



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Tuesday - February 5, 2019, 6:00 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 2/1/19 at 7:41 AM)

- 1. Approval of the November 15, 2018 Minutes**
- 2. 203004: Discuss** (White Jr., McWatters, Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti) – That the Mayor work with the State Delegation on an agreement with the State to permit City crossing guards at the crosswalks at Highland Avenue and McGrath Highway, and to permit the Police Department to enforce traffic laws there.
- 3. 204724: Discuss** (Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.) – That the Director of Health and Human Services present the Assessment and Plan in follow-up to the recently released City Wellness Report.
- 4. 204860: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of SPCD arrange a meeting with the MBTA and this Board to discuss the elimination of the Route 95 bus stop on Mystic Avenue across from Fremont Street, and how that stop can be restored with proper lighting, markings, etc.
- 5. 205496: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the City Clerk invite the Clerk Magistrate of the Somerville District Court to meet with the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss drug courts.
- 6. 205684: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of Health and Human Services appear before this Board to discuss efforts to support individuals on the autism spectrum and educate first responders about autism.
- 7. 205697: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Hirsch) – That the Administration update this Board on a municipal ID program for all residents, including any input from local immigrant advocacy groups, residents and non-profit organizations.

8. **205785: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the City Solicitor update this Board on the current status of the draft ordinance regulating Airbnb.
9. **205825: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Administration provide an update on the range of projected revenue from recreational marijuana facilities how these funds may be used.
10. **205826: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Administration consider, as part of its facilities planning process and its ongoing development of programs like 311, libraries, recreation and neighborhood policing, ways to establish multi-purpose neighborhood-based service centers.
11. **205828: Discuss** (Hirsch, McLaughlin) – That the Administration update this Board on maintaining bus shelters or installing new shelters, such as the #90 bus stop at Assembly Square.
12. **205829: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and other enforcing departments report to this Board on enforcing business signage laws, especially for alcohol, tobacco or marijuana advertisements.
13. **205909: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration, MA DEP, and Eversource explain to this Board the cause of the recent oil spill in the Mystic River near Assembly Square, the plan to clean it up, and any information residents should be aware of for safety.
14. **205933: Discuss** (Hirsch, Davis, Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD inform this Board of plans to regulate or enable dockless bikes, and share information on the City’s contractual relationship with Hubway/BlueBikes.
15. **205934: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ballantyne) – That the City Solicitor inform this Board of any applicable regulations related to the use of drones.
16. **206291: Discuss** (Davis) – That this Board commends the MA Senate on passing Senate Bill 2562 "An Act Relative to Gender Identity on MA Identification" which allows a person to designate "X" for gender on an application for a driver's license and other official identification and further, that this Board encourages the MA House of Representatives to advance similar legislation.
17. **206396: Discuss** (Niedergang, Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD and other City staff report to this Board on the Bird electric dockless scooter program and how the Administration plans to deal with it.
18. **206421: Discuss** (Hirsch, Davis, Ballantyne) – That the Director of Health and Human

Services develop a FAQ about the local implementation of medical and recreational marijuana sales.

19. **206427: Discuss** (Hirsch, Mbah) – That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report on whether or not an increased amount of construction can lead to more lead exposure, and what measures ISD uses to ensure contractors limit the release of lead into the soil or air.
20. **206585: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Administration share a more comprehensive set of goals related to air quality based on CAFEH study results, when or if available.
21. **206835: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Davis) – That the Director of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Public Works install NO SMOKING signs in the public parks in and around Ward 7 and Davis Square.
22. **206854: Discuss** (Hirsch, Mbah) – That the Director of Health and Human Services work with the Public Schools to allow whole fruits to be saved for use as snacks, given that many children often go without snacks.
23. **206856: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Administration consider a public information effort to inform the community about code violations that impact public safety, such as improper lead paint removal.
24. **206857: Discuss** (Hirsch, Clingan) – That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss conducting a workshop for parents and adult caregivers to help them better understand risks, indicators of use, and strategies of intervention for tween/teen substance use.
25. **206859: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Chief of Police share his view of how and when residents should call the Police or 311 for emergency and non-emergency matters, including which number to call, and consider holding a discussion on the topic that includes different stakeholders.
26. **206949: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Chief of Police report on the effectiveness of recent block closures for Halloween and discuss whether or not the program may be expanded.
27. **207040: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, and the Entire Board) – That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer, and related staff, discuss how each department receives and handles a 911 call, including the dispatch of State Police, E911, Fire Alarm, and Cataldo Ambulance, and including the handling of asthmatic-related emergencies.
28. **207041: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, and the Entire Board) –

That the Director of Health and Human Services, or related staff, discuss education efforts for the general public or child-serving providers on how to determine the severity of an asthma attack.

29. **207042: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, and the Entire Board) – Expressing the intent to work towards helping improve systems involving emergency response, care and education related to asthma.
30. **207102: Discuss** City Solicitor responding to #205934 re: drone use regulations.
31. **207162: Discuss** (Clingan, Hirsch) – That the Director of Health and Human Services develop a resident checklist for emergency preparedness, including plans to help needy neighbors, and including the "Are You OK" Program.
32. **207275: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss key points from the Youth Risk Survey with the Public Health and Public Safety Committee.
33. **207276: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Administration provide any analysis, considerations, or existing practices for reducing ordinance violation fines for lower-income households.
34. **207328: Discuss** (Davis, Clingan, Hirsch) – That the Chief of Police, in conjunction with the Administration, advise this Board of the protocol for notifying the public and families when there is an incident in a public building.
35. **207329: Discuss** (Davis, Clingan, Hirsch) – That the Chief of Police, in conjunction with the Administration, advise this Board on school-related safety policies and procedures listed within.
36. **207377: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Director of Health and Human Services inform this Board of the protocol for communicating with the public about any particular patterns in seasonal flu or colds.
37. **207378: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Director of Health and Human Services inform this Board of how the teen snow shoveling program is going this year.
38. **207441: Discuss** (Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Scott, Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Board on the feasibility of situating a Safe Injection Facility here.
39. **207446: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of Health and Human Services inform this Board's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety about Cambridge Health Alliance's

plans to turn Somerville Hospital's Emergency Department into an urgent care center.

40. **207464: Discuss** Director of Health and Human Services responding to #207378 re: the teen snow shoveling program.