

**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

December 8, 2005, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 10, 2005.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Petition Comcast, for a Grant of Location to install 6 ft. of conduit at Waterhouse St.
4. Petition Verizon, for a Grant of Location to install 6 ft. of conduit at Waterhouse St.
5. Garage Lic. Arco Tire & Service, for a New Garage License at 16 Clarendon Ave., for auto repair for 4 autos.
6. Tax Levy City Assessor's request for the adoption of tax levy percentages for FY 2006, and other related actions.

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

7. Citation By Ald. Sullivan and the Entire Board, Commending Antoinette DelVendo for 55 years of tireless service to the Little League of Somerville.
8. Citation By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, Commending the US Air force Band of Liberty for its performance this holiday season on Dec. 9. at the High School.
9. Resolution By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, Commending Professional Ambulance Service, Cataldo Ambulance Service, A Plus Auto Body, Frank Barry Truck Lettering, Bent Electrical Contractors, and Standard Electric Supply for their generosity in donating and refurbishing a lighting and support vehicle for use by the Auxiliary Fire Dept.

10. Order By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, That this Board requests that MA Highway refrain from using the area beneath I-93 near Bailey Rd. as a staging ground for construction projects, that any current contracts granting such use be immediately terminated, and that local elected officials and members of the State Delegation be notified in advance of any such agreements in the future.
11. Order By Ald. Desmond, That the Director of Personnel provide this Board with a list of all people hired by the city from 7/1/05 to 12/7/05, including the department into which each was hired and any licenses or qualifications required.
12. Order By Ald. Desmond, That the Director of SPCD notify this Board, in writing, what violations of either city codes and ordinances or construction conditions set forth by the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals would constitute a Stop Work order and what actions the city may take when such conditions are not met.
13. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the NO PARKING sign at 590 Broadway as it is bent and hazardous to pedestrians.
14. Order By Ald. Desmond and Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure the 3 trees between 21-31 Fairfax St. are trimmed away from the utility wires, and report back to this Board in writing when completed. (3rd request)
15. Order By Ald. Desmond and Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works either cut the roots of the tree at 48 Fairfax St. so the sidewalk may be repaired, or remove the tree as it is making the sidewalk hazardous to pedestrians.
16. Order By Ald. Desmond and Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair or replace the NO PARKING sign at 162 Powderhouse Blvd. as it is hazardous to pedestrians.
17. Order By Ald. Desmond and Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the street name sign on the corner of Mason St. and Powderhouse Blvd.
18. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol at Mt. Pleasant and Perkins Sts. and cite any and all vehicle operators violating driving laws.
19. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the street light at Washington St. and Franklin Ave. is repaired ASAP.

20. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair or replace the non-functioning traffic signal at the intersection of Day and Elm Sts.
21. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the uplifted sidewalk plate at 17 Winslow Ave.
22. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the streetlamps at 399 Highland Ave., on Grove St. near the intersection of Highland Ave., and farther down Grove St. at the entrance to the parking lot.
23. Order By Ald. Taylor and Desmond, That the Commissioner of Public Works repave Hillside Circle. (3rd request)
24. Resolution By Ald. Provost, Heuston, Connolly and Desmond, That this Board offers its support to the School Dept. Paraprofessionals in their contract negotiations, expresses the hope that the issues can be resolved speedily and fairly, and recognizes their enormous contribution to public education.
25. Resolution By Ald. Provost, That the Traffic and Parking Commission determine a location for a pedestrian crosswalk across Highland Ave. between Somerville Hospital and the westbound bus stop opposite the Hospital.
26. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works re-grade Meacham St. at the Healey School, so standing water drains away and doesn't create an ice hazard.
27. Resolution By Ald. Provost, Trane, Heuston, Connolly and Desmond, That this Board requests that the MA Commissioner of Transitional Assistance take steps to ensure that the local DET office, soon to be relocated from 1 Davis Sq., remains in the area and is accessible by the MBTA and numerous bus lines.
28. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police order increased pedestrian safety enforcement by officers assigned to traffic enforcement as well as all patrol officers during the holiday season.
29. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the acorn street light at 245 Holland St.
30. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the NStar property on Endicott Ave.

31. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police assign a directed patrol for pedestrian safety on Broadway at Clarendon Hill Towers, at various hours until repairs are made to the pedestrian signals at that location.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

32. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$3,275,000 from the Free Cash certification dated July 1, 2005, for the purpose of reducing the Fiscal Year 2006 tax levy.
33. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a transfer of \$416,121 from General Fund-Fund Balance Reserved for Special Purposes to Expendable Trust Fund, Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
34. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$200,000 grant from the EPA to perform environmental site assessments on known or suspected contaminated sites.
35. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$27,850 grant from the MA Office of Environmental Affairs for a District Improvement Finance program for Union Sq.
36. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend an \$8,700 grant from Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging for senior transportation.
37. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$5,316 grant from Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging for the Social and Health Support Program.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Charles Femino to the position of Captain on the Police Dept.
39. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of James Stanford to the position of Lieutenant on the Police Dept.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Bernard Cotter to the position of Lieutenant on the Police Dept.
41. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Gerald Reardon to the position of Sergeant on the Police Dept.
42. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Neil Brennan to the position of Sergeant on the Police Dept.

43. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Robert Nash as Sworn Weigher.
44. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Pasquale DeFeo Jr. as Constable.
45. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Gilbert Ribeiro as Constable.
46. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Daniel Willinger as Constable.
47. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Timothy McGonigal as Constable.
48. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Rocco Marciello as Constable.
49. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Deborah-Jean McGonigal as Constable.
50. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Robert Lomanno as Constable.
51. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Darcy Haynes as Constable.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

52. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, Nov. 29.
53. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Nov. 29.
54. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Dec. 5.
55. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, Nov. 30.
56. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, Nov. 30.
57. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, Dec. 6.
58. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, Dec. 7.

59. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Dec. 7.
Report

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

60. City Officer Planning Board submitting recommendations on proposed
Comm. amendments to Zoning Ordinance Article 9, "Off-Street
Parking and Loading."
61. City Officer Planning Board submitting recommendations on proposed
Comm. amendments to Zoning Ordinance Articles 2 "Definitions",
3, "Enforcement, Board of Appeals, And Amendments", 4,
"Nonconforming Uses And Structures", 7, "Permitted
Uses", 8, "Dimensional Requirements" and 13,
"Inclusionary Housing".
62. City Officer Election Commission submitting the certified results of the
Comm. election held on Nov. 8, 2005.
63. City Officer SPCD Director responding to various Board items.
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NEW BUSINESS

64. Amuse. Dev. **Renewal of Automatic Amusement Device License**
AOD Inc. dba On The Hill Tavern, 499 Broadway, 3 pool
tables.
65. Amuse. Dev. Good Time Billiards Inc., 30 Sturtevant St., 215 devices.
66. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Second Hand Auto Dealer License Class 1**
Herb Chambers I-93 dba Chambers Motorcars, 259
McGrath Hwy, 350 autos.
67. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Second Hand Auto Dealer License Class 2**
UMP/United Motors, 188 Broadway, 4 autos.
68. Used Car Lic Union Gulf, 231 Washington St., 6 autos.
69. Used Car Lic Prestige Auto Imports Inc. dba Webster Auto Sales, 61
Prospect St., 22 autos.
70. Used Car Lic Ideal Engine Rebuilders Inc., 49 Day St., 8 autos.
71. Used Car Lic Charlie's Auto Sales, 39 Webster Ave., 22 autos.
72. Used Car Lic Hillside Jaguar Inc. dba Hillside Service Center, 45 Mystic
Ave., 10 autos.

73. Used Car Lic Manny's Auto dba Kam Bazazi Inc., 463 McGrath Hwy,
15 autos.
74. Used Car Lic D.M. Auto Body Inc., 48 Joy St., 13 autos.
75. Used Car Lic John's Auto Sales Inc., 181 Somerville Ave., 38 autos.
76. Used Car Lic Webster Auto Body Co., 69 Webster Ave., 4 autos.
77. Used Car Lic Sooren Inc. dba Broadway Auto Sales, 525 Broadway,
11 autos.
78. Used Car Lic Dodakin's Auto Sales, 191 Beacon St., 4 autos.
79. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Second Hand Auto Dealer License Class 3**
Nissenbaum's Auto Parts Inc., 480 Columbia St.
80. Used Car Lic Nissenbaum's Auto Parts Inc., 542 Windsor St.
81. Used Car Lic James Davidian dba Union Gulf Automotive Service,
37 Mystic Ave.
82. Used Car Lic Joseph Talewsky & Son Inc., 512 Columbia St.
83. Used Car Lic Joseph Talewsky & Son Inc., 517 Columbia St.
84. Used Car Lic **New Second Hand Auto Dealer License Class 2**
Cristiano M. Alves dba Star Auto Sales Inc., 39 Webster
Ave., 30 autos.
85. Drain Layer **New Drain Layers License**
A.V. & Son Inc.
86. Sign/Awning **New Sign/Awning over a Public Way**
J & J Food's & Variety Inc., 157 Washington St.
87. Sign/Awning Fashion Way Hair Design, 18 Union Sq.
88. Sign/Awning Quality @ Your Service, 47 Webster St.
89. Garage Lic. **New Garage License Application**
G.E. & M. Auto Service, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy,
17 autos.
90. Comm. **Communication**
Rep. Sciortino & Senator Jehlen conveying letter sent to
MA Highway re: construction companies currently renting
space underneath I-93.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM