

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

July 10, 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 Special Meeting of June 10, 2008, and the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2008.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. O'Donovan, Trane and the Entire Board, Commending Marine Corporal Paul Savage, a lifelong Somervillian who was recently injured by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan while serving his 3rd tour of duty.
4. Citation By Entire Board, Commending Senior Draftsman Fred Lund who is retiring after 55 years of dedicated service to the City.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Location Lighttower Communications for a grant of location to install 89 feet of conduit at 425 Broadway.
6. Grant of Location Lighttower Communications for a grant of location to install 27 feet of conduit in Beacon St. at Sacramento St.
7. Grant of Location NStar Electric for a grant of location to install 7,862 feet of conduit and 14 manholes in Somerville Ave. between Porter Sq. and Union Sq.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

8. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works consider installing lighting to illuminate the trees in the median strip of Broadway from Walnut St. to Sullivan Sq.
9. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor the No Right Turn From 4–6 PM restriction on Pearl St. at Jasper St. and on McGrath Hwy. at Bonair St.

10. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking work with state officials for better placement of the NO TURN ON RED sign at Broadway and McGrath Hwy. heading west.
11. Resolution By Ald. Roche, That this Board requests that the MBTA's Assistant Director of Planning consider relocating the proposed Brickbottom Green Line stop from Joy St. to New Washington St. to better accommodate senior citizens at the Cobble Hill Apts. and all the residents of East Somerville.
12. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD request of DCR that the landscaping along McGrath Hwy. from Medford St. to Broadway be on a regular maintenance schedule.
13. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the uplifted sidewalk panel outside the Dilboy Post on Summer St., near the parking lot entrance.
14. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works arrange for the excavation for flagpoles donated by the Somerville Kiwanis Club, at locations described within.
15. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the loose panel on the handicap ramp to the traffic island at Day and Elm Sts. opposite the Singer Sewing Center.
16. Resolution By Ald. Connolly and the Entire Board, That this Board commends the Chief of Police and the entire Police Dept. for their swift action following a July 6 assault in West Somerville, leading to the arrest of the perpetrator on July 7.
17. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 17 Norwood Ave. as it poses a safety risk due to entangled wires.
18. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police dispatch the Ward 5 patrol car to the CVS parking lot in Magoun Sq. between 6:30 and 8:00 AM daily, to stop unruly contractors from taking over the parking lot and intimidating residents.
19. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police enforce the Noise Ordinance to curtail the noise created at the corner of Central St. and Broadway as a result of church services.
20. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place large RESIDENT PARKING ONLY signs on Woodbine and Centre Sts.

21. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 83 Josephine Ave.
22. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol around Albion Park between 9 PM and 2 AM on a very consistent basis.
23. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works enhance the landscaping on the Cherry St. side of the Kennedy Elementary School.
24. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Communications add the date and time of each city event shown on cable TV so viewers know if the program is live or a repeat broadcast.
25. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works, in coordination with the MBTA, place trash barrels and recycling containers at Seven Hills Park.
26. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works plant trees on Josephine Ave. and Burnside Ave.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

27. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, In support of the Tufts University janitors. (This Item was tabled via Section 15/Rule 48 during a challenge to the Presiding Officer's ruling that it has a direct bearing on the business of the Board.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

28. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, July 8. Report
29. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, July 9. Report
30. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, July 9. Report
31. Committee Report of the Committees on Licenses & Permits and Public Utilities & Public Works meeting jointly, July 9. Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

32. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to move the voting location for Ward 7, Precinct 3 from the Capen Court Community Center to the West Somerville Neighborhood School on the Raymond Ave. side.

33. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to move the voting location for Ward 2, Precinct 2 from the Hagan Manor to the Argenziano School.
34. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appoint James Shea and Choate, Hall and Stewart LLP as outside counsel for the City.
35. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an amendment to #184669, which declared 3 city owned Davis Sq. parcels available for disposition, to reflect new property values.
36. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for SPCD to appropriate \$296,367 from the Traffic Stabilization Fund to initiate seven projects for the Safe Start Program.
37. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$200,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to install decorative benches and barrels.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for SPCD to appropriate \$89,750 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the city's share of the Union Square Transportation Study.
39. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$76,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to seal, coat and paint various school playgrounds.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$50,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to reconstruct private ways.
41. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$20,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to install bulletin boards at parks and playgrounds.
42. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$20,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to install a new water heater at the Healey School.
43. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$20,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the to install a new water heater at the Kennedy School.

- 44. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$12,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to purchase a jack hammer kit for the skid steer bobcat.
- 45. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$6,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to purchase two 8" spare plow blades.
- 46. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$5,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to purchase a trailer for the skid steer bobcat.
- 47. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$3,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to purchase a John Deere plow attachment.
- 48. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$700 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to purchase forks for the skid steer bobcat.
- 49. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$50,000 from the MA Technology Collaborative for a renewable energy project at the Argenziano School.
- 50. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for expend a donation of \$1,000 from Boston Productions to support youth activities.
- 51. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Edward Mostone as Constable.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 52. Officer's Comm Asst. City Solicitor submitting a draft Ordinance for Tree Preservation.
- 53. Officer's Comm Chief of Police responding to various Board Orders.
- 54. Officer's Comm Director of SPCD responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

55. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Philadelphie SDA Church/Lions Club Canning, Various locations, July 24 & Aug. 7, 5PM-7:30PM. (raindate July 31 & Aug. 14).
56. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Open Air Circus Summer Performance, Nunziato Field, July 31-Aug. 3.
57. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, St. James Ave. Block Party, Aug. 3, 3-7PM.
58. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Lexington Ave. Block Party, Aug. 16, Noon-8PM (raindate Aug. 23).
59. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Irving St. Block Party, Sept. 6, Noon-6PM (raindate Sept. 7).
60. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Prospect Hill Block Party, Munroe St. between Prospect Hill Ave. and Bigelow St., Sept. 13, 4-8PM (raindate Sept. 14).
61. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Honk Festival, Davis Sq., extending approved (#185961) hours to 9PM on Oct. 11.
62. Drainlayer New Drain Layer's License, E.B. Rotondi & Sons Inc.
63. Garage Renewal of Garage License, A Plus Autobody Inc., 295 Medford St., 20 autos inside, 11 outside.
64. Garage Renewal of Garage License, A Plus Autobody Inc., 297 Medford St., 10 autos inside.
65. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Mike's Automotive Services Inc., 298 Somerville Ave., 10 autos inside, 10 outside.
66. Comm. State Senator Galluccio and State Delegation re: Designating the Innerbelt and Washington St. area a "Growth District".
67. Comm. Representative Provost responding to #185577 & 185694 re: Installing bike racks at the Davis Sq. and Sullivan Sq. MBTA stations.

LATE ITEMS