

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a Surveillance Technology Impact Report (STIR). (CM25#9)
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a Surveillance Technology Impact Report (STIR). (CM25#10)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a Surveillance Technology Impact Report (STIR). (CM25#11)
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the naming of new private way to South William Way. [[text of report](#)] (CM25#22)
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-69 regarding asbestos concerns with the MBTA's Alewife construction. [[text of report](#)] (CM25#23)
6. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$65,000.00 to be allocated to the Grant Fund Public Celebrations Other Ordinary Maintenance Account. This grant will support activities focused on the themes of revolution and independence, celebrating the significant historical milestones that have taken place in Cambridge. (CM25#24)
7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment of members of the **Broadway Street Safety Improvement Project Working Group**. (CM25#25)

ORDERS

1. That the City Council meeting scheduled for February 24, 2025 shall be designated as a Joint Roundtable with the School Committee to discuss FY26 Cambridge Public Schools budget priorities. Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern (PO25#9)
2. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments to prepare a report on the use of M.G.L. Ch. 40U to determine which local statutes can be enforced by the local-option procedure in order to better collect fines in violation of Cambridge ordinances and provide a recommendation to the City Council for implementation of Ch. 40U procedures. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Toner, Councillor Zusy (PO25#10)

CHARTER RIGHT

1. 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. [Charter Right – Sobrinho-Wheeler, Jan 27, 2025] (PO25#6)
2. Condolences to the family of Janet Rose. [Charter Right – Simmons, Jan 27, 2025]
3. That the City Council Amend Petition One, Section 5.40, Footnote (2) to add paragraph (c) to read: (c) If the building does not require a Planning Board Advisory Consultation

per Section 19.40 of this Zoning Ordinance and does not require any special permit from the Planning Board, then before applying for a building permit, the applicant shall schedule an in-person or virtual meeting to answer questions and gather feedback from abutters and shall prepare a notification including, at a minimum, a general description of the project, the date, time, location, and other information necessary for people to attend the meeting, and contact information (telephone and e-mail, at minimum) for the developer and shall provide that notification by mail to abutters, owners of land directly opposite on any public or private street or way, and abutters to the abutters within three hundred feet of the property line of the lot, and to others whom the applicant may choose to contact, and shall include with the building permit application a copy of the notification and mailing list, a summary of the meeting, who attended, and what questions and feedback were received. [Charter Right – Sobrinho-Wheeler, Jan 27, 2025] (PO25#8)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. An Ordinance has been received from City Clerk, relative to Ordinance 2025 #1 Multifamily Zoning Petition-Part 1. [Passed to 2nd Reading Jan 27, 2025; Eligible to be Ordained Feb 10, 2025] (ORD25#1)
5. An Ordinance has been received from City Clerk, relative to ORDINANCE 2025 #2 Multifamily Zoning Petition-Part 2. [Passed to 2nd Reading Jan 27, 2025; Eligible to be Ordained Feb 10, 2025] (ORD25#2)
6. Ordinance has been received from City Clerk, relative to Animal Commission Ordinance 2025 #3 Changes - Fees. [Passed to 2nd Reading Jan 27, 2025; Eligible to be Ordained Feb 10, 2025] (ORD25#3)

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Mehmet Sahin representing The Attic, requesting permission for a projecting blade sign at the premises numbered 1218 Massachusetts Avenue. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter proof of mailing has been provided. (AP25#6)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Alexander von Hoffman, regarding Request to vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
2. Allan Ko, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
3. Allan Sadun, regarding Multifamily proposal is still a winner – let's keep it that way.
4. Allison Van Twisk, regarding Support for Multifamily Housing Citywide Proposal.
5. Amina Sheikh, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
6. Amy Sloper, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
7. Andrew Ray, regarding Municipal broadband.
8. Andrew Solomon, regarding Support for housing density.
9. Andrew Strassman, regarding End exclusionary zoning!
10. Anna Swan, regarding Zoning letters to councilors.
11. Anthony Martin, regarding Cambridge Up-Zoning.
12. Anthony Moffa, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
13. Aram Harrow, regarding Please vote YES on citywide upzoning petition.
14. Ariana Olson, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.

15. Betsy & Tim Groves, regarding Underground noise in North Cambridge.
16. Brennan Waters, regarding Pass the Multifamily Housing Zoning Ordinance.
17. Candace Young, regarding PO24#163, PO25#1.
18. Carlos M. Loya, regarding MFH Proposal - Solar Protection and Sustainable Development in Cambridge.
19. Carlos Salamanca, regarding Amendments to the Cambridge Multifamily Zoning Rules.
20. Carole Stern, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
21. Carolyn Magid, regarding Multifamily Housing -- supporting 3+3.
22. Catalina Arboleda, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
23. Colleen Cohen, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
24. Conleigh Byers, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
25. Dan Phillips, regarding Nearly 400 people signed a petition in support of allowing apartments city-wide.
26. David E. Sullivan, regarding Please support compromise multifamily zoning.
27. David Halperin, regarding Support multifamily housing petition.
28. David Levy, regarding AGAINST the current citywide upzoning proposal.
29. David Spitz, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
30. Debra Fox, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
31. Deepali Ravel, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
32. Devon L. Davidson, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
33. Diana Yousef, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
34. Dominick Jones, regarding Oppose upzoning.
35. E. A. & Julie S. Vargas, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
36. Edward Naef and Jana Naef, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
37. Elizabeth Gilmore, regarding impacts of proposed zoning change.
38. Elizabeth Kon, regarding Concerns about Cambridge direction.
39. Emmaline Conti, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
40. Eoin Power, regarding Strong Support for Multifamily Zoning.
41. Esther Hanig, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
42. Ethan Frank, regarding Housing petition.
43. Eunice Williams, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
44. Fan Wang, regarding Support Letter for Cambridge Zoning Amendments Petition 2025Jan25.
45. Fred Robert Meyer, regarding The severe HIDDEN DANGER.
46. Fred Watts, regarding Stop Exclusionary Zoning!
47. Gabe Murchison, regarding Multifamily zoning.
48. Glenna Lang, regarding I urge you vote NO on citywide upzoning petition!
49. Gordon Moore, regarding CDD five-year evaluation of Inclusionary Housing.
50. Hannah Larsen, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
51. Helen Abraham, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
52. Heli Meltsner, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
53. Hillma Denune, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
54. Ira Nichols-Barrer, regarding support for multifamily zoning.
55. Irene Qiao, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
56. Jacquelyn Smith, regarding upzoning.
57. Jason Wright, regarding Eversource Statement.
58. Jennifer Effron, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
59. Jennifer Jones, regarding Multifamily Housing Proposal.
60. Jerome Ryan, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
61. Jessie Lan, regarding Multifamily Zoning Comment.
62. Joan Friebely, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
63. Joe Connolly, regarding support for multifamily zoning proposal.
64. Joel Altstein, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
65. John Ravenal, regarding Let the petition run out.
66. John Whisnant, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
67. Jules Renner, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
68. Karen Eton, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
69. Karen Falb, regarding Listen and not just Hear - two weeks ago and 154 people - Need for independent Studies.
70. Katharine Martin, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
71. Kathleen Moore, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
72. Katie Fustich, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
73. Kayla Springer, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
74. Kiefer Hicks, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
75. Kris Ellis-Levy, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
76. Kyle Buznitsky, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
77. Laura Brannon, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
78. Lawrence Bluestone, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
79. Lenore G. Martin, regarding Upzoning proposal.
80. Leslie Cohen and David Slaney, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
81. Liz Keating, regarding My opposition to the citywide multi-story rezoning petition.
82. Louise Venden, regarding Public Comment Jan 27, 2025 City Council.
83. Lynne Reiss, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
84. Madeline Lee, regarding Multifamily Zoning - support 3+3 amendments & low-income residents.
85. Margaret Ann Brady, regarding Multifamily Zoning.
86. Marie Keil, regarding Please vote to end exclusionary zoning.
87. Marjory Wunsch, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
88. Mark Kon, regarding strong concerns about the direction of Cambridge.
89. Mark Reynolds, regarding Upzoning - In agreement with Prof. Zegras.
90. Mary Byrne, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
91. Mary Ellen Wynn, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
92. Matt Goldstein, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
93. Matt Miller, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
94. Miah Ebels-Duggan, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
95. Michael Massagli, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
96. Michael Weymouth, regarding In support of the 4+2 multifamily zoning bill.
97. Mimi Truslow, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
98. Nance Goldstein, regarding Please let the upzoning proposal expire.
99. Nancy Keeler, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
100. Natalie Goodman, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
101. Nicholas Do, regarding Support for Multifamily Housing Zoning Changes.
102. Norna Shapiro-Freedman, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
103. Omar Eton MD from Gordan Moore, regarding of the Shepard St., Langdon St., area off MA in the Neighborhood Nine.
104. Patricia McGrath, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
105. Paul Barringer, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
106. Paul E. Fallon, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
107. Rabbi Yoni, regarding Enthusiastic Support for 4+2i Zoning Proposal (or 3+3i+3AHO Zoning).
108. Reeve Meyer, regarding Housing - Tonight.

109. Rena Leib, regarding Multifamily Housing -- supporting 3+3.
110. Rosalind Michahelles, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
111. Ryan Houlette, regarding Please vote no on the current rezoning proposal.
112. Sam Cohen, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
113. Shannon Canavin, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
114. Sam Cohen, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
115. Shannon Canavin, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
116. Shannon Finley, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
117. Sharon Sears, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
118. Shelagh Hadley, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
119. Steve Wineman, regarding Multifamily zoning.
120. Susan Cooke, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
121. Susan Labandibar, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
122. Susan Strang, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
123. Suzanne Hopkins and Wendy L Wood, regarding Upzoning disastrous plan.
124. Tamar Zimmerman, regarding the current Upzoning Proposal.
125. Thomas Hentschel, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
126. Trevor Burnham, regarding Thank you for ending exclusionary zoning.
127. Wayne Welke, regarding Strongly Support Ending Exclusionary Zoning.
128. Wilberthe Pilate, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
129. Willie Boag, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
130. Winifred Stopps, regarding Comment on Policy Order PO25#1, Multifamily Housing Zoning Petitions.
131. Young Kim, regarding Ordinance Committee Recommendation and CM report on Multifamily Housing Zoning Petitions.
132. Alyssa Chen, regarding Super majority or simple majority for multifamily zoning vote.
133. Ann Robbart, regarding Multifamily Zoning 3+3 Please!
134. Anne Collin, regarding Please vote YES on multifamily housing.
135. Annette LaMond, regarding Opposed to Upzoning.
136. Annie Michaelis, regarding strongly support multifamily zoning proposal.
137. Asha Daniere, regarding Neighborhood Meeting - suggestions.
138. Carolyn Fuller, regarding In Support of Multifamily Housing.
139. Carolyn Shipley, regarding Proposed MFH upzoning - Destruction of the Environment.
140. Catherine Hoffman, regarding multifamily.
141. Claire Moore, regarding Comments for tonight's council meeting.
142. Dan Totten, regarding support 3+3 without a lot size limit.
143. Dana Niu, regarding Please end exclusionary zoning.
144. Daniel Mascoop, regarding Pass the Multifamily Zoning Ordinance without Further Amendments.
145. David Hattis, regarding In support of Ending Exclusionary Zoning.
146. Elizabeth Gombosi, regarding Public Comment Jan 27, 2025.
147. Estefania Lamas, regarding Support for Multifamily Housing in Cambridge - Affordability for all_ including our Public Servants.
148. Francis Donovan, regarding Multifamily Zoning – City Council, 5:30pm, 27Jan25.
149. Gerald Bergman, regarding Multifamily zoning on the City Council agenda 1/27/2025.
150. Heather Hoffman, regarding diversity on boards, commissions and committees.
151. Heather Hoffman, regarding wrote my comments out this time.
152. Heddi Siebel, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
153. Helen Hardacre, regarding Up-zoning.
154. Janice Snow, regarding Upzoning Meeting Testimony.
155. Jim Gray, regarding Public Comment Form Submission Confirmation.
156. Kasey Geremia, regarding Remove Broadway from Cycling Safety Ordinance.
157. Lee Farris, regarding Updated - Residents Alliance opposes 4+2, supports 3+3+3 Multifamily proposal.
158. Liz Byron Loya, regarding Opposition to MFH.
159. Lora Sperber Farkas and Charles Farkas, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
160. Marc Wagner, regarding Support letter for multi-family zoning amendment.
161. Margaret Gadon, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
162. Marilee Meyer, regarding wrote my comments out this time.
163. Ned Codd, regarding Support for Multifamily Housing Zoning Proposal.
164. Nina Herrera, regarding Today's meeting.
165. Nonie Valentine, regarding Ordinance Committee Recommendation and report on Multifamily Housing Zoning Petitions.
166. Omar Eton, regarding Pathway to Neighborhood Conservation Districts in Cambridge.
167. Phyllis Bretholtz, regarding Multifamily Housing.
168. Sarah Block, regarding Strongly support ending exclusionary zoning.
169. Suzanne Blier, regarding Video Recording 1/26/25 of Citywide Upzoning Proposal and Impacts.
170. Donald Grossman, regarding You Dozed Paradise – Unless you vote NO on the Up Zoning Petition.
171. Young Kim, regarding My Oral Comment Tonight.
172. Zoe Feder, regarding Public Comment #91 by Zoe Feder at 1/27/25 City Council Mtg.
173. Elizabeth Gombosi, regarding Upzoning CC 012724 EG comments.
174. Marc Wagner, regarding 25Jan24 Support Letter Marc.
175. Jim Gray, regarding Wise Zoning for affordable Multifamily Housing.
176. Renie Herman, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
177. Porter Gifford, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
178. Joseph Antebi, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
179. Sharon Sears, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
180. Jacquelyn Smith, regarding Broadband.
181. Donald Grossman, regarding You Dozed Paradise – Unless you vote NO on the Up Zoning Petition.
182. Beth Gamse, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
183. Adam Glassman, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
184. Hunter Aldrich, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
185. Mark Konstrong, regarding concerns about the direction of Cambridge.
186. Peter Harris, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
187. Jacqueline Olds, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
188. John Whisnant, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
189. Layla Cable, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
190. Aran Nathanson, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
191. Elena Lori, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
192. Julia Kirchner, regarding Is it possible to obtain a copy of the certificate of parentage.
193. Larry Cetrulo and Lynn Cetrulo, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
194. Helene Bank, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
195. Nan Laird, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
196. Elise Moore, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
197. Steve Kennedy, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
198. Joel Alstein, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.

199. Peter Falb, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
200. Charles Merrill, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
201. Toni G. Wolfman, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
202. Sandra Spanier, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
203. Catalina Arboleda, regarding Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
204. Elizabeth Kon, regarding Opposition to Citywide Upzoning Petition.
205. Amy Waltz, regarding Construction Rights through zoning, without proper Regulation, will have devastating results including major climate impacts! Consult our Climate Committee & Experts!

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Michael DeAmbrose on his retirement from the Cambridge Fire Department. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
2. Congratulations to Edward Fales on his retirement from the Cambridge Fire Department. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
3. Congratulations to Faye Santarpio on her retirement from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
4. Congratulations to Robyn Culbertson on the occasion of her retirement as Executive Director of the Office for Tourism. Mayor Simmons

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Finance Committee** and **Housing Committee** held a joint public hearing on July 10, 2024 to review and discuss the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust and to discuss the City's relationship with the Trust, consider funding priorities, and ways to fund affordable housing development in Cambridge. [[text of report](#)]

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF25#16)

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Feb 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Feb 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Feb 11

12:30pm The **Health and Environment Committee** will hold a public hearing to review and discuss the update to the Cambridge Net Zero Action Plan (NZAP) Annual Report.

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 Feb 3, 2025

MAYOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the City Council meeting scheduled for February 24, 2025 shall be designated as a Joint Roundtable with the School Committee to discuss FY26 Cambridge Public Schools budget priorities.

O-2 Feb 3, 2025

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR TONER

COUNCILLOR ZUSY

WHEREAS: Collection of fines for violations of local ordinance can be difficult for municipalities as many disputes can result in lengthy and difficult battles in state court for otherwise minor dollar amounts; and

WHEREAS: In 2010 Governor Deval Patrick signed legislation [M.G.L. Ch. 40U](#), which [expanded local authority](#) to collect unpaid fines, specifically those issued for violations of local statutes regulating sanitation, housing, and snow and ice removal; and

WHEREAS: This procedure works similarly to the process in place for hearings on parking citations which allows for appeals of citations outside the judicial system, allows penalties for late payments, and allows municipalities to impose sanctions for failure to pay fines by restricting access to other municipal services and eventually allows municipalities to place a lien on a property based on the number of violations and/or dollar amount; and

WHEREAS: According to a report by the Massachusetts Municipal Association from 2010, in the city of Boston, less than one-third of citations are paid, leaving ordinances in flux and gaps in necessary finances; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Code of Ordinances contains important provisions related to sanitation, housing, and snow and ice removal and it is essential that fines are collected in a fair and equitable way in order to preserve public safety and maintain citywide goals; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments to prepare a report on the use of M.G.L. Ch. 40U to determine which local statutes can be enforced by the local-option procedure in order to better collect fines in violation of Cambridge ordinances and provide a recommendation to the City Council for implementation of Ch. 40U procedures; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council by early May.