

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

July 12, 2018, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.  
    (ID # 19097)
  
2. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meetings of May  
    (ID # 19098)        31, 2018 and June 6, 2018, and the Regular Meeting of  
                              June 14, 2018.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation            By Ald. Ballantyne, the Entire Board and the Mayor  
    (ID # 19101)        Commending Barbara Rubel, who is retiring after 45  
                              years as Tufts University's Director of Community  
                              Relations.
  
4. Citation            By Ald. Mbah, the Entire Board and the Mayor  
    (ID # 19102)        Commending Jean Parker, on the auspicious occasion of  
                              her 99th birthday.
  
5. Citation            By Ald. White Jr., the Entire Board and the Mayor  
    (ID # 19103)        Commending Evelyn Battinelli for her outstanding  
                              stewardship of the Somerville Museum for more than 25  
                              years.
  
6. Citation            By Ald. White Jr., the Entire Board and the Mayor  
    (ID # 19105)        Commending Michael O'Connell for his outstanding  
                              accomplishments as Director of Exhibitions at the  
                              Somerville Museum from 1988 to 2017.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

7. Grant of            Submitted by Eversource to install 1,428 feet of multiple  
    Location            conduits in Somerville Ave, Bow St, and Washington St,  
    (ID # 19106)        all in the vicinity of their intersection, as part of the  
                              City's Union Sq infrastructure upgrade.

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

8. Order (ID # 19077) By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne  
That the Director of Parks and Recreation report on how often the public outdoor pools reach capacity and what, if any, pool staffing or policy changes may enable more people to access pools on hot days.
9. Order (ID # 19078) By Ald. Hirsch  
That the Director of Engineering share how pedestrian detours are required for planned street work resulting in sidewalk closures.
10. Order (ID # 19079) By Ald. Hirsch, Clingan  
That the Community Preservation Act Manager share information about how public access agreements get arranged with CPA fund recipients.
11. Communication (ID # 19080) By Ald. Hirsch  
Providing an update on the 2018 Block Party Challenge.
12. Communication (ID # 19081) By Ald. Hirsch  
Providing an update on the Housing Hackathon, now known as the Housing Challenge.
13. Resolution (ID # 19082) By Ald. Niedergang, Davis  
That the Administration and the Director of Communications work with the Somerville Garden Club on their “Pod Patrol: Spread the word...not the weed” educational campaign to control the invasive Black Swallow-wort vine that is spreading rapidly and is harmful to songbirds, monarch butterflies and native plants.
14. Order (ID # 19083) By Ald. McLaughlin, Rossetti  
That the City Solicitor draft a food truck ordinance amendment to permit food trucks with minimal disruption to current businesses.
15. Order (ID # 19084) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the hole in the sidewalk behind Circuit City.
16. Order (ID # 19085) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a blinking STOP sign at the intersection of Aldrich and Gilman Streets.

- 17. Order (ID # 19086) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the pothole at 74-76 Gilman Street.
- 18. Order (ID # 19087) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean up the underpasses beneath I-93, by Kensington Avenue and Mt. Vernon Street.
- 19. Order (ID # 19088) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking move the stop lines at the intersection of Cross and Pearl Streets back, to create more space for buses and large vehicles.
- 20. Order (ID # 19089) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking move the proposed handicapped parking sign at 46 Glen Street 10 inches away from the driveway.
- 21. Order (ID # 19090) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the weeds along the train line fence on Chester Avenue.
- 22. Order (ID # 19091) By Ald. McLaughlin  
That the Director of Engineering place a crosswalk at Grand Union Blvd. and Mystic Avenue.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 23. Communication 206192 By Ald. Niedergang  
Reporting to this Board and submitting a summary report, attached, on the Capital Projects Master Planning Working Group with Ward 5 School Committee Member Laura Pitone.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**24. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE**

- A. Committee Report (ID # 19094) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on July 10, 2018.
- B. Mayor's Request 205521 Requesting the appointment of Vincent Lampley to the position of Deputy Fire Chief.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. Mayor's Request 206097 Requesting the appointment of James Stanford to the position of Deputy Police Chief.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- D. Mayor's Request 206098 Requesting the re-appointment of Andrew Haynes as Constable.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved

25. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 19095) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on July 10, 2018.
- B. Order 205260 By Ald. White Jr.  
That the Director of Finance update this Board's Finance Committee, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on the mid-year status of the city budget.  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- C. Resolution 205477 By Ald. Ballantyne  
That the Administration report to this Board when the city will receive payment installments from Federal Realty Investment Trust relevant to the affordable housing waiver.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Officer's Communication 205727 Director of Water and Sewer submitting proposed water and sewer rates for FY19.  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- E. Officer's Communication 205728 Director of Water and Sewer submitting proposed fire suppression charges for FY19.  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- F. Order 205929 By Ald. Ewen-Campen  
That the Director of Water and Sewer and the Director of Finance include in their upcoming presentation of the proposed Fire Suppression Charge, the fiscal impacts of an owner-occupant exemption, as well as the per-household cost if the fee was evenly split among all households.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Mayor's Request 205951 Requesting a transfer of \$30,000 from the School Custodian Salary Account to the Electrical OT Labor Account to provide sufficient overtime funding for the Electrical Department.  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- H. Mayor's Request 206275 Requesting the appropriation of \$60,000 from the Boynton Yards Stabilization Fund for engineering and design work.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- I. Mayor's Request 206280 Requesting approval to enter into a net-metering agreement with Sunwealth.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- J. Mayor's Request 206281 Requesting approval to enter into a tax agreement with Sunwealth for a solar energy system at 1 Maxwells Green.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- K. Mayor's Request 206282 Requesting acceptance of a \$350,000 grant that requires an in-kind match to the Office of Sustainability and Environment from the MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs for stormwater system modeling and climate change planning.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- L. Mayor's Request 206283 Requesting acceptance of an \$11,000 grant with no new match required, from the Cambridge Public Health Department to the Health and Human Services Department for participation in the regional prevention collaborative grant.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved

26. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 19093) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on July 9, 2018.
- B. Resolution 205201 By Ald. Scott, Davis, Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board  
That the Administration work with US2 to amend the Development Covenant to allow this Board to recognize a Neighborhood Council to negotiate a CBA and discuss the amendment with this Board prior to execution.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Resolution 205483 By Ald. Davis  
That the Administration vigorously renegotiate the Development Covenant with U2, consistent with the request of this Board and without additional material provisions that favor US2.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Resolution 205484 By Ald. Rossetti  
That the Administration draft an ordinance to designate a Neighborhood Council as soon as possible.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Public Communication 206293 Submitting the Union Square Neighborhood Council's application for designation as the negotiating entity for a Community Benefits Agreement for the Union Square neighborhood.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved

27. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 19096) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on July 11, 2018.

- B. Order 205007 By Ald. Rossetti, Mbah, Scott  
That the City Clerk confer with the City Solicitor on a policy to review prior infractions for any business applying to renew a license.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. License/Permit 205545 New Extended Operating Hours License, Venus Pizza and Grill, 1293 Broadway, remaining open nightly to 2:30AM for delivery service only.  
RECOMMENDED: Not Approved
- D. Order 205717 By Ald. Rossetti  
That the Chief Fire Engineer inform the Committee on Licenses and Permits how the Fire Prevention Bureau reviews applications and issues licenses for the storage of flammables.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. License/Permit 206128 New Garage License, ONF Auto Body, 627 Somerville Ave, 33 vehicles inside, none outside, for mechanical repairs, auto body, spray painting, storing vehicles.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- F. License/Permit 206129 New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Web Motor Sales, 5 Middlesex Ave, no vehicles stored onsite.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved

**28. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE**

- A. Committee Report (ID # 19092) Report of the Committee on Youth Services, meeting on July 2, 2018.
- B. Order 205358 By Ald. Hirsch, Clingan, Davis  
That the Director of Health and Human Services share a draft plan, organizational chart and budget for the formation of an Out-of-School-Time Division, to coordinate across city departments and nonprofit and volunteer-run organizations.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 205442 By Ald. Hirsch, Clingan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Health and Human Services share an update on options and plans for municipal and school building usage for summer youth programs, including any capacity challenges for this summer.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 29. Mayor's Request (ID # 19072) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$47,940 to the DPW School Custodians Salaries Account to fund a Jr. Custodian position.

