



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

December 1, 2011

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Thomas F. Taylor	Chair	Absent	
William A. White Jr.	Vice Chair	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Absent	
Omar Boukili	Administrative Assistant	Present	
Frank Wright	City Solicitor	Present	
Matt Buckley	Asst. City Solicitor	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman Elect	Present	

191050 - That the Director of SPCD inform this Board how the city can protect our residents when developers with a history of building or other code violations seek permits for new projects.:

This item will remain in committee and will be taken up at the next committee meeting, scheduled for December 15th. A request will be sent to the Executive Director of OSPDCD to appear at that time to discuss this issue.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

191563 - That the City adopt the attached Local Hiring Ordinance.:

Mr. Buckley spoke about viewing the proposed ordinance as a goal, adding that it would have to be written without penalties, otherwise it could be challenged as a violation of the Privilege and Immunities Clause, possibly opening the City to liability issues and costs. He believes that further research on the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) is necessary. Chairman White suggested keeping the reporting requirements and submitting them as public documents. The committee discussed the possibility of creating a resolution in place of the proposed ordinance as well as the option to exclude out of state residents from the proposal.

Chairman White's motion **that the proposed Local Hiring Ordinance be presented to the full Board of Aldermen for instruction as to how the committee should proceed on the item as to whether out of state residents be excluded from the local hiring ordinance, whether the**

ordinance should be drafted so that local hiring ordinance requires reporting and is goal oriented, with no penalty for failure to meet the 30% requirement or replacing the ordinance with a resolution, was approved.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

192275 - 631 Somerville petitioners communicating their support for the proposed local hiring ordinance.:

The committee reviewed the documents.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED