



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Legislative Matters Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

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Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # 22-2073) **Approval Review:** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 29, 2022.
2. Order (ID # [22-1453](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** By Councilor Burnley Jr. That the City hereby adopts the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 20A of the Massachusetts General Laws.
3. Order (ID # [22-1452](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** By Councilor Burnley Jr. That the City hereby rescinds its adoption of the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 20A½ of the Massachusetts General Laws.
4. Order (ID # [22-1057](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Chief of Police report to this Council, any communications between the Police Department and ShotSpotter regarding ambiguous or contested detections.
5. Order (ID # [22-1056](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Chief of Police report to this Council, any verified or suspected false reports of gunshots by ShotSpotter.

6. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2050](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Chapter 7, Article X of the Code of Ordinances, to add a registry component to the short-term rentals ordinance.
7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0084](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the adoption of the Specialized Energy Code, 225 CMR, Sections 22 and 23, including Appendices RC and CC, in their entirety as the minimum energy code for the City.
8. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0085](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** Chief of Police conveying a response to item 22-1056, an order that the Chief of Police report to this Council, any verified or suspected false reports of gunshots by ShotSpotter.
9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0101](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to require the adoption of Institutional Master Plans.
10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0103](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to provide legal voting rights in municipal elections for residents aged 16 and 17 years old.
11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0104](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition further defining the purposes of the Affordable Housing Trust.