



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Legislative Matters Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via GoToWebinar and was called to order by Chair Davis at 6:04 pm and adjourned at 8:31 pm with a roll call vote of all in favor (Councilor Scott, Councilor Burnley, Councilor Kelly, and Chair Davis), none opposed, and 1 absent (Councilor McLaughlin).

Others present: Aneesh Sahni – Mayor’s Office, Neha Singh – Mayor’s Office, Brendan Salisbury – City Clerk, Christopher Major – Fire, Sean Sheehan – SPD, Victor Nascimento – OSPCD, Brad Rawson – OSPCD, Catherine Lester Salchert – Law Office, Stephanie Widzowski – Clerk of Committees.

Roll Call

Present: Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis, City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly, Willie Burnley Jr. and Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott
Absent: Matthew McLaughlin

1. Approval of the Legislative Matters Committee Minutes of January 17, 2023. [23-0158](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

Surveillance Technology Annual Reports

2. Conveying the 2022 Surveillance Technology Annual Report as it relates to Somerville Public Schools. [23-0107](#)

Kept in committee

3. Conveying the 2022 Surveillance Technology Annual Report. [23-0086](#)

Recommended to be marked work completed

Surveillance Technology Ordinance

4. That the Council amend the Surveillance Technology Ordinance to clarify [23-0172](#)

that it covers cameras used for automated traffic or parking enforcement.

Sponsors: Councilor Davis

Recommended to be marked work completed

Extending Acting Police Chief

5. Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the continued employment of Acting Somerville Police Chief Charles J. Femino. [23-0074](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

Nay: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

Neighborhood Council Ordinance Update

6. Proposing Amendments to the Neighborhood Council Designation Ordinance (Chapter 7, Article IX) to encourage the formation of such neighborhood councils. [22-1293](#)

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

Kept in committee

To be considered for closing/placing on file

7. That the Director of Housing provide a written update on the current status of compliance with the Short-Term Rental Ordinance. [22-0180](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Scott, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

8. That the City Solicitor prepare a revision to the appropriate ordinance so vehicles that are parked in a crosswalk, or blocking a bicycle lane, ADA ramp, bus stop, or sidewalk may be towed as well as ticketed. [22-0451](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Davis and Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

9. That the administration advise the City Council, and provide the language to allow cannabis delivery in the most streamlined way possible. [22-0037](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Davis

Recommended to be marked work completed

10. That the Administration re-submit the Report of the Clean and Open Elections Task Force.

[22-0047](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Davis

Recommended to be marked work completed

11. Conveying information regarding item 23-0084, a Mayor's Request requesting the adoption of the Specialized Energy Code.

[23-0106](#)

Recommended to be marked work completed