



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

December 17, 2020
REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Lance L. Davis	Chair	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Vice Chair	Present	
Ben Ewen-Campen	Ward Three City Councilor	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One City Councilor	Present	
Jesse Clingan	Ward Four City Councilor	Present	

The meeting was held via GoToWebinar and was called to order by Chair Davis at 6:06pm and adjourned at 6:31pm.

Others present: Khushbu Webber - Mayor's Office; Lauren Racaniello - Mayor's Office; Lieutenant Jeff DiGregorio - Police; David Shapiro - Law

Approval of the December 3, 2020 Minutes

RESULT: ACCEPTED

211026: Communicating a notice of withdrawal of previously submitted surveillance technology impact reports.

The Chair noted that at the previous meeting, there was discussion of a 60 day timeline for approval of the impact reports, so the revisions for the withdrawn items will be resubmitted to accommodate this timeline.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

211027: Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for 911.

Chair Davis introduced the revised report, noting that many changes were made to provide additional information.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Davis, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Clingan

211028: Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for

ShotSpotter.

Chair Davis noted that the revisions to this report have also been completed. Lieutenant DiGregorio explained the context of the general order, which details the policy and procedures for the responding officers and follow-up for detectives. Ms. Webber also shared an audit and assessment of ShotSpotter, conducted independently, which addresses privacy concerns. Chair Davis highlighted that the devices are constantly recording, but only a very short period of time around a gunshot (one second before and after) is made available to the Police Department. The audit recommended decreasing the time frame for storing recordings from 72 hours to 30 hours and ShotSpotter agreed. The recordings are stored in order to have the information available in the event that a gunshot is missed. Another recommendation was for ShotSpotter to have a stated policy that it will not make recordings available for court proceedings, which has also already been enacted.

Councilor Ewen-Campen highlighted that the utility of the technology has been demonstrated, and the software is free to the City. Councilors Ewen-Campen and Niedergang noted that they are comfortable with the software within the parameters that the Police Department is using it.

Chair Davis suggested adding some additional information from the NYU audit, which could be useful within the report. Ms. Webber and Lt. DiGregorio agreed to add a statement referencing the audit.

Chair Davis moved to discharge the item with no recommendation to allow for the update to be made and submitted to the City Council for a vote. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 5 in favor (Clingan, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis) and 0 opposed.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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210963: Digital Fourth submitting comments re: the 4 Surveillance Technology Impact Reports submitted on October 22 and the 7 STIRs submitted on November 12.

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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210973: Ulysses Lateiner submitting comments re: Digital Fourth's comments on the Surveillance Technology Impact Reports.

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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209592: Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology General Use Policy.

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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209639: That the Administration work with the Committee on Legislative Matters to consider revisions to the Surveillance Technology Ordinance.

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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