

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

December 10, 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 November 12, 2009.

**CITATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. Grant of Location Request of Rosemarie Bombara, owner of 492 Medford St., for a Grant of Location to install 40 feet of conduit in Trull St., from Pole #339/8 to 492 Medford St.
4. Tax Levy Acting Chief Assessor's request for the adoption of tax levy percentages for FY 2010, and other related actions.

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

5. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD contact Verizon to request that they clean up the property at Central and Willoughby Sts. and reduce the noise from the roof fan, and report the results to the Ward 3 Alderman.
6. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility to replace the leaning utility pole at 68 Columbus Ave.
7. Resolution By Ald. Roche, That this Board requests that the Administration provide an update to #188141 re: issuing tickets to offenders in designated HP spots in private parking lots.
8. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works place a sand barrel at the corner of Pearl and Delaware Sts.

9. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works plow the snow around Dilboy Stadium to allow residents to park there during a snow emergency.
10. Order By Ald. Desmond, That the City Solicitor work with the City Clerk, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Traffic and Parking Director, and Public Works Commissioner to draft an ordinance for the permitting of public events.
11. Order By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing traffic light at Summer and Central Sts.
12. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the dead tree on Holyoke St. at Elm St.
13. Resolution By Ald. Desmond and Pero, That this Board requests that Rep. Sciortino request of the DCR Commissioner that the current Memorandum of Agreement allowing the City to police and maintain certain state roads be amended to include Shore Dr.
14. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works take steps to ensure that the doors of the West Branch library are preserved and protected from the elements.
15. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking create a policy of leniency for meter violations when there are special events in Davis Sq., to enhance visitors' experiences.
16. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration consider launching an extension of the 311 program with an application for the Iphone similar to the "Citizens Connect" program recently initiated in Boston.
17. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, Roche and Sullivan, That the Director of Housing update this Board on current foreclosure prevention efforts, including CAAS' door to door outreach.
18. Resolution By Ald. Heuston, That this Board requests that the Administration take additional steps to reach out to the city's non English speaking residents to inform them of ResiStat meetings.
19. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider suspending parking meter operations from Dec. 18-24, to allow shoppers to shop locally.

- 20. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the street sign at Elliot St. and Properzi Way.
- 21. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the Brickbottom Condominium sign removed during the sidewalk reconstruction at Poplar and Joy Sts.
- 22. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking take steps, including the installation of addition signage, to ensure that drivers stop at the intersection of Somerville Ave. Extension and Poplar St.
- 23. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the PRIVATE WAY sign at Park Pl. and Laurel St.
- 24. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD direct the owner of 515 Somerville Ave. to clean its perimeter, install secure fencing before Jan. 1, and appear before this Board with an update on its disposition.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- 25. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health & Safety, Nov. Report 30.
- 26. Committee Report of the Committee of the Whole on Finance, Dec. 1. Report
- 27. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Dec. 1. Report
- 28. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters meeting Report jointly with the Historic Preservation Commission, Dec. 2.
- 29. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting jointly with Report the Planning Board, Dec. 3.
- 30. Committee Report of the Committee on Information Technology, Dec. Report 9.
- 31. Committee Report of the Committee of the Whole on Finance, Dec. 9. Report

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

32. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to establish a temporary building moratorium in a portion of the Winter Hill Commercial District.
33. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an Order of Taking for Parcel E-6 at Assembly Sq., to clear the title to the parcel.
34. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval of a \$500,000 appropriation from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Parking Meter Receipts Acct. to reduce the FY2010 tax levy.
35. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval of a \$177,816 appropriation from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Water/Sewer Rate Relief Acct. to reduce the FY2010 tax levy.
36. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval of a \$185,175 appropriation from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the acquisition of two vacant parcels at 46 Pearl St. and 0 Florence St.
37. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$65,288.57 from Casella Waste (FCR) for recycling processing fees between 11/08 and 6/09.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval to expend a \$23,800 grant from the MA Office of Public Safety, for Police Dept. traffic enforcement mobilization and traffic safety equipment.
39. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval to expend a \$3,772 grant from the MA Office of Public Safety, for Fire Dept. fire safety education for children.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval to expend a \$2,895.63 grant from Federal Realty Investment Trust, to reimburse the Fire Dept. for overtime at the Oct. 10 Assembly Sq. fireworks.
41. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Jason Ruf, currently on the Reserve List, as a Firefighter.
42. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Francisco De la Barra to the Arts Council.
43. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Frederick Mangone as Constable.
44. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of William Medeiros as Constable.
45. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of James DiFraia as Constable.

- 46. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Browne as Constable.
- 47. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Mark Snider as Constable.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 48. Officer's Comm. Planning Board providing recommendations with regard to #188112, a zoning ordinance amendment to rezone a portion of Broadway in Winter Hill and East Somerville.
- 49. Officer's Comm. Asst. City Solicitor Shapiro responding to #188169 re: Aldermen addressing a city commission.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 50. Public Event Public Event Permit, Jingle Bell Run Road Race, Davis Sq. area, Dec. 13, 11AM.
- 51. Drainlayer New Drain Layer's License, Conway Construction.
- 52. Flammable Transfer of Flammables License, Chris's Auto Service, 371 Highland Ave., 19,100 gallons.
- 53. Garage New Garage License, Chris's Auto Service, 371 Highland Ave., 3 cars inside, 10 outside.
- 54. Garage Renewing Garage License, BBC Auto Repair, 483 Somerville Ave., 10 cars inside.
- 55. Junk Dealer New Junk Dealer's License, Game underground, 1123 Broadway, buying and selling used video games.
- 56. Amusement Device New Automatic Amusement Device License, Game underground, 1123 Broadway, 2 devices.
- 57. Used Car Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 3, Joseph Talewsky and Son, 512 Columbia St.
- 58. Used Car Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 3, Joseph Talewsky and Son, 517 Columbia St.
- 59. Used Car Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, DM Auto Body Inc., 48 Joy St., 13 cars.
- 60. Used Car Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, GE & M Auto Service dba Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy., 10 cars outside.

61. Used Car Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Top Cars of Boston dba Inman Motor, 39 Webster Ave., 30 cars outside.
62. Used Car Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St., 46 cars.
63. Used Car Renewing Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Prestige Auto Imports Inc. dba Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St., 22 cars outside.
64. Comm. David Guss submitting comments re: #188305, a proposed zoning amendment to facilitate senior housing.
65. Comm. Teri Swartzel submitting comments re: #188305, a proposed zoning amendment to facilitate senior housing.
66. Comm. Margaret Evans submitting comments re: #188468, an Off Leash Recreation Area for dogs in West Somerville.
67. Comm. Susie Cloete submitting comments re: #188468, an Off Leash Recreation Area for dogs in West Somerville.

**LATE ITEMS**