

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

September 24, 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 August 4, 2009, and the Regular Meeting of August 27, 2009.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Connolly and the Entire Board, commending the Kiwanis Club of Somerville for its extremely generous donation of \$10,000 to the Public Library Children's Fund.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Resolution By Ald. Trane, That this Board requests that the Dedication Committee consider naming the corner of Powder House Blvd. and Dow St. in honor of WWII veteran Joseph Duffy.
5. Resolution By Ald. Roche, That this Board requests that the Mayor affirm with the State Office of Transportation, the commitment to resurface Washington St., now that James Aloisi is leaving the position of Secretary of Transportation.
6. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking, the Director of Personnel and the City Solicitor collaborate with private parking lot owners to issue tickets to offenders parking in designated HP spots.
7. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk on Wheeler St. at Mt. Vernon St.
8. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police intensify the enforcement of the traffic restriction on Myrtle St. from Washington St., during the morning and evening hours.

9. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalk at 34 Ames St.
10. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works adjust the DO NOT ENTER sign facing the wrong direction at Medford and Glenwood Sts. (2nd request)
11. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking meet with Alderman at Large Desmond to discuss the location of new crosswalks on Albion St. outside Albion Park.
12. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of SPCD and the Commissioner of Public Works include the installation of speed bumps on Craigie St. when planning improvements for Kelly and Dickerman Parks.
13. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of SPCD report to this Board's Committee on Youth Services on the status of skate park planning, providing details and a list of possible sites.
14. Resolution By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the General Manager of the MBTA modulate or turn off the exterior loud speakers at the College Ave. head house in Davis Sq.
15. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works respond in writing to the attached communication about the handicap ramp at College Ave.
16. Order By Ald. Connolly and Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the sidewalk panels on the west side of North St. and Powderhouse Blvd.
17. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove all banners from the SCAT building in Union Sq. and keep the area around the building clear of all debris.
18. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking advise the Ward 2 Alderman of the feasibility of relocating the crossing signal at Museum St. to Sacramento St.
19. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify NStar to replace the utility pole at 608 Somerville Ave. and Kent St.
20. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify NStar and the appropriate utility to remove the excess wires on a utility pole at 86 Marion St.

21. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the unused yellow news paper box located on Washington St. near the Charlestown line.
22. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration update this Board on initiating a bike sharing program similar to programs in other world class cities like Barcelona, Stockholm and London.
23. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission consider allowing all handicap placard holders to park in any space free of charge, with the exception of fire lanes and loading zones.
24. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works instruct NStar to remove the hanging cable from the telephone poll at 76 Irving St.
25. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration update the Ward 6 Alderman on the planned traffic bump out for Willow Ave. at Elm St., and any other traffic improvements planned for Willow Ave.
26. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Senior Services advertise to as broad an audience as possible, the classes on computer skills and email that the senior center provides with SCALE, paying special attention to seniors in the community who may not be aware that this program exists.
27. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works collaborate with the MBTA to place a drain outside the MBTA head house on Holland St., as it floods into the bike path when there is a heavy rain.
28. Order By Ald. White, That the Chief of Police appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss crime statistics for the summer of 2009.
29. Order By Ald. White and Sullivan, That a representative of SPCD and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss the weatherization program for eligible homeowners to receive a free energy audit and free weatherization work.
30. Order By Ald. White and Trane, That the City Clerk invite a representative from Tufts College to appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to address the new Tufts campus student drinking policies and their potential to lead to off campus drinking in surrounding neighborhoods.

- 31. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police conduct directed patrols at Lexington Park on Sept. 27, between 10:30 AM and 8:30 PM.
- 32. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken sidewalks on Clyde St. and meet with the Ward 5 Alderman to view the area prior to commencing the repair.
- 33. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works examine the double pole on Henderson St. and make a written finding to NStar.
- 34. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on when, and under what circumstances, an Alderman may address a city commission or committee, what topics may be discussed and how it should be scheduled (re: Ch. 397 of the Acts of 1978, and City Charter Article VII Sec 3).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 35. Committee Report of the Committee of the Whole on Finance, Sep. 16.
Report
- 36. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health & Safety, Sep.
Report 17.
- 37. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Sep. 22.
Report
- 38. Committee Report of the Committee on Information Technology, Sep.
Report 23.
- 39. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Sep. 23.
Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 40. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to allow appeals of noncriminal violations to be submitted to the Municipal Hearing Officer electronically and by mail.
- 41. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the temporary and permanent easements described in the attached Law Dept. memo, for construction in the Assembly Sq. area by Federal Realty Investment Trust and Vanasse Hangen Brustlin.

42. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,707,000, for the issuance of a bond to procure an Integrated Accounting and Financial Mgmt. System.
43. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of a \$60,000 payment from Spectra Energy to the Algonquin Gas Loop Project Stabilization Fund.
44. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$21,211 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the School Custodian Salary Acct. to pay earned vacation, sick and longevity time for former employee, the late John Clancy.
45. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$95,000 grant from MassDevelopment to complete assessment activities at the former Kiley Barrel site.
46. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$20,000 grant from the Commonwealth Security Trust Fund for the Police to equip its mobile command post with public safety equipment.
47. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of an \$18,447.65 PHER grant from the Emergency Preparedness Region 4B for the Health Dept.'s H1N1 planning and vaccine supplies.
48. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$10,000 donation from the Kiwanis Club of Somerville, for the Public Library's Children's Room.
49. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to declare the attached list of Communications Dept. cell phone equipment surplus.
50. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Alexis Kochka to the Arts Council.
51. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Jacy Edelman to the Arts Council.
52. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Mark Davis as Constable.
53. Mayor's Comm. Conveying the city's FY10 Capital Investment Plan.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

54. Officer's Comm. Retirement Board responding to #187851 re: laid-off employees "buying back" their time off when rehired.

55. Officer's Comm. Police Chief responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

56. Public Event Public Event Permit, Hope Fellowship Church Davis Sq. Cleanup, Sep 26, 2-4PM.
57. Public Event Public Event Permit, High and Mighty Brass Band performance, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Oct 1, 4-6PM.
58. Public Event Public Event Permit, "The Town" film shoot, Somerville Hospital area, Oct 3, 6AM-6PM.
59. Public Event Public Event Permit, Highland Rd. Block Party, Between Morrison and Kidder Aves., Oct. 4, 2-8PM (raindate Oct 11).
60. Public Event Public Event Permit, "Zookeeper" film shoot, 486 Columbia St., Oct 5, 5AM-9PM.
61. Public Event Public Event Permit, East Somerville Honks! march and performances, Sullivan Sq. to East Branch Library, Oct 9, 5-8PM.
62. Public Event Public Event Permit, High School Senior Class Car Wash, High School Concourse, Oct 24, 9AM-1PM.
63. Public Event Public Event Permit, Norfolk St. Block Party, Oct 31, 12-8PM (raindate Nov 1).
64. Lodging House Renewing Lodging House License, Kappa Charge of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity, 123 Packard Ave.
65. Lodging House Renewing Lodging House License, Kappa Chapter of the Zeta Psi Fraternity, 80 Professors Row.
66. Garage Renewing Garage License, NStar Electric & Gas Corp., 181 McGrath Hwy., 20 vehicles inside, storage only.
67. Sign Sign Permit, ABC Fashion, 1156 Broadway, 1 sign.

LATE ITEMS