



## CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Thursday - October 1, 2020, 6:00 PM  
Virtual

### AGENDA

(Posted online: 9/29/20 at 7:36 AM)

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of a City Council Committee will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website and local cable access government channels.

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#### **1. Approval of the September 17, 2020 Minutes**

#### **Demo Review items to close**

- 2. 204422: Discuss** Alan Bingham submitting comments re: #204278, the Demolition Review ordinance.
- 3. 205151: Discuss** Alan Bingham submitting comments re: the draft Demolition Review Ordinance.
- 4. 205791: Discuss** Chamber of Commerce submitting comments re: #204278, the proposed demolition review ordinance.
- 5. 206483: Discuss** Somerville YIMBY Committee submitting comments re: #204278, the

Demolition Review ordinance.

6. **206484: Discuss** Justin Rank submitting comments re: #204278, the Demolition Review ordinance.
7. **210161: Discuss** Chamber of Commerce submitting comments re: #204278, the Demolition Review ordinance.

#### Other Items

8. **210235: Discuss** (Mbah, Scott, Davis, Ewen-Campen, Strezo, Rossetti, Ballantyne, Clingan, White Jr.) – Calling upon this Council to create a Police Commission and a Community Police Review Agency.
9. **209663: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, White Jr.) – That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring pollution mitigation for new housing built along high transit roads and highways.
10. **210561: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the City Solicitor prepare a Home Rule Petition to repeal Chapter 327 of the Acts of 2004, which follows up on the so-called anti-gang loitering ordinance.
11. **210454: Discuss** (Scott, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Strezo, Clingan) – That the City Solicitor draft language to prohibit the use of prison labor of any kind for city projects, including the Middlesex Sheriff's Community Work Program.
12. **209190: Recommend** (Niedergang) – Proposing an amendment to Tree Preservation Ordinance 12-102 - Definitions, to add to the definition of Invasive Plant the following sentence: "However, Norway Maples and other trees larger than 24" diameter at breast height shall not be considered Invasive Plants."
13. **210555: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Clingan) – That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to require municipal licensing of rental car businesses, to address the issue of these businesses illegally parking their rental fleet on residential streets.
14. **210557: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Scott, Davis, Ballantyne) – Congratulating the Administration on a very successful rehabilitation and re-opening of Prospect Hill Park, and requesting a reduction in the excessively bright lighting from the new lamp posts.
15. **210605: Discuss** (Davis) – That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance prohibiting the installation of public lighting in excess of a temperature level to be determined.

16. **209919: Recommend** Requesting approval of an amendment to the Community Benefits Ordinance to create a Community Benefits Committee for the distribution of community benefits funds.