



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Thursday - January 17, 2019, 6:00 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 1/15/19 at 7:30 AM)

- 1. Approval of the December 6, 2018 Minutes**
- 2. 206612: Recommend** City Solicitor responding to #206046 re: an ordinance for the registration and maintenance of vacant commercial and industrial buildings.
- 3. 206387: Discuss** (Rossetti, McLaughlin) – That the Chief Assessor provide this Board with the number of retail vacancies citywide.
- 4. 206046: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Rossetti, Clingan) – That the City Solicitor draft a vacant properties ordinance similar to the one in Arlington.
- 5. 207349: Recommend** (Ballantyne) – That the enclosed Home Rule Petition pertaining to Institutional Master Plan requirements be forwarded to the MA Legislature for approval.
- 6. 205487: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Director of Sustainability and Environment update this Board on the city's textile recycling program in mid-September, 2018, identifying the concerns raised by the Committee on Legislative Matters at its meeting on April, 5, 2018.
- 7. 206654: Recommend** City Solicitor submitting an amendment to Ordinance 8-69 re: defining holidays with respect to junk collection.
- 8. 206308: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Rossetti, Ballantyne) – That the City Solicitor draft a food truck ordinance amendment to permit food trucks with minimal disruption to current businesses.

9. **206768: Discuss** (Rossetti, Hirsch) – That this Board’s Committee on Legislative Matters consider amending Ordinance 12-48, relating to the hours of operation of skate parks.
10. **206833: Discuss** Anika Van Eaton submitting comments re: #206768, to consider amending skate park hours.
11. **206834: Discuss** Kevin Malone submitting comments re: #206768, to consider amending skate park hours.
12. **205918: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Davis, Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration submit a Home Rule Petition similar to Boston's "Jim Brooks Act," but with less rigid language, to encourage passage by the State.
13. **203464: Recommend** City Solicitor submitting a proposed Order designating the position of Retirement Board Member as a Special Municipal Employee position.
14. **207178: Recommend** (McLaughlin) – That this Board take steps to reduce the terms of the Planning and Zoning Board members from 5 to 3 years.
15. **206895: Discuss** Michael Dundas submitting comments re: #206284, an Ordinance regarding adult use marijuana establishments and the Sira Accelerator Program.
16. **206894: Discuss** Sieh Samura submitting comments re: #206284, an Ordinance regarding adult use marijuana establishments.
17. **206581: Recommend** (White Jr.) – Increasing the membership of the Redevelopment Authority from 5 to 7, with one new member an Alderman appointed by the President, and the other new member appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by this Board.
18. **202909: Discuss** Director of SPCD conveying the Kennedy School's "Future of the SRA" report, in response to #202621.
19. **202256: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That this Board be given the powers of the Redevelopment Authority for Union Square redevelopment.
20. **204026: Discuss** City Solicitor responding to #203868 re: an ordinance to limit the "holdover" period of officers and boards specified in Ordinance 2-24(c).
21. **203868: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the City Solicitor provide an opinion to this Board no later than August 1, 2017 on the legality of #203789, a proposed amendment to Ordinance 2-24 regarding the terms of city officers.

22. **203789: Recommend** (White Jr., McLaughlin, Davis, McWatters, Sullivan, Connolly, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Heuston, Lafuente) – Proposing an amendment to Ordinance 2-24 regarding the terms of city officers.

23. **200793: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the Clerk of Committees request that the State Delegation provide the Committee on Legislative Matters with updates on House #2885 and House #3906.

24. **199934: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services create a Rental Registration Program to require owners of 6 or more rental units that are not owner-occupied to annually register those units, pay a registration fee, and provide information to facilitate inspections, notices of violations, and resolution of complaints.