



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Legislative Matters Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

6:00 PM

Virtual

The meeting took place remotely via Zoom and was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Davis and adjourned at 8:02 PM on a roll call vote of 5 in favor (Councilors Strezo, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott and Davis), none against and none absent.

Others present:

Amara Anosike – Chief of Staff – SPS, Brendan Salisbury – Legislative and Policy Analyst, Christine Blais – Director - Office of Sustainability and Environment, Meredith Stivers - Assistant City Solicitor, Stanley Vieira - Athletic Director – SPS, Dr. Vanessa Boukili - Senior Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner, Neha Singh – Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

Roll Call

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

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Legislative Matters Committee Meeting of February 18, 2025. [25-0287](#)

Accepted

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

2. That this Council discuss proposed amendments to the Tree Preservation Ordinance, as outlined in item #24-0493. [25-0066](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Scott and Councilor Sait
Kept in committee

3. Chris Dwan submitting comments re: Urban Forestry Committee recommendations. [25-0077](#)

Kept in committee

4. Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Hudl Focus cameras. [25-0452](#)
Kept in committee
5. Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 2-304 through 2-310 of the Code of Ordinances to update the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change. [25-0257](#)
Kept in committee
6. Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Chapter 12, Article VI of the Code of Ordinances to modify the Tree Preservation Ordinance. [25-0566](#)
Kept in committee