

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

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

June 29, 2009, 8:00 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. | 187824 Placed on File |
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CITATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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| 2. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee of the Whole on Finance, June 22-29. | 187825 Approved |
| 2A. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of an appropriation of \$1,793,020 to Fund 88 Org. 8803 to establish the Algonquin Gas Loop Project Stabilization Fund, to fund the construction of the streets, sidewalks and related work in the Algonquin gas loop project area. | 187695 Approved |

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| 2B. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of an appropriation of \$219,615 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Insurance Losses Acct. to the East Somerville School Fire-School Acct. (\$155,567) and the East Somerville School Fire-DPW Acct. (\$64,048). | 187696 Approved |
| 2C. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of an appropriation of \$140,199 from the Capital Stabilization Fund 85 to the ESCO Capital Project Fund 36, to finance transformer replacements (\$76,098), asbestos allowance (\$35,000), and repair pipe insulation (\$29,101). | 187698 Approved |
| 2D. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the transfer of \$870,000 from the following DPW Accts: Electricity (\$450,000), Oil (\$140,000), Gasoline (\$85,000), Rubbish Removal (\$85,000), Floor Covering (\$80,000) and Professional Services (\$30,000), all to the DPW Snow Removal Acct. | 187699 Approved |
| 2E. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the transfer of \$18,000 from the Fire Salaries Acct. to the Fire Alarm Overtime Acct. to remediate a long-term sick-leave matter. | 187700 Approved |
| 2F. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$5,000 from the Somerville Housing Authority for the Arts Council's Mystic Mural project. | 187706 Approved |
| 2G. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of a transfer of \$112,500 from the Debt Service Interest on Notes BANS Acct. to the Damage to Persons and Property Judgments/Settlements of Claims Acct., to fund the second and last payment in Romelus v. City of Somerville. | 187744 Approved |
| 2H. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of a transfer \$58,881 from the Debt Service Interest on Notes BANS Acct. to the Law Legal Services Acct. to supplement outside counsel handling the Logan Airport noise issue. | 187745 Approved |
| 2I. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of a transfer of \$50,000 from the Debt Service Interest on Notes BANS Acct. to the Damage to Persons and Property Judgments/Settlements of Claims Acct., to fund a settlement in Petitfort v. City of Somerville. | 187746 Approved |
| 2J. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of a transfer of \$35,000 from the Debt Service Interest on Notes BANS Acct. to the DPW Hwy. Signs and Cones Acct. to procure signage for citywide residential parking. | 187747 Approved |
| 2K. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of a transfer of \$13,500 from the Unemployment Compensation Insurance Acct. to the Board of Health Salaries Acct. to remediate an end of year deficit. | 187748 Approved |

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| 2L. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of a transfer of \$1,939 from various Board of Health OM Accts. to the Board of Health Salaries Acct. to remediate an end of year deficit. | 187749 Approved |
| 2M. | Mayor's Request | Requesting an appropriation of \$160,272,078 to fund the Fiscal Year 2010 Operating Budget for the City. | 187754 Approved as Amended for \$160,032,473 (reduction of \$239,605) |
| 2N. | Mayor's Request | Requesting an appropriation of \$15,726,040 to fund the Fiscal Year 2010 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget. | 187755 Approved |
| 2O. | Mayor's Request | Requesting an appropriation of \$10,873,954 to fund the Fiscal Year 2010 Water Enterprise Fund Budget. | 187756 Approved |
| 2P. | Mayor's Request | Requesting an appropriation of \$3,500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance (Free Cash) to reduce the FY10 tax levy. | 187757 Approved |
| 2Q. | Mayor's Request | Requesting an appropriation of \$3,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance (Free Cash) to establish a Rainy-Day Stabilization Fund, to stabilize the city's budget during periods of economic downturn. | 187758 Approved |
| 2R. | Mayor's Request | Requesting an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund, to fund necessary capital improvements in FY10 and beyond. | 187759 Approved |
| 2S. | Mayor's Request | Requesting authorization of the School Building Use Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2010. | 187760 Approved |
| 2T. | Mayor's Request | Requesting authorization of the All America City Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2010. | 187761 Approved |
| 2U. | Mayor's Request | Requesting authorization of the Dedication Sign Fund for Fiscal Year 2010. | 187762 Approved |
| 2V. | Mayor's Request | Requesting authorization of the Traffic and Parking Sign Fund for Fiscal Year 2010. | 187763 Approved |
| 2W. | Mayor's Request | Requesting authorization of the Parks Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2010. | 187764 Approved |
| 2X. | Mayor's Request | Requesting re-authorization of the attached Revolving Funds for Fiscal Year 2010. | 187765 Approved |
| 2Y. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of a new contract with Deutsch, Williams, for legal services in the event of extraordinary legal need. | 187800 Approved |

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| 2Z. | Mayor's Request | Requesting extension of an existing contract with Blackboard Connect for Connect CTY mass notification services, through Aug. 31, 2009. | 187801 Approved as Amended: Extended for 90 days |
| 2AA. | 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 Approved |
| 2AB. | 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 Approved |
| 2AC. | Resolution | By Ald. White, That the Director of SPCD strategize with this Board for legal action against problem property owners. | 187826 Approved |
| 2AD. | Resolution | By Ald. Desmond, That the Chief Fire Engineer and the Administration perform a cost-benefit analysis of overtime pay versus hiring additional firefighters. | 187827 Approved |
| 2AE. | Resolution | By Ald. Desmond, That the Administration and Traffic and Parking Commission amend parking regulations to consider non-Sunday worship hours near churches and synagogues. | 187828 Approved |
| 2AF. | Resolution | By Ald. Taylor, That the Administration restore the FY10 Library staff reductions and consider staff increases using the cash reserve fund. | 187829 Approved |
| 2AG. | Resolution | By Ald. Heuston, That the Administration restore and fund two librarians in the FY10 Library budget. | 187830 Approved |
| 2AH. | Resolution | By Ald Trane and the Entire Board, That the Administration restore funding cuts made in the Recreation Dept., and keep staffing at FY09 levels. | 187831 Approved |
| 2AI. | Resolution | By Ald. Trane and the Entire Board, That the Administration restore the funding cuts in the Library Dept budget and fund all open positions. | 187832 Approved |
| 2AJ. | Resolution | By Ald. White, That the Administration consider a provision in the next collective bargaining agreement to use "swing" personnel to fill vacancies in the Fire Dept. | 187833 Approved |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

None

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

LATE ITEMS

None

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk