



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council Housing and Community Development Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

6:00 PM

This meeting was held in the Committee Room and virtually via Zoom, was called to order at 6:01 pm by Chair Strezo, and adjourned at 7:21 pm with a roll call vote of two in favor (Councilor Clingan and Chair Strezo), none opposed, and one absent (Councilor Mbah).

Others present: Hannah Carrillo – Mayor’s Office, Tom Galligani – OSPCD, Demetrios Vidalis – Water and Sewer, Jon Bronenkant – PSUF, Stephanie Widzowski – Clerk of Committees.

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah and Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan

1. Committee Minutes (ID # [24-0254](#)) Approval of the Minutes of the Housing and Community Development Committee Meeting of February 28, 2024.

RESULT: ACCEPTED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Mbah and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

2. Order (ID # [24-0070](#)) By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson That the Director of Parks and Recreation discuss how inclusive playground accessibility is being considered in future playground plans and redesign projects.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

3. Order (ID # [24-0047](#)) By Councilor Mbah That the Director of Housing and the Director of the Office of Housing Stability report on the feasibility of fair housing enforcement.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

4. Resolution (ID # [24-0073](#)) By Councilor Strezo That the Administration, in conjunction with the Housing and Water and Sewer Departments, provide optional, affordable, water utility assessments in low-income housing units and in benevolent landlord and subsidized landlord housing, whereby residents would pay their own water and sewer bills.

RESULT: RECOMMENDED TO BE MARKED WORK COMPLETED