

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

October 22, 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 Regular Meeting of September 24, 2009.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. White, Roche, and the Entire Board, Commending the Little Sisters of the Poor on the historic occasion of the Canonization of Jeanne Jugan, Foundress and first Little Sister of the Poor.
4. Citation By Ald. Pero and White, Congratulating John and Carolina Danieli on the auspicious occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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

5. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Superintendent of Schools communicate with this Board on the time line for a full analysis of the pros and cons of closing the Brown School, as requested during the FY10 budget process in June.
6. Resolution By Ald. Roche, Sullivan, Desmond, Connolly, Heuston, Taylor, O'Donovan, Trane and Pero, That this Board requests that the City Solicitor draft, and the Mayor include in his proposed City Charter revision, language to revise the performance of the duties of the Mayor when the Mayor is unable to perform such duties for more than 10 days, to replace the ascension of the President of the Board with any Alderman elected by majority vote of the Board.

7. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor provide this Board with a draft amendment to the noise ordinance to provide for consistency with neighboring communities, especially in relation to non-emergency and ambient noise on Saturdays.
8. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking meet with the Ward 2 Alderman and representatives from Brickbottom Condominium Associates to review the traffic and parking plans for the Brickbottom area.
9. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking monitor student drop-offs at the Argenziano School and take any necessary actions so parents can drop their children off without receiving parking violations on Washington St.
10. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works work with the Traffic and Parking Director and the Fire Prevention Bureau to relocate a FIRE LANE sign on Preston Rd.
11. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Clerk of Committees request of the management of Market Basket that a representative appear before this Board to address issues related to public safety, including overcrowding in their parking lot, the absence of surveillance cameras and other enhancements, blocked fire lanes, and traffic issues related to the daily conduct of their business.
12. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify all utilities servicing double poles to attend a meeting of the Committee on Public Utilities and Works, to be scheduled in the next few weeks, to advise on their role in eliminating double poles, and to respond to any other concerns from the Board of Aldermen.
13. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate electric utility to repair the unlit streetlamp at College Ave. and Winter St.
14. Order By Ald. Connolly and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the light at the Somerville Ave. Fire Station so the American flag is illuminated in the evening.
15. Order By Ald. Connolly and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works take the necessary steps to install lighting on Somerville Ave., from Elm St. to the Fire Station.
16. Order By Ald. Connolly and Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair/replace the hazardous depression at 19 East Albion St. (See the attached letter from Senator Kerry.)

17. Order By Ald. Connolly and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the loose bricks at 89 Broadway.
18. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Transportation appear before the Housing and Community Development Committee to discuss the November 18 public hearing about the Green Line extension and maintenance facility.
19. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration provide the Ward 6 and Ward 7 Aldermen with regular updates on the deteriorating retaining wall along the bike path, heading west after Buena Vista Rd.
20. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration inform this Board about the new "stretch energy code" adopted by the state as a local option in May, 2009, and coordinate with this Board to set up community information sessions about its costs and benefits.
21. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that stores participating in the city's plastic bag recycling program implement a program at check-out stations asking shoppers to purchase reusable bags, in an effort to reduce the pollution and damage caused by disposable plastic bags.
22. Order By Ald. Sullivan, That the City Solicitor draft a legal opinion on whether or not the city can enforce handicapped parking regulations on private property such as supermarkets and coffee shops.
23. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the 3 trees near 14 Bromfield Rd.
24. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White, Desmond and Connolly, That the Director of Senior Services appear before a meeting of this Board to explain the "Emergency Preparedness" training conducted at senior housing.
25. Resolution By Ald. Trane and the Entire Board, That this Board urges Senator Kerry and Congressman Capuano to petition the FDA for quick approval of the new formulation for the pain reliever Oxycontin, as this reformulation is difficult to misuse or abuse.
26. Order By Ald. White and Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD appear before this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development to present an analysis of the design of the MBTA stop at Assembly Sq., including a map showing its location, and be prepared to discuss the pros and cons of a second headhouse.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 27. Committee Report of the Committee of the Whole on Finance, Oct. 14. Report
- 28. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health & Safety, Oct. Report 19.
- 29. Committee Report of the Committee of the Whole on Finance, Oct. 20. Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 30. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinances to create a new use of Senior Housing and facilitate the provision of senior housing.
- 31. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an amendment to the Local Historic District Ordinance to create and add properties to the Flint St. and Atherton-Harvard-Spring-Summer St. Districts and expand the existing Dane St. District (all labeled Group A).
- 32. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an Order declaring that no zoning changes are required for the Assembly on the Mystic Project.
- 33. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an Order approving the acquisition by permanent easement of land needed for the public infrastructure improvements to be financed by the first I-Cubed Bond Issue.
- 34. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an Order approving the creation and funding of a Municipal Liquidity Reserve for the first I-Cubed Bond Issue.
- 35. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an Order approving the Economic Development Proposal, including the obligations of the City in connection with the first I-Cubed Bond Issue of \$20,000,000.
- 36. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an Infrastructure Development Assistance Agreement in conjunction with the I-Cubed Assembly on the Mystic Project.

37. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of, and authorization to borrow, \$625,000, in a bond for the purchase of a Fire Dept. Rescue Truck.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of, and authorization to borrow, \$300,000, in a bond for the purchase of an artificial ice-skating rink.
39. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$171,810 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to purchase 6 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors for the Police Dept.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$109,075 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to purchase 5 Ford Crown Victoria Detective Vehicles for the Police Dept.
41. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$89,990 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to use as the local match for the I-93 Interchange Study federal earmark.
42. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$71,895 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to purchase 3 Toyota Prius hybrid vehicles for the Fire Dept.
43. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$65,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to fund a study of streetscape infrastructure in Davis Sq.
44. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$44,800 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to purchase Fire Suppression Command Vehicle for the fire Dept.
45. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$36,641 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to purchase a Fire Command Vehicle for the Fire Dept.
46. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$35,980 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to purchase a Ford Van Prisoner Transport Vehicle for the Police Dept.
47. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$32,500 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to purchase a Ford Expedition Special Services Vehicle for the Police Dept.
48. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$26,295 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to purchase a Ford Van Animal Control Vehicle for the Police Dept.
49. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$78,000 from the E911 Salaries Acct. to the Police Salaries Acct., to compensate for cutbacks in State funding.

50. Mayor's Request Requesting the declaration of 12 city-owned parking spaces as available for disposition by lease for a maximum term of 5 years at a minimum rent of \$25,920 per year.
51. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$44,532.54 from the State's Emergency Preparedness PHER III grant, for the Health Dept. to implement H1N1 vaccine clinics.
52. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$11,222 from the MAPC Regional Bike Parking Program, to purchase new bicycle racks for installation citywide.
53. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$8,500 from Honeywell Corp. to support the city's All America City designation.
54. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$4,000 from the Health Resources in Action's 84 Movement for research by youth on the retail advertising of tobacco products.
55. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to exercise an optional renewal year (year 6—1/1/10-12/31/10) of the contract with F.W. Russell and Sons Disposal Inc., and Langton & Douglas Contracting Inc., for solid waste removal, recycling collection, and yard waste pickup.
56. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to enter into a new 5-year contract with F.W. Russell and Sons Disposal Inc., and Langton & Douglas Contracting Inc., for solid waste removal, recycling collection, and yard waste pickup.
57. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization for the School Superintendent to apply to the MA School Building Authority for assistance with the renovation or upgrade of the High School.
58. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization for the School Superintendent to apply to the MA School Building Authority for assistance with the renovation or upgrade of the Winter Hill Community School.
59. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization for the School Superintendent to apply to the MA School Building Authority for assistance with the renovation or upgrade of the Brown School.
60. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the attached list of poll workers, to work in the upcoming elections.
61. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the attached list of poll workers, all city employees, to work in the upcoming elections.

- 62. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Josue Velney as Firefighter.
- 63. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Betty Serris to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
- 64. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Julie Brady to the Design Review Commission.
- 65. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Matthew Rice to the Design Review Commission.
- 66. Mayor's Comm. Proclaiming October 24, 2009, as Little Sisters of the Poor Day.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 67. Officer's Comm. SPCD Director responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 68. Public Event Public Event Permit, "Untitled Wichita Project" Film Shoot, 480 Columbia St., Oct. 16, 8AM-8PM.
- 69. Public Event Public Event Permit, David Foster Photography Saucony Catalog Photo Shoot, Davis Sq. area, Oct. 20, 6:30AM-6:30PM (raindate Oct. 22).
- 70. Public Event Public Event Permit, Emerson d College Short Film Shoot, Prospect Hill Park, Oct. 23, 7AM-5PM.
- 71. Public Event Public Event Permit, Youth Hockey Canning Drive, Citywide, Oct. 25 and Nov. 21.
- 72. Public Event Public Event Permit, City Dog Training "Come When Called" Free Dog Clinic, Nunziato Field, Nov. 1, 1-2PM.
- 73. Sign Sign/Awning Permit, Restaurant La Mexicana, 241-249 Washington St., 2 awnings, 1 sign.
- 74. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Somerville Housing Group Trust III, 481 Columbia St., 252 vehicles inside.

LATE ITEMS