



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Legislative Matters Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Scott at 6:01 pm and adjourned at 8:25 pm on a roll call vote of 4 in favor (Councilors Davis, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott), 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Councilor Strezo).

Others present: David Shapiro - Assistant City Attorney, Legislative and Policy Analyst - Brendan Salisbury, Luisa Oliveria - Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry, Matthew Zaino - Deputy Director of Inspectional Services, Michael Potere - Licensing Operations Manager, Sean Sheehan - Police Captain, Diego DeOliveria - Police Lieutenant, Neha Sing - Intergovernmental Affairs Director, Madalyn Letellier - Legislative Services Manager.

Roll Call

Present: Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah, City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo and Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Legislative Matters Committee Meeting of October 20, 2025. [25-1611](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Mbah and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

Absent: City Councilor At Large Strezo

Ordinances

2. That the City Clerk work with this Council to amend the Code of Ordinances to better regulate the sale of second-hand goods. [25-1439](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Wilson, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Scott

Kept in committee

3. Amending Chapter 8, Article III of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to secondhand dealer licenses. [25-1686](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Wilson

Kept in committee

4. Amending Section 12-8 (a) of the Code of Ordinances by inserting the words [25-0357](#)
“including abutting curb cuts if applicable”.

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

Aye: Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor
Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Mbah and Ward Six City
Councilor Davis

Absent: City Councilor At Large Strezo

5. Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Section 2-309.9 and 2-309.10 of [25-1652](#)
the Code of Ordinances to clarify term length and appointment process for
the Community Preservation Committee.

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor
Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large
Strezo and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6. Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Section 12-178 of the Code of [25-1714](#)
Ordinances to remove the prohibition on sourcing neonicotinoid-treated
plants.

Recommended to be approved as amended

Aye: Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor
Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large
Strezo and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

7. City Clerk submitting an amendment to the Rules of the City Council to align [25-1676](#)
with the provisions of the City Charter.

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor
Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large
Strezo and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

Surveillance Technology Impact Reports

8. Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Ball [25-1605](#)
Cameras.

Kept in committee

9. Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for [25-1604](#)

Thermal Imaging Monoculars.

Kept in committee

- 10.** Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Under Door Cameras.

[25-1603](#)

Kept in committee

- 11.** Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for use of an Unmanned Aircraft System at the High School.

[25-1579](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Mbah and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

Absent: City Councilor At Large Strezo

Referenced Documents:

- Legislative Matters - 2025-12-02 Amendment (with 25-0357)
- Legislative Matters - 2025-12-02 CPC Term Structure Memo (with 25-1652)
- Legislative Matters - 2025-12-02 Amend Section 12-8_Updated (with 25-0357)