

**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

May 27, 2004, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2004.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Petition NStar Electric for a Grant of Location to install 29 ft. of conduit at 400 Highland Ave.
4. Petition NStar Electric for a Grant of Location to install 37 ft. of conduit at 100 Vernon St.
5. Petition NStar Electric and Verizon for a Grant of Location to install 318 ft. of conduit and relocate 2 poles in Sycamore St. at the Bridge.

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

6. Resolution By Ald. Pero, Honoring WW II Veteran Al Davidio, the Grand Marshal of the 2004 Memorial Day Parade.
7. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Health bait all sewers around 53 Oliver St. and inspect 53 Oliver St. as a source of the problem.
8. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees in front of 63 Flint St. and 202 Broadway as the lower branches are impeding pedestrian traffic.
9. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Health and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 85 Cross St. for any all code violations.
10. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor Franklin St. from Pearl St. to Broadway for speeding vehicles.

11. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines inspect Florence St., adjacent to Bryant Manor, to determine if the lighting can be enhanced.
12. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the trees on Florence St. to determine if trimming is needed around the power lines.
13. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Health bait the sewers around Blakely Ave. and Cross St. East and work with representatives of Stop & Shop to investigate complaints of rodents coming from their construction site.
14. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines contact the appropriate utility to inspect the signal box at 32 Pearl St. as neighbors have reported natural gas odors emanating from it.
15. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the missing lamp post at the corner of Broadway and Grant St. with a double sided light.
16. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Health monitor the trash and debris associated with the business opposite 17 Marshall St.
17. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalks on Richdale Ave. between Thurston and Lee Sts.
18. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the Temple Rd. signs on both Mystic Ave. and Shore Dr.
19. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief Fire Engineer inspect 28-30 Rogers Ave. for improper parking of motor vehicles in its driveway.
20. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Health inspect 28-30 Rogers Ave. for code violations.
21. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works expeditiously, without hesitation, order the owner of 61 Clyde St. to clean its environmentally contaminated site.
22. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the City Solicitor meet to discuss the most effective means to force the owner of 61 Clyde St. to environmentally remedy that property, as the site continues to remain a health and safety hazard.

23. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police place the speed board at the intersection of Medford and South Sts. for a one week period to monitor speeding cars in that area.
24. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Health notify the owner of 21-23 Rossmore St. of the dates for trash pickup, advise him of all fines associated with violation of the trash ordinance, place a notice for tenants of that location regarding the proper pickup date for trash, inspect the property for any and all violations, and inform the Ward 2 Alderman of the result of such actions.
25. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Health consider providing Inspectors with a simple flyer, in several languages, explaining the proper method for the disposal of trash and distribute same to tenants of properties, as owners are cited for violations of the trash ordinance.
26. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Health and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services advise the owners of 21-23 Park St. of the overflowing dumpster in the parking lot and review the permits, design and condition of this property to determine if said dumpster is allowed within the parking area.
27. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Health and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 29 Park St. regarding the proper disposal of trash and adequacy of the current dumpster and other on site trash disposal methods.
28. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint the crosswalk at the intersection of Medford and South Sts., install traffic signals and signs there to ensure pedestrian safety when crossing the street and consult with the Ward 2 Alderman regarding these and any other actions available to ensure public safety.
29. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police locate a traffic patrol at the corner of Beacon and Oxford Sts., especially weekdays during the late afternoon rush hour, to monitor vehicles that speed and run the STOP sign at the corner.
30. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, That this Board requests that the Administration develop ways for residents to renew their parking permits via the Internet and through the mail.
31. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, That this Board requests that the Administration expand efforts to publicize city and state election dates to encourage greater voter turnout.

32. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the temporary asphalt sidewalk patch in front of 51 Curtis St. with concrete.
33. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works post a sign at the North St. playground stating the park opening and closing times.
34. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol at the North St. playground for any illegal activity and notify the Housing Authority police of same.
35. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police place the speed board on Holland St. in the vicinity of Hodgkins Park.
36. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines work with NStar to install a street light near 18 Clarendon Ave. to alleviate the gap in lighting along that street.
37. Resolution By Ald. Trane, That this Board commends the City Clerk and his staff for the professionalism and courtesy extended to the many happy couples who recently applied for marriage licenses, while, at the same time, maintaining the high quality of the many other services provided to the public by that office during this especially busy period.
38. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police assign a directed patrol at Prospect Hill Park and Tower, and that the "home base" concept be re-instituted with the Ward 3 car.
39. Resolution By Ald. Taylor, That the Dedication Committee consider naming the intersection of Putnam and Summer Sts. in honor of Steven Ribeiro.
40. Resolution By Ald. Taylor and Heuston, That the Dedication Committee consider naming the intersection of Webster Ave. and Tremont St. in honor of Arthur J. Downey.
41. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Traffic Director post NO PARKING signs all day in front of 51 Chester St. on June 4 and 7 to allow the homeowner to move personal belongings out of the home to a new location.
42. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree on Cutter Ave. in front of the Dilboy Post in order to allow viewing of the flag and sign.
43. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, That the Dedication Committee approve the petition to install a bench in the Brown School named after the soon to be retired principal Marilyn Hegarty, per the attached petition and letters of support.

44. Order By Ald. Connolly and Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works arrange for pick-up of 'after trash day' rubbish outside of homes around such Tufts streets as Pearson Rd., Bromfield Rd., College Ave., Powderhouse Blvd, and adjacent streets, as tenants are moving out and leaving trash on the sidewalk; all sanctions against the property owners should be utilized to the extent possible.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

45. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of the Durell and Powderhouse Community Schools from the School Committee.
46. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of an additional \$948,053 for the City's participation in the MWRA Local Pipeline Assistance Program.
47. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$307,750 for the City's participation in the MWRA Infiltration/Inflow Local Financial Assistance Program.
48. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$250,000 grant from the Mass. Division of Conservation Services for design and reconstruction of the existing field house and bleachers at Trum Field.
49. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$12,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to assist clients that have spent all fuel assistance funds and exhausted other utility assistance programs.
50. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$10,000 contribution from Urbanica Real Estate Development given to assist in the payments for the 2004 Memorial Day Parade.
51. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to accept a 1989 Ambulance from the Professional Ambulance Co., valued at \$1,000.
52. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to enter into a 4-year contract with Powers & Sullivan, the City's outside auditing firm.
53. Mayor's Request Requesting the amendment of Ordinance 11-31, Trash and Rubbish Collection Fees.
54. Mayor's Request Requesting the amendment of Ordinance 11-33, Curb-Cut Fees.

55. Mayor's Request Requesting the amendment of Ordinance 10-16, Payment of Police Details.
56. Mayor's Request Requesting the amendment of Ordinance 3-1B to adjust the salary of the Water Superintendent to \$59,759.08, to be paid out of the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund.
57. Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of the provisions of MGL Chap. 71, Sec. 37M.
58. Mayor's Comm. Conveying that John McKenna has resigned from the Election Commission, effective immediately.
59. Mayor's Comm. Conveying that Donald Norton has resigned from the Licensing Commission, effective immediately.
60. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of John McKenna of 42 Francesca Ave. to the Licensing Commission.
61. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of William Medeiros of 36 Linden St. to the Condominium Review Board.
62. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Anna Shapiro of 38 Tower St. as a member of the Arts Council Board.
63. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Benjamin Ericson of 31 Curtis Ave. to the Conservation Commission.
64. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of James Smith of 41 Burnside Ave. to the Library Board of Trustees.
65. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Mark Howland of 15 Pleasant Ave. to the Library Board of Trustees.
66. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the reappointment of Susan Gardner Walsh of 31 Irving St. as constable.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

67. Comm. Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, May 24.
68. Comm. Report Report of the Joint Committee on Finance and Legislative Matters, May 24.
69. Comm. Report Report of the Committee on Finance, May 24.
70. Comm. Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, May 26.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

71. City Officer Comm. Chief of Police responding to #176422 re: increased patrols in the vicinity of the Round House.
72. City Officer Comm. Chief of Police responding to #176442 re: a directed patrol in the Lincoln Park area during evenings and weekends.
73. City Officer Comm. Chief of Police responding to #176430 re: a directed patrol at the Lowell St. Bridge area on weekend days and nights.
74. City Officer Comm. Chief of Police responding to #176362 re: a directed patrol near the Holland St. Au Bon Pain between 1-6AM.
75. City Officer Comm. Chief of Police responding to #176447 re: a directed patrol to take notice of the large trailer trucks parking illegally in on Broadway between Liberty and Bay State Aves.
76. City Officer Comm. Chief of Police responding to #176435 re: a directed patrol to monitor Melvin St. for overnight commercial parking.
77. City Officer Comm. Director of Housing and Community Development responding to #176459 re: Magoun Sq. lights.

