

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE Committee Meeting

Wednesday - October 24, 2018, 7:00 PM Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 10/18/18 at 8:50 AM)

1. Approval of the May 14, 2018 Minutes

- 2. 204128: Discuss (Heuston) That the Administration convene a meeting to discuss airplane noise, similar to a meeting being held in Cambridge, and include congressional representatives, the state delegation, elected city officials and city staff.
- **3. 204852: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) That the Chief of Police report to this Board, the current approach for enforcing laws relating to cell phone use while driving, and any relevant studies regarding the prevalence of such use in the city.
- 4. 204948: Discuss (Davis, Rossetti) That the Administration explore additional pedestrian safety strategies for crosswalks when the crossing signs have to be removed during winter.
- **5. 205193: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Davis) That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain whether it is possible to program alternative LED patterns for blinking STOP signs and other traffic signs.
- 6. 205366: Discuss (Scott, McLaughlin, Davis, Mbah, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Niedergang) That the Administration refrain from appointing any further candidates to the position of Reserve Firefighter and seek to discontinue use of the Fire Reserve List at the earliest possible opportunity.
- 7. 205465: Discuss (Scott, and the Entire Board) That the Chief of Police work with the Administration to report to this Board on the Police Department's participation in the regional COPLINK program, with regard to the city's status as a Sanctuary City.

- 8. 205668: Discuss (Clingan) That the Chief of Police report to this Board on the prioritization of crossing guard locations and on the training that crossing guards receive.
- **9. 205697: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Hirsch) That the Administration update this Board on a municipal ID program for all residents, including any input from local immigrant advocacy groups, residents and non-profit organizations.
- **10. 205699: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ballantyne, Clingan) That the Administration share information on efforts with WAZE and other routing systems to determine how their algorithms direct traffic through Somerville.
- **11. 205825: Discuss** (Hirsch) That the Administration provide an update on the range of projected revenue from recreational marijuana facilities how these funds may be used.
- **12. 205826: Discuss** (Hirsch) That the Administration consider, as part of its facilities planning process and its ongoing development of programs like 311, libraries, recreation and neighborhood policing, ways to establish multi-purpose neighborhood-based service centers.
- **13. 205828: Discuss** (Hirsch, McLaughlin) That the Administration update this Board on maintaining bus shelters or installing new shelters, such as the #90 bus stop at Assembly Square.
- 14. 205830: Discuss (Hirsch) That the Chief of Police share how decisions are made to notify the public about public safety events, using 311, CTY, ConnectEd calls and emails, or other means.
- **15. 205909: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board) That the Administration, MA DEP, and Eversource explain to this Board the cause of the recent oil spill in the Mystic River near Assembly Square, the plan to clean it up, and any information residents should be aware of for safety.
- **16. 205900: Discuss** (Clingan) That the City Clerk request the MA Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative to inform this Board of any regional programs or strategies that involve Somerville.
- **17. 206292: Discuss** (Davis) That the Administration review all City applications and other filings on which a gender designation is required and, if not already provided, make revisions to allow a person to designate a gender other than "Male" or "Female" and to report to the Ward 6 Alderman the results of such review.
- **18. 206429: Discuss** (Hirsch) That the Chief of Police and the Director of Health and Human Services share ways that the City or School Department can help teens or children who have

witnessed a crime, trauma, or an arrest, to process the information after the event.

- **19. 206426: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ballantyne) That the Chief of Police report on the placement of crossing guards and how the location assignments get prioritized.
- **20. 206582: Discuss** (White Jr., Ballantyne) That the Chief of Police report to this Board the number of times the Chief has sent a notice to landlords whose tenants have violated the provisions of Ordinance 9-97, and whether such a notice was sent to the owner of 38 Chetwynd Road for the incident on September 1, 2018.
- **21. 206585: Discuss** (Hirsch) That the Administration share a more comprehensive set of goals related to air quality based on CAFEH study results, when or if available.
- **22. 206680: Discuss** (White Jr., Hirsch) That a representative of the Board of Health and the Administration work with the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to revamp the City's current ordinances and regulations for the use of tobacco and cannabis products in public places, and recommend signage and posting locations to inform the public where the consumption of those products is prohibited, with the fines for violation.
- **23. 204451: Discuss** (Rossetti) Conveying the School Department's Security Camera Policy to this Board's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety.
- **24. 204924: Discuss** Legislative Liaison submitting a communication regarding the implementation of the Ordinance to Safeguard Vulnerable Road Users (aka the Sideguard Ordinance).
- **25. 205534: Discuss** Traffic and Parking Director responding to various Board Orders from the 2/22/18 meeting.