



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE
Committee of the Whole

Thursday - August 31, 2017, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

AGENDA

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- 1. Approval of the June 28, 2017 Minutes**
- 2. Approval of the July 6, 2017 Minutes**
- 3. 201753: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ballantyne, McWatters) – That the Mayor re-establish the Tree Advisory Committee, to be staffed by the full-time Arborist, expand its membership to 9 or 11 members, and broaden the scope of the Committee's duties.
- 4. 203059: Discuss** (Ballantyne, McWatters, Niedergang, Sullivan) – That the City Solicitor submit updated language to expand the Tree Advisory Committee ordinance.
- 5. 202023: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the Administration's plans for the Somerville Municipal Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund and jobs linkage fee for new commercial development.
- 6. 202360: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the City Solicitor prepare a draft ordinance for jobs linkage fees.
- 7. 203869: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board no later than August 1, 2017, with an update on an ordinance to establish the Somerville Municipal Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund and a Jobs Linkage Fee for new commercial development.
- 8. 202923: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the City Solicitor draft a Home Rule Petition to eliminate

the requirement that members of the Licensing Commission be members of any political parties.

9. **202924: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the City Clerk, in consultation with the Administration, review qualifications for all boards and commissions as to whether political party membership is required, and report back to this Board.
10. **203303: Recommend** Asst. City Solicitor responding to #202923 with a draft Home Rule Petition to eliminate the political party requirement for members of the Licensing Commission.
11. **203464: Recommend** City Solicitor submitting a proposed Order designating the position of Retirement Board Member as a Special Municipal Employee position.
12. **203789: Recommend** (White Jr., McLaughlin, Davis, McWatters, Sullivan, Connolly, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Heuston, Lafuente) – Proposing an amendment to Ordinance 2-24 regarding the terms of city officers.
13. **203868: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the City Solicitor provide an opinion to this Board no later than August 1, 2017 on the legality of #203789, a proposed amendment to Ordinance 2-24 regarding the terms of city officers.
14. **203097: Recommend** Assistant City Solicitor submitting the US2-City Development Covenant.
15. **203098: Recommend** Assistant City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance to create a Community Benefits Committee.
16. **203556: Discuss** The Maurice and Jane Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice submitting comments re: #203098, the Community Benefits Ordinance.
17. **203555: Discuss** The Chamber of Commerce, Union Square Main Streets, and Somerville Local First submitting comments re: the Union Sq proposed zoning, the US2 Covenant, and the Community Benefits Ordinance.
18. **203192: Discuss** Union United submitting comments re: the Union Square Development Covenant.