

**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

February 28, 2002, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Petition NStar Gas Company for the installation of about 1,500 feet of 18" steel gas main in Medford St from the Somerville Ave. intersection southeasterly to the Cambridge City boundary line, near the rear of Twin City Mall.
2. Petition NStar Gas Company for the installation of about 540 feet of 8" plastic gas main in Lowell St. from the Hudson St. intersection southerly 240' feet to Highland Ave., then westerly 300' feet to Tower St.

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

3. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Entire Board**
That this Board of Aldermen, in anticipation of severe cuts from the State, hereby requests that the Mayor submit the FY03 City budget to this Board at the earliest possible time.
4. Resolution **Submitted by Ald. Connolly and Entire Board**
That this Board implores the Assembly Square Limited Partnership, the Mystic View Task Force, and Ms. Louana Evarts to settle their dispute by agreeing within the next 3 business days (close of business March 5) to suspend court action and enter into binding arbitration within 45 days (close of business April 19) regarding the 26 acre former Assembly Square Mall parcel.
5. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Tarpley, Curtatone, White and Provost**
That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that all City offices, departments, boards and commissions that respond to petitions, establish a process for responding to the petitioners to inform them of the status and/or any actions taken on said petitions.
6. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider making Holts Ave. a Resident Parking Only street.

7. Order That the Chief of Police or his designee appear before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety on April 9 at 7:00 PM in the Committee Room to discuss the matters of Reserve Officers and the Special Operations Unit.
8. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inform the management at Maaco to clean the sidewalk along Somerville Ave. as agreed.
9. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of Traffic and Parking advise the management of Beacon Sales and Royal White not to use Tremont St., as agreed, and that the Director of Traffic and Parking inform the Ward Two Alderman as to the status of reducing the speed limit on Tremont St. and making it a "No Trucks" street.
10. Order That the City Clerk notify the NStar Somerville General Manager, Robert Masses, that he is requested to attend the Webster Ave. Advisory Council meeting on March 11 at 7:00 PM at the Lincoln Park Community School to discuss improvements at the Prospect St. Transformer Station.
11. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works notify all utility companies operating in the City that, in accordance with state law and local ordinances, they work with the City to place all utilities underground along Beacon St. during the Beacon St. reconstruction project.
12. Order That the Department of Public Works Sewage Engineer examine the Leland St. and Dane Ave. area for the installation of a back flow valve.
13. Order That the Chief of the Auxiliary Fire Department or his designee appear at the Public Health and Public Safety Committee meeting on March 12 at 7:00 PM in the Committee Room.
14. Order **Submitted By Ald. McCallum**
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the catch basin at 41 Dartmouth St.
15. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works correct the erosion of the street at the corner of Temple Rd. and 89 Ten Hills Rd. as it is causing damage to a resident's auto when entering his driveway.
16. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the litter and debris from Butler Dr.

17. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the catch basin at the corner of Heath and Temple Sts.
18. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the catch basin at the corner of Bradley St. and Radcliffe Rd.
19. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street sign at the corner of Edgar Ave. and Heath St.
20. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking inform this Board, and the public, what program it has, if any, for working with residents to locate, design and construct traffic calming measures for residential streets.
21. Order That our Chief Assessor be invited to explain to this Board the basis for his advising this Board that 11% of the City's housing units consists of affordable housing.
22. Order That the Director of Housing and Community Development be invited again to update this Board on the status of the Land Disposition Agreement for Yard 21, and to comment on the presentation regarding Yard 21 given to this Board at our February 14 meeting.
23. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost and Connolly**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking take such steps as are necessary, including consultation with the City of Cambridge, to locate a pedestrian crosswalk across Elm St. at its intersection with Windom St.
24. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost and O'Donovan**
That the Commissioner of Public Works give this Board a progress report as to when he will: 1) create a pedestrian crosswalk on Highland Ave. at Conwell St., and 2) repaint the "Stop" line on Hinckley Street. (Third request.)
25. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost, O'Donovan, Taylor and McCallum**
That the Chief of Police take immediate steps to curb and penalize speeding motor vehicles on Central St.
26. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost, White and McCallum**
That the Director of Traffic and Parking take whatever steps are necessary to locate a pedestrian crosswalk across Broadway at some appropriate location between Main St. and School St.

27. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost, White, O'Donovan and Curtatone**
That City Solicitor advise this Board: 1) whether it is unlawful, or gives rise to City liability, for the Department of Public Works to paint out graffiti on private property; and 2) whether this Board may by ordinance require property owners to keep their buildings and other structures cleaned of graffiti; and 3) if the City may not require property owners to remove graffiti, then what other lawful remedies it may have.
28. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Halloran**
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the street sign pole lying on the ground (while still attached to a No Parking sign) at the corner of Electric Ave. and Curtis St.
29. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the street sign for Westminster St. at the corner of Electric Ave. as it is bent in half and cannot be read.
30. Resolution **Submitted by Ald. Connolly**
That this Board requests that the neighborhood group concerned with the direction of traffic on Bay State Ave. formulate plausible alternatives to local traffic patterns, and that the Traffic and Parking Department provide whatever technical assistance is necessary for displaying these alternatives to the Traffic Board.
31. Order **Submitted by Ald. Taylor**
That the Directors of the Office of Housing and Community Development and the Somerville Historical Commission research possible funding sources and procedures for upgrading selected districts within the City related to sidewalk reconstruction and lighting.
32. Order **Submitted by Ald. O'Donovan**
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services contact the owner of the building at 217 Highland Ave. for the purpose of removing the graffiti on the Lowell St. side of that building.
33. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services contact the US Postal Service for the purpose of removing the graffiti on the mailbox at the corner of Cedar St. and Highland Ave.
34. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services order the property owner at 35R Lexington Ave. to remove the corrugated steel building from that property as ordered by the Fire Department months ago, and to contact the Ward Five Alderman as soon as possible regarding same.

35. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services determine the exact square footage of the property at 35R Lexington Ave.
36. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report any Department of Environmental Protection findings to the City Solicitor.
37. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider erecting “No Left Turn” signs off of Cedar St. onto Alpine, Albion and Hudson Sts. between 7:00 and 9:00 AM weekdays.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR

38. Requesting the transfer of \$218,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the School Dept. to fund the technology project currently underway at the High School.
39. Requesting confirmation of appointment of Michael Reinhardt of 56 Moore St. to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
40. Requesting confirmation of appointment of John Loretz of 21 Russell St. to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
41. Requesting confirmation of appointment of Lori Segall of 25 Cherry St to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
42. Requesting confirmation of appointment of Daniel Kirk-Davidoff of 95 College Ave. to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
43. Requesting confirmation of appointment of Anja Kollmuss of 31 Boston Ave. to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
44. Requesting confirmation of appointment of Leslie Grossman of 52 Burnside Ave. to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.

- 45. Requesting confirmation of appointment of Jennifer Cronin of 42 Lincoln Parkway to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
- 46. Requesting confirmation of appointment of Vithal Deshpande of 30 High St. to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
- 47. Conveying the Public Safety Building Feasibility Study conducted by DiMarinisi and Wolfe.
- 48. Notifying the Board of a Community Forum on Suicide and Violence Prevention for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender youth in Somerville, on April 9 at the High School.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 49. Report of the Committee on Veterans & Public Services, Feb. 19.
- 50. Report of the Committee on Housing & Community Development, Feb. 19.
- 51. Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Feb. 20.
- 52. Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, Feb. 21.
- 53. Report of the Committee on Finance, Feb. 26.
- 54. Report of the Committee on Finance of the Whole, Feb. 26.
- 55. Report of the Joint Committee on Finance and Legislative Matters, Feb. 26.
- 56. Report of the Joint Committee on Finance and Housing & Community Development, Feb. 26.
- 57. Report of the Committee on Public Health & Safety, Feb. 26.
- 58. Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Feb. 26.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- 59. DPW Operations Director re: Water bills.
- 60. Asst. City Solicitor re: Draft Demolition Delay Ordinance.

61. Retirement Board Re: Discussion of a cost of living adjustment at its April 18 8:30 AM meeting at the City Hall Annex conference room.
62. OHCD Director responding to #170730 re: Planting trees at Berkeley and School St.
63. OHCD Director responding to #170775 re: Notification of a Trum Field renovation meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

64. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Used Car Dealer's License Class 2**
Green Automotive Inc., 85 Foley St.
65. Used Car Lic Bennett Auto Exchange, 32 Prospect St.
66. Flamm. Lic. **Renewal of Flammable License**
Cherry Burns Trust, 58 Cherry St., 2,500 Gallons.
67. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
Little League Opening Day canning, April 27, 1-4PM.
68. Public Occ. Little League Opening Day Parade, April 27, starting at 10AM.
69. Public Occ. 2nd Annual Davis Square Jazz Festival, Sep. 14, Noon-8PM.
70. Public Occ. An Ras Mor (The Big Race) 5K Race Mar. 17, 10AM.
71. Bond **Drain-Layer's Bond**
K&K Excavation Co.
72. Claim Notice **Notice of Claim**
Rose Cipriani.
73. Claim Notice Patricia Tranfaglia.
74. Comm. **Communication**
Medford City Council conveying a resolution re: \$20 million Dollars in the MWRA'S FY03 budget.
75. Comm. Jose DeOliveira conveying a complaint re: Mystic Motors Inc., 682 Mystic Ave.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM