

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to an update on the Chester Street fire. (CM24#1)
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment **Felipe Lobo Koerich** as a member of the Commission on Immigrant Rights and Citizenship. (CM24#2)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of Burton Malkofsky as Constable for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2022. (CM24#3)
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Policy Orders and Awaiting Reports for the New Term. (CM24#4)

More concretely, I would propose:

1. **The Council holds on accepting the 68 awaiting reports that have been forwarded.** There are important conversations that we should have together first. We are at the beginning of a two-year term - taking 1-2 weeks to start with the right agenda is worthwhile.
2. **The Council refers this topic to the Government Operations Committee to have fuller discussion.** I recognize that there is more discussion needed with the Council and I believe Government Operations is the right place for this.
3. **The Council, with input from the City Manager, develop updated Council Rules that provide guidance and process for policy orders and awaiting reports.** Policy Orders are a critical part of the interaction between the Council and City Manager and guidance on passage and response expectations should be addressed in some form.
4. **The Council, with input from the City Manager, efficiently works through Council goal setting for the new term.** Doing this well can provide a lens for prioritization and will better communicate the work of the Council over this term. The Mayor has also brought this up as an important priority.

ON THE TABLE

1. An application from Nina Quinlan, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 63 Sixth Street said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Response has been received from the neighborhood association. [Charter Right – Nolan, Oct 30, 2023; Tabled Nov 6, 2023] (AP23#55)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Ordinance 2023 #8B 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)

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application from Jason Gagnon representing Home Decor Group, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 1149 Cambridge Street approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter. (AP24#1)
2. An application from Chahzad Shaefi, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 2 Parkway Ter; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Response has been received from the neighborhood association. (AP24#2)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication from Alex Hershey regarding pass BEUDO amendment.
2. A communication from Amanda J regarding vote FOR policy order #215.
3. A communication from Amy Pollard regarding Demilitarize the CPD.
4. A communication from Amy Waltz regarding Urging You to Pass the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
5. A communication from Ana Hurka-Robles regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
6. A communication from Andy Nash regarding Policy Order 215.
7. A communication from Angela Wang regarding Concern with Elbit Systems.
8. A communication from Arthur MacEwan regarding Urging You to Pass the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Building.
9. A communication from August Watson regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
10. A communication from Barbara Englesberg regarding Amendment to BEUDO regarding new large buildings.
11. A communication from Betsy J. Sowers regarding Testimony for tonight's BEUDO Amendment consideration.
12. A communication from Bridget Hanna regarding Please pass BEUDO amendment!!
13. A communication from Carolyn Magid regarding Charter Right #1 on tonight's agenda.
14. A communication from Cassie Hurd regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
15. A communication from Caterina Mainero Urging You to Pass the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
16. A communication from Cathy Hoffman regarding order on police tonight (12/18).
17. A communication from Celine Berger regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
18. A communication from Charles Dietrick regarding Urging You to Pass the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
19. A communication from Charles Franklin regarding This Week's Comments BEUDO and Internet.
20. A communication from Conlan Olson regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
21. A communication from Cynthia Hibbard regarding Please Pass the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
22. A communication from Daniele Levine regarding BEUDO vote.

23. A communication from Dave Buck regarding Please approve the unfinished BEUDO Amendments.
24. A communication from Dawne Young regarding Freedman.
25. A communication from Diana Smith regarding Urging you to Pass the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
26. A communication from Diane Martin regarding reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.
27. A communication from Eleanor Craig regarding Policy Order #215.
28. A communication from Elena Fagotto regarding Another voice supporting the BEUDO amendment.
29. A communication from Elena Fagotto and Bridget Hanna Cambridge Mothers Out Front regarding We Urge You to Pass BEUDO Amendment.
30. A communication from Elka Kuhlman regarding Amendment Support Request.
31. A communication from Ella Condon regarding Elbit Systems.
32. A communication from Emily Mockler regarding Pass the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
33. A communication from Erica Moore regarding Agenda Item CR#1 Testimony regarding Cambridge Police Department.
34. A communication from Erin Plummer regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
35. A communication from Ethan Frank regarding 12/18/23 Public Comment in support of BEUDO.
36. A communication from Gabriela Romanow regarding BEUDO for new construction.
37. A communication from Gowri Vijayakumar regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
38. A communication from Gracie Brett regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
39. A communication from Graham Turk regarding BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
40. A communication from Gwen Trueblood regarding Pressure Elbit Systems (Israel's largest weapons manufacturer) out of Cambridge.
41. A communication from Hannah Mahoney regarding Urging You to Pass the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
42. A communication from Hannah Shaby regarding Remove Elbit from Cambridge.
43. A communication from Hope Turner regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
44. A communication from Isabelle Woollacott regarding Public Comment for CR#1 12/18.
45. A communication from Jacqueline Kung regarding 12/18/2023 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
46. A communication from James Mahoney regarding Municipal Broadband Considerations.
47. A communication from Jamie L. Frank regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
48. A communication from Jessica Khamarji regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
49. A communication from Jessie Lan regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
50. A communication from Johanna Cockburn regarding Please Pass BEUDO Amendment.
51. A communication from John Bach regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
52. A communication from John Carman regarding Support for Zondervan's amendment to BEUDO.
53. A communication from John MacDougall regarding BEUDO amendment.
54. A communication from Jonathan Harris regarding Please support New Construction Net Zero Fast Track measure.
55. A communication from Jordan Cooper regarding GET ELBIT SYSTEMS OUT OF CAMBRIDGE.
56. A communication from Judy Hikes regarding BEUDO Amendment.
57. A communication from Judy Somberg regarding Urging You to Pass the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
58. A communication from Julia MacEwan regarding Please Pass Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
59. A communication from Kathleen Francis regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
60. A communication from Kavya Crasta regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1
61. A communication from Kelley Anderson regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
62. A communication from Kelsey Wirth regarding Urging You to Pass the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
63. A communication from Leah Brill regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR1.
64. A communication from Lee Farris regarding Residents Alliance Support for BEUDO 2030 rule.
65. A communication from Lee Farris regarding Support Charter Right #1.
66. A communication from Lida Richardson regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
67. A communication from Liz McNerney regarding Urging You to Pass the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings - it is URGENT.
68. A communication from Lois Markham regarding Please pass the proposed BEUDO amendment for new buildings now and regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item: CR#1.
69. A communication from Lorenz Glaser regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
70. A communication from Louise S regarding Elbit Out!
71. A communication from Lowry Hemphill regarding please pass the new construction amendment to BEUDO.
72. A communication from Luca Passamonti regarding Urging you to Pass the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
73. A communication from Lucy Tramper regarding November 20th Ceasefire Vote.
74. A communication from Madeleine Clarke regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
75. A communication from Maha Alghamdi regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
76. A communication from Margaret Hughes regarding Testimony on CR#1 disarming the Cambridge police.
77. A communication from Margery Davies regarding PLEASE VOTE FOR the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
78. A communication from Marilyn Frankenstein regarding Please pass Policy Order #215.
79. A communication from Mary Coelho regarding new construction in Cambridge.

80. A communication from Meg Stone regarding Support of Policy Order 215.
81. A communication from Melissa Ludtke regarding Urging the City Council to pass the proposed additional BEUDO amendment.
82. A communication from Mina Reddy regarding Support for Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
83. A communication from Mosammat Faria Afreen regarding Support CR#1 on Dec 18 2023.
84. A communication from Nancy Pendergast regarding BEUDO.
85. A communication from Neva Goodwin regarding Urging You to Pass the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
86. A communication from Nina Porzucki regarding Please pass the BEUDO amendment for new buildings.
87. A communication from Nithya Badrinath regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
88. A communication from Noah Gibbons-Shapiro regarding November 20th Ceasefire Vote and regarding ELBIT OUT OF CAMBRIDGE NOW.
89. A communication from Noel Jackson regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
90. A communication from Pablo Argueso regarding Please pass the BEUDO amendment.
91. A communication from Payel Islam regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
92. A communication from Perri Sheinbaum regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1.
93. A communication from Pina Morganti regarding Urging you to Pass the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
94. A communication from Rachel Davis regarding Urgent request to pass the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
95. A communication from Roy Russell regarding public comment re Municipal Broadband and Digital Equity for Dec 18 2023 City Council meeting.
96. A communication from Sanjana P regarding Please Take Strong Climate Action - Pass the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
97. A communication from Sarah Schwartz regarding Urging You to Pass the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings and regarding Urging you to oppose landmarking 10 Buckingham Street.
98. A communication from Sharon deVos regarding Support BEUDO Amendment.
99. A communication from Stephanie Houten regarding Elbit Systems.
100. A communication from Hannah Brookman regarding Elbit Systems.
101. A communication from Steve Wineman regarding Please support Policy Order #215.
102. A communication from Sue Stafford regarding Urging again Please Pass the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
103. A communication from Susan Redlich regarding Vote on BEUDO Amendments for New Buildings.
104. A communication from Tamanna Syed regarding 12/18 City Council Meeting Agenda Item CR#1 and regarding Urgent Request/Letter for You - Evict Elbit - Admit Affordable Housing.
105. A communication from Valentina Nardi regarding Urging You to Pass the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
106. A communication from Vanessa Brewster regarding Elbit Systems
107. A communication from Yael Shiner regarding Elbit systems out of Cambridge.
108. A communication from Young Kim regarding Traffic congestion at Alewife Brook Pkwy Mass Ave at 830 AM (#12524562).
109. A communication from Andres Medina Carreto regarding November 20th Ceasefire Vote.
110. A communication from Charlie Chbosky regard Elbit Systems.
111. A communication from Ryan regarding Elbit Systems.
112. A communication from Beatrice Espanola regarding Elbit Systems.
113. A communication from Perri Wilson regarding Elbit Systems.
114. A communication from Cynthia regarding Elbit Systems.
115. A communication from Christine Alves regarding Elbit Out of Cambridge.
116. A communication from Christine Alves regarding Elbit Out of Cambridge.
117. A communication from Erica Eustis regarding Elbit Systems.
118. A communication from Cameron Moro regarding Elbit Systems Out of Cambridge.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Condolences on the death of Paul J. Monagle Jr. Councillor Toner
2. Condolences on the death of Eleanor (Fallon) Toner. Councillor Toner
3. Happy 100th Birthday wishes to Elvernoy Goode Holland. Mayor Simmons
4. Resolution on the death of Tanaia M. Wilkinson. Councillor Nolan
5. Resolution on the death of Joseph E. Caparco. Vice Mayor McGovern
6. Resolution on the death of James Edward "Jimmy" Flynn. Vice Mayor McGovern

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to consult DPW, CDD, IQHQ, Friends of Jerry's Pond, Alewife Study Group and Mass Audubon about further changes and enhancements to Jerry's Pond, improvements to the shoreline ecology and other improvements to the current plans for the Rindge Avenue public edge along Jerry's Pond and investigate funding sources for such plans including the use of City moneys and resources. Councillor Wilson, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Vice Mayor McGovern (PO24#1)
2. That the City Manager is requested to consult with relevant staff to consider using remaining ARPA funding to create a tuition relief opportunity with Lesley University for Cambridge employees and residents. Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Simmons (PO24#2)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, and Arts and Celebration Committee** held a public hearing on Sept 27, 2023 to discuss the future

treatment of Jerry's Pond, specifically the Rindge Avenue edge as it affects the community. The meeting on Sept 27, 2023 was recessed and reconvened on Dec 13, 2023. [[text of report](#)]

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF24#1)
2. A communication from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting pending Awaiting Reports and associated Policy Orders. (COF24#2)
3. A communication from Brian Corr Executive Director, Cambridge Peace Commission, Executive Director, Police Review & Advisory Board, transmitting Police Review and Advisory Board Quarterly Reports for 2023 Q2 and Q3. (COF24#3)

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Jan 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Jan 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Jan 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Feb 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Feb 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Feb 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Mar 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Mar 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Mar 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Mar 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Apr 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Apr 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Apr 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Apr 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Jan 8, 2024

COUNCILLOR WILSON

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Friends of Jerry's Pond was selected for \$600,000 in ARPA funding in July 2022; and

WHEREAS: The goal of the funding was to study the feasibility of the Friends of Jerry's Pond "Rindge Avenue Community Greenway Plan" which proposes a partial restoration of the pond's banks along the Rindge Ave. side, providing space for 150-175 trees, separated bike and pedestrian paths, reduction in heat and air pollution and with compensatory wetlands and flood storage on the southwest corner of the pond where IQHQ will be excavating a large flood storage area; and

WHEREAS: Rindge Avenue includes our City's largest environmental justice community, and it is a unique opportunity along a major avenue where a three-quarter-acre green-space can be created on new land, bringing people closer to nature under a broad canopy, rather than on constructed boardwalks; and

WHEREAS: IQHQ initiated a process with Alewife Study Group, Friends of Jerry's Pond, and Mass Audubon to propose a plan that does significantly improve the area; and

WHEREAS: IQHQ has engaged the community and committed to a substantial investment; and

WHEREAS: The Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning Committee held meetings on Sept 27, 2023, and Dec 13, 2023 to discuss future treatment of Jerry's Pond, specifically the Rindge Avenue edge as it affects the community; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has previously expressed a desire for the City to invest in the space alongside IQHQ, and help improve the plan further; and

WHEREAS: For a project that will impact the area for generations to come, a substantive investment from the city seems worthwhile and prudent; and

WHEREAS: The City has substantially invested in concrete cisterns providing climate resilience; and

WHEREAS: Additional state and federal funds may be available for environmental justice, climate resilience, complete streets and ecological restoration projects; and

WHEREAS: The City has made many relevant statements relating to projects of this nature including the following excerpts from "Envision Cambridge: A plan for the future of the city":

"Cambridge is ... a leader in green infrastructure and resilience planning. The potential effects of climate change are so significant that Cambridge must do everything it can locally to prepare for a resilient future..."

"[A]ir and water quality, tree canopy, and impervious surfaces are unevenly distributed across the city's neighborhoods. Investments in natural resources and green infrastructure

will make Cambridge healthier, more resilient, and overall a better place to live.”

“Vision:

Cambridge is a sustainable city that cultivates its natural systems, limits its greenhouse gas emissions, and is resilient to the impacts of climate change. The City understands connections between energy consumption, stewardship of natural ecologies, mitigation of extreme weather, and the health and wellbeing of its people. Cambridge actively develops green infrastructure, sets smart environmental regulations, and incentivizes private action to create a sustainable environment for all.”

“Goal: Climate Change Preparedness

Protect the lives and livelihoods of the Cambridge community from the impacts of climate change. Cambridge must adapt its current physical and social infrastructure to protect the community — especially its most vulnerable populations—from the risks associated with climate change.”

“Goal: Ecological Protection

Preserve and enhance Cambridge’s biodiversity, open spaces, and habitats. Cambridge must reduce pollution, restore ecosystems, and create a symbiotic relationship between the built and natural systems that comprise Cambridge’s environment.”

“Goal: Environmental Justice

Ensure that all Cambridge residents are protected from environmental impacts and benefit equally from environmental resources. The benefits of a healthy environment should be shared by everyone in Cambridge.”; and

WHEREAS: The completion and leasing of IQHQ’s lab development along Whittemore Ave. and the majority of community benefits in the “commitment area” will be unaffected by a more climate resilient, healthier and more ecologically rich green-space along Rindge Ave.; and

WHEREAS: Without the design study that Friends of Jerry’s Pond proposed, it is difficult to create a new green-space and green infrastructure along Rindge Ave. which lives up to the City’s aspirations for equity, climate resilience, complete streets and ecological restoration; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to promptly consult with DPW, CDD, IQHQ, Friends of Jerry’s Pond, Alewife Study Group and Mass Audubon about further changes and enhancements to add more tree canopy, green infrastructure, safer and healthier pedestrian and bicycle paths, improvements to the shoreline ecology and other improvements to the current plans for the Rindge Avenue public edge along Jerry’s Pond, to investigate funding sources for such plans including the use of City moneys and resources, and that the City Manager report back to the City Council on this matter expeditiously.

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COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR WILSON

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Lesley University has been awarded a Federal ARPA grant through the City of Somerville to financially support Somerville residents or individuals employed in Somerville who wish to pursue or advance a professional undergraduate or graduate degree at Lesley University in Social Work, Mental Health Counseling, or Human Services; and

WHEREAS: Accepted applicants for the ARPA funds will receive tuition relief at Lesley University for up to one year during the period from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with funding decisions made on a funds-available basis; and

WHEREAS: According to the City of Somerville, Lesley University was allocated \$1.3 million to support this scholarship for one year from July 1st, 2023, through June 30th, 2024; and

WHEREAS: Interested applicants filled out [an application](#) and FAFSA; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has the opportunity to work with Lesley University staff to create a similar program that will allow residents and employees to receive a higher education degree in Social Work, Mental Health Counseling, and Human Services; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has a history of supporting initiatives that advance economic justice and make access to higher education attainable in Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with relevant staff to consider using remaining ARPA funding to create a similar opportunity with Lesley University for Cambridge employees and residents; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council by the first City Council meeting in February.