



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

July 1, 2014

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rebekah L. Gewirtz	Chair	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Vice Chair	Present	
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
Robert J. McWatters	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Absent	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman	Absent	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Absent	

The meeting was called as a Joint Meeting with the School Committee. There were no School Committee members in attendance.

Others present: Frank Wright, Jason Grossfield, George Proakis

Approval of the Minutes of May 27, 2014

RESULT:

APPROVED

194968 - Requesting approval of the attached Ordinance Regulating Campaign Contributions from Those Seeking Contracts, Zoning Relief, the Purchase of City Property, or Financial Assistance from the City.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

195024 - Requesting, with the sponsorship of Ald. Desmond, Bastardi, Sullivan, O'Keefe and Trane, approval of an Ordinance regulating "pay-to-play" public contracting and campaign contributions for municipal elected office.:

The final version of the proposed ordinance was reviewed and it was noted that the ordinance would be self policing. There was a discussion about the purpose for such an ordinance and about the urgency for its passage as well as how the ordinance would be enforced.

Other areas of concern included the ordinance's effect on small businesses and property owners, creation of a square footage threshold, anticipated changes in the zoning ordinances and the ordinance's preamble.

Mr. Boukili stated that the language in the proposed ordinance referencing back door deals is problematic to the Administration, as well as enforcement and campaign donations made by employees.

Alderman White's motion *to change the term "lowest bidder" to "lowest qualified bidder"* was approved.

Alderman White's motion *to clarify the names that need to be listed in the disclosure*, was approved.

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE