

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

September 10, 2009, 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 29, 2009, and the Regular Meeting of July 9, 2009.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Gewirtz and the Entire Board, Commending John McKenzie on 28 years of stewardship to the city's senior citizens and homeless persons.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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

4. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, That this Board dedicates this meeting to the memory of the recently passed Anne Norman, a Gold Star mother of her late son Gordon, who was killed in the Vietnam War, and also the memory of the 3,000 plus individuals killed during the 9/11 terrorist attacks.
5. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD prepare a rezoning study to identify possible uses, including homes, for historic carriage houses to encourage their upkeep without negative impacts on abutters.
6. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 40 Lincoln Pkwy.
7. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the unused real estate newspaper box at 3 Washington St.

8. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the traffic signal on Washington St. at Innerbelt Rd.
9. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, White and Gewirtz, That this Board requests that a Cambridge Health Alliance representative appear before this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss the recent service reductions.
10. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, White, Connolly, Desmond, Gewirtz, Taylor and Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of Senior Services collaborate to make resident parking stickers and visitor passes available at senior housing community rooms.
11. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the weeds in the tree wells and sidewalk on Washington St. from Beacon St. to the Argenziano School, and on Beacon St. from Park St. to Concord Ave.
12. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Clerk catalogue all garage and used car licenses in Ward 2 to crosscheck for multiple businesses at one location, and provide the Ward 2 Alderman with a report.
13. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD inspect 36 Adrian St. for health and building code violations.
14. Resolution By Ald. Heuston, That this Board requests that the Administration consider convening a task force to address problem absentee-landlord properties and the resulting undue burdens on city services.
15. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the UNION SQUARE sign at the entrance to Union Sq.
16. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Communications report to this Board the feasibility of updating the Connect CTY process to include cell phones and text messaging.
17. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street lamp at Winter St. and College Ave. and near 720 Broadway.
18. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 418 Highland Ave.
19. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works direct NStar to remove all double poles on Clyde St.

20. Order By Ald. O'Donovan and Gewirtz, That this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Works insist that NStar upgrade their Willow St. station to prevent further power outages as experienced in the Summer of 2009.
21. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD appear before this Board to explain policies on trash violations.
22. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board's Committee on Information Technology explore appealing trash violations online and advise the Ward 5 Alderman of the result.
23. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD inspect 12 Warwick St. for safety concerns.
24. Order By Ald. White, That the Director of Veterans Services provide this Board with a summary of the participation of eligible veterans who have taken advantage of the "Welcome Home" bonus program.
25. Order By Ald. White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking provide this Board with a percentage breakdown of employees who are residents of the City, and describe measures undertaken to insure that they remain residents.
26. Order By Ald. White, That the Director of Health update the Committee on Public Health and Safety on vaccinations for the upcoming flu season, especially swine flu, and the policies to deal with potential outbreaks of swine flu.
27. Order By Ald. White and Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works direct NStar to repair the street light on Evergreen Ave. between 63 Evergreen Ave. and Thurston St.
28. Resolution By Ald. Taylor, That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission and the Traffic and Parking Solutions Task Force consider the issue of short-term rentals/residents in permit parking districts.
29. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works evaluate the health of the trees around the perimeter of the Somerville Hospital (Highland Ave., Crocker St. and Tower St.), and remove or replace them as needed.
30. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate the feasibility of making Hamlet St. One-Way from Boston St. to Highland Ave.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

31. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Sep. 9. Report
32. Committee Report of the Committee on Youth Services, Sep. 10. Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

33. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinances, to rezone a portion of Broadway in Winter Hill and East Somerville.
34. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of temporary easements for construction in the Assembly Sq. area at Middlesex Ave. and Cummings St., and at 5-7 Middlesex Ave., and a permanent easement at 5-7 Middlesex Ave.
35. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to extend a contract with Fay, Spofford and Thorndike to Nov. 14, 2012, for work in Assembly Sq.
36. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to extend a contract with Group Benefits Strategies to Dec. 31, 2009, for group health claims review.
37. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay a \$384.30 prior year invoice for the City Clerk's Office for law books, using current year funds in the Books and Bookbinding Acct.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$85,000 from Spectra Energy—Algonquin Gas Transmission LLC, for appropriation to the Algonquin Gas Loop Project Stabilization Fund.
39. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$37,942 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for the Police Dept., for technology and equipment.
40. Mayor's Comm. Proclaiming September, 2009, as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.
41. Mayor's Comm. Proclaiming May 1 as Silver Star Banner Day, the permanent and official day to honor the wounded and ill soldiers of Somerville.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

None

NEW BUSINESS

42. Public Event Public Event Permit, Wallace St. Block Party, Sep. 12, 2-9PM (raindate Sep. 13).
43. Public Event Public Event Permit, Somerville Dog Owners Group Activity Booster, Stone Place Park, Sep. 13, 3-5PM (raindate Sep. 20).
44. Public Event Public Event Permit, "Untitled Wichita Project" Film Shoot, Windsor St. from South St. to Water St., Sep. 21, 5AM-8PM (raindate Sep. 22).
45. Public Event Public Event Permit, Sayonara Summer BBQ Block Party, Alpine St. from Lowell to Princeton Sts., Sep. 26, 5-9PM (raindate Sep. 27).
46. Public Event Public Event Permit, New England Motorcycle Ride to Recovery, High School Concourse, Sep. 27, 8:30-11:30AM.
47. Public Event Public Event Permit, Francesca Ave. Block Party, Sep. 27, 3-7PM.
48. Public Event Public Event Permit, Redbones Octoberfest Fall Festival Block Party, Chester St. between Elm and Herbert Sts., Oct. 4, 12-6PM (raindate Oct. 18).
49. Public Event Public Event Permit, Som. YMCA Swim Team Canning Drive, Citywide, Nov. 7, 8AM-Noon (raindate Nov. 14).
50. Garage New Garage License, Somerville Body Works Inc., 42 Dana St., autobody work, spray painting, washing vehicles, storing registered and unregistered vehicles, 10 autos inside, 2 outside.
51. Garage Renewing Garage License, International Auto Repair, 508 Somerville Ave., 2 autos inside, 8 outside.
52. Garage Renewal of Garage License, A Plus Auto Body Inc., 295 Medford St., 20 autos inside, 11 outside.
53. Garage Renewal of Garage License, A Plus Auto Body Inc., 297 Medford St., 10 autos inside.
54. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, A Plus Auto Body, 297 Medford St., no autos.

LATE ITEMS