

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$229,126.03, received from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, State 911 Department, to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Department Salary and Wages account (\$159,393.03), and the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Department Travel and Training account (\$69,733). This formula-based reimbursement grant will support training of Emergency Communications Center personnel, classroom fees, and training materials. (CM24#11)
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the re-appointment of Elaine M. DeRosa as a member of the person as a member of the Cambridge Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. (CM24#12)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Mayor Simmons' recommended appointments to the Family Policy Council: City Councillor Sumbul Siddiqui, City Councillor Ayesha Wilson, and School Committee Member Caroline Hunter. (CM24#13)
4. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$4,620 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account. In addition to the ESOL and ABE teaching, this federal grant provides funding for advising (education and career advising), civics education, digital literacy instruction and assessment, for Math, ELA (English Language Arts) and ESOL curriculum development and coordination, technology and digital literacy coordination, volunteer coordination, outreach activities and professional development for teachers and staff. (CM24#14)
5. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$10,000, to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$9,500), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$500). These donations will be used to support services for Cambridge Seniors, including gift cards for strategic planning focus groups, transportation for special senior center events and trips, and support of social groups. (CM24#15)
6. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$264,810, funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$162,692), to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$88,118), and to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$14,000). (CM24#16)
7. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$5,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account

(\$5,000). The funds will support the career advising of the CNA training program with some instruction to support CNA graduates who need review prior to taking the state exam. (CM24#17)

8. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$150,469, received from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$150,469). (CM24#18)
9. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$104,830.24 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$94,347.24) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$10,483). These funds will be used to reimburse the City for salary and program costs associated with enrolling income-eligible youth in the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program. (CM24#19)
10. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-01, regarding Lesley University's ARPA-funded training program with the City of Somerville. (CM24#20)
11. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the Cycling Safety Ordinance (CSO) Economic Impact Report. (CM24#21) [[text of report](#)]
12. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a Community Safety Department Update. (CM24#22) [[text of report](#)]

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Foreign Policy in Council. [Charter Right – Siddiqui, Jan 29, 2024] (PO24#13)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Ordinance 2023 #8B Amend Chapter 14.04 – Fair Housing [Passed to 2nd reading Oct 2, 2023; Amended Nov 6, 2023; to remain on Unfinished Business pending legislative approval of Special Act needed prior to ordination] (ORD23-8B)

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application from Michael Driscoll, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 136-138 Rindge 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. (AP24#5)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication from Aaron Shakow regarding Residents Alliance Supports PO24#10 for a Ceasefire in Gaza
2. A communication from Aaron Shakow regarding Support PO24#10 without amendment - Dire humanitarian conditions demand local action.
3. A communication from Alexander Hines regarding PO24#10.
4. A communication from Allie Shepard regarding Vote YES on Ceasefire Resolution.

5. A communication from Amanda Burroughs regarding the Ceasefire Resolution.
6. A communication from Amy Pollard regarding Pass Ceasefire Resolution without any amendments.
7. A communication from Andrew King regarding Please Support PO24#10 Ceasefire in Gaza.
8. A communication from Andy Nash regarding PO24#10.
9. A communication from Ann Stewart regarding public comment suggestion and new resolution amendment.
10. A communication from Anna Reidister regarding Ceasefire Resolution.
11. A communication from Audrey regarding Ceasefire Resolution.
12. A communication from Bernice Buresh regarding PO24#10.
13. A communication from Candace Young regarding PO24#11.
14. A communication from Carol Hauser regarding PO24#10.
15. A communication from Carolyn Magid, Matthew Schreiner, and Henry Wortis regarding Our Revolution Cambridge supports an Immediate Negotiated Ceasefire.
16. A communication from Carolyn Marar regarding Support for ceasefire resolution.
17. A communication from Catherine Zusy regarding Please support PO24#11: An Act Establishing a Municipal Reforestation Program.
18. A communication from Cathy Hoffman regarding ceasefire.
19. A communication from Cecelia Crumlish regarding Vote YES on a complete and unambiguous CEASEFIRE.
20. A communication from Christine Bustany regarding vote in support of ceasefire – PO24#10.
21. A communication from Christopher Brokaw regarding PO24#10.
22. A communication from Claire Cooley regarding From Cambridge Resident – Ceasefire Resolution - Vote YES!
23. A communication from Dan Phillips regarding In support of removing the restriction on unrelated people living together.
24. A communication from Dana Sajdi regarding Yes for PO24#10.
25. A communication from Dannie Dai regarding support ceasefire resolution.
26. A communication from Dannie Griggs regarding PASS CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION.
27. A communication from Deborah Belle regarding PO24#10.
28. A communication from Derek Etkin regarding Please support ceasefire PO24#10 without weakening amendments.
29. A communication from Elena Fagotto regarding MOF Supports PO24#11.
30. A communication from Elizabeth (minga) Claggett-Borne regarding support PO24#10.
31. A communication from Elizabeth Rassweiler regarding Please Pass PO24#10 and send it to President Biden and to Congress.
32. A communication from Elsie Stickler regarding Ceasefire Resolution Vote 1-29-24.
33. A communication from Eric Cao regarding Support for POR Calling for an Immediate Negotiated Ceasefire.
34. A communication from Esther Hanig regarding Strong Support for PO24#10.
35. A communication from Ethan Frank regarding More support for PO24#6.
36. A communication from Gerald Bergman regarding Cease fire resolution.
37. A communication from Hannah Shaby regarding Please Support Ceasefire Resolution Tonight 1-29
38. A communication from Helen Gibbons regarding Comment re Ceasefire resolution.
39. A communication from Hubert Murray regarding PO24#10 - call for ceasefire.
40. A communication from Ilham Khuri-Makdisi regarding In Support of PO24#10.
41. A communication from Isa G. regarding Condemning Jews on Holocaust Remembrance Day.
42. A communication from Jacqueline King regarding Support PO24#10 with no amendments.
43. A communication from Jean E. Jackson I support the cease fire PO24#10.
44. A communication from Jesse Baer regarding Ceasefire resolution.
45. A communication from Jessie Wenning regarding Please Support PO24#10!
46. A communication from Jimena Bermejo regarding PO24#10.
47. A communication from Joan D. Krizack regarding Cease Fire Now policy order.
48. A communication from Jodi Ekelchik regarding Comment - Jan 29 Council meeting.
49. A communication from Joel T. Patterson regarding Policy Order on Ceasefire in Gaza.
50. A communication from John Roberts regarding Ceasefire PO24#10.
51. A communication from Jordan Jakubovitz regarding Comment on PO24#10 Calling for an Immediate Negotiated Ceasefire in Gaza.
52. A communication from Judy Somberg regarding In support of PO24#10.
53. A communication from Julia Bishop regarding PO24#10.
54. A communication from Kara Applegate regarding Ceasefire resolution.
55. A communication from Kathy Watkins regarding Support for PO24#10, Cease fire in Gaza.
56. A communication from Kayty Himmelstein Support for ceasefire resolution.
57. A communication from Laboni Hoque regarding Support for PO24#10.
58. A communication from Lauren Jappe regarding We Need A Ceasefire Vote YES.
59. A communication from Laurie Friedman regarding Support of Israel/Gaza Ceasefire Policy Order.
60. A communication from Lee Farris regarding Pass PO24#10 for a Gaza ceasefire.
61. A communication from Leija Helling regarding Vote YES on the ceasefire resolution.
62. A communication from Lillie Clarke regarding Pass Ceasefire Resolution.
63. A communication from Linda Caswell regarding Support for clean CEASEFIRE in Gaza Resolution.
64. A communication from Linda Cohen regarding ceasefire now.
65. A communication from Linda Jenkins regarding Necessity for Cambridge to pass a clean ceasefire resolution today.
66. A communication from Lois Markham regarding Pass PO24#10.
67. A communication from Madeline Lee Support a Ceasefire Resolution (Council Agenda Item: PO24#10)

