



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Legislative Matters Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via GoToWebinar and was called to order by Chair Davis at 6:02 pm and adjourned at 8:13 pm with a roll call vote of all in favor (Councilor Scott, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley, Councilor Kelly, and Chair Davis), none opposed, and none absent.

Others present: Neha Singh – Mayor’s Office, Brendan Salisbury – City Clerk’s Office, Jill Lathan – DPW, Nicholas Antanavica – ISD, Michael Feloney – OSPCD, Lorraine Moorehouse – DPW, Andres Bueno – OSPCD, 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

Approval of the Minutes of the Legislative Matters Committee Meeting of March 28, 2023. [23-0518](#)

Accepted

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

That the Commissioner of Public Works, the Director of Procurement and Contracting Services, 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. [22-0043](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Davis

Recommended to be marked work completed

That the Code of Ordinances be amended by requiring the Mayor to annually submit to this Council a report on the status of housing. [22-0038](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Davis

Kept in committee

Amending Sections 7-41, 7-43, 7-44, and 7-47 of the Code of Ordinances, related to Fair Housing. [22-1994](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott

Recommended to be approved

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

That the City Solicitor work with this Council to amend the Code of Ordinances to include nondiscrimination provisions based on relationship status.

[22-1991](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott

Recommended to be marked work completed

That this City Council and the City of Somerville formally recognize the Gilman Square Neighborhood Council.

[22-1271](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Scott, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

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