

**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

January 22, 2004, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the meeting of December 23, 2003.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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

3. Resolution By Ald. Pero, That this Board hereby acknowledges the service of World War II veteran Richard Massiglia, 380 Medford St., and offers its sincere thanks for his devotion to duty in defense of our great nation.
4. Order By Ald. Pero and Heuston, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Chief of Police report on the status of automobiles parking within the corner boundaries of 175 School St. and Medford St.
5. Order By Ald. Pero and O'Donovan, That the Director of Veterans Services report on the status of the Henry Hanson Park, located at Medford St. and Glenwood Rd.
6. Order By Ald. Pero and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a STOP sign and any other needed traffic calming devices at the corner of Fenwick and Heath Sts.
7. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing Ellsworth St. sign at Rush St.
8. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Chief Fire Engineer jointly investigate the burner/furnace installation at 14-16 Otis St., as it is emitting brown smoke with a strong odor.

9. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of Health jointly investigate whether an illegal business is operating at 90 Broadway, specifically relating to a laundry.
10. Order By Ald. Roche, That the City Clerk send a communication to the managers of The Home Depot, 75 Mystic Ave., and Circuit City, 65 Mystic Ave., requesting that they appear before this Board's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to explain what measures their companies are taking to eliminate the problems of illegal drug use and sales which are occurring in the facilities' parking lots.
11. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking monitor and tag vehicles at the dead end of Flint St. that do not have residential stickers.
12. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the NO OUTLET sign at Flint St. as it has graffiti on it.
13. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the following potholes: 23 Franklin St., 24 Glen St., 9 Cross St., 8, 18 and 40 Otis St., and on Cross St. at Flint St.
14. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works instruct all persons plowing snow this winter to push it to the median strip instead of the pedestrian sidewalk on lower Broadway from Walnut St. to Sullivan Sq., and on Dana and Edmand Sts., or, if this is not possible, explain why in writing to the Ward 1 Alderman ASAP.
15. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the premises at 23 Dell St. for an illegal apartment, overcrowded living conditions and/or a domicile in the basement.
16. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install the missing RESIDENT PARKING ONLY sign on the odd side of Kensington Ave. near Blakely St.
17. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police provide directed traffic management in Union Sq. on Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM to control double and triple parking from the corner of Bow St. to the center of the square along Somerville Ave. and also in the area of 161-179 Washington St.
18. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking take action to restore the signage regarding parking regulations from 100 to 400 McGrath Hwy.

19. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police enforce permit parking regulations along Dickinson St., especially after midnight.
20. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the police officer assigned to the Inspectional Services and Law Depts. inspect Sal's Garage, 6-8 Beacon St., for any and all license violations, and forward the review and license to this Board's Committee on Traffic and Parking and its Committee on Licenses and Permits.
21. Order By Ald. Sullivan, That the Director of Housing appear before the next meeting of this Board's Housing and Community Development Committee to present an update on housing issues.
22. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the Mass Highway Dept. and request that they remove the litter on a regular schedule in and around the property located on Sturtevant St, beneath Route 93 (where they store their salt and sand).
23. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Taylor and Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works obtain estimates for the repair of the Veterans Memorial near City Hall and report same to this Board.
24. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking conduct a study on the Boston Ave./Broadway intersection, particularly analyzing the Boston Ave. traffic and right-of-way issue. (4th request.)
25. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols on Conwell and Francis Sts. due to recent reports of home break-ins.
26. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking instruct the traffic control officers not to ticket motor vehicles parked facing east on either side of Kidder Ave. at Boston Ave.
27. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Health and the Director of the Disabilities Commission evaluate the handicap ramp between Fiske Ave. and the CVS municipal parking lot for ADA compliance.
28. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Engineering evaluate the flooding issue in and around 75 Cedar St.

29. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works advise this Board as to the criminal complaint against the Sabis Management Company at 61 Clyde St.
30. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking take the necessary steps to remain open until 7 PM on Wednesdays. (4th request.)
31. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works devise a plan to clean up and improve lower Highland Rd. at the bike path.
32. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect and clean as necessary the sewer on Albion Place.
33. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking report on the status of the new traffic signal at Cutter and Highland Aves., particularly with respect to the activation of the pedestrian control, and advise in writing prior to the next regular meeting of this Board.
34. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the electric utility company to repair or replace the street lamp outside the convenience store at the intersection of Broadway and College Ave. opposite Powderhouse Park.
35. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the pothole in front of 27 College Ave.
36. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police patrol the bus way between Grove St. and College Ave. as often as possible until the broken lights are repaired.
37. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the deep depression in the roadway at Mead St. and Cameron Ave.
38. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes at 62 Curtis St., 50 Sunset Rd., and 37 and 20 Sawyer Ave.
39. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services immediately remove the newspaper boxes at the following locations due to the lack of necessary permits: 4 boxes at 1137 Broadway, 5 boxes at 1295 Broadway, 4 boxes at 1159 Broadway, 7 boxes on Broadway at the Foodmaster Market, and 9 boxes on Broadway at the Clarendon Hill bus turnaround.

40. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of Health inspect the property at 190 Boston Ave. as it appears to be abandoned and poses a health and safety risk.
41. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Health, the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Chief Fire Engineer inspect the vacant property at 8 Belmont St. for various health and safety violations and report back to the Ward 3 Alderman within 30 days.
42. Resolution By Ald. White, That the Administration provide this Board with its intentions as to monitoring stores that use bar code pricing, to insure that prices are properly displayed and accurately recorded at the register.
43. Resolution By Ald. White and Pero, That this Board send a communication to the Postmaster of Boston and the US Postal Service expressing this Board's shock and displeasure that the Postal Service would close the Winter Hill Post Office in the dead of winter and require patrons to wait in line in below freezing weather to use window service from a temporary trailer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

44. Mayor's Request Requesting that Steven Cecil, Principal of the Cecil Group, be permitted to speak before the BOA to offer general comments in regard to his work with the City to move Assembly Square forward, on January 22, 2004.
45. Mayor's Request Requesting that two city-owned vehicles be declared surplus city property and made available for sale (a 2000 Ford Explorer XLT and a 2002 Chevrolet Trail Blazer LS).
46. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Babette Mello, 13 Lee St., to the Board of Health.
47. Mayor's Comm. Conveying the Mayor's intention to issue an RFP for banking services.
48. Mayor's Comm. Conveying the newly drafted Snow Emergency Plan.
49. Mayor's Comm. Conveying the terms of the most recent Board appointments.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

50. Comm. Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, January 13.
51. Comm. Report Report of the Joint Committee on Legislative Matters and Finance, January 20.
52. Comm. Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, January 15.
53. Comm. Report Report of the Committee on Veterans and Public Services, January 15.
54. Comm. Report Report of the Committee on Information Technology, January 15.
55. Comm. Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, January 20.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

56. City Officer Comm. Planning Board re: an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for Assembly Sq.
57. City Officer Comm. Planning Board re: increasing the Project Mitigation Contribution for applicable projects from \$2.60 to \$3.91 per sq. ft.
58. City Officer Comm. Finance Director responding to #175746 re: a mid-year summary of the City's financial performance in terms of revenue and departmental expenditures.
59. City Officer Comm. Finance Director responding to #175745 re: overtime expenditures for FY04 year to date excluding the Police and Fire Depts.
60. City Officer Comm. City Solicitor responding to #174059 re: prohibiting skateboarding in the area of Central Hill Park.
61. City Officer Comm. City Solicitor re: amending the Ethics Ordinance (Ch. 15).

NEW BUSINESS

62. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
Tufts Cycling Team bike race on university and city roads for collegiate and USCF categories, April 3, 7AM-6PM.

63. Used Car Lic. **Renewal of Second Hand Auto License, Class II**
Don Hector Auto Sales, 30 Joy St.
64. Used Car Lic. John's Auto Sales Inc., 181 Somerville Ave.
65. Garage Lic. **Renewal of Garage License**
Willow Ave. Automotive Inc., 131 Willow Ave.
66. Comm. **Communication**
Dennis Keefe, CEO, Cambridge Health Alliance
responding to #175426 re: future short and long term plans
for the East Somerville Health Clinic.
67. Claim **Notice of Claim**
Anthony DiGregorio.
68. Claim Laila Habib.
69. Claim Atty. Michael Stanco.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM