights and arrange with NStar to repair or replace defective lighting.
71. Order By Ald. Trane and the Entire Board, That the Chief of Police direct all officers to increase enforcement for failure to yield to pedestrian traffic citywide, and work to make this a consistent policy for all officers on routine patrol.

- 72. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the defects in the roadway on Grove St., between Morrison and Winslow Aves.
- 73. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Taylor, White, Pero, Heuston and Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration and the Bicycle Committee, advise this Board on implementing a bicycle sharing program similar to the one described in the 4/12/09 Boston Globe Magazine.
- 74. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the damaged fence in the Grove St. parking lot adjacent to Kenney Park, between Highland Ave. and Elm St.
- 75. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair or replace the FIRE LANE sign at the corner of Villa Ave. and Elm Court.
- 76. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the recent sidewalk reconstruction at Herbert and Day Sts. and remediate the exposed brick foundation of the property at the corner.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 77. Committee Report of the Committee on Veterans Services, April 29.
Report
- 78. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, April 28.
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- 79. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, April 29.
Report
- 80. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use, April 30.
Report
- 81. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health & Safety, April
Report 30.
- 82. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health & Safety, May 4.
Report
- 83. Committee Report of the Committee on Senior Services, May 4.
Report

- 84. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, May 5. Report
- 85. Committee Report of the Committee on, Licenses & Permits, May 13 Report
- 86. Committee Report of the Committees on Housing & Community Development and Finance meeting jointly, May 13. Report
- 87. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, May 13. Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 88. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to exempt the Deputy Chief position from the provisions of civil service law, MGL c31.
- 89. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a technical amendment to the Living Wage Ordinance, at Section 2-399(b).
- 90. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$35,000 in the Traffic and Parking Dept., from the Parking Meter Receipts Acct. to the Repairs to Highway Acct., to fund ongoing thermoplastic line painting citywide.
- 91. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$3,600 in the SPCD Inspectional Services Division, from the Salaries Acct. to the Demolition Services Acct. (\$3,000), and the PSTN-usage Acct. (\$600).
- 92. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$200 in the Purchasing Dept., from the Advertising Acct. to the Longevity Acct.
- 93. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to submit a Growth District Initiative Program application of \$3M-\$6M to the State for infrastructure improvements at Assembly Sq.
- 94. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$23,910 from the COPS Office for Police equipment and services under the Secure Our School grant program.
- 95. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend \$12,683, raised by the Chamber of Commerce for the city's use in funding the All America City campaign.
- 96. Mayor's Request Requesting the designation of the Data Entry Clerk position as a "special municipal employee" pursuant to MGL c268A, s1(n), for the use of the Health Dept.

- 97. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Kimberly Smith-Cofield, Executive Director of the Community Action Agency of Somerville, to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board.
- 98. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Joseph Figler as Constable.
- 99. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Robert Sweeney as Constable.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 100. Officer's Comm. SPCD Director responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 101. Public Occ Public Event Permit, St. Benedict Parish May Procession, St. Benedict vicinity, May 10, 11-11:30AM.
- 102. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Davis Sq. Farmers Market, Parking lot at Day and Herbert Sts., Wednesdays May 27-Nov 25, 10AM-7PM.
- 103. Public Occ Public Event Permit, SHE Speaks LGBT Performing Arts Events, Davis Sq. 7 Hills Park, Jun 20, Jul 4 & 18, Aug 1 & 15, Sep 5 & 19, 2-5PM.
- 104. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Glenwood Rd. Block Party, Glenwood Rd. from Medford St. to Vernon St., Jun 27, 11AM-9PM.
- 105. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Mountain Ave./Conwell St. Block Party, End of Conwell Ave., Jun 28, 4-9PM.
- 106. Flammable Renewing Flammable License, Sunoco Service Station #2175, 434-450 McGrath Hwy., 33,380 gallons.
- 107. Junk Dealer Renewing Junk Dealer License, Prospect Iron & Steel, 40 Bennett St.
- 108. Outdoor Seating Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Union Sq. Acupuncture, 21 Bow St., A-Frame sign.
- 109. Outdoor Seating New Outdoor Seating License, Highland Kitchen dba High on The Hog Inc., 150 Highland Ave., 2 benches.
- 110. Outdoor Seating New Outdoor Seating License, Diesel Café Inc., 257 Elm St., 1 bench.

- 111. Sign New Sign Permit, Service Bar LLC dba Trina's Starlite Lounge, 1-3a Beacon St., Refacing existing frame.
- 112. Garage New Garage License, Monro Muffler Brake Inc., 223 Washington St., 4 autos inside, 12 outside.
- 113. Garage Renewing Garage License, Fred Susan & Sons Auto Repair, 267-269 Somerville Ave., 12 autos inside.
- 114. Garage Renewing Garage License, County Auto Repair Inc., 107 Washington St., 4 autos inside.
- 115. Used Car Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class II, County Auto Repair Inc., 103 Washington St., 5 autos.
- 116. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, TR Cab, Med. #2.
- 117. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Country Club Transportation, Med. #3,4,5,46.
- 118. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Elzira and Luc, Med. #6.
- 119. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Lee Taxi, Med. #7,8,9,10,11,12,13.
- 120. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, ZH Inc., Med. #14,16.
- 121. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Lochmere Taxi, Med. #21,22,23,24,25,26,79,91.
- 122. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Loch Ness Taxi, Med. #27,67,68.
- 123. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Stone Transportation, Med. #28,30,31,32.
- 124. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Somerville Yellow Cab, Med. #33,34,35,36,37,38.
- 125. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Mt. Pleasant Taxi, Med. #39,40,41,42,43.
- 126. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Cinema Taxi, Med. #44,47,85.
- 127. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, SJP Taxi, Med. #45.
- 128. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Sullivan Sq. Cab, Med. #53,54.

- 129. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Talkd Transportation, Med. #55.
- 130. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Ike Inc., Med.
#57,58,59,61,81,84,92.
- 131. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Somerville Taxi Inc., Med. #66.
- 132. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Kings Transportation Co., Med.
#70.
- 133. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, J&J Transportation, Med. #74.
- 134. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, SLS Transportation, Med. #75.
- 135. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Honey Cab, Med. #82.
- 136. Comm. Somerville Dog Owners Group commenting on #187235 re:
Professional dog walkers at the Nunziato OLRA.
- 137. Comm. Somerville Dog Owners Group commenting on #187236 re:
Enforcing the rules and regulations at OLRA's.

LATE ITEMS