



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Thursday - March 18, 2021, 6:00 PM  
Virtual

**AGENDA**

**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.**

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**1. Approval of the February 18, 2021 Minutes**

**Leaf Blowers**

- 2. 209061: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch) – That the City Solicitor and the Director of Sustainability and the Environment draft with the Ward 5 Councilor an ordinance to ban or regulate the use of gas-powered leaf blowers.

**Tear Gas/Crowd Controls**

- 3. 210736: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Mbah) – That the City Solicitor draft an Ordinance banning the use of tear gas by the Police Department and other law enforcement agencies operating in Somerville.
- 4. 211003: Discuss** (Davis) – That this Council consider an ordinance banning chemical crowd control agents and kinetic impact projectiles.

### **Police/Fire Selection Committee/Interview Panels**

5. **211109: Recommend** City Solicitor submitting an ordinance to amend the membership of the Police Chief Selection Committee, replacing the Director of Multicultural Affairs with the Director of Racial and Social Justice.
6. **211262: Discuss** (Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.) – That this Council pursue a Charter or Ordinance amendment to expand Police and Fire Interview Panels to include a City Councilor and a designee of the Director of Racial and Social Justice.

### **Specification of Police Officer Levels**

7. **211232: Discuss** (Scott) – That Ordinance 10-1 regarding the organization of the Police department be amended by removing the specified levels of patrol and superior officers.
8. **211417: Recommend** City Solicitor responding to #211232 with an amendment to Ordinances 10-1 and 10-1.1, to eliminate specified levels of patrol and superior officers in the Police Department.

### **Reserve Lists**

9. **211260: Discuss** (Scott) – That the City Solicitor prepare legislation revoking the enabling legislation for the Police Reserve List.
10. **211261: Discuss** (Scott) – That the City Solicitor prepare legislation revoking the enabling legislation for the Fire Reserve List.
11. **211318: Recommend** Requesting rescission of the adoption of MGL Chapter 48 Sections 59B, 59C and 59D relative to a Reserve Fire Force.
12. **211319: Recommend** Requesting rescission of the adoption of MGL Chapter 147 Sections 11, 12 and 13 relative to a Reserve Police Force.

### **Gender Neutral HRP**

13. **211369: Recommend** Assistant City Solicitor responding to #211197 re: a Home Rule Petition to create a gender-neutral City Charter.

### **To be closed**

14. **209639: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Administration work with the Committee on Legislative Matters to consider revisions to the Surveillance Technology Ordinance.