

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

December 11, 2008, 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 November 13, 2008.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Heuston and the Entire Board, Congratulating Joseph Carvalho on the happy occasion of his 90th birthday.
4. Citation By Ald. Sullivan, O'Donovan and the Entire Board, Commending Cornelius and Barbara O'Regan on the happy occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.
5. Citation By Ald. Sullivan and the Entire Board, Commending Michael Buckley, who is resigning after 5 years of distinguished service on the Mayor's staff and at the DPW.
6. Citation By Ald. Gewirtz and the Entire Board, Congratulating Lyndell's Bakery, celebrating 121 years of service as New England's oldest retail bakery.
7. Citation By The Entire Board, Commending Michael Deegan for serving the Somerville Allied Veterans Council as President in 2008.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. Grant of Location NStar Electric for a grant of location to install about 9 feet of conduit in Bedford St.
9. Grant of Location Nstar Electric for a grant of location to install about 3 feet of conduit at 42 Clyde St.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

10. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police report to this Board on any cuts or potential cuts in community policing.
11. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols for New Washington St. behind Cobble Hill, as tractor trailer trucks are idling there all night.
12. Order By Ald. Roche and Sullivan, That the Director of Communications inform this Board whether Verizon or any other telecom company is looking to expand to Somerville for TV, Internet or telephone services.
13. Order By Ald. Roche and Sullivan, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols in and around Sullivan Sq., from dusk to midnight, so pedestrians feel safe walking home from this MBTA station, and make arrangements with the MBTA Police and Boston Police for similar visibility.
14. Order By Ald. Roche, Sullivan and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking examine the recently installed traffic signal at Highland Ave. and Medford St. to ensure that it is clearly visible to vehicles approaching from all directions.
15. Resolution By Ald. Taylor and White, That a representative of the Cambridge Health Alliance appear before this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss a newspaper report on the possible closure of Somerville Hospital.
16. Order By Ald. Desmond, That the Chief Fire Engineer appear before the next meeting of this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to address concerns that newly appointed and untrained recruits are being used as the third man on fire apparatus, answering actual calls.
17. Order By Ald. Desmond, That the City Solicitor provide this Board with an opinion regarding the City's liability if a fire fighter or resident was injured or killed as a result of a newly appointed, untrained fire fighter answering a call.
18. Order By Ald. Desmond, Trane and Heuston, That the City Clerk schedule and advertise a Public Hearing on January 15, 2009, before this Board's Committee of Licenses and Permits, to hear testimony on extending the hours of common victuallers past midnight.
19. Order By Ald. Desmond, Trane and Heuston, That the Director of Public Health and the Director of SPCD appear before this Board's Committee on Licenses and Permits at the Public Hearing on January 15, 2009, to provide testimony on common victuallers operating past midnight.

20. Order By Ald. Desmond, Trane and Heuston, That the Chief of Police appear before this Board's Committee on Licenses and Permits at the Public Hearing on January 15, 2009, to provide testimony on common victuallers operating past midnight.
21. Order By Ald. Desmond, Trane and Heuston, That the City Clerk notify the Chamber of Commerce, Davis Sq. Task Force, Union Sq. Main Streets, Lower Broadway Main Streets and any other organization interested in common victuallers operating past midnight, of a Public Hearing on January 15, 2009, at which their opinions would be appreciated.
22. Order By Ald. Desmond, Trane and Heuston, That the City Clerk provide this Board, prior to the Public Hearing on January 15, 2009, a list of all businesses under the purview of the Board that hold a Common Victuallers License.
23. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD inform Nextel that they may not store telephone poles at the lot on Willow Ave. at the Bike Path, as they release noxious chemicals and make the area unsanitary.
24. Order By Ald. Heuston, That this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety review recurring complaints from Ward 2 residents regarding noise, etc., generated by Royal White Services and impacting residents' quality of life.
25. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works place sand barrels throughout Ward 2, near schools and churches and on hills and major intersections.
26. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works report on the status of double poles throughout the city at the next meeting of this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Works.
27. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the responsible utility to repair the streetlamps at Powderhouse Rotary and on the even side of Morrison Ave. nearest to College Ave.
28. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, That this Board requests that the City designate the building at 365 Broadway a landmark, as the former residence of President-Elect Barack Obama (1988-1991), install a plaque on city property nearby, and invite the President-Elect to the official unveiling.

29. Order By Ald. White and Taylor, That the Director of SPCD and the Chief of Police coordinate efforts to stop the collection of trash from the lot adjoining Properzi Manor at 3 AM and ensure that such collection is done at a reasonable time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

30. Committee Report of the Committee of the Whole on Housing & Community Development, Dec. 1.
31. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use, Dec. 4.
Report
32. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Dec. 10.
Report
33. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Dec. 10.
Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

34. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the city's Draft 2008-2013 Open Space & Recreation Plan.
35. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an ordinance prohibiting the consumption, sale or delivery of marijuana in public places or businesses licensed by the City.
36. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to engage Robinson & Cole LLP as outside counsel to represent the City in litigation against the FAA and Massport over increased airport noise.
37. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the Elections Dept. to transfer \$13,000 from its PS and Postage Accts. to its Salaries Temporary and Salaries OT Accts., to cover expenses incurred during the Presidential Election.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$400,000 Active Living By Design Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities Grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to the Health Dept. for the Shape Up Somerville Program.
39. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$263,408.16 from the MA Office of Public Safety, for the Police's Community Policing programs, purchases or construction.

- 40. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$114,000 from the MA Technology Collaborative for the Mayor's Office of Sustainability and Environment, to install a 10kw photovoltaic solar panel array at the Central Library and High School.
- 41. Mayor's Request Requesting approval under G.L.c.268A to classify as Special Municipal Employees all members of the Technical Advisory Committee created to review requests for qualifications and requests for proposals for the Davis Sq. Hotel and parking garage property disposition.
- 42. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of William Gage to the Somerville Redevelopment Authority.
- 43. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Browne as Constable.
- 44. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of James DiFraia as Constable.
- 45. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Ronald DiGiorgio as Constable.
- 46. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Frederick Mangone as Constable.
- 47. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Daniel Willinger as Constable.
- 48. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Mark Snider as Constable.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 49. Officer's Comm. SPCD Director responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 50. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Jingle Bell Run Road Race, Davis Sq., Dec. 14, 11AM (raindate Dec. 21).
- 51. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Loggers-Trice Wedding, Prospect Hill Park, Dec. 20, 10AM-2PM (raindate Dec. 21).
- 52. Drainlayer New Drain Layer's License, R.A. Powell Construction Corp.

53. Sign New Sign/Awning Permit, KB Investments Inc. dba PJ Ryan's, 239 Holland St., Awing.
54. Extended Hours Amendment of Extended Hours License, Golden Light Restaurant, 24 College Ave., Su-Th to 1:30AM, Fr-Sa to 2AM.
55. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Foreign Auto Wholesalers LLC, 80 Pearl St., 2 autos.
56. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Broadway Auto Sales dba Sooren Inc., 525 Broadway., 11 autos.
57. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Benny's Autos Sales, 508 Somerville Ave., 2 autos inside, 8 outside.
58. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Unlimited Auto Body Inc., 471 Somerville Ave., 10 autos.
59. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, D.M. Auto Body Inc., 48 Joy St. 13 autos.
60. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, Prestige Auto Imports Inc. dba Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St., 22 autos outside.
61. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class III, T.C. Auto Exchange, 176-178 Tremont St.
62. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class III, Joseph Talewsky & Son Inc., 512 Columbia St.
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LATE ITEMS