



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Thursday - October 6, 2016, 6:00 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

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- 1. Approval of the September 15, 2016 Minutes**
- 2. 201869: Recommend** (White Jr.) – Amending Ordinance 11-125 to include notification to this Board with respect to water rates.
- 3. 201914: Recommend** Requesting approval of an ordinance establishing a senior citizen water/sewer rate discount program.
- 4. 201890: Discuss** (Connolly, Sullivan) – That the City Solicitor research the potential illegality of the Condominium Conversion Ordinance and provide a written opinion to this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters at the earliest opportunity.
- 5. 201901: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the City Solicitor and Director of SPCD develop with this Board a revised Condominium Conversion Ordinance to remove the illegal sections in the current ordinance, and provide maximum protections to prevent the displacement of tenants or ease their transition.
- 6. 202039: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the Administration schedule a gathering of SPCD and Law Department personnel, Attorney DiGirolamo and Attorney Schacter, to discuss the Condominium Conversion Ordinance, and report the results in 4 weeks to the Committee on Legislative Matters, along with a recommendation for moving forward.
- 7. 199603: Recommend** Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City to

appropriate funds to assist commercial properties in maintaining and improving exterior storefronts.

8. **201023: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the two non-zoning proposals on tenancy preservation and waiting lists be severed from the Planning Board’s recommendation (#200995) and referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters for consideration.
9. **201306: Recommend** (Heuston) – That the Director of SPCD and the City Solicitor draft an amendment to the demolition ordinance notification to abutters that includes a reason why the demolition permit was granted.
10. **202123: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That the Administration consider a Home Rule Petition to provide relief from water and sewer charges and rates to property owners who occupy their homes, by shifting the excess cost to non-owner-occupied property owners.
11. **202152: Recommend** Requesting the adoption of MGL Chapter 90, Section 17C, to reduce the prima facie speed limit in the City to 25 MPH.