

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

November 12, 2009, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2009.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation By Ald. Heuston and the Entire Board, Commending Officer James McNally, who has provided outstanding service to Ward 2 as its Community Police Officer for the last 16 years.
4. Citation By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, Congratulating Officers Michael McGrath, Robert Hickey, and Daniel Rego, awarded the Alexander McQuestion Police Officer of the Year Award by American Legion Post 19.
5. Citation By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, Congratulating Firefighter Patrick Keane, awarded the Thomas Chetham Firefighter of the Year Award by American Legion Post 19.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

6. Grant of Location NStar Electric, requesting a Grant of Location to relocate a steel guy stub pole in the sidewalk on Prospect St. at Somerville Ave.

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

7. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing a speed control system on Dartmouth St. and report the findings to the Ward 4 Alderman.
8. Resolution By Ald. Pero, That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission consider placing a crosswalk across Broadway, between Fenwick and Thurston Sts.

9. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police place a speed board at Dimick St. and Concord Ave. to monitor speeding on Concord Ave.
10. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol at Dimick St. and Concord Ave. weekdays 4-7 PM to monitor vehicles running the STOP sign on Dimick St.
11. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD analyze the effect of the Green Line spur into Union Sq. on traffic in the abutting neighborhoods, incorporate the findings in the Union Sq. Traffic Study, and discuss them at a meeting with residents, especially in the Lincoln Park/Concord Ave. area.
12. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works patch the sections of Beacon St. that are in disrepair.
13. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking meet with the Ward 2 Alderman and residents of Concord Ave. to discuss slowing traffic on the upper portion of Concord Ave. and discouraging cut through traffic.
14. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works place mulch in the tree well at 8 Park Ave.
15. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Board with recommendations to deal with problematic roots in pipes of residential homes.
16. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Board with the after midnight street sweeping schedule for city owned lots in Davis Sq.
17. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works instruct the utility to remove the orange tubing protruding from the utility pole at Greenville St. and Greenville Ct.
18. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the City Solicitor prepare an amendment to Zoning Ordinance 9.9(c), re: curb cuts.
19. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works instruct the proper utility to remove the double pole at 57 Prescott St.
20. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD notify Comusa Inc. to add additional protection from the cold and wind at the bus shelters at 252 Medford St. and at Highland Ave. and Medford St.
21. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair any uplifted bricks at the Central Library.

22. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the uplifted sidewalk panels on Lowell St. from Somerville to Highland Aves.
23. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD (ISD) appear before the Legislative Matters Committee to provide an update on the enforcement of the Trash Ordinance.
24. Resolution By Ald. Taylor, White and Sullivan, That this Board requests that the Administration convene a Task Force to address bicycle safety.
25. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, Connolly and White, That the Director of SPCD request of the Director of the new MA Dept. of Transportation that the lighting on Washington St. and Broadway, underneath Rt. 93, be repaired.
26. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White and Connolly, That the ADA Coordinator examine the senior housing buildings citywide for compliance with ADA standards.
27. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White, Taylor and Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking make recommendations on improving pedestrian safety at 252 Medford St.
28. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works advise whether the city tree at 88 Pearson Rd. has caused damage to the homeowner's property.
29. Resolution By Ald. Connolly and Heuston, That this Board requests that the Dedication Committee consider naming the corner of Parkdale and Washington Sts. in memory of Thomas Hamilton, a US Navy Veteran.
30. Order By Ald. Connolly and Sullivan, That the Director of SPCD advise this Board whether the City should adopt Appendix 120.AA in place of the energy efficiency requirements of the "base" building code.
31. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works describe to this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety all efforts to assist seniors and physically incapacitated citizens who reside on the even side of our streets, and whose driveways are plowed in all winter.
32. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police place a speed board at 28 Rogers Ave. to curtail high speed traffic.
33. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the cracked sidewalk at 26 Rogers Ave.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

34. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use meeting jointly with the Planning Board, Nov. 5.
35. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use, Nov. 5.
36. Committee Report of the Committee on Housing & Community Development, Nov. 5.
37. Committee Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, Nov. 5.
38. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Nov 9.
39. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health & Safety, Nov. 9.
40. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Nov. 10.

## **COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

41. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to amend the City Charter to bring it into conformity with current state law and streamline enactment of administrative matters.
42. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$179,800 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to purchase 6 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors for the Police Dept.
43. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$88,360 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to purchase 4 Ford Taurus Detective Vehicles for the Police Dept.
44. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$43,105 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to purchase a Ford Expedition Special Services Vehicle for the Police Dept. Traffic Bureau/Truck Team.
45. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$37,505 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to purchase a Ford Van Prisoner Transport Vehicle for the Police Dept.

46. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$26,870 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to purchase a Ford Van Animal Control Vehicle for the Police Dept.
47. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to extend a contract with TBA Architects Inc. for House Doctor architectural services at 42 Cross St., to August 31, 2010.
48. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to extend a contract with Johnson Roberts Associates Inc. for House Doctor architectural services at Conway Park, to August 31, 2010.
49. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to extend a contract with Symmes Maini & McKee Associates Inc. for architectural services at the Argenziano School, to August 31, 2010.
50. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$120,900 from various departmental Salaries Accts. to the Elections Special Election Acct., to fund the special state elections on Dec. 8 and Jan. 19, to fill the vacant US Senate seat.
51. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$9,050 from the Treasury Certificate of Notes and Bonds Acct. to the Building Insurance Acct. to cover the cost of a recent tax possession and vacant property insurance.
52. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$6,333 from the Treasury Salaries Acct. to the Treasury Office Equipment Acct. to cover the cost of a photocopier.
53. Mayor's Request Requesting the use of \$101.61 in current year funds to pay a prior year invoice from Gate House Media for a legal advertisement in the Weights and Measures Dept.
54. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$201,000 from the MA Environmental Trust, to renovate the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse and docks, and create a new pedestrian route to the Boathouse from Foss Park.
55. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$1,583.16 from the Cambridge Health Alliance for the Health Dept.'s Tuberculosis Prevention and Control program.
56. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Dr. Brian Green to the Board of Health.
57. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Babette Mello to the Board of Health.
58. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Paula Machado to the Board of Health.

- 59. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Nathaniel Greene as Constable.
- 60. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Ronald DiGiorgio as Constable.
- 61. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Gilbert Ribeiro as Constable.
- 62. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Pasquale DeFeo as Constable.
- 63. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Daniel Willinger as Constable.
- 64. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Timothy McGonigal as Constable.
- 65. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Rocco Marciello as Constable.
- 66. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Alan Bishop as Constable.
- 67. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Albert Darling as Constable.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 68. Officer's Comm. Asst. City Solicitor responding to #186823 re: a draft ordinance on the display of non-domesticated animals.
- 69. Officer's Comm. Asst. City Solicitor submitting a revised ordinance #12-8 and #12-9 re: snow, slush and ice on sidewalks.
- 70. Officer's Comm. Asst. City Solicitor submitting a revised ordinance #12-18 and #12-77 re: the use of construction dumpsters.
- 71. Officer's Comm. SPCD Director responding to #188065 re: winterization programs, and #187943 re: 60-62 Park St.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 72. Public Event Public Event Permit, Mark's Sidewalk/Moving Sale, 420 Broadway sidewalk, Nov. 14, 9AM-4PM.
- 73. Public Event Public Event Permit, Wayside Anti-Drug Stop Signs Event, North St. Playground, Nov. 19-Dec. 20, Ceremony Nov. 19, 3-4PM.

74. Drainlayer Renewing Drain Layer's License, Metro Equipment Corp.
75. Open Air Vendor Renewing Open Air Vendor License, Next Wave/Full Circle Schools, Foss Park, Christmas Trees and wreathes, Nov. 19-Dec. 24, Mo-Th 4-8PM, Fr-Su 10AM-8PM.
76. Outdoor Seating New Outdoor Seating and Goods License, Alpine Restaurant Group dba Pizzeria Posto, 187 Elm St., 10 tables, 20 chairs.
77. Sign Sign/Awning Permit, Alpine Restaurant Group dba Pizzeria Posto, 187 Elm St., reface existing sign and 5 awnings.
78. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, John's Auto Sales Inc., 181 Somerville Ave., 38 autos.
79. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Green Automotive Inc., 600 Windsor Place., 20 autos inside.
80. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Union gulf Service, 231 Washington St., 6 autos.
81. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Mystic Auto Sales & Service, 712 Mystic Ave., 10 autos.
82. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Executive Auto Leasing & Sales, 30 Medford St., 3 autos inside.
83. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, William Doucette Auto Sales Inc., 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy., 2 autos inside, 30 outside.
84. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, UMP Corp./United Motors, 188 Broadway, 4 autos.
85. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Gemicar Inc. dba Tech Auto Body, 9 Union Sq., 2 autos.
86. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealer's License Class 3, Nissenbaum's Auto Parts Inc., 0 Windsor St.
87. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealer's License Class 3, Nissenbaum's Auto Parts Inc., 480 Columbia St.
88. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealer's License Class 3, T. C. Auto Exchange, 176-178 Tremont St.
89. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealer's License Class 3, Ed's Used Auto Parts, 516-518 Columbia St.

- 90. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealer's License Class 3, Union Automotive, 37 Mystic Ave.
- 91. Comm. Tufts University Dean of Students responding to #188165 re: policies for students' alcohol use.
- 92. Comm. Duhamel Education Board of Directors thanking this Board for participating in a fundraising dinner on Sep. 26.

**LATE ITEMS**