

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of Ronald DiGiorgio as a Constable for a term of three years. (CM25#12)
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointments and reappointments of members to the **Transit Advisory Committee**. (CM25#13)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to PO24#154, regarding the City's Sanctuary/Trust Act City status, the protections provided by the 2020 Welcoming Community Ordinance, and the importance of ensuring non-citizens are treated with dignity and respect. (CM25#14) [[text of report](#)]
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to an update on negotiations with Harvard University regarding PILOT payments. (CM25#15)
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to an updated drought regulation ordinance. (CM25#16) [[text of report](#)]
6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to changes in the Animal Commission ordinance regarding a fee increase. (CM25#17) [[text of report](#)]
7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-54, regarding a review of Curb Cut Policies. (CM25#18) [[text of report](#)]
8. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-31 regarding an update to the Municipal Facilities Improvement Plan (MFIP) including revised cost estimates to help inform the FY26 and ongoing capital budget priorities. (CM25#19) [[text of report](#)]
9. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-60 regarding federal grant funding. (CM25#20) [[text of report](#)]
10. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Potential amendments to required setbacks for additions and alterations to existing buildings in the Multifamily Housing Zoning Petitions. (CM25#21) [[text of report](#)]

ORDERS

1. That the City Council go on record urging Eversource to prioritize considerations and implement them wherever possible as part of the Greater Cambridge Energy Program. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Toner, Vice Mayor McGovern (PO25#3)
2. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with a update on the status and timeline for the completion of the Grand Junction Multiuse Path and how implementation between Gore Street and Little Binney could coincide with Phase 2 of the CSO implementation on Cambridge Street. Councillor Toner, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler (PO25#4)

3. City Council opposition to Congressional Voter-Suppression SAVE Bill. Councillor Nolan, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Siddiqui (PO25#5)
4. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to install "Bicycles Must Yield" signs along the Linear Park Parkway, Russell Field, Cambridge Commons, and any other shared use pathway determined appropriate by the City Manager and staff. Councillor Toner, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zusy, Councillor Wilson (PO25#6)
5. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments to develop zoning recommendations, pursuant to M.G.L. c.40A §9B, for regulations to encourage the use of solar energy systems and protect solar access for Registered Solar Energy Systems that have been in existence for one year, per Ordinance Ch. 22.60, specifically on structures over 4 stories. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Toner (PO25#7)

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$2,500,000, from Free Cash, to the Finance Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,500,000), and to the Finance Department Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$1,000,000), to support the continued operation and needed capital and equipment improvements to Neville Center, a 5-star skilled nursing facility with 112 beds, which is part of Neville Communities Inc. [Charter Right – Nolan, Jan 6, 2025] (CM25#2)

