

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 2011, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Walter F. Pero	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Sean T. O'Donovan	Ward Five Alderman	Absent	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. #190895 Call of the Roll.
Roll Call

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. #190896 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 27, 2011.
Minutes

RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

3. #190897 By Ald. Heuston, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Citation Commending Mark Wall, who is retiring after 42 years of dedicated service to the city in the Fire Dept.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. #190898 By Ald. Roche, Heuston, and the Entire Board and the Mayor
Citation Commending Carol Antonelli, who is leaving after 33 years of dedicated service to the city in the DPW.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. #190899 Grant of Location submitted by NStar Electric, to install 28 ft. of conduit in Grant of Location Thurston St. and relocate lamppost 158.

RESULT: APPROVED

Ald. Roche recused.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. #190900 Resolution By Ald. Roche, Sullivan
That this Board requests that the Dedication Commission name the corner of Walnut and Wellington Streets in memory of WWII veteran Daniel Foley Jr.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. #190901 Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, Taylor
That this Board supports An Act Investing in Our Communities, legislation that will allow the Commonwealth to invest in our community and make the tax system more fair and equitable.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. #190902 Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Board an update on the Somerville Ave. reconstruction project including a timeline for the final punch list, acceptance from the State, signage and parking meters.

RESULT: APPROVED

9. #190903 Resolution By Ald. Heuston
That this Board supports City participation in the Boston Tree Party with a Ward 2 neighborhood delegation planting 2 fruit trees at Concord Square/Placa Portuguese.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. #190904 Resolution By Ald. Heuston
That this Board urges Congress to maintain full funding for the CDBG program, the reduction of which would devastate local services and severely impact projects designed to improve life in Somerville.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. #190905 Order By Ald. Taylor, Sullivan
That the Chief of Police coordinate with the Housing Authority Police to enforce "Resident & Visitor Only" parking at 114 Highland Avenue, 252 Medford Street and 13 Warren Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Senior Services Committee

12. #190906 Order By Ald. Taylor
That the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate the intersection of Washington Street and McGrath Highway for pedestrian safety and initiate any warranted corrective measures to address safety issues.

RESULT: APPROVED

13. #190907 Order By Ald. Trane
That the Commissioner of Public Works make inquires on the purchase or lease of a snow melting machine and report back to the chair of Environment and Energy with cost projections.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Environment and Energy Special Committee

14. #190908 Order By Ald. Trane
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the cost to haul snow to snow farms, and the number of trucks and operating hours used so far this winter.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Environment and Energy Special Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. #188396 Mayor's Communication Requesting Approval of a Home Rule Petition to Amend the City Charter to Bring it into Conformity with Current State Law and Streamline Enactment of Administrative Matters.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

16. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. #190909 Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, February 16, Committee Report 2011.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #190863 Requesting the Appointment of David Fallon to the Position of Police
Mayor's Request Captain.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. #190864 Requesting the Appointment of William Rymill to the Position of Police
Mayor's Request Lieutenant.

RESULT: APPROVED

- D. #190865 Requesting the Appointment of Michael Mulcahy to the Position of Police
Mayor's Request Lieutenant.

RESULT: APPROVED

- E. #190866 Requesting the Appointment of Gerald Reardon to the Position of Police
Mayor's Request Lieutenant.

RESULT: APPROVED

- F. #190867 Requesting the Appointment of David Monte to the Position of Police
Mayor's Request Sergeant.

RESULT: APPROVED

- G. #190868 Requesting the Appointment of Jeffrey DiGregorio to the Position of Police
Mayor's Request Sergeant.

RESULT: APPROVED

- H. #190869 Requesting the Appointment of Richard Lavey to the Position of Police
Mayor's Request Sergeant.

RESULT: APPROVED

- I. #190870 Requesting the Appointment of Warren Chaille to the Position of Police
Mayor's Request Sergeant.

RESULT: APPROVED

- J. #190871 Request the appointment of Devin Schneider to the position of Permanent
Mayor's Request Police Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED

- K. #190872 Request the appointment of Joseph Teves to the position of Permanent Police
Mayor's Request Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED

- L. #190873 Request the appointment of Gravin Guillen to the position of Permanent
Mayor's Request Police Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED

- M. #190874 Request the appointment of Mark Nevin to the position of Permanent Police
Mayor's Request Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED

- N. #190875 Request the appointment of Christopher Collette to the position of Permanent
Mayor's Request Police Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED

- O. #190876 Request the appointment of Michael Perrone to the position of Permanent
Mayor's Request Police Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED

- P. #190877 Request the appointment of Ashley Catato to the position of Permanent
Mayor's Request Police Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED

- Q. #190878 Request the appointment of Jason Costa to the position of Permanent Police
Mayor's Request Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED

- R. #190879 Request the appointment of Naza Haynes to the position of Permanent Police
Mayor's Request Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED

- S. #190880 Request the appointment of Michael McCarey to the position of Permanent
Mayor's Request Police Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED

- T. #190881 Request the appointment of Daniel Bourque to the position of Permanent
Mayor's Request Police Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED

- U. #190886 Requesting the appointment of Patrick Sullivan to the position of Deputy Fire
Mayor's Request Chief.

RESULT: APPROVED

- V. #190887 Requesting the appointment of Matthew Wall to the position of Fire Captain.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

- W. #190888 Requesting the appointment of Elliot Kerner to the position of Fire
Mayor's Request Lieutenant.

RESULT: APPROVED

- X. #190889 Requesting the appointment of Patrick Keane to the position of Fire
Mayor's Request Lieutenant.

RESULT: APPROVED

- Y. #190890 Requesting the appointment of Charles Richardson to the position of Fire
Mayor's Request Lieutenant.

RESULT: APPROVED

- Z. #190891 Requesting the appointment of Blanca Alcaraz to the Position of Fire
Mayor's Request Lieutenant.

RESULT: APPROVED

17. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. #190910 Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, February 23,
Committee Report 2011.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #190785 Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Browne as Constable.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. #190786 Requesting the re-appointment of Robert Sweeney as Constable.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

- D. #190787 Requesting the re-appointment of James DiFraia as Constable.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

- E. #190788 Requesting the re-appointment of Timothy McGonigal as Constable.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

- F. #190789 Requesting the re-appointment of Matthew Derany as Constable.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

- G. #190802 Requesting the Appointment of John E. Hultgren to the Conservation
Mayor's Request Commission

RESULT: APPROVED

- H. #190832 Requesting the appointment of Alan Bingham to the Historic Preservation
Mayor's Request Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

- I. #190833 Requesting the appointment of Natasha Burger to the Historic Preservation
Mayor's Request Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

- J. #190834 Requesting the appointment of Kelly Speakman to the Historic Preservation
Mayor's Request Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

- K. #190835 Requesting the appointment of Todd Zinn to the Historic Preservation
Mayor's Request Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

- L. #190882 Requesting the Appointment of Nia DeYounge to the Arts Council.
Mayor's Request

RESULT: APPROVED

18. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #190911 Report of the Committee on Finance, February 22, 2011.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #190892 Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$15,000 from Karl and Hannah
Mayor's Request Voskuil to the Public Library.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

Amended to note that the donation was a gift, not a grant.

19. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. #190912 Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters meeting as a Committee of
Committee Report the Whole, February 17, 2011.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #190913 By Ald. Roche
Order That the City Solicitor appear before this Board's Committee on Legislative
Matters to discuss whether KSS has breached its covenant with the city, and
if so, to take action to revoke their permits.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

20. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. #190914 Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, February 22, 2011.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

21. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. #190915 Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, February 16, 2011.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #190462 Renewing Garage License, Louis Frank Motorcars LLC, 99 Albion St. #1,
License/Permit Storing Unregistered Autos Only, 3 Autos Inside.

22. WITHDRAWN

23. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. #190916 Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, February 23, 2011.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

- #190751 By Ald. Roche, Heuston
Order That the Director of Recreation explain to this Board the parking policy
around the Somerville Avenue Skating Rink, specifically why parking is
prohibited at the rear of the rink.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- #190756 By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan
Order That the Director of Recreation re-schedule the public skating hours to what
they've been in previous years.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

24. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

- A. #190917 Report of the Committee on Youth Services, February 23, 2011.
Committee Report

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #190751 By Ald. Roche, Heuston
Order That the Director of Recreation explain to this Board the parking policy
around the Somerville Avenue Skating Rink, specifically why parking is
prohibited at the rear of the rink.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. #190756 Order By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan That the Director of Recreation re-schedule the public skating hours to what they've been in previous years.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

25. #190918 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$20,000 grant from the MA Cultural Council for the Arts Council's ArtsUnion programming.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

26. #190919 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$12,213 grant from the Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Initiative for Police Dept. anti-gang activities.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

27. #190920 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$4,400 grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Police Dept.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

28. #190921 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$1,000 grant from America's Promise Alliance, to conduct a local celebration.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

29. #190922 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of William Hallinan to the position of Deputy Fire Chief.

RESULT: APPROVED

30. #190923 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Frank Lee to the Position of District Fire Chief.

RESULT: APPROVED

31. #190924 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Antonio Cicolini to the position of Permanent Firefighter.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

32. #190925 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Christopher Carroll to the position of Permanent Firefighter.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

33. #190926 Mayor's Request Request the appointment of Justin Bonner to the position of Permanent Firefighter.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

34. #190927 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Daniel Costa to the position of Permanent Firefighter.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

35. #190928 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Brendan Noonan to the position of Permanent Firefighter.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

36. #190929 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Andrew Patriquin to the position of Permanent Firefighter.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

37. #190930 Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Dennis Sullivan to the position of Permanent Firefighter.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

38. #190931 Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Santangelo as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

39. #190932 Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking conveying an update on the I-93 Bridge Replacement Program.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

40. #190933 Officer's Communication Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

NEW BUSINESS

41. #190934 License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Au Bon Pain, 118 Holland St., 34 tables, 68 chairs.

RESULT: APPROVED

42. #190935 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, H & F Motors, 486 Columbia St., 5 autos inside, 1 outside.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

43. #190936 License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Motorsports Inc., 486R Columbia St., 3 autos inside, 5 outside.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

44. #190937 Order By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the lights on the west side of Albion Park.

RESULT: APPROVED

45. #190938 Order By Ald. Desmond, Taylor
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sinking sewer at the corner of Summer and Craigie Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

46. #190939 Communication By Ald. Gewirtz
Conveying, as President, the re-appointment of Brian Postlewaite to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

47. #190940 Communication By Ald. Gewirtz
Conveying, as President, the re-appointment of Aldermen Sullivan and Taylor to the Multicultural Affairs Commission.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

48. #190941 Communication By Ald. Gewirtz
Conveying, as President, the re-appointment of Ald. Gewirtz to the Affordable Housing Trust.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

49. #190942 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an extension of the Homeland Security Grant Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Boston to December 31, 2012.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

50. #190943 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Hult International Business School Red Cross Run, Shore Drive area, April 10, 10AM.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Conditions: Approved once all departmental approvals are obtained.

51. #190944 License/Permit Public Event Permit, Mission Church of Christ Walk for the Cause 10K Walk-a-Thon, 130 Highland Ave. area, May 21, 9:30AM.

RESULT: APPROVED

52. #190945 License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, SGT Excavation Inc.

RESULT: APPROVED

53. #190946 License/Permit New Garage License, Triumvirate Environmental Inc., 191 Inner Belt Rd., Mechanical repairs, spray painting, washing and storing vehicles, M-F 4A-4P, Sa 6A-4P, 2 autos inside, 35 outside.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

LATE ITEMS

54. #190348 Mayor's Request Requesting approval to establish a Private-Purpose Trust Fund for the activities of the SomerPromise Program.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED BY ROLL CA [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston, Taylor, Pero, Gewirtz

ABSENT: Sean T. O'Donovan, Robert C. Trane

Discharged from the Committee on Finance.

AMENDED:

- At Article 2, included service to all Somerville children 0-18 years old.
- At Article 3, incorporated an Alderman on the Board of Trustees.
- At Article 13, amended the mechanism for termination of the Trust.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk