



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Thursday - April 15, 2021, 6:00 PM  
Virtual

**AGENDA**

**Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of a City Council Committee will be conducted via remote participation.**

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- 1. Approval of the March 18, 2021 Minutes**
- 2. Approval of the March 24, 2021 Minutes**
- 3. Approval of the April 1, 2021 Minutes**

**Leaf Blowers**

- 4. 209061: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch) – That the City Solicitor and the Director of Sustainability and the Environment draft with the Ward 5 Councilor an ordinance to ban or regulate the use of gas-powered leaf blowers.

**PILOT**

- 5. 210742: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Scott, Strezo, Davis,

Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance similar to Boston's PILOT ordinance, formalizing payments in lieu of taxes to create a fair and transparent system of taxation for large tax-exempt non-profit organizations.

**Other**

6. **211601: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Scott, Strezo, Mbah) – That the City Solicitor and the Chief of Police discuss with the Committee on Legislative Matters a formal policy or ordinance to decriminalize or deprioritize arrests for drug possession, and prioritize treatment over incarceration.
  
7. **211605: Discuss** (Clingan, White Jr., Strezo, Davis, Mbah, Ballantyne, Scott, Ewen-Campen) – That the City Solicitor work with this Council on an ordinance to deny, revoke or suspend permits to companies with a history of engaging in unsafe, hazardous or dangerous practices based on work safety histories or concerns.