



ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETING

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Wednesday, December 14, 2022

12:30 PM

Sullivan Chamber
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

The Ordinance Committee will hold a public hearing on Zoning Petition Recommendation – Removing Limit on BZA Compensation (Attachment F of CMA 2022 #207 in Council on October 24, 2022)

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Burhan Azeem	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dennis J. Carlone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Alanna Mallon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Marc C. McGovern	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Patricia Nolan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
E. Denise Simmons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Paul F. Toner	<input type="checkbox"/> Remote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quinton Zondervan	<input type="checkbox"/> Remote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sumbul Siddiqui	<input type="checkbox"/> Remote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

A public meeting of the Cambridge City Council’s Ordinance Committee was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022. The meeting was Called to Order at 12:30 p.m. by the Chair, Councillor McGovern. Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2022 adopted by Massachusetts General Assembly and approved by the Governor, this public meeting was hybrid, allowing participation in person, in the Sullivan Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA and by remote participation via Zoom.

- City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**
- Councillor Azeem – Absent**
- Councillor Carlone - Absent**
- Vice Mayor Mallon – Present**
- Councillor McGovern – Present**
- Councillor Nolan – Present**
- Councillor Simmons – Present**
- Councillor Toner – Present/Remote**
- Councillor Zondervan – Present/Remote**
- Mayor Siddiqui – Present/Remote**
- Present – 7, Absent – 2. Quorum established.**

The Chair, Councillor McGovern noted that the call of the meeting was on a Zoning Petition Recommendation to remove the limit on BZA Compensation (Attachment F of CMA 2022 #207

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in Council on October 24, 2022). He introduced Jeff Roberts, Zoning and Development Director from the Community Development Department to speak on the proposed zoning petition.

Jeff Roberts began by reviewing the proposed amendment to the zoning petition (attachment A). Jeff Roberts introduced other City staff that were present at the meeting including City Solicitor Nancy Glowa, and Deputy City Solicitor Megan Bayer, who were available to answer questions regarding the petition. Jeff Roberts noted that the amendment went before the Planning Board who made a favorable recommendation for adoption. It was also noted that there were questions that came up regarding the status of special municipal employees that the City Solicitor is looking into. City Solicitor Glowa indicated that the outstanding questions should not have any negative impact on the ordinance moving forward.

The Chair, Councillor McGovern recognized Councillor Zondervan who said he was prepared to move the proposed zoning petition forward.

The Chair, Councillor McGovern recognized Councillor Nolan who noted she was in favor of moving the proposed zoning petition forward and had a clarifying question for the Law Department, to which Nancy Glowa responded.

Vice Mayor Mallon expressed her excitement about the change and was supportive of moving the petition to the full City Council with a positive recommendation.

The Chair, Councillor McGovern opened public comment.

Public Comment

Suzanne Blier, 5 Fuller Place, Cambridge, MA, spoke on a point made during the planning board meeting.

The Chair, Councillor McGovern made a motion to recess until 1:00pm.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Azeem – Yes

Councillor Carlone – Absent

Vice Mayor Mallon – Yes

Councillor McGovern – Yes

Councillor Nolan – Yes

Councillor Simmons – Yes

Councillor Toner – Yes

Councillor Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Siddiqui – Yes

Yes – 8, No – 0, Absent – 1. Motion passes.

The Chair, Councillor McGovern made a motion to return from recess at 1:00 p.m.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Azeem – Yes

Councillor Carlone – Absent

Vice Mayor Mallon – Yes
Councillor McGovern – Yes
Councillor Nolan – Yes
Councillor Simmons – Yes
Councillor Toner – Yes
Councillor Zondervan – Yes
Mayor Siddiqui – Yes
Yes – 8, No – 0, Absent – 1. Motion passes.

The Chair, Councillor McGovern recognized Councillor Nolan who made a motion to close public comment.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.
Councillor Azeem – Yes
Councillor Carlone – Absent
Vice Mayor Mallon – Yes
Councillor McGovern – Yes
Councillor Nolan – Yes
Councillor Simmons – Yes
Councillor Toner – Yes
Councillor Zondervan – Yes
Mayor Siddiqui – Yes
Yes – 8, No – 0, Absent – 1. Motion passes.

The Chair, Councillor McGovern recognized Councillor Zondervan who made a motion to refer the proposed zoning petition removing the limit on ZBA compensation, Ordinance # 2022-23, to the full City Council with a favorable recommendation to pass to a second reading.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.
Councillor Azeem – Yes
Councillor Carlone – Absent
Vice Mayor Mallon – Yes
Councillor McGovern – Yes
Councillor Nolan – Yes
Councillor Simmons – Yes
Councillor Toner – Yes
Councillor Zondervan – Yes
Mayor Siddiqui – Yes
Yes – 8, No – 0, Absent – 1. Motion passes.

The Chair, Councillor McGovern, recognized Councillor Azeem who made a motion to adjourn.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.
Councillor Azeem – Yes

Councillor Carlone – Absent

Vice Mayor Mallon – Yes

Councillor McGovern – Yes

Councillor Nolan – Yes

Councillor Simmons – Yes

Councillor Toner – Yes

Councillor Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Siddiqui – Yes

Yes – 8, No – 0, Absent – 1.

The Ordinance Committee adjourned at approximately 1:04p.m.

Attachment A: Proposed Zoning Amendment.

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A communication was received from Councillor Zondervan, transmitting Attachment F of CMA 2022 #207.

Attachment F

In Article 10.000, Section 10.12, strike out "They shall serve without compensation" as follows –

10.12Members and associate members of the Board of Zoning Appeal shall be bona fide residents of Cambridge but not City employees during their terms of office. ~~They shall serve without compensation.~~ No member of the Board of Zoning Appeal shall be a member of the Cambridge Planning Board, and not more than one member shall be a member of the Board of Appeal as established under the provisions of the State Building Code.

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