



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Legislative Matters Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via GoToWebinar and was called to order by Chair Davis at 6:03 pm and adjourned at 8:58 pm with a roll call vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Others present: Aneesh Sahni – Mayor’s Office, Neha Singh – Mayor’s Office, Suzanne Rinfret – Traffic and Parking, David Shapiro – Solicitor’s Office, Nicholas Antanavica – ISD, Meredith Willis – SPD, Christine Blais – OSE, Dan Bartman – OSPCD, Rachel Nadkarni – OSPCD, Paul Goldstein – OSPCD, Stephanie Widzowski – Clerk of Committees.

Roll Call

Present: Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis, City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly, Willie Burnley Jr., Matthew McLaughlin and Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 29, 2022. [22-2073](#)

Approved

Aye: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

Absent: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

2. That the City hereby adopts the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 20A of the Massachusetts General Laws. [22-1453](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

Absent: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

3. That the City hereby rescinds its adoption of the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 20A½ of the Massachusetts General Laws. [22-1452](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

Absent: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

4. That the Chief of Police report to this Council, any communications between the Police Department and ShotSpotter regarding ambiguous or contested detections. [22-1057](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen

Recommended to be marked work completed

Aye: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

5. That the Chief of Police report to this Council, any verified or suspected false reports of gunshots by ShotSpotter. [22-1056](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen

Recommended to be marked work completed

Aye: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6. 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. [22-2050](#)

Recommended to be approved as amended

Aye: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

7. 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. [23-0084](#)

Kept in committee

8. 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. [23-0085](#)

Recommended to be marked work completed

Aye: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9. Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to require the adoption of Institutional Master Plans. [23-0101](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

10. Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to provide legal voting rights in municipal elections for residents aged 16 and 17 years old. [23-0103](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

11. Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition further defining the purposes of the Affordable Housing Trust. [23-0104](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin and Ward Two City Councilor Scott