



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Legislative Matters Committee

### Meeting Minutes Dispositions

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**Monday, October 30, 2023**

**6:00 PM**

**Virtual**

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This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Davis at 6:02 pm and adjourned at 7:45 pm with a roll call vote of 4 in favor (Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley, Councilor Kelly and Chair Davis), none opposed, and 1 absent (Councilor Scott).

Others present: Neha Singh – Mayor’s Office, Brendan Salisbury – City Clerk’s Office, Christine Blais – OSE, Stephanie Widzowski – Clerk of Committees.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** Chairperson Lance L. Davis, Vice Chair Charlotte Kelly, Willie Burnley Jr., Matthew McLaughlin and Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Legislative Matters Committee Meeting of October 17, 2023. [23-1569](#)

Accepted as amended

**Aye:** Chairperson Davis, Vice Chair Kelly, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

**Absent:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

2. That this Council draft a Home Rule Petition to authorize Somerville to regulate against rent gouging by establishing Rent Stabilization. [23-0318](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

Kept in committee

3. Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Code of Ordinances to add Chapter 6 Article VII to restrict and prohibit new building construction and major renovation projects that are not fossil fuel-free. [23-1590](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

**Absent:** Vice Chair Kelly

Referenced Documents:

- Legislative Matters - 2023-10-30 FFF-Ordinance-ModelRule-Highlighted (with 23-1590)
- Legislative Matters - 2023-10-30 Letters of Support (with 23-1590)