

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

October 7, 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 September 9, 2008.

CITATIONS

3. Citation Submitted by Ald. Heuston and the Entire Board, Congratulating the King Solomon's Lodge on its 225th year of fraternal brotherhood and generous community service.
4. Citation By Ald. Connolly and the Entire Board, Congratulating Lawrence Bolt on the auspicious occasion of his 90th birthday.
5. Citation By Ald. Connolly and the Entire Board, Congratulating Patricia Bradley on the auspicious occasion of her 80th birthday.
6. Citation By Ald. Sullivan, Congratulating outgoing Commander Christopher Mercer and Ladies Auxiliary President Margaret Twohig for their loyal and dedicated service to American Legion Post 388 for the last year.
7. Citation Submitted by Ald. Donovan, Commending Hugh and Ann Gill on the happy occasion of their 50th anniversary.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

8. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the temporary sidewalk patches on Mt. Vernon and Melvin Sts. prior to snow and frost setting in.

9. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD dispatch the Neighborhood Inspection Team to 11 Kensington Ave. for code violations.
10. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works coordinate with the MA Highway Dept. tree trimming and brush removal on I-93 behind Broadway Brake, prior to frost and snow setting in.
11. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Board of Health bait the catch basins at 240 Pearl St. and Kensington Ave. near Broadway.
12. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Finance inform this Board about the city's finances re: the recent economic crisis, including the city's ability to float bonds for capital projects, changes in lending practices and the bond market, projects affected by these changes, revenue shortfalls and trends, properties in foreclosure since June, and whether shortfalls in state revenue will impact state aid to the city.
13. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the street sign at Washington and Calvin Sts.
14. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 39 Adrian St.
15. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign at Dane and Washington Sts.
16. Resolution By Ald. Heuston, That this Board requests that the Dedication Committee approve a dedication request for Thomas Palombo, WWII Veteran and past coach and Athletic Director in the School Dept.
17. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking move the handicapped parking space from 50 Dane St. to 7 Skehan St.
18. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works erect a banner in Davis Sq. for the Honkfest festival in Davis Sq. this Sat.-Sun., Oct. 11-12.
19. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to the restaurant at 30 College Ave. to enforce the midnight weekday closing and the 1AM weekend closing until further notice, and notify the Licensing Commission of his findings, prior to the Commission's next meeting.

- 20. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD inspect 79 College Ave. for improper trash storage, and compel the owner to comply with weekly trash procedures.
- 21. Order By Ald. White, That the City Solicitor and Commissioner of Public Works appear before the Committee on Public Utilities & Works to discuss damage to homes, pipes and retaining walls caused by public trees.
- 22. Order By Ald. White, That the Director of Finance appear before the Finance Committee to discuss the City's debt, including outstanding bonds, notes and debt service, and the impact of the current financial crisis.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 23. Citation By Ald. Taylor and the Entire Board, Congratulating the Somerville Hospital Ladies' Aid Association on its 117th year of generous service to the Somerville Hospital.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 24. Committee Report of the Committee of the Whole on Public Health & Public Safety, Sept. 29.
- 25. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use, Oct. 2.
Report
- 26. Committee Report of the Committee of the Whole on Housing and Community Development, Oct. 2.
Report
- 27. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Oct. 2.
Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 28. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$16,193.65 from the Health Dept. Emergency Preparedness Region 4B for the Fire Dept. to hire a part-time Emergency Preparedness Assistant Coordinator.
- 29. Mayor's Request Requesting an exemption under MGL c268A s20(d) for Cheri Ruane, a member of the Design Review Committee.
- 30. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Terry Christopher to the Fair Housing Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

31. Officer's Comm. Asst. City Solicitor submitting a revised Tree Preservation Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

32. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Josephine Ave. Block Party, between Kidder and Morrison Aves., Oct. 4, 4-7PM.
33. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Honkfest closure of Chester St. from Elm to Herbert Sts., Oct. 11, 12-4PM.
34. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Somerville Pride Girls Basketball Canning, various locations, Oct. 25, 8AM-3PM.
35. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, The Road to Development Inc. & New England Haiti Hurricane March down Broadway to College Ave. to Davis Sq., Oct. 26, 12-3PM.
36. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Willow Ave. Block Party, between Elm and Summer Sts., Oct. 26, 12-5PM.
37. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Shape Up Somerville Road Race, Trum Field, Nov. 1, 10AM-1PM.
38. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Bob the Magic Guy, Davis Sq. Statue Park, W 6-9PM, F 6-9:30PM & Sa 1-3PM & 7-10PM, Until Nov. 30.
39. Sign Sign/Awning Permit, Parisian Style Beauty Supplies, 18 Bow St., sign.
40. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Somerville Hospital, 230 Highland Ave., 15,000 gallons.

LATE ITEMS