

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

February 26, 2009, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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PRESENT for all or part of the meeting: President Walter F. Pero, Vice President John M. Connolly, Aldermen Bruce M. Desmond, Dennis M. Sullivan, William A. White Jr., William M. Roche, Maryann M. Heuston, Sean T. O'Donovan, Rebekah L. Gewirtz, Robert C. Trane

OPENING OF THE MEETING

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| 1. | Roll Call | Call of the Roll. | 186880
Placed on File |
| 2. | Minutes | Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2009. | 186881
Approved |

CITATIONS

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| 3. | Citation | By Ald. Sullivan and the Entire Board, Congratulating Barbara McDonald on the auspicious occasion of her 90 th birthday. | 186882
Approved |
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PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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

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| 4. | Order | By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing street sign for Thurston St. at the corner of Broadway. | 186883
Approved |
| 5. | Order | By Ald. Trane, That the Traffic Engineer recommend installing a crosswalk on Cameron Ave. near Tannery Brook Row or another suitable location, as there is no crosswalk between the Cambridge line and Holland St. | 186884
Approved |

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| 6. | Order | By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that all lighting in Lincoln Park, including the tot lot and basketball court, is operational in the evening, and install additional lighting for public safety. | 186885
Approved |
| 7. | Order | By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify NStar to repair the street light at 355 Beacon St. | 186886
Approved |
| 8. | Resolution | By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration work with the Ward 6 Alderman to facilitate a visioning/planning process for Davis Sq., to meet the needs of residents and businesses for infrastructure. | 186887
Approved |
| 9. | Order | By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the multiple potholes on Orchard St. | 186888
Approved |
| 10. | Order | By Ald. Gewirtz, Heuston and the Entire Board, That the City Clerk forward this Board's communication, attached, re: the Green Line Maintenance Facility, to the Exec. Office of Transportation, the Mayor and the State Delegation. | 186889
Approved |
| 11. | Order | By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the property on Somerville Ave. across from Park St. | 186890
Approved |
| 12. | Order | By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board the effective result of designating all Somerville streets as permit parking. | 186891
Approved, Copy to
Traffic & Parking |
| 13. | Order | By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works add Carver St. and Linden Ave. to the list of streets to be re-paved. | 186892
Approved |
| 14. | Order | By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works explain why the fire alarm box at Pearl and Mt. Vernon Sts. has a plastic bag taped around it. | 186893
Approved |
| 15. | Order | By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan, Roche and Trane, That the Director of Information Technology provide this Board a schematic of all city voice and data systems. | 186894
Approved |
| 16. | Resolution | By Ald. Sullivan, That this Board requests that the Administration consider installing reflective indicators on fire hydrants to mark their locations during snow storms. | 186895
Approved |
| 17. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Franklin St. adjacent to Saint Benedict's Church. | 186896
Approved |

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| 18. | Order | By Ald. White, That the City Solicitor appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to explain whether payment is owed by Federal Realty to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the permit issued by the Planning Board for the Assembly Sq. Mall renovation. | 186897
Approved, Copy to
Housing & Community
Development |
| 19. | Order | By Ald. White, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services, the Chief of Police and the City Solicitor appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to follow up on issues pertaining to 31 Wilton St. | 186898
Approved, Copy to
Public Health & Safety |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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| 20. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Public Health & Safety, Feb. 17.
No papers. | 186899
Approved |
| 21. | Committee Report | Report of the Committees on Housing & Community Development and Public Health & Safety meeting jointly, Feb. 17.
No papers. | 186900
Approved |
| 22. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Finance, Feb. 18. | 186901
Approved |
| 22A. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of an amendment to the Transfer Station Agreement with Waste Management of MA, to modify the option terms of the agreement. | 186851
Approved |
| 23. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Capital Planning, Feb. 18. | 186902
Approved |
| 23A. | Mayor's Comm | Conveying the City's FY09 Capital Investment Plan. | 185952
Placed on File |
| 24. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee of the Whole on Land Use, Feb. 18. | 186903
Approved as Amended:
Add Ald. Heuston's
Order that SPCD
analyze revenue under
TOD 100 and TOD 85 |
| 24A. | Order | By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD provide the Committee on Land Use with an analysis of potential revenues under both TOD 100 and TOD 85 scenarios. | 186904
Approved, Copy to
Land Use |

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| 25. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee of the Whole on Traffic & Parking, Feb. 19.
No papers. | 186905
Approved |
| 26. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Information Technology, Feb. 25. | 186906
Approved as Amended:
No action taken on
#186857 |
| 26A. | Order | By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Personnel forward a personnel action sheet for all new and retiring employees to IT, and that IT update the voice recognition system ASAP with this information. | 186907
Approved |
| 26B. | Resolution | By Ald. Roche, That this Board requests that the School Superintendent forward a personnel action sheet for all new and retiring employees to IT, and that IT update the voice recognition system ASAP with this information. | 186908
Approved |
| 27. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Feb. 25. | 186909
Approved |
| 27A. | Garage | New Garage License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave., 2 autos inside, 2 outside. | 186865
Approved |
| 27B. | Order | By Ald. Desmond, That the City Clerk notify the owners of the Red House restaurant that they may not remain open past Midnight, and that they should appear at the next meeting of the Committee on Licenses & Permits re: their petition for extended operating hours (#186864). | 186910
Approved |
| 27C. | Order | By Ald. Trane, That the Clerk of Committees forward a copy of #186675 to the MA Sec. of State and request a legal opinion as to whether this online used car dealer may operate in a residential area. | 186911
Approved |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 28. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to consolidate the Citywide and Assembly Sq. Design Review Committees into one Design Review Committee. | 186912
Land Use and Planning
Board |
| 29. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to transfer \$10,702 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Damage to Persons and Property-Judgments/Settlement of Claims Acct., to settle an outstanding grievance with the SMEA. | 186913
Finance |
| 30. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to pay 6 prior year invoices in the Personnel Dept. totaling \$14,578, from the Cambridge Health Alliance. | 186914
Approved, Ald.
Heuston recused |

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| 31. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$843,400 from the Dept. of Homeland Security for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) in the Fire Dept. | 186915
Finance |
| 32. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Paulette Renault-Caragianes as Director of the Health Dept. | 186916
Conf. of Appointments |
| 33. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Jason Ruf as Firefighter. | 186917
Conf. of Appointments |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 34. | Officer's Comm. | SPCD Director responding to various Board orders. | 186918
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NEW BUSINESS

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| 35. | Public Occ | Public Event Permit, Somerville Community Corp. Save Our Homes 5K Walk, High School Concourse and various streets, Apr. 26, 2-4PM. | 186919
Approved |
| 36. | Garage | New Garage License, Jamil Balaghi dba Hondaville, 1 Concord Ave., 8 cars inside, 4 outside. | 186920
Licenses & Permits |
| 37. | Sign | New Sign/Awning Permit, Broadway Mak Realty Trust, 80-82A Broadway, Awning. | 186921
Licenses & Permits |
| 38. | Outdoor Seating | New Outdoor Seating and Goods License, Prospect Hill Properties Inc. dba The Independent, 75 Union Sq., 15 tables, 58 chairs, bar counter, grill, raw bar, host stand and performance area. | 186922
Licenses & Permits |
| 39. | Outdoor Seating | Renewing Outdoor Seating and Goods License, Union Sq. Group dba Precinct, 70 Union Sq., 18 tables, 48 seats. | 186923
Licenses & Permits |
| 40. | Comm. | Kenneth Van Buskirk re: Proposed Condominium Conversion ordinance. | 186924
Placed on File |
| 41. | Comm. | David Spinney re: Proposed Condominium Conversion ordinance. | 186925
Placed on File |
| 42. | Comm. | Greg Hill re: Proposed Condominium Conversion ordinance. | 186926
Placed on File |

LATE ITEMS

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| 43. | Order | By Ald. White, That the City Solicitor appear before this Board to discuss the correctness of the termination by the Mayor of a member of the Planning Board where the term of such member has expired but no successor has been confirmed by this Board. | 186927
Placed on File |
| 44. | Public Occ | Public Event Permit, Ecumenical Palm Sunday Parade, Powderhouse Park to Davis Sq. and back via College Ave., April 5, 8-9:30AM. | 186928
Approved |
| 45. | Outdoor Seating | Renewing Outdoor Seating and Goods License, Au Bon Pain, 118 Holland St., 34 tables, 68 chairs. | 186929
Licenses & Permits |
| 46. | Order | By Ald. Connolly, Taylor, Sullivan, Desmond and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the crosswalk activator at Somerville Ave. and Lowell St. | 186930
Approved |
| 47. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Michael Capuano as a full member of the Planning Board. | 186931
Conf. of Appointments |

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk