



Special Social Services and Public Safety Committee

November 14, 2023

Summary and Motions

Chair Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Vice Mayor Wu and Council Members J. Brown, Ellinger, Fogle, Lynch, LeGris, Monarrez, Sheehan, Gray, F. Brown, Baxter, Sevigny, and Plomin were in attendance and all Council Members were recognized as voting members.

I. Review of the Fairness Ordinance

David Barberie, Managing Attorney in the Law Department, provided a brief overview of the Fairness Ordinance. He spoke about changes made to this ordinance to reflect the ban on Source of Income Discrimination.

II. Public Comment on Source of Income Discrimination

Several members of the public, including landlords and tenants, were present to provide input regarding the proposed changes to the fairness ordinance. There were comments made in support of the ordinance such as this ban would help with the housing crisis. There were also comments in opposition to the ordinance including an increase in rents and difficulty navigating the Section 8 program.

III. Committee Chair Comments

Chair Reynolds concluded the meeting by stating the ordinance would be considered at the next Social Services and Public Safety Committee meeting (in January 2024).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.