



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

April 21, 2016

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mary Jo Rossetti	Chair	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Vice Chair	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	

Others present: Alderman Maryann Heuston, Frank Wright - Law, David Shapiro - Law, Skye Stewart - SomerStat, Tim Snyder - Mayor's Office, Rositha Durham - Clerk of Committees

The meeting took place in the Committee Room and was called to order at 6:16 PM by Alderman Rossetti and adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Document List:

- Trash Ord (with 199064)
- Sweeping Ord (with 200620)
- Pay to Play (with 201168)
- Pay to Play - redlined (with 201168)
- Admin. Code (with 201275)

**Approval of the April 7, 2016 Minutes**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
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**199064: That the Director of SPCD (ISD) and the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board of enforcement of the trash ordinance for private trash pickup (barrels and dumpsters), when trash can be set out prior to pickup, and whether the current ordinance can be amended to address private trash pickups.**

Mr. Shapiro shared a draft ordinance for the time placement of commercial trash on sidewalks as well as a copy of Section 11-34 of the city's ordinances. The committee would like the Inspectional Services Department to make changes to the ordinance so that it is more in line with that of the state's times on this matter. Alderman Heuston asked how residential zoning is

determined. Mr. Snyder said that businesses will be notified of the amended ordinance by putting it on the city's website and that the Communications Department will ensure proper notifications is sent to the community. The committee members agreed that the effective date of the change should be by July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. Mr. Shapiro will add language with the new effective date. The committee approved the amendments to the item.

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**200620: That the City Solicitor provide this Board with information and a draft ordinance restricting the hours during which private parking lots may be swept or dumpsters emptied.**

Mr. Shapiro distributed a copy of the draft ordinance to the committee. There was a discussion about sweeping on Sundays, with Alderman Niedergang suggesting that it not be allowed. Alderman Heuston remarked that some businesses are very busy and may need to sweep on Sundays. Mr. Snyder will work with the Communications Department to notify the businesses of the change. Alderman White suggested changing the timeline to be able to sweep after 9:00 AM on Sundays and to strike the word "private" for hours parking lots maybe swept on the draft ordinance. Further discussion was not to have sweeping on weekends prior to 9 a.m. (7 p.m. to 9 a.m. Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.) The committee approved the amendments to the item.

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**201168: Requesting, with the President of this Board, consideration of a new draft of the Pay to Play Ordinance.**

Mr. Shapiro distributed a draft ordinance and Mr. Snyder provided the redlined version for the discussion. Chairman Rossetti asked for further clarification of (g) "Persons." A change was made regarding new construction or renovations by raising the threshold from in excess of 10,000 square feet to in excess of 15,000 square feet. The committee requested examples of current businesses and/or residential units that fir this size. A change was made to Section II to further define what is meant by officers. There were changes to the contribution limits from \$250 to \$500 to any individual candidate for elective office (representing half of the state allowable contribution limit). The committee asked for clarification in Section III attribution rules to include spouse and children as in Section B. Section VI Refund of Contribution has the most changes as it relates to cure a contribution within 30 days, which violates the ordinance. As requested by Chairman Rossetti, Mr. Shapiro will add some language to address dispensing of all forms liquor licenses on the draft ordinance. Chairman Rossetti would like the redlined version of the current changes along with the changes discussed tonight in a different color. If adopted this spring, the ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

Chairman Rossetti stated her intentions to call for a Committee Meeting of the Whole when this item will next be discussed.

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**201275: Requesting approval of an Administrative Order relative to the organization of administrative offices.**

Mr. Wright, Mr. Snyder and Ms. Steward discussed this matter and explained that previously the city filed a Home Rule Petition allowing amendments to certain duties of the charter. The Mayor has filed an administrative order to clarify the general rules and functions and to remove a number of departments from their current structure and in some cases make the department a stand-alone department. Other changes in this request would involve departmental name changes. President White suggested that it would be helpful for the City Solicitor to send all members a copy of the City Charter, Chapter 2 for discussion of the changes. The Administration is asking for attention to three specific areas at this time as they prepare to present the FY-17 budget to the Board of Aldermen, (i.e., Water & Sewer, Engineering, and Recreation). Chairman Rossetti would like a cover memo to explain the reasons for the requested immediate administrative changes. Mr. Snyder said the Administration will file a new administrative order dealing with a portion of what was covered in the original order. The Administration will also provide a cover memo to explain the requested changes and how, or if, the changes will impact the budget. A request was made for analysis of cost benefits and/or potential need of increases in funding.

Chairman Rossetti stated her intention to call for a Committee Meeting of the Whole when this item will next be discussed.

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**