



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Legislative Matters Committee

### Meeting Minutes Dispositions

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**Tuesday, May 5, 2026**

**6:00 PM**

**Virtual**

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This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Scott at 6:07pm and adjourned at 7:30pm on a roll call vote of 4 in favor (Councilors Davis, Ewen-Campen, Strezo, Scott), 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Councilor Mbah).

Councilor Ewen-Campen joined the meeting at 6:26pm.

Others present: David Shapiro - Deputy City Attorney, Brendan Salisbury - Legislative & Policy Analyst, Yasmine Raddassi - Legislative Liaison, Madalyn Letellier - Assistant City Clerk, Legislative Services.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah, Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo and Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott

1. Amending Chapter 2, Article III of the Code of Ordinances by adding a new section establishing the time and place of regular meetings of the City Council. [26-0046](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Davis

Kept in committee

2. That Rule 4 of the Rules of the City Council be amended to update submission deadlines for agenda items, consistent with the provisions of the Open Meeting Law. [26-0354](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Davis

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Strezo and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

**Absent:** City Councilor At Large Mbah

3. That the City Clerk work with this Council to amend the Code of Ordinances to better regulate the sale of second-hand goods. [25-1439](#)

**Sponsors:** Mayor Wilson, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Scott

Recommended to be placed on file

4. Amending Chapter 8, Article III of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to secondhand dealer licenses. [25-1686](#)

**Sponsors:** Mayor Wilson

Kept in committee

5. That the Code of Ordinances be amended to prohibit the use of tax-payer funds for self-promotion. [25-1762](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Davis and Mayor Wilson

Kept in committee

6. That this Council amend its Rule 24 by requiring a majority vote of the Council before a councilor can be removed from a committee. [22-0504](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be placed on file

Referenced Documents:

- Legislative Matters - 2026-05-05 - Second Hand Dealers Amendment (with 25-1686)