

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on COVID-19.
2. Transmitting communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant received from the Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) in the amount of \$52,660 to the Grant Fund Public Celebrations Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account, which will be used toward the costs of a mosaic art conservation project at Millers River Apartments.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a Constable Without Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2022: Terry Owens
4. A [communication](#) transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the [Cambridge Net Zero Action Plan 2021 Update](#) and [Executive Summary](#).

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. That the City Council designates the Chair of Government Operations, Rules, and Claims Committee to serve as the City Council's designee to coordinate with Randi Frank Consulting, LLC as well as appropriate City officials in carrying out the executive recruitment process for a new City Manager search process. That the City Manager is requested to ask the Purchasing Agent to coordinate with the Chair of Government Operations, Rules and Claims committee to engage the services of the identified Community Engagement Specialist(s) to work with Randi Frank Consulting, LLC in the executive recruitment for a new City Manager. [Charter Right – Simmons, Jan 10, 2022]

## **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Kevin O'Donnel, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 59 Fresh Pond Lane; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Rob, regarding THANK YOU LOUIS!!!.
2. A communication was received from Joan Pickett, regarding Policy orders 276 and 277.
3. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding Community Meeting - Porter Square Safety Improvement Project.
4. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding Community Meeting - Porter Square Safety Improvement Project.
5. A communication was received from Angela Hofmann, regarding Community Meeting - Porter Square Safety Improvement Project.
6. A communication was received from Stephanie Galaitsi, regarding Stephanie Galaitsi Porter square Accident rate

comparison on Mass Ave bet Dudley to Alewife Brook Pkwy.

7. A communication was received from Claire Silvers, regarding Porter square Accident rate comparison on Mass Ave bet Dudley to Alewife Brook Pkwy.
8. A communication was received from Joyce Devlin, regarding Parking on Mass Ave.
9. A communication was received from Shannon Canavin, regarding Citywide vaccine mandate.
10. A communication was received from Patrick Barton, regarding North Cambridge Bike Lanes are Disappointing Make Corrections.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Condolences to the family of Larry Braman. Councillor Simmons
  2. Congratulations to Farrah Ridoré on her appointment as a Boston Fellow with the New Leaders Council. Councillor McGovern
  3. Condolences to the family of Anne Locke Alach. Councillor Simmons
  4. Congratulations to Christine Elow on her appointment as Commissioner of the Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Simmons
  5. Condolences to the family of Charles V. Willie. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Nolan
  6. Thanks to the organizers of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toner
  7. Resolution on the death of Maurico Gutierrez. Mayor Siddiqui
  8. Best wishes to Cindy DiRusso on the occasion of her retirement from the O'Neill Branch of the Cambridge Public Library. Mayor Siddiqui
  9. Congratulations to Senator-elect Lydia Edwards for her new role on Beacon Hill. Councillor Azeem, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons
  10. Resolution on the Death of Janet Belanger. Councillor McGovern
  11. Resolution on the death of Anne Alach. Councillor McGovern
  12. Resolution on the death of Mary Ann Baxter. Councillor McGovern
- ## **ORDERS**
1. That the City Council and School Committee hold a joint virtual roundtable on Mon, Feb 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. to receive an update from the City Manager and relevant departments on the next steps towards the implementation of universal Pre-K in Cambridge. Mayor Siddiqui
  2. That the City Manager is hereby requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to determine what safety improvements could be made to the area in front of CRLS and the crosswalk on Broadway. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern

3. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments and committees to present a report to the Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebration Committee which includes information on the history, membership data of golf course users, environmental conditions, and a legal analysis of what uses are currently permitted or what would be involved in changing use for other city needs. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Azeem
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Inspectional Services Department, the Department of Public Works, the Cambridge Historical Commission and other relevant City departments to determine the feasibility of expediting the Demolition and Rebuilding permitting process in the event of a natural disaster. Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Zondervan
5. That the City Council go on record in support of House Bill 965 and Senate Bill 623 that would prohibit the sale of fur, and urge the Massachusetts Senate to pass this bill. Councillor McGovern
6. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councilor McGovern for a suitable location to dedicate a street corner in honor of James Wallace. Councillor McGovern

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Health & Environment Committee** met on Dec 22, 2021 to discuss the BEUDO amendments. [[Minutes](#)] [[Cover Letter](#)] [[Proposed Amendments – red-lined](#)] [[Proposed Amendments – clean](#)] [[City Solicitor Letter](#)]

#### COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Anthony Wilson, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity.
2. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information regarding the Clerk search process  
Jan 24, 2022  
To: Cambridge City Council  
From: Sumbul Siddiqui, Mayor  
Date: Jan 20, 2022  
Subject: Communicating information regarding the Clerk search process  
To the Honorable, the City Council:  
I would like to update you all on the search process to hire a new City Clerk to replace Anthony Wilson when his term as City Clerk concludes in June of 2022.  
After conferring with the Chair of Government Operations, Vice Mayor Mallon, and Councillor Simmons and Councillor Toner, I am pleased to share that Councillor Simmons and Councillor Toner have agreed to lead the ad-hoc committee for the City Clerk position. The ad-hoc committee will update the job description and have it posted. The ad-hoc committee will also designate an interview panel, which will include City Councillors, along

with the City Council's Executive Assistant Naomie Stephen and to-be-designated staff members (one each) from the Personnel Department, the City Manager's Office, and the City Solicitor's Office. The interview panel will review all the applications and conduct a first round of interviews to choose the top two or three candidates as finalists. The finalists will be interviewed publicly by the full City Council.

Councillor Simmons and Councillor Toner will keep the City Council apprised with any updates.

Sincerely,  
Sumbul Siddiqui, Mayor  
City of Cambridge

3. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee
4. A communication was received from City Auditor, James Monagle, transmitting a memorandum regarding his retirement at the end of his current term.

Jan 24, 2022

Dear City Council,

After serving as City Auditor for the past 20 years, I am writing to inform you that I plan to retire at the end of my current term, which expires on May 31, 2022. It has been a tremendous honor to serve as City Auditor. I am proud of my record of providing independent and timely oversight of the City's finances and operations. Working closely with the Council, administration, and my team, I have carried out my duties to ensure that City's programs are executed legally, efficiently, and effectively. It has been a pleasure working for the City Councils during my tenure.

The role of City Auditor is not always well understood by the public because most of an auditor's work takes place behind the scenes and is buried in detailed financial reports. The staff of the Auditing Department works tirelessly to promote an honest, effective, and fully accountable City government. The collaborative nature of the auditing team and the passion each employee brings to their role plays a critical role in safeguarding against potential fraud or misuse of City resources. My staff's attention to detail is responsible for the timely creations of the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, Schedule A, and Per-Pupil Report. These documents play a crucial role in providing financial information to the City Council, City Manager, the investment community, the state and federal governments, and the residents of Cambridge.

I have been fortunate to have worked with so many incredibly talented and dedicated staff during my tenure, and I want to thank each of them. I also want to thank the three City Managers I have worked with and each City department. The City Administration has always been collaborative, hardworking, and dedicated to serving the residents of Cambridge.

I want to thank the City Council for placing your trust in me and your dedication to your constituents and the City.

James Monagle, City Auditor

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### Mon, Jan 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Jan 25

4:00pm The **Housing Committee** will hold a hearing to receive updates from the Community Development Department, the Cambridge Housing Authority, Homeowner's Rehab, Inc. and Just A Start on the work they are currently engaged in, and the continuing challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic upon their operations. (Remote Meeting)

### Wed, Jan 26

10:30am The **Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee** will meet for the purpose of reviewing next steps in the City Manager search process. (Remote Meeting)

### 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)

### Wed, Mar 9

5:30pm The **Ordinance Committee** will meet to conduct a public hearing on a petition to amend Article 20.90- Alewife Overlay Districts 1-6 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance by inserting a new section entitled Section 20.94.3- Temporarily prohibited uses (ORDINANCE #2022-1). (Remote Meeting)

### 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 24, 2022

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

ORDERED: That the City Council and School Committee hold a joint virtual roundtable on Mon, Feb 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. to receive an update from the City Manager and relevant departments on the next steps towards the implementation of [universal Pre-K](#) in Cambridge.

O-2 Jan 24, 2022

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: A CRLS student was recently struck and injured by a vehicle while in the crosswalk on Broadway in front of CRLS while arriving for school; and

WHEREAS: This intersection is heavily utilized by students and CRLS employees before and after the school day, as well as during lunch and at the conclusion of after school clubs and athletics; and

WHEREAS: While some safety features already exist including signage and an island to make crossing safer, this area would benefit from additional safety improvements such as flashing beacons to ensure drivers know they are in a school zone; and

WHEREAS: These improvements to one of the busiest school zones in Cambridge would bring pedestrian safety measures up to par with other CPS school locations and neighboring universities in the city, and help us reach our City-wide commitment to Vision Zero; and

WHEREAS: Additional preventative safety measures will help to lower the chance of another student or pedestrian being in harm's way while safely utilizing CRLS school zone crosswalks and reduce the hardships of vehicular crashes; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to determine what safety improvements could be made to this area as soon as possible and report back to the City Council.

O-3 Jan 24, 2022

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: The Fresh Pond Golf Course in West Cambridge is the largest open space in Cambridge and has been enjoyed as welcome green space for decades; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has operated the golf course to ensure the sport is accessible to community residents, including keeping course fees low to ensure more diverse users, and supporting the CRLS golf team when most urban high schools charge fees or do not have a golf team due to barriers; and

WHEREAS: Golf is an important and safe outdoor activity, with many residents participating, yet golfer needs should be balanced with the need for open public space for residents, most of whom do not play golf; and

WHEREAS: Golf participation nationwide has declined, although recent trends show more millennials, women, and girls participating; and

WHEREAS: Golf trends suggest that 6-hole and par-3 courses are increasingly popular in urban settings and may provide an opportunity to increase usage and still provide a golfing experience; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge continues to seek space to meet many different community needs including open space, tree canopy, DPW operations, affordable housing, and other uses; and

WHEREAS: The city seeks to encourage outdoor activity and physical activity among residents and the recent growth in sports like orienteering, which involves more CPS students than golf, suggests an opportunity for creative thinking about public spaces; and

WHEREAS: When the golf course was opened to the public free of charge during the early months of the pandemic, the space was widely utilized by people – individuals, groups, and families – of a wide age range, walking, jogging, reading, and playing; and

WHEREAS: In light of these trends, it makes sense to review whether the current use of this large swath of public land restricted to golf players for much of the year is best use, if other uses are possible and should be considered, or if other uses could be incorporated into golf operations; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Law Department, Historical Commission, Community Development Department, the Golf Course Staff, the Department of Human Services Recreation Division, the Public Planting Committee, Fresh Pond Advisory Committee, Department of Public Works and other relevant departments to present a report to the Neighborhood & Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebration Committee, which includes but is not limited to information on the history of the golf course, membership data of golf course users including by zip code, environmental conditions, and a legal analysis of what uses are currently permitted or what would be involved in changing use for other city needs; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council request that the Chair of the Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts, and Celebration Committee schedule a public hearing to discuss this city-owned land parcel; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council by Mar 30, 2022 to enable a committee hearing this spring.

O-4 Jan 24, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The existing City's Inspectional Services

Demolition Permitting system makes no allowances for a differentiated, nor expedited, process for occurrences where a building has significantly deteriorated as a result of a natural disaster, such as a fire; and

WHEREAS: The current application for a Demolition Permit requires a site plan, including architectural drawings of the proposed construction to be built following demolition, which can be costly to procure and difficult to obtain in the immediate aftermath of such a traumatic event; and

WHEREAS: There can be significant delays, in some cases over 12 months, in the current Demolition and Building Permit procedure which should not apply to cases where the structure is significantly damaged by a natural disaster, such as Historical Commission demolition delay and others; and

WHEREAS: The length of the current Demolition and Permitting process presents victims of natural disasters with additional financial burdens during an already difficult time, as well as causing other problems on their damaged property such as rodents and other nuisances; and

WHEREAS: There needs to be a separate and expedited process for buildings that have been damaged due to a natural disaster, such as fire; and

WHEREAS: Since this policy order was originally introduced, there have been multiple fires affecting multi-family residences, and not having an expedited process, and a dedicated City staff member to help guide these residents through the Demolition and Rebuilding permitting process has prolonged the return of residents to their homes; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Inspectional Services Department, the Department of Public Works, the Cambridge Historical Commission and other relevant City departments to determine the feasibility of expediting the Demolition and Rebuilding permitting process in the event of a natural disaster, including but not limited to: instituting a committee with members from the aforementioned three Departments, and creating a dedicated point person within Inspectional Services to serve as a liaison to assist property owners throughout the process; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure the online explanations of, and forms pertaining to, demolition permitting be changed to reflect the aforementioned changes to the demolition permitting process in the event of a natural disaster, should these changes be adopted; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council by the Feb 28, 2022 City Council meeting.



O-5 Jan 24, 2022

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Animals that are slaughtered for their fur endure tremendous suffering; and

WHEREAS: Animals raised on fur farms typically spend their entire lives in cramped and filthy cages; and

WHEREAS: Fur farmers typically use the cheapest killing methods available, including suffocation, electrocution, gas, and poison; and

WHEREAS: Fur farms are reservoirs and transmission vectors for dangerous zoonotic diseases, including SARS coronaviruses, that threaten public health, including in the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 infections have been confirmed at fur farms in Europe and the United States, and scientific studies have linked mink, raccoon dogs, and foxes – the animals most commonly farmed for their fur – to a variety of coronaviruses; and

WHEREAS: The fur production process is energy intensive and has a significant environmental impact, including air and water pollution; and

WHEREAS: Runoff from the fur production process contains high concentrations of phosphorus and nitrogen, which are the most common forms of water pollution in the United States, including Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: The tanning and dying processes used in fur production use toxic chemicals and heavy metals like chromium and formaldehyde; and

WHEREAS: Considering the wide array of alternatives for fashion and apparel, the City Council finds that the demand for fur products does not justify the unnecessary killing and cruel treatment of animals, harm to the environment, and the public health risks to the people of the City of Cambridge caused by these practices; and

WHEREAS: The City Council believes that eliminating the sale of fur products in Massachusetts will decrease the demand for these cruel and environmentally harmful products and promote community awareness of animal welfare and, in turn, will foster a more humane environment in Massachusetts and enhance the reputation of the State; and

WHEREAS: House Bill 965 and Senate Bill 623 would prohibit the sale, offer for sale, display for sale, trade, and distribution of fur products in Massachusetts, with certain exemptions; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of House Bill 965 and Senate Bill 623 and urge the Massachusetts Senate to pass this bill; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge delegation to the Massachusetts Legislature on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-6 Jan 24, 2022

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the

request from Councilor McGovern for a suitable location to dedicate a street corner in honor of James Wallace.

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