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. Request has been received from Mike Kimball representing Bank of America, regarding Revocation of Bond #14BSBDG6280 for Bank of America, 600 Technology Square. Response from the Inspectional Services Department has been received confirming said sign has been removed. (AP25#2)
2. An application was received from Mahmood Firouzbakht, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 38 Hubbard Avenue; 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. (AP25#3)
3. An application was received from Stuart Pitchel representing Petunia, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 73 Mount Auburn Street approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter. (AP25#4)
4. An application was received from Xin Shangguan representing TOO HOT, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 16 Eliot Street approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter. (AP25#5)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Carolyn Shipley, regarding WHY Does the City Council want to Prevent the use of SOLAR PANELS.
2. Andrey Fradkin, regarding Please end exclusionary zoning.
3. Annie Brewster, regarding Coolidge Hill_ Don't Let Developers Write the Zoning Laws (5).
4. Arthur Moore, regarding opposes building measure.
5. Arti Pandey, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition (4).
6. Asha Daniere, regarding IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE MULTI FAMILY ZONING PETITIONS.
7. Barbara Appignani, regarding Housing proposals.
8. Ben Tyler, regarding Thank you for working towards citywide multi-family zoning.
9. Betsy, regarding housing, zoning.
10. Camilla Elvis, regarding Support Current Housing Compromise.
11. Chris Hopkins, regarding Support for Zoning Reform.
12. Conleigh Byers, regarding Support for inclusionary zoning.
13. Constance Gavin, regarding PO#1, GARDEN STREET.
14. Crystal Leslie, regarding Vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
15. Dan Phillips, regarding Nearly 400 people signed a petition in support of allowing apartments city-wide.
16. Dan Totten, regarding supporting Unfinished Business #1.
17. Donald Grossman, regarding Anti-Plan - Anti-Vax.
18. Ethan Frank, regarding Trees (support for 30% open space)
19. Harpreet Grewal, regarding DO NOT APPROVE CURRENT RECOMMENDATION FOR CHANGES TO SINGLE FAMILY ZONING.
20. Heather Hoffman, regarding your sole policy order tonight remains absolute gobbledygook.
21. Helen Abraham, regarding Vote NO on citywide upzoning petition (1).
22. Ira Nichols-Barrer, regarding support for multifamily rezoning.
23. Jane Williams, regarding Oning.
24. Jason Alves, regarding CM 1 and CSO Amendments.
25. Joshua Hartshorne, regarding No further delays to bike lanes!
26. Kimberly M. Rhoten, regarding Unfinished Business #1_ Fair Housing Family Structure and Relationship Status.
27. Laura (Hale) Brannon, regarding End exclusionary zoning.
28. Lee Rosenthal, regarding Cambridge resident in support of upzoning proposal.
29. Lisa Glover, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition (2).
30. Margaret D Carroll, regarding Coolidge Hill_ Don't Let Developers Write the Zoning Laws.
31. Mark Kon, regarding strong concerns about the direction of Cambridge.
32. Michael Millner, regarding Zoning Changes.
33. Nicolai Cauchy, regarding Opposition to up-zoning + WATER!!!
34. Paul E. Fallon, regarding In Support of Zoning Proposal!
35. Peter Crawley, regarding Oppose the proposed City-wide Multi-family Up-zoning Ordinance.
36. Quinton Zondervan, regarding Please ordain anti-discrimination Ordinance tonight!
37. Sara Mae Berman, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition (3).
38. Susan McDonald, regarding More about Broadway.
39. Young Kim, regarding City Manager Agenda Item#8 & PO#1 re: Multifamily Housing Petitions.
40. Young Kim, regarding Urgent Request re City Can't take these kinds of questionable actions in a rush to pass MFH Petitions.
41. Shana Ashar, regarding Support for the Multifamily Housing Ordinance.
42. Young Kim, regarding Could you please explain 1/16 Ordinance Committee Meeting Agenda Packet.
43. chickpea.fritter23, regarding Support end of exclusionary zoning.
44. Amanda Beatty, regarding Questions about CPP in advance of the roundtable.
45. Asha Daniere, regarding Thoughts on 2000 sf limit.
46. Jadynd Damon, regarding Feedback, Thoughts on Universal Preschool - Special Education.
47. Susan McDonald, regarding more on Broadway.
48. Caroline Desbordes, regarding Housing policy.
49. Elizabeth D. Hodder, regarding new housing ordinance.
50. David Hattis, regarding In support of 4+2.
51. Sally Edmonds, regarding multi-story rezoning.
52. Lida Griffin, regarding Feedback on the University Kindergarten Program.
53. Hirschy Zarchi, regarding For the City Council.
54. Esther Grunblatt, regarding Multifamily Housing Proposal.
55. Brian Conway, regarding Multifamily Up-Zone Housing Proposal.
56. Kimberly Simonsen, regarding multiple story re-zoning.
57. Leigh Needleman, regarding NO on multi-story re-zoning.
58. A.M. Kubilius, regarding NO on the current citywide rezoning petition.
59. Jan Devereux, regarding oppose Multi-Family Zoning Petition.
60. Harold J. Bursztajn, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
61. Tom Rawson, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
62. Susan Strang, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
63. Julie Vargas, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
64. Martha C Kingsbury, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
65. Mimi Truslow, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
66. Anne Lowell, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
67. Beverly Reifman, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
68. Nance Goldstein, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
69. Marjorie Hilton, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
70. Elena Lori, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
71. Debbie Monosson, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
72. Barbara Antony, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.

