

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

October 25, 2007, 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 27, 2007.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, Commending the US Navy Band Northeast for its benefit performance in Somerville Wednesday evening, November 7.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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

4. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken sidewalk panel at 25 Highland Ave.
5. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the streetlight bulb at Summer St. and Vinal Ave.
6. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken/hardtopped sidewalk panels at Summer St. and Wesley Park with cement.
7. Ordinance By Ald. Taylor, That Ordinance 3-3 be amended by striking the word "pigeons" and inserting in place thereof, the word "birds".
8. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works paint the hydrant at Perry Park.
9. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking take steps to allow motor vehicles to turn safely from Houghton St. onto Bolton St.

10. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the NO PARKING signage at 358-360 Washington St. to allow for additional on street parking spaces.
11. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the abandoned bicycle attached to the street sign at 358 Washington St.
12. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of SPCD replace the missing park bench at Palmacci Park and repair the section of the park where the bench was located, as it presents a safety hazard.
13. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the latch to the gate at the Tot Lot at Palmacci Park.
14. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the fire alarm box at Perry Park, and the trench it sits in, to better secure it to the sidewalk.
15. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility companies to repair the low hanging wires at 390 Washington St.
16. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works take action to remove the double pole at 98 Beacon St.
17. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the dead tree at 112 Concord Ave.
18. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD inspect 65 Beacon St. for improper storage of trash, including trash barrels left filled and open on Buckingham St. and the insufficient capacity of the dumpster, and advise the owner of their responsibilities regarding trash and maintenance.
19. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint all crosswalks on Webster Ave., Norfolk St. and Tremont St.
20. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works report to the Ward 6 Alderman on NStar's commitment to replace the trees that have died on Burnside Ave.
21. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking ticket cars parked at the corner of Willow Ave. and Hawthorne St., as visibility there is limited.
22. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the gutters on Francesca Ave.

23. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the recommendations of the Davis Sq. Transportation Design Group be heard before the Traffic Commission and the Public Health & Safety Committee.
24. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz and Taylor, That the Administration, in coordination with this Board, explore a different format for budget proceedings to enhance public input and accessibility of the city budget process.
25. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate moving the MBTA bus stop in front of the Dunkin Donuts in Magoun Sq., down Broadway to the westerly side of Hinckley St., to alleviate traffic congestion and provide a better westerly line of vision for motorists exiting Hinckley St., and report back to this Board.
26. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works place Gilson Terrace on the private way resurfacing list for next year.
27. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 63 Hinckley St.
28. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Clerk of Committees request that a representative of NStar appear at the next Public Utilities & Works Committee meeting to discuss the continuing power outages in Ward 5.
29. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of the Council on Aging inform this Board how we can assist the Council in expanding its voucher program.
30. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Library Director place the VNA at 259 Lowell St. on the regular list of Book Mobile stops, and notify residents at the VNA of the schedule.
31. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking appear at the next Traffic & Parking Committee meeting to discuss potential solutions for motorists unable to exit Hinckley St., as we await the MA Highway \$2.1 million Magoun Sq. revitalization project this Spring.
32. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken sidewalk at 6 Gilson Terrace.
33. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, Sullivan, White, Desmond and Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a traffic calming measure at 259 Lowell St.

34. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, Sullivan, White, Desmond and Connolly, That the Clerk of Committees request that a representative from SCM appear at the next Senior Services Committee meeting to discuss its two-week advance notice transportation policy.
35. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, Sullivan, White, Desmond and Connolly, That the Clerk of Committees request that a representative from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services appear at the next Senior Services Committee to discuss its senior citizen transportation services.
36. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a decal indicating the hours of enforcement, on all parking meters in the city not currently noticed.
37. Order By Ald. Connolly and Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the uplifted sidewalk panel adjacent to the Elizabeth Peabody House.
38. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan and Taylor, That this Board requests that the Housing Authority address the concerns of Properzi Manor residents, that weatherization measures may be necessary to insulate many of the residential units, especially on the Warren Ave. side.
39. Order By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan, Desmond and Taylor, That the Chief of Police take notice of motorists not stopping for pedestrians in the crosswalks near Properzi Manor.
40. Order By Ald. Connolly, Sullivan, Desmond and Taylor, That the Chief of Police take notice of bicyclists and skateboarders in the Stone Ave. area creating dangerous conditions for pedestrians, and take all enforcement actions possible.
41. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Connolly, That the Chief of Police enforce the prohibition against bicycle riding on public sidewalks, especially surrounding senior buildings.
42. Order By Ald. Sullivan and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works improve the street lighting surrounding the Somerville Home on Summer and Avon Sts.
43. Order By Ald. Sullivan, O'Donovan, White and Desmond, That the Director of Traffic and Parking explore traffic calming measures surrounding 259 Lowell St.
44. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White, Roche, Taylor and Gewirtz, That the City Treasurer provide this Board with a list of all properties on which the city has a lien, including liens for non-payment of taxes and fines.

45. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White, Taylor and Roche, That the Chief of Police increase traffic enforcement at the intersection of Route 28 and Highland Ave.
46. Order By Ald. White, That the Director of Public Health appear before the Committee on Public Health & Safety to discuss using grants and arrangements with local medical and public health schools to provide free medical and dental screenings and follow up treatment for school students.
47. Order By Ald. White, Sullivan, Connolly and Gewirtz, That a representative of SPCD appear before the Committee on Housing & Community Development to discuss using Federal Tax Credits, including the New Market Credit, to help spur residential and commercial development.
48. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a SLOW CHILDREN sign on Victoria St., near its intersection with Broadway.
49. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install signage at Westminster St. and Broadway and at Clarendon St. and Broadway, directing motorists not to block the intersection.
50. Resolution By Ald. Trane, That this Board requests that the Administration investigate the feasibility and cost of third party annual performance audits and systemic assessments of city departments, programs, functions and activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

51. Committee Report Report of the Committee of the Whole on Legislative Matters, Oct. 16.
52. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Oct. 16.
53. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Oct. 23.
54. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Senior Services, Oct. 22.
55. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Senior Services, Oct. 23.

56. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Oct. 23.
Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

57. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,000,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation – Parking Meter Receipts, to reduce the FY08 tax levy.
58. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$19,425 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation – Parking Meter Receipts to the DPW B&G Repairs to Building Acct. to repair the handicapped chair lift at the Traffic & Parking building.
59. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$51,509 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Police Detail Revolving Acct. to fund an obligation to the Police Patrolmen's Association to pay for work details where vendors are delinquent.
60. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$42,914 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Fire Alarm PS Acct. to fund a collective bargaining agreement with the Fire Association of Somerville/Fire Alarm, from 7/1/04-6/30/07.
61. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$33,924 from the Metro Mayors Shannon Grant to the Police, for overtime associated with anti-gang and anti-violence activities.
62. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$8,000 from the Cambridge Health Alliance for the Somerville Cares About Prevention Coalition to hire a bi-lingual outreach worker.
63. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$3,500 from the MA Dept. of Public Health for the deployment of our Mass Decontamination Unit in the event of an emergency.
64. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Gilbert Ribeiro as Constable.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

65. Officer's Comm. Chief of Police responding to various Board Orders.
66. Officer's Comm. Chief Assessor responding to Board Order #184280.

NEW BUSINESS

67. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Resistat Somerville Parents Advisory meeting, Kennedy School basketball courts and playground, Oct. 27, 12-4PM.
68. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Football Highlanders Assoc. Car Wash, Oct. 27, Nov. 10 & Nov. 17.
69. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Union Sq. Main Streets Winter Craft Market, Union Sq. Plaza, Dec. 1, 9-6PM.
70. Drainlayer New Drain Layer's License, C.J. Mabardy Inc.
71. Drainlayer New Drain Layer's License, Metro Equipment Corp.
72. Flammable Renewal of Flammables License, Internap Network Services Corp., 70 Innerbelt Rd., 7,500 gallons.
73. Flammable Renewal of Flammables License, Fred Hubbard Gulf Inc., 369-371 Highland Ave., 19,100 gallons.
74. Flammable Renewal of Flammables License, Samuel Azevedo dba K&K Mechanics, 42 Dana St., 1,215 gallons.
75. Flammable Renewal of Flammables License, PJ's Auto Sales Inc., 161 Broadway, 10,500 gallons.
76. Flammable Renewal of Flammables License, Aris Auto Inc., 3 Craigie St., 30,394 gallons.
77. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Streetwise Inc., 57-59 Pitman St., 20 autos.
78. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Samuel Azevedo dba K & K Mechanics, 42 Dana St., 12 autos.
79. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Upnorth LTD Inc. dba U-Save Auto Rental, 70 Prospect St., 6 autos.
80. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, 429 Corporation, 109-111 Prospect St., 5 autos.
81. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, UMP Corporation/United Motors, 188 Broadway, 4 autos.
82. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Executive Auto Leasing & Sales, 30 Medford St., 3 autos.
83. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, PJ'S Auto Sales Inc., 161 Broadway, 65 autos.

- 84. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, William Doucette Auto Sales, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy, 8 autos.
- 85. Comm. Rep. Provost, re: Efforts to lower speed limits in the city.
- 86. Comm. Women's Mental Health Collective Inc., re: licensing the gas station at 369-371 Beacon St.
- 87. Comm. George Dilboy Post VFW #529 inviting the Board to the dedication of "Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients Square" at Cutler and Summer Sts., Sat. Nov. 10 at 1PM.

LATE ITEMS