



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Thursday, September 19, 2024

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Mbah at 6:04pm and adjourned at 7:35pm with a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Scott, Wilson, Mbah), none opposed, and two absent (Councilors Burnley, Sait).

Others present: Christine Blais – Director of Sustainability and Environment, Julia Damiano – Environmental Policy Manager, Office of Sustainability and Environment, Natasha Frazier – Assistant Clerk of Committees, Neha Singh – Director Intergovernmental Affairs.

Councilor Burnley was appointed as a member of this committee for this meeting only.

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah, City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott and Willie Burnley Jr.

Absent: Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee Meeting of May 6, 2024. [24-0650](#)

Accepted

Aye: City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and Burnley Jr.

Absent: Ward Five City Councilor Sait

2. That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment provide this Council with any updated plans and timelines for a municipal composting program. [24-0042](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Davis and Councilor Ewen-Campen

Kept in committee

3. That the Administration explain the issues that are preventing Reavis Field from opening and how the process may be expedited. [24-0086](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Director of Parks and Recreation, the Director of SomerPromise and the Out of School Time Coordinator, report to the City Council on the status of children and teen participation in the summer recreation and education programs. [24-1029](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Mbah

Kept in committee

5. That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment discuss with this Council the next steps for implementing the Climate Forward Plan. [24-1198](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Mbah

Kept in committee

Referenced Documents:

- OSEE - 2024-09-19 Summer Rec Programs