

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

May 22, 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 24, 2008.

CITATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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

3. Resolution By Ald. Trane and the Entire Board, That this Board extends its thanks to the men and women of the DPW for the fine work they did in preparing the Veterans Cemetery and the parade route for this Sunday's parade.
4. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police increase vigilance for graffiti in Ward 7.
5. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking review parking along Broadway, from Packard Ave. to the Powderhouse rotary, to ensure consistent regulations and signage for parking restrictions.
6. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing a crosswalk on Broadway at Paulina St.
7. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign on Broadway at Paulina St. to improve the sight lines for vehicles exiting Paulina St.

8. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works direct the City Arborist to report on the tree at 369 Medford St.
9. Resolution By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, That this Board accepts the offer of Steve Woelfel, Exec. Office of Transportation, to appear before this Board on June 12, 2008, at 7 PM, to discuss the possible placement of an MBTA storage and repair facility in the Inner Belt/Brickbottom area as part of the MBTA Green Line extension.
10. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD address the drainage problem at Stone Place Park.
11. Resolution By Ald. Taylor, That this Board requests that the Administration update the Ward 3 Alderman on creating a Skateboard Park in the city.
12. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police monitor stop sign violations and parking within 20 feet of an intersection at Boston and Hamlet Sts., 7:30-9:30 AM and 4-8 PM.
13. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol at Stone Place Park between 3 and 9 PM to address possible illegal drug activity.
14. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD review the condition of the MBTA transfer station at School and Avon Sts. and update the Ward 3 Alderman concerning its clean-up and future use or demolition.
15. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalk panel at 148 Highland Ave.
16. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police monitor stop sign and one-way violations on Atherton St. at Harvard St.
17. Resolution By Ald. White, That this Board requests that an Administration representative appear before this Board to discuss joining the pending lawsuit against the FAA for Logan Airport air traffic or filing a separate lawsuit.
18. Order By Ald. White, That the Chief of Police appear at the next meeting of the Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss crime statistics for the first half of this year and deployment during the upcoming summer months.
19. Order By Ald. White, That the Director of Finance apprise this Board of the impact of the new Medicare regulations that will eliminate federal reimbursements to communities for medically related costs of services provided to students.

20. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Traffic and Parking Engineer evaluate the development of sidewalks on Murdock St.
21. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police confer to rectify excessive speeding on Cedar St. and place a speed board on Cedar St. between Morrison Ave. and the Cedar St. Bridge.
22. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD contact the Ward 5 Alderman on the redevelopment of Albion Park and the bike path at Lower Highland Rd./Lexington Park.
23. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works meet with the Ward 5 Alderman to discuss tree planting in the Ward.
24. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works meet with the Committee on Capital Projects to discuss Magoun Sq. redevelopment and the completion of Trum Field.
25. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols on Trull St. during daylight hours and nightly at the Murdock and Clyde Sts. vacant lot from 11 PM to 3 AM.
26. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols nightly at the alleyway connecting Hudson St. and Highland Ave.
27. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD appear before the Committee on Capitol Projects to discuss the progress of the Armory on Highland Ave., and to provide a copy of the conditions attached to the ZBA approval.
28. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board recognize Police Officer Jim Slattery at its next meeting for his life saving acts of heroism on March 4, 2008.
29. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the disposition of the city property in the North Point Development re: current zoning, proposed zoning, and any agreements or discussions related to its development.
30. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with any documentation, including master plans, for development of the Brickbottom and Inner Belt areas.
31. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works paint the Concord Sq. sign at Concord Sq. and remove the temporary power supply pole.

