

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

September 25, 2008, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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PRESENT for all or part of the meeting: President Dennis M. Sullivan, Aldermen John M. Connolly, Bruce M. Desmond, William A. White Jr., William M. Roche, Thomas F. Taylor, Rebekah L. Gewirtz, Robert C. Trane

OPENING OF THE MEETING

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| 1. | Roll Call | Call of the Roll. | 186260
Placed on File |
| 2. | Minutes | Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 28, 2008. | 186261
Approved |

CITATIONS

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| 3. | Citation | By Ald. Taylor and the Entire Board, Congratulating the Somerville Hospital Ladies' Aid Association on its 117 th year of generous service to the Somerville Hospital. | 186262
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| 4. | Citation | By Ald. Desmond, Sullivan and the Entire Board, Commending Eleanor Blute, retiring after 28 years of dedicated service to the city's children in the School Dept. | 186263
Approved |

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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| 5. | Grant of Location | Lighttower Fiber LLC for a grant of location to install 2 feet of conduit on Inner Belt Rd. and 128 feet of conduit on Third Ave. | 186264
Approved |
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**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

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| 6. | Order | By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utilities to complete the removal of the double pole at 57 Heath St. | 186265
Approved |
| 7. | Order | By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works install a black weather resistant bench at Irving and Holland Sts. in front of the hair salon. | 186266
Approved |
| 8. | Order | By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works install a trash barrel at 384 Highland Ave. | 186267
Approved |
| 9. | Order | By Ald. Connolly and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the overgrowth at the end of Flint St. | 186268
Approved |
| 10. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan, Taylor and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 74-78 Summer St. (2nd request) | 186269
Approved |
| 11. | Order | By Ald. White, That the Director of SPCD appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss the Exec. Office of Transportation recommendation that an urban ring stop not be located at Assembly Sq. | 186270
Approved, Copy to
Housing & Community
Development |
| 12. | Order | By Ald. Gewirtz, the Commissioner of Public Works require that telecom companies installing wireless antennas on buildings provide this Board with a list of locations six months in advance of their request so that aldermen can inform their constituents appropriately. | 186271
Approved, Copy to
Public Utilities &
Works |
| 13. | Order | By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the lights in front of the West Branch Library. | 186272
Approved |
| 14. | Order | By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works determine the feasibility of replacing the WELCOME TO SOMERVILLE sign at Beech and Elm Sts., and regularly maintain the island that housed the sign. | 186273
Approved |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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| 15. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee of the Whole on Housing & Community Development, Sept. 17. | 186274
Approved |
| 15A. | Resolution | By Ald. Heuston, That this Board requests that the City advocate for an MBTA green line stop at Joy & Washington Sts., and refuse to negotiate with the Exec. Office of Transportation and Public Works regarding this stop. | 186275
Approved |

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| 16. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Public Health & Public Safety, Sept. 18.
No papers. | 186276
Approved |
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COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 17. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval for a transfer of \$21,225 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Police Salaries Acct. to establish 2 Deputy Chiefs of Police at a salary of \$143,000 per year, and to fund the positions from 9/28/08-6/30/09. | 186277
Finance |
| 18. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval for the IT Dept. to pay a prior year invoice of \$540 from Net Versant for telephone service. | 186278
Approved |
| 19. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$34,200 from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for cultural programming. | 186279
Finance |
| 20. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$9,000 from the Carl and Ruth Shapiro Family Foundation to the Arts Council to continue the Books of Hope program in FY09. | 186280
Finance |
| 21. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$8,000 from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council to fund the Books of Hope program in FY09. | 186281
Finance |
| 22. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$6,300 from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for general operational support. | 186282
Finance |
| 23. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of William Mederios as a member of the Recreation Commission. | 186283
Approved |
| 24. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the appointment of John Teves as a member of the Recreation Commission. | 186284
Approved |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 25. | Officer's Comm. | Chief Assessor responding to #186233 re: The Residential Exemption qualification date. | 186285
Placed on File |
| 26. | Officer's Comm. | SPCD Director responding to various Board Orders. | 186286
Placed on File |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 27. | Public Occ | Public Occupancy Permit, Fairmount Ave. Block Party, Sept. 21, 12-6PM (raindate Sept. 28). | 186287
Approved |
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28.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, Highland Rd. Block Party between Morrison and Kidder Aves., Sept. 21, 2-8PM (raindate Sept. 28).	186288 Approved
29.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, Simon's Birthday Party, Sept. 21, 2-5PM (raindate Sept. 28).	186289 Approved
30.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, Josephine Ave. Block Party between Morrison and Kidder Aves., Sept. 27, 4-7PM (raindate Sept. 28).	186290 Approved
31.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, Grove St. Block Party between Morrison and Winslow Aves., Sept. 27, 5-10PM (raindate Sept. 28).	186291 Approved
32.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, Somerville Youth Hockey canning drive, Citywide, Oct. 4, 7AM-4PM.	186292 Approved
33.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, Candlelight Vigil for Domestic Violence Awareness, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Oct. 7, 5-8:30PM (raindate Oct. 14).	186293 Approved
34.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, Somerville YMCA canning drive, Citywide, Oct. 11 & 18, 7AM-1PM.	186294 Approved
35.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, CPCU Passport to Possibilities Appreciation Event and 80 th Birthday Celebration, 480 Somerville Ave., Oct. 17, 3:30-7:30PM.	186295 Approved
36.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, Shape Up Somerville Road Race, Trum Field, Oct. 25, 10AM.	186296 Approved
37.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, Jason Dedrick Road Race, Hodgkins Park, Oct. 25, 10-2PM.	186297 Approved
38.	Flammable	Renewal of Flammable License, Aris Auto Inc., 3 Craigie St., 30,394 gallons.	186298 Approved
39.	Flammable	Renewal of Flammable License, Tufts University, 61 Talbot Ave., 24,005 gallons.	186299 Approved
40.	Flammable	Renewal of Flammable License, Tufts University, 37 Latin Way, 20,000 gallons.	186300 Approved
41.	Junk Dealer	New Junk Dealer License, Hope and Glory Vintage, 253 Washington St.	186301 Licenses & Permits
42.	Sign	New Sign/Awning Permit, Hope and Glory Vintage, 253 Washington St., sign and flagpole.	186302 Licenses & Permits

43.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company, 37 Mystic Ave., 1 auto inside, 18 outside.	186303 Licenses & Permits
44.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Aris Auto Inc., 3 Craigie St., 3 autos inside, 8 outside.	186304 Licenses & Permits
45.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Inman Auto Center, 45 Webster Ave., 13 autos inside, 4 outside.	186305 Licenses & Permits
46.	Taxi Med	Renewal of Taxi Medallion, BiBi's Cab Inc., Med. #20.	186306 Approved
47.	Taxi Med	Renewal of Taxi Medallion, J.P. Laurie Taxi Inc., Med. #60.	186307 Approved
48.	Taxi Med	Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Odney Cab Inc., Med. #72.	186308 Approved
49.	Taxi Med	Transfer of Taxi Medallion, DRQ Taxi Inc. to Loch Ness Taxi Inc., Med. #27.	186309 Approved
50.	Taxi Med	Taxi Medallion Refinancing, Elzira & Luc Cab Inc., Med. #6.	186310 Approved
51.	Taxi Med	Taxi Medallion Refinancing, Bibi's Cab Inc., Med. #20.	186311 Approved
52.	Taxi Med	Taxi Medallion Refinancing, Elysse Corp., Med. #48.	186312 Approved
53.	Taxi Med	Taxi Medallion Refinancing, TalkD Transportation Inc., Med. #55.	186313 Approved
54.	Taxi Med	Taxi Medallion Refinancing, J.P. Laurie Taxi Inc., Med. #60.	186314 Approved
55.	Taxi Med	Taxi Medallion Refinancing, Odney Cab Inc., Med. #72.	186315 Approved
56.	Taxi Med	Taxi Medallion Refinancing, Honey Cab Inc., Med. #82.	186316 Approved

LATE ITEMS

None

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk