

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

June 25, 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, Thomas F. Taylor, 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. | 187766
Placed on File |
| 2. | Minutes | Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 28, 2009. | 187767
Approved |

CITATIONS

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| 3. | Citation | By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, Congratulating Somerville native Jack Parker on his entrance into the New England Sports Museum Hall of Fame. | 187768
Approved |
| 4. | Citation | By the Entire Board, Congratulating Century Bank and the Sloane Family on the 40 th anniversary of the bank's founding in Somerville. | 187769
Approved |
| 5. | Citation | By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, Commending the USO Liberty Belles for joining Somerville in the celebration of our nation's birthday. | 187770
Approved |
| 6. | Citation | By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, Commending the US Navy Band Northeast for joining Somerville in the celebration of our nation's birthday. | 187771
Approved |
| 7. | Citation | By Ald. Heuston and the Entire Board, Commending Michael Deegan for serving the Somerville Allied Council with distinction in 2008. | 187772
Approved |

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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| 8. | Grant of Location | NStar Electric for a grant of location to relocate 7 poles in Joy and Chestnut Sts. | 187773
Approved |
| 9. | Grant of Location | NStar Electric for a grant of location to install 77 feet of Conduit at 850 Broadway. | 187774
Approved |

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

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| 10. | Resolution | By Ald. Connolly, the Entire Board, and the Mayor, That the Mayor and this Board jointly recognize the outstanding achievement of the City being named an ALL AMERICA CITY by the National Civic League, and jointly commend all of the participants and supporters for their collective efforts in attaining this coveted award. | 187775
Approved |
| 11. | Resolution | By Ald. Taylor and Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission rescind its decision on city-wide Permit Parking until the Traffic Commission conducts a public hearing and the Parking Solutions Task Force makes its recommendations. | 187776
NOT Approved |
| 12. | Order | By Ald. Taylor, That the Police Chief order a directed patrol in the Vinal Ave.-Walnut St. area, 9:30PM-2:00AM. | 187777
Approved |
| 13. | Order | By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works request that MA Highway increase the pedestrian signal time at the intersection of McGrath Hwy. and Broadway. | 187778
Approved |
| 14. | Order | By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor the areas of Franklin and Pearl Sts., Franklin and Flint Sts., and Franklin and Arlington Sts. after dusk for illegal activity (drugs, prostitution, etc.), conducted from vehicles. | 187779
Approved, Copy to
Public Health & Safety |
| 15. | Order | By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD inspect 51 Franklin St. for automotive mechanical work performed in the yard at all times of the day and night. | 187780
Approved |
| 16. | Order | By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD inspect 48 Franklin St. for an illegal basement apartment and any and all code violations. | 187781
Approved |
| 17. | Resolution | By Ald. Sullivan and Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission increase the parking limit at 239 Elm St. from 15 minutes to 30 minutes. | 187782
Approved |
| 18. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the catch basins at 11 Florence St. and at the corner of Florence and Washington Sts. | 187783
Approved |

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| 19. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan and Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees on Broadway from Curtis to Westminster Sts. | 187784
Approved |
| 20. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 8 Nashua St. | 187785
Approved |
| 21. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the catch basin at Cedar Ave. and Cedar St. | 187786
Approved |
| 22. | Order | By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works coordinate with NStar to repave Irving St. | 187787
Approved, Copy to
Public Utilities &
Works |
| 23. | Order | By Ald. White and O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD inspect 48 Hudson St. for dogs and dog breeding, and advise this Board whether such activity violates the ordinances, especially with regard to kennels. | 187788
Approved, Copy to
Public Health & Safety |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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| 24. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Land Use, June 18. | 187789
Approved |
| 24A. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to create a new use titled, "Historic Bed and Breakfast." | 187139
Approved as Amended
in Committee by
#187790, Enrolled and
Ordained |
| 24B. | Order | By Ald. White, That Section 6.3(b) of the proposed historic bed and breakfast ordinance be amended to read, "Regardless of the number of structures on the site, only one dwelling unit shall be allowed and shall be occupied by the operator." | 187790
Approved |
| 24C. | Order | By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking clarify issues regarding guest parking passes for historic bed and breakfast establishments. | 187791
Approved |
| 24D. | Resolution | By Ald. White, That this Board's Committee on Licenses and Permits issue licenses for historic bed and breakfast establishments. | 187792
Approved, Copy to
Licenses & Permits |
| 25. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Public Health & Safety, June 18. | 187793
Approved |

25A.	Order	By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police meet with the MA Corrections Office to determine if any prisoners were released to the Wilton St. property, and if any of them were addicts.	187794 Approved
26.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, June 24.	187795 Approved
26A.	Used Car	Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, A Plus Auto Body, 297 Medford St., 2 autos outside.	187174 Approved for 90 days
26B.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, A Plus Auto Body Inc., 295 Medford St., 20 autos inside, 11 outside.	187183 Approved for 90 days
26C.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, A Plus Auto Body Inc., 297 Medford St., 10 autos inside.	187184 Approved for 90 days
26D.	Sign	New Sign/Awning Permit, Damata Hair Design, 85B Broadway, Awning.	187322 Approved
26E.	Outdoor Parking	New Outdoor Parking License, Star Market, 275 Beacon St., 3 autos.	187608 Approved
26F.	Junk Dealer	New Junk Dealer License, La Chic Boutique LLC, 235A Elm St.	187609 Approved
26G.	Junk Dealer	New Junk Dealer License, Imperial Jewelry, 499 Medford St.	187610 Approved
26H.	Outdoor Seating	New Outdoor Seating License, Panificadora Modelo Inc., 508 Medford St., Sandwich Board.	187725 Approved
26I.	Used Car	New Used Car Dealers License Class II, Somerville Ave. Used Auto Sales, 595 Somerville Ave., 18 autos outside.	187726 Approved
26J.	Garage	Renewing Garage License, Mike's Automotive Services Inc., 298 Somerville Ave., 10 autos inside, 10 outside.	187727 Approved
26K.	Garage	Renewing Garage License, Samay Inc. dba Somerville Gas, 73 Summer St., 3 autos inside.	187728 Approved
26L.	Garage	Renewing Garage License, Enterprise Rent-A-Car Co. of Boston, 37 Mystic Ave., 1 auto inside, 18 outside.	187729 Approved
26M.	Garage	Renewing Garage License, Upnorth Ltd. Inc. dba U-Save Auto Rental, 70 Prospect St., 6 autos inside.	187730 Approved
26N.	Garage	Renewing Garage License, Ideal Engine Rebuilders Inc., 96 Dover St., 20 auto inside, 20 outside.	187731 Approved

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

27.		Withdrawn.	
28.	Mayor's Request	With Ald. White, requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition relative to health insurance options for retired city employees.	187796 Approved, Ald. Pero and Roche Recused
29.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval of a follow-up technical amendment to the Living Wage Ordinance.	187797 Approved, Enrolled and Ordained
30.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval of an Order of Taking to acquire by eminent domain two Skilton St. parcels adjacent to Edward L. Leathers Park and the MBTA right-of-way for \$138,000.	187798 Finance
31.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the acceptance of 3 Easements and Rights of Way, and the approval of 1 Right of Entry to MA Highway, all in the Assembly Sq. area, for public infrastructure work.	187799 Approved
32.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval of a new contract with Deutsch, Williams, for legal services in the event of extraordinary legal need.	187800 Finance
33.	Mayor's Request	Requesting extension of an existing contract with Blackboard Connect for Connect CTY mass notification services, through Aug. 31, 2009.	187801 Finance
34.	Mayor's Request	Requesting an appropriation of \$19,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to initiate a study of the Foley St. connector, linking Assembly Sq. with East Somerville.	187802 Finance
35.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to transfer \$10,000 from the DPW School Custodian Overtime Salary Acct. to the DPW B&G Overtime Wage Acct., to cover an Arts Council Event and Family Fun Day.	187803 Approved as Amended: Add to the end, ". . . and any emergencies."
36.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice of \$277.31 in the Personnel Dept.	187804 Approved
37.	Mayor's Request	Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$50,000 from the 56 Clyde St. Acquisition LLC and 61 Clyde St. Acquisition LLC (MaxPak) to fund Ward 5 amenities and general community benefits.	187805 Finance
38.	Mayor's Request	Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$6,000 from SSG Development LLC to help fund a study of the Foley St. connector, linking Assembly Sq. with East Somerville.	187806 Finance

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| 39. | Mayor's Request | Requesting acceptance of 3 grants totaling \$865 from Dean's Concessions (\$570), Somerville YMCA (\$250), and Target (\$45), in support of the upcoming Family Fun Day. | 187807
Approved |
| 40. | Mayor's Request | Requesting authorization of the Sunsetters Consolidated Gift Account, to accept gifts for the Sunsetters program. | 187808
Finance |
| 41. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of Thomas Gardner as Police Officer. | 187809
Conf. of Appointments |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 42. | Officer's Comm. | SPCD Director responding to various Board orders. | 187810
Placed on File |
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NEW BUSINESS

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| 43. | Public Occ | Public Event Permit, Corner Market, Block Party, Tennyson St., June 26, 6-9PM. | 187811
Approved |
| 44. | Public Occ | Public Event Permit, Summertime in Somerville July 4th Celebration Weekend, Trum Field, Fun Day, June 27, 12-5PM (raindate July 11), Fireworks, July 2, 5-10:30PM (raindate July 9). | 187812
Approved |
| 45. | Public Occ | Public Event Permit, Open Air Circus Summer Performance, Nunziato Field, July 30-Aug 3. | 187813
Approved |
| 46. | Public Occ | Public Event Permit, Bowdoin, Fremont & Parker Sts. Block Party, Aug. 8, 12-8PM. | 187814
Approved |
| 47. | Public Occ | Public Event Permit, Tufts University Jumbo Stampede 5K Road Race, Tufts Campus, Oct. 10, 9AM. | 187815
Licenses & Permits |
| 48. | Drainlayer | New Drain Layer's License, LM Holdings LLC. | 187816
Approved |
| 49. | Taxi Med | Transfer of Taxi Medallion, Debaca Taxi Inc. to ODJ Taxi Inc., Med. #1. | 187817
Approved |
| 50. | Taxi Med | Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Roly Cab Inc., Med. #17. | 187818
Approved |
| 51. | Taxi Med | Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Halligan Corp., Med. #63. | 187819
Approved |
| 52. | Taxi Med | Renewal of Taxi Medallion, W.L.E.J. Inc., Med. #76. | 187820
Approved |

53. Comm. Jennifer Leone submitting a petition to reinstate Carol Lane and Karen Harrington in the Recreation Dept. 187821
Placed on File, Copy to Finance

LATE ITEMS

54. Comm. Ed O'Brien submitting comments in support of reinstating Karen Harrington in the Recreation Dept. 187822
Placed on File

55. Comm. Joe Wallace and Kelsey Garrity submitting a petition to reinstate Karen Harrington in the Recreation Dept. 187823
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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk