



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Legislative Matters Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Davis at 6:04 pm and adjourned at 6:52 pm with a roll call vote of all 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, Brendan Salisbury – City Clerk’s Office, David Shapiro – Solicitor’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 September 19, 2023. [23-1415](#)

Accepted

Aye: Chairperson Davis, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

Absent: Vice Chair Kelly and Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

2. Amending Chapter 8, Article I of the Code of Ordinances by adding a new section regarding Closed Captioning Accessibility. [23-0076](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Scott

Recommended to be approved

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

3. Amendment to Ordinance 2-221, regarding adult use marijuana licenses, as described within. [22-0168](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo and Councilor Ewen-Campen

Recommended to be placed on file

4. That the City Solicitor draft language to change all pronouns in the city’s [22-0035](#)

ordinances to gender-neutral.

Sponsors: Councilor Davis

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Director of Mobility review the attached draft Act Relative to the Operation and Regulation of Electric Bicycles in the City of Salem and consider supporting similar legislation.

[22-0278](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed