



## CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

### LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Tuesday - September 16, 2014, 6:00 PM

Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

### AGENDA

#### **Approval of the Minutes of May 13, 2014**

- **193206: Discuss** That the City Solicitor review Boston's and other municipalities' ordinances to eliminate public nuisances caused by problem properties, and appear before the Committee on Legislative Matters to discuss adopting it here.
- **194062: Discuss** That the City Solicitor examine the proposed ordinances of Quincy, Boston and Woburn regarding absentee landlords and appear before this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters to discuss the implementation of a similar ordinance.
- **195725: Discuss** That the City Solicitor provide this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters with input on restricting formula businesses in Somerville by requiring specific review and oversight before they may enter central business districts.
- **195825: Discuss** That the City Solicitor and the Director of SPCD (ISD) update this Board on measures requiring property owners to maintain their property so it doesn't negatively impact their neighbors.
- **196362: Discuss** That the City Solicitor appear before this Board to describe the process for responding to requests for public records, including fees and redactions, and how this comports with the requirements of state law, the Secretary of State's Public Records Division, and the practices of other communities.
- **196385: Discuss** That the City Solicitor determine whether the U.S. Postal Service complied with federal law and applicable guidelines regarding the closing and selling of the Union Square Post Office facility.
- **196644: Discuss** That the City Solicitor provide the Committee on Legislative Matters with an analysis of the Law Department's support to charge for review and redaction of requested information.

- **196645: Discuss** That the City Solicitor provide the Committee on Legislative Matters with the good faith estimate of number of hours and the hourly rates charged for every information request this year, to date.
- **196646: Discuss** That the City Solicitor report to the Committee on Legislative Matters on the Board's ability to create guidelines for public information requests.
- **196856: Discuss** Assistant City Solicitor responding to #195725 re: restricting formula businesses.
- **197062: Discuss** City Solicitor responding to #196645 re: public records requests year to date.
- **197330: Discuss** That the Director of SPCD and the City Solicitor apprise this Board of the latest developments with regard to the sale of the Post Office in Union Square and the ongoing dispute as to the mural.