



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

July 9, 2014

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rebekah L. Gewirtz	Chair	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Vice Chair	Absent	
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	

Also present: Alderman Niedergang, Jason Grossfield, Michael Glavin, Omar Boukili

**194968 - Requesting approval of the attached Ordinance Regulating Campaign Contributions from Those Seeking Contracts, Zoning Relief, the Purchase of City Property, or Financial Assistance from the City.:**

This item was discussed with item 195024 and changes will be incorporated in the final version, to be submitted at the July 10, 2014 Board of Aldermen meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS AMENDED. [3 TO 1]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Rebekah L. Gewirtz, Matthew McLaughlin, William A. White Jr.
<b>NAYS:</b>	John M. Connolly
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Mary Jo Rossetti

**195024 - Requesting, with the sponsorship of Ald. Desmond, Bastardi, Sullivan, O'Keefe and Trane, approval of an Ordinance regulating "pay-to-play" public contracting and campaign contributions for municipal elected office.:**

This item was discussed with item 194968 and changes will be incorporated in the final version, to be submitted at the July 10, 2014 Board of Aldermen meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS AMENDED. [2 TO 2]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Rebekah L. Gewirtz, Matthew McLaughlin
<b>NAYS:</b>	John M. Connolly, William A. White Jr.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Mary Jo Rossetti

**195725 - 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.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**196856 - Assistant City Solicitor responding to #195725 re: restricting formula businesses.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**196362 - 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.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**196644 - 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.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**196645 - 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.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197062 - City Solicitor responding to #196645 re: public records requests year to date.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**196646 - That the City Solicitor report to the Committee on Legislative Matters on the Board's ability to create guidelines for public information requests.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**196385 - 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.:**

It was determined that applicable guidelines were followed.

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197330 - 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.:**

Mr. Glavin spoke about his communications with the USPS and stated that the city's position is that the 12 day requirement for public viewing of the mural is insufficient.

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**196780 - That the City Solicitor advise this Board of the city's ability to control the dissemination of advertisements from "Globe Direct", and inquire why individual requests to stop unsolicited deliveries are not followed.:**

Mr. Boukili spoke about the way the City of Chicago handles this type of issue.

Alderman White's motion *that the Mayor's Office inform the Board of Aldermen of its dealings with Catalog Choice*, was approved.

**RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**