



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - December 4, 2019, 6:30 PM  
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

**AGENDA**

(Posted online: 11/11/19 at 4:28 PM)

- 1. Approval of the October 2, 2019 Minutes**
- 2. 208382: Discuss** (Niedergang, Mbah, Ballantyne) – That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment and the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Council the best approaches to banning or regulating plastic alcohol nip bottles, and report on any discussions that have taken place on this topic with liquor store managers and owners.
- 3. 207031: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, and the Entire Board) – That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer discuss the routing process and geo-locating capacity for 911 calls, especially calls from cell phones.
- 4. 200299: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD, the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Sustainability and Environment consider the pros and cons of artificial turf and identify alternative designs for publicly accessible open space.
- 5. 205711: Discuss** (Scott, Ewen-Campen, Mbah) – That the Administration present a Heat Island Impact Analysis on the proposed replacement of Conway Park's grass fields with artificial turf.
- 6. 209049: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Scott, Mbah, Hirsch, Niedergang, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Rossetti) – That the Administration report whether any per- and poly-fluoroalkyl chemicals are present in any artificial turf in the City.
- 7. 208920: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD develop a plan to plant a native species pollinator garden along the Community Path.

8. **207167: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD share biannual CIP progress reports for all new open space and parks projects.
9. **209152: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Parks and Recreation update this Council regarding quality control review, contractor warranty policy, and field use data of the Lincoln Park athletic field.
10. **208232: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Commissioner of Public Works explore starting a monthly volunteer trash pickup day for the Dilboy DCR and Alewife Brook areas.
11. **207910: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Sustainability and Environment present the upcoming plan for Community Choice Electricity Aggregation.
12. **208380: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment report to this Council on Newton’s electricity aggregation program that provides as the standard service 60% of its electricity from renewable sources, and whether it could be adopted here.
13. **209155: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Sustainability and Environment update this Council on the Community Choice Aggregation bulk purchase of electricity.
14. **207376: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and the Director of SPCD formalize and implement a modern urban forestry management plan, including best practices and a resilient species list.
15. **207373: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Director of Sustainability and Environment develop an electric vehicle charging infrastructure program.
16. **207374: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and the Director of SPCD improve bus reliability and trip time and report to this Board, quarterly, on progress made.
17. **207912: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Mbah) – That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and the Director of Purchasing discuss the Procurement Sustainability Policy, to purchase products from environmentally responsible companies.
18. **209156: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Purchasing and all departments procure services from environmentally-responsible companies for city operations (e.g. electric vehicles for garbage pickup, zero emissions equipment for landscaping, etc.).
19. **208825: Discuss** (Hirsch, Niedergang, Ballantyne) – That the Director of Sustainability and

the Environment explore the feasibility and utility of mattress recycling, such as Cambridge's UTEC program, as well as any plans for reusing or recycling other large household items.

20. **208042: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Clingan) – That the Director of Sustainability and Environment inform this Council about New York City's "Climate Mobilization Act," which includes dramatic emission reductions for tall buildings, and explain which aspects could be adapted here.
21. **207911: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Sustainability and Environment discuss the FY18 and FY19 recycling and trash tonnage, impacts, proposed changes and other issues pertinent to this topic.
22. **201432: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment and the Commissioner of Public Works explore alternatives, such as a "pay as you throw" program, to limit the amount of curbside trash, and integrate curbside composting.
23. **205935: Discuss** (Hirsch, McLaughlin, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan) – That the Administration inform this Board of any opportunities to incentivize waste reduction, such as opt-in composting, PAYT, or charges to phone book distributors for disposal costs.
24. **209154: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and the Director of SPCD plan to incentivize property owners to use clean ways of cooking and heating, since buildings are the greatest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions.
25. **209153: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Sustainability and Environment provide this Council with an update on Somerville Climate Forward's goal #11, the plan for implementation in the short term.
26. **206201: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Director of SomerStat share an update on implementing a work order system for asset management, CRM requests, preventive maintenance, and related functions, for departments like Public Works, Engineering, and Urban Forestry.
27. **208614: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Administration inform this City Council whether the new High School, and eventually other municipal buildings, will have dishwashing capacity, to reduce or eliminate reliance on single-use flatware and dishes.
28. **205708: Discuss** (Scott, Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Administration immediately pursue creation of a public athletic field and recreation complex atop the 36,000 square foot parking deck proposed for construction in

the Union Square eminent domain parcel currently designated "D-2".

29. **205709: Discuss** (Scott, McLaughlin, Ballantyne) – That the Administration immediately pursue creation of a public fields and recreation area in the Inner Belt District pursuant to the Fields Master Plan.
30. **208805: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.) – Affirming the federal Green New Deal resolution by establishing goals, identifying actions necessary to meet these goals, and calling for the federal government to enact policies to advance a Green New Deal.
31. **208808: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Administration update this Council on the Climate Preparedness Week Resolution (#208611) that was submitted in July.
32. **209157: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Administration enforce vehicle idling laws for city vehicles, commercial vehicles and personal vehicles.