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February 13, 2007

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

The Committee on Legislative Matters convened on February 13, 2007 with Chairman Thomas Taylor presiding and Committee Members Aldermen Bruce Desmond, Rebekah Gewirtz, Maryann Heuston, Sean O'Donovan, Walter Pero, William Roche, Dennis Sullivan and William White also present and voting. Also present were Mayor Joe Curtatone, Phil Eroclini from SPCD, Michael Lambert from the Mayor's Office, Solicitor John Gannon, Robert Welsh and David Webster from Federal Realty Investment Trust (FRIT) and Madeline Masters.

The committee discussed the Home Rule Petition regarding liquor licenses. Mayor Curtatone stated that Assembly Square would be a thriving area, and as such, beer and wine licenses would be sought. The proposal calls for 10 full service liquor licenses and 10 beer and wine licenses with the intention of having the full service licenses not be transferable. The city is allowed to have 64 full service licenses and 16 beer and wine licenses and the City Solicitor told the members that the city's quota is 83, but that the city took itself out of the population based quota system prior to 1984. The city is seeking to increase the license fee and will supply the current fee structure to the committee, as requested. Mr. Welsh told the members that the licenses would be spread out throughout the Assembly Square development. Alderman White requested that the City Solicitor provide the committee with the calculation that the ABCC arrives at in determining the liquor license quota for Somerville. The committee requested that the Licensing Commission be asked to appear at the next Legislative Matters Committee meeting to discuss this petition.

Alderman Taylor's motion **that the City Solicitor develop a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Recreation and Conservation and with the Massachusetts Highway Department pertaining to the streets listed, (in item 182512), that are controlled by the aforementioned agencies and report back to the Legislative Matters Committee,** was approved.

The committee requested that DPW Commissioner Stan Koty, Highway Superintendent Michael Buckley and George Landers from ISD to appear at the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss item 182401: an amendment to Ordinance 2006-12 regarding household trash and rubbish collection.

The committee requested that Veterans Services Director Frank Senesi appear at the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss Item 182234: suggested standards for use by the Commission on Monuments, Memorials and Dedications; and item 182477: an amendment to the ordinance regarding memorials by adding a provision to rededicate and restore lost and damaged memorials.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following item:

**182512:** Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval of Home Rule Petition to allow concurrent jurisdiction of Fellsway West, Medford St. and other streets by the City and DCR.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be placed on file

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 9 - 0 in favor

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Alderman Thomas F. Taylor, Chairman  
Committee on Legislative Matters

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Report of the Committee of the Whole on  
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In Board of Aldermen

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