



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Thursday - September 30, 2021, 6:00 PM
Virtual

AGENDA

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of a City Council Committee will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website and local cable access government channels.

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- 1. Approval of the July 6, 2021 Minutes**
- 2. 212449: Recommend** Assistant City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance to require the City Clerk to forward all members of the City Council copies of G. L. c. 268A, sections 20(c) and 20(d), disclosure forms filed with the City Clerk.
- 3. 206811: Discuss** Conveying the Report of the Clean and Open Elections Task Force.
- 4. 207392: Recommend** Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition providing for legal voting rights in municipal elections for non-citizen residents.
- 5. 212250: Discuss** (Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne) – That the Commissioner of Public Works, the Director of Purchasing, and the Director of Mobility report to the Legislative Matters Committee on enforcement of and annual reporting on the Ordinance to Safeguard Vulnerable Road Users.

To begin discussion

- 6. 210605: Discuss** (Davis) – That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance prohibiting the

installation of public lighting in excess of a temperature level to be determined.

7. **211825: Discuss** (Scott, Ballantyne, Davis, Mbah) – That this Council consider passage of a Home Rule Petition enabling a "right to charge," similar to HD4109 or Chapter 370 of the acts of 2018, ensuring that tenants are provided access to charging stations.
8. **211830: Discuss** (Scott, Davis, Mbah) – That the City Solicitor advise this Council on the restrictions of public notice posting requirements for local businesses, particularly as it relates to business practices such as wages.
9. **212244: Recommend** (Ewen-Campen, Davis, Scott) – That the Administration work with this Council to begin a public process to consider removing the phrase “Honorably Purchased from the Pawtuckets – 1639” from the Somerville Seal and Flag.
10. **212255: Discuss** (Scott, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Mbah) – That this Council consider an Automated Speed Enforcement in School Zones Home Rule Petition similar to the one already approved by Salem MA.
11. **212401: Recommend** (Scott, Mbah) – That the Administration cease the lawsuit seeking to overturn the ruling of the Public Records Office, as outlined in the attached.

To be considered for closing

12. **205489: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the Administration compile a report for this Board of all emails and letters received on the proposed Real Estate Transfer Fee, and work with this Board to host community forums that bring all interested parties to the table.
13. **210742: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Scott, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance similar to Boston's PILOT ordinance, formalizing payments in lieu of taxes to create a fair and transparent system of taxation for large tax-exempt non-profit organizations.
14. **211002: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Chief of Police and the Administration discuss with the Legislative Matters Committee, potential revisions to the citation form for violations of City ordinances, to include demographic data.
15. **210233: Discuss** (Davis, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Strezo, Rossetti, Mbah, Ballantyne, Clingan, White Jr., McLaughlin) – That this Council draft an ordinance to establish a Use of Force Policy applicable to municipal law enforcement agencies.
16. **211197: Discuss** (Davis) – That the City Solicitor draft language to change all pronouns in the city's ordinances to gender-neutral.

17. **210557: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Scott, Davis, Ballantyne) – Congratulating the Administration on a very successful rehabilitation and re-opening of Prospect Hill Park, and requesting a reduction in the excessively bright lighting from the new lamp posts.