



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Thursday - October 5, 2017, 7:00 PM  
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

**AGENDA**

(Posted online: 9/26/17 at 6:40 AM) Original

(Posted online: 10/2/17 at 2:25 PM) Revised

1. **Approval of the August 31, 2017 Minutes**
2. **201753: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ballantyne, McWatters) – That the Mayor re-establish the Tree Advisory Committee, to be staffed by the full-time Arborist, expand its membership to 9 or 11 members, and broaden the scope of the Committee's duties.
3. **203059: Discuss** (Ballantyne, McWatters, Niedergang, Sullivan) – That the City Solicitor submit updated language to expand the Tree Advisory Committee ordinance.
4. **203365: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Davis) – That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring native tree and plantings for all open space, to meet the goals of sustainability and biodiversity.
5. **202023: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the Administration's plans for the Somerville Municipal Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund and jobs linkage fee for new commercial development.
6. **202360: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the City Solicitor prepare a draft ordinance for jobs linkage fees.
7. **204329: Discuss** Conveying the Nexus Study Report on Housing and Jobs Linkage.
8. **203097: Recommend** Assistant City Solicitor submitting the US2-City Development Covenant.

9. **203098: Recommend** Assistant City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance to create a Community Benefits Committee.
10. **203192: Discuss** Union United submitting comments re: the Union Square Development Covenant.
11. **203555: Discuss** The Chamber of Commerce, Union Square Main Streets, and Somerville Local First submitting comments re: the Union Sq proposed zoning, the US2 Covenant, and the Community Benefits Ordinance.
12. **203556: Discuss** The Maurice and Jane Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice submitting comments re: #203098, the Community Benefits Ordinance.
13. **203230: Discuss** (Davis) – That the City Solicitor advise this Board whether the city may restrict financial institutions from participating in city borrowing based on their business activities, and whether the city may engage in a negotiated underwriting process with a pre-selected lending institution under certain circumstances.
14. **204025: Discuss** Asst. City Solicitor responding to #203230 re: restricting or pre-selecting financial institutions for city borrowing.
15. **203464: Recommend** City Solicitor submitting a proposed Order designating the position of Retirement Board Member as a Special Municipal Employee position.
16. **203881: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Administration draft a Dark Sky ordinance addressing applicability, color temperature standards, prescriptive or performance standards, DPW oversight, and exemptions.
17. **202400: Discuss** Green and Open Somerville submitting comments re: a dark sky ordinance.
18. **202495: Discuss** Tori Antonino submitting comments re: a dark sky ordinance.
19. **203839: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.) – That the City Solicitor draft an amendment to Ordinance 11-38(d)(2) to strengthen the language regarding rodent eradication prior to developments being constructed.
20. **204238: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Sullivan) – That the City Solicitor draft an amendment to the ordinance regarding construction, so that rodent eradication is required on all construction, not just demolition.

21. **203870: Discuss** (Niedergang, Rossetti, Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board no later than August 1, 2017 on progress on a revised demolition review ordinance following the 3 community meetings this spring.
22. **204278: Recommend** Requesting the replacement of Ordinance 7-28 with a new Demolition Review Ordinance. with relevant updates to Ordinance 1-11 for violations.
23. **203789: Recommend** (White Jr., McLaughlin, Davis, McWatters, Sullivan, Connolly, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Heuston, Lafuente) – Proposing an amendment to Ordinance 2-24 regarding the terms of city officers.
24. **203868: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the City Solicitor provide an opinion to this Board no later than August 1, 2017 on the legality of #203789, a proposed amendment to Ordinance 2-24 regarding the terms of city officers.
25. **204026: Discuss** City Solicitor responding to #203868 re: an ordinance to limit the "holdover" period of officers and boards specified in Ordinance 2-24(c).