



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

December 3, 2013

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rebekah Gewirtz	Chair	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Vice Chair	Absent	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Absent	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	

The meeting was posted as a Committee of the Whole and changed to a regular meeting, due to an insufficient number of members being present for a Committee of the Whole quorum.

194675 - That this Board approves a Home Rule Petition to amend Section 7 of Title 2 of Division 1 of the City Charter re: filling vacancies.:

Alderman Connolly's motion to change the special election trigger from 1 year to 6 months, was approved.

RESULT:

APPROVED AS AMENDED

194849 - That the attached list of proposed methods for filling vacancies on this Board, with the exception of Method "F", be referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters for further action.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

194968 - Requesting approval of the attached Ordinance Regulating Campaign Contributions from Those Seeking Contracts, Zoning Relief, the Purchase of City Property, or Financial Assistance from the City.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

195021 - Representative Provost submitting comments re: #194849, a proposal to amend the City Charter with respect to filling vacancies on this Board.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

195024 - Requesting, with the sponsorship of Ald. Desmond, Bastardi, Sullivan, O'Keefe and Trane, approval of an Ordinance regulating "pay-to-play" public contracting and campaign contributions for municipal elected office.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

195035 - That the City Solicitor provide an opinion regarding 780CMR MA Amendments to the International Building Code 2009 Section 1001.3.2 regarding qualifications for examiners of fire escapes.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

195519 - That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance that all commercial gas tank replacements require permit approval by this Board.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

195656 - That the City Solicitor research whether other cities and towns have implemented regulations on E-cigarettes and report back to the Ward 5 Alderman.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

195726 - That the City Solicitor prepare a draft ordinance amending Ordinance 8-7(f) by changing the notification distance from "300" feet to "500" feet for extended operating hours.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

195727 - That the City Solicitor prepare a draft ordinance amending Ordinance 11-143(b)(1) by changing the notification distance from "300" feet to "500" feet for street opening permits.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

195812 - That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance detailing communication requirements to abutters of a proposed development in a residential neighborhood.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

195838 - That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on the constitutionality of preventing an individual appointed to fill a vacancy on this Board from running for a full time seat on this Board.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

195839 - That the City Solicitor explain how the state's ethics rules apply to members of this Board being appointed to city jobs.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

195840 - That the City Solicitor report on the methods used by other communities, including the City of Boston, to fill vacancies in their legislative bodies.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

195877 - Joe Lynch submitting comments re: #194675 and #194849, filling vacancies on this Board.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED