## City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting

## **REGULAR MEETING**

March 13, 2003, 7:00 PM Aldermanic Chambers \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

|    |          | FUBLIC HEARINGS   |
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| 1. | Petition | MWRA for a grant of location to install two meter cabinets, eight air vents, and one below ground revenue meter and piping at locations throughout the City.                                      |
| 2. | Petition | Sunoco Inc. for a grant of location to install up to three monitoring wells in the sidewalk at 541, 549, and 555 Broadway.  |
| 3. | Petition | NStar Electric for a grant of location to install 41 feet of 3 inch PVC conduit in Pearl St. at Pinckney St.  |
| 4. | Petition | NStar Electric for a grant of location to relocate pole #134/19 on Franklin St.   |
|    |          | ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS  |
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| 5. | Citation | By Ald. O'Donovan and the Entire Board, Commending Crossing Guard Clara Moss on her heroism, protecting children from being stuck by a vehicle while crossing Highland Ave. on February 14, 2003. |
| 6. | Citation | By Ald. Taylor and the Entire Board, Honoring Civitina Bombino on the happy occasion of her 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday.  |
| 7. | Citation | By Ald. Heuston and the Entire Board, Commending Sondra Madison for 16 years of dedicated service to the youth of Somerville working at the Boys and Girls Club of Middlesex County.              |
| 8. | Order    | By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the section of sidewalk between the corner of Bonner Ave. and 20 Columbus Ave. on the even side.                          |
| 9. | Order    | By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the hot patch at the corner of Greenville St. and Greenville Terrace with a concrete patch.   |

10. Order

By Ald. Roche, That the City Solicitor inform this Board whether vendors who consistently drop flyers at doorsteps to solicit business, with the result of those flyers ending up in the street, are in violation of Ordinance 12-4, and if so, which city department is responsible for enforcement.

11. Order

By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing ONE WAY sign on Minnesota Ave. at Broadway.

12. Order

By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the items described on the attached list from the City's streets ASAP.

13. Order

By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police address the gang issue with policies that coordinate a full time gang unit with community policing and a plan to address the upcoming warm weather gang activity, and report back to the Ward One Alderman ASAP.

14. Order

By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works, the Superintendent of Inspectional Services, the Chief of Police and the Director of Public Health jointly inform Stop & Shop officials that all businesses in the former Somerville Lumber site are to cease and desist their operations until they go through proper hearings to obtain any and all necessary permits.

15. Order

By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works, the Superintendent of Inspectional Services, the Chief of Police and the Director of Public Health jointly inform Assembly Square Limited Partnership to clean up the Assembly Sq. Mall area by removing all unregistered and/or abandoned vehicles and campers, removing all discarded appliances and trash, and corralling and returning shopping carts to K-mart or Building 19.

16. Order

By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works have a Ward One 'Pothole Patrol' patching all potholes in the ward, paying special attention to Pennsylvania Ave. and Wheeler, Mt Vernon, Bonair, Gilman, Glen, Morton and Otis Sts.

17. Order

By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Housing and Community Development coordinate, with the MBTA, the repair of the Bus Shelter across from Cobble Hill that has been smashed, and that the Commissioner of Public Works remove the glass that resulted from the breakage.

18. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines inspect the utility pole at 10 Florence St. to determine if it poses a public safety hazard. 19. Resolution By Ald. Roche, O'Donovan and the Entire Board, That this Board of Aldermen hereby congratulates the entire School Committee, School Administration, teachers and students of the Class of 2003, as you all share in ensuring that Somerville Schools 'Lead the Way' for the remarkable increase in the MCAS tests with a 98% passing rate. 20. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the large tree branch that has fallen on Edgar Ave. near Edgar Terrace. Order 21. By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing parking sign between 123 Temple St. and Mystic Ave. 22. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the speed sign at the corner of Tennyson and Medford Sts. 23. By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Order Public Works remove the trash and debris on Sewall St. at the corner of Grant St. By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of 24. Order Public Works inform the MBTA that their bus stop sign and pole is lying on the sidewalk at 530 Mystic Ave. 25. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes at 37 Bailey Rd., 100 Gov. Winthrop Rd., 63 Fremont St., 38 Marshall St., 29 Radcliffe Rd., and 236 Pearl St. 26. Resolution By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Dedication Committee consider a Square Dedication honoring Thomas Daniel Latanowich, a Ward Four resident who was killed in action on June 20, 1968 while serving his country as a United States Marine in Viet Nam. 27. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works pick up the magazines and papers that have been in front of 71 Thurston St. for several days. 28. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the area on Holts Ave. behind Oak St. for all violations including possible abandoned and illegally

parked cars.

| 29. | Order      | By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole on Somerville Ave. in front of the Burger King.  |
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| 30. | Order      | By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor advise this Board on the feasibility of adding an "Impact Fee" to building permits for the purpose of funding a city-wide sewer separation system.  |
| 31. | Order      | By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 104 Prospect St. as it presents a serious hazard to pedestrian safety.   |
| 32. | Order      | By Ald. Trane, That the Superintendent of Light and lines repair the street light at 13 Cameron Ave.   |
| 33. | Order      | By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at Curtis St. and Professors Row.  |
| 34. | Order      | By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols to Curtis St. (2 <sup>nd</sup> request.)  |
| 35. | Order      | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking conduct a study on the Boston Ave./Broadway intersection, particularly analyzing the Boston Ave. traffic and right-of-way issue.   |
| 36. | Resolution | By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board of Aldermen requests that the Administration take steps to allow the Traffic and Parking Dept. to open until 7:00 PM on Wednesdays, to allow working people an opportunity to receive proper service. |
| 37. | Order      | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Public Health and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services investigate the Sunoco gas station located at 541 Broadway for code violations and report back to the Ward Five Alderman.          |
| 38. | Order      | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works appear before this Board to explain his plan to fill or repave the numerous potholes throughout the city.   |
| 39. | Order      | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol of Lexington Park and its bike path area, and report back to the Ward Five Alderman.   |
| 40. | Order      | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police place a speed board on Cedar St. at the bridge, to reduce excessive speed.   |
| 41. | Order      | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Alpine St.   |

42. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair ASAP the potholes at 70 Winslow Ave. and at the intersection of Winslow Ave. and Grove. St. 43. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 39 Powderhouse Terrace and Liberty Ave., ASAP, due to its overhanging branches impeding the public way. 44. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines notify the electric utility company to repair or replace the light fixtures on College Ave. opposite Professors Row, and to inspect all light fixtures between Dearborn Rd. and the Powderhouse rotary. 45. Resolution By Ald. Connolly and the Entire Board, That this Board of Aldermen hereby commends Mr. Jerry Carvalho for his many years of diligent service to the Somerville Police Auxiliary. 46. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the damaged sign poles and replace the missing sign poles along New Rd. adjacent to Home Depot. 47. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the faded NO PARKING sign in front of Dunkin Donuts on Broadway at the intersection of Edmond St. 48. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the bent parking sign pole on Broadway at the corner of Garfield St. 49. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes at Pearl St. in the crosswalk at the intersection of Glen St. near the gate box and in the area of 2 Mt. Vernon St. 50. Order By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing ONE WAY sign on Quincy St. at the intersection of Somerville Ave. 51. Order By Ald. Desmond, Heuston and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking remove the sign stem sticking out of the sidewalk on Central St. across from the corner of Monmouth St. 52. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify the appropriate agency to remove the graffitied glass panels on the bus shelter located on Highland Ave. at the intersection of Medford St.

53. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Greenville St. at the intersection of Boston St., on Montrose St. near the intersection of School St., and in front of both 216 and 220 Summer St. 54. By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan and Taylor, That the Order Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Porter St. at the intersection of Highland Ave. and on Porter St. at the intersection of Carver St. 55. Order By Ald. Desmond and McCallum, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the "Walk" signal light on Broadway at the crosswalk in front of Palmer Video across from School St. (2<sup>nd</sup> request.) 56. Order By Ald. Desmond and McCallum, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Richdale Ave. near the intersection of School St. and in front of 72 Derby St. 57. By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner Order of Public Works repair the potholes in front of both 51 and 103 Hudson St. 58. By Ald. Desmond and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Order Public Works repair the numerous potholes along Chester St. up to the Cambridge line and on Highland Ave. at the intersection of Willow Ave. near and around the gate box. UNFINISHED BUSINESS None COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR Requesting approval of the City's five year consolidated 59. plan and one year action plan for HUD's CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs totaling \$7,673,059. Requesting adoption of an ordinance to resolve a conflict 60. regarding the number and term of Zoning Board of Appeals associate members.

Requesting adoption of an ordinance banning fireworks,

Requesting confirmation of appointment for Wendy Irvine

of 22 Claremon St. to the Commission for Women.

firecrackers and pyrotechnics.

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| 63. | Requesting confirmation of appointment for Andrea Ranger of 14 Warner St. to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change. |
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| 64. | Requesting confirmation of re-appointment for Bhupesh Patel of 7 Cedar St. to the Bicycle Committee.                          |
| 65. | Requesting confirmation of re-appointment of James Gallagher of 43 Spencer St. to the Bicycle Committee.                      |
| 66. | Requesting confirmation of re-appointment of Ron<br>Newman of 18 Day St. to the Bicycle Committee.                            |
|     | REPORTS OF COMMITTEES   |
| 67. | Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, Mar. 4.  |
| 68. | Report of the Committee of the Whole on Finance, Mar. 4.  |
| 69. | Report of the Committee of the Whole on Finance, Mar. 4.  |
| 70. | Report of the Committee on Finance, Mar. 12.  |
| 71. | Report of the Joint Committee on Legislative Matters and Finance, Mar. 12.  |
| 72. | Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Mar. 12.  |
| 73. | Report of the Committee on Youth Services, Mar. 13.   |
|     | COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS   |
| 74. | City Solicitor conveying a draft Home Rule Petition for the Appointment of Special Police Officers.                           |
| 75. | City Solicitor responding to #173242 re: Enforcement of the snow removal ordinance.   |
| 76. | City Solicitor responding to #173386 re: Reimbursement of city employees for the use of their personal vehicles.              |
| 77. | Commissioner of Public Works providing an update on the Lowell Street Bridge reconstruction project.                          |
| 78. | Board of Library Trustees conveying a pay issue with respect to the Library's Assistant Director.                             |
| 79. | Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #173406 re:<br>Tow companies helping during snow emergencies.                   |

| 80. |              | Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #173304 re:<br>Signage at Mystic Ave. and Temple St.   |
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| 81. |              | Director of Traffic and Parking requesting clarification with regard to #173377 re: enforcement procedures.  |
| 82. |              | Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #173382 re:<br>Parking resident-sticker vehicles for more than 48 hrs.   |
| 83. |              | Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #173407 re:<br>The issuance of snow emergency citations and vehicles<br>towed during snow emergencies this year. |
| 84. |              | Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #173272 re:<br>Changing a portion of Heath St. to one-way.   |
| 85. |              | Human Rights Commission conveying a letter submitted to the Somerville Journal re: Gang ordinances.  |
|     |              | NEW BUSINESS   |
| 86. | Public Occ.  | Public Property Occupancy Permit Canning for Eye Research, corner of McGrath Hwy. and Broadway, May 3 from 9:30AM-3:00PM.                                      |
| 87. | Public Occ.  | Annual Ecumenical Palm Sunday Parade, beginning at Powderhouse Park, April 13 from 9:00-10:00AM.   |
| 88. | Public Occ.  | Lost Theatres of Somerville Exhibit, Westwood Rd., March 29 from 6:00-8:00PM.  |
| 89. | Public Occ.  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual David P. Brundage Memorial Road Race, Davis Sq., June 1 from 10:00AM-Noon.  |
| 90. | Public Occ.  | Banner for the 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual David P. Brundage Memorial Road Race, Davis Sq., 14 days prior to June 1.  |
| 91. | Used Car Lic | Renewal of Second Hand Auto License, Class 2 Mingle Ignition dba Gerald Chaille, 28 Marshall St.   |
| 92. | Awing        | Permit for Awning over a Public Way Namaskar Fine Indian Cuisine, 236 Elm St.  |
| 93. | Garage Lic.  | Renewal of Garage License Reilly's Garage, 63 Washington St., 8 Autos.   |
| 94. | Garage Lic.  | Barnes and Walsh Company A.B., 224-226 Somerville Ave., 20 Autos.  |
| 95. | Garage Lic.  | Roma Baking Co. Inc., 11 Rossmore St., 10 Autos.   |

- 96. Garage Lic. Charles W. Henricksen, 22-24 Clarendon Ave., 4 Autos.
- 97. Garage Lic. Anthony V. Smith Jr., 66 Craigie St., 6 Autos.
- 98. Garage Lic. Leins Auto Repairs, 69-71 Bow St., 10 Autos.
- 99. Garage Lic. M. Korsen & Co. Inc., 91 Washington St., 12 Autos.
- 100. Garage Lic. J.R. Fennell LP, 92-94 Prospect St., 90 Autos.
- 101. Garage Lic. Century Tire Co. Inc., 263-269 Beacon St., 10 Autos.
- 102. Garage Lic. A&M Foreign Motors Inc., 181 McGrath Hwy, 20 Autos.
- 103. Garage Lic. Hillside Jaguar Inc., 45-49 Mystic Ave., 10 Autos.
- 104. Garage Lic. Yellow Automotive Inc., 28 Marshall St., 12 Autos.
- 105. Garage Lic. Angelo Roberto, 80 Lowell St., 7 Autos.
- 106. Garage Lic. 104 Line Street Realty Trust Joao Alves, 104 Line St., 4 Autos.
- 107. Garage Lic. All Rite Auto Inc, 38-42 Medford St., 10 Autos.
- 108. Garage Lic. Joy St. Auto Sales & Ser. Inc., 12-16 Joy St., 6 Autos.
- 109. Garage Lic. Fellsway Auto Repair Co., 693 McGrath Hwy., 15 Autos.
- 110. Garage Lic. Modern Floors Inc., 22 Marshall St., 12 Autos.
- 111. Garage Lic. Constance F. Lauro, 101 Alpine St., 5 Autos.
- 112. Garage Lic. Pat's Auto Body Inc., 13-19 Joy St., 42 Autos.
- 113. Garage Lic. Pat's Auto Body Inc., 161 Linwood St., 50 Autos.
- 114. Garage Lic. Faulnker Bros. Inc., 12-15 Alpine St., 10 Autos.
- 115. Garage Lic. Domenic Fabrizio, 290R Somerville Ave., 4 Autos.
- 116. Bond <u>Drain Layers Bond</u> Ledge Plus Inc.
- 117. Taxi Driver New Taxi Driver Brian Gerroir.

- 118. Claim Notice Notice of Claim Patricia Spinazola.
- 119. Claim Notice Michelle Francini.
- 120. Claim Notice Heather Martin.
- 121. Claim Notice Janet Oliphant.
- 122. Claim Notice John J. Salvato.
- 123. Claim Notice Lauren Siegel.
- 124. Claim Notice Lindsey Friman.
- 125. Claim Notice Heather Martin.
- 126. Comm. Communication

Paula Garbarino requesting a review of the Zoning Ordinances with respect to parking requirements in light of apartments planned for 21-23 Park St.

## ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM