

**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 26, 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 Regular Meeting of April 28, 2005.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

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

3. Citation      Commending Jeremiah O'Sullivan for the donation of an American Flag, to be flown at the Mt. Pleasant Apts.
4. Order        By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the curb at the median strip opposite George St.
5. Order        By Ald. Roche, That Director of Traffic and Parking examine Broadway, east and west from McGrath Hwy. to Mt. Vernon St., to determine if appropriate NO U TURN signage is in place.
6. Order        By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor Harris Park from dusk to dawn, as teenagers are congregating and disrupting the neighborhood.
7. Order        By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor the following streets for vehicles that exceed the speed limit and take appropriate action: Allston St., Pennsylvania Ave., Pearl St. from Cross to Mt. Vernon Sts., and Mt. Vernon St. from Pearl St. to Broadway.
8. Order        By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk panel at 27 Everett Ave.

9. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD instruct the Parks and Open Space Coordinator to work with the Ward 1 Alderman to schedule a kick-off meeting for renovations to Harris Park.
10. Resolution By Ald. Roche, That the Administration provide this Board with the meeting schedule for the Gang Advisory Task Force and a timeline for when all policies are expected to be implemented.
11. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works post NO PARKING - STREET CLEANING signs at the Stimpson Square parking lot, and that the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce that restriction and the street cleaning restriction on Wheatland St.
12. Resolution By Ald. Pero, That this Board offers a moment of silence in memory of Vietnam War veterans Army PFC Roger J. Dana, deceased 5/13/68 at the age of 19, and Marine Corporal Frederick J. Perkins, deceased 5/29/68 at the age of 19, and all Somerville veterans who will be honored throughout the city and nation on Memorial Day, May 30.
13. Order By Ald. Pero, That the City Solicitor report on the Home Rule Petition submitted to the Legislature regarding the establishment of local control of Fellsway West.
14. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing STOP sign at the corner of Jaques and Wheatland Sts., coming from Fellsway West.
15. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Police Chief direct patrols to Thurston St. between Evergreen Ave. and Medford St., due to an increase of break-ins and car thefts in the area.
16. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the trash and dead tree limbs and trim the grass at Powderhouse Park, weather permitting.
17. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Health bait the sewers on Elm Ct., Winslow Ave. and Villa Ave., to control rodents.
18. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking re-position the PRIVATE WAY sign at Villa and Winslow Aves., as it is not presently viewable.
19. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalk panel at 39 Adrian St.

20. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking ticket and tow unregistered vehicles parked on city streets, with special attention to streets adjacent to used car dealerships.
21. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD inspect all properties from 198 to 300 McGrath Hwy. for any and all building and health code violations, including improper storage and disposal of trash, overcrowding and use of residential properties as boarding houses.
22. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police consider adding more consistent Community Policing in Ward 2 by maintaining the current outstanding Community Police Officer in that role more regularly and/or assigning an additional Community Police Officer for the summer months due to an increase in vandalism and illegal behavior in Ward 2, from Union Sq. to McGrath Hwy.
23. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police direct a patrol to the Mansfield St., Somerville Ave. and McGrath Hwy. area, inclusive of the Burger King, to monitor activity related to vandalism of vehicles, trespassing on private property and speeding vehicles.
24. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Health order the Somerville Ave. Burger King to take immediate action on a rodent problem related to trash on the site, including baiting the property and maintaining the property and dumpsters, and report in writing to the Ward 2 Alderman in one week all steps taken.
25. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD inform the Somerville Ave. Burger King that it is their responsibility to continually clean their lot and surrounding areas of debris caused by their customers, to post signs prohibiting customers from eating in their cars in the parking lot, and to move the trash bins away from the Mansfield St. property fence.
26. Order By Ald. White, That the Director of SPCD begin planning for the impact of Green Line expansion on Somerville.
27. Order By Ald. White, That the Commissioner of Public Works implement a written policy to address concerns of home owners whose properties are damaged by city tree roots.
28. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works order NStar to fill the base of the metal guy stub opposite 23 Conwell St., and to fill at pole 132/2 at the corner of Conwell St. and Francis Ave.

29. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove graffiti throughout Lexington Park.
30. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD replace the latches to the toddler area gate in Lexington Park.
31. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD fix the hole in the chain link fence in the toddler area behind the small bushes in Lexington Park.
32. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police contact the Ward 5 Alderman to discuss better patrolling of the Lexington Park/Bike Path areas.
33. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD, in conjunction with the Director of Health, inspect the large hole in the ground at 110-112 Cedar St. for a rodent nest.
34. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the City Engineer investigate the eroding ground below the concrete sidewalk at 110-112 Cedar St.
35. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works coordinate with the City Engineer and Health Director to close the hole at 110-112 Cedar St. after all appropriate city departments have inspected the location.
36. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the gymnasium roof at the West Somerville Neighborhood School and repair any leaks.
37. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking order parking control officers to Endicott Ave. to ticket vehicles that are parked for over 48 hours.
38. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the fallen PEDESTRIAN PARKING sign on Garfield St. near the Super Stop & Shop.
39. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the fallen STREET CLEANING sign on Florence St. at the corner of Washington St..
40. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Pero and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works place extra trash barrels on Broadway, near the Foss Park pool. (2<sup>nd</sup> request)
41. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Trane and Roche, That this Board review the policies and guidelines regarding the use of public facilities and public space.

42. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint the NO PARKING area at Hamlet St. and Highland Ave., and add a TOW ZONE sign.
43. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO LEFT TURN sign at the intersection of Central St. and Central Rd., and implement other traffic calming measures in that neighborhood.
44. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking examine the intersection of Columbus Ave. and Warren Ave. and make recommendations to ensure public safety.
45. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the "hot patch" with cement at 16 Homer Sq.
46. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 15 Vinal Ave. to prevent it from encroaching on the second floor porch.
47. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the hanging wire from the pole at 19 Oxford St.
48. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the streetlights at the corner of Aldersey St. and Vinal Ave. and opposite 64 Vinal Ave.
49. Resolution By Ald. Provost, That this Board supports the striking NStar workers in their struggle for a contract that assures public health and safety and does not cut benefits for workers and retirees, and that this Board deplores the elimination of health insurance coverage for striking workers and their families, and asks NStar to reinstate such health care coverage.
50. Order By Ald. Provost, That at the City Clerk send copies of the NStar Resolution to NStar corporate headquarters and the Utility Workers Union of America, Local 369.
51. Order By Ald. Provost, That at the City Solicitor advise this Board whether the Planning Board may lawfully refuse or neglect to advertise for public hearing proposed zoning amendments submitted to this Board and referred to the Planning Board, and what legal recourse exists.
52. Order By Ald. White and Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works request that the owner of 39 Gov. Winthrop Rd. repair the sunken sidewalk panel that is causing pooling of water and damaging the property's foundation and repair the elevated sidewalk panel in front of the driveway.

53. Order By Ald. White and Pero, That the City Solicitor determine whether there is a written agreement with the property owner pertaining to the city monument at 39 Gov. Winthrop Rd., and that the City Clerk request that the Historic Preservation Commission contact the owner to discuss restoring and relocating the monument.
54. Comm. By Pres. Desmond, Canceling the July 28 and Aug. 25, 2005, regular meetings of the Board of Aldermen.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

55. Citation By The Entire Board, commending Elena Capobianco on the happy occasion of her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.
56. Citation Commending Felix Sabatino and Annette Serrao of La Contessa Bakery in Davis Square on more than 30 years of service to the city.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

57. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to delete Section 2 of Chapter 316 of the Acts of 2004, eliminating the "sunset clause" to reorganize the health inspectors.
58. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 1-11 regarding Traffic and Parking Offenses, Penalties and Violations.
59. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to lease space on city buildings for telecommunications antennas.
60. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the transfer of \$2,800 in Inspectional Services, from the PS Salaries Account to the OM Printing and Stationary Account.
61. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the transfer of \$2,100 from the Inspectional Services PS Salaries Account to the City Clerk Postage Account.
62. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of \$151,679.16 from Boston to reimburse the city for costs incurred relating to the 2004 Democratic National Convention.
63. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$50,000 Healthy By Eating Design grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation supporting community farmers markets.
64. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$7,000 MA Environmental Trust grant for the Arts Council's Mystic River Mural Project.

65. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$6,000 New England Grassroots Environmental Fund for the Arts Council's Mystic River Mural Project.
66. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$3,500 grant from the MA Dept. of Public Health to deploy a Mass Decontamination Unit in conjunction with the Somerville Hospital/Cambridge Health Alliance.
67. Mayor's Request Requesting that the attached city property be declared surplus and made available for trade, auction or swap.
68. Mayor's Request Requesting that the attached city property in the Homans Building be declared surplus and made available for donation to a charitable organization.
69. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Isaac Machado to the Election Commission as the Republican member.
70. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Linda McGovern, Peter Tsourianis, Nelson Salazar, Netra Darai, Michael Etchu and Roger Lau to the Multicultural Commission.
71. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Richard Graff, Paul Boudreau, Richard Libardoni, Richard Nilsson and Kimo Griggs to the Design Review Committee.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

72. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Youth Services, May 24.
73. Committee Report Report of the Committee of the Whole on Legislative Matters, May 24.
74. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, May 24.
75. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, May 25.
76. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Rules, May 25.
77. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Veterans Services, May 26.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

78. City Officer Comm. Water Superintendent responding to #178822 re: current water bills.
79. City Officer Comm. Director of Health responding to #178518, 178681 and 178790 re: rodent control.
80. City Officer Comm. Chief Fire Engineer responding to #178830 and #178831 re: grants.
81. City Officer Comm. Police Chief responding to various Board orders.
82. City Officer Comm. SPCD Director responding to board orders to inspect all restaurant and food purveyors in Davis Sq.
83. City Officer Comm. SPCD Director responding to #178850 re: Superintendent of Inspectional Services attending Licenses and Permits Committee meetings.
84. City Officer Comm. SPCD Director responding to #178808 re: Woodbine St. lot.
85. City Officer Comm. SPCD Director responding to #178800 re: U-Save Auto Rental.
86. City Officer Comm. SPCD Director responding to 178797 re: tree at 55 Governor Winthrop Rd.
87. City Officer Comm. SPCD Director responding to #178505 re: notifying permits holders of the change in the newsrack ordinance.
88. City Officer Comm. SPCD Director responding to #178788 re: all inspectional activity in Ward 1.

#### NEW BUSINESS

89. Public Occ **Public Property Occupancy Permit**  
Meacham Road Block Party, June 12, 3-6PM.
90. Public Occ Day of Portugal Parade, Springfield St. to Cambridge St. to St. Anthony's Church, June 19, 12-3PM.
91. Public Occ Annual Feast of St. John, St. Anthony's School Yard, June 25, 7PM-Midnight.
92. Public Occ Zipcar & J.P. Licks "Davis Dare" Contest, Davis Square Statue Park, June 8, 4-8PM (Raindate June 15).

93. Public Occ Friends of the Community Growing Center “Calendar of Events 2005”, 22 Vinal Ave., various small events, May through Dec. including education and entertainment.
94. Public Occ Canning Drive Pop Warner “B” Team, various retail establishments, June 18–25.
95. Garage Lic. **Renewal of Garage License**  
Domenic Fabrizio, 290R Somerville Ave., 4 autos.
96. Garage Lic. Union Square Auto Inc., 13A Joy St., 6 autos.
97. Garage Lic. Mike’s Auto Services, 6E Beach Ave., 6 autos.
98. Garage Lic. Broadway Henry LLC, 28-30 Broadway, 10 autos.
99. Garage Lic. All Rite Auto Inc., 38-42 Medford St., 10 autos.
100. Garage Lic. Best Refinish Auto Body, 8 Conlon Ct., 8 autos.
101. Flamm. Lic. **Renewal of Flammable License**  
Internap Network Services Corp., 7,500 gallons.
102. Flamm. Lic. Broadway Henry LLC, 38 Broadway, 6,256 gallons.
103. Flamm. Lic. Somerville Citgo Inc., 620 Broadway, 36,000 gallons.
104. Garage/Flam **Renewal of Garage/Flammable License**  
Frank & Ed’s Service Station, 483 Somerville Ave., 20 autos, 7,420 gallons (2004 license).
105. Garage/Flam Frank & Ed’s Service Station, 483 Somerville Ave., 20 autos, 7,420 gallons.
106. Garage/Flam Vicente Bros. Inc., 343-345 Medford St., 7 autos, 20,500 gallons.
107. Garage/Flam Green Automotive Inc., 85 Foley St. 5 autos, 27,000 gallons.
108. Junk Dealer **Renewal Junk Dealer License**  
Londontowne Galleries, 378-384-388 Somerville Ave.
109. Used Car Lic **Renewal Second Hand Auto Dealer License Class II**  
Frank & Ed’s Auto, 483 Somerville Ave.
110. Used Car Lic **New Second Hand Auto Dealer License Class II**  
William Doucette Auto Sales, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy.

111. Used Car Lic American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave.
112. Outdoor Seat **New Outdoor Seating License**  
Middlesex Beverages Co., 30 Broadway, A-frame sign.
113. Sign/Awning **New Sign/Awning over a Public Way**  
Au Bon Pain, 18 Holland St., banner blade sign.
114. Taxi Stand **Taxi Stand License Renewal**  
Green Cab, 255 Elm St., 2 taxicabs.
115. Taxi Stand Green Cab, 1 Davis Sq., 4 taxicabs.
116. Taxi Stand Green Cab, 295 Broadway, 6 taxicabs.
117. Taxi Stand Green Cab, 503 Broadway, 2 taxicabs.
118. Taxi Stand Green Cab, 236 Highland Ave., 3 taxicabs.
119. Taxi Stand Green Cab, 121 Broadway, 2 taxicabs.
120. Taxi Stand Green Cab, 30 Washington St., 4 taxicabs.
121. Taxi Stand Green Cab, 22-26 Union Sq., 3 taxicabs.
122. Taxi Med. **Taxicab Medallion Renewal**  
T.R. Cab Inc., Medallion #2.
123. Taxi Med. Madkep Transportation Inc., Medallion #64.
124. Taxi Med. Elysse Corp., Medallion #48.
125. Taxi Med. Roly Cab Inc., Medallion #17.
126. Taxi Med. Gardy Inc., Medallion #19.
127. Taxi Med. Debaca Inc., Medallion #1.
128. Taxi Med. **Taxicab Medallion Transfer**  
Z.H. Inc. to Silva Cab Inc., Medallion #83.
129. Comm. **Communications**  
Rep. Jehlen re: Cleanup of the railroad tracks between  
Central and Lowell Sts.

**ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM**