

City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

February 26, 2004 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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

OPENING OF THE MEETING

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| 1. | Call of the Roll. | 175992
Placed on File |
| 2. | Reading and approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 22, 2004. | 175993
Adopted |

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

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| 3. | Citation | By Ald. Trane, Congratulating Edward Selfridge on the happy occasion of his 100 th birthday. | 175994
Adopted |
| 4. | Citation | By Ald. Pero, Honoring Theresa Haley for 25 years of dedicated service to the City's adult learners as an Instructor and Counselor at SCALE. | 175995
Adopted |
| 5. | Order | By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Health inspect the rear premises and parking lot of the Star Market on Winter Hill and report any violations. | 175996
Adopted |
| 6. | Order | By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Youth Services instruct the Youth Development Program Coordinator to advise and counsel the youth involved with the weekend activities at 391 Medford St. | 175997
Adopted |

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| 7. | Order | By Ald. Pero and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a pedestrian crossing sign on Broadway at the intersection of Glenwood Rd. | 175998
Adopted |
| 8. | Order | By Ald. Pero and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean Main St. and Broadway Terrace at the intersection of Broadway and Main St. | 175999
Adopted |
| 9. | Order | By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police advise this Board, in writing, of the status of daytime Community Police Officer assignments in Davis Square, and other Squares in the City, specifically with regard to the likelihood of spring and/or summer assignments. | 176000
Adopted |
| 10. | Order | By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the lights in the symbols at the top of the poles in Seven Hills Park between Holland St. and Meacham Rd. | 176001
Adopted |
| 11. | Order | By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the many potholes in the street overlay on College Ave. between the Powderhouse Rotary and the Medford line. | 176002
Adopted |
| 12. | Order | By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking, or his designee, attend the Davis Square Task Force meeting on March 1 at 7:00 PM at 167 Holland St. to discuss Davis Square traffic issues, especially Highland Ave. at both Cutter and College Ave. | 176003
Adopted |
| 13. | Order | By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works and Chief Fire Engineer inspect the wood frame church on the corner of Highland and Morrison Aves. for any and all building code violations, specifically the placement of exterior lights proximate to abutting residential property and the careless storage of material under a fire escape, and take all necessary action to correct any and all violations. | 176004
Adopted |
| 14. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan and Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the pedestrian signal at the corner of Cutter Ave. and Summer St., as the signal does not turn to Walk when activated by pedestrians. | 176005
Adopted |
| 15. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the lifted sidewalk panels at 19A Otis St. as they pose a safety hazard. | 176006
Adopted |
| 16. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the lifted sidewalk panels from 6 Dell St. through Glen St. as they pose a safety hazard. | 176007
Adopted |

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| 17. | Order | By Ald. Sullivan and Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk in front of 321 Alewife Brook Parkway as there is a depression that collects water and creates icing in cold weather. | 176008
Adopted |
| 18. | Resolution | By Ald. Taylor, White and Provost, That the Administration provide an update to this Board on the status of the Police Study recommendations. | 176009
Adopted |
| 19. | Resolution | By Ald. Trane, That this Board offers its sincere thanks to the Police Dept. for the action taken on directed patrols in the Tufts area relative to rowdy and inappropriate behavior, and extends its support in this continuing effort. | 176010
Adopted |
| 20. | Order | By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to cite motorists for speeding and Stop sign violations on Hamilton Rd. and Ware St. during morning rush hour. | 176011
Adopted |
| 21. | Order | By Ald. Trane, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines request that NStar immediately remove the items stored at the substation on Endicott Ave., and take appropriate action if they fail to comply. (2 nd request.) | 176012
Adopted |
| 22. | Resolution | By Ald. Trane and the Entire Board, That this Board requests that the State Delegation include Somerville in any bill filed by the City of Boston that requires the State to share tax revenues including meals, sales and hotel taxes generated by the Democratic National Convention in July. | 176013
Adopted |
| 23. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works personally inspect the area at the top of Lowden Ave. for litter and debris. | 176014
Adopted |
| 24. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works relocate the Henry Hanson Memorial Park sign closer to Medford St. | 176015
Adopted |
| 25. | Order | By Ald. Roche, That the Chief Assessor provide the Ward 1 Alderman with contact information for the owner of 11 Sunnyside Ave. | 176016
Adopted |
| 26. | Order | By Ald. Roche, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the City Solicitor notify the Ward 1 Alderman of the status of the court action regarding the illegal deck constructed at 70 Otis St. | 176017
Adopted |
| 27. | Order | By Ald. Roche, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services respond in writing as to the findings for the overcrowded illegal units at 38 Illinois Ave. | 176018
Adopted |

