

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment of **Jessica Eshleman** as a new member of the Cambridge Health Alliance Board of Trustees for a term ending on 6/30/2026, and would be eligible for reappointment for an additional three (3) three-year term. (CM24#5)
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the Massachusetts Avenue Planning Study Working Group -- Cambridge Common to Alewife Brook Parkway. (CM24#6)  
[WORKING GROUP Appointees: Janet Arevalo, Josiah Bonsey, James Burns, Polly Carpenter, Camilla Elvis, Magdalena Gomez, Crystal Klaahsen, Sharmil Modi, Anna Restuccia, Michael Rome, Ruth Ryals, David Sullivan, Neheet Trivedi, Mark Verkennis]
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to an update on the MBTA's upcoming Red Line track improvement project. (CM24#7)

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. 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)

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication from Allie Girouard regarding Take action to prevent weapons manufacturers from doing business in Cambridge.
2. A communication from Ann Stewart regarding PO24 #1.
3. A communication from Annette LaMond and Joe Moore regarding Please Support Policy Order 1.
4. A communication from Ben Damsky regarding Jerry's Pond.
5. A communication from Benadette Manning regarding Support PO24#1 regarding Jerry's Pond.
6. A communication from Candace Young regarding Jerry's Pond.
7. A communication from Casey Wong regarding Jan 8, 2024 City Council Meeting written transcript regarding ceasefire.
8. A communication from Catherine Zusy, Linda Kaboolian regarding support for PO24#1 resolution re Jerry's Pond.
9. A communication from Dan Totten regarding awaiting reports.
10. A communication from David Bass regarding Jerry's Pond Policy Order - opposed.
11. A communication from Diane Martin regarding Jerry's Pond study funding - vote no.
12. A communication from Elena Fagotto regarding Support Policy Order 2024-01.
13. A communication from Eppa Rixey regarding Comment on Jerry's Pond against PO24#1.
14. A communication from Eric Grunebaum regarding Support PO24#1.
15. A communication from Ethan Frank regarding more support for bike lanes.
16. A communication from Gaurab Basu regarding Jerry's Pond.
17. A communication from Gretta McEachern regarding Elbit Systems.

18. A communication from Jeannie Ramey regarding Support PO24#1.
19. A communication from John Doucet regarding Jerry's Pond.
20. A communication from Judy Hikes regarding Jerry's Pond Greenway.
21. A communication from Karen and Hans-Peter Biemann regarding Jerry's Pond resolution.
22. A communication from Lee Farris regarding support for PO24#1 on Jerry's Pond and regarding carrying over Awaiting Reports.
23. A communication from Linda Kaboolian regarding Jerry's Pond.
24. A communication from Lois Markham regarding Please vote for PO24#1.
25. A communication from Lowry Hemphill regarding support PO24#1 on enhancements for Jerry's Pond.
26. A communication from Margery Davies regarding PLEASE VOTE for PO24#1 -- concerning Jerry's Pond.
27. A communication from Nancy Pendergast regarding Enthusiastic Support for PO24#1.
28. A communication from Pasang Lhamo regarding Support PO24#1.
29. A communication from Rika Welsh regarding Public Policy on Jerry's Landing.
30. A communication from Ruth Loetterle regarding SUPPORT Jerry's Pond Policy Order.
31. A communication from Sharon deVos regarding PO24#1.
32. A communication from Steven Miller regarding Support PO24#1 on Jerry's Pond, from Camb. Node of 350 Mass.
33. A communication from Susan Redlich regarding PO24#1.
34. A communication from Gerald Bergman regarding Cease fire resolution needs discussion and adoption.
35. A communication from Gerald Bergman, regarding call for a humanitarian cease fire and release of hostages and prisoners.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Congratulations to Gladys Barrientos-Lopez on her retirement from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner
2. Condolences to the family of Louis J. Bacci Jr. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Pickett, Councillor Toner
3. Resolution on the death of Rachael Solem. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Pickett, Mayor Simmons
4. Resolution on the death of Lieby Bouchard. Vice Mayor McGovern

## **ORDERS**

1. That the City Council schedule a Roundtable for Feb 5, 2024. Mayor Simmons (PO24#3)
2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the relevant City staff to evaluate the possibility of acquiring the property located at 727 Massachusetts Avenue. Mayor Simmons (PO24#4)
3. That the City Manager is hereby requested to confer with relevant City departments on potential public renewable energy projects that could receive funding through the IRA Direct Pay provision. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Wilson (PO24#5)

4. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments with recommendations and legal opinions for adjusting transportation related fees and other considered changes. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Azeem (PO24#6)
5. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments to review the Across Sidewalk Electric Vehicle Charging (EV) Permit Pilot Program, eliminate the \$200 annual permit fee and determine if the process can be simplified. Councillor Nolan, Vice Mayor McGovern (PO24#7)
6. Policy Order re: Joint Roundtable on February 5. Mayor Simmons

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

1. A communication from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF24#5)

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, Jan 22**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### **Tues, Jan 23**

5:30pm The Charter Review Committee (Zoom only)

##### **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 22, 2024

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Council schedule a Roundtable on Mon, Feb 5, 2024, from 3:00pm-5pm to review the results of the 2023 Resident Survey.

O-2 Jan 22, 2024

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The building located at 727 Massachusetts Avenue presents a significant opportunity for the City to acquire much-needed office space for City departments; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the relevant City staff to evaluate the possibility of acquiring the property located at 727 Massachusetts Avenue, and that this evaluation should include, but not be limited to, an analysis of the cost, and potential office uses for the City; and be it further

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

O-3 Jan 22, 2024

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR WILSON

WHEREAS: Until recently it was often difficult for municipal governments and other tax-exempt entities to access federal funding for local renewable energy projects because the nature of the federal tax-credit funding; and

WHEREAS: The [passage of the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act \(IRA\) included a Direct Pay provision](#) that now allows local governments to access federal funding for renewable energy projects and clean energy projects that will cover up to 30% of the cost of the project; and

WHEREAS: There are [a wide variety of renewable energy projects that are eligible for federal funding through the federal Direct Pay program](#) including the installation of heat pumps or geothermal systems in public buildings, the addition solar panels to school buildings or affordable housing, the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, [the purchase of electric municipal vehicles](#), and the weatherization of senior centers; and

WHEREAS: Public renewable energy projects like those enumerated above can save local governments and taxpayers money by reducing energy costs, enhance air quality, reduce emissions, and improve environmental justice; and

WHEREAS: Federal funding through the IRA's Direct Pay provision is available until 2032 and there is no cap on the amount of federal funding a city can receive through the Direct Pay provision for renewable energy projects; and

WHEREAS: There are [a number of federal resources available](#) to help cities prepare renewable energy projects and apply for federal funding through the IRA Direct Pay provision; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City departments on potential public renewable energy projects that could receive funding through the IRA Direct Pay provision; 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.

O-4 Jan 22, 2024

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: On Dec 6, 2023, the Health and Environment Committee and the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee held a [public hearing](#) to discuss [POR 2023 #137](#), and to discuss options for amending parking fees and regulations throughout the City in order to further support the City's goals of low carbon travel; and

WHEREAS: Several ideas were discussed in the committee meeting including changing parking permitting fees and other transportation-related fees to accurately reflect the real costs associated with car travel within the city while continuing to support the needs of low-income residents; and

WHEREAS: City staff indicated further legal research was necessary to determine if other fee structures would be permissible to account for large vehicles, multiple personal vehicles, and other cases; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments and report back to the City Council with recommendations and legal opinions for adjusting transportation related fees and other considered changes based on the conversations in committee on Dec 6, 2023.

O-5 Jan 22, 2024

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge recognizes the importance of Electric Vehicle infrastructure and acknowledge that electric vehicles (EVs) create less greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution than traditional gasoline-fueled vehicles and that EV drivers benefit from better fuel economy and financial incentives and contribute to cleaner air and better health for the community; and

WHEREAS: There are over 5,000 EVs registered in Cambridge and the City should continue to work to expand access to charging citywide and EVs can be cheaper to operate than fossil fuel cars despite costing more initially; and

WHEREAS: In response to the work of the Climate Committee, the City Council and the Climate Crisis Working Group, which recommended taking steps to expand EV charging options, on July 12, 2023, the City [announced](#) a new EV charging pilot program that will allow residents to apply for a permit to charge EVs across City sidewalks with proper protections to ensure safety and accessibility; and

WHEREAS: This charging [pilot program](#) supports the City's continued commitment to increasing public EV charging access and could act as a transitional piece for meeting the overall publicly accessible EV charging goals; and

WHEREAS: To receive a permit, residents have to follow strict guidelines, buy an approved cover, and have appropriate outdoor electric outlet which can be expensive to install and pay an annual fee of \$200, and live more than

half a mile from a public charging station, all of which make the program less accessible and more costly restricting equitable access to electric vehicle charging infrastructure for all residents; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has worked to advance city goals of equity and support for residents and small businesses, and remove financial and other barriers when possible; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments to review the Across Sidewalk Electric Vehicle Charging (EV) Permit Pilot Program, eliminate the \$200 annual permit fee and determine if the process can be simplified and report back to the City Council in a timely manner.