



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE Committee Meeting

Tuesday - April 29, 2014, 6:30 PM

Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

- **193206: Discuss in Committee** That the City Solicitor review Boston's and other municipalities' ordinances to eliminate public nuisances caused by problem properties, and appear before the Committee on Legislative Matters to discuss adopting it here.
- **193587: Recommend** Requesting approval of a Complete Streets Ordinance to insure equal access for all users of the public ways.
- **194062: Discuss in Committee** That the City Solicitor examine the proposed ordinances of Quincy, Boston and Woburn regarding absentee landlords and appear before this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters to discuss the implementation of a similar ordinance.
- **194075: Discuss** That the City Solicitor review the proposed ordinance, referred to as Chapter 12, Article VII, Complete Streets Ordinance, to limit city liability.
- **194076: Discuss** That the City Solicitor review the proposed ordinance, referred to as Chapter 12, Article VII, Complete Streets Ordinance, to determine what happens in Section (6) when state guidelines change; and to determine if the cost in Section (7) is proportional to the project and how the difference would impact the city.
- **194968: Recommend** 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.
- **195024: Recommend** 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.

- **195725: Discuss** 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.
- **195825: Discuss in Committee** That the City Solicitor and the Director of SPCD (ISD) update this Board on measures requiring property owners to maintain their property so it doesn't negatively impact their neighbors.
- **196357: Recommend** That the city's Human Rights Policy at Ordinance 2-237 be amended by adding the words "gender identity and expression," to protect transgender individuals from discrimination.
- **196362: Discuss** 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.
- **196385: Discuss** 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.
- **196644: Discuss** 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.
- **196645: Discuss** 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.
- **196646: Discuss** That the City Solicitor report to the Committee on Legislative Matters on the Board's ability to create guidelines for public information requests.
- **196730: Recommend** Requesting approval to amend the Ordinances at Chapter 15 with respect to undue influence.
- **196780: Discuss** 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.
- **196781: Discuss** That the Licensing Commission reconsider the regulation for liquor establishments to leave doors open between 8 AM and 9 PM, Monday through Friday, in areas that aren't central business districts, and convey to this Board how this regulation may be altered.
- **196856: Discuss** Assistant City Solicitor responding to #195725 re: restricting formula businesses.