

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 24, 2011, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.

2. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,
February 24, 2011.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Gewirtz, O'Donovan, and the Entire Board and
the Mayor

 Commending Jennifer Lawrence, who is leaving as
Executive Director of Groundwork Somerville after
five years of tireless efforts to improve the city's
physical environment.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location Grant of Location submitted by NextG Networks Inc.,
to install about 1,700 ft. of aerial fiber optic cable on
Vernon, Bartlett and Robinson Sts., and to install
equipment on Pole 299-4 on Robinson St.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Order By Ald. Taylor

 That the Director of Traffic and Parking determine if a
STOP sign should be placed on Summer Street at its
intersection with Benton Road.

6. Order By Ald. Taylor

 That the Director of SPCD (ISD) update the Ward 3
Alderman on 199 Summer Street, relative to the
ordinance pertaining to vacant property.

7. Order By Ald. Gewirtz

 That the Commissioner of Public Works report back to
this Board on the timeline for the Willow Avenue bump
out, at the corner of Willow Avenue and Elm Street,
and other traffic improvements on that street.

8. Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board, his communications with Russell Disposal with respect to their violation of city policy regarding rubbish removal near schools.
9. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz
That this Board requests that the Administration provide updates as they become available on the reconstruction of the Davis Square busway and community path and make all information available on the city's website for interested residents.
10. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz
That this Board requests that the Administration update this Board on the streets slated for repaving this spring and the timeline for repaving requests.
11. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works pave Ivaloo, Harrison and Hammond Streets, Carter Terrace and Park Place.
12. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the City Treasurer inform this Board of residents' complaints about the timeliness of their receipt of excise tax bills, and that if the responsibility for the bills' tardiness lies with the City, that the City make restitution to those residents facing fines because their excise tax bills were not received in a timely manner.
13. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Director of Traffic and Parking provide increased enforcement of parking violations on Beacon Street, especially on weekend evenings.
14. Order By Ald. Connolly
That the Collector of Taxes provide this Board with a list of all outstanding water and/or tax liens in excess of \$5,000, sorted in descending order by the oldest lien and largest amount.
15. Order By Ald. Connolly
That the Director of SPCD (ISD) and the Director of Health advise this Board of the number, location and status of all abandoned properties reported within the past two years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16. Citation By Ald. Taylor, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Commending James Powers, who is retiring after 33 years of dedicated service to the city as a Firefighter.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

17. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, March 21, 2011.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$26,074 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to purchase a vehicle for the Police Dept.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$60,183.56 from the Computer Equipment Acct. to the IT Capital Outlay Acct. to purchase a centralized storage area network appliance.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting to accept a \$205,854 CLAMP Grant from MassDOT for the Health Dept.'s Transportation Demand Management project to expand Walk/Ride Day.
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$14,473.50 grant from the MAPC's Regional Bike Parking Program for new bicycle accommodations citywide.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting to accept a \$2,869 grant from Factory Mutual Insurance Company for the Fire Dept.'s Fire Investigation Unit.

18. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board, March 23, 2011.

19. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, March 15, 2011.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting an amendment to the Local Historic District Map to create 3 new Districts (Thurston-Walnut, Pearl, and 9 Brastow) and add 6 properties to these Districts, and to add 5 properties to existing Districts (Central-Atherton-Spring-Summer (CASS), Florence-Myrtle, Flint, and Prospect Hill) (Group D).

- C. Officer's Communication City Solicitor conveying Home Rule Petition language re: #188396, a proposal to amend the City Charter.

20. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, March 22, 2011.
- B. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the City Solicitor Draft an Ordinance to Regulate and Require Permits for Paving on Residential and Commercial Properties.
- C. Officer's Communication City Solicitor responding to #190451 re: Lowell's paving ordinance, and submitting a draft paving ordinance.

21. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, March 21, 2011.
- B. Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol at 47 Harrison Street to prevent individuals from occupying or otherwise using the premises.
- C. Order By Ald. Connolly
That the Director of SPCD initiate a full NIT evaluation at 47 Harrison Street and report the findings to this Board's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 22. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a revised Home Rule Petition authorizing Harris Park to be used and/or disposed of for purposes other than a park or playground.
- 23. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization of the Board of Assessors' use of outside counsel, Attorney John Lynch, to defend values at the Appellate Tax Board.
- 24. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$2,500 grant from the MA Dept. of Public Health for the Fire Dept.'s Mass Decontamination Unit.
- 25. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a donation of a clothes dryer valued at \$418.71 for use by the Animal Control Dept.

- 26. Mayor's Communication Requesting the appointment of David Lyons as Constable.
- 27. Mayor's Communication Requesting the re-appointment of Nathaniel Greene as Constable.
- 28. Mayor's Communication Proclaiming the week of April 4-10, 2011, as National Public Health Week.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 29. Officer's Communication Assistant City Solicitor providing an opinion re: #190578, proposed amendments to the Responsible Employer Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

- 30. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Shape Up Somerville Road Race, High School Concourse and area streets, Apr 10, 9AM-1PM.
- 31. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Tufts Hillel 5k Road Race for Rwanda, Tufts campus and area streets, Apr 10.
- 32. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Unity Church of God and 5 other Churches, Palm Sunday Donkey Walk, College Ave. from Powderhouse Park to Davis Sq., Apr 17, 8:30AM.
- 33. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Early Childhood Advisory Council's One City One Story Walk and Display, Capuano School Pplayground, Central Hill Park, and sidewalks from the Library to the Growing Center, Apr 30-May 29 with walk on May 7.
- 34. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Mayor's Spring Cleanup Barbeque, Nunziato Field, Apr 30 (raindate May 1).
- 35. License/Permit Public Event Permit, M.O.M.'s 5k Road Race and Banners for Cancer Research, 371 Summer St. and area streets, May 8, 7AM-Noon.
- 36. License/Permit Public Event Permit, Road Runners Gobble Gobble Gobble Road Race, Davis Sq. and area streets, Nov 24, 9AM-Noon.
- 37. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Metro PCS, 20-40 Holland St., 1 sign.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 38. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$297,400 grant from MassDevelopment for assessment activities at the former Kiley Barrel Site.

39. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$50,000 grant from the MA Dept. of Environmental Protection for assessment activities at the former Kiley Barrel Site.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$25,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Veterans Benefits Acct. for veterans' benefits.

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk