

**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

September 25, 2003, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the meetings of August 14, 2003 and August 25, 2003.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Petition Somerville Housing Group requesting a garage license for a parking structure to accommodate 252 vehicles at 481 Columbia St.

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

4. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police order a Directed Patrol between the hours of 11 PM and 3 AM at Prospect Hill Tower area, Stone Place Playground, Cummings School Playground, and Shaw Playground.
5. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the sidewalk panels at the entrance of the Cummings School Playground, abutting 83 School St.
6. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works attend to the hanging wire on the pole at 83 School St.
7. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the ordinance restricting parking within 20 feet of an intersection, at the corner of Belmont St. and Somerville Ave.
8. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police enforce the Restricted Entrance regulation at the corner of Greenville St. and Prospect Hill Ave. at the posted times.

9. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works check the regulations concerning dumpsters in residential areas and take appropriate action regarding the dumpster in the driveway at 39 Putnam Rd.
10. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking ticket commercial vehicles parked over night on Wheatland St. and its surrounding streets.
11. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the hanging branch from the tree at 157 Central St.
12. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works check all permits and code regulations at 47 and 49 Marshall St.
13. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the litter and debris from Butler Dr. and also inspect the sewer for oil and anti-freeze, due to empty containers found lying on the street.
14. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works restrain the wires hanging from the telephone pole at 122 Heath St.
15. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 97 Ten Hills Rd.
16. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the street sign at Tennyson and Medford Sts.
17. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the fallen tree limb from the street light pole at 100 Temple St., as it poses a hazard to pedestrians.
18. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees on Pearson Rd. from Dearborn Rd. to Broadway, as many are approaching the residences.
19. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police take appropriate action to ensure that motorists stop at the STOP sign at the corner of Meacham Rd. and Orchard St. during commuting hours, Monday through Friday.
20. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police utilize the Speed Board on Morrison Ave. to curtail the excessive speed of motorists, especially during commuting hours, Monday through Friday.

21. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Superintendent of Lights and Lines jointly replace the burnt out lighting in the Gilman St. underpass.
22. Order By Ald. Roche, That the project manager of the Capuano School relocate the opening to the community garden on Oliver St. to the sidewalk as it is creating a hazard for pedestrians in the private way.
23. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Public Health work with the owner of the vacant lot adjacent to Crescent St. to remove the overgrowth, as neighbors have reported seeing rodents and it makes walking impossible on that side of the street.
24. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking stripe the crosswalk and place a pedestrian cone in the crosswalk adjacent to the Cobble Hill Market crossing on Washington St. as pedestrians are complaining that this crosswalk is not visible.
25. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Public Health work with the Mass. Highway Dept. to remove the overgrowth in the vacant lot at the end of Austin St.
26. Resolution By Ald. Provost, That this Board hereby requests that the Administration send one or more representatives to, and/or submit written testimony for, the public hearing scheduled by the MA Dept. of Telecommunications and Energy regarding the illegal use of double utility poles by utility providers. (Sept. 30, at 11 AM, at One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, 02110).
27. Order By Ald. Provost, That this Board consider the question "of whether local enforcement by ordinance . . . is preferable to statewide enforcement of MGL c. 164 s. 34B," which requires that double poles be left in place for no more than 90 days, and then communicate its opinion to the MA Dept. of Telecommunications and Energy in connection with the public hearing on the matter.
28. Order By Ald. Provost, That the City Solicitor inform this Board, in writing, whether the Traffic Commission has jurisdiction over the construction of speed bumps in private ways, or whether abutters of private ways may install speed bumps on their own initiative.

29. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the bulletin board/notice board which was removed from Hoyt Sullivan Playground, erect such a board in Lexington Playground, and identify one or more appropriate locations along the Community Bike Path for the placement of such boards.
30. Order By Ald. Provost, That the City Solicitor research and prepare a written opinion on whether the city may require that the Living Wage Ordinance apply to parties entering into Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreements with the city, and draft an amendment to the Ordinance pertaining to TIF agreements, if this may lawfully be done.
31. Order By Ald. Provost and Heuston, That the Chief of Police send directed patrols to the neighborhood of Lincoln Parkway and Harold, Dimick and Wyatt Sts. to stop the cruising of motor vehicles playing loud car stereos, which have been disturbing the peace of the neighborhood.
32. Resolution By Ald. Provost and Heuston, That the Administration consider designating the intersection of Washington and Kirkland Sts. as a square, and consider naming it "Line Square."
33. Order By Ald. Provost and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti from the benches in Lexington Playground.
34. Order By Ald. Provost and Roche, That the City Solicitor draft an amendment to the linkage provisions of the Zoning Ordinance to increase the Project Mitigation Contribution amount to the amount recommended by the consultant who conducted the recent nexus study for the Office of Housing and Community Development, and submit the draft amendment to this Board as soon as feasible.
35. Resolution By Ald. Provost and Roche, That this Board requests that a representative of the Administration appear at the next meeting of this Board to present an update on the status of the Broadway Theater redevelopment project.
36. Order By Ald. Provost and Roche, That the City use all reasonable means to inform the public, especially residents of East Somerville, of the public meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 30, at 7 PM, at the Teamsters Local 25 building in Sullivan Square, regarding plans for the imminent demolition of the Rutherford Ave. overpass.

37. Resolution By Ald. Provost and Taylor, That this Board of Aldermen requests that the Historic Preservation Commission commence the review process for potential designation as Historic Districts all properties currently listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places.
38. Resolution By Ald. Provost and White, That a representative of the Administration appear at the next meeting of this Board to present a status report on the proposed redevelopment of the Homans Building.
39. Order By Ald. Provost and White, That the Chief Financial Officer report to this Board, as soon as possible, the amount of free cash certified by the State for use in the FY04 budget, and report at his earliest convenience City revenues during the first quarter of this fiscal year, and how they compare with projected revenues.
40. Order By Ald. Provost, Connolly and O'Donovan, That the Acting Director of Traffic and Parking inform this Board what progress has been made in the long-term plan for pedestrian crosswalks in Ball Sq., and as quickly as possible install crosswalks in such interim locations in Ball Sq. as will adequately serve public safety.
41. Order By Ald. Provost, McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the overgrown weeds surrounding the Sycamore St. Bridge, or prevail upon the Mass. Highway Dept. to do the work.
42. Resolution By Ald. Provost, Taylor and Heuston, That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission consider amending its regulations regarding Neighborhood Traffic Management and Calming Programs to provide that when a neighborhood submits a signed petition, the City will within thirty days schedule a neighborhood meeting within sixty days of the date on which the form was returned; and also that the Traffic Commission inform this Board and the public of the date on which the Commission will deliberate this proposal, and that the Commission take public testimony on this proposal.
43. Order By Ald. Provost, Trane and Connolly, That the Chief of Police continue to send directed patrols to the Tannery Brook area, and elsewhere along the bike path.

44. Resolution By Ald. Provost, White, Taylor and Heuston, That this Board requests that the Condominium Review Board present to this Board, or to the appropriate committee of this Board, the annual comprehensive report on condominium conversion in the city and on the implementation of the city's Condominium Ordinance.
45. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police immediately set a regular patrol schedule for the bike path area from Davis Sq. to Cameron Ave. and inform the Ward 7 Alderman of said schedule.
46. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the traffic signal at Powder House Blvd. and Curtis St.
47. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking immediately move the NO TURN ON RED signs at the intersection of Powder House Blvd. and Curtis St. so they are visible to oncoming traffic. (2nd request.)
48. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works inform the contactor doing sidewalk repairs that they are only allowed to place NO PARKING signs 24 hours in advance of beginning repair work.
49. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works inform the contactor doing sidewalk repair to take special care to protect trees while they are replacing sidewalks.
50. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police place the speed board on Powder House Blvd.
51. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police increase radar speed surveillance and cite motorists for failure to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalks in the area of Packard Ave and Powder House Blvd.
52. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police make every effort to ensure that the Ward 7 Community Police Officer is assigned to community police efforts and not patrol duty.
53. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign at the intersection of Fairmont Ave. and Curtis St.
54. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees at 110 and 111 Beacon St. as they are overgrown and causing property damage.

55. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and Chief of Police review the overnight storage of vehicles and the long term storage of a trailer in the Target parking lot on Somerville Ave. and take appropriate action to insure that all overnight and illegal storage is discontinued.
56. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services contact the store manager of Target on Somerville Ave. regarding the vendor who cleans its parking lot, as work is being done overnight and is in direct violation of the Noise Ordinance, causing a public disturbance.
57. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services review the agreed upon parking arrangements for the Kent Court housing development and report back to the Ward 2 Alderman regarding any current violations or changes to that agreement.
58. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police take any necessary action to insure that vehicles used to drop off and pick up charter school students on Kingman Rd. are not parking on sidewalks and blocking the public street, since this is causing a public safety hazard for residents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

59. Citation By Ald. Provost, Commending the Somerville Mathematics Fund for being awarded the Golden Tassel by the national organization Dollars for Scholars.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

60. Report of the Committee on Finance, September 24, 2003.
61. Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, September 24, 2003.
62. Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, September 25, 2003.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

63. Director of OHCD requesting outside counsel for title services re: the disposition of Durrell School.

64. Director of OHCD responding to #174973 re: Installing bucket seats on swings at Glen Park.
65. Director of OHCD responding to #174993 re: Locking Trum Tot Lot at night.

NEW BUSINESS

66. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
Brown School Community Card Sales, Statue Park in Davis Sq., Sept 27 and Oct. 4 from 10AM-4PM.
67. Public Occ. Willow Ave. Block Party, Oct. 5 from 1-6PM.
68. Public Occ. Somerville Women's Commission/Vigil for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Statue Park in Davis Sq., Oct. 8 from 5:30-6:30PM.
69. Public Occ. Lexington Park Fall Fair/Block Party, Oct. 18 from 10AM-6PM.
70. Public Occ. South Asian Center/Festival of Lights banner, hanging from SCAT Building, Oct. from 5 30PM-8PM.
71. Public Occ. High School Academic Decathlon Team Canning Drive, Davis Sq., Magoun Sq., McGrath Hwy., Oct. 25 from 9AM-5PM.
72. Public Occ. Matthew O'Brien Street Hockey Tournament, Conway Park rink, Sept. 28 from 9AM-11PM (raindate Oct. 5).
73. Claim **Notice of Claim**
Theresa Farina.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM