

**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

October 24, 2002, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Petition AT&T Broadband for a grant of location for 120 feet of 4 inch conduit on Pinckney St. from utility pole #280/6 to a new manhole at the intersection of Pearl and Pinckney Sts., and two 3 inch conduits from the new manhole to 41 Pearl St.
2. Petition NStar Electric & Verizon for a grant of location for 1 hip guy pole (#400/7) and anchor on the northeast side of Atherton St.
3. Petition NStar Gas for a grant of location for 200 feet of 8 inch steel gas main in Washington St. between the McGrath Hwy. and Mansfield St. and 50 feet of 8 inch steel gas main in Mansfield St. from the Washington St. intersection.

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

4. Citation **Submitted by Ald. Roche and the Entire Board**
Congratulating the 2002 Jesse Burkett All Stars, Worcester's Little League Champions.
5. Citation **Submitted by Ald. Roche, White, Curtatone, Desmond and Provost**
Congratulating Thomas J. O'Connor III for displaying exceptional leadership of the Perkins St. Playground Community Build Project.
6. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Taylor and the Entire Board**
Requesting a peaceful solution to the Iraqi conflict.

7. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Roche**
That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Planning Board hold the appropriate public hearings to determine if it would be in the best interest of residents of the eastern side of Tufts St. to change the zoning from 'RB' to 'RC' in order to make it contiguous with the zoning along Washington St.
8. Resolution Thanking Good Time Emporium for their generosity by providing lunch to the workers involved in the October 12, 2002, Perkins St Playground Community Build Project.
9. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police coordinate an effort to monitor, on a frequent basis, Pennsylvania Ave., specifically near Minnesota Ave., for parking violations, and ticket accordingly, particularly between midnight and 6 AM.
10. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing STOP sign at the corner of George St. and Lincoln Ave.
11. Order That the of the Director of Public Health bait the sewers in and around Pearl and Franklin Sts. as residents have reported seeing rodents.
12. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works arrange to repaint the stop line at Myrtle St. in front of Cobble Hill, and trim the tree that is blocking the signage for this stop line.
13. Order That the Chief of Police collaborate with the Director of Traffic and Parking to begin aggressively and consistently enforcing over the next several weeks the new traffic patterns affecting the traffic flow to Virginia and Aldrich Sts., per the signage that was recently installed near Pearl St Auto Sales.
14. Order **Submitted By Ald. O'Donovan**
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees located at 29, 36 and 38 Rogers Ave.
15. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services continue to enforce all code regulations at 20 Vernon St.
16. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services begin legal proceedings immediately against all illegal businesses located at the property known as 229 Lowell St.
17. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works direct the City Arborist to test and trim the trees on Gilson Terrace.

18. Order **Submitted By Ald. McCallum and White**
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at 130 Ten Hills Rd.
19. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a street sign for Main St. at the corner of Broadway and Main St.
20. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services direct the Somerville Journal to repair or replace their newspaper coin box at 372 Mystic Ave. as it is blocking the sidewalk, posing a hazard to pedestrians.
21. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the trash and debris from Butler Dr.
22. Order That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking notify businesses on Marshall St. about the restriction against parking on the left hand side of the street, as the sign post has been knocked down several times, and that the towing company there be instructed not to leave their trucks idling all day and night.
23. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Connolly**
That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Administration prepare a budget briefing on first quarter budget expenditures and local aid receipts to date for this Board.
24. Order That the Director of Public Health inspect the following locations for health code violations pertaining to the careless disposal and/or storage of trash, and take immediate action to correct the situations and sanction the property owners: 197 College Ave., 187 College Ave., 183 College Ave., 167 College Ave., 163 College Ave., and 51 College Ave.
25. Order That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines notify the electric utility company to repair or replace the streetlights on the odd side of Broadway opposite Irving St., and near the intersection of College Ave. and Dearborn Rd.
26. Order **Submitted By Ald. Connolly and Desmond**
That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines, in conjunction with the Police Department, inspect the bike path from Holland St. to the Cambridge line, make recommendations for additional lighting and/or security measures, and institute all necessary improvements in order to provide for the public safety.

27. Order That the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety convene a meeting with community and public safety officials to review the safety/security status of the Davis Square area for all diverse members of the community. Members of the gay and lesbian community are encouraged to attend.
28. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Heuston**
That this Board of Aldermen hereby urges the Mass. Joint Committee on Public Safety to adopt the language and legislation for House Bill #4318, "An Act Related to Speed Limits in Cities and Towns", providing local cities and towns with maximum control to reduce speed limits from 30 MPH to 25 MPH on both functionally classified local ways as well as thickly settled or business districts, and be it further resolved that this Board also encourages further reductions in speed for densely settled areas, with more local control for those decisions.
29. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board all actions and communications related to violations of the start time for trash pickup by Russell Disposal and the stipulations or penalties, if any, relative to the present contract for this company regarding this violation.
30. Order That the City Solicitor advise this Board of steps it must take to allow retired Somerville Police Officers to participate in police detail rotations.
31. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works investigate and restore the missing memorial plaque from the corner of Church St. and Somerville Ave. commemorating WWI Veteran William Cullen.
32. Order That the Director of Public Health inspect the property at 21-23 Rossmore St. for code violations and send a communication to the owner of said property regarding the lack of adherence to the trash ordinance.
33. Order That the City Engineer and the Commissioner of Public Works report to the Ward Two Alderman regarding the progress and timeline for the Beacon St. sewer project.
34. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works take action on all points related to a communication from Robert Martel, Manager of Brickbottom Condominium Assoc., regarding the cleanup of the Fitchburg St. area in preparation for their annual open studios event to be held Nov. 23rd and 24th.

35. Order **Submitted By Ald. Taylor**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the traffic pattern, speed, vehicle damage to parked cars, and direction of traffic on Porter St., between Summer and Elm Sts., and make recommendations for resolving these issues.
36. Order That the Chief of Police monitor the speed of vehicles on Porter St., between Summer and Elm Sts., and issue citations when appropriate.
37. Order **Submitted By Ald. Taylor and Heuston**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the parking problems on Central St., between Summer St. and Somerville Ave., and make recommendations for solving this issue.
38. Order **Submitted By Ald. Halloran**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking put a policy in writing on the issue of cars parked across driveways.
39. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services provide a status report on 34 Chetwynd Rd. to the Ward 7 Alderman.
40. Order That the Chief of Police put into place a written policy instructing Police Officers to immediately contact Tufts Police when reporting to disturbances in Somerville neighborhoods involving Tufts students.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

41. Resolution Submitted by Ald. Curtatone and the Entire Board, In support of the City of Boston's Janitors.
42. Public Hearing AT&T Broadband grant of location for installing 7 feet of 2 inch conduit at 174 Morrison Ave.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR

43. Requesting approval of the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$12,000,000 in General Obligation Refunding Bonds, to allow refinancing at lower interest rates.
44. Requesting the amendment of Ordinance 3-1B regarding the salary of Election Commission Chairman.
45. Requesting approval for a new position, Manager of Public Health Nursing in the Health Dept.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 46. Report of the Committee on Finance, Oct. 22.
- 47. Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, Oct. 22.
- 48. Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Oct. 22.
- 49. Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Oct. 23.
- 50. Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, Oct. 23.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- 51. City Clerk conveying the Post Office's response to #172314 re: Graffiti on City mailboxes.
- 52. Planning Director responding to the Board's resolution concerning review of the Linkage Ordinance.
- 53. OHCD Director conveying the Magoun Sq. CVS ground lease.
- 54. OHCD Special Counsel requesting two Utility Easements (temporary and permanent) over 299-303 Medford St. in connection with the Walnut St. Bridge reconstruction.

NEW BUSINESS

- 55. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
Outdoor Theater Performance, Aberdeen Road Block Party, May 17 & 18, 2003 at 7-9:30PM.
- 56. Public Occ. Somerville "Last Nite" 5K Road Race, starting at the VFW Logan Post on Broadway, Dec. 31 at 9-10PM.
- 57. Public Occ. Ras Na h-Eireann U.S.A. Road Race, starting at the Burren on Elm St., March 16, 2003 at 10-11AM.
- 58. Public Occ. SHS Track Pac/Som. Road Runners Thanksgiving Day Road Race, starting at the Burren on Elm St., Nov. 28 at 8-11AM.
- 59. Flamm. Lic. **Renewal of Flammable License**
Winter Hill Yacht Club Inc., 130R Foley St., 7,000 Gallons.
- 60. Flamm. Lic. St. Ann's Parish, 399 Medford St., 3,000 Gallons.

61. Extended Hrs **New Extended Retail Hours Permit**
Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 192 Washington St., to open on
Sundays from 10-3 or any 5 hour time frame.
62. Taxi Transfer **Taxi Medallion Transfer**
Med. #17 from Z.H. Inc. to Roly Cab Inc.
63. Taxi Transfer Med. #18 from Z.H. Inc. to Wilvens Cab Inc.
64. Taxi Transfer Med. #20 from Z.H. Inc. to Bibi's Cab Inc.
65. Taxi Transfer Med. #49 from Sullivan Square Cab Inc. to Ormond Trans Inc.
66. Taxi Transfer Med. #50 from Sullivan Square Cab Inc. to Ormond Trans Inc.
67. Taxi Transfer Med. #51 from Sullivan Square Cab Inc. to Silcor Trans Inc.
68. Taxi Transfer Med. #52 from Sullivan Square Cab Inc. to Silcor Trans Inc.
69. Taxi Transfer Med. #67 from Dave's Transportation Inc. to Loch Ness Taxi Inc.
70. Taxi Transfer Med. #68 from Alfred J. Palladino d/b/a Alpal Transportation Inc.
to Loch Ness Taxi Inc.
71. Taxi Transfer Med. #78 from IKE Inc. to Marc Morency Inc.
72. Taxi Med. **Renewal of Taxicab Medallion**
TR Cab Inc., 85 Foley St., Med. #2.
73. Taxi Op. **New Taxi Operator**
Renel Jacques, 33 Dartmouth St., Somerville.
74. Taxi Op. Humberto Bernal, 131 Park Drive, Boston.
75. Taxi Op. Joel Bien-Aime, 34 Exchange Ave., Medford.
76. Taxi Op. Wilfrid Julce, 20 Melvin St., Somerville.
77. Taxi Op. Antonine Magloire, 12 Mohan St., Everett.
78. Claim Notice **Notice of Claim**
Charles E. Chase.
79. Claim Notice Bernice Laroche.
80. Claim Notice Julia Starkey.

81. Comm. **Communication**
Mass. Legislature conveying Ch. 262 of the Acts of 2002, relative to the disposition of certain State-owned property in the City.
82. Comm. Mass. Legislature conveying Ch. 285 of the Acts of 2002, relative to an increase in parking fines in the City.
83. Comm. MWRA announcing a Public Hearing on Oct. 28 at 6:30PM in City Hall's Aldermanic Chambers, to discuss the Spot Pond Project's impact in Somerville.
84. Comm. Former Youth Services Director Marty Martinez in response to #172586 re: Appearing before the BOA.
85. Comm. MBTA General Manager responding to #172432 re: the Green Line Extension.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM