

**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

February 12, 2004, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of January 5, 2004, and the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2004.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Petition **New Garage License**
Hi-Tech Auto Body II, 1 Union Sq., 40 vehicles.

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

4. Citation By Ald. Taylor and the Entire Board, Congratulating Enrico and Patricia DelMedico on the occasion of their 52nd wedding anniversary.
5. Citation By Ald. Roche, White and Taylor, Commending Rev. Joseph Downey on the happy occasion of his retirement after 59 years in the Priesthood.
6. Citation By Ald. Roche, Commending Joseph Tagliante, Proprietor of the Tage Inn, for his generosity during January's record-setting cold weather.
7. Citation By Ald. Roche, Commending Somerville's KMart and its employees for their generosity during January's record-setting cold weather.
8. Citation By Ald. Heuston, Commending Somerville's Target and its employees for their generosity during January's record-setting cold weather.
9. Citation By Ald. O'Donovan, Commending Marion Joyce for her generosity following the Pearson Ave. fire.

10. Resolution By Ald. Pero, Roche and Sullivan, That this Board hereby acknowledges the service of WW II veteran Martin M. Polignone and offers its sincere thanks for his devotion to duty in defense of our great nation.
11. Resolution By Ald. Trane, That this Board requests that the Mayor and Chamber of Commerce provide updates on any plans the city has for the Democratic National Convention, how city businesses may benefit and what impact if any the convention will have on Somerville.
12. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking make every effort to apply the boot to cars of parking ticket scofflaws that owe amounts greater than \$200.
13. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Information Technology put in place an email and voice mail system that will notify city residents of snow emergencies, school closings and other emergencies that may arise.
14. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police direct the detective bureau to investigate bringing charges against the officers of Walnut Hill Properties, as owners of the disorderly house at 114 Curtis St.
15. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police direct special patrols to the Tufts area for underage drinking, public intoxication, disturbing the peace, driving under the influence, public lewdness, providing alcohol to minors and other offenses, and make arrests for any and all violations that officers witness.
16. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor New Washington St. from dusk to dawn as refrigeration trucks are parking there overnight with their engines running, disturbing the tenants of the Cobble Hill Apts.
17. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor the traffic light in front of the Cobble Hill Apts. as tenants have stated that vehicles are running the red light on a consistent basis.
18. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of Health jointly investigate the vacant building at 11 Sunnyside Ave. to determine if it poses a safety hazard as neighbors claim that vagrants inhabit the premises and debris is scattered about.

19. Resolution By Ald. Roche, That this Board hereby requests that the Board of Health reconsider its decision not to hold a public hearing on regarding the smoking ban, as public input is vital to the integrity of any civic decision making process.
20. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the STOP sign and the parking restriction signs at the corner of Medford and Thurston Sts.
21. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works request the MDC to clear the trash and debris from the sidewalks and roadways along Fellsway West and Shore Dr.
22. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services cite the property owner at the corner of Medford and Lee Sts. for failure to remove snow from the sidewalk.
23. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the NO ACCESS TO ASSEMBLY SQUARE sign at the corner of Temple Rd. and Mystic Ave.
24. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Chief of Police assign a school crossing guard to the corner of Medford and Thurston Sts.
25. Order By Ald. Desmond and Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the STOP sign and pole at the corner of Elston and Summer Sts. as it has graffiti on it and is leaning into the path of pedestrians.
26. Order By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti on the mail box at the corner of Central St. and Somerville Ave.
27. Order By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking inspect the walk signals at the corner of Beech and Summer Sts., across from the skating rink, and report back to this Board as to why they are covered with plastic bags.
28. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace or repair the NO OUTLET sign at the corner of Porter St. and Mountain Ave. as it appears to have been struck by a car and is bent backwards leaning over someone's private property.

29. Order By Ald. Desmond and Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the SPEED LIMIT sign in front of 349 Broadway that has been painted over.
30. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the road condition for the entire length of Craigie St. and report back to this Board with recommendations for improvements.
31. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the NO PARKING signs at the corner of Bow St. and Somerville Ave. and in front of 191 Summer St. as they are completely faded and serving no purpose.
32. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace or repair the CHILDREN CROSSING sign located across from 71 Central St. as it is bent and covered with graffiti and is not readable.
33. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the STOP signs at the corner of Oxford and Central Sts. and at the corner of Benton Rd. and Summer St. as they have been covered with graffiti and are unreadable.
34. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk and remove the sign stump on Central St. at Highland Ave., next to the convenience store.
35. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the electric utility company to repair or replace the streetlamps between Grove St. and College Ave., on the even side of Winslow Ave., as all lamps have been cycling on and off over a period of weeks.
36. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works consider relocating the catch basin outside 414 Highland Ave. closer to the driveway at 420 Highland Ave. in order to prevent flooding of the pedestrian sidewalk during heavy rainstorms and snow melts.
37. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking work with the Traffic Commission to extend the parking limit outside the convenience store at Willow and Morrison Aves. to 30 minutes, from the present 15 minutes. (2nd request.)

38. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair or replace the NO PARKING-FIRE LANE sign at Villa Ave. and Elm Court ASAP.
39. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the cross walk signals at the intersection of Park and Beacon Sts.
40. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NStar to investigate a strong odor of gas on Webster Ave. from Washington to Prospect Sts.
41. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services investigate 10-12 Allen St. for overcrowding and potential illegal use as rooming house and inspect the shed there for use as a dwelling.
42. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Health inspect the property at 38 Lincoln Pkwy. for improper disposal and storage of trash, as residents of this building are throwing trash from windows into the street.
43. Resolution By Ald. Taylor and Heuston, That this Board requests that the Administration convey to this Board any strategies to clean up the city, specifically addressing the various city squares, particularly Union Square and the City Hall/High School/Library Concourses.
44. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate utility company that the utility pole in front of 5-7 Lowell Terrace needs to be replaced ASAP as it presents a public health hazard.
45. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board hereby conveys its sincere appreciation to Crossing Guard Anthony "Tony" Sacco for his diligence and dedication to the school children of the city.
46. Resolution By Ald. Provost, That this Board hereby requests that the Executive Dept. inform this Board regarding the status of the Municipal Real Estate Advisory Committee, including its current membership, meeting schedule and plans.
47. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Director of Communications, or other appropriate city officer, report to this Board whether the major cable "dig" authorized by this Board in 2000 has provided homes and businesses with high-speed internet capability, and if so, at what cost and how these costs compare to those in other urban markets.

48. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board whether the cable and other utility companies which have been authorized to perform major "dig" work in the public ways of this city since 2000, can be made to repair sinking, splitting and other defects in the public ways which these companies were obliged to restore as conditions of their permits.
49. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Director of Communications explain to this Board why, in the portions of the city's website which refer to "opportunities," "RFPs" and "bids," the availability of the RFP for the Conwell School is not presently listed, and make sure that this opportunity is immediately listed on the website.
50. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works give this Board, the School Committee and the School Dept. a written statement of the feasibility and estimated cost of remediating any fire safety problems with the "orchestra room" at the High School
51. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Chief Fire Engineer inform this Board, the School Committee and the School Dept., in writing, as to the specific ways in which the "orchestra room" at the High School fails to meet fire safety regulations.
52. Order By Ald. Provost, That the City Solicitor inform this Board whether Somerville has accepted the provisions of Chapter 203 of the Acts of 1998.
53. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NStar to replace the flickering streetlight bulbs at 43 Montrose and 17 Albion Sts.
54. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Commissioner of Public Works make such adjustments as are necessary to keep the lights at the rear of the High School, the Capuano School and Conway Park from shining into homes at night so as not to disturb the sleep of residents.
55. Resolution By Ald. Provost and Taylor, That the City ask the Office of Commonwealth Development for its collaboration and technical assistance in the planning for Assembly Square.

56. Order By Ald. Provost and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works have the responsible party or parties remove the construction debris and trailer from city property adjacent to the School St. bridge and replace the mature trees that were cut down in connection with the bridge reconstruction project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

57. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the transfer of \$40,000 from Debt Service Interest on Notes BAN Acct. and \$40,000 from Damage to Persons and Property Judgments and Settlements Acct., to Law Dept. Legal Services Acct.
58. Mayor's Request Requesting that various city owned equipment, currently under the care of the DPW, be declared surplus city property and made available for sale.
59. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$95,672 grant awarded to the Police Dept. from the US Dept of Justice COPS/Homeland Security Office.
60. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$52,054 grant awarded to the City from the US EPA to assist Stormwater Management Planning.
61. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$9,820 grant awarded to the City from the Toxic Use Reduction Institute.
62. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to retain the law firm of Palmer & Dodge as outside counsel with special expertise in areas pertinent to Assembly Square.
63. Mayor's Request Requesting the extension of a contract with Boston Sign Company for an installation at Conway Park.
64. Mayor's Request Requesting an amendment to the salary ordinance, changing the annual salary for the Purchasing Director to \$60,000.
65. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Elizabeth Hayward of 681 East Second St., Boston, to the position of Purchasing Director.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

66. Comm. Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Jan. 27.
67. Comm. Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Jan. 27.
68. Comm. Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Feb. 3.
69. Comm. Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Feb. 10.
70. Comm. Report Report of the Committee on Youth Services, Feb. 10.
71. Comm. Report Report of the Joint Committee on Housing and Community Development and Finance, Feb. 11.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

72. Comm. from City Officer Chief Fire Engineer responding to #174744 re: Fire Dept. overtime budget for FY04.
73. Comm. from City Officer Sealer of Weights & Measurers responding to #175845 re: monitoring stores that use bar code pricing.
74. Comm. from City Officer Traffic Engineer responding to #175828 re: right-of-way issue at Broadway and Boston Ave.
75. Comm. from City Officer Board of Health Member Cecilia Sosa-Patterson re: February 12, 2004, Board of Health meeting quorum.
76. Comm. from City Officer City Solicitor responding to #175125 re: Installation of speed bumps on private ways.
77. Comm. from City Officer Assistant City Solicitor re: Senate Counsel's Request for Roll Call Vote on the Gang Loitering Home Rule Petition.

NEW BUSINESS

78. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
2nd Annual Mary O'Brien Memorial Run for Cancer, Dilboy VFW, Davis Sq., May 9 at 9:45AM.
79. Public Occ. Little League of Somerville, Opening Day Parade & Ceremony, Highland Ave. to Trum Field, April 17, 10AM- Noon.

80. Public Occ. Little League of Somerville, Regular/Playoff Season Games at Hodgkins, Conway and Lincoln Parks and Trum Field, Apr. 1–Nov. 15, Mon.-Fri. 3PM-Dusk, Sat.-Sun. 7AM-Dusk.
81. Public Occ. Somerville Youth Roller Hockey League, Conway Park outside rink and Albion Park rear, Apr. 2–Nov. 22, 7AM-Dusk.
82. Public Occ 5th Annual David Brundage Road Race/Walk, Davis Sq., June 6 at 10AM.
83. Used Car Lic. **Renewal of Second Hand Auto License, Class II**
Foreign Body Works Inc., 593 Somerville Ave.
84. Used Car Lic. Fabrizio Auto Sales, 290R Somerville Ave.
85. Used Car Lic. Webster Auto Body Co., 69 Webster Ave.
86. Used Car Lic. **Renewal of Second Hand Auto License, Class III**
Pearl St. Auto Sales Inc., 180 Pearl St.
87. Used Car Lic. Webster Auto Body Co., 69 Webster Ave.
88. Garage Lic. **Renewal of Garage License**
Mike's Auto Service, 297 Medford St.
89. Flammable **Renewal of Flammable License**
Pearl St. Auto Sales Inc., 182 Pearl St.
90. Taxi Medallion **Transfer of Taxi Medallion**
Pena Cab Inc. transferring #3 to Country Club Transportation Inc.
91. Taxi Medallion Pena Cab Inc. transferring #4 to Country Club Transportation Inc.
92. Bond **Public Official's Bond**
John Long, City Clerk.
93. Bond John McGinn, Tax Collector.
94. Bond John McGinn, Treasurer.
95. Claim **Notice of Claim**
Robin Fahey.
96. Claim Sue MacLaren.

- 97. Claim Vincent A. LoPresti.
- 98. Claim A. Griffin.
- 99. Claim Hyoungshin Park.
- 100. Claim Arlex Oil Corp.
- 101. Claim Mona Raymond.
- 102. Claim Luke Antolini.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM