

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a federal update including an update on relevant court cases. (CM26#20) [[text of report](#)]
  2. Transmitting communication from Police Commissioner, Christine Elow, regarding a Federal immigration enforcement tracker. (CM26#32) [[text of report](#)]
  3. Transmitting a Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation the of the FY2026 Cultural Investment Portfolio Program Grant in the amount of \$17,100. (CM26#22)
  4. Transmitting a Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the Transfer of \$72,500 from the General Fund Public Works Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Public Works Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and projected FY26 costs related to Public Works personnel injured in the course of their job. (CM26#23)
  5. Transmitting a Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to proposed changes to Cambridge Municipal Code Chapter 8.28, Regulation on Youth Access and Sale of Tobacco Products and on Smoking ("Chapter 8.28"). (CM26#21) [[text of report](#)]
  6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a Violence Prevention Recommendations Report from the Community Safety Department. (CM26#26) [[text of report](#)]
  7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a plan to align all housing and homeless services and programs into a unified Housing Department. (CM26#24) [[text of report](#)]
- Agenda Item No. 7 Feb 9, 2026  
ORDERED: That Pursuant to Article 5, Section 5-1 of the Charter of the City of Cambridge, the recommendation of City Manager Yi-An Huang, on the reorganization of the Housing Department, be approved.
8. Transmitting a Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HOME Grant Program in the amount of \$648,119.56. (CM26#25)
  9. Transmitting a Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Community Development Block Grant Appropriation in the amount of \$1,723,735.89. (CM26#27) [[text of report](#)]
  10. Transmitting a Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Housing Opportunities for People with Aids (HOPWA) Grant in the amount of \$2,395,799. (CM26#29)
  11. A communication was received from City Manager, Yi-An Huang, transmitting Planning Board recommendations on

the Institutional Use Zoning Petition. (CM26#30) [[text of report](#)]

12. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the final research report on Rise Up Cambridge, the City's citywide cash assistance program. (CM26#28) [[text of report](#)]

## ORDERS

1. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the relevant City staff and departments to examine if and how the City may prevent the hiring by the Cambridge Police Department of any sworn officer who was hired on or after January 20, 2025 by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, or Customs and Border Patrol, and report back to the City Council in a timely manner. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern (PO26#28)
2. Protecting Academic Freedom and Condemning Attacks on Higher Education. Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Al-Zubi, Vice Mayor Azeem (PO26#29)
3. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department (CDD) to examine the feasibility, legal considerations, and administrative requirements of permitting qualified third-party guarantors or co-signers for applicants to Inclusionary Housing units and provide recommendations as to whether such a policy could responsibly expand access to these units. Vice Mayor Azeem, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Simmons (PO26#30)
4. That the City Manager is hereby requested to direct the Law Department to draft ordinance language restricting the use of City-owned or City-controlled property, facilities, resources, and personnel for the purposes of federal civil immigration enforcement, and that the Law Department evaluate whether these protections should be adopted as an amendment to the Welcoming Community Ordinance. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan (PO26#31)
5. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments to raise the fee of the parking permit program for all residents to \$75, consider how to include a self-identified check off option so as not to increase administrative costs for a subsidized fee of \$25 for residents who live in affordable housing, are enrolled in a program such as SNAP or are low income, remove the senior exemption for the residential parking permit program and lower the number of cars that individual residents are allowed to get a residential parking permit for from four to two. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zusy, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern (PO26#32)
6. That the City Manager is requested to work with the City Council and relevant City departments on the process by which Cambridge can expand free early child care offerings,

including models for means-tested programming, and exploration of non-City funding sources, from the state or foundations. Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui (PO26#34)

7. That the City Manager is requested to begin discussions with MIT, CASPAR, the co-chairs of the Human Services and Veterans Committee, all relevant city departments and the shelter residents to develop a plan to renovate and expand 240 Albany Street in order to provide additional low threshold shelter, housing and day time services, while accommodating shelter residents impacted by the construction closure with housing and support, including low threshold options. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Al-Zubi, Councillor Zusy, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler (PO26#35)

### **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 25-69, regarding a review of the previous home rule petition and prepare a new petition that would allow Cambridge to enact a Real Estate Transfer Fee to be sent to the state legislature. [Charter Right – Nolan, Jan 26, 2026]
2. That the City Manager ask the appropriate departments to review the city's digital equity work to date, including the study's recommendations and all steps taken since the study conclusion in order to update the evaluation of existing internet access programs, assessing whether residents' digital needs are or could be better provided for and to propose how we can better meet their needs and to report back to the Council by June 2026 on internet access programs. [Charter Right – Al-Zubi, Jan 26, 2026]

### **APPLICATIONS & PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Nick Zappia representing IMAGINE, requesting permission for a one (1) projecting blade sign at the premises numbered 358 Huron Avenue. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters. (AP26#7)
2. An application was received from Donger Lei representing Sumi House, requesting permission for a one (1) awning at the premises numbered 359 Huron Avenue. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters. (AP26#9)

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A. M. Kubilius – the upzoning!
2. Abraham Lateiner – Landmarking the Democracy Center
3. Alex Rubin – Cambridge St. Zoning Petition
4. Aneesa Sonawalla – In Favor of Cambridge Upzoning
5. Annie Michaelis – Please support Cambridge St. Zoning petition!
6. Carolyn Magid – Cambridge Street Zoning

7. Claire Pryor – Public Comment Landmark the Democracy Center
8. Corinna Rhum – Cambridge Street Zoning petition
9. Dan Horgan – Support for Zoning for More Housing
10. Dan Phillips – In support of Cambridge St.
11. Dana Bullister – In support of Cambridge St. Zoning
12. Daniel Gottesman – Cambridge St Zoning
13. Earl Miller – Support for the proposed Cambridge Street zoning
14. Hannah Roach – Testimony in Support of Policy Order #2
15. Harry Bullivant and Elisabeth Leake Harry Bullivant and Elisabeth Leake – Mail
16. Jackie King – Let Inman Square Upzoning Petition Expire, Engage with the Community
17. Jason Alves – Cambridge St support
18. Jean Spera – Cambridge St Upzoning VOTE
19. Jenny Netzer – Cambridge Street Zoning Proposal
20. Joan FitzGerald – Upzoning
21. Jonathan Cohen – Support for proposed Cambridge Street upzoning
22. Jonathan Haber – Yes on Cambridge St. Zoning Changes
23. Justin Saif – Exempt multifamily from Transfer Tax home rule petition
24. Kathy Watkins – Allow zoning petition to expire
25. Kelly Dolan – Election Issue needs Accountability
26. Kelsey Kelter – 1/26 City Council Meeting Testimony Policy Order #2
27. Kiersten Kerby-Patel – Cambridge Street zoning
28. Kyle Buznitsky – Cambridge St zoning
29. Leah Meyer – upzoning Cambridge St
30. Lee Farris – Landmark 45 Mt. Auburn St.
31. Louise Venden – City Council comment 1/26
32. Luka Govedič – Cambridge St rezoning
33. Marie Elena Saccoccio – 1/26/26 Vote on Proposed Development of Cambridge Street
34. Marlene H. Lundberg – 1/26/26 Vote on Proposed Development of Cambridge Street
35. Mary Anne Carlson – Carlson Plowing
36. Mary Anne Carlson – What about pedestrians
37. Maryann Quinn – Public Comments at 1/26/26 City Council
38. Matthew Zachem – Strong Support for Cambridge Street Zoning Proposal
39. Michael S. Grill – Support for Cambridge St Zoning Petition
40. Nancy Ryan – Let the Cambridge Street Zoning Petition Expire
41. Neheet Trivedi – Please support Cambridge St zoning
42. Nike Tirman – Garden Street - PLEASE RESPOND
43. Nina Wu – Jan 26 Cambridge City Council Meeting Comment
44. NJ Park – Public Comment NJ Park Policy Order #2
45. Owen Ratkevicius – Cambridge St Rezoning
46. Patrick and Rajee Joyce – Please support the proposed Cambridge Street zoning!
47. Reeve J. Meyer – Cambridge Street Zoning
48. Rosa M. Diaz Rivera – Comments in Support of Policy Order #2.

49. Ruti Pfeffer – Public Comment for City Council Meeting 1/26
50. sabel sabel – Landmark the Democracy Center
51. Sam EldforsIn – support of the Cambridge Street zoning petition
52. Sarah Block – Strong support for the proposed Cambridge Street zoning and for your leadership in advancing housing solutions in our community.
53. Sheli Wortis – Please vote to let the Cambridge St. zoning petition expire
54. Shelley Rieman – Cambridge St up zoning
55. Susan Markowitz – Tabled 3 Camb. St Upzoning petition
56. Susan Redlich – Tonight’s vote on Tabled #3
57. Taylor Cross – Jan 26 Cambridge City Council Meeting Comment
58. Wayne Welke – Pass the Cambridge Street Zoning Petition!
59. Young Kim – Policy and record-integrity issues: CMA #12 date mismatch, rushed insertion, and missing ordination artifact
60. Young Kim – What just happened, re CMA #12
61. Young Kim – My Oral Comment of 1/26/2026 for the record
62. Nike Tirman – Garden Street - PLEASE RESPOND
63. Sam Ribnick – Completion of planned CSO projects

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution on the passing of Gail Seidman. Councillor Simmons
2. Condolences on the passing of Robert K. Patterson, Sr. Councillor Flaherty
3. Resolution on the Retirement of Kate Joyce. Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui
4. Resolution: Celebration of the life of Charlie Fineman. Councillor Flaherty
5. Condolences on the passing of Mary T. (Quinn) Schifferdecker. Councillor Flaherty
6. Condolences on the passing of Nicholas J. Arancio. Councillor Flaherty
7. Congratulations to the Cambridge Warriors Basketball Team. Councillor Flaherty
8. Condolences to the Family of David Antoine Dottin. Councillor Simmons
9. Resolution in Recognition of Michael J. Johnston, Esq., on his Retirement. Councillor McGovern

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

1. Update regarding legislative activity. (COF26#9)
2. Announcement of appointments to the **City Clerk Preliminary Screening Committee**. (COF26#10) [[text of report](#)]  
Appointed: Councillor Marc McGovern; Councillor E. Denise Simmons; Councillor Catherine Zusy; Megan Bayer, City Solicitor; Raecia Catchings, Chief People Officer; Matt Nelson, Director of Administration & Operations, Executive Office; Melissa Peters, Assistant City Manager for Community Development; Naomie Stephen, Executive Assistant to the City Council

3. City Council Value Statement and Priority Areas for the 2026-2027 term (COF26#11) [[text of report](#)]
4. Communicating Information from the School Committee (COF26#12) [[text of report](#)]

**HEARING SCHEDULE**

**Mon, Feb 9**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Tues, Feb 10**

11:00am The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing on a Zoning Petition by the Cambridge City Council. The Petition proposes changes to Section 4.50 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance to allow as of right in all zoning districts, religious and educational uses, and childcare uses ([CM25#288](#)).

**Wed, Feb 11**

12:00pm The **Finance Committee** will hold a public hearing to review and discuss the Capital Budget and Public Investment Planning in advance of the FY27 budget season. (Sullivan Chamber and Zoom)

**Mon, Feb 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, Mar 2**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, Mar 9**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, Mar 16**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, Mar 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, Mar 30**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Feb 9, 2026

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: As the Trump Administration continues its illegal and violent immigration enforcement efforts—including the killing of two people in Minnesota who were attempting to exercise their constitutionally protected right to free speech — legislative bodies and communities across the country, including this City Council, are taking steps to protect themselves; and

WHEREAS: In January, Washington State Representative Tarra Simmons introduced the [ICE Out Act of 2026, HB 2641](#), which “prohibits all Washington state law enforcement agencies from hiring anyone who was a sworn officer of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement on or after January 20, 2025,” and similar legislation has been introduced in the Maryland legislature; and

WHEREAS: This City Council recognizes the Cambridge Police Department plays an important role in keeping our city safe, and we hold our officers to a high standard, providing ample training to limit the implicit bias we all hold and prioritize de-escalation, to ensure our officers earn the trust and respect of the city they serve; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has a high standard for its law enforcement officers, most of whom carry a gun as part of their employment for the City, and this standard would be lowered if the City knowingly hired individuals who have shown a disregard for upholding our

civil liberties and due process, abetted the extrajudicial killings of protesters and detainees, and a history of using violence and illegal tactics; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the relevant City staff and departments to examine if and how the City may prevent the hiring by the Cambridge Police Department of any sworn officer who was hired on or after January 20, 2025 by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, or Customs and Border Patrol; 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-2 Feb 9, 2026

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR AL-ZUBI

VICE MAYOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: In April 2025, the City Council passed [PO25#52](#), urging Harvard to stand up to the illegal and immoral demands of the Trump administration to safeguard academic independence, the rule of law, and democracy, and directing the City Manager to act with urgency and coordinate a united response to counter assaults on Harvard, and by extension, our city's historic role as a center of higher education; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is home to a diverse and robust community of students, educators, and institutions of higher education including Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lesley University, and Hult International Business School, all of which are an essential part of our economy and produce research benefiting the country and world; and

WHEREAS: The Trump Administration has repeatedly and aggressively undermined institutions of higher education by withholding federal funding to advance its own political agenda, which includes dismantling diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives, suppressing student speech and protest, restricting scientific research on issues including ones benefitting public health, lifesaving medical discoveries, and climate change, and threatening the rights and safety of international students; and

WHEREAS: These actions threaten not only the United States' status as a world leader in research and innovation but also constitutionally guaranteed rights to free speech and principles of academic freedom, diversity, peaceful protest, and privacy, which should never be compromised; and

WHEREAS: Academic freedom and independence are essential to our nation, and political pressure should have no role in admissions, hiring, infrastructure, employment, or the content of the curriculum; and

WHEREAS: Entities are standing up for higher education, as evidenced by the Board of Supervisors in San Francisco, San Mateo County in California, and the City of Los Angeles, unanimously passing resolutions for academic freedom and against coercion of universities; and

WHEREAS: Our country's higher education sector is a global leader in discoveries that drive innovation, economic growth, and job creation, and funding for research should be based strictly on scientific and professional merit and withdrawn only after due process; and

WHEREAS: Diverse backgrounds and experiences are vital to learning, research, and education; and

WHEREAS: Higher education must uphold freedom of speech, peaceful protest, privacy, and all constitutional rights, ensuring college campuses remain forums for open debate and discussion, not a place where ideas are silenced; and

WHEREAS: Academic freedom bestows both rights and obligations on institutions of higher education and they must both protect their rights and uphold their obligations in service to the community and democracy even while facing challenges from those who hold political power and financial influence; and

WHEREAS: Higher education institutions' obligations include preserving academic freedom, civil liberties, and constitutional and human rights though their own policies and practices – for all faculty, associated scholars, students, staff and others with affiliations to higher education institutions; including adjusting when appropriate to ensure fair and welcoming campus environment for all students, staff and faculty; and

WHEREAS: The response from academic institutions to attacks from the Trump Administration will have a profound impact on the City of Cambridge, the region, the state, and the nation; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council supports institutions of higher education to resist federal government overreach and condemns the Trump Administration's attacks on higher education, which are detrimental to our City's economy and the Commonwealth and country; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Governor of Massachusetts, state senate and state house leaders, the Cambridge state and federal delegation, urging them to stand in solidarity with institutions of higher learning in defense of academic freedom, independence and constitutional rights; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Chair of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, the presidents of Harvard, MIT, Lesley and Hult, advising them of our support.

O-3 Feb 9, 2026

VICE MAYOR AZEEM

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge maintains an inclusionary housing program intended to ensure that a portion of new residential development remains affordable to low- and moderate-income residents; and

WHEREAS: Current eligibility guidelines generally require that qualifying households earn no more than eighty percent (80%) of Area Median Income (AMI), which for the Boston-Cambridge-Quincy area is approximately \$92,650 for a one-person household, \$105,850 for a two-person household, \$119,100 for a three-person household, and \$132,300 for a four-person household; and

WHEREAS: Although units at the 80% AMI tier are categorized as "affordable," the rents are typically set to one-third of gross monthly income, which may still be financially out of reach for certain individuals who qualify; and

WHEREAS: Though the City administers rental assistance vouchers and related subsidy programs intended to provide additional financial relief to eligible households, the number of vouchers is limited; and

WHEREAS: Some otherwise qualified applicants for inclusionary housing units may have informal financial support from family or other third parties; and

WHEREAS: Permitting qualified guarantors or co-signers in limited circumstances may expand access to Inclusionary Housing opportunities without increasing direct public expenditure, provided appropriate safeguards are in place; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department (CDD) to examine the feasibility, legal considerations, and administrative requirements of permitting qualified third-party guarantors or co-signers for applicants to Inclusionary Housing units and provide recommendations as to whether such a policy could responsibly expand access to these units; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on CDD's findings as soon as practicable.

