



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Legislative Matters Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Scott at 6:00 pm and adjourned at 9:50 pm on a roll call vote of 5 in favor (Councilors Davis, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Strezo, and Scott), 0 opposed, and 0 absent.

The committee entered recess at 7:55 pm and returned at 8:00 pm on a roll call vote of 4 in favor (Councilors Davis, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, and Scott), and 1 absent (Councilor Strezo). Councilor Strezo joined the meeting at 8:04 pm.

Others present: Emily Wisdom – Director of Finance and Administration Police, Jay Piques – Assistant City Attorney, Matt Sirigu – Assistant City Attorney/Labor Counsel, Sean Sheehan – Police Captain, Vanessa Boulki – Senior Urban Forestry & Landscape Planner, Ellen Schacter – Director of the Office of Housing Stability, Michael Perronne – Police Captain, Amanda Nagim-Williams – Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Joseph Theall – Housing Counsel, Cindy Amara – City Attorney, Madalyn Letellier – Assistant City Clerk, Legislative Services.

Roll Call

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

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Legislative Matters Committee Meeting of May 19, 2026. [26-0940](#)

Accepted

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

2. Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City of Somerville to regulate leases and tenancy at will agreements. [26-0797](#)

Recommended to be approved as amended

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

3. Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Chapter 7 and Section 1-11(b) of the Code of Ordinances to require property owners provide a notice of building sale to tenants. [26-0882](#)
Recommended to be approved
Aye: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Mbah, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Strezo and Ward Two City Councilor Scott
4. That Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division 1 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as detailed within. [26-1023](#)
Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Wheeler, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Link
Kept in committee
5. Conveying the 2025 Surveillance Technology Annual Report. [26-0302](#)
Recommended to be marked work completed
6. Conveying the updated 2025 Surveillance Technology Annual Report. [26-0936](#)
Recommended to be approved
Aye: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Mbah, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Strezo and Ward Two City Councilor Scott
7. Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for the Smart Tree Inventory. [26-0878](#)
Recommended to be approved
Aye: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Mbah, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Strezo and Ward Two City Councilor Scott
8. Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for CrimeTracer. [26-0830](#)
Kept in committee
9. 89 registered voters submitting a petition requesting a public hearing regarding Police Body-Worn Cameras, pursuant to Section 2-11 of the City Charter. [26-1006](#)
Kept in committee
10. Chief of Police conveying information regarding item #26-0378, a request of the Mayor for acceptance of a grant for a body-worn camera program. [26-1034](#)
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Kept in committee

11. Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Body Worn Cameras. [26-0999](#)

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

Aye: City Councilor At Large Mbah, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen and City Councilor At Large Strezo

Nay: Ward Six City Councilor Davis and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

12. Requesting approval of the Technology-Specific Surveillance Use Policy for Body Worn Cameras. [26-1000](#)

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

Aye: City Councilor At Large Mbah, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen and City Councilor At Large Strezo

Nay: Ward Six City Councilor Davis and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

13. Proposing an amendment to Section 2-6 of the Code of Ordinances, the Welcoming Communities Ordinance, to further enhance civil rights protections in Somerville. [26-0522](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Link, Councilor Hardt, Councilor Scott and Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be placed on file

14. That the Code of Ordinances be amended to prohibit the use of tax-payer funds for self-promotion. [25-1762](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Davis and Mayor Wilson

Recommended to be approved

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

Referenced Documents:

- Legislative Matters - 2026-06-30 Memo NBS Ordinance (with 26-0882)
- Legislative Matters - 2026-06-30 Memo HRP Early Leasing (with 26-0797)
- Legislative Matters - 2026-06-30 Somerville Tree Inventory Overview Presentation (with 26-0878)