City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Legislative Matters Committee
Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, November 28, 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 7:01 pm with a roll call vote of 5 in favor (Councilor Scott, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Chair Davis), none opposed, and none absent.

President Ewen-Campen appointed himself to replace Councilor Kelly on the Committee for this meeting only.

Others present: Neha Singh – Mayor's Office, Ellen Shachter – OHS, Brendan Salisbury – City Clerk's Office, Jill Currier – OHS, Luis Quizhpe – OSPCD, Jason Piques – Law Office, Stephanie Widzowski – Clerk of Committees.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Lance L. Davis, Willie Burnley Jr., Matthew McLaughlin, Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott and Ben Ewen-Campen

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Legislative Matters Committee Meeting of November 14, 2023.   **23-1708**

    Kept in committee

2. That this Council draft a Home Rule Petition to authorize Somerville to regulate against rent gouging by establishing Rent Stabilization.   **23-0318**

    Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

    Recommended to be marked work completed

3. Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City of Somerville to regulate rent in residential dwelling units.   **23-1694**

    Recommended to be approved as amended

    Aye: Chairperson Davis, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and Ewen-Campen

Referenced Documents:
- Legislative Matters - 2023-11-28 Rent Stabilization 11.27.23 (Clean) 2 (with 23-1694)
- Legislative Matters - 2023-11-28 Rent Stabilization 11.27.23 (Tracked changes) 2 (with 23-1694)
- Legislative Matters - 2023-11-28 Art 89 - Authority to regulate vacancy decontrol (with 23-1694)