



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Legislative Matters Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Davis at 6:02 pm and adjourned at 6:37 pm with a roll call vote of 5 in favor (Councilor Scott, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley, Councilor Kelly and Chair Davis), none opposed, and none absent.

Others present: Neha Singh – Mayor’s Office, Cindy Amara – Law Office, Brendan Salisbury – City Clerk’s Office, Stephanie Widzowski – Clerk of Committees.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Lance L. Davis, Vice Chair Charlotte Kelly, Willie Burnley Jr., Matthew McLaughlin and Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Legislative Matters Committee Meeting of November 14, 2023. [23-1708](#)

Accepted

Aye: Chairperson Davis, Vice Chair Kelly, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Legislative Matters Committee Meeting of November 28, 2023. [23-1781](#)

Kept in committee

3. That the City Solicitor discuss this Council’s ability to ban landlords from passing real estate agent fees onto tenants. [22-0838](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Strezo, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the City Solicitor work with this Council to determine the legality of requiring businesses of a certain size to post in clearly visible spaces, Worker's Rights Bills, which shall include the right to form a union without retaliation and consequences for violating workers' rights. [23-0622](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the City Solicitor draft an Ordinance to protect homeowners from developer and realtor mail, phone and email harassment. [23-0461](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring pollution mitigation for new housing built along high transit roads and highways. [22-0036](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Davis and Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- Legislative Matters - 2023-12-05 Gilman Model Flood Results 2022Jun23 (with 22-0336)