O-4 Feb 9, 2026

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: Across the country we are seeing increased presence and surge in civil immigration enforcement activity by U.S.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in municipalities, including actions conducted in and around public spaces; and

WHEREAS: Such enforcement activity has a documented chilling effect on immigrant communities, discouraging residents from accessing healthcare, education, emergency services, and other essential City programs, thereby posing risks to public health and public safety; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long affirmed its commitment to being a Welcoming Community, including through the Welcoming Community Ordinance; and

WHEREAS: Municipalities across the nation have restricted the use of municipal property, resources, and personnel for civil immigration enforcement purposes; and

WHEREAS: The City has both the authority and responsibility to clarify and strengthen its policies in a manner inconsistent with local law and values; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Law Department to draft ordinance language restricting the use of City-owned or City-controlled property, facilities, resources, and personnel for the purposes of federal civil immigration enforcement, including provisions that:

1. Prohibit City agencies, departments, officers, and employees from collaborating with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in civil immigration enforcement activities, except where required by law or pursuant to a valid judicial warrant;
2. Prohibit City agencies from collecting information regarding an individual's citizenship or immigration status, and from sharing personal or identifying information with ICE or other federal

immigration authorities, except where required by law or pursuant to a valid judicial warrant;

3. Prohibit discrimination or the denial of City services on the basis of actual or perceived citizenship or immigration status, and affirm that access to City programs, services, and benefits shall not be conditioned on immigration status;

4. Prohibit ICE from using City-owned or City-controlled property as staging locations or operational bases for civil immigration enforcement actions, including but not limited to raids, arrests, or surveillance activities;

5. Bar City employees from granting ICE access to City-owned or City-controlled spaces – including libraries, shelters, health centers, recreation centers, and other public facilities – absent a valid judicial warrant, and require that any such warrant be reviewed by the Law Department prior to compliance, where practicable; and

6. Affirm that no City resources shall be expended to assist in civil immigration enforcement activities that are inconsistent with the City's Welcoming Community policies, public health objectives, or applicable local law; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Law Department to evaluate whether these protections should be adopted as an amendment to the Welcoming Community Ordinance and report back to the City Council.

O-5 Feb 9, 2026

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR ZUSY

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The fee for participation in the Resident Parking Permit program was raised in 2011 from \$8 to \$20 with a built in raise to \$25 in 2013, where the rate currently stands, despite [requests by council](#) to increase the fee; and

WHEREAS: In 2023 the City Council passed [PO23#137](#) which led to a [Joint Health and Environment and Transportation](#) committee meeting, and [PO24#39](#) which requesting recommendations for adjusting parking permit fees to better align with the costs of operating the program; and

WHEREAS: In [CM24#106](#) from May 2024 Cambridge DOT staff indicated that the cost of administering the parking permit program, including printing the stickers and processing applications, is at least \$75 per permit, per year, and so every dollar charged below that cost is subsidized by the general fund, which is paid by all Cambridge taxpayers; and

WHEREAS: Senior residents have previously been exempted from paying the minimal fee for the cost of a parking permit, regardless of income or financial situation at the expense of all Cambridge taxpayers, including non-drivers; and

WHEREAS: \$75 per year, or just over \$6 per month, for unlimited on-street parking access is a nominal fee for car-owners and amounts to less than 1% of the annual cost of owning a car, including car payments, fuel, insurance, maintenance, and taxes, which is [estimated at \\$11,500 annually](#); and

WHEREAS: Previously, the City Council requested a tiered fee structure for residential parking permits for income-eligible residents; however, after two years, City staff have indicated that implementing a tiered structure would include making significant adjustments to the vendor program and would likely result in much

higher administrative costs, at only a marginal savings for residents; and

WHEREAS: The [Zero Emissions Transportation Plan](#), published in October 2025, outlines SMART Goal 7, which is to reduce the number of resident parking permits issued over time, and in 2023 the City created a limit of four cars on the number of vehicles that individual residents are allowed to get a residential parking permit for; and

WHEREAS: The cost of operating the parking permit program should be paid by users and not pushed onto all residents including those who do not own cars and the city should seek to ensure fees charged match costs; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments to:

- Raise the fee to receive a residential parking permit program for all residents to \$75, to more accurately reflect the cost of administering the program, and consider how to include a self-identified check off option so as not to increase administrative costs for a subsidized fee of \$25 for residents who live in affordable housing, are enrolled in a program such as SNAP or are low income; and
- Remove the senior exemption for the residential parking permit program; and
- Lower the number of cars that individual residents are allowed to get a residential parking permit for from four to two; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council before June to ensure that changes are communicated prior to the next cycle of permit issuance.

O-6 Feb 9, 2026  
COUNCILLOR NOLAN  
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN  
MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Expanding and building on universal preschool programming has long been a goal of the Cambridge City Council, and over the last twenty years, the City administration, City Council, School Committee, and Cambridge Public Schools administration have worked to make the goal a reality for all 4-year-olds in Cambridge and many 3-year-olds; and

WHEREAS: The current iteration of CPP was the product of a broad coalition of educators, administrators, parents, and stakeholders, and built upon decades of CPS and DHSP programming, and was a longtime initiative of the City Council, noting the [November 28, 2016 Roundtable](#), the [December 2, 2019 Roundtable](#), and dozens of policy orders including [POR 2021 #44](#), along with an ad hoc joint School Committee and City Council [working group](#); and

WHEREAS: The current iteration of CPP was also borne out of countless [reports](#) and commissions as well as [delays](#) and [frustrations](#) with planning, and future planning needs to grapple with the lessons learned from years of effort; and the City Council received updates on implementation, including [at a roundtable on January 13, 2025](#); and

WHEREAS: On [November 10, 2025](#) the City Council and School Committee met with the City administration and School Department to discuss macroeconomic trends in Cambridge and preview budget and tax levy projections, and the key takeaways of that discussion and the Finance Committee meeting this term confirm that the City is experiencing a multi-year economic

slowdown and the City needs to moderate budget growth to protect the City's financial stability and taxpayer impact; and

WHEREAS: Expanding CPP would be a substantial investment and would clearly impact long-term budget planning, and so in the years before implementation, the City should begin scoping programming and begin to place targets on future implementation, including evaluating different models for means-testing programming, which could allow for further expansion of offerings for Cambridge families within a further limited municipal budget; and

WHEREAS: The costs of childcare have an enormous impact on families in Cambridge, and high childcare costs also keep parents, especially women, out of the labor force and can result in economic disparities in women's labor market; and

WHEREAS: Access to high quality, affordable childcare is a proven path towards enhancing economic mobility and reducing stress on families, and has great potential to do the same in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: In 2022 New Mexico significantly [expanded child-care services](#) offering free childcare to all families earning up to 400% of the federal poverty level, and in the process has lifted at least 120,000 people out of poverty, making it one of the most significant investments in the social safety net in the country and an extremely successful poverty reduction investment, and New Mexico recently [expanded the effort](#), guaranteeing no-cost universal child care starting November 1, 2025, showing a strategic expansion of services over time; and

WHEREAS: By taking a long-term approach to planning for expansion of existing CPP programming, including discussing how means-testing programming might help fund expansion sooner, the community can plan for future expansion and strategize financial commitments in the years to come, and by investing in affordable childcare services, one of the largest expenses for families, and surest means of supporting economic mobility; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the City Council and relevant City departments on the process by which Cambridge can expand free early child care offerings, including models for means-tested programming, and exploration of non-City funding sources, from the state or foundations, towards the goal of universal, free, quality child care for every family; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the Council with an initial report for Council discussion by April.

O-7 Feb 9, 2026  
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN  
COUNCILLOR AL-ZUBI  
COUNCILLOR ZUSY  
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: On June 28, 1993, the City of Cambridge and MIT entered into an agreement resulting in the opening of the CASPAR shelter in an MIT owned building located at 240 Albany Street in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Since its opening, 240 Albany Street has only undergone minor, as needed, maintenance and is in need of major renovations; and

WHEREAS: Homelessness and substance use continue to be an ongoing issue in Cambridge, resulting in the need for expanded services to support our vulnerable community members; and

WHEREAS: 240 Albany Street has the potential to be expanded to meet these growing needs; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to begin discussions with MIT, CASPAR, the co-chairs of the Human Services and Veterans Committee, all relevant City departments and the shelter residents to develop a plan to renovate and expand 240 Albany Street in order to provide additional low threshold shelter, housing and daytime services, while accommodating shelter residents impacted by the construction closure with housing and support, including low threshold options.