CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
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February 8, 2011

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Thomas F. Taylor	Chair	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Vice Chair	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Absent	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Absent	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Sean T. O'Donovan	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	
Omar Boukili	Administrative Assistant	Present	
Frank Wright	City Solicitor	Present	
Anne Thomas	Counsel, OSPCD	Present	
David Lutes	Environmental Programs Manager	Present	

188396 - Requesting Approval of a Home Rule Petition to Amend the City Charter to Bring it into Conformity with Current State Law and Streamline Enactment of Administrative Matters.:

The committee reviewed the most recent changes and made additional changes to sections 22, 26 and 43B. A revised version encompassing all changes will be presented with this report at the February 10th BOA meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED

189880 - That the Environmental Programs Manager investigate creating a paper/plastic recycling initiative at fast food establishments.:

Mr. Lutes told the members that the Health Department is looking into this matter. Chairman Taylor requested that Mr. Lutes work with the Law Department on this matter and suggested that the Chamber of Commerce deal with local businesses on the issue.

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE

190570 - City Solicitor conveying Home Rule Petition language re: #188396, a proposal to amend the City Charter.:

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE

190737 - Requesting approval of an amendment to the Ordinances at Chapter 12 regarding the Placement and Maintenance of News racks.:

Ms. Thomas spoke about the proposal and referenced a case in the 11th Circuit and added that she has concerns about the advertising aspect of the proposal.

RESULT:	APPROVED