

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

July 9, 2009, 6:00 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 Regular Meeting of June 11, 2009.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation By Ald. Sullivan and the Entire Board, Commending John Nugent who is retiring after 37 years of dedicated service as a Laborer in the Dept. of Public Works.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

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

4. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the trees at 23 Meacham St. and at the corner of Meacham and Moreland Sts. and remove them if necessary.
5. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works re-paint the No Parking lines at Hamlet St. and Highland Ave.
6. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works add Belmont Place to the 2009 street re-paving list.
7. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works install a sign at the base of the municipal parking lot at Bonner Ave. and Washington St. informing drivers not to block the intersection.
8. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of SPCD provide this Board a list of city owned indoor and outdoor spaces available for community use, distributed by ward.

9. Resolution By Ald. Trane, That this Board requests that the Dedication Committee consider a location on Elmwood St. for a sign honoring the service of 3 Del Ponte family members who served our country in WW 1, WW 2, and the Korean War.
10. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief Assessor forward to this Board a revenue projection for taxing telecommunication companies' poles and wires, per recent state law.
11. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the Ward 7 Alderman with a list of all double poles in Ward 7 showing the dates they were installed and the expected dates of removal.
12. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police provide a directed patrol for speed enforcement on Broadway near the Powderhouse School.
13. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police direct patrols to all parks and playgrounds in Ward 7 to ensure that park closing hours are being observed.
14. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking ticket any vehicle parked illegally on Winter St. across from the Tedeschi parking lot in front of the closed off driveway. (2nd request)
15. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD enforce the construction hours at 377 Summer St. in accordance with the Development Impact Plan created for the site.
16. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD provide this Board another update on the Cabot Farms building and removing the rusted awning from the public sidewalk.
17. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment work with the Environment and Energy and Legislative Matters Committees to explore a Green Roof Improvement Program similar to one in Chicago, IL.
18. Order By Ald. White, That the Director of Personnel advise this Board whether City employees that are laid off and then rehired can "buy back" the time they were laid off, to increase their tenure for purposes of retirement calculations.
19. Order By Ald. White, That the Director of Personnel, City Solicitor and Director of Finance advise this Board whether the US tax code would permit the city to offer retirees the option of purchasing health insurance on a pre-tax basis, and whether consideration has been given to this option.

- 20. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint the lane dividers at Summer St. and Cutter Ave.
- 21. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at College and Morrison Aves.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- 22. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health & Public Safety, Report July 8.
- 23. Committee Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, Report July 9.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 24. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation and authorization to issue a bond for \$948,053, for participation in the MWRA Local Pipeline Assistance Program.
- 25. Mayor's Request Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$185,969 to the FY10 budget to restore positions in DPW Administration (\$40,046 to Salaries Acct.), DPW Buildings and Grounds (\$59,523 to Salaries Acct., \$1,992 to Other Differentials Acct.), and DPW Highway (\$81,671 to Salaries Acct., \$2,737 to Other Differentials Acct.).
- 26. Mayor's Request Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$55,000 to the FY10 School Dept. Salaries Acct., to fund a Recreation Specialist-Special Ed. Dept.
- 27. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices in the IT Dept. totaling \$7,117.77.
- 28. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to expend a grant of \$7,500 from Cataldo Ambulance Service, to fund the City's annual Independence Day fireworks.
- 29. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to expend a grant of \$7,500 from NStar Electric and Gas Corp., to fund the City's annual Independence Day fireworks.
- 30. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Robert Staaf to the Conservation Commission.

- 31. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of James Kirylo to the citywide Design Review Committee.
- 32. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Catello Battinelli II as Constable.
- 33. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Resolution in support of the expansion of the MA Bottle Bill.
- 34. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Resolution in opposition to an Act Promoting Consumer Choice and Competition, which would limit the city's ability to negotiate cable licenses.
- 35. Mayor's Comm. Updating this BOA with respect to negotiations for a new contract effective 1/1/10, for the collection of solid waste, recycling, and leaf and yard waste.
- 36. Mayor's Comm. Updating this BOA with respect to the redevelopment of Hodgkins Curtin Park on Elm St.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 37. Officer's Comm. Police Chief following up on #187477.
- 38. Officer's Comm. SPCD Director responding to various Board Orders.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 39. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Corey Shea Memorial Scholarship Softball Tournament, Trum Field, July 25, 8AM-8PM.
- 40. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Preston Rd., Block Party, July 29, 5:30-8PM.
- 41. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Alibrandis Baseball Club 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Game, Trum Field, July 29, 6-11:30PM. (raindate July 31)
- 42. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Pop Warner Canning Drive, Citywide, Aug. 16 & 29.
- 43. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Somerville Firefighters Local 76 Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive, Davis Sq., Union Sq, Broadway/McGrath Hwy., Aug. 22, 9-Noon.
- 44. Public Occ Public Event Permit, Somerville Garden Club Plant Sale, Davis Sq., Sept. 19, 7AM-2PM.

45. Drainlayer New Drain Layer's License, J.W. DeNapoli Inc.
46. Drainlayer New Drain Layer's License, J.P. Vara Inc.
47. Extended Hours Renewing Extended Hours License, Hess Corp., 709 McGrath Hwy., 24/7 operation.
48. Sign New Sign/Awning Permit, Bow St. Flowers, 108 Beacon St., 2 signs and awnings.
49. Garage Renewing Garage License, Inner Belt Industrial Center Realty Trust, 21 Third Ave., 76 autos inside.
50. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Wilvens Cab Inc., Med. #18.
51. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Odney Cab Inc., Med. #72.
52. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Marc Morency Inc., Med. #78.
53. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Somerville Trans Co., Med. #71.
54. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Alewife Trans Co., Med. #65, 69 & 80.
55. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Eastern Trans Co., Med. #73, 87 & 90.
56. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Silcor Trans Co., Med. #51, 52, 77 & 93.
57. Taxi Med Renewing Taxi Medallion, Ormond Trans Co., Med. #49, 50, 62 & 89.

**LATE ITEMS**