

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

September 9, 2008, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes Approval of the minutes Regular Meeting of July 10, 2008, and the Special Meeting of July 17, 2008.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Desmond and the Entire Board, Congratulating the Dante Club on its 100th anniversary and extending thanks for its many generous contributions made to the community.
4. Citation By Ald. Desmond and the Entire Board, Congratulating Commander Stephen Pitcher and Ladies Auxiliary President Dolores Ventre for their dedicated service to American Legion Post 19 as the Post's Officers for the year 2008.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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

5. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing a 30 MINUTE PARKING 10AM-5 PM sign 35 feet from the entrance of Jimbo's Roast Beef.
6. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the safety of the intersection of Quincy, Summer and Prescott Sts., for vehicles proceeding from Quincy St. across Summer St. to Prescott St., and report back to the Ward 3 Alderman with recommendations. (2nd Request)
7. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works include Bow St. on the FY09 street reconstruction list.

8. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works confirm with the Ward 3 Alderman that Wesley Park is on the FY09 street reconstruction list.
9. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works place a trash receptacle at the bus stop at 242 Highland Ave.
10. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD notify the owner of 20 Beech St. to clean the yard and cut the overgrowth.
11. Resolution By Ald. Taylor, That this Board requests that the Director of SPCD and the Administration revisit the issue of locating a skateboard park within the city.
12. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NStar to remove the double pole hindering access to the driveway at 97 Munroe St.
13. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking review pedestrian safety crossing Bow St. between Warren Ave. and Summer St., including the traffic light at Bow St. and Wesley Park, and report back to the Ward 3 Alderman with recommendations. (2nd Request)
14. Order By Ald. Desmond and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repave Fairlee St., replacing all the sidewalk panels and relocating the fire hydrant from directly in front of a home's front steps.
15. Order By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Director of SPCD investigate claims of excessive noise and small particles coming from the air vents of the Royal Laundry facility on Webster Ave. during the early morning hours.
16. Order By Ald. Desmond, Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking provide an opinion on installing a 10 minute pick up and drop off zone on Holland St. outside the Harvard Vanguard building, and on Highland Ave. outside the Somerville Hospital, for non-Somerville residents needing services in those buildings.
17. Order By Ald. Desmond, Connolly and Taylor, That the City Solicitor draft an opinion of the city's ability to force the owner of 199 Summer St. to remove plywood from the storefront, and describe the possible legal uses there.
18. Resolution By Ald. Desmond, Connolly, O'Donovan and Heuston, That this Board requests that DCR provide an update on the work at the Veterans Hockey Rink, with a timeline.

19. Order By Ald. Desmond, Connolly, Trane, Heuston and Sullivan, That the City Solicitor draft a legal opinion of the options available to this Board pertaining to the Golden Light Restaurant's consistent abuse of hours.
20. Order By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace all the broken sidewalk panels on Elm St. behind Starbuck's Coffee.
21. Order By Ald. Desmond, Roche and Trane, That the Director of Communications attend the next meeting of the Committee on Information Technology to discuss the city's progress on Disaster Recovery Procedures, an Issue Tracking System, the new Financial System and the Voice Over IP project.
22. Order By Ald. Desmond, Trane, Heuston and Gewirtz, That the City Solicitor advise this Board on the legality of the Somerville Theatre's practice of denying children under 16 from entering the theatre with or without a parent.
23. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the two sewers at Florence and Washington Sts.
24. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim a tree at 20 Pearl St., by Mt. Vernon St.
25. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That this Board requests that DCR provide a timeline for repair of the Gilman St. Bridge.
26. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Director of SPCD bait the sewer at 19 Everett Ave.
27. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works mark the sloped surfaces of the handicapped access ramps in Davis Sq. to make seniors and disabled persons aware of them.
28. Order By Ald. Connolly and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees and shrubs between Willow and Morrison Aves., along the Community Path.
29. Order By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan and White, That the Chief of Police take notice of speeding MBTA buses.
30. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz, Desmond, Sullivan and White, That the Director of SPCD inspect the sidewalk tables of all permitted restaurants for pedestrian clearance, especially in Davis Sq., and take action to make the sidewalks safe.

31. Order By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz, Desmond, Sullivan and White, That the Director of SPCD and the Chief of Police inspect the Goodwill store at Elm St. and Bowers Ave. for the improper collection of clothes and goods after-hours, and take action so donations don't clutter the sidewalk or street.
32. Order By Ald. Pero and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the Foster St. sign at Sycamore St.
33. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the City Assessor advise this Board of the feasibility of a rebate on the residential property tax exemption for residents who purchase their home and plan to live there but move in after January 1st.
34. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking advise the Ward 6 Alderman of the feasibility of a NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign 20 feet from the intersection of West St. and Highland Ave.
35. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Board with a full inventory of trees taken down in 2008 and an estimate of how many additional trees are scheduled to be removed due to public safety or health.
36. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD advise residents who own property abutting the bike path between Willow Ave. and Cedar St. that they should trim back their hedges as overgrowth through the fence on the far edge of the bike path can create a public safety concern.
37. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the progress of businesses of 5,000 sq. ft. or more to comply with the new Plastic Bag Recycling ordinance.
38. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panels at both 7 and 8 Park Ave.
39. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Board with a report on the brick inventory in Davis Sq., and a timetable for when it will be completed.
40. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Chief of Police provide the Ward 6 Alderman with a report of complaints about take-out restaurants operating after hours in Davis Sq., and include the Community Police Officer's opinion on extending the operating hours of food establishments in the area.
41. Order By Ald. White, That the Director of SPCD appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss the Ken Greenberg/CBT Architects study of the Brickbottom area.

- 42. Order By Ald. White, That the Chief of Police appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss crime activity during the past summer months.
- 43. Order By Ald. White, O'Donovan and Connolly, That the Chief Fire Engineer, the City Solicitor and the Director of Inspectional Services appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss 31 Wilton St.
- 44. Order By Ald. White, Roche, Sullivan and Connolly, That the Chief of Police order patrols of the Edward Leathers Park due to reports of vandalism.
- 45. Ordinance By Ald. Roche, Amending Ordinance 2-309.5, the Veterans Commission Ordinance, to name the field at the Capuano School the James F. McCarthy Sr. Field.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 46. 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

- 47. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Sept. 3. Report
- 48. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Sept. 3. Report
- 49. Committee Report of the Committee on Youth Services, Sept. 9. Report
- 50. Committee Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, Sept. 9. Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 51. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$11,040.01 for The Council on Aging for the Project Outlook program.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 52. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Eden Dutcher and Martin and Varsha Vimalananda Birthday Party, Hodgkins Park, Sept. 7, 2-5PM (raindate Sept. 21).
- 53. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Craigie & Porter Sts. Block Party, Dickerman Park, Sept. 22, 5-9PM (raindate Sept. 23).
- 54. Lodging Renewal of Lodging House License, Delta Upsilon, 114 Professors Row.
- 55. Garage New Garage License, United Auto Repair, 64 Joy St., 6 cars inside, 2 outside.
- 56. Used Car Amendment of Used Car Dealers License Class II, William Doucette Auto Sales Inc., 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy, 2 cars inside, 30 outside.
- 57. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Elzira and Luc Inc., Med. #6.

LATE ITEMS