

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 20, 2005, 8:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting, Nov. 22, 2005.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Petition Boston Edison for a Grant of Location to install 104 ft. of conduit on Highland Ave.
4. Petition Boston Edison for a Grant of Location to install 7 ft. of conduit on Woodstock St.
5. Petition MA Water Resources Authority for a Grant of Location to install conduit and test stations at 4 locations adjacent to its 48" water main, near Walnut St. and Broadway.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor prepare an opinion on the legality of setting a fine for snow removal violations for commercial property owners that would be higher than the fine for residential property owners.
7. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol, at random days and times, to check for activity involving vandalism and graffiti on the William Joyce Bridge and the Sacramento St. underpass.
8. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the Sacramento St. underpass, and the sidewalks on each side of Medford St. that run under the William Joyce Bridge, are routinely cleared and sanded.

9. Order By Ald. Sullivan, That the city's MBTA liaison work with the MBTA to make sure all bus stops are cleared of snow in a reasonable amount of time and that priority is given to bus stops close to senior housing.
10. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately remove the graffiti from 41, 43 and 45 Florence St., which were sadly defaced this past weekend, and that the Chief of Police increase patrols and initiate neighborhood meetings in this area.
11. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking prepare a handout on our snow removal policies for every household with a residential parking permit.
12. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That the City alternate snow plowing on opposite sides of the street each year rather than only on the odd side of the street.
13. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police enforce the restrictions on overnight commercial parking on Wheatland St. from Jaques St. to Mystic Ave., particularly on weekends.
14. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD cite the owners of 388 Medford St. for failure to remove snow and ice.
15. Resolution By Ald. Provost, That this Board requests that the Administration report on the feasibility of free, wireless Internet access in public buildings, squares and other commercial areas.
16. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Director of SPCD report to this Board all tickets issued for failure to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks since the Dec. 9 snowstorm.
17. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works direct snow plows to stop plowing against the backs and sides of schools, which creates dangerous ice conditions.
18. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works turn off the dripping faucet near the Healey School tot lot.
19. Order By Ald. Provost, That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance creating a Pedestrian Safety Commission, composed of at least 5 members, to advise on matters of pedestrian safety.
20. Order By Ald. Provost and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking add Aldersey St. to one of its routes, to ticket parked cars blocking visibility at the intersection with Walnut St., or parking in handicapped zones.

21. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, That the Dedication Committee consider adding the name of Helen M. Connolly, US Navy WWII veteran, to the existing memorial sign for the late John M. Connolly, US Army veteran, at the corner of Pearson Rd. and Warner St.
22. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, That Ward 6 Alderman Jack Connolly wishes to extend his thanks to the citizens of Ward 6 for their confidence in sending him to City Hall to perform the Ward 6 aldermanic duties these past 11 terms: it was truly an honor to have represented the place that has been his lifetime home.
23. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, That Ward 6 Alderman Jack Connolly deeply appreciates the privilege of having served with his fellow and former elected colleagues: it has been his sincere honor to have served the citizens of Somerville in such capable company, and he commends the present and previous City Clerks, Clerks of Committees and Assistant Clerks for their dedication and attention to detail, especially during the Budget process.
24. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, That Ward 6 Alderman Jack Connolly deeply appreciates the professionalism, dedication, and courage of the present and former employees of the Police, Fire and Public Works Depts, and all city employees, especially the Chiefs, Commissioners, and Department Heads, for their keen sense of duty and responsibility.
25. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, That Ward 6 Alderman Jack Connolly wishes to convey his sincere and profound thanks and appreciation to Mayor Joseph Curtatone, and to the preceding Mayors, Mayor Dorothy Kelly Gay, Acting Mayor William Roche, Mayor Michael Capuano and Mayor Eugene Brune for the pleasure of having worked with each one and their respective administrations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

26. Mayor's Request Requesting that this Board convene in Executive Session on this Dec. 20, to review the minutes of prior 2005 Executive Sessions.
27. Mayor's Request Requesting the Board approve an amendment to the Code of Ordinances by adding a new Sec. 9-95, prohibiting the sniffing of alcoholic beverages.

28. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$67,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance to the Election OM Special Election Account to fund the costs for 2 special State Representative elections.
29. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$34,125 from Unreserved Fund Balance to the Recreation Salaries Account for the Temporary Recreation Supt., from 1/16/06 to 6/30/06.
30. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$495,000 grant from the MA Office of Environmental Affairs for construction of the Kemp Nuts Park.
31. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$115,100 grant from the MA Office of Environmental Affairs for construction of the Allen St. Gardens and Durrell Gardens.
32. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$45,000 grant to the Health Dept. to create a new position, Shape Up Somerville Coordinator.
33. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$4,172.48 grant from the Metro Boston Homeland Security Office for a Fire, Fire Alarm & Police Personnel Communications Table Top Exercise on Dec. 14, 2005.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

34. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Dec. 14.
35. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, Dec. 15.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

36. City Officer Comm. Retirement Board requesting that the Board accept Ch. 157, Secs. 1 and 2 of the Acts of 2005, re: benefits for veterans.
37. City Officer Comm. SPCD Director responding to various Board items.

NEW BUSINESS

38. Garage Lic. Revision **Revision of Garage License**
Original Auto Body and Mechanic, 12-16 Joy St., requesting permission to offer auto body, spray painting and auto repair services.

39. Used Car Lic **Renewal Second Hand Auto Dealer License Class 2**
PJ'S Auto Sales Inc., 161 Broadway, 65 autos.
40. Used Car Lic Unlimited Auto Body Inc., 471 Somerville Ave., 10 autos.
41. Used Car Lic Cambridge Auto Sales, 75 Park St., 13 autos.
42. Used Car Lic Paul Valente dba Paul's Wholesale, 19A Morton St., 1
auto.
43. Used Car Lic Concord Auto Service Inc. 73 Summer St., 4 autos.
44. Used Car Lic Auto Brokers, 182 Washington St., 26 autos.
45. Used Car Lic Leins Auto Repair Inc., 65½ Bow St., 17 autos.
46. Outdoor **New Outdoor Seating/Goods License**
Seating Union Square Market Place, 22 Bow St., luggage rack.
47. Comm. **Communication**
DCR Commissioner responding to #179980, requesting
funding for a new Somerville ice rink.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM