

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

June 12, 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 June 12, 2008.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Sullivan and the Entire Board, Congratulating Eileen Galvin on the happy occasion of her 90th birthday.
4. Citation By Ald. O'Donovan and the Entire Board, Commending Police Officer James Slattery, Acting Fire Lt. Patrick Barry, and Firefighters Julian Davis and Michael Marino for their heroism on March 4, 2008, when they saved the life of a UPS driver seriously injured in an accident.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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

5. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols at the vacant lot at Clyde and Murdock Sts. nightly, from 9 PM to 3 AM during the summer months.
6. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the cracks on Rogers Ave. and file a claim against the contractor responsible for its disrepair.
7. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Traffic Engineer evaluate the development of sidewalks on Murdock St. (3rd request)
8. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the curbing and cracked sidewalks at 47 Partridge Ave.

9. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works budget for crosswalks on Boston Ave. at Kidder Ave. and Highland Rd. at Kidder Ave.
10. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken sidewalk panels at 75 Trull St.
11. Order By Ald. O'Donovan and Taylor, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols at Dickerson Park nightly, from 9 PM to 3 AM during the summer months.
12. Resolution By Ald. Pero, White, Desmond, Sullivan and Connolly, That this Board requests that DCR maintain its property along the Somerville side of the Mystic River, especially along Shore Drive, the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse and the area bordering I-93 North, by cutting grass, removing weeds, replacing broken lights and generally cleaning.
13. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of SPCD advise this Board of the tree planting program throughout the city, particularly regarding tree selection and planting.
14. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White and Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the MBTA cease storing trash bags against the busway vent shaft for extended hours.
15. Resolution By Ald. Trane, That this Board requests that the Administration investigate the Electrolyzer or PureiCore cleaning solution system for city buildings to eliminate chemicals, as an environmental and cost saving measure.
16. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works work with the Ward Aldermen prior to allowing contractors to perform work on local streets.
17. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, White, Connolly and Desmond, That the Director of Traffic and Parking respond in writing regarding the crosswalk at 240 Pearl St. and the no-parking prohibition near its garage entrance, to improve the vision of residents exiting in motor vehicles. (2nd request)
18. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD issue fines and inform the owners of 8 Park Ave. that trash in barrels piling up outside the house on the 6 Park Ave. side is dangerous to neighbors and needs to be appropriately stored.
19. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD provide the Ward 6 Alderman with the Material Safety Data Sheets for Mac's Auto Body, 53 Russell St., as there are concerning smells coming from the shop.

20. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Mayor and Director of Traffic and Parking provide the Ward 6 Alderman with the memo summarizing the problems with parking meters being bagged in Davis Sq., limiting parking at those meters.
21. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Mayor appoint Lee Auspitz and Thalia Tringo to the Davis Sq. Hotel Technical Advisory Committee.
22. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz and Sullivan, That this Board requests that the Administration provide extensive information to consumers about the pending switch from analog television to digital technology on February 17, 2009.
23. Order By Ald. White, That the City Solicitor advise this Board whether it can order utilities to remove double poles under Ordinance 11-79 and whether it can pass an ordinance to require utilities to obtain a permit from this Board before using a double utility pole under MGL c166 s22.
24. Order By Ald. White and the Entire Board, That the City Clerk notify Terry English, FAA project manager for the Boston Logan Airport Noise Study Phase Two, that the Board supports the proposed noise remediation of the Community Advisory Committee that extends runway 33L takeoffs to a new point near Wellington Station.
25. Order By Ald. White, Sullivan, Connolly and Roche, That the Clerk of Committees send the 2008 Reports of the Senior Services Committee to each Dept. Head where an action item was mentioned, and that the Committee meet in October to discuss each Dept.'s follow through.
26. Comm. By President Sullivan, Rescheduling the June 26 Regular meeting of this Board to Wednesday, June 25, at 7 PM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

28. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, May 27. Report
29. Committee Report of the Special Committee on Rules, May 28. Report

30. Committee Report of the Special Committee on Parks & Open Space, May 28.
31. Committee Report of the Committees on Licenses & Permits and Public Utilities & Public Works meeting in joint session, May 28.
32. Committee Report of the Committee on Capital Planning, June 3.
33. Committee Report of the Committees on Legislative Matters and Finance meeting in joint session as a Committee of the Whole, June 3.
34. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, June 3.
35. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, June 3.
36. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, June 5.
37. Committee Report of the Special Committee on Rules, June 9.
38. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health & Public Safety, June 9.
39. Committee Report of the Committees on Legislative Matters and Finance meeting in joint session, June 12.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

40. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a proposed Minimum Maintenance Standards Ordinance (formerly called the Demolition by Neglect Ordinance).
41. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a proposed Zoning Ordinance adopting a Temporary Moratorium in a portion of the Winter Hill Commercial District.
42. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a lease for the West Somerville Police Substation at 1154 Broadway for \$32,136/year.
43. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$3,500,000 from Free Cash to reduce the FY2009 tax levy.
44. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to authorize the Summer Revolving Fun for FY09 under MGL d Ch.44 Sec.53½.

45. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to authorize the Youth Revolving Fund for FY09 under MGL d Ch.44 Sec.53½.
46. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to reauthorize twelve Departmental Revolving Funds for FY09 under MGL Ch.44 Sec.53E½.
47. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$4,400,000 to purchase and install water meters and authorize issuance of a bond to meet the appropriation.
48. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$15,000 from Free Cash for a real estate analysis of the possible disposition or reuse of the Powder House School structure and site.
49. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$382,500 from the Interest on Long Term Debt Acct. (\$287,975) and the Interest on Notes–BAN Acct. (\$94,525) to the Snow Removal Acct.
50. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$337,700 from the Police Salaries Acct. to various OM and Capital Accts. to fund Police equipment and supplies.
51. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$90,000 from the Council on Aging Rental Buildings Acct. to the Fire PS Overtime Acct.
52. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$13,118 from the Interest on Notes-BAN Acct. to the Building Insurance Acct.
53. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$7,462 from the Council on Aging Rental Buildings Acct. to the Clerk of Committees Salaries Monthly Acct.
54. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$1,680 from the Interest on Notes–BAN Acct. (\$456) and the Council on Aging Rental-Buildings Acct. (\$1,224) to the Veterans Services Veterans Benefits Acct.
55. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the Personnel Dept. to pay two prior year invoices totaling \$1,905 from the Cambridge Health Alliance & the MA Municipal Personnel Assoc.
56. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the Personnel Workers Comp. Dept. to pay prior year invoice totaling \$237.25 for Prescription Reimbursements.
57. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$100,000 Substance Abuse Prevention Grant from the MA Dept. of Public Health to the Health Dept. for substance abuse prevention.

58. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an additional donation of \$50,000 from the Slone Family for Trum Field reconstruction.
59. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for a donation of \$7,500 from NStar Electric & Gas for the annual Fireworks Celebration.
60. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for a donation of \$7,500 from Cataldo Ambulance for the annual Fireworks Celebration.
61. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for a grant of \$45,000 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to the Health Dept. for sustainability planning for healthy eating and active living.
62. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for a grant of \$5,000 from the Somerville Housing Authority to the Arts Council to continue the Mystic Mural Project.
63. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of David Turin to the Somerville Conservation Commission.
64. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Francis Klein to serve on the Council on Aging.
65. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Leah Bowler-Hardy to serve on the Council on Aging.
66. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Louis Favreau to serve on the Council on Aging.
67. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Virginia Kulas to serve on the Council on Aging.
68. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of John O'Leary to serve on the Council on Aging.
69. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Roseanne Bent to serve on the Council on Aging.
70. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Suzanne Rinfret to serve on the Council on Aging.
71. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Elmer Smith to serve on the Board of the Council on Aging.
72. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Constance Ramsdell to serve on the Council on Aging.
73. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Barbara Hutchinson to serve on the Council on Aging.

- 74. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Cheryl Horan to serve on the Council on Aging.
- 75. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Berlin Hayes as Constable.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 76. Officer's Comm. Asst. City Solicitor submitting a draft Ordinance establishing an at-store recycling program for plastic bags.
- 77. Officer's Comm. Chief of Police responding to various Board Orders.
- 78. Officer's Comm. Director of SPCD responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 79. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Emanuel Medeiros musical performances, Davis Sq. Statue Park, various dates between June 13 and Aug. 29, 7-10PM.
- 80. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Sikh Sangat Society of Boston SHABEEL, distributing free drinks, Union Sq., June 14, 8AM-8PM (raindate June 21).
- 81. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Boston Productions film shoot, 298 Broadway and the Foss Park Pool, June 18, 7:30AM-7PM (raindate June 19).
- 82. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Somerville Community Growing Center, School St. Block Party, June 21, 11AM-8PM.
- 83. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Summertime in Somerville July 4th celebration weekend, Trum Field, Fireworks, June 26, 5PM-10:30PM (raindate July 5), Family Fun Day, June 28, Noon-5PM (raindate July 6).
- 84. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, City Of SomerMovie Fest, various locations, Thursdays, July 10-Sept. 4 at sundown.
- 85. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Davis Sq. Live Journal Group Community Yard Sale, Hodgkins Park, July 27, 11AM-3PM (raindate Aug. 3).
- 86. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Henley Enterprises Inc. dba Valvoline, 182 Washington St., 3,000 gallons.

87. Sign New Sign/Awning Permit, Maya Sol Mexican Grill LLC, 179 Broadway, Sign.
88. Sign New Sign/Awning Permit, 74 LTD dba Snappy Sushi, 420 Highland Ave., 2 signs.
89. Garage Amendment of Garage License, U-Haul Co. of Boston, 151 Linwood St., adding 30 vehicles outside.
90. Garage New Garage License, Metro Auto Repair, 47 Webster Ave., 8 autos inside, 8 outside.
91. Garage Renewal of Garage License, C.J. Doherty Inc., 400 Mystic Ave., 4 autos inside, 8 outside.
92. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Fred M. Susan & Sons Auto Repair, 267-269 Somerville Ave., 12 autos inside.
93. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Henley Enterprises Inc. dba Valvoline, 182 Washington St., 3 autos inside, 3 outside.
94. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Foreign Body Works Inc., 593 Somerville Ave., 10 autos inside.
95. Outdoor Parking New Outdoor Parking License, Hui-Li Wang, 11-13 Washington St., 12 autos.
96. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, SLS Transportation, Med. #75 & #76.
97. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Victory Cab Corp., Med. #56.
98. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, DRQ Taxi Inc., Med. #27.
99. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Michael Cab Inc., Med. #88.
100. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Silva Cab Inc., Med. #83.
101. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Yung Cab Inc., Med. #15.
102. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Silcor Trans. Co. Inc., Med. #93, #77, #52 & #51.
103. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Somerville Trans. Co. Inc., Med. #71.
104. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Ormond Trans. Co. Inc., Med. #89, #50, #62 & #49.

- 105. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Eastern Trans Co. Inc., Med. #73, #87 & #90.
- 106. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Alewife Trans. Co. Inc., Med. #65, #69 & #80.
- 107. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Debaca Taxi Inc., Med. #1.
- 108. Comm. State Delegation responding to #185365 re: Proposed Water Rate Stabilization Fund in this year's State Budget.
- 109. Comm. State Senator Galluccio re: Responsible Employer Ordinance.

LATE ITEMS