



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Legislative Matters Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Davis at 6:03 pm and adjourned at 8:00 pm with a roll call vote of 5 in favor (Councilor Scott, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Burnley and Chair Davis), none opposed, and none absent.

Others present: Neha Singh – Mayor’s Office, Anne Gill – Personnel, Brendan Salisbury – City Clerk’s Office, Stephanie Widzowski – Clerk of Committees.

Chair Davis noted that committees are no longer automatically renewing items from the previous calendar year; only items referred for recommendation are carried forward unless resubmitted. He encouraged those concerned by the closing of a specific item to reach out to him or to Legislative & Policy Analyst, Brendan Salisbury.

Roll Call

Present: Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis, City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah, Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen and Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Legislative Matters Committee Meeting of November 28, 2023. [23-1781](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Mbah, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Legislative Matters Committee Meeting of December 5, 2023. [23-1820](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Mbah, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

3. That the Code of Ordinances be amended by requiring the Mayor to annually submit to this Council a report on the status of housing. [22-0038](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Davis

Kept in committee

4. That the City hereby adopt the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 175M: Family and Medical Leave. [22-1448](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen

Kept in committee

5. Amending Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 2 of the Code of Ordinances by adding a new section establishing Paid Leave for Survivors. [23-0075](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Kelly

Kept in committee

6. Amending Section 1-19 of the Code of Ordinances to remove the phrase "Honorably Purchased from Pawtuckets - 1639" from the City seal. [23-0360](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Kept in committee

7. Amending Section 12-116 of the Code of Ordinances to create a Safe Streets ordinance, to expedite protected bike lanes. [23-1461](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Kept in committee