



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Legislative Matters Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via GoToWebinar and was called to order by Chair Davis at 6:02 pm and adjourned at 8:20 pm. Councilor Burnley moved to adjourn, and the motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Others present: Aneesh Sahni - Mayor's Office, Jason Piques - Law Office, Catherine Lester Salchert - Law Office, Stephanie Widzowski - Clerk of Committees.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Lance L. Davis, Vice Chair Ben Ewen-Campen, Willie Burnley Jr., Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott and Jesse Clingan

Approval of the Legislative Matters Committee Minutes of September 13, 2022. **22-1621**

Approved

Approval of the Legislative Matters Committee Minutes of October 18, 2022. **22-1782**

Approved

Demo Review

That this Council work with the Administration to update the Demolition Review Ordinance and administrative process to ensure that all current inhabitants are notified, in their native language, of any proposals to demolish the building in which they reside. **[22-1686](#)**

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

Kept in committee

Utility Poles

Amending Sec. 11-63 of the Code of Ordinances regarding the removal of poles, conduits and wires. **[22-0835](#)**

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Gomez Mouakad

Recommended to be approved as amended

Aye: Chairperson Davis, Vice Chair Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Two City Councilor Scott and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Parking Enforcement

That the City hereby adopts the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 20A of the Massachusetts General Laws. [22-1453](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Kept in committee

That the City hereby rescinds its adoption of the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 20A½ of the Massachusetts General Laws. [22-1452](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Kept in committee

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. [22-0451](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Davis and Councilor Burnley Jr.

Kept in committee

Neighborhood Councils

Proposing Amendments to the Neighborhood Council Designation Ordinance (Chapter 7, Article IX) to encourage the formation of such neighborhood councils. [22-1293](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Kelly

Kept in committee

Bill Valletta submitting comments regarding Item #214069, proposed amendments to the Neighborhood Council Designation Ordinance (Chapter 7, Article IX). [22-1772](#)

Recommended to be placed on file