



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Thursday - November 3, 2016, 6:00 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 10/26/16 at 5:05 AM)

- 1. Approval of the October 6, 2016 Minutes**
- 2. 199934: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services create a Rental Registration Program to require owners of 6 or more rental units that are not owner-occupied to annually register those units, pay a registration fee, and provide information to facilitate inspections, notices of violations, and resolution of complaints.
- 3. 201008: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the City Solicitor report to this Board on why the Statement of Financial Interests forms filed by elected officials and department heads are so heavily redacted when provided to the public.
- 4. 201899: Discuss** (Niedergang, McLaughlin, McWatters, Lafuente, Sullivan, Davis, White Jr., Rossetti, Ballantyne, Connolly) – That this Board calls upon developers that receive any form of public financial support to use responsible prevailing-wage contractors that provide health insurance, worker’s compensation, retirement benefits, and apprenticeship training to build their projects.
- 5. 201913: Discuss** (Connolly) – That the Administration meet with Alderman Heuston and other Aldermen as necessary to prepare recommendations re: #199934 before the Legislative Matters Committee’s next meeting.
- 6. 201997: Discuss** (Heuston, Rossetti) – That the City Solicitor draft language to amend Ordinances 11-51 and 11-71 to require that all new building construction provide utilities

that are underground.

7. **202023: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the Administration’s plans for the Somerville Municipal Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund and jobs linkage fee for new commercial development.
8. **202074: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That all departments post all public hearing dates on the city’s website and newsletter.
9. **202122: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the Administration present its recommendations and a draft ordinance for the proposed Rental Registration Program (#199934) to the Committee on Legislative Matters at its meeting on October 20, 2016.
10. **201890: Discuss** (Connolly, Sullivan) – That the City Solicitor research the potential illegality of the Condominium Conversion Ordinance and provide a written opinion to this Board’s Committee on Legislative Matters at the earliest opportunity.
11. **201901: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the City Solicitor and Director of SPCD develop with this Board a revised Condominium Conversion Ordinance to remove the illegal sections in the current ordinance, and provide maximum protections to prevent the displacement of tenants or ease their transition.
12. **202039: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the Administration schedule a gathering of SPCD and Law Department personnel, Attorney DiGirolamo and Attorney Schacter, to discuss the Condominium Conversion Ordinance, and report the results in 4 weeks to the Committee on Legislative Matters, along with a recommendation for moving forward.