30. Mayor's Request (ID # 19071) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$34,000 to the Parks and Recreation Budget Ordinary Maintenance Fee Account to fund a license payment for the DCR Boathouse.
31. Mayor's Request (ID # 19073) Requesting approval to appropriate \$250,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase of IT computer equipment.
32. Mayor's Request (ID # 19075) Requesting approval to appropriate \$200,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase of Firefighter Protective Bunker Gear.
33. Mayor's Request (ID # 19070) Requesting approval to appropriate \$196,760 from the Parks Stabilization Fund to fund Conway Park remediation.
34. Mayor's Request (ID # 19074) Requesting approval to appropriate \$150,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for tree planting.
35. Mayor's Request (ID # 19100) Requesting approval to appropriate \$35,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for Nibble kitchen equipment.
36. Mayor's Request (ID # 18808) Requesting acceptance of a \$38,000 grant that requires a match, from the Harvard Graduate School of Education to the Health & Human Services Department for a student residency from July 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019.
37. Mayor's Request (ID # 19048) Requesting acceptance of a \$3,000 grant with no new match required, from the Somerville Housing Authority to the Arts Council for support of the Mystic Mural program.
38. Mayor's Request (ID # 19036) Requesting the re-appointment of John McKenna to the Licensing Commission.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

39. Officer's Communication (ID # 19037) Traffic and Parking Director responding to Items from this Board's 6/14/18 meeting.
40. Officer's Communication (ID # 19002) Traffic and Parking Director responding to Items from this Board's 5/24/18 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 41. License/Permit (ID # 19107) Public Event License, Belmont St-Spring Hill Terrace Block Party, from Summer St to Highland Ave, Jul 26, 5-9:30PM (raindates Jul 27,28).
- 42. License/Permit (ID # 19108) Public Event License, ESMS Movie Nights in the Park, Chuckie Harris Park, Jul 27, Aug 31, Sep 28, 5-11PM (raindates Jul 28, Sep 1, Sep 29).
- 43. License/Permit (ID # 19109) Public Event License, 7ate9 Bakery National Cheesecake Day, 199 Highland Ave, Jul 28, 8AM-6PM (raindate Jul 29).
- 44. License/Permit (ID # 19110) Public Event License, Ivaloo St Block Party, from Harrison St to Park St, Jul 28, Noon-5PM (raindate Jul 29).
- 45. License/Permit (ID # 19111) Public Event License, Bolton-Houghton-Oak Sts Block Party, Oak St from Houghton St to Bolton St, Jul 28, 1-7PM (raindate Jul 29).
- 46. License/Permit (ID # 19112) Public Event License, Newbury St Block Party, Jul 29, 11AM-9PM (raindate Aug 5).
- 47. License/Permit (ID # 19113) Public Event License, Hudson St Block Party, in the vicinity of 140 Hudson St only, Aug 1, 5:30PM-8:30PM (raindate Aug 8).
- 48. License/Permit (ID # 19114) Public Event License, Bow St Place Block Party, Aug 4, 3-7PM (raindate Aug 11).
- 49. License/Permit (ID # 19115) Public Event License, The Burren's Keep it Country Music Festival, Grove St Parking Lot, Aug 5, 8AM-10PM (raindate Aug 12).
- 50. License/Permit (ID # 19116) Public Event License, Lexington St Block Party, Aug 5, 3:30-8PM (raindate Aug 19).
- 51. License/Permit (ID # 19117) Public Event License, Parkdale-Lewis Sts Block Party, Parkdale St and Dead End of Lewis St, Aug 12, 5-10PM (raindate Aug 19).
- 52. License/Permit (ID # 19118) Public Event License, Waldo-Dimick-Marion Block Party, Waldo Ave and Dimick St from Calvin St to Marion St, Aug 18, 7AM-6PM (raindate Aug 19).



- 53. License/Permit (ID # 19119) Public Event License, Pembroke Ct Block Party, Aug 19, 1-7PM (raindate Aug 26).
- 54. License/Permit (ID # 19120) Public Event License, Teen Empowerment Block Party, Cross St East and Chuckie Harris Park, Aug 22, 11AM-6PM (raindate Aug 23).
- 55. License/Permit (ID # 19121) Public Event License, Grand View Ave Block Party, Sep 8, 2-8:30PM (raindates Sep 7 3:30-8:30PM, Sep 9 3:30-8:30PM).
- 56. License/Permit (ID # 19122) Public Event License, Race to the Row, Assembly Row area, Aug 26, 7AM-2PM.
- 57. License/Permit (ID # 19123) Public Event License, Brastow Ave Block Party, Sep 8, Noon-10PM (raindate Sep 9).
- 58. License/Permit (ID # 19124) Public Event License, Bartlett-Adams Sts Block Party, Bartlett St from Broadway to Medford St, Sep 9, 11AM-5PM (raindate Sep 16).
- 59. License/Permit (ID # 19125) Public Event License, Society of Cosmas and Damian Procession, Rossmore-Mansfield-Medford-South-Harding Sts area, Sep 9, 3-5PM (raindate Sep 10).
- 60. License/Permit (ID # 19126) Public Event License, Somerville Overcoming Addiction Vigil, Trum Field Bandstand, Sep 12, 4-9PM.
- 61. License/Permit (ID # 19127) Public Event License, Hudson St Block Party, from Waldo St to Central St, Sep 15, 3-7PM (raindate Sep 16).
- 62. License/Permit (ID # 19128) Public Event License, ESMS Halloween Block Party, Chuckie Harris Park, Oct 27, Noon-8PM (raindate Oct 28).
- 63. License/Permit (ID # 19129) New Drainlayer's License, Galway Excavation.
- 64. License/Permit (ID # 19130) New Drainlayer's License, Hercules C & G Drain.
- 65. License/Permit (ID # 19131) Renewing Flammables License, Shield Broadway, 620 Broadway.
- 66. License/Permit (ID # 19132) Renewing Garage License, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor Pl.

- 67. License/Permit (ID # 19133) Renewing Garage License, Mike's Auto Services, 6 Beach Ave.
- 68. License/Permit (ID # 19134) Renewing Garage License, A Plus Autobody, 295 Medford St.
- 69. Public Communication (ID # 19135) MA Attorney General closing the record re: #205402, an Open Meeting Law complaint filed against this Board by Sgt. Michael Kiely on 3/16/18.
- 70. Public Communication (ID # 19136) MA Attorney General closing the record re: #205661, an Open Meeting Law complaint filed against this Board by Sgt. Michael Kiely on 4/6/18.
- 71. Public Communication (ID # 19137) Matt Griesbach submitting comments re: #204954, a Home Rule Petition for a Real Estate Transfer Fee.
- 72. Public Communication (ID # 19138) 4 businesses submitting comments re: #205858, the Chef Grill Mobile Food Vendor operating on Grand Union Blvd.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

- 73. Resolution (ID # 19139) By Ald. Niedergang  
That the City observe a moratorium on all National Grid new and replacement gas line work until National Grid puts their qualified employees back to work.
- 74. Order (ID # 19140) By Ald. Niedergang, Ewen-Campen  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking temporarily deploy pop-up caution signs to protect pedestrians at intersections where there were crosswalks on Lowell Street, as there are currently no street markings following the repaving of the street.
- 75. Order (ID # 19141) By Ald. Ewen-Campen  
That the Administration present this Board with legal options for granting non-citizen residents the right to vote in local elections.
- 76. Order (ID # 19142) By Ald. Ewen-Campen  
That the Director of SPCD immediately explore both short- and long-term strategies to increase pedestrian accessibility to the Central Library, particularly for seniors and others with mobility concerns.

77. Resolution By Ald. Hirsch  
(ID # 19143) That the Administration strongly encourage the MBTA to develop a fare structure that discounts fares based on income.
78. Resolution By Ald. Hirsch  
(ID # 19144) That the Administration pilot a local transit discount, such as through a City services pass.
79. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$180,000 from the  
(ID # 19099) Capital Stabilization Fund for the Central Hill Campus Plan.
80. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Alan Bingham as a  
(ID # 19104) Member of the Historic Preservation Commission.
81. Officer's Director of Engineering submitting a Staff Memorandum  
Communication on reviewing National Grid permits during the lockout.  
(ID # 19148)

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**