

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

July 26, 2007, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes Approval Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 6, 2007, and the Regular Meeting of June 14, 2007.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation By Ald. Desmond, Roche, Connolly, Sullivan and the Entire Board, Commending Police Officer Kevin Shackelford, who courageously pursued and captured an armed and dangerous suspect after a shooting on June 23.
4. Citation By Ald. Roche, Desmond, Connolly, Sullivan and the Entire Board, Commending the Police Narcotics Unit's Lt. Daniel Hyde, Sgt. Gerald Reardon and Detectives James Hyde, Michael Silva, Dominic Pefine and Michael Brown as well as four regional K-9 teams, who all successfully executed the biggest drug bust in the City's history, on Franklin St. on June 21.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5. Grant of Location NStar Electric for a Grant of Location to install 73 feet of conduit at 1188 Broadway.
6. Grant of Location NStar Electric for a Grant of Location to install 55 feet of conduit at 112 Elm St.

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

7. Order By Ald. Desmond and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim back the tree at 73 Cherry St.
8. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Board on the work being performed at Trum Field.

9. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim back the tree at Myrtle and Pearl Sts. as it is blocking the STOP sign.
10. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the Street Cleaning sign in front of 97 Perkins St.
11. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD and the City Solicitor inform this Board why contractors are permitted to work 6 days/week (Mon.-Sat.) from dawn to dusk, and why the city can not create an ordinance regulating these hours to preserve the quality of life in residential neighborhoods.
12. Order By Ald. Roche, That Chief of Police disperse the homeless people behind Broadway Brake and adjacent to Route 93.
13. Resolution By Ald. Roche, That this Board requests that the Administration work with DCR and others to clean up the areas under Route 93 at Stop & Shop, Harris Park and behind Broadway Brake.
14. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the curb at 7 Fairlee St.
15. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works review all of the brick sidewalks in Davis Sq. and take any necessary corrective actions.
16. Order By Ald. Connolly and Taylor, That the Director of SPCD inspect the vacant building at Benton Rd. and Summer St., and order the owner to clean up the building and grounds.
17. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD inspect 3-5 Walter Terrace for violations of the trash ordinance, and that the Chief of Police forward to the Ward 4 Alderman a report of all complaints and actions there.
18. Resolution By Ald. Pero, That this Board encourages all residents to report to their Alderman, Police or Human Rights Commission, any incidents of white supremacist propaganda and/or offensive material.
19. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police enforce the overnight commercial parking restriction on Bailey and Temple Rds.
20. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti on the mural on the Sycamore St. side of the Winter Hill Community School.

21. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD inform the Ward 4 Alderman of the outcome of the July 24 Neighborhood Inspection Team inspection of 32 Fremont St.
22. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD inform the Ward 4 Alderman of the status of 9 James St.
23. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol on East Albion and Moreland Sts. to prevent vandalism to autos.
24. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol in the Walnut St./Vinal Ave. neighborhood to check for any suspicious activity.
25. Order By Ald. Taylor and Connolly, That the Director of SPCD report to the Ward 3 Alderman on renovations at 2 Benton Rd. and any enforcement action taken.
26. Order By Ald. Taylor and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works respond to requests for driveways at 69 Walnut St. and 95 Kidder Ave.
27. Order By Ald. Taylor, Desmond and Sullivan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the parking regulations at 252 Medford St. and Hamlet St./Highland Ave.
28. Order By Ald. Taylor, Sullivan and Desmond, That the Director of Traffic and Parking investigate establishing a permit parking program at Properzi Manor & 252 Medford St.
29. Order By Ald. Sullivan and the Entire Board, That the Director of SPCD update this Board regarding the Safe Start Pedestrian Safety Report.
30. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White and Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the push button for pedestrian crossing and the traffic light at the corners of Temple St. and Broadway and School and Medford Sts.
31. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the pothole at the corner of Grove St. and Winslow Ave.
32. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalk at 225 Morrison Ave.
33. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works place a bench and trash barrel at 378 Highland Ave.

34. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking ensure that permit parking is enforced on Highland Ave. between Willow Ave. and Hancock St.
35. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD and the Commissioner of Public Works perform a full inventory of broken and raised bricks on sidewalks in Davis Sq. and initiate a plan to address the problem.
36. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Administration and this Board plan recognition at the next meeting of this Board, on Aug. 9, for the firefighters who bravely and professionally fought the recent fire at Wilton and Henderson Sts.
37. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Administration create an account to temporarily support and assist residents displaced from their homes as the result of a fire or other tragic situation.
38. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief Fire Engineer take any and all necessary public safety actions on DiRenzo Terrace.
39. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees on Albion St., just in from Central St.
40. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the overgrowth on Warwick, Clyde, and Murdock Sts.
41. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police contact the Ward 5 Alderman to discuss issues on Albion St.
42. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD contact the Ward 5 Alderman to plan renovation meetings with the neighbors of Albion Park.
43. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the tree at 28 Rogers Ave.
44. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police conduct speed traps on Cedar and Central Sts. weekly.
45. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols at the Kennedy School playground and tot lot each evening for the remainder of the summer.
46. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees at 36 Linden Ave.

47. Order By Ald. White, That the Chief of Police provide this Board with crime statistics for the current calendar year in comparison with the last 4 prior years, and appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss crime and staffing during the summer months.
48. Order By Ald. White, Pero, Roche, Connolly, Sullivan and Desmond, That the Traffic Commission perform a traffic count and direction of exit on Fellsway West during rush hour traffic to determine whether restrictions should be imposed on cut through traffic.
49. Order By Ald. White, Pero, Roche, Connolly, Sullivan and Desmond, That the Traffic Commission install STOP/DO NOT ENTER/ONE WAY signage on both sides of Fellsway West at the intersections of Fellsway West and Jacques St. and Fellsway West and Broadway.
50. Resolution By Ald. White, Roche and Gewirtz, Re: the Federal Aviation Administration.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

51. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, June 27.  
Report
52. Committee Report of the Committee on License and Permits, July 25.  
Report
53. Committee Report to the Committee on Legislative Matters, July 18.  
Report
54. Committee Report of the Committee on Housing and Community  
Report Development, July 24.
55. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, July 25.  
Report
56. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use, July 25.  
Report

#### **COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

57. Mayor's Request Requesting that this Board convene in Executive Session to receive an update on collective bargaining.

58. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of amendments to Ordinance Sections 2-314, 2-315, 2-316 and 2-317, re: vacation, sick and bereavement leave.
59. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of 3 additional CEMUSA bus shelters, two at Assembly Sq. Mall and one at Broadway and Pearson Ave.
60. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to extend Contract #03-032, Fleming Brothers Inc., for site improvements to Nathan Tufts Park.
61. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an appropriation and bond of \$144,200 for the purchase of Fire Dept. vehicles.
62. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a supplemental appropriation of \$30,000 to the Capital Project Management Professional & Technical Services Acct. to fund necessary repairs to the Buena Vista Garage.
63. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a supplemental appropriation of \$18,050 to the Election Dept. Special Election Acct. to fund the costs of the special elections to replace Senator Barrios.
64. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an appropriation of \$100,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to the School Dept. Music Educational Equipment Acct.
65. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$1,496,718 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Fire Dept. Personal Services Acct. to fund the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Firefighters Association Local 76, from 7/1/04-6/30/07.
66. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$105,438 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to various Salary Accts. to fund the Collective Bargaining Agreement with SMEA Unit A, from 7/1/05-6/30/08.
67. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of \$50,699 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to various Salary Accts. to fund the Collective Bargaining Agreement with SMEA Unit D, from 7/1/07-6/30/09.
68. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$29,375 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to designated Police E-911 Personal Services Accts. to fund the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the E-911 Call Taker/Dispatchers SEIU Local 888, from 7/1/05-6/30/08.
69. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$7,912 from the Library Salaries Acct. to the Professional & Technical Services Acct. to cover the fee to Biblio Temps for interim positions.

70. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice of \$995.54 for legal services rendered re: Doe v. City of Somerville.
71. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$21,000 from the Boston Foundation, to extend the SomerStat program to residents through neighborhood data-analysis meetings and the resident mystery shopper corps.
72. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$16,016 from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services, for the Council on Aging's transportation and social/health support projects.
73. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$11,000 from the National Center on Civic Innovation, for SomerStat to publish a Residents Report version of the city budget.
74. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$2,500 from the Cambridge Public Health Commission, for the Health Dept.'s Emergency Dispensing Site Drill.
75. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$2,500 from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council as part of the FY07 Metro Mayors Shannon Community Safety Initiative, for youth violence prevention, intervention or law enforcement.
76. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Kaley Klanica to the Ethics Commission.
77. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Simon Van Leeuwen to the Assembly Square Design Review Committee.
78. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Mary Griffin as the tenant member of the Housing Authority.
79. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Ian Finlayson to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
80. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Andrea Ranger to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
81. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of James McCarthy to the Redevelopment Authority.
82. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Herbert Foster to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
83. Mayor's Comm. Proclaiming the Week of July 16-21, 2007, as "Lead Poisoning Prevention Week."

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

84. Officer's Comm. Director of SPCD responding to various Board Orders.
85. Officer's Comm. Chief of Police responding to various Board Orders.

**NEW BUSINESS**

86. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Dahn Holistic Fitness Martial Arts Demonstration, Davis Sq. Statue Park, July 28, Aug. 25, Sept. 29 & Oct. 27, 2-5PM (raindates 7 days later).
87. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Arts Council Arts Union events, Union Sq. Plaza, July 28-Oct. 14, various dates & times.
88. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Teen Empowerment Basketball Tournament, Healey School Basketball Courts, July 31, 1-7PM (raindate Aug. 2).
89. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, St. James Ave. Block Party, Aug. 5, 4-7PM.
90. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Redbones Annual Block Party, Chester St.-Herbert St. Intersection, Aug. 6, 7-10PM (raindate Aug. 13).
91. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Pop Warner Canning Drive, Citywide, Aug. 11 & Sept. 22, 9-5PM.
92. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Fire Fighters Local 76 MDA Boot Drive, Broadway & McGrath, Davis Sq. & Union Sq., Aug. 18 & 25, 9AM-12noon (rain date Sept. 1).
93. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Woods Ave. Block Party, Aug. 18, 12noon-12midnight.
94. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Handy-Oikle Wedding, Prospect Hill Park, Aug. 18, 3PM (raindate Aug. 19 2PM).
95. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, RCN College Fall Rush Literature Distribution, Davis Sq., Aug. 25-Sept. 4.
96. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Save Our Somerville 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual End of Summer Basketball Tournament, Lexington Park, Aug. 26, 2-7PM (raindate Sept. 2).
97. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Oxford St. Block Party, Sept. 3, 3-8PM (raindate Sept. 8).

98. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, E. Somerville Main Streets Under The Stars International Movie Nights, Basketball Court on Cross St., Sept. 7, 14 & 21, 7:30-10PM.
99. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Columbus Ave. Block Party, Sept. 15, 3-6PM.
100. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Shape Up Somerville 5K Run/Walk, Trum Field, Sept. 30, 10-2PM.
101. Drainlayer New Drain Layer's License, RGK Development.
102. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, Donohoe Excavating.
103. Garage New Garage License, Inman Auto Center, 45 Webster Ave., 13 autos inside and 3 autos outside.
104. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Boston Sand and Gravel Co., 429 Rutherford Ave., 60 autos.
105. Used Car New Used Car Dealers License , Class II, Inman Capital Cars dba Inman Motor Sales, 39 Webster Ave., 30 autos.
106. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Massachusetts Bay Computer Rail, 70R Third St., 393,510 gallons.
107. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Home Depot #2667, 75 Mystic Ave., 34,136 gallons.
108. Sign New Sign/Awning Permit, 02 Yoga Studio, LLC, 288 Highland Ave., Awning.
109. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Sigma Phi Epsilon, 114 Curtis St.
110. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Theta Chi, 100 Packard Ave.
111. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Alpha Phi, 14 Sawyer Ave.
112. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Alpha Omicron Pi, 25 Whitfield Rd.
113. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, County Kerry Taxi, Med. #59.
114. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Marc Morency, Med. #78.
115. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Elzira and Luc Cab, Med. #6.

- 116. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Victory Cab Corp., Med. #56.
- 117. Taxi Med Taxi Medallion Refinancing, Lee Taxi Inc., Med. #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, & #13.
- 118. Taxi Med Taxi Medallion Refinancing, Ike Inc., Med. #58, #61, #81 & #92.
- 119. Taxi Med Taxi Medallion Refinancing, Stone Trans. Inc., Med. #28, #30, #31 & #32.
- 120. Taxi Med Taxi Medallion Refinancing, County Kerry Taxi, Med. #59.
- 121. Comm. Rep. Sciortino forwarding a response from the DCR re: improvements to Foss Park.
- 122. Comm. Rep. Sciortino submitting a Feasibility Study Report re: 4 potential jail sites in Somerville.
- 123. Comm. DCR responding to #183573 re: Damaged stairway at end of Flint St.
- 124. Comm. J. P. Donnelly re: the selection of a Police Chief.

**LATE ITEMS**