

**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**

November 10, 2005, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 13, 2005.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. Petition Boston Edison, for a Grant of Location to install conduit on Trull St.
4. Petition Boston Edison, for a Grant of Location to install conduit on Elm St., from Willow Ave. to Beech St.
5. Petition Boston Edison, for a Grant of Location to install conduit at 1328 Broadway.
6. Petition RCN-Becocom, for a Grant of Location to install conduit on Waterhouse St.
7. Petition NStar Electric and Gas Corp., for a new Garage License for vehicle storage for 20 vehicles at 181 McGrath Hwy.
8. Petition 429 Corp., for a new Garage License for auto repair and auto body for 30 vehicles at 109-111 Prospect St.
9. Petition County Auto Repair Inc., for a new Garage License for auto repair for 4 vehicles at 103 Washington St.
10. Petition Jim's Heavy Duty Service Inc., for a new Garage License for auto repair for 7 vehicles at 42 Joy St.

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

11. Citation By Ald. Connolly, Congratulating Charles Phillips on the happy occasion of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

12. Resolution By Ald. Pero, That this Board, in commemoration of Veterans Day, November 11, honors the service of these Somerville Vietnam War veterans who gave their lives during the months of November and December: Army PFC Robert J. Silva, killed in action 11/27/69, age 18, Marine PFC John Hayden Jr., killed in action 11/21/69, age 19, Army PFC Gordon J. Norman, killed in action 12/3/69, age 24, Air Force 1st Lieut. Roger H. Strout, deceased 12/17/69, age 25, and Marine Cpl. Thomas E. Murray, killed in action 12/29/65, age 20.
13. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the street sign on the corner of Grant and Wheatland Sts.
14. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the weeds on Puritan Rd., in the vicinity of the Grimmons Schoolyard.
15. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works and/or the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the street sign at the corner of Melville and Ten Hills Rds.
16. Order By Ald. Pero, That this Board adopt an ordinance establishing a Commission on Monuments, Memorials and Dedications.
17. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking inspect the corner of Broadway and Dartmouth St. for a NO PARKING TO CORNER restriction.
18. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 12 Heath St.
19. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works instruct snow plow operators to do their best to not block residents' driveways when plowing this winter.
20. Resolution By Ald. Roche and the Entire Board, That this Board finds it unacceptable that the youth of Somerville are treated differently than youth in surrounding communities as evidenced by consistently not having the skating rink open as scheduled, and that this inequity must be corrected immediately and every attempt made to keep the rink open late in the spring to make up for the late opening.
21. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove all American flags from their holders on lower Broadway and store them, to be re-installed next May just before Memorial Day.

22. Order By Ald. Roche and Sullivan, That the Director of SPCD ensure that the structure at Florence and Pearl Sts. is made safe by compelling the owner to restore the building to its historical structural condition and, in the meantime, board up all windows and doorways and surround the perimeter with a security fence to keep out vandals.
23. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing NO PARKING WITHIN 10 FEET sign at the intersection of Aldersey and Walnut Sts.
24. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a STOP sign at the intersection of Cleveland and Harvard Sts.
25. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a NO PARKING sign 10 feet from the exiting driveway at 13-25 Warren Ave. (Properzi Manor).
26. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police place a speed board on Cedar St. at Clyde St. and on Cedar St. at Cedar Ave. (2<sup>nd</sup> request)
27. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police assign an Officer at each grammar school during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. (2<sup>nd</sup> request)
28. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That a representative from NStar Gas appear before the Public Utilities and Works Committee to explain NStar's inability to properly notify residents of interruptions in gas services.
29. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD provide proper staffing at the November 16 Magoun Square improvement meeting.
30. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD renegotiate the sale of a small strip of land between the Hanson Memorial Park and its abutter.
31. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 40 Rogers Ave.
32. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking conduct an excessive speed mitigation study on all urban connector roadways.
33. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the property owner at the corner of Francesca and College Aves. to trim the hedges encroaching the sidewalk.

34. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the streetlamp at the corner of Winter St. and College Ave.
35. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works evaluate the tree at 57 Concord Ave. for overall health and trim it to avoid interference with overhead wires.
36. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD evaluate the capacity of the dumpster at 25 Mansfield St. and require the property owner to have more frequent pickups or obtain a larger dumpster.
37. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD inspect the Somerville Ave. Burger King trash for rodent problems and require them to alleviate them, including regularly baiting their property and providing proof of such action to the Board of Health.
38. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD review the hours of operation for Beacon Sales, 50 Webster Ave., and require that they adhere to the noise ordinance since noise is frequently heard by residents at 5:30 AM.
39. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police enforce violations for parking vehicles on the sidewalk, driving on the sidewalk, parking in a safety zone, obstructing traffic, and the State anti-loitering law (MGL c90, s16A), in the Brickbottom area.
40. Resolution By Ald. Heuston, That a representative of Verizon appear before this Board to address delays in providing service to a new residential development in Ward 2.
41. Ordinance By Ald. Heuston, Proposing changes to the Ordinances governing commercial garages.
42. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking improve pedestrian safety in and around 25 Highland Ave.
43. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking adjust the length of the walk signal at Walnut St. and Highland Ave.
44. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White and Roche, That the Chief of Police cite operators speeding and traveling in the wrong direction at the corner of Perkins and Mount Pleasant Sts.

45. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees at the corner of Pinckney and Wheeler Sts.
46. Resolution By Ald. Desmond, That a communication be sent to the Governor, Lt. Governor, and State Delegation requesting that the \$8,000,000 that was bonded by the legislature in 2002 for a new ice rink in Somerville, and then frozen by the Governor, be released immediately, and that plans be made for the construction of a new Somerville ice rink.
47. Resolution By Ald. Desmond and Connolly, That the Director of the Housing Authority be informed of the numerous complaints made by the tenants of Ciampa Manor regarding the condition of the building, and be requested to attend a meeting with the Alderman for a walk-through with tenant representatives to itemize the problems.
48. Order By Ald. Desmond and Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify all utilities with wires on the poles at 21 Fairfax St. to trim all branches in which the cables are entangled and report back to this Board when completed.
49. Order By Ald. Desmond and Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works resurface Fairfax St. before snow fall because of its deplorable and unsafe condition.
50. Order By Ald. Desmond and Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the lifted sidewalk at 51 Fairfax St. with new concrete. (2<sup>nd</sup> request)

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

51. Mayor's Request Requesting the amendment of Ordinance 10-1, approval of new Ordinances 10-17 and 10-18, and approval of a Home Rule Petition amending City Charter Section 21, all regarding the selection of a Police Chief.
52. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval of 5 new Cemusa Bus Shelters to replace those recently removed by the MBTA.
53. Mayor's Request Requesting a second approval of the Order of Taking for the Milk Row Cemetery, to provide the MA Historical Commission with satisfactory evidence of clear title.

54. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay \$70 in prior fiscal year invoices using FY06 funding within the Board of Alderman's OM Printing and Stationary Acct.
55. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Timothy Sullivan as a Police Officer.
56. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Christopher Hope to the Human Rights Commission.
57. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Delio Susi to the Multicultural Commission.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

None

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

58. City Officer Comm. Asst. City Solicitor conveying a decision in Werfalli v. City of Somerville, re: East Somerville Theater, 79-83 Broadway.
59. City Officer Comm. SPCD Director responding to various Board orders.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

60. Public Occ **Public Property Occupancy Permit**  
High School Girls Soccer Team Canning Drive, Davis Sq., Magoun Sq., Broadway & McGrath, Nov. 19, 9AM-1PM.
61. Drain Layer **New Drain Laying License**  
L. Perrina Construction.
62. Garage Lic. **Renewal of Garage License**  
Allen Realty Trust, 112-114 Albion St., 20 autos.
63. Garage Lic. Jack-E-Williamson, 45 Adrian St., 6 autos.
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65. Garage Lic. Somerville Housing Group Trust, 481 Columbia St., 252 autos.
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67. Garage Lic. **Revision of Garage License**  
The Auto Clinic, 308 McGrath Hwy., adding auto body  
but no spray painting to the current auto repair license.
68. Comm. **Communication**  
Senator Jehlen re: a Lowell St. Bridge meeting on Nov. 21,  
at 7 PM, at 259 Lowell St.
69. Comm. Senator Jehlen re: An Act Relative to the Taxation of  
Certain Elderly Property Owners.

**ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM**