

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a COVID-19 update.
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$86,339 from the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program through the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance to the Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will support the purchase of protective equipment and supplies, such as masks, gloves, protective overalls, sanitizer and face shields.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs & Public Investments David J. Kale as a member of the Cambridge Health Alliance Board of Trustees, effective Jan 10, 2022.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to approval of new appointments and reappointments of members of the Peace Commission for a term of three years. New Appointments: Kaleb Abebe, Annie Brown, Sarah DeMott, Yasmine Hung, Bonnie Talbert; Reappointments: Kazimiera I.H. Fraley, Larry Kim, Elka Kuhlman, David Seeman

## SUPPLEMENTAL CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to approval requested for Mayor Siddiquis' recommended appointments of the following persons to the Family Policy Council: Vice Mayor Alanna Mallon, School Committee Member Akriti Bhambi and School Committee Member Fred Fantini.

## CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to appoint a 20-25 person Cycling Safety Ordinance Implementation Advisory Committee to advise and improve upon the implementation of the citywide bicycle safety infrastructure and to establish recommendations on mitigating any concerns raised in regard to this infrastructure, with the appointments to be announced no later than Jan 31, 2022. [Charter Right – Zondervan, Dec 10, 2021]
2. That the City Manager is requested to convene meetings between his office, the Director of the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department, and with the heads of the Neighborhood Business Associations, with the Neighborhood Associations, and within each of the Cambridge Housing Authority's senior buildings, to ensure that these stakeholders are given the opportunity to collaborate on devising new plans that will inform the City's approach going forward in establishing citywide bicycle-safety infrastructure that works for bicyclists, motorists, pedestrians, seniors, those with mobility impediments, the local business community, and all our residents. [Charter Right – Zondervan, Dec 10, 2021]

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding accidents on Mass. Ave. since installation of separated bike lanes.
2. A communication was received from Louise Parker, 1 Warwick Park, regarding HEART.
3. A communication was received from Lee Farris, regarding Cambridge Residents Alliance supports funding HEART.
4. A communication was received from Lisa Bernazani, regarding Request to Support Policy Orders #276 and #277.
5. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding Plea to City: Give a holiday reprieve to the businesses of North Massachusetts Avenue.
6. A communication was received from Shawn McCarron, regarding Plea to City: Give a holiday reprieve to the businesses of North Massachusetts Avenue.
7. A communication was received from Mark Goldberg, 17 Foch Street, regarding Update #6 The 15 minute limit.
8. A communication was received from Charles Harrington, regarding Strong Support for Policy Orders POR 2021 #276 and #277.
9. A communication was received from Kevin Garry, regarding Municipal Cable Franchise Fee Underpayments.
10. A communication was received from Mark Goldberg, 17 Foch Street, regarding Update #7 - The City Should Compensate Business Owners.
11. A communication was received from Anne Danehy Bane, 2179 Massachusetts Avenue, regarding City Council orders 276 and 277 re: Mass. Ave. project.
12. A communication was received from Michael Bane, 2179 Massachusetts Avenue, regarding support of policy orders #276 and #277.
13. Sundry communications were received regarding the Community Development Department's up-zoning proposal to homogenize district zones to a city-wide C/C-1 model.
14. A communication was received from Jamie Lichtenstein, regarding Thanks for closing schools for testing.
15. A communication was received from Gideon Klionsky, regarding the bike incident on 10/31/2021.
16. A communication was received from Mark Goldberg, regarding car accident on Mass. Avenue.
17. A communication was received from Katiti Kironde, regarding car accident on Mass. Avenue.
18. A communication was received from Alan Russo, regarding car accident on Mass. Avenue.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Condolences to the family of Quintus McDermott. Councillor Simmons
2. Congratulations to Joe Rose and Danielle Mishkin on the birth of their son Theodore Elliot Rose. Councillor Simmons
3. Thanks to Peter Daly for his tremendous work as Executive Director of Homeowners Rehab, Inc., over the past 33 years,

and in wishing him the very best as he looks to pursue his next exciting chapter. Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui

4. Condolences to the family of Andre Edwards. Councillor Simmons
5. Resolution on the death of Janet Axelrod. Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui
6. Resolution on the death of James Killackey. Mayor Siddiqui
7. Late Resolution on the death of legal scholar, civil rights champion, and Cambridge resident Lani Guinier on January 7, 2022 at the age of 71. Councillor Simmons

#### **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Chief Public Health Officer, the Cambridge Health Alliance, and other relevant City staff to create a “priority line” and/or establish “senior hours” at the City’s Covid-19 testing locations. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toner
2. That Article 20.90- Alewife Overlay Districts 1-6 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance be amended to insert a new section entitled Section 20.94.3- Temporarily prohibited uses. Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Azeem
3. That the Mayor is requested to schedule a training session within the month of January for the purpose of reviewing Robert’s Rules of Order with the entire City Council. Councillor Simmons
4. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider a request from Mayor Siddiqui for a suitable dedication in the vicinity of Windsor and Washington Streets in honor of longtime Cambridge resident Clairzie Julce Mervil. Mayor Siddiqui

#### **COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

1. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee.
2. A communication was received from Anthony Wilson, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity.
3. A communication was received from Councillor Mayor Siddiqui, announcing the formal 2022-2023 appointments to the City Council Committees.
4. A late communication was received from Councillor Simmons, transmitting a memorandum regarding an update on the City Manager Search Process.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, Jan 10**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Jan 24**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Jan 31**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Feb 7**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Feb 14**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Feb 28**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 7**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 14**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 21**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 28**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 4**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 11**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 25**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, May 2**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, May 9**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, May 16**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, May 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 6**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 13**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 20**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 27**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### **TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Jan 10, 2022

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR TONER

WHEREAS: As of January 2022, the City of Cambridge continues grappling with the rapid spread of the Covid-19 virus, and particularly with the extremely contagious strand known as Omicron; and

WHEREAS: While early reports suggest that the Omicron variant may be slightly milder than past strains, and while a significant majority of Cambridge residents have received at least one of their vaccination shots, we know that this illness could still be quite dangerous to the elderly and those with compromised immune systems, and it is critical that every member of this community do their part to slow the spread of this virus; and

WHEREAS: A key part of that effort is for individuals to remain vigilant in knowing whether or not they are infected, so that they can isolate themselves during their period of contagiousness – yet even with the City’s efforts to [increase testing options to seven days a week](#), widespread reports of excessively long lines at testing locations and difficulties

making testing appointments are unquestionably hampering this process; and

WHEREAS: [Lines of up to two hours or longer have been reported at testing locations](#) like the Galleria Mall and St. John's the Evangelist Church, and particularly for seniors and those with mobility impairments or difficulty standing, these lines can serve as a deterrent to getting tested, leading many to abstain from testing and quite likely continuing to unknowingly spread the infection throughout Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Early in the pandemic's run, many grocery stores and banks established regular "senior's hours" to cater to the population that was viewed as most vulnerable to the deadliest impacts of Covid-19, and these carve outs provided opportunities for seniors to conduct critical transactions and purchase provisions with a lowered risk of being exposed to significant crowds, and such a model may be wise for the City to adopt for its Covid-19 testing locations; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Chief Public Health Officer, the Cambridge Health Alliance, and other relevant City staff to create a "priority line" and/or establish "senior hours" at the City's Covid-19 testing locations, and to explore additional strategies to ensure that seniors and those with significant mobility impairments are not forced to have waiting in hours' long lines be their sole option for being tested, and to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-2 Jan 10, 2022

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: In 1979, the City of Cambridge Community Development Department created the Alewife Revitalization plan, intended to fill the Fresh Pond - Alewife area with a mix of residential, business, and industrial structures (as shown in the attached graphic); and

WHEREAS: Forty years later, the 2019 Envision Alewife plan still visualizes Alewife as a mixed-use district, with development promoting the creation of good-paying, low barrier-to-entry jobs, and additional housing with no lab uses (as shown in the attached graphic); and

WHEREAS: Over two years the City Council debated an up-zoning petition for part of the Quad area that included some housing, some retail, and some office/lab space which was voted down out of concerns that it was not aligned fully with the areawide vision as articulated in the plans, and a commitment to connections was uncertain; and

WHEREAS: The climate resiliency issues in this district are important, and this area is the subject of discussions by various departments, committees and task forces, with increasing urgency due to the rapid changes in climate leading to a need for more urgent and aggressive actions in this flood prone area with the visions consistently showing

the need for a pond or water retention system/green corridor; and

WHEREAS: In the past two months, Denver real estate investment firm Healthpeak Properties has spent close to \$400 million in this part of Cambridge, purchasing to date 19 separate parcels as outlined in the attached chart; and

WHEREAS: All of these purchases are located in the Alewife "Quad" area, where Cambridge has planned a variety of different developments. Future purchases from HealthPeak Properties are expected since an additional LLC, LS Alewife IV, was created and has not yet acquired property, while LS Alewife V has; and

WHEREAS: HealthPeak is known for owning and developing real estate mostly in the healthcare industry, including medical offices and labs; and

WHEREAS: The original plan for Alewife included some office space and labs, though expected a wide variety of development; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge continues to struggle with housing affordability and availability, and therefore housing must be an integral part of all future development; and

WHEREAS: Long-needed public infrastructure, including pedestrian and bicycle connections through and across the district, a rail stop for those commuting to and from the area, publicly accessible open spaces, and urgent municipal needs such as DPW and Fire Department facilities, remains lacking; and

WHEREAS: City staff has not produced new zoning for the district in line with the plans, including the recent Alewife Envision Plan; and

WHEREAS: The City Council passed a Policy Order asking for a moratorium on development in the Alewife Quad area on Nov 18, 2021, yet an Ordinance Committee meeting was not scheduled in time to meet the legal timeline; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That Article 20.90- Alewife Overlay Districts 1-6 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance be amended to insert a new section entitled Section 20.94.3- Temporarily prohibited uses to read as follows:

"No Office or Laboratory Uses as listed in Table 4.34- Office and Laboratory Use shall be permitted within Alewife Overlay Districts 1-6 until December 31, 2023, or until such time as new Alewife District zoning is ordained by the Cambridge City Council, whichever shall be sooner. Such new district zoning shall be created in consultation with neighborhood residents from throughout the Alewife District and from each bordering district, including Cambridge Highlands, North Cambridge, Neighborhood Nine, and West Cambridge.

Specifically, such new district zoning shall be guided by the vision, goals, existing studies, and recommendations contained in the City publications Alewife District Plan:

A report of the Alewife Planning Study Fall 2019 and Alewife Design Guidelines Fall 2020, and shall address the following areas identified in those reports:

- Land Use

- Open Space
- Urban Form
- Mobility
- Climate and Environment
- Housing
- Economy

In addition, such new district zoning shall also reflect any recent reports and planning recommendations developed by other relevant citizen committees, task forces, and working groups, including but not limited to the following:

- Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Transit Advisory Committees (City of Cambridge Bike Plan 2020, City of Cambridge Pedestrian Plan)
- Climate Protection Action Committee (City of Cambridge Climate Protection Plan)
- Net Zero Task Force (City of Cambridge Net Zero Action Plan)
- Urban Forest Master Plan Task Force (City of Cambridge Urban Forest Report: Healthy Forest Healthy City)
- Climate Change Working Group (final report pending)
- Climate Resilience Zoning Task Force (final report pending)”

Name/Corporation	Total Cost of Acquisitions	Date of Last Acquisition
LS Alewife I LLC	\$180 million	9/9/2021
LS Alewife II LLC	\$73 million	10/4/2021
LS Alewife III LLC	\$120 million	10/27/2021
LS Alewife IV LLC	\$0 to date	N/A
LS Alewife V LLC	\$17.8 million	11/1/2021

O-3 Jan 10, 2022

**COUNCILLOR SIMMONS**

WHEREAS: With the new City Council term just getting underway, and with the addition of two new members serving on the City Council, this first month of the year would be an appropriate time to ensure that the entire City Council is given a proper training on Robert’s Rules of Order; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to schedule a training session within the month of January for the purpose of reviewing Robert’s Rules of Order with the entire City Council.

O-4 Jan 10, 2022

**MAYOR SIDDIQUI**

WHEREAS: Clairzie Julce Mervil, a longtime Cambridge resident, passed away on Sept 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS: Clairzie was the daughter of Amessit Julien and Pierre Julce, wife of Noula Mervil, and mother to Chesnel, Wichlyne, Kenol, Charles, Roslyne, and Emmanuel; and

WHEREAS: In 1976, Clairzie and her husband began to build their lives together in Cambridge after emigrating from Haiti, and had an open-door policy in their home for others migrating to the US to start their life over; and

WHEREAS: Clairzie managed to work multiple jobs while being a single mother after her husband passed away, and despite having a full plate, she made time to do mission trips

in several countries, pray with prisoners, feed the homeless, and share her last dollar with others; and

WHEREAS: Clairzie was an influential member of the Cambridge community for over 40 years, raising all her children and grandchildren in the Cambridge school system, and playing a large roll in numerous churches in the city; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider a request from Mayor Siddiqui for a suitable dedication in the vicinity of Windsor and Washington Streets in honor of longtime Cambridge resident Clairzie Julce Mervil; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward this order to the Dedication Committee for review and approval.