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| 28. | Order | By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police instruct the Community Police Officers and the Gang Task Force to monitor the area around Franklin and Pearl Sts. for groups of teenagers/young adults who are disrupting the quality of life with their loud and obnoxious behavior. | 176019
Adopted |
| 29. | Order | By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police instruct the Community Police Officers to investigate the 3 unregistered abandoned vehicles on Hillside Ave. and take any necessary action to remove them as they create a safety hazard. | 176020
Adopted |
| 30. | Order | By Ald. Provost, That the Director of Traffic and Parking make a better effort to ticket commercial vehicles parked overnight on city streets, including, but not limited to, Columbus Ave. and Vernon St. | 176021
Adopted |
| 31. | Order | By Ald. Provost, That the City Solicitor provide this Board, the Director of Traffic and Parking, the Commissioner of Public Works and the Chief of Police either with a list of ways over which the City and/or the public has acquired prescriptive rights of way, or with clear guidance as to which department should compile such a list, and what tests and standards should be applied in so doing. | 176022
Adopted |
| 32. | Resolution | By Ald. Provost and Taylor, Regarding the US Patriot Act. | 176023
Legislative Matters |
| 33. | Resolution | By Ald. Provost, Heuston, Taylor, Connolly and Trane re: Magoun Square enhancements. | 176024
Housing and Comm.
Development |
| 34. | Order | By Ald. Provost, That the City Clerk send a copy of the foregoing Magoun Square Resolution to the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization, and that OHCD supply documents connected with the planned Magoun Square enhancements as it deems useful, in support of the Resolution. | 176025
Housing and Comm.
Development |
| 35. | Resolution | By Ald. White, That the Administration report to this Board the status of the "Are You Okay" Program which this Board asked to be implemented one year ago. | 176026
Adopted |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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| 36. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of transfer of \$40,000 from Debt Service Interest on Notes BAN Acct. and \$40,000 from Damage to Persons and Property Judgments and Settlements Acct. to Law Dept. Legal Services Acct. | 175938
Removed from Table,
Rules Suspended and
Approved |
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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

37.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend an \$18,193.65 grant awarded from the Mass. Dept. of Public Health for local Public Health Emergency Preparedness.	176027 Finance
38.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to extend a Clayton Group Services Inc. contract beyond 3 years.	176028 Finance
39.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the appointment of Barbara Stevens, 339 Baker St., West Roxbury, as Water Superintendent.	176029 Conf. of Appointment
40.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the appointment of Cindy Hickey, 10 Richdale Ave., as Director of the Council on Aging.	176030 Conf. of Appointment
41.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the appointment or reappointment of the following constables: William Duarte, 9 Florence Terrace; Thomas DelMedico, 28 Hinckley St. #1; William Medeiros, 36 Linden St.; Martin Polignone, 74 Washington St. #504; Arthur Hamilton Jr., 31 Ash Ave.; Dia'Montina Soares, 1374 Broadway #6L.	176031 Item Severed: Rules Suspended, Medeiros, Polignone, Soares Approved (Ald. White Recused); Remainder to Conf. of Appoint.
42.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the appointment of Nerlande Brice, 227 Wood Ave., Hyde Park, as Sworn Weigher.	176032 Conf. of Appointment
43.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the approval of poll workers for Primary Day, March 2.	176033 Conf. of Appointment
44.	Mayor's Comm.	Responding to #175762 re: securing funding for the Dilboy Field renovation project.	176034 Finance

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

45.	Committee Report	<u>Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, Feb. 24.</u> No papers.	176035 Adopted
46.	Committee Report	<u>Report of the Committee on Finance, Feb. 24.</u>	176036 Adopted
46A.	Mayor's Comm.	Providing information re: the transfer of \$26,663 from the DPW to Veterans Services.	175519 Placed on File
46B.	Mayor's Request	Requesting an extension of a contract with Design Consultants for Somerville Ave. reconstruction.	175565 Approved
46C.	Mayor's Request	Requesting that various city property be declared surplus and made available for sale.	175939 Approved, on the representation that each item is scrap or can't serve its purpose

