



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Legislative Matters Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via GoToWebinar and was called to order by Chair Davis at 6:02 pm and adjourned at 8:26 pm. Councilor Scott moved to adjourn and the motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Others present: Aneesh Sahni - Mayor's Office, Brendan Salisbury - Legislative & Policy Analyst, Charlotte Leis - OSPCD, Tom Galligani - OSPCD, David Shapiro - Solicitor's Office, Stephanie Widzowski - Assistant Clerk of Committees.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Lance L. Davis, Vice Chair Ben Ewen-Campen, Willie Burnley Jr., Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott and Jesse Clingan

Bereavement

1. That Chapter 2, Article VI, Section 2-319 of the Code of Ordinances, [22-1461](#) regarding bereavement leave, be amended as attached.

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be approved as amended

Aye: Chairperson Davis, Vice Chair Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Two City Councilor Scott and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Wires on Utility Poles

2. Amending Sec. 11-63 of the Code of Ordinances regarding the removal of poles, conduits and wires. [22-0835](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Gomez Mouakad

Kept in committee

Neighborhood Council Ordinance

3. Proposing Amendments to the Neighborhood Council Designation Ordinance [22-1293](#)

(Chapter 7, Article IX) to encourage the formation of such neighborhood councils.

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Kelly

Kept in committee

Adult Use Cannabis

4. Amendment to Ordinance 2-221, regarding adult use marijuana licenses, as described within. [22-0168](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo and Councilor Ewen-Campen

Kept in committee

5. Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Section 2-221, to extend the exclusive period for Group A and Group B Priority Marijuana License applicants. [22-1714](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Davis, Vice Chair Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Two City Councilor Scott and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

VOTES Act

6. Requesting approval of Police Officer assignments at Polling Places on Election Day as required by the VOTES Act. [22-1320](#)

Recommended to be placed on file