

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

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

December 5, 2007, 6:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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

OPENING OF THE MEETING

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| 1. | Roll Call | Call of the Roll. | 184598 |
| | | | Placed on File |

CITATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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| 2. | Tax Levy | City Assessor's request for the adoption of tax levy percentages for FY 2008, and other related actions. | 184599 |
| | | | Approved |

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

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

None

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 3. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of a transfer of \$1,316,898 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to several Police PS Accts., to fund retroactive wages for FY 2005-2007 per the Agreement with the Police Employees Assn. | 184600 |
| | | | Approved |

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| 4. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of a transfer of \$28,071 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Police PS Salaries Acct., to fund a 1% salary adjustment per the Agreement with the Police Superior Officers Assn. For FY08. | 184601
Approved |
| 5. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of a transfer of \$86,225 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to various Departmental PS Salaries Accts., to fund a 1% salary adjustment per the Agreement with SMEA Unit B For FY08. | 184602
Approved |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

None

NEW BUSINESS

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| 6. | Sign | New Sign/Awning Permit, High on the Hog Inc. dba Highland Kitchen, 148-150 Highland Ave., Sign. | 184603
Approved |
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LATE ITEMS

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| 7. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Finance, Nov. 27. | 184604
Approved |
| 7A. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of a supplemental appropriation of \$13,379 to the Personnel Reimbursement/Allowances Acct. to fund relocation and travel expenses for Police Chief designate Anthony Holloway. | 184479
Placed on File |
| 7B. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to use available funds of \$4,547 from the Planning Dept. General Fund to increase the pay for a vacant planner position, and to authorize an increase in the pay for a vacant senior planner and another planning position, all to \$54,000 per year, funded by CDBG funds. | 184482
Approved |
| 7C. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the acceptance of \$1,000,000 from IKEA for the Assembly Sq. Stabilization Fund. | 184559
Approved |
| 7D. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the acceptance of \$250,000 from IKEA to reimburse the city for legal expenses incurred from 2004 to 2006 for Assembly Sq. development. | 184560
Approved |
| 7E. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the acceptance of \$100,000 from IKEA to establish a new Stabilization Fund under MGL c40 s5B to be known as the "East Somerville Stabilization Fund". | 184561
Approved |

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk