



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Housing and Community Development Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Monday, June 30, 2025

6:00 PM Committee Room and Remote Participation

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Strezo at 6:06pm and adjourned at 7:11pm on a roll call vote of 2 in favor (Councilors Ewen-Campen and Strezo), 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Councilor Clingan).

Others present: Ellen Shachter - Director of Housing Stability, Dana Whiteside - Deputy Director of Economic Development and Delaney Fisher-Cassiol - Clerk of Committees

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo and Ward Seven City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen

Absent: Jesse Clingan

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Housing and Community Development Committee Meeting of March 4, 2025.

[25-0413](#)

Accepted

Aye: City Councilor At Large Strezo and Ward Seven City Councilor Ewen-Campen

Absent: Clingan

2. That the Director of Housing Stability update this Council on recent changes to condominium conversion and tenant protection laws as a result of the 2024 Housing Bond Bill and how Somerville may strengthen its protections.

[25-0133](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. That the Director of Housing Stability update this Council on efforts to raise awareness for eviction sealing assistance in light of recent state legislation enabling the sealing of evictions.

[25-0134](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Director of Economic Development report on the economic impact to small businesses in Somerville as a result of recent federal immigration policy changes. [25-0247](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Sait, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson
Recommended to be marked work completed

5. Requesting approval of the 2025-2026 Housing and Urban Development One Year Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership, and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs. [25-1005](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Strezo and Ward Seven City Councilor Ewen-Campen

Absent: Clingan

6. That the Director of Economic Development provide an update to this Council on efforts to mitigate construction impacts on small businesses in the city, what resources are available to small business affected by construction, and what additional support can be made available. [25-1200](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Davis
Kept in committee

7. That the Administration notify Magoun Square businesses of planned construction projects. [25-1178](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Sait
Kept in committee