

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

March 11, 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 February 12, 2004.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. Citation By Ald. Heuston and the Entire Board, Congratulating June Pietrantonio for her dedicated service as President of the Library Board of Trustees from 1999 to 2004.
4. Resolution By Ald. Pero, Honoring the service of WW II veteran Albert Pondelli of Gilman St.
5. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol in the Union Sq. area between Stone and Bonner Aves. on Sundays from 11:00PM to 2:30AM.
6. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking take the necessary measures to create 4 parking spaces in front of the Highland Cuisine restaurant at the corner of Highland Ave. and Hamlet St.
7. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works, the Chief Fire Engineer and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services provide this Board with an update on the status of the property at 8 Belmont St., as it poses a neighborhood nuisance and potential public safety hazard.

8. Resolution By Ald. Taylor and Heuston, That the Administration provide this Board with an update on the status of the Union Square Task Force Study, with potential timeframes for redevelopment.
9. Order By Ald. Taylor and Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking, the Commissioner of Public Works and the Acting Director of Housing and Community Development provide this Board with an update on the changing of Prospect St. to two way traffic from Somerville Ave. to the Cambridge line.
10. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Health inspect 44 Dartmouth St. for possible code and health violations regarding trash disposal and property maintenance.
11. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the NO U TURN sign on the Broadway island at the intersection of Dartmouth St.
12. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking assess the continuing need for a barricade at the end of Butler Dr. on Mystic Ave., and make additional recommendations on parking and travel issues on Butler Dr.
13. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works determine the safety issues at the stairway at the rear of the Star Market parking lot on Broadway and Sewall St.
14. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works investigate the occupancy limits at 44 Dartmouth St. #2, and report any violations.
15. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works place decorative trash receptacles at the corner of Beacon and Washington Sts. and in the city-owned parking lot at the corner of Prospect St. and Somerville Ave.
16. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the street sign at the corner of Beacon St. and Properzi Way.
17. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the section of sidewalk in front of 44 Skehan St.
18. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Health report to this Board the progress and plans to date to address the city's rodent problem as promised during confirmation hearings.

19. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works request that the appropriate state agency or utility company responsible for the vacant lot on Washington St. across from the Lincoln Park Community School take the necessary steps to clean and maintain this lot.
20. Resolution By Ald. Heuston, That this Board urges the Licensing Commission to inquire about regulations and guidelines of neighboring cities and towns, which help to determine decisions for granting 2AM licenses to establishments that have alcoholic beverage permits, before the March 22 public hearing, so as to better informed.
21. Resolution By Ald. Heuston, That this Board urges our State delegation and the State House of Representatives to support an amendment to MGL Chapter 33, "An Act Creating a Commission to Dispose of Surplus Armories", since such commission will provide for local representation in the disposition of the Armory on Highland Ave.
22. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to control and monitor deliveries and pickups which take place continually through the night at the bakery at 201 Somerville Ave. and take steps to stop the constant idling of trucks in violation of the noise ordinance.
23. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking erect signs which stipulate NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER at the following locations: Beacon and Washington Sts.; Beacon and Kirkland Sts.; Park and Elliott Sts.; and Washington and Hanson Sts., as cars parking at the corners of these locations are causing a hazard.
24. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking implement a 30 day trial program to remove metered parking spaces on Highland Ave. near College Ave. between 4-6PM, Monday through Friday, with the goal of improving the traffic flow on Highland Ave. and onto College Ave., and report in writing as to the findings at completion of the trial period.
25. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking make all reasonable attempts to reduce the speed limit in Davis Square from 30 MPH to 20MPH, including special petition to the State, following the outline as presented by Lt. Upton to the Davis Square Task Force on March 1.

26. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair/replace the loose or missing bricks in the sidewalk at 212 Elm St., and inspect the brick sidewalks throughout Davis Square, making repairs/replacements as necessary.
27. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the City Clerk send a written communication to the Director of the Somerville Housing Authority, asking that he repair and/or replace the street light in the rear parking lot of 27 College Ave. (Ciampa Manor), and remove the broken dumpster from the lot.
28. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and/or the Traffic Commission consider adopting rules and regulations for a trial valet parking program in Davis Sq.
29. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, That this Board requests that the Administration communicate to all business owners the City's expectation that they clean and maintain the areas in front of their establishments as outlined in Ordinance 9-55.
30. Order By Ald. Sullivan and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing street sign at Hayden Terrace.
31. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim back the tree in front of 41 Florence St. so it doesn't hit the house.
32. Resolution By Ald. Trane, That this Board extends its thanks to Superintendent of Lights and Lines Joe Voutour, for his work in rectifying the many double pole issues in Ward 7.
33. Resolution By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking inspect the traffic signal box at the corner of North St. and Broadway and make any necessary repairs.
34. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief Fire Engineer inspect all properties in the Tufts area that hold a boarding house permit and place a maximum occupancy level on each one.
35. Resolution By Ald. Trane and the Entire Board, That this Board offers it support to the members of SEIU Local 615 in their negotiations with Tufts University and One Source Facility Services, and states its firm support for a fair contract that ensures full time work and health benefits for the janitorial staff employees that service the Tufts University campus.

