

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$29,388,181.96 from Free Cash to the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund. During FY24, the City received mitigation revenues from various developers as a result of commitments related to zoning ordinance amendments and special permit conditions. By law, all mitigation revenues must be deposited into the General Fund and can only be appropriated after the Free Cash Certification is complete. (CM25#1)
2. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$2,500,000, from Free Cash, to the Finance Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,500,000), and to the Finance Department Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$1,000,000), to support the continued operation and needed capital and equipment improvements to Neville Center, a 5-star skilled nursing facility with 112 beds, which is part of Neville Communities Inc. (CM25#2)
3. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$10,000, to the Grant Fund Library Other Ordinary Maintenance account. Funds will support digital learning classes through FY25, including though the procurement of translators and Chromebooks. Classes will cover 8 specific topics developed by PLA and implemented at Main with other branch locations to be determined. (CM25#3)
4. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$4,000 to the Grant Fund Library Other Ordinary Maintenance account. Funds will support digital navigator classes through FY25, including though the procurement of translators and Chromebooks. Digital Navigators will offer tech help and will use content from 8 specific topics developed by PLA. (CM25#4)
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointments and reappointments of members to the **Citizens' Committee on Civic Unity**: Bradley Halpern, Angela Flynn, Gassendina Lubintus, Arleigha Cook, Sydney Ramos de Paula, Angela Camacho-DeSousa, Tyrie Daniels, Lawrence Bailis, Kelly Hassett, Steven Lee, Betsy Bard, Namrata Sengupta (CM25#5)
6. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$6,000 received from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to the Grant Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account to pilot initiatives to reduce move-out waste during the May/June 2025 moving season. The grant program is meant to provide municipalities, nonprofits, and other entities with seed funding for initiatives that may have potential for long-term waste reduction. (CM25#6)
7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-65,

regarding the creation of a jobs training trust through Home Rule Petition. (CM25#7) [[text of report](#)]

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ORDERED: That the City Council petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact the attached Home Rule Petition entitled: **An Act Establishing the City of Cambridge Employment and Job Training Trust**.

8. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the **Planning Board Report regarding citywide Multifamily Housing Zoning Petitions**. (CM25#8)

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is hereby requested to work with the relevant City departments to report back on additional multi-family zoning considerations, along with the other amendments put forward by the City Council on Dec 23, 2024. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Azeem (PO25#1)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. An Ordinance 2023 #8B has been received from City Clerk, relative to Amend Chapter 14.04 – Fair Housing. [Passed to 2nd Reading Oct 2, 2023; Amended Nov 6, 2023; to remain on Unfinished Business pending legislative approval of Special Act needed prior to ordination] (ORD23-8B)
2. An Ordinance has been received from City Clerk, relative to proposed amendments to the Cycling Safety Ordinance to extend the deadline associated with the completion of those sections of the ordinance that are required to be completed by May 1, 2026. [Passed to a 2nd Reading Dec 16, 2024; Eligible to be Ordained on or after Jan 6, 2025] (ORD24#8)

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Carole Steele 8 Eliot Street, regarding a Flag on pole affixed to building facade. (AP25#1)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Michael Massagli, regarding “Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community”.
2. Adriane Bishko, regarding “Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community”.
3. AJ Hodgson, regarding Housing.
4. AJ Hodgson, regarding “Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community”.
5. Alexander von Hoffman, regarding “Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community”.
6. Alfred DiSodoro, regarding “Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community”.
7. Alida Castillo, regarding “Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community”.
8. Ann M Gantz, regarding “Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community”.
9. Anne and Anand Sundaram, regarding No to your proposed zoning.
10. Anne Sundaram, regarding “Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community”.
11. Annette LaMond, regarding “Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community”.
12. Arthur Strang, regarding [LarchList] in opposition to current radical up-zoning proposals.

13. Arti Pandey, regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
14. Ausra Kubilius, regarding "Please pause housing petition – Amendments don't address issues voiced by many in the community".
15. Austin Smith, regarding Support for the Citywide Multifamily Housing Zoning Petition.
16. Banti Gheneti, regarding Cambridge Housing Justice Coalition: Support 3+3+3 version of Multifamily Zoning.
17. Barbara Rubel, regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
18. Dan Totten regarding zoning.
19. Benjamin Flaim, regarding Upzoning.
20. Dana Schaefer regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
21. Beth Gamse and Judy Singer, regarding Please take the necessary time to consider alternatives to the current MFH proposal.
22. Camilla Elvis, regarding Thank you!
23. Dana Tighe, regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
24. Candace Young, regarding Zoning.
25. Daniel Tenney regarding "Do not rush the multi-family petition amendments – Do not circumvent community input".
26. Carol Anastasi, regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
27. Carrie Jones, regarding Monday's hearing – Dec 23.
28. Daniel Vlock regarding West Cambridge Neighborhood Association and the Proposed Upzoning Plan.
29. Catalina Arboleda, regarding Pedestrian Safety when it snows.
30. Catherine Coleman, regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
31. Elizabeth Gilmore regarding West Cambridge Neighborhood Association and the Proposed Upzoning Plan.
32. Cathy Hoffman, regarding Multifamily housing.
33. David E. Sullivan, regarding support for multifamily housing compromise.
34. Charlotte McGuinness regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
35. David Keeler regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
36. Chris McElroy regarding It's the holidays – "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
37. Chris Willard regarding linear park - please don't add more asphalt / remove more green!
38. David Myers regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
39. Christine M. Cannava regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
40. David O'Connor regarding the Multi-family housing petition.
41. Christopher Germer regarding No need to do this radical proposal!
42. Deborah Belle regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
43. Claire Moore regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
44. Diana Yousef-Martinek regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
45. Gene Hull regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
46. Gleb Bahmutov regarding In strong support for building more housing in Cambridge.
47. Gordon Moore regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
48. Harold J. Bursztajn regarding A very thoughtful analysis of the Cambridge City Council attempt at a quick fix via zoning deregulation.
49. Hayley Arnett regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
50. Heidi Legg regarding Request to speak at tomorrow's City Hall meeting on up-zoning.
51. Helen Abraham regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
52. Helene O'Brien regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
53. Howard Bauchner regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
54. Diane Reposa regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
55. Jacqueline Brown regarding NEW Upzoning Council Meeting Dec 23.
56. Jaime Darwin regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
57. Jane Murphy regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
58. Jane Stoleroff regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
59. Janet Plotkin regarding My concern over the current Zoning Proposal.
60. Jean G. Krulic regarding support of Councillor Azeem, Councillor Siddiqui, and Councillor Toner's amendments to Housing Proposal.
61. Dominick Jones regarding opposition of upzoning.
62. Jeff Meese regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
63. Jeffrey Peterson regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
64. Doug Frank regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
65. Jess Sheehan regarding thanks for your thoughtful service and good example.
66. Jim Gray regarding "late order" comments: please be inclusive and cautious.
67. Jim regarding Multifamily discussion or vote today.
68. Joan and William Magretta regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
69. Joan Krizack regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
70. John Bright regarding Concerns with the Multi-Family Housing proposal.
71. John G. Wofford regarding Letter to City Council 12.23.24.
72. Ed Abrams regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
73. John Hanratty regarding "Stop – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
74. Eileen Babbitt regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
75. John LaFreniere regarding 2 significant flaws to assumptions that design review and less than 6-stories of housing does not "pencil out".
76. John McDonough regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
77. Jonathan Hodgson regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
78. Jose Martins regarding J. Martins Investigation Closeout.
79. Joseph Moore regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
80. Joyce E Myers regarding In support of Paul Toner's amendment to Multifamily Ordinance.
81. Judith Leff regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
82. Judith Taylor regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
83. Elise Moore regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
84. Judy Bright regarding Cambridge Upzoning proposal.

85. Elizabeth Greywolf regarding Please Stop the rush - The issues voiced by the community have not been addressed by petition amendments.
86. Julia Schlozman regarding Support Upzoning.
87. Elizabeth Houghteling regarding opposition to rush on zoning.
88. Elizabeth Ross regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
89. Esther and Chris Pullman regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
90. Faye Halpern regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
91. Francis Bane regarding rushing petition amendments.
92. Frank LoGerfo regarding housing plans.
93. Frank Scibilia regarding no need to rush zoning changes.
94. Frederick Mueller regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
95. Karen and Peter Falb regarding opposition to rushed upzoning without regulation by right - absolutely will hurt your citizens' health.
96. Karen Eton regarding upzoning.
97. Kathryn Dahl regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
98. Kelsey Harris regarding support (Re-legalizing) Multi-family Homes.
99. Mark Dibble regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
100. Laura Roberts regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
101. Mary Jane Kornacki regarding Amendments to upzoning proposal.
102. Lauree Mansour regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
103. Lee Farris, Residents Alliance support for 3+3+3 Multifamily proposal.
104. Maureen Mueller regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
105. Lesli Gordon regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
106. Linda Garmon regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
107. Maureen Whitehouse regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
108. Linda Moussouris regarding Ordinance Committee will file a late Policy Order at Tonight's City Council Meeting.
109. Michael and Ina Sipser regarding Please VOTE NO on the Multifamily Housing Ordinance Proposal.
110. Lindsay Greimann regarding new zoning law proposal and open space.
111. Lisa Blout regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
112. Mike Volles regarding Oppose all up-zoning.
113. Lisa Sebell-Nevins regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
114. Molly O'Brien regarding Multi-family housing proposal.
115. Lisa Ziegler regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
116. Nancy Lange regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
117. Nancy Preis regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
118. Liz Byron Loya regarding Multifamily Upzoning.
119. Neil and Margot Goodwin regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
120. Liz Murphy regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
121. Neil Miller regarding Thank you for action on #1 issue in Cambridge.
122. Lynne Reiss regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
123. Nicoleta Theodosiou regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
124. Pamela M. Lingel regarding the current Zoning Proposal.
125. Nina Herrera regarding Multifamily proposals, etc.
126. Peter Yeager regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
127. Philippe Sauvage regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
128. Omar Eton regarding Against blanket new zoning rules.
129. Phyllis Pownall regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
130. Piotr Mitros regarding Zoning Change and Open Meetings.
131. Carol Lynn Alpert regarding Please don't betray us.
132. Sally Edmonds regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
133. Rafael Jaramillo, West Cambridge Neighborhood Association, regarding proposed Upzoning Plan.
134. Sandy Sweetnam regarding Stop the train.
135. Rahel O'More regarding amendment of housing proposal.
136. Sara Levy regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
137. Rebecca Hall regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
138. Sarah Stone regarding Continued support for (amended) multifamily zoning petition.
139. Shelagh Hadley regarding Please delay tonight's decision.
140. Rich Goode regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
141. Rick Roth regarding opposition to housing ordinance amendments.
142. Ann Stewart and Ann Tennis regarding multifamily petition comment Dec 23 2024.
143. Robert Camacho regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
144. Stuart Lipsky regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
145. Rochelle H. Zapol regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
146. Russell Windman in opposition to current radical up-zoning proposals.
147. Susan Johansen regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
148. Susan McGlennon regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
149. Susan Smith regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
150. Suzanne Blier regarding City Council meeting on the 23rd: request for amendments - and holiday greetings.
151. Sharon Stichter regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
152. Stephen McAuliffe regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
153. Tanya Cosway regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
154. Theresa Gallagher regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
155. Sue Stewart regarding opposition to current radical up-zoning proposals.
156. Thomas Hentschel regarding Ordinance committee – zoning amendments.
157. Vicky Bestor regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
158. Virginia Pye regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".
159. William Graham regarding "Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community".

160. Multiple communications were received from Young Kim regarding My Oral Comment tonight, Amendments to the MFH Petitions #1 & #2, Ordinance Committee Policy Order re Multifamily Housing Petitions and Time Sensitive Tree survivability Question.
161. WM MGMT. regarding “Stop the Rush – Petition amendments do not address the issues voiced by the community”.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Bishop Cristiano Barbosa for being awarded the 2025 MAPS Person of the Year. Councillor Toner
2. Congratulations to Edilia Gomes as the Recipient of the 2025 MAPS Mary & Manuel Rogers Lifetime Community Service Award. Councillor Toner
3. Congratulations to Michael Carreiro as the recipient of the 2025 MAPS Alvaro Lima Outstanding Business Award. Councillor Toner
4. Condolences on the death of Vasco S. Caetano. Councillor Toner
5. Congratulations to Rabbi Liza Stern on her retirement. Councillor Toner
6. Resolution on the death of Maria Alexandria Forde. Vice Mayor McGovern
7. Condolences to the family of Alfred A. Marazzo. Mayor Simmons
8. Condolence Resolution for Dr. Robert S. Peterkin. Mayor Simmons
9. Condolences on the death of Robert R. McCallum. Councillor Toner
10. Congratulations to the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church on its 100th Anniversary. Mayor Simmons

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Ordinance Committee** held a public hearing on two Multifamily Zoning Petitions on Nov 19, 2024. This public hearing was recessed and reconvened on Dec 4, 2024. It was again recessed. It reconvened and adjourned on Dec 19, 2024. [[Nov 19, 2024 report](#)] [[Dec 4, 2024 report](#)] [[Dec 19, 2024 report](#)] [[communications](#)]
2. The **Finance Committee** held a public hearing on Wed, Dec 11, 2024 for an update and discussion on Public Investment Planning. [[text of report](#)]

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF25#1)
2. A communication from City Solicitor Megan B. Bayer, with attachments relative to the Open Meeting Law Complaint of Piotr Mitros (The “Complainant”) dated Dec 26, 2024. (COF25#2) [[text of report](#)]

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Jan 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Wed, Jan 8

5:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing on two Multifamily Zoning Petitions. There will be

public comment at this meeting. This is a continuation of the public hearing that began on Nov 19, that reconvened and recessed again on Dec 4 and Dec 19. One additional meeting has been scheduled for Jan 16.

Mon, Jan 13

5:30pm The City Council will conduct a **Joint Roundtable of the City Council and School Committee** to discuss the City’s universal pre-kindergarten program.

Thurs, Jan 16

3:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing on two Multifamily Zoning Petitions. There will be no public comment at this meeting. This is a continuation of the public hearing that began on Nov 19, that reconvened and recessed again on Dec 4, Dec 19, and Jan 7.

Mon, Jan 27

11:00am A **Special Committee of the Whole** will hold a public hearing to resume the review and discussion of recommendations from the Charter Review Committee and any additional suggestions from the full City Council pertaining to the Cambridge City Charter. This public hearing is a continuation of the meeting that was recessed on Dec 9, 2024.

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Jan 28

3:00pm The **Transportation and Public Utilities Committee** will hold a public hearing to discuss inter-jurisdictional projects that are in play that may impact mobility in Cambridge. This discussion will build on CDD’s report of Nov 14, 2024 to the City Council (Awaiting Report 24-36).

Mon, Feb 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Feb 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Feb 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Jan 6, 2025

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: At the December 19, 2024 Ordinance Committee meeting, the committee discussed the consideration of additions to the multi-family housing zoning petition including setting an average maximum unit size of 2,000 square feet per lot area for new construction and whether the City could subsidize the creation of affordable units into the City’s inclusionary program in buildings below the current thresholds of the inclusionary zoning ordinance; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the relevant City departments to report back on these policies along with the other amendments put forward by the City Council on December 23, 2024; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.