



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Thursday - May 6, 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 April 15, 2021 Minutes**
- 2. 210235: Discuss** (Mbah, Scott, Davis, Ewen-Campen, Strezo, Rossetti, Ballantyne, Clingan, White Jr.) – Calling upon this Council to create a Police Commission and a Community Police Review Agency.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 211002: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Chief of Police and the Administration discuss with the Legislative Matters Committee, potential revisions to the citation form for violations of City ordinances, to include demographic data.
- 5. 211605: Discuss** (Clingan, White Jr., Strezo, Davis, Mbah, Ballantyne, Scott, Ewen-

Campan) – 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.

6. **211679: Recommend** (Davis, Scott) – Amending the Domestic Partnership Ordinance as attached and as further necessary to address issues in the existing version.
7. **211680: Discuss** (Davis, Scott) – That the City Solicitor prepare a Home Rule Petition to recognize any member of a domestic partnership as a "dependent" for Group Insurance Commission coverage, and as a "spouse" with respect to other applicable laws.
8. **211709: Recommend** (Niedergang) – Submitting a revised Leaf Blower Ordinance regulating the use of leaf blowers.