

**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

October 13, 2005, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2005.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Petition Keyspan Energy Delivery for a Grant of Location to install 1,100 ft. of 8" gas main in Broadway from Winchester St. to Ryan Rd.
4. Petition Cataldo Ambulance Service for a New Garage License at 4 Joy St. for 10 autos.
5. Petition Original Auto Body & Mechanic Inc. for a New Garage License at 12-16 Joy St. for 10 autos.

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

6. Citation By Ald. Sullivan, Connolly and the Entire Board, Commending Joseph and Theresa Sacco, owners of Sacco's Bowl Haven in Davis Square, for their generosity to so many community organizations.
7. Citation By Ald. Taylor and the Entire Board, Commending the Somerville Mathematics Fund on the happy occasion of its 5th anniversary.
8. Citation By Ald. O'Donovan and Heuston, Commending Daniel Baros and Nuno Resendes for their heroic action on Sept. 23, when they observed a house fire, alerted E911, and awoke a family sleeping inside.

9. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD and the Director of the Historic Preservation Commission convene a meeting with the owner of the Round House and the Ward Alderman to repair and secure this structure.
10. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the No Parking Within 20 Feet of an Intersection regulation at the corner of Hamlet and Boston Sts., especially 7-9 AM.
11. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works, the Director of SPCD and the Director of the Historic Preservation Commission repair the crumbling mortar at the Prospect Hill Monument and the staircase descending to Columbus Ave.
12. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works add Jerome St. to the list of streets in Ward 3 scheduled for repaving.
13. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works place barrels at the Lincoln Park School on Thurston St.
14. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works install a crosswalk on the island on Broadway in the vicinity of the Star Market.
15. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works monitor Russell Disposal for compliance with the 7 AM trash pick up restrictions and impose the appropriate fines.
16. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a meter at the corner of Leone Way and Broadway and remove the loading zone signage at the adjacent meter.
17. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a HANDICAPPED PARKING sign at 54 Dane St.
18. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase enforcement on Skehan, Dane, Village and Hanson Sts., especially vehicles displaying expired permit or visitor parking cards and parked in permit parking spots.
19. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair and fill potholes on Dane St. from the corner of Dane and Washington Sts. to Village St.
20. Order By Ald. Heuston and Desmond, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO THROUGH WAY sign at Granite St. and Somerville Ave., and PLAYGROUND – GO SLOW signs on Granite and Osgood Sts.

21. Order By Ald. Sullivan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works recommend improvements to the existing pattern of street sweeping which involves sweeping the same street on different days.
22. Order By Ald. Sullivan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking review and recommend improvements to the existing system of visitor passes with particular attention on enforcement and patterns of abuse.
23. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking inspect the signs on Day St. near the Post Office and replace the faded ones.
24. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 19A and 21 Otis Sts. as the overgrown tree is in contact with electrical wires.
25. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken street light at 34 and 36 Florence St. (3rd Request)
26. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at 14-16 Everett Ave.
27. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Director of SPCD determine whether proper permits have been issued for the reconstruction of 119 Josephine Ave.
28. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works re-position the planter barrel at the northeast corner of Highland and College Aves. so it does not impede pedestrians who may be blind or using wheelchairs.
29. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Director of SPCD set up a process by which the services of professional mediators could be requested by developers, neighbors or elected officials to facilitate neighborhood meetings about land use projects which have become particularly contentious.
30. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Director of SPCD and the Commissioner of Public Works mark the proposed off leash dog area for Nunziato Field in a highly visible way, post the plan for the division of the field on the fence, and seek comments from sports teams and the general public.
31. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Director of SPCD collect relevant data from small businesses in the squares to assess the economic impact of the city's decision to replace timed free parking with all metered parking.

32. Order By Ald. Provost and White, That the Director of SPCD report to this Board how the reported \$67 million shortfall in the Big Dig budget may affect the funding of transportation projects for Somerville.
33. Resolution By Ald. Provost and White, That this Board urges the Mayor to create a Water and Sewer Rate Study Committee of no fewer than nine residents, to learn how sewer and water rates are established, make recommendations for clear rate setting policies, make rate setting more transparent, and provide more consistency in future rates.
34. Order By Ald. Connolly, The Director of SPCD arrange a presentation of the Assembly Sq. development effort to the Davis Sq. Task Force at their next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 7 PM, at 167 Holland St., to include the developers and City officials.
35. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police enforce the compliance with the STOP sign at Broadway and Warner St. Monday-Friday between 7-9 AM and 4-6 PM.
36. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase pedestrian safety at the intersection of Cutter and Summer Sts., including a review of traffic signals.
37. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the tree stump at 137-139 Morrison Ave. and replace the tree ASAP.
38. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the depression in the roadway on Villa Ave., adjacent to the corner house on Winslow Ave.
39. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Neighborhood Inspection Team inspect 79 College Ave. for any and all health, building or zoning code violations.
40. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing street sign on Ellsworth St. at Cross St.
41. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works work with NStar to repair or replace streetlamps at the locations described within.
42. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD evaluate the placement of a dog run in the bike path area of Ward 5.
43. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking implement traffic calming and pedestrian friendly measures on Murdock St.

44. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking inspect lower Highland Rd. for proper signage and communicate those findings to the Commissioner of Public Works.
45. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street light(s) at the intersection of Albion and Lowell Sts.
46. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the City Arborist and the Commissioner of Public Works inspect Porter St. for dead trees and remove any tall tree stumps.
47. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the paving cracks on lower Highland Rd.
48. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols around upper Partridge Ave., the Lowell St. bridge, Albion Playground and the Maxpak site.
49. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief Fire Engineer inspect Gussie Terrace for a possible fire lane.
50. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Traffic Commission place on its next agenda, a hearing to designate Kidder Ave., from Boston to Josephine Aves., as a permit parking street.
51. Order By Ald. White, That the Assessor's Office provide this Board with a breakdown of the number of condominium units created over the last 5 years, as detailed within.
52. Order By Ald. White, That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with a breakdown of the number of affordable housing units created over the last 5 years, as detailed within.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

53. Mayor's Request Requesting that the Board move to Executive Session to discuss pending legal matters.
54. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a bond and an appropriation of \$687,500 from the MWRA for participation in the Infiltration/Inflow Financial Assistance Program.

55. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$562,500 grant from the MWRA for participation in the Infiltration/Inflow Local Financial Assistance Program.
56. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend \$100,000 of a \$500,000 five-year grant from the US Drug Free Communities Program to the Health Dept. to support Somerville Cares About Prevention.
57. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$46,732.49 grant from the Urban Area Security Initiative for the Police Dept.
58. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$1,572.16 grant from the Metro Boston Office of Homeland Security for Fire Alarm personnel attending NIMS-700 Computer Training.
59. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$40,000 from Parking Meter Receipts to the Traffic and Parking OM Repairs to Highway Account, for continued line painting.
60. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an increase to \$75 for the Common Victualler License Fee for 2006.
61. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to allow the City to impose a fee not to exceed 20% of the cost of services performed on off-duty work details.
62. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Rositha Durham to the position of Purchasing Director.
63. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Richard Tranfaglia to the position of Personnel Director.
64. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Sandra McGoldrick, Thomas Bent, and Gerald McCue as members of the Municipal Compensation Advisory Board.
65. Mayor's Comm. Proclaiming the designation of the National Incident Management System as the basis for all incident management in the City.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

66. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, Oct. 13.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

67. City Officer Comm. Commissioner of Public Works requesting approval of the proposed off leash dog recreation area at Nunziato Field.

68. City Officer Comm. Director of SPCD responding to various board orders.
69. City Officer Comm. Director of Health responding to #179704 re: Flu shots.

NEW BUSINESS

70. Public Occ **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
CitySquares.com Launch Party, Davis Square, Rain Date request, Oct. 16. (Oct. 15 previously approved).
71. Public Occ Network Technology Academy Institute informational table, Holland St. at T Station, Oct. 17-28, 9AM-5PM.
72. Public Occ Somerville Lions Canning Drive, Broadway & McGrath Hwy. Oct. 22, 8:30AM-1:30PM.
73. Public Occ High School Football Canning Drive, McGrath and Broadway, Union Sq., Davis Sq., Oct. 22, Oct. 29, Nov. 12, 9AM – 2PM.
74. Public Occ YMCA Swim Team Canning Drive, Citywide, Dec. 3.
75. Garage/
Flamm. Lic. **Renewal of Garage/Flammable License**
Samuel Azevedo dba K & K Mechanics, 42 Dana St., 12 autos, 1,215 gallons.
76. Flamm. Lic. **Renewal of Flammables License**
Fred Hubbard Gulf Inc., 369-371 Highland Ave., 19,100 gallons.
77. Junk Dealer **Renewal of Junk Dealer License**
Porter Square Furniture, 95 Elm St.
78. Sign/Awning **New Sign/Awning over a Public Way**
True Grounds, 717 Broadway, Fabric awning.
79. Sign/Awning Thai House, 513A Medford St., Awning & sign.
80. Sign/Awning Union Square Chiropractic, 253A Washington St., Vinyl awning.
81. Taxi Med. **Taxicab Medallion Refinance Application**
Mt. Pleasant Taxi Inc., Medallion #39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 72.
82. Comm. **Communication**
DCR Commissioner re: removal of graffiti and repair of fence at Foss Park.

83. Comm. Bill Medeiros re: Divestment from Israel.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM