

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a recommendation that in accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), the Cambridge City Council adopt an order for the Statement of Interest Form for the replacement of the Amigos School building roof.
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Emergency Management Performance Grant from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$39,600 to the Grant Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account which will be used to support the purchase of a new vehicle for the Emergency Preparedness and Coordination office.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of MASSCAP Inc. funds in the amount of \$1,665.38 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to provide assistance to Cambridge and Somerville residents with natural gas heating bills.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the MassHire Metro North Workforce Board for \$74,847.11 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$29,939) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$44,908.11) which 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.
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant in the amount of \$348,301 funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used for DHSP to operate LIHEAP serving Cambridge and Somerville.
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of funds for the College Success Initiative from the Cambridge Housing Authority for \$12,500 to the Grant Fund Human Service Department Programs Salary and Wages account which will be used to support a portion of the salary costs for one of the college success coaches who works with students attending Bunker Hill Community College.
7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Children's Trust Fund grant for the Center for Families program in the amount of \$53,000 to the Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$12,350), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$26,400), and to the Travel and Training account (\$14,250) which will be used by the Center for Families to support family programs targeting parents of children up to eight years, which include a variety of family support and parent education programs and resources.
8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-42, regarding a report on reviewing Cambridge's corporate contracts and purchases to identify any vendors or manufacturers whose products are used to perpetuate violations of International Human Rights Laws and Cambridge's policy on discrimination.
9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation (DCR) to reactivate the parking meters installed last year on segments of Memorial Drive near the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and along Cambridge Parkway.
10. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$75,000 from the General Fund Traffic, Parking and Transportation Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Traffic, Parking and Transportation Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and anticipated medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for the remainder of the fiscal year for Traffic and Parking personnel injured in the performance of their duties.
11. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$730,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Traffic and Parking Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$700,000), and to the General Fund Traffic and Parking Department Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$30,000) for additional costs associated with the implementation of the Cycling Safety Ordinance.
12. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on the status of our planned implementation of cycling safety improvements in Porter Square along Massachusetts Avenue between Beech Street and Roseland Street.
13. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the Talbot Street Easement Disposition.
Agenda Item Number 13A Mar 7, 2022
WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge (the "City") is the owner of an existing sewer easement (the "Sewer Easement") across a portion of the property commonly known as 285 Vassar Street, Cambridge (the "Property"); and
WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Institute of Technology ("MIT") has requested that the City dispose of and relocate Sewer Easement burdening the Property; and
WHEREAS: MIT installed a new a new drainage structure on MIT property from Talbot Street to the Charles River for the purpose of improving stormwater management in the

area due to current and future development. MIT granted an easement to the City for the new drainage structure (the “New Outfall Easement”); and

WHEREAS: The Sewer Easement consists of 968.7 square feet, and the New Outfall Easement consists of:

Construction Access Easement – 46,017 square feet

MIT Culvert Easement – 15,384 square feet

12’ Wide Water Easement – 5,238 square feet; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has determined that the disposition of Sewer Easement over the Property in connection with the grant of the New Outfall Easement by MIT in favor of the City and the construction by the new drainage structure located therein would not derogate from the public interest or the public purposes for the easement areas now in question; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council, pursuant to Section 2.110.010 of the Cambridge Municipal Code, hereby authorizes the City Manager, to dispose of, on behalf of the City, the above-referenced Sewer Easement on the Property, and to execute and deliver such abandonment in such form and substance as I deem appropriate.

Agenda Item Number 13B Mar 7, 2022

WHEREAS: Pursuant to Sec. 2.110.010(G) of the Cambridge Municipal Code, the City Council hereby orders that the City Council shall utilize a diminished process for the disposition an existing sewer easement (the “Sewer Easement”) across a portion of the property commonly known as 285 Vassar Street, Cambridge (the “Property”). The disposition of the existing Sewer Easement shall be made in connection with a new a new drainage structure installed by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (“MIT”) on MIT property from Talbot Street to the Charles River for the purpose of improving stormwater management in the area due to current and future development. MIT granted an easement to the City for the new drainage structure, as set out in the City Manager’s February 28, 2022 letter to the City Council.

14. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request to approve the disposition of property located at 35 Cherry Street (the “Property”) to the Affordable Housing Trust to facilitate the development of affordable housing.

Agenda Item Number 14 Mar 7, 2022

WHEREAS: There continues to be a severe shortage of decent housing affordable to low- and moderate-income residents in the city; and

WHEREAS: The City Council desires to increase the supply of affordable housing, now and in the future, for low- and moderate-income Cambridge residents to reside in decent, affordable housing; and

WHEREAS: In its Letter of Commitment dated April 8, 2013 in connection with the City Council’s adoption of amendments to Section 13.80 of the Zoning Ordinance, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (“MIT”) committed to convey property located at 35 Cherry Street, Assessor’s Lot 75-118 (the “Property”) to the City or third party

designated by the City for uses to benefit the community as determined through a public process conducted by the Community Development Department; and

WHEREAS: MIT has agreed to convey the Property to the City and to record a deed evidencing said conveyance of the Property to the City shortly; and

WHEREAS: On November 9, 2020, the City Council adopted an order requesting that the City Manager direct the Community Development Department to commence the public process with the Port neighborhood and surrounding communities to determine the future use of the Property for affordable housing, and in conjunction with the community, determine the type of housing that would meet the most pressing needs in the area; and

WHEREAS: The Community Development Department conducted a public process which included two community meetings which were open to anyone, and six focus groups with Spanish-speaking, Haitian, and American-born Black Cambridge residents to discuss ideas and options for how the Property could be developed as affordable housing; and

WHEREAS: The Community Development Department has provided a report to the City Council on this community process which includes recommendations for developing the Property as affordable housing, including:

Use of 100% of units on-site for affordable housing;

On-site housing units should provide affordable homeownership opportunities;

Include maximum number of family-sized (3-4 bedroom) units as financially viable;

Provide high quality private open space for children to play and residents to gather and build community;

Prioritize current Cambridge residents when identifying residents for the new affordable units to the extent allowable under fair housing law;

Provide access to on-site parking based on anticipated demand; and

WHEREAS: The City Manager has further recommended that the City Council approve the disposition of the Property to the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust to initiate the process to develop the Property as affordable housing pursuant to the recommendations from the community process; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to Section 15A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended and accepted by the City Council on November 26, 1990, the City Council may, by a majority vote, transfer municipal land to another board or officer of the City for the purpose of constructing affordable housing; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That upon receipt of the deed conveying the property from MIT to the City, the City Manager is authorized to transfer the Property to the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust for the development of affordable homeownership housing for low- and moderate- residents as described above; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute and deliver to the Cambridge Affordable Housing

Trust, in the name of and on behalf of the City of Cambridge in such form as the City Manager shall approve (such approval to be evidenced by such execution and delivery) such documents, instruments, agreements, deeds, licenses, warranties, indemnifications, releases or certificates, or amendments thereto, required by the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust to develop the Property as affordable housing; and be it further ORDERED: That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute, accept, and deliver such supplemental or ancillary documents as are reasonably necessary to implement the intent of this Order and to execute, accept and deliver amendments thereto.

15. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the Annual Surveillance Report concerning City Departments' use of Surveillance Technology or Surveillance Data.
16. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request to move to Executive Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property as discussion in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of Michael P. Gardner as a member of the Cambridge Retirement Board for a term of three years, effective Mar 1, 2022. [Charter Right - Mallon, Feb 28, 2022]
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Maxwell Solet as a new member of the Board of Trustee of the Cambridge Health Alliance for a term to expire June 30, 2024. [Charter Right - Mallon, Feb 28, 2022]
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to approval requested for new appointments and reappointment to Open Data Review Board for a term of two year. [Charter Right - Mallon, Feb 28, 2022]
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to approval requested for reappointment and new appointment to the Water Board. [Charter Right - Mallon, Feb 28, 2022]
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to approval requested for reappointments to the Fresh Pond Master Plan Advisory Board. [Charter Right - Mallon, Feb 28, 2022]
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to approval requested for new appointments and reappointments to the Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Commission. [Charter Right - Mallon, Feb 28, 2022]
7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to approval requested for a new appointment and reappointments to the Avon Hill

Neighborhood Conservation District Commission. [Charter Right - Mallon, Feb 28, 2022]

8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to approval requested for reappointments to the Half Crown-Marsh Neighborhood Conservation District Commission. [Charter Right - Mallon, Feb 28, 2022]
9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to approval requested for a new appointment and reappointments to the Historical Commission. [Charter Right - Mallon, Feb 28, 2022]
10. An application was received from MIT List Visual Arts Center requesting permission for 35 temporary banners across Ames Street Memorial Drive Main Street and Broadway announcing MIT List, New Art on View, Contemporary Art from February 2022 through October 2022. [Charter Right - Carlone, Feb 28, 2022]
11. An application was received from Dan Anderson, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 33 Webster 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. [Charter Right - Carlone, Feb 28, 2022]
12. An application was received from Kelley Brown, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 301 Vassar 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 - Carlone, Feb 28, 2022]
13. An application was received from Dillon Lammers, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 1065 Cambridge 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 - Carlone, Feb 28, 2022]
14. A Zoning Petition Has been received from Craig A. Kelley regarding The Cambridge Transportation De-Carbonization and Congestion-Mitigation Bill. (Ordinance #2022-10) [Charter Right - Carlone, Feb 28, 2022]
15. That the City Manager is requested to work with DCR to pilot an expansion of Memorial Drive closures along any segments east of Western Avenue that could be used as parkland. [Charter Right - Simmons, Feb 28, 2022]
16. That the City Manager is requested to amend all existing Community Host Agreements previously issued by the City by reducing the Impact Fee to 0.05% of Gross Revenue and to refrain from placing this burden upon any future HCAs that may yet be issued. [Charter Right - Zondervan, Feb 28, 2022]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Ricky Zeng representing Gong Cha, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the

premises numbered 50 Church Street approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and no abutter response, proof of mailing has been received.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Stephen Kaiser, regarding REPORT on Recent Design Plans for Mass Avenue Prepared by Stephen Kaiser Mar 1, 2022.
2. A communication was received from Samantha Putoš, regarding Parking on Mass Ave.
3. A communication was received from Mike Goodman, regarding Cambridge Green New Deal.
4. A communication was received from Loren Crowe, regarding NCD Policy Order.
5. A communication was received from Erick Lynch, regarding DUDLEY TO BEACH parking removal.
6. A communication was received from Dolan Murvihill, regarding Support ARPA funding for HEART!.
7. A communication was received from Belinda Rathbone, regarding for City Council Meeting Mar 7.
8. A communication was received from Anirudh Wodeyar, regarding Cambridge needs a Green New Deal.
9. A communication was received from Allie Wainer, regarding ARPA for Cambridge Heart.
10. A communication was received from Adam Simha, regarding Mass Ave changes re: bikes.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to the East Cambridge Business Association, Gather Here Stitch Lounge, and Commonwealth Alternative Care on the opening of the Inman Incubator. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Toner

ORDERS

1. Cancellation of the City Council Meeting Mar 14, 2022. Mayor Siddiqui
2. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Department of Public Works to introduce the SMART Box rodent control system in Cambridge. Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui
3. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Assistant City Manager for the Department of Human Service Programs and the head of DHSP Preschools to determine how to better integrate more parent response into their decision-making process as they make changes that can have undue impacts upon the families they serve. Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Libraries to provide free tickets to the Museum of African American History to Cambridge residents. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Housing Committee** met on Dec 1, 2021 to conduct a public hearing to resume its discussion of the Sept 20, 2021

Policy Order that seeks to amend the Zoning Ordinance via potentially raising the linkage fee. [[Report](#)]

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Anthony Wilson, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity.
2. A communication was received from Councillors Toner and Simmons, transmitting a memorandum regarding the search for the next City Clerk. [[Outreach List](#)] [[Search timeline](#)] [[Job posting](#)]

3. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Mar 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, Zoom)

Tues, Mar 8

3:00pm The **Health and Environment Committee** will meet to conduct a public hearing on proposed BEUDO amendments. (Sullivan Chamber, Zoom)

Wed, Mar 9

1:00pm The **Government Operations, Rules and Claims**

Committee will meet for the purpose of reviewing next steps in the City Manager search process. (Zoom)

5:30pm The **Ordinance Committee** will meet to conduct a public hearing on a petition to amend Article 20.90- Alewife Overlay Districts 1-6 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance by inserting a new section entitled Section 20.94.3- Temporarily prohibited uses (ORDINANCE #2022-1). (Sullivan Chamber, Zoom)

Thurs, Mar 10

5:30pm The **Ordinance Committee** will meet to conduct a public hearing on the Wage Theft ordinance (Ordinance #2022-3). (Sullivan Chamber, Zoom)

Mon, Mar 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, Zoom)

Wed, Mar 16

2:00pm The **Housing Committee** will hold a public hearing to continue discussions around potentially raising the linkage fee rates. (Sullivan Chamber, Zoom)

Thurs, Mar 17

5:30pm The **Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee** will conduct a public hearing to discuss the appropriateness of laboratories in neighborhood retail districts. (Sullivan Chamber, Zoom)

Mon, Mar 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, Zoom)

Wed, Mar 23

5:00pm The **Human Services and Veterans Committee** will hold a public hearing to discuss the final report from the Ad Hoc Working Group on Homelessness released on Jan 31, 2022. (Sullivan Chamber, Zoom)

Mon, Mar 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, Zoom)

Mon, Apr 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, Zoom)

Wed, Apr 6

5:30pm The **Ordinance Committee** will meet to conduct a public hearing on a petition to amend the zoning ordinance entitled "Article 22 Sustainable Design and Development" (Ordinance #2022-7). (Sullivan Chamber, Zoom)

Mon, Apr 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, Zoom)

Mon, Apr 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, Zoom)

Mon, May 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, Zoom)

Mon, May 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, Zoom)

Mon, May 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, Zoom)

Mon, May 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, Zoom)

Mon, June 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, Zoom)

Mon, June 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, Zoom)

Mon, June 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber, Zoom)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Mar 7, 2022

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The 2020 Congressional City Conference hosted by the National League of Cities will take place from Sun, March 13th through Tues, March 15th in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS: A majority of City Councillors will be attending the Conference, making quorum impossible; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council Meeting scheduled for Mon, Mar 14, 2022, be and hereby is cancelled.

O-2 Mar 7, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Cambridge has a growing rodent problem; and

WHEREAS: Current mitigation efforts such as abatement, closed trash receptacles, and other tactics have been helpful, but unfortunately unsuccessful; and

WHEREAS: It is going to take a multi-pronged approach that exhausts all possible treatments; and

WHEREAS: The City of Somerville is introducing [SMART Box](#) technology that catches rats and rodents above ground, then disposes of them in the confines of the box by installing 50 SMART Boxes around the City's rodent hot spots by July 2022; and

WHEREAS: SMART Box technology also poses no harm to the environment or people because of its chemical-free rodent monitoring system; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge would benefit greatly from such technology; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Department of Public Works to introduce the SMART Box rodent control system in Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back with his findings by the Mar 21, 2022 City Council meeting.

O-3 Mar 7, 2022

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: A number of parents with children in the DHSP Preschool program have recently raised concerns that the DHSP has enacted a number of policies without soliciting or accepting

input from the parents served by the department, creating a significant adverse impact upon these families (particularly those who are low-income); and

WHEREAS: These parents have specifically pointed to the mid-January notice that was sent out to them stating that DHSP Preschools would reduce their operating hours from a 10-hour day to an 8-hour day, taking effect in less than a week's time, and leaving parents to scramble to figure out how they would deal with the partial loss of coverage for their children; and

WHEREAS: These parents have cited concerns that the DHSP Preschool's head did not solicit their input or feedback ahead of or during the making of these reductions, has made it all but impossible for concerned parents to engage with the administrators to provide their feedback, and appears to be operating with little or no oversight in making these decisions; and

WHEREAS: These parents have also noted that the Preschool program never surveyed parents on how this would affect them, or on what types of mitigating strategies might be worth consideration, and they lament that the Preschool program did not set up office hours to discuss these issues; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Assistant City Manager for the Department of Human Service Programs and the head of DHSP Preschools to determine how to better integrate more parent response into their decision-making process as they make changes that can have undue impacts upon the families they serve, and to ensure greater transparency and accountability in such decision-making; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-4 Mar 7, 2022

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: During Black History Month this February, the Mayor's Office provided free tickets for Cambridge residents to visit the Museum of African American History (MAAH) in Boston, including taking members of the Cambridge Rindge and Latin Black Student Union; and

WHEREAS: MAAH is New England's largest museum dedicated to preserving, conserving, and interpreting the contributions of African Americans and is an incredible resource for residents; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Public Library currently [provides free tickets](#) for Cambridge residents to visit numerous museums in the region; and

WHEREAS: Residents would benefit greatly from access to MAAH and the educational benefits that the museum can provide; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with the Director of Libraries to provide free tickets to the Museum of African American History to Cambridge residents.