

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

August 28, 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 25, 2008.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Roche and the Entire Board, Congratulating Rose Kelly on the auspicious occasion of her 100th birthday.
4. Citation By Ald. O'Donovan and the Entire Board, Congratulating Salvatore Spinosa on the auspicious occasion of his 80th birthday.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Location NStar Electric for a grant of location to install 1,730 feet of conduit and 4 manholes in Somerville Ave., between Prospect St. and McGrath Hwy.
6. Grant of Location NStar Electric for a grant of location to install 160 feet of conduit in 50 Innerbelt Rd.
7. Grant of Location NStar Electric for a grant of location to install 5 feet of conduit at 57 Endicott Ave.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

8. Resolution By Ald. Pero, That this Board requests that DCR regularly maintain the strip of grass on Fellsway West, on the far side of the sidewalk closest to the curb.
9. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD cite the owner of 3-5 Walter Terrace for violations of the city's building and health codes, especially the trash ordinance.

10. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panels at 242 School St.
11. Resolution By Ald. Pero, That this Board requests that a representative of National Grid appear at the next meeting of this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, to explain why the Fellsway West landscape wasn't restored after the recent replacement of pipes there.
12. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works place a large sign on the east side of Centre St. at Albion St., allowing parking for residents only.
13. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works order NStar to resurface and replace the street and sidewalks on Conwell St., per agreement.
14. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police direct the Ward 5 Community Police Officer to patrol the area around 65 Josephine Avenue for any disturbances.
15. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect and remove the rotted tree at 24 Cedar St. (2nd request)
16. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works schedule a hearing to remove the tree at 40 Lexington Ave. as it poses a serious safety hazard.
17. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works move the tree at 15 Conwell St. 5-10 feet away from its current location.
18. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works install handicap ramps on Highland Rd. at Kidder Ave. and on Boston Ave. at Kidder Ave. (6th request)
19. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the piping at 26 Rogers Ave. and advise the homeowner of his findings.
20. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the lifted sidewalk panels at 57 Concord Ave.
21. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor review Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances to determine its applicability to scooters, bicycles, motorcycles, etc., parking on sidewalks and impeding pedestrian access, and provide amendments to address the problems.

22. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police place a speed board and monitor traffic for speeding violations on Beacon St. from Porter Sq. to Sacramento St.
23. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works plant a tree at 23 Adrian St. and consult the Ward 2 Alderman on planting trees at other locations in Ward 2.
24. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the catch basins at Prospect, Houghton and Clark Sts.
25. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD inform Waste Management that they cannot pick up trash from dumpsters at the Walnut St. Center on Charlestown St. and the Linden St. Apartments prior to 7 AM, due to the noise ordinance.
26. Resolution By Ald. Trane, That this Board requests that the Administration begin emergency planning for the upcoming winter season heating crisis.
27. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Gewirtz, White, Desmond and Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing street sign at Thorndike and Holland Sts.
28. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, White, Desmond and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 14 Franklin St.
29. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White, Desmond and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works inform CEMUSA that all bus stops are to be cleared of weeds and debris weekly.
30. Order By President Sullivan and the Entire Board, That this Board reappoints John J. Long to the position of City Clerk for a three-year term.
31. Comm By President Sullivan, Rescheduling to Tuesday, Sept. 9, the Regular meeting of this Board previously scheduled for Sept. 11, so that members, city officials, and residents may attend the city's remembrance of the tragedy that struck our nation on Sept. 11, 2001.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

32. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, In support of the Tufts University janitors.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

33. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Aug. 27.
Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

34. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a proposed amendment to the Condominium Conversion Ordinance.
35. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Kerbey Harrington LLP as outside counsel for cable license negotiations with RCN.
36. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$1,550,000 to procure a new Integrated Accounting and Financial Management System for all city depts., and borrow said sum in a bond.
37. Mayor's Request Requesting the amendment of the appropriation and bond of \$395,000 for Albion Park, by increasing the appropriation and authorization to bond to \$1,075,000 (an increase of \$680,000).
38. Mayor's Request Requesting the amendment of the appropriation and bond of \$395,000 for Grimmons Park, by increasing the appropriation and authorization to bond to \$875,000 (an increase of \$480,000).
39. Mayor's Request Requesting the amendment of the appropriation and bond of \$785,000 for Hodgkins Park, by increasing the appropriation and authorization to bond to \$1,000,000 (an increase of \$215,000).
40. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$700,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation – Insurance Losses to East Somerville School Fire School Dept. (\$250,000) and East Somerville School Fire DPW (\$450,000), as the 2nd reimbursement from Liberty Mutual Insurance.
41. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$65,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for a space needs analysis and a Municipal Facilities Master Plan.
42. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$50,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to purchase a License Plate Reader System for the Police Dept. as part of the FY2009 Capital Investment Plan.
43. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$35,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the Police Dept. to purchase a police cruiser to replace car #185.
44. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$12,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for 311 to purchase additional licenses for the IntelliGov Customer Resource Mgmt. System as part of the FY2009 Capital Investment Plan.

45. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$8,853 from the Contingency Acct – Sick Leave Buyback to the SPCD Planning & Zoning Salaries Acct. to fund the sick leave buyback and accrued vacation payments for a recently retired employee.
46. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$2,000 from the Workers Comp. Professional & Tech. Services Acct. to the Workers Comp. Salaries & Wages Temporary Acct. to fund a part-time student worker in Personnel.
47. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the Information Technology Dept. to use FY09 funds to pay prior year invoices totaling \$24,311.52 for various services.
48. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the Library to use FY09 funds of \$378 to pay a prior year invoice from Thomson West.
49. Mayor's Request Requesting approval in accordance with GL c30B s15 for the Fire Dept. to dispose of 5 vehicles.
50. Mayor's Request Requesting the authorization of a Somerville Animal Control Consolidated Gift Acct. for a revolving account for donations for animal food and care under GL c44 s53A.
51. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization for SPCD to apply to MA Public Works Economic Development for grant funding of up to \$750,000 for a Boynton Yards transportation/utility study.
52. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization for SPCD and the Recreation Dept. to apply to the MA Environmental Trust for grant funding of up to \$500,000 for the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse.
53. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for a grant of \$50,700 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the Public Library.
54. Officer's Comm. Requesting approval for a grant of \$10,814 from the US Dept. of Justice's Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant, to reduce language barriers between the Police and residents.
55. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for a grant of \$9,000 from the Carl and Ruth Shapiro Family Foundation for the Mystic Housing Development's Books of Hope program in FY09.
56. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Flynn to the Board of Assessors.
57. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Crystal Shaylene Asiwe as Constable.

58. Mayor's Comm. Conveying the re-appointment of Thomas Bent, Sandra McGoldrick and Gerald McCue to the Municipal Compensation Advisory Board.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

59. Officer's Comm. Planning Board submitting recommendations re: a proposed Zoning Ordinance adopting a Temporary Moratorium in a portion of the Winter Hill Commercial District.
60. Officer's Comm. Chief of Police responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

61. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Redbones Annual Block Party, Chester St. to Herbert St., Aug. 4.
62. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Choice Program Parents Picnic Dinner, Nunziato Field, Aug. 12, 5:30-8:30PM.
63. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Bicycle Film Festival, Davis Sq., Aug. 15, 6:30-11PM.
64. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Matt Paley Film Shoot, Powder house Park, Aug. 19, 7-10PM (raindate Aug. 22).
65. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, RCN College Fall Rush Information Table, Davis Sq., Aug. 28-30, 12-4PM.
66. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Pop Warner Canning Drive, Citywide, Aug. 30 & Sept. 20, 9AM-5PM.
67. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Save our Somerville Skating Demo, Conway Park, inside and Outside Hockey Rink, Aug. 30, 12-6PM (raindate Aug. 31).
68. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Oxford St. Block Party, Aug. 31, 4-9PM (raindate Sept. 6).
69. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, East Somerville Main Streets Under The Stars International Movie Night in East Somerville, Basketball Court behind Senior Center, Sept. 5, 12 & 19., 6:30-10PM (raindate Sept. 26).
70. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Woods Ave. Block Party, Sept. 6, Noon-10PM.
71. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Oak St. Block Party, Sept. 6, 2-8PM (raindate Sept. 7).

72. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Somerville Striders Big Man Run XIII, Khoury's State Spa, Sept. 6, 4:19PM.
73. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Boston Ave. Block Party between Prichard & Kidder Aves., Sept. 7, 3-7PM (raindate Sept. 14).
74. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Somerville Homeless Coalition Banner for its 5K road race, Davis Sq., Sept. 8-Oct. 4.
75. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Somerville Youth Hockey Canning Drive, Citywide, Sept. 13, 7AM-4PM.
76. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Mudflat Pottery School Sidewalk Sale Fundraiser, 149 Broadway, Sept. 13, 8AM-6PM.
77. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, High School Junior Class Car Wash, High School Concourse, Sept. 13, 9AM-1PM.
78. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Save Our Somerville End of Summer Basketball Tournament, Lexington Park, Sept. 13, 10AM-7PM (raindate Sept. 20).
79. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Malvern Ave. Block Party, Sept. 13, 1-7PM (raindate Sept. 14).
80. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Dante Club 100th Anniversary Cookout, Club parking lot, Sept. 13, 1-8PM.
81. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Brian Higgins Foundation Road Race, Khoury's State Spa-Broadway and Glen Sts., Sept. 20, 9AM-1PM.
82. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, New England Motorcycle Ride for Recovery, High School Concourse, Sept. 21, 8:30-11:30AM.
83. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, First Congregational Church Block Party, Francesca Ave. from Liberty to College Aves., Sept. 21, 10-7PM.
84. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Chandler St. Block Party, Sept. 20, 3-8PM. (raindate Sept. 21).
85. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Bay State Ave. Block Party, between Kidder Ave. & Foskett St., Sept. 20, 4-11PM (raindate Sept. 21).

86. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, East Somerville Health Center Open House, 42 Cross St. and adjacent school yard, Sept. 26, 2-8PM.
87. Drainlayer New Drain Layer's License, Marchi Paving Inc.
88. Drainlayer New Drain Layer's License, M.J. Scully & Company.
89. Sign Sign/Awning Permit, Blue Shirt Café, 424 Highland Ave, Change existing awning.
90. Flammable New Flammables License, CRG West 70 Inner Belt LLC, 70 Inner Belt Rd., 70 Inner Belt Rd., 100,000 gallons.
91. Flammable Renewal of Flammables License, Pearl St. Auto Sales, 182 Pearl St., 17,000 gallons.
92. Flammable Renewal of Flammables License, General Glass & Mirror Corp., 231 Lowell St., 1,000 gallons.
93. Garage Renewal of Garage License, General Glass & Mirror Corp., 231 Lowell St., 5 autos inside & 5 outside.
94. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Pearl St. Auto Sales Inc., 56 Bonair St., 8 autos inside.
95. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Pearl St. Auto, 182 Pearl St., 3 autos inside.
96. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Pearl Street Auto, 182 Pearl St., 2 autos.
97. Outdoor Seating Renewal of Outdoor Seating License, Sound Bites, 704-706 Broadway, 4 tables & 16 chairs.
98. Outdoor Seating Renewal of Outdoor Seating License, LDDJ Inc. dba Dave's Fresh Pasta, 81 Holland St., grill & table on street (parking space), Saturdays until Oct. 18, 11:30-3:30PM.
99. Outdoor Parking New Outdoor Parking License, Qwik Mart, 290 Highland Ave., 3 autos.
100. Extended Hours Renewal of Extended Hours License, C & S Donuts Corp., dba Dunkin Donuts, 504 Broadway, Operating 24/7.
101. Extended Hrs New Extended Hours License, Moe's BBQ Trolley, 92 Professors Row, Until 4AM Thu-Sat and holiday evenings.
102. Taxi Med Transfer of Taxi Medallion, Artie's Taxi Inc. to IKE Inc., Med. #57.

- 103. Taxi Med Transfer of Taxi Medallion, SLS Trans. Inc. to WLEJ. Inc., Med. #76.
- 104. Taxi Med Taxi Medallion Refinancing, Marc Morency Inc., Med. #78.
- 105. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Gardy Inc., Med. #19.
- 106. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Elysse Corp., Med. #48.
- 107. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Theta Chi, 100 Packard Ave.
- 108. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Alpha Omicron Pi, 25 Whitfield Rd.
- 109. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Alpha Phi, 14 Sawyer Ave.
- 110. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Sigma Phi Epsilon, 114 Curtis St.
- 111. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Alpha Tau Omega, 134 Professors Row.
- 112. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Trustees of Tufts University, 90-94 Curtis St.
- 113. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Wilson House, 136 Curtis St.
- 114. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Trustees of Tufts University, 176 Curtis St.
- 115. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Trustees of Tufts University, 12 Dearborn Rd.
- 116. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Hillside House, 32 Dearborn Rd.
- 117. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Start House, 17 Latin Way.
- 118. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Bush Hall, 29 Latin Way.
- 119. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Tilton Hall, 39R Latin Way.

120. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Latin Way Apartments, 40A-F Latin Way.
121. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Haskell Hall, 43 Latin Way.
122. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Lewis Hall, 75-85 Packard Ave.
123. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Hall House, 98 Packard Ave.
124. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, South Hall, 73 Powderhouse Blvd.
125. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Chandler House, 125 Powderhouse Blvd.
126. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Capen House, 8 Professors Row.
127. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Anthony House, 14 Professors Row.
128. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Richardson House, 28 Professors Row.
129. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Metcalf Hall, 56-64 Professors Row.
130. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Trustees of Tufts University, 92 Professors Row.
131. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Chi Omega, 106 Professors Row.
132. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Davies House, 13 Sawyer Ave.
133. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Bartol House, 37 Sawyer Ave.
134. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Trustees of Tufts University, 45 Sawyer Ave.
135. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Trustees of Tufts University, 9-11 Sunset Rd.
136. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Sophia Gordon Hall, 13-15 Talbot Ave.

- 137. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Stratton Hall, 45 Talbot Ave.
- 138. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Hodgdon Hall, 100 Talbot Ave.
- 139. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Trustees of Tufts University, 101 Talbot Ave.
- 140. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Milne House, 8 Whitfield Rd.
- 141. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Schmalz House, 15 Whitfield Rd.
- 142. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Wyeth House, 21 Whitfield Ave.
- 143. Comm. MBTA responding to #185790 re: trash issues in Davis Sq. station.
- 144. Comm. Federal Realty Investment Trust outlining the demolition schedule for properties at Assembly Sq.
- 145. Comm. Jerry Laurentano submitting a petition re: the location of stops along the Green Line.

LATE ITEMS