NEW BUSINESS

78. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
Hawthorne St. Block Party, Hawthorne & West St., July 31, 4-11PM.
79. Public Occ. George Dilboy Post 529 VFW Poppy Drive/canning drive, Davis Sq., May 28-29, 7AM-5PM.
80. Public Occ. Annual VFW Poppy Drive/canning drive, Broadway at Alewife Brook Pkwy. and at McGrath Hwy, May 29-30, 8AM-6PM.
81. Public Occ. Dollars Against Diabetes "DAD'S DAY" fundraiser, Broadway & McGrath Highway, June 18, 4-6PM.
82. Public Occ. Somerville Cares About Prevention, Embracing Hope: A Time to Heal, High School Concourse, June 2, 7-10PM.
83. Public Occ. Nesson Media Boston video shoot, Cibeline at 85 Holland St., June 2, 7-11AM.
84. Public Occ. Kids Safety Awareness Day, Home Depot, 75 Mystic Ave., June 5, 10AM-2PM.
85. Public Occ. Wedding at Prospect Hill Tower, May 20, 6-8:30PM.

86. Garage and Flamm. Lic. **Renewal of Garage and Flammable License**
Foreign Body Works Inc., 593 Somerville Ave.,
250 gallons, 10 autos.
87. Garage and Flamm. Lic. Herbert Chambers I-93 d/b/a Chambers Motorcars,
259 McGrath Hwy., 6,075 gallons, 350 autos.
88. Garage and Flamm. Lic. Samuel Azevedo d/b/a K & K Mechanics, 42 Dana St.,
1,215 gallons, 12 autos.
89. Garage Lic. **Renewal of Garage License**
Hillside Jaguar Inc., 45-49 Mystic Ave., 10 autos.
90. Garage Lic. Modern Floors Inc., 22 Marshall St., 12 autos.
91. Garage Lic. Don's Automotive, 25-27 Cutter St., 5 autos.
92. Garage Lic. Accurate Mobile Glass, 398-400 Mystic Ave., 3 autos.
93. Garage Lic. C.J. Doherty Inc., 398 Mystic Ave., 4 autos.
94. Garage Lic. Goodyear Auto Service Ctr., 1 Bow St., 6 autos.
95. Garage Lic. Gemicar Inc. d/b/a Tech Auto Body Repair Inc.,
9 Union Sq., 10 autos.
96. Garage Lic. Gordon Fuel Corp./Ashton Fuel, 53 Mystic Ave., 18 autos.
97. Garage Lic. Gene Automotive Repair, 463 McGrath Hwy. 5 autos.
98. Garage Lic. Webster Auto Body Co./M.H. Siegel/L.L. Siegel,
69 Webster Ave., 25 autos.
99. Garage Lic. Sheila Wang, 42-44 Holyoke Rd., 5 autos.
100. Garage Lic. 120 Beacon St. L.P. c/o Eastport Real Estate,
120 Beacon St., 80 autos.
101. Garage Lic. Tracer Technologies Inc., 15 North Union St., 40 autos.
102. Garage Lic. Best Refinish Auto Body, 8 Conlon Court, 8 autos.
103. Garage Lic. Tadesse Quality Auto Service, 266 Beacon St., 10 autos
104. Garage Lic. Circuit City Stores, Inc. #4111, 75 Mystic Ave., 3 autos

105. Flamm. Lic. **Renewal of Flammable License**
A. Barbuto Oil Co., 24-28 South St., 19,000 gallons.
106. Flamm. Lic. Amerigas Propane, Rear Foley St. #2, 30,000 gallons.
107. Flamm. Lic. Concord Knapp Trust, 45 Concord Ave., 2,500 gallons.
108. Flamm. Lic. Cherry Burns Trust, 58 Cherry St., 2,500 gallons.
109. Flamm. Lic. Colonel Bingham Trust, 301-303 Lowell St., 4,000 gallons.
110. Flamm. Lic. Beacon Four Trust, 278 Beacon St., 2,000 gallons.
111. Flamm. Lic. Central Medford Trust, 267 Medford St., 2,500 gallons.
112. Flamm. Lic. Grove St. Realty Trust c/o Eastport Estate Services,
48 Grove St., 500 gallons.
113. Flamm. Lic. Drake Petroleum Co. Inc., 360 Medford St., 24,210 gallons.
114. Flamm. Lic. Elias & Abe Auto Repair Inc., 254-258 Broadway,
27,045 gallons.
115. Used Car Lic. **Renewal of Second Hand Auto License, Class II**
T. Quality Auto, Inc., 266 Beacon St.
116. Taxicab Medallion **Taxicab Medallion Renewal**
V & N Taxi, Inc., 54 Adams St., #46
117. Claim **Notice of Claim**
Maria Ortega.
118. Claim Meredith Kenyon.
119. Claim Jose Castenenda.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM