

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

June 11, 2009, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meetings of April 29, 2009, and May 4, 2009, and the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2009.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation By Ald. Taylor and the Entire Board, Honoring Kevin Ramirez and David Silva for their heroism on June 6, when they assisted a resident who lay injured outside her home.
4. Citation By Ald. Taylor and the Entire Board, Commending Linda Vitiello, who is retiring after 23 years of dedicated service as a teacher in the Somerville schools.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

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

5. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission explain its policy to include and notify constituents of affected areas before casting votes.
6. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission rescind 2009-18 Article V Section 5-9.4, which establishes new Parking Meter Zones in Davis and Magoun Sq. Municipal Parking Lots, in the spaces for Business Permit Parking Only, to create metered parking Monday through Friday 5-10PM and Saturday 8AM-10PM.
7. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission rescind 2009-17 Article V Section 5-9.1, which extends metered parking to 8PM except in Davis and Magoun Sq. (which is separately extended to 10PM.)

8. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Administration explain why major traffic and parking initiatives affecting Magoun Sq. were placed before the Traffic Commission without any notification to the residents, business owners and Ward Alderman.
9. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works meet with the Ward 5 Alderman and the owners of 12 Francis St. regarding their damaged wall.
10. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the Ward 5 Alderman regarding unfinished sidewalk repairs on Partridge Ave.
11. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols at the Hoyt Sullivan playground, during afternoon and evening hours, for the remainder of the summer.
12. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate the intersection of Summer and Cherry Sts. and take action to make it safer.
13. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works inform the Ward 5 Alderman of the date when handicap parking ramps will be constructed at the intersection of Highland Rd. and Kidder Ave.
14. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove all mulch, rocks, pebbles and debris from the trees at 40 Warwick St. and fill the area with mulch only.
15. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Traffic and Parking Commission place 15 minute parking spots adjacent to Big Fish Little Fish on Elm St.
16. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the dead tree a 21 Dartmouth St.
17. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works request that NStar repair the street light across from 21 Dartmouth St.
18. Order By Ald. Pero, Sullivan and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 66-68 Governor Winthrop and Temple Rds.
19. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works reinstall the white lights along the Broadway median from Walnut St. to Mt. Pleasant St.

20. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor the area in and around Otis Park and Bonair and Dana Sts. for individuals vandalizing vehicles and terrorizing neighbors from late afternoon until midnight.
21. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works, the Director of Traffic and Parking, and the Director of the Arts Council meet to discuss the logistics of local artists decorating the switch/traffic control boxes along Broadway, from McGrath Hwy. to Mt. Pleasant St.
22. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD direct the owner of the Foss Park Gas Station to remove the gas pumps and other debris that could become a public safety hazard.
23. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police (Animal Control Officer) take the appropriate precautions to deal with a suspected rabid skunk reportedly seen on or near Rush St.
24. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Health bait the catch basins on Allston St., determine the source of the rodent activity, and take any necessary enforce measures.
25. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police enforce the NO LEFT TURN restriction on Broadway for Lincoln St., and monitor that location for speed enforcement.
26. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police place a speed board on Cross St., near Fountain and Tufts Sts.
27. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place an impact resistant pedestrian crossing sign on Cross St., in the crosswalk near Tufts St.
28. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works install a big belly barrel at Franklin and Pearl Sts.
29. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works place a sign in the kiosk at Perry Park regarding the ordinances and fines for off leash dogs, and include directions to Nunziato Field.
30. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees at Perry Park and replace the dead tree behind the play area.
31. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD direct the management of Ames Envelope to remove the graffiti from all of its buildings.

32. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti from the signal box at Washington and Calvin Sts. and determine if it needs to be replaced.
33. Order By Ald. Taylor and Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking work with the Traffic Commission to move the implementation of new traffic and parking regulations from August 1 to October 1, 2009, to allow the recently formed Parking Solutions Task Force the opportunity to propose more effective alternatives to the Traffic Commission.
34. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration work with the Recreation Dept. to preserve jobs that serve youth citywide, even in the face of budget cuts.
35. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the deep sink hole on Ellington Rd.
36. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking, with the Chief of Police, ticket any vehicle parked illegally on Winter St. across from the Tedeschi parking lot in front of the driveway.
37. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking inform this Board what steps are taken to enforce the city's anti-idling law and how many citations have been given over the course of the past year. (2nd request)
38. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with an update on the Cabot Farms building and removing the rusted awning frame from the sidewalk.
39. Order By Ald. Desmond and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalk panel across from 95 Liberty Ave.
40. Order By Ald. Desmond and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalk panel across from 44 Foskett St.
41. Resolution By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Dedication Commission replace the Kenneth Greene Memorial sign at Princeton and Lowell Sts.
42. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works request of the MBTA that all low lying vegetation between the railroad tracks and Max Pak be trimmed, and notify our State Delegation as well.

43. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD ensure that KSS Realty repairs all fence openings and open access points to the building identified at the June 3rd walk through of the property.
44. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works either utilize or remove the pole stub at Trum Field at the corner of Cedar and Broadway.
45. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking remove the unused sign pole in front of 67 Partridge Ave.
46. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing access panel on the street light pole at the corner of Walnut and Pearl Sts.
47. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing access panel on the street light pole at the corner of Pearl and Cross St.
48. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works insist that the MBTA or other appropriate state agency repair the retaining wall under the railroad bridge on Washington St. near Tufts St., as it protrudes onto Washington St.
49. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk panel across from 85 Munroe St.
50. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the corroded pole and street sign for Greenville St. at Munroe St.
51. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 19 Boston St.
52. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk panel at 2 Westwood Rd.
53. Order By Ald. Desmond, Heuston and Trane, That the City Solicitor convey the process to penalize garage licensees who park vehicles on city streets while waiting for repairs or making room for additional vehicles in their lots.
54. Order By Ald. Desmond, Taylor and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works re-pave Porter St. at the earliest possible opportunity.

- 55. Order By Ald. White, O'Donovan, Pero, Sullivan, Connolly and Desmond, That the Chief of Police investigate complaints about Hoyt-Sullivan Playground, including marijuana usage, obscene language, fighting, smoking by teens, drinking alcohol by teens, adults selling from their cars while parked on the sidewalk, drug bags, and dogs.
- 56. Order By Ald. White, Sullivan and Trane, That the City Solicitor and Director of SPCD appear before the Public Health and Safety Committee to discuss health inspectors entering private property to investigate code violations such as uncovered waste barrels, especially after midnight.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- 57. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use, June 2.  
Report
- 58. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, June 2.  
Report
- 59. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, June 3.  
Report
- 60. Committee Report of the Committee on Housing & Community  
Report Development, June 8.
- 61. Committee Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments,  
Report June 8.
- 62. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, June 10.  
Report
- 63. Committee Report of the Committee of the Whole on Finance, June 10.  
Report

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 64. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an ordinance relative to the use of construction dumpsters.
- 65. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an appropriation of \$1,793,020 to Fund 88 Org. 8803 to establish the Algonquin Gas Loop Project Stabilization Fund, to fund the construction of the streets, sidewalks and related work in the Algonquin gas loop project area.

66. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an appropriation of \$219,615 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Insurance Losses Acct. to the East Somerville School Fire-School Acct. (\$155,567) and the East Somerville School Fire-DPW Acct. (\$64,048).
67. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an appropriation of \$200,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund 85 for environmental assessment and remediation services at the Kiley Barrel site.
68. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an appropriation of \$140,199 from the Capital Stabilization Fund 85 to the ESCO Capital Project Fund 36, to finance transformer replacements (\$76,098), asbestos allowance (\$35,000), and repair pipe insulation (\$29,101).
69. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$870,000 from the following DPW Accts: Electricity (\$450,000), Oil (\$140,000), Gasoline (\$85,000), Rubbish Removal (\$85,000), Floor Covering (\$80,000) and Professional Services (\$30,000), all to the DPW Snow Removal Acct.
70. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$18,000 from the Fire Salaries Acct. to the Fire Alarm Overtime Acct. to remediate a long-term sick-leave matter.
71. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$1,700 from the Assessing Property Data Service Acct. to the Assessing Salaries Acct. to remediate a Salaries Acct. deficit.
72. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$500 from the Workers Comp Salaries Temporary Acct. to the Personnel Salaries Acct. to remediate a Salaries Acct. deficit.
73. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to pay a prior-year invoice of \$417.50 in the Law Dept., for law books.
74. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Minor Revision to the Substantial Amendment to the 2009-2010 HUD Action Plan, to expend an additional \$5,028 in HUD funding.
75. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Minor Revision to the Substantial Amendment to the 2008-2009 HUD Action Plan, to shift certain funding sources without affecting the stated projects.
76. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$5,000 from the Somerville Housing Authority for the Arts Council's Mystic Mural project.

- 77. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization of a contract exceeding 3 years for a modular news rack program that will extend for 10 years with possible additional option years.
- 78. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Peter Miller as the Mayor's appointee to the Traffic Board.
- 79. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Heather March Takle to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
- 80. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Matthew Derany as Constable.
- 81. Mayor's Comm. Conveying the establishment of a Steering Committee for a Citywide Comprehensive Plan.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 82. Officer's Comm. IT Director noting a typographical error in #187575 (Report of the Committee on Information Technology, 5/21/09), and clarifying that the electronic fax system cost is \$14,000 (not \$40,000).
- 83. Officer's Comm. SPCD Director responding to various Board orders.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 84. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Various Arts Union events, Union Sq. area, various times, June-September.
- 85. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Josephine Ave. Block Party, Between Morrison and Kidder Aves., June 20, 4-Dusk (rain June 21).
- 86. Public Occ Public Event Permit, 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Nick Peters & David Martini Stick Ball Tournament, Kelley Park, June 27 (rain June 28).
- 87. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Meacham Rd. Block Party, Between Buena Vista Rd. and Kingston St., July 11, 3-6PM.
- 88. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Cantina La Mexicana Bandstand Night, Union Sq. at 241 Washington St., July 11, 3-9PM.
- 89. Public Occ Public Event Permit, School St. Block Party, Between Summer and Prescott Sts., July 25, 12-6PM.
- 90. Flammable Renewing Flammable License, Tufts University, 62 Talbot Ave., 24,005 gallons.

91. Flammable Renewing Flammable License, Tufts University, 37 Latin Way, 20,000 gallons.
92. Drainlayer New Drain Layer's License, Trillennium Services Inc.
93. Drainlayer Renewing Drain Layer's License, Roto Rooter Services Co.
94. Sign Sign/Awning Permit, Davis Square Food Services dba Boston Burger Co., 37 Davis Sq., sign.
95. Outdoor Seating New Outdoor Seating License, Panificadora Modelo Inc., 508 Medford St., Sandwich Board.
96. Used Car New Used Car Dealers License Class II, Somerville Ave. Used Auto Sales, 595 Somerville Ave., 18 autos outside.
97. Garage Renewing Garage License, Mike's Automotive Services Inc., 298 Somerville Ave., 10 autos inside, 10 outside.
98. Garage Renewing Garage License, Samay Inc. dba Somerville Gas, 73 Summer St., 3 autos inside.
99. Garage Renewing Garage License, Enterprise Rent-A-Car Co. of Boston, 37 Mystic Ave., 1 auto inside, 18 outside.
100. Garage Renewing Garage License, Upnorth Ltd. Inc. dba U-Save Auto Rental, 70 Prospect St., 6 autos inside.
101. Garage Renewing Garage License, Ideal Engine Rebuilders Inc., 96 Dover St., 20 auto inside, 20 outside.
102. Taxi Stand Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co. Inc., 236 Highland Ave., 3 taxis.
103. Taxi Stand Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co. Inc., 255 Elm St., 2 taxis.
104. Taxi Stand Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co. Inc., 503 Broadway, 2 taxis.
105. Taxi Stand Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co. Inc., 295 Broadway, 6 taxis.
106. Taxi Stand Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co. Inc., 1 Davis Sq., 4 taxis.
107. Taxi Stand Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co. Inc., 0 Foley St, 5 taxis.

- 108. Taxi Stand Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co. Inc., 30 Washington St., 4 taxis.
- 109. Taxi Stand Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co. Inc., 121 Broadway, 2 taxis.
- 110. Taxi Stand Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co. Inc., 22-26 Union Sq., 3 taxis.
- 111. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Gardy Inc., Med. #19.
- 112. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Thirty- Two Summer St. Corp., Med. #29.
- 113. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Victory Cab Corp., Med. #56.

**LATE ITEMS**