68. A communication from Maggie Schulz regarding Please support ceasefire PO24#10 without weakening amendments.
69. A communication from Maggie Woodlock regarding Immediate ceasefire.
70. A communication from Margaret Ann Brady and Robert Dall regarding Support for PO24#10.
71. A communication from Margaret Studier regarding I support all efforts to immediately initiate and maintain a ceasefire in Gaza!!
72. A communication from Marie Elena Saccoccio regarding CMA #3 update on Conditions of Migrants at Middlesex Courthouse.
73. A communication from Marilyn Frankenstein regarding Please pass the ceasefire resolution without any clauses.
74. A communication from Maritza Soto regarding PO24#10 - Ceasefire Resolution.
75. A communication from Marty Blatt regarding Cease fire resolution.
76. A communication from Mary Akerson regarding Policy Order #2 (Calling for an Immediate Negotiated Ceasefire in Gaza PO24#10).
77. A communication from Mary Baine Campbell regarding PO24#10.
78. A communication from Mei Mei Collins regarding PO24#10.
79. A communication from Naila regarding Cambridge for a Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza.
80. A communication from Nancy E. Phillips regarding PO24#10.
81. A communication from Nancy Gold regarding My testimony on PO24#10 tonight.
82. A communication from Nancy Murray regarding calling for a ceasefire.
83. A communication from Owen Berson regarding Pass ceasefire resolution now.
84. A communication from Pamela Gudino regarding Resolution calling for a ceasefire.
85. A communication from Patricia Cantor Petrucelly and Jeffrey Petrucelly regarding PO24#10.
86. A communication from Perri Sheinbaum regarding Ceasefire Resolution in Cambridge.
87. A communication from Rachel Rosenbloom regarding Please vote yes on PO24#10.
88. A communication from Rachel Wyon regarding PO24#10.
89. A communication from Rachelle Ain regarding Support of PO24#10.
90. A communication from Rajita Menon regarding Public comment on PO24#10 - YES TO CEASEFIRE NOW.
91. A communication from Rep. Mike Connolly regarding Support for ceasefire in Gaza (Policy Order #2)
92. A communication from Richard Krushnic regarding Yes to PO24#10.
93. A communication from Sarah Horsley regarding Please vote yes on a clean ceasefire resolution.
94. A communication from Sheli Wortis regarding Please support the Policy Order #9 and PO24#10.
95. A communication from Shelley Rieman regarding PO24#10.
96. A communication from Sophie Brill Weitz regarding In Support of a Ceasefire Resolution, PO24#10.
97. A communication from Stephanie Guirand regarding Support for PO24#10.
98. A communication from Steven Nutter regarding Support for PO24#11.
99. A communication from Susan Bresney regarding Support PO24#10.
100. A communication from Susan Redlich regarding Approve PO24#10 Calling for a Ceasefire.
101. A communication from Tamanna Syed regarding Vote YES on PO24#10.
102. A communication from Tasha Coughlin regarding Support for PO24#10 - Israel/Gaza Ceasefire Policy Order.
103. A communication from Tom Moseley regarding Please Vote Yes on the Ceasefire Resolution.
104. A communication from Victoria Kent regarding Ceasefire Vote.
105. A communication from Young Kim regarding Final Charter Review Committee Report to the Cambridge City Council.
106. A communication from Anonymous regarding call for a ceasefire
107. A communication from Jeremy Warnick regarding Re CMA #3 update on Conditions of Migrants at Middlesex Courthouse.
108. A communication from Allan Sadun – Cambridge residents are asking for housing supply.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Kenneth Pitts on his retirement from the City of Cambridge. Councillor Toner
2. Congratulations to Steven Smith on his retirement from the Cambridge Public Schools. Councillor Toner
3. Congratulations to Clay Halajian on his retirement from the City of Cambridge. Councillor Toner
4. Congratulations to the recipients of the Dr. Edward Leitão Memorial Scholarship Fund. Councillor Toner
5. Resolution on the death of Luis M. Vidinha. Councillor Toner
6. Congratulations to Firefighter Craig W. Yearwood on his retirement from the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Toner
7. Condolences to the family of Shirley Kinch. Mayor Simmons
8. Congratulations to Bernard Pollack on the production of “Little Peasants”. Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern
9. Congratulations to Tracy Chang for being nominated as a semifinalist for the James Beard Award. Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Pickett, Councillor Wilson
10. Congratulations to Conor Dennehy being nominated as a semifinalist for the James Beard Award. Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Pickett, Councillor Wilson
11. Congratulations to Patricia Estorino on being nominated as a semifinalist for a James Beard Award. Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Pickett, Councillor Wilson

ORDERS

1. Declare March 2, 2024, as Cambridge Youth Hockey Day in Cambridge. Councillor Toner (PO24#14)
2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department to commence the process of drafting updated district maps and development processes, along with the zoning language and relevant ordinances to allow for and encourage the continued growth, redevelopment, and evolution of Central Square. Councillor Azeem, Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Toner (PO24#15)
3. That the City Manager is requested to facilitate the participation in a public hearing(s) and or working session(s) to address Racial and Gender Disparities in City contracting and procurement. Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Siddiqui (PO24#16)
4. That the City Solicitor in collaboration with the Commissioner of Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Community Development Department and the Police Department research rules and regulations governing the use of Electric Micromobility Devices and what, if any, authority Cambridge has to introduce its own regulations of these Devices including speed and location of use, and report back to the City Council in a timely manner. Councillor Pickett, Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Nolan (PO24#17)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Charter Review Committee** held their final meeting on Jan 23, 2024 to review and discuss the Final Report. [[all agendas, minutes, and video links](#)]
2. The **Economic Development and University Relations Committee** held a public hearing on Feb 6, 2024 to discuss the potential for business corridors and squares to promote urban scale, mixed use development in which the provisions of innovation space subsidizes the delivery of housing and ground-floor retail. [[text of report](#)]

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF24#14)
2. A communication from Kathleen Born, Charter Review Committee Chair, transmitting the [Final Report of the Charter Review Committee](#). Please note that this report was received by the City Clerk on Jan 31, 2024. (COF24#11)

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Feb 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Thurs, Feb 15

12:00pm The **Economic Development and University Relations Committee** will hold a public hearing from 12:00pm-2:00pm to discuss the current lab, office, and retail vacancies in Cambridge and their expected impact on City revenues in the near and long term.

Mon, Feb 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Mar 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Mar 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Mar 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Mar 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Apr 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Apr 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Apr 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Apr 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, May 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, May 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, May 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, June 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, June 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, June 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, June 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Feb 12, 2024

COUNCILLOR TONER

WHEREAS: The All-volunteer-run organization that is Cambridge Youth Hockey has been in operation for several decades, operating out of The Simoni Ice Rink in East Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Youth Hockey provides a fun and inclusive introduction to the great sport of hockey for kids in Cambridge and neighboring communities running programs beginning at age 4 for those looking to learn to skate, learn to play hockey, competitive teams and adults; and

WHEREAS: Team sports are said to “bolster the five C’s, competence, confidence, connections, character and caring” and through the self-discipline of training and the balance provided by working together with a common goal, life skills are instilled in all involved and the foundation for a positive impact on society is created; and

WHEREAS: At practices and games, diverse members of our Cambridge community come together at the Simoni Ice Rink to celebrate our Cambridge youth hockey players as they make new friends across schools and neighborhoods, work hard building their skills, and have fun playing hockey; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record declaring March 2, 2024, as Cambridge Youth Hockey Day in Cambridge as an opportunity to thank the many volunteers who have given time and talent to countless youth and as a way to promote the many benefits and positive impact instilled by the participation in programs like Cambridge Youth Hockey.

O-2 Feb 12, 2024
COUNCILLOR AZEEM
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN
MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR TONER

WHEREAS: Increasing the availability of housing is a major community need and remains a primary goal of the City Council; and

WHEREAS: The City's comprehensive plan, Envision Cambridge, identifies Central Square as a key area for growth as the City's traditional downtown, center of civic life, cultural district, and vibrant heart of local business; and

WHEREAS: Central Square is well positioned to accommodate a mix of uses and increased density as a primary MBTA transportation hub connected to local and regional job centers and amenities; and

WHEREAS: There is a proven need to increase housing development; support retail and, cultural, and non-profit diversity; enhance the Square's public realm; and support community interaction and social cohesion as documented in the recent Central Square City Lots Study; and

WHEREAS: The City has previously completed studies that create a vision for Central Square and several that include recommendations to adopt updated zoning for the Square, including the Mayor's Red Ribbon Commission on the Delights and Concerns of Central Square (2011), and the C2 Planning Study (2013), the Central Square Commercial District Assessment Survey (2018)), and the ongoing study of Central Square City /Lots; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department to commence the process of drafting updated district maps and development processes, along with the zoning language and relevant ordinances to allow for and encourage the continued growth, redevelopment, and evolution of Central Square, in alignment with the prior planning processes undertaken by the Community Development Department, with a focus on increasing housing, creating public spaces to build community, and supporting our diverse retail, cultural, and nonprofit community, and creating additional public open spaces as well opportunities for centralized parking; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council by Feb 26, 2024, with an outline describing the process needed to submit zoning for adoption by the end of this calendar year, including an update Summer 2024 and ordinance language introduced no later than September 2024.

O-3 Feb 12, 2024
COUNCILLOR WILSON
MAYOR SIMMONS
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: At the direction of City Council Policy Order 15 in 2021, the City commissioned Griffin & Strong to conduct a Disparity Study on the City's issued contracts; and

WHEREAS: The study's findings show a severe racial and gender disparity in the allocation of City Contracts that does not reflect the demographics or values of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: In the previous session of the Cambridge City Council, the Economic Development & University Relations Committee held an initial hearing on the Disparity Study's findings and draft recommendations on September 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS: The completed Disparity Study recommends a number of remedial steps and additional lines of inquiry the City could pursue in any effort to address this gross disparity; and
WHEREAS: These steps may require numerous authorizations by the City Council and the coordinated efforts of multiple City departments; and

WHEREAS: The City Council believes that these disparities in contracting, the most severe being to the detriment of the Black Community, are a manifestation of systemic racism that is within the City Council's purview to address; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the findings, research, and completed report of Griffin & Strong be referred to the Economic Development & University Relations Committee to develop the appropriate policy suite to address this disparity directly in a timely manner; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to facilitate the participation in a public hearing(s) and or working session(s) of any City administrators deemed relevant to this effort.

O-4 Feb 12, 2024
COUNCILLOR PICKETT
COUNCILLOR TONER
COUNCILLOR WILSON
COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: There has been a dramatic increase in the number and type of Electric Micromobility Devices, such as e-bikes, e-scooters, e-skateboards on Cambridge Streets and their usage is expected to increase; and

WHEREAS: These newly affordable technologies are a very promising form of sustainable personal transportation that can reduce the use of single occupancy vehicles and our reliance on fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS: Many residents, especially seniors and mobility impaired persons, have expressed concern about their safety as pedestrians, and cyclists and drivers have also raised concerns about the possible problems and conflicts due to the increased presence of Electric Micromobility Devices on city streets; and

WHEREAS: Electric bikes are regulated at the State level; and

WHEREAS: State law allows the City to adopt ordinances or regulations for the operation of electric bicycles on a bike path, bikeway, or trail for which it has jurisdiction in addition to the State regulations, after public notice and a public hearing, including but not limited to, the imposition of speed limits; and

WHEREAS: It is unclear in State law whether the City has authority to regulate electric scooters, electric skateboards, and other electric micromobility devices; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager requests the Law Department, in collaboration with other relevant city departments, to determine what authority the City has to regulate electric bicycles on bike paths, bikeways, trails and public ways and to research what ordinances or regulations other Massachusetts municipalities have adopted for electric bicycles; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager requests the Law Department, in collaboration with other relevant city departments, to determine whether the City has the ability to regulate all electric micromobility devices including electric scooters, electric skateboards on bike paths and public ways or whether such regulation is preempted by State law; and be it further

ORDERED: Report back on both matters to the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee on or about March 18th, 2024.