36. Order By Ald. Desmond, Connolly, O'Donovan and Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the section of Elm St. outside the Kennedy School that is presently reserved for buses, as it was put in place before the reconstruction of the school and is no longer necessary, nor the best use of those valuable parking spaces.
37. Resolution By Ald. Provost, That this Board requests that the Mayor update this Board on the recommendations of the Municipal Real Estate Advisory Board as soon as they are available.
38. Order By Ald. Provost, Taylor and White, That the City Solicitor inform this Board and the Licensing Commission whether that Board may lawfully adopt different "last call" hours for licensed establishments that have no proximate residential abutters, and those that are in close proximity to residences.
39. Resolution By Ald. Provost, White and Taylor, That this Board supports the Tufts University janitors, whose union is currently in negotiations with One Source Inc., the corporation to which Tufts has "outsourced" its cleaning services, and that this Board specifically supports the janitors' request that One Source provide more opportunities for full-time work and health insurance benefits for all.
40. Order By Ald. Provost, White and Taylor, That the City Clerk send copies of the foregoing resolution, supporting the Tufts University janitors, to SEIU Local 615, to One Source Inc. and to President Bacow of Tufts University, and that the latter be accompanied by a letter asking President Bacow to influence One Source to agree to fair and reasonable treatment for Tufts' janitors.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

41. Mayor's Request Requesting that Police Lt. Paul Upton, DPW Commissioner Stan Koty, and MA Highway Dept. Resident Engineer Nick Delvento be permitted to speak before this Board re: the Rutherford Ave. project.
42. Mayor's Request Requesting a Declaration of Availability of Real Property for Disposition for two city-owned parking spaces to be leased for up to five years for a car-sharing program.
43. Mayor's Request Requesting that the Board consider a communication from the Purchasing Director re: the repeal of Ordinance 2-385, Disposal of Surplus Goods.

44. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of John Gannon of 158 Spring St., Watertown, as City Solicitor, effective March 15.
45. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of John Kiely of 49 Holyoke Rd. as a member of the Redevelopment Authority.
46. Mayor's Comm. Responding to #176026 re: Implementation of the "Are You Okay" Program.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

47. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, March 1.
48. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, March 1.
49. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, March 2.
50. Committee Report Report of the Committee of the Whole on Legislative Matters, March 8.
51. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, March 9.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

52. City Officer Comm. Asst. City Solicitor responding to #175991 re: Gang Loitering Home Rule Petition and the Senate Counsel's request for a roll call vote.
53. City Officer Comm. City Solicitor responding to #176022 re: City streets and ways.
54. City Officer Comm. Chief of Police responding to #176019 re: Monitoring the area around Franklin and Pearl Sts.
55. City Officer Comm. Chief of Police responding to #176000 re: Status of daytime assignments in Davis Square and other city squares.
56. City Officer Comm. Community Youth Program Director responding to #175997 re: Advising and counseling the youth involved with activities at 391 Medford St.
57. City Officer Comm. Youth Leadership Development Program Coordinator responding to #175997 re: Recent incident involving youth at 391 Medford St.

NEW BUSINESS

58. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
Somerville Road Runners Summer Steamer Road Race,
Khoury's Spa and Broadway, July 11.
59. Public Occ. Somerville Allied Veterans Council, Memorial Day
Parade, Highland Ave., May 30 from 12-4PM.
60. Used Car **Renewal of Second Hand Auto License, Class II**
Lic. A+ Auto Body, Inc., 297 Medford St.
61. Garage Lic. **Renewal of Garage License**
Drain Doctor Inc., 612 Broadway.
62. Flammable **Renewal of Flammables License**
Lic. Tufts University, 17 Latin Way.
63. Flammable Tufts University, 61 Talbot Ave.
Lic.
64. Flammable **Transfer of Flammables License**
Lic. Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave.
65. Taxi Med. **Transfer of Taxicab Medallion**
J.P. Laurie Inc., Medallion #60.
66. Comm. **Communication**
Dr. M. Hanif Butt re: 343-349 Summer St. multi-unit
condominium complex.
67. Claim **Notice of Claim**
Amy Bauman.
68. Claim Dorene Smith.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM