

**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

July 11, 2002, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Petition Verizon New England for a grant of location to enlarge existing Manhole #43/314 on the southwesterly side of Broadway near the Walnut St. intersection from 5' X 3' X 3.5' to 6' X 6' X 6'.
2. Petition Verizon New England for a grant of location to install 60 feet of conduit in the northerly side of Walnut St. from existing MH #43 running easterly and northeasterly to a point of pickup at the back of sidewalk in property of the City of Somerville.

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

3. Order **Submitted By Ald. Roche**
That the Chief of Police notify the operators of Rent-A-Center at Broadway and Illinois Ave. that their gates, when open, prohibit pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk, causing a public safety hazard, as elderly and small children must walk on the street to get by.
4. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the NO PARKING restriction at all bus stops on East Broadway at all hours and all days of the week.
5. Order That the Chief of Police enforce the restriction prohibiting bicycles from operating on sidewalks, specifically on East Broadway.
6. Order That the Director of Youth Services and the Community Police Officers investigate the youths that hang out in front of the Kentucky Fried Chicken at Broadway and Cross St., as there have been complaints of harassment of neighborhood residents.
7. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Roche and O'Donovan**
That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that a representative of the Somerville Home Depot appear before this Board to explain why youths from the City of Boston were hired for summer positions, rather than youths from the City of Somerville.

8. Order **Submitted By Ald. Connolly**
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the dead tree on Grove St. opposite the Brooks Pharmacy Parking lot.
9. Order That the Director of the Board of Health and Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the properties at 165, 167, 187 and 209 College Ave. for violations of zoning and health code regulations, specifically the storage and disposal of trash in front of the premises, and advise owners and tenants of sanctions to be implemented for lack of compliance.
10. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti from the Davis Square area properties ASAP and report in writing to this Board prior to its next scheduled meeting.
11. Resolution That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Dedication Committee name the corner of 19 Kingston St. and Thorndike St. Marjorie ('Sis' Murray) DeThomasis Corner or Square.
12. Order **Submitted By Ald. McCallum and White**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint and enlarge the DEAD END - PRIVATE WAY sign at the corner of Winter Hill Circle.
13. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the branches of the tree in front on 69 Jaques St. so that they do not interfere with the front entrance.
14. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the trash and debris from Butler Dr.
15. Order That the Chief of Police place the speed board on Sycamore St. between Evergreen Ave. and Broadway to cut down on the speeding cars which are creating a dangerous situation.
16. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at 56 Putnam Rd.
17. Order That the Chief of Police take measures to enforce the no turn sign at the corner of Shore Dr. and Bailey Rd.
18. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost**
That the Commissioner of Public Works or his designee make regular inspections to ensure that trucks hauling garbage for the city are cleaned regularly, and that the operator of the city's transfer station takes steps to control and abate odor at that facility.

19. Order That the Director of the Board of Health investigate and identify the source of an acrid, smoky odor in neighborhoods on both sides of Somerville Ave. west of Park St. which is prevalent most mornings, including Saturdays and Sundays, from about 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM, evaluate the health effects of the odor, and take any necessary steps to abate it.
20. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Provost and Taylor**
That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Office of Housing and Community Development commission a study to determine the appropriate charges to be made under the linkage provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.
21. Order **Submitted by Ald. Taylor**
That the Commissioner of Public Works flush the water main at 35 Spring St.
22. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works place a trash barrel at the corner of Thorpe St. and Highland Ave. to deal with excess litter.
23. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees between 42 and 46 Bow St.
24. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services monitor the property at 25 Avon St. for the possible addition of an illegal apartment.
25. Order That the Director of the Board of Health inform the owner of the brownstone located at the corner of Highland Ave. and Vinal Ave. of the trash ordinances and fine structure and follow up with inspections for any violations.
26. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of the Board of Health investigate the property at 202 Highland Ave. for an illegal apartment and for the use of the front office as an apartment.
27. Order **Submitted by Ald. Halloran**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a WELCOME TO SOMERVILLE sign at the City border on both Alewife Brook Pkwy. and Boston Ave.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

28. Requesting the approval of a technical correction to the Board Order for the Water Enterprise Fund and the Board Order for the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

- 29. Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$53,700 to the Law Dept. for a full time Assistant City Solicitor.
- 30. Requesting a transfer of \$1,576.64 in the Veterans Dept. from the Veterans Benefit account to the Personal Services account.
- 31. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rodney Scott, 19 Chapel St., as a member of the Recreation Commission.
- 32. Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Edward Bean, 7 Munroe St., as City Auditor.
- 33. Proclaiming an affirmation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 34. Mayor's Comm. Requesting the approval of the sale of the Broadway Theatre to Mudflat Pottery School, based on the enclosed land disposition agreement, pilot agreement, and correspondence from Mudflat Pottery School.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 35. Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, July 10.
- 36. Report of the Joint Committee on Finance and Legislative Matters, July 11.
- 37. Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, July 11.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- 38. City Solicitor and Assistant City Solicitor requesting to appear before the Board on July 11 to discuss certain matters of pending litigation in executive session.
- 39. City Solicitor responding to #171181 re: Ordinance 8-3.
- 40. OHCD Director requesting approval of a Grove St. Parking Lot lease agreement.
- 41. OHCD Director conveying an extension of the Assembly Sq. Urban Renewal Plan until October 29, 2002.
- 42. Traffic and Parking Director responding to #171771 re: Traffic problems resulting from the closure of the Ruthorford Ave. overpass.

NEW BUSINESS

43. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
Family Bar-B-Q, Lincoln Park Playground, July 13, 4-10PM.
44. Public Occ. Somerville Garden Club Annual Plant Sale, Davis Square, Sept. 21, 7AM-3PM.
45. Public Occ. WBCN “Rock ‘n Roll Up Your Sleeve” Blood Drive, requesting permission to hang a banner at the backstop of Cedar St. and Broadway in July.
46. Public Occ. Target Grand Opening, live music to play in front of Somerville Ave. store, July 28, 1-3PM.
47. Public Occ. Riley Family Party/Block Party, Glendale Ave. at 61 Cameron Ave., Aug. 17, Noon-9PM.
48. Public Occ. Ellington Rd. Block Party, date change to Aug. 17, 1PM on.
49. Hackney Lic. **New Hackney Carriage License**
Jean Boose, 70 Flint St., Somerville
50. Hackney Lic. Nguyen Lamson, 14 Essex St., Somerville
51. Hackney Lic. Michael Daley, 101 Boston Ave., Medford
52. Hackney Lic. Maureen Woods, 94 Bunkerhill St., Charlestown
53. Hackney Lic. Erlanio Terra, 181 Elm St., Everett
54. Hackney Lic. Daniel Schaefer, 476 North Rd., Bedford
55. Hackney Lic. Pierre Clergeau, 34B North St., Somerville
56. Hackney Lic. Avi Finder, 622 Boston Ave., Medford
57. Hackney Lic. Jean Lovince, 86 Marshal St., Somerville
58. Hackney Lic. **Renewal of Hackney Carriage License**
Halligan Corp, 84 Captains Row, Chelsea, Med. #63
59. Hackney Lic. Richardson Taxi, 202 Powderhouse Blvd, Somerville, Med. #88
60. Hackney Lic. J&J Tran., Inc., 75 Wareham St., Medford, Med. #74

61. Lodging Hse **Renewal of Lodging House**
Sigma Phi Epsilon, 114 Curtis St.
62. Lodging Hse Theta Chi, 100 Packard Ave.
63. Lodging Hse Alpha Phi, 14 Sawyer Ave.
64. Lodging Hse Alpha Omicron Pi, 25 Whitfield Rd.
65. Outdoor Seat **Outdoor Seating Permit**
The Kebab Factory, 414 Washington St., seating for 10 people including chairs and tables.
66. 24 Hour **Renewal for 24 Hour License**
King & Sehli Associates d/b/a McDonalds, 14 McGrath Hwy.
67. Comm. **Communication**
Magoun Square merchants and homeowners supporting the Magoun Square revitalization effort and the proposed CVS store.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM