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July 11, 2006

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Committee on Legislative Matters convened on July 11, 2006 with Chairman Thomas Taylor presiding and Committee Members Aldermen Maryann Heuston, Sean O'Donovan and William Roche also present and voting. Also present were Alderman Walter Pero, Solicitor John Gannon and Mike Lambert from the Mayor's Office.

Chairman Taylor informed the members that he intends to hold public hearings, after September, on the matters of Condo Conversions and Traffic/Parking and Pedestrian safety issues.

Alderman Roche's motion *that a communication be sent to the Traffic and Pedestrian Commissions regarding the scheduling of a public hearing to discuss traffic and speed issues and to inquire why Somerville isn't making use of raised sidewalks and why Parking Control Officers cannot tow vehicles* was unanimously approved.

Alderman Roche requested that the City Solicitor provide the Legislative Matters Committee with a red lined copy of the Trash Ordinance.

The committee also discussed the possible expansion of duties for the Municipal Hearing Officer, to include hearing appeals regarding trash and snow citations.

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

181482: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition for the establishment of a hearing process for code violations.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - 0 in favor

Alderman Thomas F. Taylor, Chairman
Committee on Legislative Matters

COMMITTEE REPORT

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