



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Housing and Community Development Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Thursday, November 21, 2024

6:00 PM Committee Room and Remote Participation

This meeting was held in the Committee Room and virtually via Zoom, was called to order at 6:03 pm by Chair Strezo, and adjourned at 8:00 pm with a roll call vote of three in favor (Councilor Clingan, Mbah, and Chair Strezo), none opposed, and none absent. Councilor Mbah joined the meeting at 6:05pm.

Others present: Director of Housing Stability Ellen Shachter, Director of Housing Michael Feloney, Deputy Director of Housing Lisa Davidson, Executive Director of OSPCD Thomas Galligani, Legislative Liaison Kimberly Hutter, Legislative Services Manager Madelyn Letellier.

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo and Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan

Absent: City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Housing and Community Development Committee Meeting of October 21, 2024. [24-1539](#)

Accepted

Aye: City Councilor At Large Strezo and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: City Councilor At Large Mbah

2. That the Director of Office of Housing Stability appear before the Housing and Community Development Committee to discuss the current status of residents facing displacement and the number of households seeking rental assistance. [24-0075](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Kept in committee

3. That the Administration work with the vendor to review the certification and re-certification processes for affordable housing units and identify ways to streamline the process and make it less onerous for residents. [24-1009](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. Fair Housing Commission conveying the FY 2023 Annual Report pursuant to Section 17-7 of the Code of Ordinances. [24-1446](#)

Kept in committee

5. That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning discuss the potential for density bonus incentives, such as \$150,000 for homeowners to build affordable housing for rent or homeownership. [24-0071](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Kept in committee

6. That the Director of Economic Development discuss with this Council ways to provide small businesses with financial and technical support when impacted by construction and other emergencies. [24-1008](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Kept in committee