32. Order By Ald. Desmond and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the street sign for Winter St. at College Ave.
33. Order By Ald. Desmond and Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD relocate the dumpster in the parking lot by 17 Winter St.
34. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police patrol Albion St. for speeding and report back to this Board.
35. Resolution By Ald. Desmond and the Entire Board, That this Board extends its most sincere thanks and commends Tammy DeRocha for her successful work as the Director of Somerville Cares About Prevention.
36. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor provide this Board with an opinion regarding a state law which allows trash pickup during all hours in areas with particular zoning and whether that law supercedes the city's noise ordinance and ordinances related to city trash pickup.
37. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking study the intersection of Beacon St., Oxford St. and Somerville Ave. to improve pedestrian safety, and report back to this Board.
38. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the gutter at 110-114 Broadway, which currently allows standing water to collect.
39. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, Connolly, Desmond and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking re-stripe the bike lane on Washington St., and that the Chief of Police enforce the bike lane regulations there.
40. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, Connolly, Desmond and White, That this Board requests that the MBTA install more bike racks near Sullivan Station.
41. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, Pero and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the lifted sidewalk panels at School and Summer Sts., and at the Fire Station headquarters and the Walgreen's, both on Broadway.
42. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the City Solicitor explain to this Board in writing the authority by which he represented every member of this Board as supporting the redacting of information from ethics and financial reports when no input was solicited from Aldermen in advance and there was no vote taken by this Board on the matter.

43. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD inform the owners of 8 Park Ave. that the trash piling up on the 6 Park Ave. side is dangerous and needs to be appropriately stored.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

45. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health & Public Safety, Report May 12.
46. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health & Public Safety, Report May 19.
47. Committee Report of the Joint Committees on Legislative Matters and Report Finance meeting as a Committee of the Whole, May 20.
48. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, May 20. Report
49. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, May 20. Report
50. Committee Report of the Joint Committees on Licenses & Permits and Report Public Utilities & Public Works, May 21.
51. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, May 21. Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

52. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a contract with the city's insurance recovery contractor, Bartlett Consolidated, for repairs in excess of \$10,000 for the traffic signal system at Medford St. and Highland Ave., which was damaged in an accident.
53. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$260,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to the DPW Building & Grounds Building Improvements Acct. for the renovation of the bathrooms at the High School.
54. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$89,360 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to the Police Capital Outlay Vehicles Acct. to purchase 4 Harley Davidson Police motorcycles and earpieces for the officers.

- 55. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$24,349 from Free Cash to the Police Office Equipment Acct. to purchase hardware and software for a Dictaphone system.
- 56. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$1500 from Free Cash to the SPCD Salaries Acct. to increase the pay rate for the vacant Director of Transportation & Infrastructure position from \$65,000/year to \$80,000/year.
- 57. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the Capital Management Dept. to pay five prior year invoices totaling \$2,216.68 with FY08 funds for engineering services related to the homeland security grant work at the Fire Headquarters.
- 58. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$101,000 from the MA Dept. of Public Health to the Public Health Dept. to subsidize the School Nursing Program.
- 59. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$100,000 from the MA c.43D Expedited Permitting program to SPCD for document imaging and record storage services.
- 60. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$4,880.64 from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Preparedness to the Fire Dept. to cover overtime/back costs for Fire personnel training.
- 61. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of an additional \$44 from the HUD HOME Investment Partnership Award for SPCD programming.
- 62. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Fred Caruso to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
- 63. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of John Caruso to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
- 64. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Theresa Baino to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
- 65. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Jesse Kane to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 66. Officer's Request City Clerk submitting recommendations for adjustments to certain fees charged by the City Clerk's Office, effective July 1, 2008.
- 67. Officer's Comm. Planning Board submitting recommendations on a proposed zoning amendment to clarify the SPGA in PUDs (#185375).

68. Officer's Comm. Planning Board submitting recommendations on a proposed zoning amendment to require the removal of abandoned satellite dish antennas (#185376).

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

NEW BUSINESS

70. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, James A. Logan VFW Poppy Drive, various locations, May 23-24.

71. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Davis Sq. Farmers Market, Day & Herbert St. lot, Wednesdays May 28 to Nov. 26, 12-6PM.

72. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Arts Council ArtsUnion-Arts Events, Union Sq. Plaza, various dates and times.

73. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Energy Smackdown Travel Challenge Race, Davis Sq. 7 Hills Park, June 22, 12-4PM.

74. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Arts Council ArtBeat, Davis Sq., July 18-19, Fri. 5-11PM & Sat. 11AM-6PM.

75. Drainlayer New Drain Layer's License, Emanouil Brothers Inc.

76. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, C.J. Mabardy Inc.

77. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, Kelley Excavation and Paving.

78. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, G. Federico and Sons.

79. Garage New Garage License, City Auto Service, 13B Joy St., 2 autos inside & 4 outside.

80. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Inman Auto Center, 45 Webster Ave., 13 autos inside & 3 outside.

81. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Jim's Heavy Duty Service, 42 Joy St., 7 autos inside.

82. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Inner Belt Industrial Center Realty Trust, 21 Third Ave., 76 autos inside.

83. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Nstar Electric & Gas Corp., 181 McGrath Hwy., 20 autos inside.

84. Outdoor Seating New Outdoor Seating License, Union Square Group Inc. dba Precinct, 70 Union Sq., 18 tables & 48 chairs.
85. Outdoor Seating New Outdoor Seating License, Davis Square Food Services Inc. dba Antonia's, 37 Davis Square, 5 tables & 10 chairs and one "A" frame sign.
86. Outdoor Seating New Outdoor Seating License, Kelly's Diner, 674 Broadway, 4 tables & 8 chairs.
87. Outdoor Seating New Outdoor Seating License, Galwegan dba The Burren, 247 Elm St., 6 tables & 24 chairs.
88. Outdoor Seating Renewal of Outdoor Seating License, Cibobella Inc. dba Sagra, 400 Highland Ave., 6 Tables, 12 chairs and one sidewalk sign.
89. Extended Hrs New Extended Hours License, Cataldo Ambulance Service Inc., 137 Washington St., 24/7.
90. Extended Hrs New Extended Hours License, Golden Light Restaurant, 24 College Ave., Su-Th 4PM-2AM, Fr-Sa 4PM-2:30AM.
91. Extended Hrs Renewal of Extended Hours License, King-Selhi Assoc. dba McDonald's, 14 McGrath Hwy., 24/7.
92. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, J & J Trans. Inc., Med. #74.
93. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Roly Cab Inc., Med. #17.
94. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, SJP, Med. #45.
95. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Talkd Trans. Inc., Med. #55.
96. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Sullivan Sq. Trans., Med. #53 & #54.
97. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, ZH Inc., Med. #14 & #16.
98. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Loch Ness Inc., Med. #67 & #68.
99. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Cinema Taxi Inc., Med. #44, #47 & #85.
100. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Stone Trans., Med. #28, #30, #31 & #32.

- 101. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Country Club Trans., Med. #3, #4, #5 & #46.
- 102. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Mt. Pleasant Taxi, Med. #39, #40, #41, #42 & #43.
- 103. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Ike Inc., Med. #58, #61, #81, #84, #92 & #59.
- 104. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Somerville Yellow Cab, Med. #33, #34, #35, #36, #37 & #38.
- 105. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Lee Taxi Inc., Med. #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12 & #13.
- 106. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Lochmere Taxi, Med. #21, #22, #23, #24, #25, #26, #79 & #91.
- 107. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Artie's Taxi Inc., Med. #57.
- 108. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Honey Cab Inc., Med. #82.
- 109. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, TR Cab Inc., Med. #2.
- 110. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Bye Bye Cab Inc., Med. #86.
- 111. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Wilvens Cab Inc., Med. #18.
- 112. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Madkep Trans. Inc., Med. #64.
- 113. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Halligan, Med. #63.
- 114. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Somerville Taxi Inc., Med. #66.
- 115. Comm. Johnnie's Foodmaster Supermarkets re: Plastic Bag Recycling.

LATE ITEMS