



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

EQUITY, GENDER, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - November 4, 2020, 6:00 PM
Virtual

AGENDA

Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone’s Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of a City Council Committee will be conducted via remote participation.

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- 1. Approval of the March 2, 2020 Minutes**
- 2. 205289: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ballantyne, Davis, Clingan) – That the Director of Purchasing share the process for procuring food, food packaging and flatware for the school cafeterias.
- 3. 205290: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ballantyne, Davis) – That the Commissioner of Public Works share the process of handling different types of cafeteria waste, including recyclables and food waste.
- 4. 205361: Discuss** (Hirsch, Davis, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Clingan) – That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Superintendent of Schools share their policies and procedures for allocating indoor spaces and outdoor spaces, in particular for local or youth-serving organizations.
- 5. 205531: Discuss** Parks and Recreation Director responding to #205361 re: the allocation of

indoor and outdoor spaces.

6. **205532: Discuss** Parks and Recreation Director submitting the Department's Fall, 2017 youth participation statistics.
7. **210228: Recommend** (McLaughlin, Rossetti, Mbah, Strezo, Niedergang, White Jr., and the Mayor) – Supporting full implementation of body worn cameras by sworn personnel in the Police Department.
8. **210237: Discuss** (Mbah, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, White Jr.) – That the Administration re-assess its hiring policies to include people of color in leadership positions and update this Council on efforts to promote equity across all departments.
9. **210238: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Director of SPCD update this Council on the minority-owned business initiative and provide data on the number of businesses that have been helped from being gentrified.
10. **210239: Discuss** (Clingan, McLaughlin, Davis, Niedergang, Scott) – That the Mayor work with the Director of the Somerville Housing Authority to abolish the Housing Authority Police Department and reallocate the funds for social services for Housing Authority residents.
11. **210240: Discuss** (Clingan, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Scott, Strezo, Davis) – That the Director of the Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) develop a formal process for SHA residents to report SHA Police misconduct, in lieu of an outright abolition.
12. **210290: Discuss** 3,380 citizens (approx.) submitting comments re: redistributing Police Department funding.
13. **206188: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Hirsch, Mbah, Ballantyne, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration update this Board prior to July 12, 2018, on providing public restrooms at public parks, including parks that will be used by programs that would otherwise use Conway Park, including Dickerman Park.
14. **206232: Discuss** (Niedergang, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration install portable toilets at playgrounds and the following parks: Albion, Dickerman, North Street, Lincoln (when it reopens), Marshall Street, Chuckie Harris, Kenney, Grimmons, Healey, Hoyt-Sullivan (when it reopens) and Conway, no later than July 2018.
15. **206643: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ballantyne) – That the Administration report on how the port-a-potty pilot went this summer, whether or not it can be expanded, and how residents should

notify the city if port-a-potties need cleaning.