46D.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a \$95,672 grant from the US Dept. of Justice for homeland security.	175940 Approved
46E.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a \$52,054 grant from the EPA to assist Stormwater Mgmt. Planning.	175941 Approved
46F.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a \$9,820 grant from the Toxic Use Reduction Institute.	175942 Approved
46G.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval of a contract extension for Boston Sign Co.	175944 Approved
46H.	Mayor's Request	Requesting that a 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer be declared surplus property.	175985 Approved
47.	Committee Report	<u>Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Feb. 24.</u> No papers.	176037 Adopted
48.	Committee Report	<u>Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Feb. 25.</u> No papers.	176038 Adopted
49.	Committee Report	<u>Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Feb. 25.</u>	176039 Adopted
49A.	Used Car Lic.	<u>Renewal 2nd Hand Auto License Class II</u> Don Hector Auto Sales, 30 Joy St.	175869 Approved
49B.	Used Car Lic.	John's Auto Sales, 181 Somerville Ave.	175870 Approved
49C.	Used Car Lic.	<u>New Garage License</u> Hi-Tech Auto Body, 1 Union Sq.	175884 Approved with Conditions: Hours M-F 8-6, Sat. 8-1, Sun. Closed; Tenant to appear before L&P to discuss plans
49D.	Used Car Lic.	<u>Renewal 2nd Hand Auto License Class II</u> Foreign Body Works, 593 Somerville Ave.	175964 Approved
49E.	Used Car Lic.	Fabrizio Auto Sales, 290R Somerville Ave.	175965 Approved
49F.	Used Car Lic.	Webster Auto Co., 69 Webster Ave.	175966 Approved

49G.	Used Car Lic.	<u>Renewal 2nd Hand Auto License Class III</u> Pearl Street Auto Sales, 180 Pearl St.	175967 Approved
49H.	Used Car Lic.	Webster Auto Co., 69 Webster Ave.	175968 Approved
49I.	Garage Lic.	<u>Renewal Garage License</u> Mikes Auto Service, 297 Medford St.	175969 Approved
49J.	Flam. Lic.	<u>Renewal Storage of Flammables License</u> Pearl Street Auto Sales, 182 Pearl St.	175970 Approved

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

50.	City Officer Comm.	City Clerk responding to #175987 re: Treasurer Certificates of Good Standing for tax payments.	176040 Placed on File
51.	City Officer Comm.	City Solicitor re: recommendations on wireless communication zoning.	176041 Legislative Matters
52.	City Officer Comm.	City Solicitor responding to #175990 re: Appearing before this Board to discuss #175938.	176042 Placed on File

NEW BUSINESS

53.	Public Occ.	<u>Public Property Occupancy Permit</u> Mystic Herring Run Festival, Boys & Girls Club Blessing of the Bay Boathouse at 32 Shore Drive, May 2, 1-5PM.	176043 Rules Suspended and Approved
54.	Public Occ.	Somerville Striders Road Race of Ireland & USA, Davis Sq.-Holland St.-Broadway, March 14 at 10AM.	176044 Rules Suspended and Approved
55.	Comm.	<u>Communication</u> U.S. Postal Service District Manager re: Winter Hill Branch Post Office renovation project.	176046 Placed on File
56.	Claim	<u>Notice of Claim</u> Karl R. Welday.	176045 Placed on File
57.	Claim	Flamin K. Thomas.	176047 Placed on File
58.	Claim	Grace Travaglia.	176048 Placed on File
59.	Claim	Beri A. Lantum.	176049 Placed on File

60. Claim James Harrison. 176050
Placed on File

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM

61. Public Occ. Public Property Occupancy Permit 176051
Shape Up Somerville 5K Run/Walk Fair, Trum Field, Teele Licenses and Permits
Square, Sept 26, 2004 11AM-3PM

62. City Officer DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders. 176052
Comm. Placed on File

63. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Supt. of Lights and Lines work 176053
with the utilities to raise the house drops on Alston St. Adopted

64. Order By Ald. Desmond, That the Police communicate to BOA 176054
re: 391 Medford St. Adopted

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk