

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts  
Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen  
in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

September 22, 2005, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Aug. 11, 2005.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. Petition **New Garage License**  
Enterprise Rent-A-Car, 377 Summer St., 1 vehicle.

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

4. Citation By Ald. Sullivan and the Entire Board, Commending Bonny Carroll, who is leaving the city after 19 years of dedicated service to the parents and families of the city.
5. Citation By Ald. Roche, Sullivan and White, Recognizing the Director and Members of the 2005 Sunsetters, whose talent and heart entertained thousands of Somervillians this Summer.
6. Resolution By Ald. Roche, That the Mayor in next year's budget include a stipend, or summer job program pay, for the performers associated with the Sunsetters.
7. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking reinstall the SCHOOL sign on Bonair St. next to Highland Auto Parts.
8. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Health and/or the Director of SPCD respond to complaints that a tenant at 41 Franklin St. is putting out trash in front of 43 Franklin St., days before scheduled trash day.

9. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking monitor Dell St. for vehicles without residential parking stickers, persons abusing the 48 hour permitting and overnight commercial parking, and cite accordingly.
10. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the two tilted cement panels at 15 George St.
11. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD and the Chief of Police determine if the graffiti on the back of the vacant warehouse on Tufts St. is gang related or hate related and have it removed by the owner.
12. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD cite the landlord of the vacant warehouse on Tufts St. for overgrown shrubs protruding out onto the sidewalk.
13. Order By Ald. Roche and Sullivan, That the Chief of Police cite vehicles speeding on Franklin St. from Pearl St. to Broadway.
14. Order By Ald. White, That the Director of Finance appear before the Finance Committee to discuss the impact of rising fuel costs on the City's budget.
15. Resolution By Ald. White and Pero, That this Board endorses the efforts of the Foss Park Neighborhood Association in its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cleanup, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 1, from 10 AM to 1 PM, and asks residents to join in the effort.
16. Resolution By Ald. Pero, That this Board honors the memory and service of US Marine Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class Ronald J. Pointer, who was killed in action on September 17, 1968, at age 19.
17. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works direct NStar to replace the lights at 14 Maple Ave.
18. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Chief of Police direct the Licensing Inspection Officer inspect the International Club at 5 Marshall St. for alcohol violations.
19. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the newly posted street cleaning restrictions on Main St. at Broadway and at Edgar Ave.
20. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works paint the lane lines on Temple St. at Mystic Ave., to clarify the left turn lane onto Mystic Ave.
21. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD inspect 58 Fellsway West for proper work permitting.

22. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police issue a directed patrol for Beacon St., especially at 65 Beacon St. and at Sacramento St., to monitor and control disturbances and destruction to property caused by vagrants.
23. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works direct the Superintendent of Highways and the City Engineer to attend a meeting of Prospect St. residents to provide information on the constant disruption to Prospect St. by Keyspan and NStar, provide a timeline for completion, and discuss a notification process to better inform residents of future plans.
24. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works either trim or remove the tree at 9-11 Joseph St.
25. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Board with the current policy for fixing sidewalk panels lifted by the overgrowth of tree roots.
26. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on establishing an "Excavation Surcharge" to accompany all excavation and/or demolition building permits, for the Board of Health to address rodent issues exacerbated by excavation and demolition.
27. Order By Ald. Heuston, That all owners and license holders at 120 Prospect St. appear before this Board to respond to numerous complaints, and that said licenses be reviewed for further restrictions or suspension.
28. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove and replace the dead tree on Morrison Ave. between Newberne and Clifton Sts.
29. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of the Housing Authority remove the broken dumpster from the rear of Ciampa Manor at 27 College Ave.
30. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works arrange for daily removal of trash and debris from the municipal lot opposite 212 Elm St., including the small landscaped triangle.
31. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol of the rear of 40 Holland St. to prevent deliveries prior to 7 AM.
32. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of SPCD inspect the dumpsters in Davis Sq., and where necessary, require the owners to increase their size or frequency of pickup.

33. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the electric utility to repair the streetlight at 160 Morrison Ave.
34. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD address the trash build up problem at the rear of 2 Central St.
35. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police place a Speed Board at the end of Craigie St. for speeding vehicles.
36. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint the crosswalk at Stone Place abutting Stone Ave.
37. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a GO SLOW - CHILDREN sign at the intersection of Stone Ave. and Stone Place.
38. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a DEAD END sign at the entrance to Stone Place.
39. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking extend the crossing time on the pedestrian light at Highland Ave. and Walnut St.
40. Order By Ald. Taylor and Desmond, That the Commissioner of Public Works resurface Hillside Circle.
41. Order By Ald. Sullivan, That the ADA Coordinator update this Board regarding the city's transition plan.
42. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Connolly, That the Director of Director of SPCD and the ADA Coordinator resolve the commercial trash receptacle issue at Someday Cafe at Dover St. and Meacham Rd. (2<sup>nd</sup> request)
43. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the electric utility company to repair the streetlight at 34 Florence St. (2<sup>nd</sup> request)
44. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Director of SPCD work with the MBTA liaison to install a bus shelter at Cobble Hill for residents who take the bus to Sullivan Sq.
45. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 19 Otis St.
46. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree on Bonair St. at the Edgerly School on the west side of the property.

47. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Chief of Police cite vehicles traveling in the wrong direction on Perkins St. at Mt. Pleasant St. between 6-8 AM and 4:30-6:30 PM.
48. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works consider installing handrails at the front door of the Ralph and Jenny Center on New Washington St.
49. Order By Ald. Sullivan and White, That the Director of Health update this Board on the availability of flu vaccine.
50. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees at 15 Boston Ave. and 19 Everett Ave.
51. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police increase patrols around Tufts during late night hours to address continuing complaints of noise, public intoxication and open alcoholic beverages on public streets.
52. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk panel at 36 Elmwood St.
53. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the lighting along Cameron Ave. and contact NStar to make improvements.
54. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify NStar to repair the streetlight on Holland St. at Cameron Ave.
55. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the grass on Broadway, between Ball Sq. and Trum Field.
56. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the defective street lights on Albion St. between Central and Lowell Sts.
57. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police set up traffic enforcement at selective times on Trull and Cedar Sts. between Broadway and Summer St.
58. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate the feasibility of installing speed bumps on Trull and Cedar Sts.
59. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the basketball nets at Albion Park.

60. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace faded street cleaning signs on Rogers Ave., Highland Rd., Linden Ave., Trull St., Partridge Ave. and Hudson St.
61. Resolution By Ald. Provost, Pero, White, and Sullivan, That this Board commends the Foss Park Neighborhood Association for its tireless work, and endorses its next Foss Park Community Cleanup, on Saturday, Oct. 1, 10 AM to 1 PM.
62. Order By Ald. Provost, White, Sullivan, and Connolly, That the Police Chief develop a system of "flagging" reported incidents that exhibit elements of hate or bias, so they can be tracked by the city and interested parties.
63. Order By Ald. Provost, White, Sullivan, and Connolly, That the Police Chief designate at least one officer to investigate incidents that exhibit elements of hate or bias, and provide training to Police to respond appropriately.
64. Ordinance By Ald. Provost, Proposing amendments to the Zoning Ordinance relating to parking standards for bicycles.
65. Ordinance By Ald. Provost, Proposing amendments to the Zoning Ordinance relating to building density in existing residential neighborhoods.
66. Order By Ald. Provost, That the City Solicitor prepare a draft amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to require that projects involving demolition and/or zoning relief be posted with notice of the project, and the time of any public hearings, upon the premises, legible to passers-by.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

67. Mayor's Request Requesting that the Board allow Atty. Scott Harshbarger and Chief Edward Davis to address the Board regarding the Police Advisory Group's recommendations.
68. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation and approval to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$171,199 for the purchase of public safety equipment.
69. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$161,803.03 from the Salary Contingent Account to various departmental PS accounts to fund the SMEA Unit A settlement from 7/02 - 6/05.

70. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$227,660 grant from the US Dept. of Homeland Security for programs, equipment and new bunker gear for firefighters.
71. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$25,510 grant from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council to be re-granted to local artists and community groups.
72. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend an \$11,500 grant from the MA Cultural Council awarded to the Arts Council for Youth Reach programs.
73. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$4,210 grant from the MA Cultural Council awarded to the Arts Council for organizational support.
74. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$4,580 grant from the MA Dept. of Environmental Protection to purchase recycling containers.
75. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to accept a voluntary cash contribution of \$3,000 from Comcast to assist with the "Somerville Movie Fest."
76. Mayor's Request Requesting that the Board approve and endorse the City's efforts to raise money for the victims of Hurricane Katrina and donate the proceeds to the Red Cross.
77. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize concurrent jurisdiction with DCR for Fellsway West.
78. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay various prior fiscal year bills totaling \$1,209.75 using current funds within the Law Legal Services Budget.
79. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the appointment of Carol Antonelli to the position of Water Superintendent.
80. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the appointment of Peter Wiederspahn to the Design Review Committee.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

81. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Sept. 20.
82. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Sept. 20.

83. Committee Report Report of the committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, Sept. 20.
84. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, Sept. 20.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

85. City Officer Comm. Director of SPCD responding to various board orders.

**NEW BUSINESS**

86. Public Occ **Public Property Occupancy Permit**  
Arts Union Productions events, Union Sq., Sept. 24, 3-6PM.
87. Public Occ Highland Rd. Block Party, Highland Rd. between Morrison and Kidder Aves., Sept. 25, Noon-7PM.
88. Public Occ Browning Rd. Neighborhood End of Summer BBQ, upper Browning Rd., Oct. 1, 4-8PM.
89. Public Occ Domestic Violence Awareness Month Candlelight Vigil, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Oct. 5, 7PM (6pm set up).
90. Public Occ Chandler St. Block Party, Chandler St. between Chapel St. and Park Ave., Oct. 8, Noon-4PM.
91. Public Occ CitySquares.com Launch Party, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Oct. 15, 11AM-7PM.
92. Public Occ Jason Dedrick 5K Road Race, Hodgkins Park and area, Oct. 22, 10AM.
93. Outdoor Seat **New Outdoor Seating License**  
Sound Bites BBQ & Grille, 711 Broadway, 4 tables, 12 chairs.
94. Drain Layer **New Drain Layer License**  
Landmark Utilities & Site Excavation Corp.
95. Comm. **Communication**  
Ten registered voters proposing an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for 339-347 Summer St.

**ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM**