

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$325,000 in the General Fund between School Department statutory accounts as follows: \$325,000 from the Salary and Wages account to the School Travel and Training account (\$205,000) and to the School Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$120,000). The transfer will be used to fund current and anticipated workers' compensation settlement costs related to School Department personnel injured in the performance of their duties. The transfer will also be used to fund the purchase of a new electric van for the Rindge School of Technical Arts (RSTA). (CM23#66)
2. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of transfer of \$205,000 in the General Fund between School Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the School Extraordinary Expenditures account. The transfer will fund the purchase of a new electric vehicle for Facilities Maintenance; the installation of new garage doors at the King Open School and CRLS; and to purchase a new CRLS Crew Sculling boat to replace a boat which is at the end of its cycle. (CM23#67)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Policy Order 2022 #181, regarding convening a North Mass Avenue Corridor District Zoning Proposal Working Group. (CM23#68)
4. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$150,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures account to be used for professional services for a planning study for Massachusetts Avenue from Cambridge Common to Alewife Brook Parkway. Funds will be combined with existing balances from prior related projects. (CM23#69)
5. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$250,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund, Emergency Communications Extraordinary Expenditures account. This appropriation will fund the replacement of critical infrastructure to support the City of Cambridge radio system. (CM23#70)
6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 22-78, regarding safety concerns at the LBJ Apartment building. (CM23#71)
7. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a transfer of \$40,000 from the General Fund Reserves Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the General Fund City Council Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover current and anticipated costs related to the work of the Charter Review Committee. (CM23#72)
8. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the [City of Cambridge retaining its](#)

[AAA rating](#) from the nation's three major credit rating agencies. [[S&P](#)] [[Moody's](#)] [[Fitch](#)] (CM23#73)

9. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the [Annual Surveillance Report](#) concerning City Departments' use of Surveillance Technology or Surveillance Data. (CM23#74)

CHARTER RIGHT

1. An application was received from Ender Saricay, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 112 Hampshire Street; 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. [Charter Right – Zondervan, Feb 27, 2023] (AP23#10)
2. That the joint Economic Development and University Relations and Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebrations Committees forward the amended proposed Policy Order regarding Labs and Neighborhood Planning to the full City Council. [Charter Right – Zondervan, Feb 27, 2023] (PO23#39)
3. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City Departments to work with Eversource to include in their annual reporting, updates on their work to move forward with providing the infrastructure required to move Cambridge toward electrifying the city. [Charter Right – Nolan, Feb 27, 2023] (PO23#40)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. An Ordinance has been received from Diane P. LeBlanc City Clerk, relative to Emissions Accounting Zoning Petition (Ordinance #2022-20) [Passed to 2nd Reading Dec 19, 2022; To Be Ordained on or after Jan 9, 2023; Expires Mar 6, 2023; Ordinance Amended Feb 27, 2023] (ORD22#20)
5. An Ordinance has been received from Diane P. LeBlanc, relative to Ordinance # 2022-6 Article III Green Jobs 2.66.100 Definitions. [Passed to 2nd Reading Feb 27, 2023] (ORD22#6)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Mary Kane, regarding BEUDO.
2. A communication was received from Sharon Britton, Kathy Dalton, Marilee Meyer, John Patrick, and Helen Walker, regarding CCA Update: Simmons' Town Meeting for Condos Reveals BEUDO Worries, Frustrations.
3. A communication was received from Patricia Harris and David Lyon, regarding response to CCA update.
4. A communication was received from Georges Atallah, regarding exempting affected condominiums and co-ops from proposed BEUDO amendments.
5. A communication was received from Alex Khachaturian, regarding objections to BEUDO amendments.
6. A communication was received from Lisa Sebell-Nevins and Bill Nevins, regarding exempting affected condominiums and co-ops from proposed BEUDO amendments.
7. A communication was received from R Cohen, regarding expanding the Affordable Housing.

8. A communication was received from Alka Agrawal, regarding exempting affected condominiums and co-ops from proposed BEUDO amendments.
9. A communication was received from Elena Fagotto, regarding PO23#33.
10. A communication was received from Peter Littlefield, regarding response to the CCA update.
11. A communication was received from Helen Snively, regarding planting more trees.
12. A communication was received from Rabbi Yoni, regarding support for more Affordable Housing and Municipal Broadband, etc.
13. A communication was received from Kathryn Beers and Peter Holloran, regarding exempting affected condominiums and co-ops from the proposed BEUDO amendments.
14. A communication was received from A Better Cambridge, regarding statement in support of Policy Order 1: In Support of HD. 3252 and SD. 2006, An Act to Promote Yes In My Backyard.
15. A communication was received from Allan Sadun, regarding proposed labs and housing mixed-use zoning working group.
16. A written protest was received from Zvi Gordon and Avery Bush, representatives for GH Holdings (Mass Ave) LP, the property owner of 1420-1440 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA, regarding written protest to the Citizen's Zoning Petition from Suzanne P. Blier, et al. Harvard Square Zoning Petition Modification regarding Frontage of Financial Institutions - AP22#46.
17. A communication was received from Kavish Gandhi, regarding comments on items from 2/27/23 City Council meeting agenda.
18. A communication was received from Sheli Wortis, regarding Policy Orders 3 and 4 on Feb. 27, 2023.
19. A communication was received from Eric Grunebaum, regarding support for Craig Kelley, et al. Cambridge Transportation Emissions and Car Sharing Act petition.
20. A communication was received from Suzanne Preston Blier, regarding support for the HSNA zoning petition on bank facades.
21. A communication was received from Donald Grossman, regarding negative recommendation on Callender Petition and PO22#161.
22. A communication was received from Donald Grossman, regarding the proposed lab Policy Order from the joint committees, PO23#39.
23. A communication was received from Lee Farris, regarding comments on Lab Regulation petition – PO #3 and #4.
24. A communication was received from Marie Elena Saccoccio, regarding support for the HSNA zoning petition on bank facades.
25. A communication was received from Elizabeth and John Gilmore, regarding support for Committee Report #4 Harvard Square Neighborhood Petition (the Blier Petition) to limit the ground floor footage of banks.
26. A communication was received from David Deng, regarding the BEUDO Ordinance.
27. A communication was received from Micher V. Kaze, regarding exempting affected condominiums and co-ops from proposed BEUDO amendments.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Robert Steck on his retirement from the City of Cambridge. Councillor Toner

2. That the City Council recognize March as National Social Workers Month. Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui
3. Congratulations to Sam Corda on his retirement from the Cambridge Water Department. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Toner, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons
4. Resolution on the death of David Leslie. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon
5. Resolution on the death of Richard John Fitzgerald. Councillor Toner

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to explore the feasibility of crafting a policy that will ensure that the City is notified whenever a high-rise building over eight floors experiences elevator failures. Councillor Simmons (PO23#42)
2. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Department of Public Health and the Parks Department to determine the feasibility of installing Automated External Defibrillators at all public parks and practice fields, and any other public place as appropriate. Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan (PO23#43)
3. That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to direct CDD to provide language that would amend the Patrick Barrett et al. North Mass Ave BZ-5 Zoning District Petition to include the amendments proposed by the petitioner and report back to the City Council by Mar 13, 2023. Councillor Zondervan, Vice Mayor Mallon (PO23#44)
4. That the City Council go on record in support of the Tenant Protection Act HD.3922/SD.2368. Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor Mallon (PO23#45)
5. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant departments to assist BAY-CASH as they begin working with unhoused youth in Cambridge. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern, Vice Mayor Mallon (PO23#46)
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Manager's Housing Liaison, Community Development Department, and the Cambridge Housing Authority on the feasibility of municipally-funded housing vouchers. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons (PO23#47)
7. That the City Manager is requested to fund the HEART initiative and negotiate a contract for services with HEART, to include but not limited to HEART responding to certain 911 calls. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Azeem, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan (PO23#48)
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to ensure multi-family properties on the market are reviewed as quickly as possible as potential affordable housing acquisitions. Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon (PO23#49)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Finance Committee** conducted a public meeting to discuss the FY24 Capital Budget, and future investment priorities in Cambridge's physical infrastructure ahead of the FY24 budget cycle. [[text or report](#)]
2. The **Civic Unity Committee** held a public meeting on Thurs, Feb 2, 2023 from 5:00pm-7:00pm, to discuss the Oct 3, 2022 policy order pertaining to the Indigenous People in our community. [[text or report](#)]
3. The **Housing Committee** met on Wed, Feb 8, 2023 from 12:30-2:30pm to discuss potential amendments to the Affordable Housing Overlay district as outlined in the Nov 21, 2022 policy order adopted by the City Council. [[text or report](#)]
4. The **Ordinance Committee**, chaired by Councillor Zondervan, met on Feb 28, 2023 to continue the discussion of Citizens Zoning Petition from Patrick Barrett et al. North Mass Ave BZ-5 Zoning District Petition – AP22#52. The Committee voted favorably to request that the City Manager direct CDD to provide language that would amend the Patrick Barrett et al. North Mass Ave BZ-5 Zoning District Petition to include the amendments proposed by the petitioner and report back to the City Council by Mar 13, 2023. This action appears as a Policy Order on this agenda. The Committee voted favorably to pass the Patrick Barrett et al. North Mass Ave BZ-5 Zoning District Petition to a 2nd Reading. [[text or report](#)]
A. A Zoning Petition Has been received from Patrick Barrett et al. North Mass Ave BA-5 Zoning District Petition. (AP22#52)

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee. (COF23#41)
2. A communication was received from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF23#42)

HEARING SCHEDULE

[Sullivan Chamber & Zoom unless otherwise noted]

Mon, Mar 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Mar 7

12:30pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing on potential changes to Chapter 2.78 Historical Buildings and Landmarks, Proposed Ordinance #2022-11.

Wed, Mar 8

3:00pm The **Housing Committee** will hold a public meeting to continue the recessed meeting from Feb 8, 2023 to continue discussing potential amendments to the Affordable Housing Overlay district as outlined in the Nov 21, 2022 policy order adopted by the City Council. **No Public Comment.**

Mon, Mar 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Mar 14

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** (Zoom only)

Mon, Mar 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Mar 22

3:00pm City Council **Special Meeting**

5:30pm The **Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebrations Committee** will hold a public meeting to discuss potential amendments to the Affordable Housing Overlay.

Thurs, Mar 23

1:00pm The **Finance Committee** will hold a public meeting to review the FY24 police departments budget before it is submitted to the City Manager, and to review any budget proposal items related to body cameras.

Tues, Mar 28

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** (Zoom only)

Mon, Apr 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Apr 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Apr 11

12:30pm The **Health and Environment Committee** will hold a public meeting on Tues, Apr 11, 2023 from 12:30pm to 2:30pm to review plans for solar and renewable energy installations in the city, including report on solar expansion and works by the CEA (Cambridge Energy Alliance) and potential for solar on city owned water supply land, and any other items related to renewable energy.

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** (Zoom only)

Wed, Apr 12

5:30pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public meeting to continue the discussion on the proposed amendments to the Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance, Ordinance #2021-26.

Mon, Apr 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Apr 25

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** (Zoom only)

Mon, May 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, May 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, May 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, May 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, June 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, June 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, June 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Mar 6, 2023

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: In recent years, a number of residents living in high rise buildings in the City have reported issues with their elevators being out of service, which can result in extended periods of time without easy access to their homes and which can pose significant difficulties for residents – particularly those with serious health issues, mobility issues, or seniors – who reside on the upper floors; and

WHEREAS: In some buildings, there may be only one functional elevator at a time, and in those instances when even that elevator is out of service, those who live on the upper floors can become virtual prisoners in their own homes until elevator service is restored; and

WHEREAS: Reports of recent elevator outages have tended to come to the City from the building residents, rather than from management companies, and it is important that the City be immediately notified when high-rise buildings over eight floors experience such outages so that appropriate steps can be taken to ensure the safety and well-being of those who live in these buildings; and

WHEREAS: Having a mechanism in place to temporarily relocate those with serious health issues, mobility issues, or those who are seniors into accessible units or hotel rooms in those instances when elevator service has become completely disrupted, and until the elevator service has been restored, would be an important tool for helping to mitigate the worst impacts of these elevator failures; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to explore the feasibility of crafting a policy that will ensure that the City is notified whenever a high-rise building over eight floors experiences elevator failures, and that requires that the City work to work with management companies to temporarily relocate those with serious health issues, mobility issues, or those who are seniors into accessible units or hotel rooms until the elevator service has been restored; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter within 90 days with recommendations on how to implement this policy, including any necessary changes to existing ordinances or regulations, and with a timeline for implementation.

O-2 Mar 6, 2023

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are life-saving devices when readily available and used properly; and

WHEREAS: Many youth and adult sports teams practice and play at parks around the City, and a heart event such as the [Damar Hamlin](#) incident during the Jan 2, 2023 Cincinnati Bengals vs Buffalo Bills game, is well within the realm of possibility; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has installed AEDs in all Cambridge Public Schools, Municipal Buildings, and other public places, yet not public parks; and

WHEREAS: Many medical journals have cited the importance of AED availability, especially at youth practice fields in light of over [23,000 youth suffering from cardiac arrest per year](#); and

WHEREAS: AEDs are simple devices that can be used by non-CPR trained individuals; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Department of Public Health and the Parks Department to determine the feasibility of installing AEDs at all public parks and practice fields, and any other public place as appropriate; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on this matter by May 1, 2023.

O-3 Mar 6, 2023

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: The Ordinance Committee, Chaired by Councillor Zondervan, met on Feb 28, 2023 to continue the discussion of Citizens Zoning Petition from Patrick Barrett et al. North Mass Ave BZ-5 Zoning District Petition – APP 2022 #52, and

WHEREAS: At this meeting, Vice Mayor Mallon made a motion to request that the City Manager direct CDD to provide language that would amend the Patrick Barrett et al. North Mass Ave BZ-5 Zoning District Petition to include the amendments proposed by the petitioner and report back to the City Council by Mar 13, 2023 that was voted favorably by a unanimous vote of 9 members voting YES.

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to direct CDD to provide language that would amend the Patrick Barrett et al. North Mass Ave BZ-5 Zoning District Petition to include the amendments proposed by the petitioner and report back to the City Council by Mar 13, 2023.

O-4 Mar 6, 2023

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: An Act Enabling Local Options for Tenant Protections, also known as the Tenant Protection Act, has been refiled as [HD.3922](#) with a companion bill in the State Senate [SD.2368](#); and

WHEREAS: The City Council previously [voted to support](#) the Tenant Protection Act, which would lift the statewide prohibition on rent stabilization measures and provide municipalities with a toolbox of flexible options to stabilize rents; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge's rent control program survived numerous local referenda before it was banned statewide via a 1994 ballot referendum, even though the city's electorate voted to keep the program in place; and

WHEREAS: Chapter 40P of the General Laws is a broad prohibition that has effectively prevented the city from protecting tenants in any meaningful way, even though housing affordability is the biggest issue for Cambridge residents and there are more than 20,000 applicants on the city's affordable housing waitlist; and

WHEREAS: [Cambridge has among the highest percentage of tenant-occupied housing units in the state](#) at 65%, there are just 12 municipalities statewide with a population greater than 50,000 with a percentage of tenant-occupied housing units greater than 50%, and most municipalities have below 20% tenant-occupied units; and

WHEREAS: HD.3922/SD.2368 both incorporate feedback received during the previous legislative session to exempt all new construction for the first time, in addition to the exemption for owner-occupied buildings of 3 units or less; and

WHEREAS: An Act Enabling Local Options for Tenant Protections is supported by a broad coalition of organizations that prioritize housing issues in Cambridge, including A Better Cambridge, the Alliance of Cambridge Tenants, the Cambridge Residents Alliance, and Our Revolution Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: [Governor Healey has indicated support](#) for "the right of communities to implement their own policies on rent stabilization"; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council once again go on record in support of the Tenant Protection Act HD.3922/SD.2368; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Governor Maura Healey, Senate President Karen Spilka, House Speaker Ronald Mariano, and Cambridge's entire legislative delegation on behalf of the City Council.

O-5 Mar 6, 2023

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: While Cambridge is a leader in services for unhoused youth, including two youth shelters, there has not been a decrease in the number of unhoused youth in Cambridge or the region; and

WHEREAS: Direct cash transfers were a recommendation from the City of Cambridge Ad Hoc Working Group on Homelessness that released its [final report](#) in January, 2022; and

WHEREAS: The Ad Hoc Working Group on Homelessness cited cash transfers as an opportunity to "ensure adequate income for people to make their own decisions about housing and other basic needs"; and

WHEREAS: One of the short-term recommendations included the BAY-CASH model, which is a pilot program giving unhoused youth a cash transfer and services each month to help find and stay in housing; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant departments to assist BAY-CASH as they begin working with unhoused youth in Cambridge.

O-6 Mar 6, 2023

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The [City of Boston Voucher Program](#) ("CBVP") was established with a \$2.5m appropriation from the city's general fund, which was increased to \$5m in the FY22 budget and is administered by the Boston Housing Authority (BHA); and

WHEREAS: CBVP focuses on Project Based Vouchers tied to a particular site or development and aims to leverage city resources by deepening the affordability of both existing and in-development income-restricted housing; and

WHEREAS: The City of Somerville is also starting a [new fully municipally funded voucher program](#) with a priority for Somerville families who have kids in the public schools and who are ineligible for federal housing resources; and

WHEREAS: Funding for Somerville's program will come from ARPA dollars to begin with, and likely pivot to funds from the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust when necessary; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has passed multiple policy orders regarding the use of city financed vouchers, including PO #581 in 2015 and [PO #78 in 2016](#); and

WHEREAS: As outlined in the [Envision Cambridge report](#), "both home values and rents nearly doubled between 2000 and 2015," requiring a household income of \$100,000 to rent a 1 bedroom apartment, although the median household income in Cambridge is \$75,000, and prices have only risen since the time the report was published; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge should explore the feasibility of this municipal resource and pros and cons of adopting a similar program to Boston; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Manager's Housing Liaison, Community Development Department, and the Cambridge Housing Authority on the feasibility of municipally-funded housing vouchers and report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-7 Mar 6, 2023

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: The presence of an armed police officer during a non-violent encounter, especially with a person experiencing a severe mental health crisis, can potentially escalate tensions and lead to injury or death; and

WHEREAS: In response to the murder of George Floyd in 2020, The Black Response Cambridge worked with local community members and national experts to create the

Holistic Emergency Alternative Response Team (HEART), which has commenced services in Cambridge; and
 WHEREAS: The City Manager has committed to funding HEART through the ARPA funds being allocated by the City, and through a potential contract for services to be mutually agreed upon; and
 WHEREAS: Separately, the new Community Safety department (CSD) was funded in the FY23 budget, but has yet to hire any first responders; and
 WHEREAS: Even with both CSD and HEART operational and responding to crisis calls, the police would still likely be the primary first responders in situations that involve a person holding an object that could be considered a weapon; now therefore be it
 ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to fund the HEART initiative and negotiate a contract for services with HEART, to include but not limited to HEART responding to certain 911 calls, as quickly as possible; and be it further
 ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to present a plan for how the city will ensure the safety and well-being of community members when CSD and/or the police are dispatched as first responders to persons in crisis; and be it further
 ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter as soon as possible.

O-8 Mar 6, 2023
 COUNCILLOR NOLAN
 MAYOR SIDDIQUI
 VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has demonstrated commitment to providing high quality, affordable housing for residents; and
 WHEREAS: The City Council has urged the city to consider any available properties, and explore opportunities to purchase properties that might be used for affordable housing, and leading to assurances that all future opportunities would be considered; and
 WHEREAS: Opportunities have been lost in the past, including two properties identified last year with potential that were not purchased; and
 WHEREAS: The City Council is on record asking that more affordable housing units the city develops should include home ownership opportunities, which are a necessity to ensure that all residents have the opportunity to build wealth and have a place to call their own; and
 WHEREAS: Multi-family properties that would make excellent candidates for homeownership opportunity are on the market currently -- for example on the market now is a 13 unit building for \$7.7 million, and a building with 6 residential units and 3 retail units for \$5.4 million; and
 WHEREAS: The per unit price in the listing prices of these two examples of about \$600K/unit is below many recent affordable housing projects which have been as high as \$900K/unit; and

WHEREAS: If purchased by the City, these properties could expand access to affordable housing, and likely homeownership for residents and possibly add community space on the ground floor; now therefore be it
 ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to ensure multi-family properties on the market are reviewed as quickly as possible as potential affordable housing acquisitions; 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.