

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

October 23, 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 25, 2008.

CITATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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

3. Resolution By Ald. Pero, That this Board requests that DCR immediately fulfill its promise to improve the lighting at Foss Park.
4. Resolution By Ald. Roche, That this Board joins all other non-union city employees, so that effective Nov. 7, 2008, all Aldermen in the city healthcare plan will pay an additional 5% of the premiums, increasing their contribution to 20%.
5. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, Gewirtz, Heuston and the Entire Board, That this Board opposes Question 1, which would eliminate the state income tax.
6. Order By Ald. Roche and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the lighting between the Library and the Field House.
7. Order By Ald. Roche and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Board on the installation of the proper traffic signal on Medford St. at Highland Ave.

8. Order By Ald. Roche and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking determine if the signage at Highland Ave. and Medford St. is satisfactory for vehicles in all directions.
9. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify NStar to replace the street light at 8 Aldersey St.
10. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works add Belmont Place to the street reconstruction list.
11. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works supply this Board with the number of trees planted and removed each year.
12. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the street light on Alpine St. near Lowell St.
13. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the sewer lines between 2 and 40 Trull St.
14. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD install ADA compliant ramps on Highland Rd. at Kidder Ave.
15. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works meet with the Ward 5 Alderman to situate and plant new public shade trees in the ward.
16. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the unsafe tree at 40 Lexington Ave.
17. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works forward to this Board the arborist's findings from his September investigation of 24 Cedar St.
18. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board when Conwell St. will be repaved.
19. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Highway Supt. meet with the Ward 5 Alderman regarding 26 Rogers Ave.
20. Order By Ald. O'Donovan and Desmond, That the Chief of Police place a speed trap on Lowell St. at Alpine St.
21. Order By Ald. O'Donovan and Desmond, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols at 11 Fisk Ave., especially during weekend evening hours.

22. Order By Ald. O'Donovan and Desmond, That the Chief Fire Engineer and the Director of Traffic and Parking create fire lanes on Lowell Terrace so safety vehicles can enter.
23. Order By Ald. O'Donovan and Desmond, That the Director of SPCD arrange a meeting between the owner of 492 Medford St. and the property's abutters.
24. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works respond to the concerns in the attached correspondence related to the removal of a tree at 31-33 Kidder Ave.
25. Order By Ald. Connolly & Taylor, That the Chief of Police install a speed board on Hamlet St. to curtail speeding vehicles, especially during the morning and evening rush hours.
26. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration explore adding additional bike lanes to connect existing and new lanes to each other.
27. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board commends the Bicycle Committee for Saturday's successful Tour de Somerville.
28. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, Taylor and Connolly, That this Board commends the organizers of the HONK! Festival, the residents who housed the musicians, and the local businesses who assisted for another great Davis Sq. festival.
29. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Supt. of Highways, Lights and Lines/Tree Warden inform the Ward 6 Alderman of any hazardous trees or other trees to be removed in Ward 6, and that a list of these trees be provided at each Board meeting.
30. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board consider an annual retreat to forge new ways to work collaboratively to better the City.
31. Order By Ald. White and O'Donovan, That the Supt. of Inspectional Services appear before the Committee on Public Health & Safety to discuss 155 Central St. and the concerns of residents of the surrounding neighborhood.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

32. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Information Technology, Oct. 8.

- 33. Committee Report of the Committees on Finance and Information Technology meeting in Joint Session, Oct. 8.
- 34. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Oct. 8.
- 35. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Utilities & Public Works, Oct. 15.
- 36. Committee Report of the Committee of the Whole on Legislative Matters, Oct. 21.
- 37. Committee Report of the Committee of the Whole on Housing & Community Development, Oct. 22.
- 38. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Oct. 22.
- 39. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Oct. 22.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 40. Mayor's Request Submitting a proposed Zoning Ordinance creating six new Districts within the Union Sq. and Boynton Yard areas.
- 41. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the Traffic and Parking Dept. to extend a contract with Affiliated Computer Services for 90 days, to 1/29/09, so the city can consider all vendors.
- 42. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$24,029 through the SETB Training grant for the Police Dept. to support Enhanced 911 services.
- 43. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$2,500 from the MA Board of Library Commissioners to the Library for a preservation survey of the Local History Collection.
- 44. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Jocelyn Velney as a Firefighter.
- 45. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Brian MacMullin as a Firefighter.
- 46. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Shaun Lyons as a Firefighter.
- 47. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Jason Doran as a Firefighter.

- 48. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Timothy Donovan as a Firefighter.
- 49. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Barry Hamilton as a Firefighter.
- 50. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Michael Khoury as a Firefighter.
- 51. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Michael Jefferson as a Firefighter.
- 52. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Michael Curtis as a Firefighter.
- 53. Mayor's Request Requesting the promotion of Lieutenant Wallace Forrest to the rank of Captain in the Fire Dept.
- 54. Mayor's Request Requesting the promotion of Firefighter John Colbert to the rank of Lieutenant in the Fire Dept.
- 55. Mayor's Request Requesting the promotion of Firefighter Vincent Lampley to the rank of Lieutenant in the Fire Dept.
- 56. Mayor's Request Requesting the promotion of Firefighter Thomas Tierney to the rank of Lieutenant in the Fire Dept.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 57. Officer's Comm Asst. City Solicitor re: Damage to homeowners' properties caused by the roots of public trees.
- 58. Officer's Comm SPCD Director responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 59. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Somerville Dog Owners Group Halloween Pup Parade and Costume Contest, Perry Park, Oct. 25, 12-5PM (raindate Oct. 26).
- 60. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Somerville Dog Owners Group Lincoln Park Cleanup, Nov. 8, 10-1PM (raindate Nov. 9).
- 61. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Somerville YMCA Swim Team Canning at various city locations, Nov. 22.
- 62. Drainlayer New Drain Layer's License, G.V.W. Inc.

63. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, PJ's Auto Sales Inc., 161 Broadway, 10,500 gallons.
64. Open Air Renewing Open Air Vendor License, Next Wave/Full Circle School, Xmas trees and wreaths, Foss Park, Dec. 1-21, M-F 4-8PM and Sa-Su 10-8PM.
65. Extended Hours New Extended Hours License, Tufts Mayer Campus Center, 44 Professors Row, Sep.-May, Th-Sa 8AM-2AM.
66. Extended Hours New Extended Hours License, Tufts Tisch Library Café, 35 Professors Row, Sep.-May, Su-Th Noon-1AM.
67. Sign New Sign/Awning Permit, Shangri-La Kitchen Inc. dba Shangri La Cuisine, 1147 Broadway, Awning.
68. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class I, Dom's Motor Service Inc. dba Riverside Kawasaki-Yamaha, 2 Union Sq., 85 Motorcycles.
69. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Dom's Motor Service Inc. dba Riverside Motorsports, 2 Union Sq., 2 autos & 15 Motorcycles.
70. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, John's Auto Sales Inc., 181 Somerville Ave., 38 autos.
71. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St., 6 autos.
72. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Ump. Corp/United Motors, 188 Broadway, 4 autos.
73. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Mystic Auto Sales & Service, 712 Mystic Ave., 10 autos.
74. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Broadway Brake Corp., 45 Broadway, 3 autos.
75. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License, Class III, Nissenbaum's Auto Parts Inc., 0 Windsor Rd.
76. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License, Class III, Nissenbaum's Auto Parts Inc., 480 Columbia St.
77. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class III, Union Automotive, 37 Mystic Ave.

78. Comm State Senator Galluccio responding #186063 and #186225
re: DCR maintenance of Fellsway West grass and the
Gilman St. bridge.

LATE ITEMS