



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Housing and Community Development Committee

### Regular Meeting Agenda

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Wednesday, September 20, 2023

6:00 PM

City Council Committee Room and  
Remote Participation

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#### Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # 23-0961) **Approval Review:** Approval of the Minutes of the Housing and Community Development Committee Meeting of May 30, 2023.

#### Housing Stability

2. Order (ID # [22-0085](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo That the Director of the Office of Housing Stability appear before the Housing and Community Development Committee to discuss the current status of Somerville residents facing displacement and the number of households seeking rental assistance.

Armory

3. Resolution (ID # [23-1310](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Strezo  
That the Administration report to this Council on the usage of the Armory building by existing tenants, city tenants, and what have been the vacancies.
4. Order (ID # [23-1309](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Economic Development take the steps described within, relative to the Armory building.
5. Order (ID # [23-1308](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of the Arts Council and the Director of Economic Development take the steps outlined within, relative to the Armory building.

Police

6. Order (ID # [23-0523](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo  
That the Chief of Police and relevant departments discuss the use and effectiveness of the Community Alert System and advise if an update to the system is necessary.

Crossing Guards

7. Order (ID # [22-1568](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Chief of Police inform this Council which intersections are prioritized with crossing guards.
8. Order (ID # [22-1567](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Director of Human Resources discuss the possibility of modernizing crossing guard positions to attract candidates and increase hiring.

9. Order  
(ID # [22-1566](#))
- Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Director of Human Resources update this Council on the hiring process and staffing numbers for crossing guards for the 2022-2023 school year.