



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Legislative Matters Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

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Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # 23-0158) **Approval Review:** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2023.

Surveillance Technology Annual Reports

2. Mayor's Communication (ID # [23-0107](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** Conveying the 2022 Surveillance Technology Annual Report as it relates to Somerville Public Schools.
3. Mayor's Communication (ID # [23-0086](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** Conveying the 2022 Surveillance Technology Annual Report.

Surveillance Technology Ordinance

4. Order (ID # [23-0172](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Davis That the Council amend the Surveillance Technology Ordinance to clarify that it covers cameras used for automated traffic or parking enforcement.

Extending Acting Police Chief

5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0074](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the continued employment of Acting Somerville Police Chief Charles J. Femino.

Neighborhood Council Ordinance Update

6. Ordinance (ID # [22-1293](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Kelly
Proposing Amendments to the Neighborhood Council Designation Ordinance (Chapter 7, Article IX) to encourage the formation of such neighborhood councils.

To be considered for closing/placing on file

7. Order (ID # [22-0180](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Scott, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Housing provide a written update on the current status of compliance with the Short-Term Rental Ordinance.
8. Order (ID # [22-0451](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Davis and Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the City Solicitor prepare a revision to the appropriate ordinance so vehicles that are parked in a crosswalk, or blocking a bicycle lane, ADA ramp, bus stop, or sidewalk may be towed as well as ticketed.
9. Order (ID # [22-0037](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Davis
That the administration advise the City Council, and provide the language to allow cannabis delivery in the most streamlined way possible.
10. Order (ID # [22-0047](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Davis
That the Administration re-submit the Report of the Clean and Open Elections Task Force.
11. Mayor's Communication (ID # [23-0106](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** Conveying information regarding item 23-0084, a Mayor's Request requesting the adoption of the Specialized Energy Code.