73. Nan Laird, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
74. Fritz Mueller, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
75. Susan Pharr, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
76. Peter Wilson, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
77. Susan Lapides, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
78. Michelle Seligson, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
79. Robin Greeley, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
80. Renie Herman, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
81. Joel Altstein, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
82. Wilder Fleming, regarding Please vote YES on citywide upzoning petition.
83. Kolleen Burbank, regarding Support for Multifamily Housing Ordinance.
84. Kavi Gupta, regarding Please vote yes on the rezoning ordinance.
85. Deneen Crosby, regarding Council zoning petitions.
86. Andrew Ray, regarding Current Multifamily Zoning Proposal.
87. William Bloomstein, regarding Vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
88. Laura Blacklow, regarding Vote NO on upzoning petition.
89. McKelden Smith, regarding STRONG NO on upzoning.
90. Ellie Muter, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition (2).
91. Nancy Carpenter, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
92. Ewa Lajer-Burcharth, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
93. Jane Huang, regarding 4 story housing measure.
94. Carmel O'Reilly, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
95. Gordon Moore, regarding the previously protected borderline between Avenues and Squares and their abutting lower-zoned neighborhoods is breached in the proposed multifamily residential zoning.
96. Michael Rogove, regarding Ordinance Committee - thank you ahead of votes.
97. Pamela A. Thomure, regarding Garden Street.
98. Terry Crystal, regarding BROADWAY BIKE LANES ARE BAD IDEA.
99. Gordon Moore, regarding Multifamily residential zoning petition.
100. Alexander Weiss, regarding Support for Multifamily Housing Citywide.
101. Crystal Leslie, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition (1).
102. Fred-Rick Schermer, regarding LR News, New York Times article.
103. Liz Byron Loya, regarding MFH Proposal- Need for solar protections.
104. Amos Denny, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
105. Arti Pandey, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
106. Robert Camacho, regarding upzoning proposal.
107. William Graham, regarding zoning proposal.
108. Marilee Meyer, regarding AUSTIN TX video- worth a look again.
109. Suzanne Blier, regarding Critical upzoning changes before a vote.
110. Suzanne Blier, regarding Charter Review & voting option.
111. Julie Heck, regarding Plea.
112. Stuart Gedal, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
113. Elizabeth Van Ranst, regarding Upzoning.
114. Young Kim, regarding Ordinance Committee Recommendation and CM report on Multifamily Housing Zoning Petitions.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Helen Gibbons on her retirement from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
2. Congratulations to Judith Rolph on her retirement from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
3. Congratulations to Jan Snyder on her retirement from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
4. Thanks to Iram Farooq for her 25 years of commitment, service, and leadership at the City of Cambridge Community Development Department and best wishes as she joins Harvard University. Councillor Siddiqui, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Wilson
5. Condolences on the death of Robert V. Travers. Councillor Toner
6. Condolences on the death of Henry Edward (Ted) Tierney. Councillor Toner, Vice Mayor McGovern
7. Condolences to the family of Janet Rose. Mayor Simmons
8. Resolution on the death of Sterling Zen Singletary. Vice Mayor McGovern
9. Condolences on the death of Alfred Marazzo. Councillor Toner
10. Condolences on the death of Robert Lenkauskas. Councillor Toner
11. Condolences on the death of David Bertrand. Councillor Toner
12. Resolution on the death of Ms. Joella Bieber. Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Neighborhood & Long Term Planning Committee** held a public hearing on best practices for urban planning Wed, Jan 8, 2025. The meeting will feature MIT's Chris Zegras Department Head of the Department of Urban Studies and Planning and Professor of Mobility and Urban Planning and Jeff Levine, Associate Professor of the

Practice of Economic Development & Planning and Harvard's Maurice Cox, the Emma Bloomberg Professor in Residence of Urban Planning and Design at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. [[text of report](#)]

2. The **Ordinance Committee** held a public hearing on Jan 8, 2025 to continue the discussion on two Multifamily Zoning petitions. [[text of report](#)] [[communications](#)]
3. The **Ordinance Committee** met on Thurs, Jan 16, 2025, at 3:00pm to continue the discussion on Multifamily Zoning Petition Part One and Multifamily Zoning Petition Part Two. [[text of report](#)] [[communications](#)]

The Committee voted favorable to send Multifamily Zoning Petition Part One, as Amended, to the City Council with a RECOMMENDATION THAT IT BE PASSED TO A SECOND READING.

The Committee voted favorable to send Multifamily Zoning Petition Part Two, as Amended, to the City Council with a RECOMMENDATION THAT IT BE PASSED TO A SECOND READING.

The Committee voted favorably to send CMA 2024 #207 to the City Council with a RECOMMENDATION THAT IT BE PLACED ON FILE.

The Committee voted favorably to send CDD's response dated Jan 14, 2025, to the City Council with a RECOMMENDATION THAT IT BE PLACED ON FILE.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF25#12)
2. A communication from City Solicitor Megan B. Bayer, transmitting a letter to the Council with a response to the Ortiz Open Meeting Law Complaint. (COF25#13)

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Jan 27

11:00am A **Special Committee of the Whole** will hold a public hearing to resume the review and discussion of recommendations from the Charter Review Committee and any additional suggestions from the full City Council pertaining to the Cambridge City Charter. This public hearing is a continuation of the meeting that was recessed on Dec 9, 2024.

4:00pm **Special Meeting** of the City Council to discuss strategy in preparation for negotiations with the City Manager relative to his contract. There will be public comment. At the conclusion of public comment, the City Council will move into Executive Session.

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Jan 28

3:00pm The **Transportation and Public Utilities Committee** will hold a public hearing to discuss inter-jurisdictional projects that are in play that may impact mobility in Cambridge. This discussion will build on CDD's report of Nov 14, 2024 to the City Council (Awaiting Report 24-36).

Mon, Feb 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Feb 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Feb 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Feb 25

11:30am The **Economic Development and University Relations Committee** will hold a public hearing with the City Solicitor and the Community Development Department, Economic Opportunity Division, to discuss concerns with vacant store front in Cambridge, and prior efforts and possible options such as new policies, taxes, and/or fines to reduce the number of vacant store fronts in Cambridge.

3:00pm The **Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee** will hold a public meeting to discuss tenant-paid broker fees and other housing fees and the options that the city and state government have to regulate them.

Thurs, Mar 20

3:00pm The **Economic Development and University Relations Committee** will hold a public meeting from 3:00pm-5:00pm. This meeting will be a Cannabis Roundtable with cannabis businesses to discuss issues facing the retail cannabis industry in Cambridge and discuss potential changes, including adjustments to the current 1,800 foot buffer zones and introduction of social consumption.

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Jan 27, 2025

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR TONER

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The [Greater Cambridge Energy Program](#), overseen by Eversource and set to begin in early 2025, involves constructing a new substation in Kendall Square and installing duct banks to distribute energy across Cambridge, with an estimated cost of \$1 billion over four years; and

WHEREAS: Middlesex Construction, one of the top bidders, has raised concerns regarding wage practices, including non-compliance with prevailing wage standards that reduce wages from \$70 to \$20 per hour, along with a lack of employer-provided health insurance, retirement plans, and the absence of Cambridge residents in their workforce of approximately 400 employees; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge's local union halls represent nearly 1,000 tradesmen and tradeswomen, maintain registered apprenticeship programs with the Massachusetts Department of Labor, and have a proven ability to meet the City's diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) goals, offering career pathways for young residents and ensuring a skilled, diverse workforce; and

WHEREAS: Union contractors provide family-supporting benefits, including mandatory employer-paid health

insurance and defined benefit retirement plans, which offer affordable coverage and real retirement security, in contrast to unaffordable or optional plans that shift financial burdens onto workers; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is committed to upholding fair wages, workforce diversity, safe working conditions, and the use of union labor to ensure labor harmony, equitable labor standards, and workplace protections that empower workers to raise safety concerns without fear of retaliation, and it is very much hoped that this practice shall be utilized in the Greater Cambridge Energy Project; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record urging Eversource to prioritize the following considerations and implement them wherever possible as part of the Greater Cambridge Energy Program:

- **Providing family-supporting wages and comprehensive benefits**, including employer-paid health insurance and defined benefit retirement plans;
- **Prioritizing the hiring of Cambridge residents**, particularly graduates of local vocational schools and registered apprenticeship programs, while utilizing the pool of nearly 1,000 tradesmen and tradeswomen available through local union halls, including Local 151;
- **Promoting workforce diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) goals** to reflect the demographics of the Cambridge community;
- **Encouraging the use of union labor** to ensure labor harmony, uphold high employment standards, and guarantee rigorous safety protocols with worker protections; and
- **Supporting apprenticeship programs** that provide career pathways for young Cambridge residents and ensure a skilled and sustainable local workforce; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that the appropriate City staff work to enforce contractor compliance with the following requirements:

- **Adherence to the existing prevailing wage ordinance** for all project-related labor;
- **Maintenance of consistent wage rates**, prohibiting significant reductions when transitioning between projects;
- **Provision of comprehensive employer-paid benefits**, including health insurance and defined retirement programs for all employees; and
- **Development of a clear local employment strategy**, in collaboration with vocational schools, apprenticeship programs, and local union halls, to prioritize Cambridge residents for project employment; and be it further

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner; and be it further

ORDERED: The City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this order to Joseph Nolan, CEO of Eversource, and to Tony Pini of the

Massachusetts Labor Union, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2 Jan 27, 2025

COUNCILLOR TONER
COUNCILLOR NOLAN
COUNCILLOR AZEEM
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: The Grand Junction Multiuse Path has been discussed as far back as the 2000 Green Ribbon Open Space Study, and The Grand Junction Path has the potential to create new open space, connect neighborhoods to existing open space, schools, and the riverfront, and create safe biking options by connecting to a larger network of off-road bike paths; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has negotiated a significant amount of East Cambridge development mitigation around its creation; and

WHEREAS: Development and up zonings that have resulted in easements and land swaps include: Ames Street and Kendal Rooftop Garden (Boston Properties and CRA), Main Street upzoning (MIT), One Kendall Square and 399 Binney (DivcoWest), 325 Binney (Alexandria), as well as the Cambridge Housing Authority Millers River renovation; and

WHEREAS: The City has also received millions of mitigation funds to put towards study and design of the corridor (MIT) and an additional \$10 million for design construction (Alexandria); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a update on the status and timeline for the completion of the Grand Junction Multiuse Path and how implementation between Gore Street and Little Binney could coincide with Phase 2 of the CSO implementation on Cambridge Street.

O-3 Jan 27, 2025

COUNCILLOR NOLAN
MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR WILSON
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council strongly support the right to vote of all eligible citizens; and

WHEREAS: H.R. 22, the [“SAVE Act” legislation](#) recently made a top priority by Republicans in the new Congress, threatens to disenfranchise millions of American citizens by requiring citizenship documents to register to vote that [many citizens](#) – especially people of color and young people – do not have readily available; and

WHEREAS: This bill also threatens existing voters by requiring purges of alleged non-citizens without notice or due process, which other states’ experience [shows](#) will inevitably remove many eligible citizens from voter rolls; and

WHEREAS: This bill will also needlessly complicate election administration and impose intolerable burdens on election officials throughout the nation, without providing additional funding for a mandate that is sure to be expensive for states and localities, including the costs of extensive litigation; and

WHEREAS: This bill is a solution in search of a problem, since federal and state laws already punish non-citizens who vote in federal elections, and voting by non-citizens is negligible; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council strongly opposes the SAVE Act, calls on our U.S. Senators and Representatives to lead opposition efforts, and urges other cities to join us in opposition; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Senators Warren and Markey, and Representatives Clark and Pressley on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-4 Jan 27, 2025

COUNCILLOR TONER

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR ZUSY

COUNCILLOR WILSON

WHEREAS: There have been numerous reports by pedestrians of concerns about cyclists and scooters traveling at significant speed and being in close proximity to pedestrians on said pathways; and

WHEREAS: Signage posted on Fresh Pond Reservation include important information on yielding as well as non-permitted use of E-Bikes and E-Scooters; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department, in coordination with any other relevant department, work to install “Bicycles Must Yield” signs, which include information about permitted use, along the Linear Park Pathway, Russel Field, Cambridge Commons, and any other shared use pathway determined appropriate by the City Manager and staff.

O-5 Jan 27, 2025

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR TONER

WHEREAS: During the January 16, 2025 Ordinance Committee hearing on the Multifamily Housing Zoning Petitions, the Law Department and Community Development Department delivered a [response to POR 2024 #163 and POR 2025 #1](#) regarding amendments to the Multifamily Housing Zoning Petitions; and

WHEREAS: Among the additional information requested by the Council was on legal protections for existing solar energy systems and the memo notes that [M.G.L. c.40A, §9B](#) allows for the adoption of local regulations to protect solar access; and

WHEREAS: Current [Cambridge zoning, under chapter 22.60](#), provides a mechanism for the public registration of solar energy systems “so that nearby developers can be aware of their existence, and to provide limited zoning protections for such systems in some instances where developers of neighboring properties are seeking a special permit or variance”; and

WHEREAS: The Council would like to pursue similar protections for as-of-right development through building permit issuance rather than just for special permit or variance projects, the threshold of which will rise significantly if the current zoning petition is ordained; and

WHEREAS: Per the memo dated January 14, 2025, the Council would need to consider this regulation as a separate zoning petition; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments to develop zoning recommendations, pursuant to M.G.L. c.40A §9B, for regulations to encourage the use of solar energy systems and protect solar access for Registered Solar Energy Systems that have been in existence for one year, per [Ordinance Ch. 22.60](#), specifically on structures over 4 stories; and be it further

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