

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting a communication from City Manager, Yi-An Huang, regarding a federal update including an update on relevant court cases. (CM26#54) [[text of report](#)]
2. Transmitting a communication from City Manager, Yi-An Huang, regarding the City's FY 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. (CM26#52) [[text of report](#)]
3. Transmitting a communication from City Manager, Yi-An Huang, regarding a response to Awaiting Report 26-05 relative to streamlining the residential permitting process. (CM26#56) [[text of report](#)]
4. Transmitting a communication from City Manager, Yi-An Huang, regarding a response to Awaiting Report 26-11 relative to further incorporating plant-based solutions in the City's work. (CM26#57) [[text of report](#)]
5. Transmitting a communication from City Manager, Yi-An Huang, regarding the appropriation of the FY2026 Massachusetts Cultural District Grant in the amount of \$15,000. (CM26#58) [[text of report](#)]
6. Transmitting a communication from City Manager, Yi-An Huang, regarding a response to Awaiting Report 26-08 relative to speed humps on Fayerweather Street. (CM26#55) [[text of report](#)]
7. Transmitting a communication from City Manager, Yi-An Huang, regarding an update on micromobility regulation. (CM26#53) [[text of report](#)]

ORDERS

1. City Council support of S.1022/H.1559, An Act to maintain stable housing for families with pets, and H.4835, An Act to codify pet-friendly elderly housing policies and ensure pet parity across housing authorities. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler (PO26#56)

ON THE TABLE

1. 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. [Charter Right – Simmons, Feb 9, 2026; Tabled Mar 2, 2026] (PO26#32)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Amend section 4.50 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance as follows with the intent of permitting the use of land for the following purposes as-of-right in all zoning districts: religious purposes; educational purposes on land owned or

leased by the Commonwealth or any of its agencies, subdivisions or bodies politic or by a religious sect or denomination, or by a nonprofit educational corporation; and for a child care center, school-aged child care program, family child care home, or large family child care home as defined in section 1a of Chapter 15d of Massachusetts General Laws. [Passed to 2nd Reading Mar 2, 2026] (ORD26#1)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Allen and Hallie Speight – Concerns about Cambridge Street zoning, ground floor use
2. Carolyn Magid – CHJC public comment on Housing Reorganization
3. Cathy Hoffman – Housing Reorganization
4. Chuck Hinds – Letter to the City Council regarding Cambridge Street Ground Floor Uses.
5. David E. Sullivan – Support for unified Housing Department
6. Federico Muchnik – Winn + Walden Square Road
7. Gail Charpentier – Today's City Council meeting
8. Harry Bullivant, Elisabeth Leake Bullivant – Support for parking pass cost increase
9. Jackie King – Cambridge Street zoning issues
10. Jacquelyn Smith – Parking Permits for Seniors
11. Karen Brushett – City Zoning Concerns and 95 Cushing St.
12. Chuck Hinds – Letter to the City Council Regarding Cambridge St Zoning Amendment #2, PO26#50
13. Lee Farris – Amended_ Include more topics in Cambridge St. zoning discussion
14. Lee Farris – Residents Alliance on Housing Consolidation proposal
15. Marlene Lundberg – Finetuning changes to Cambridge Street Zoning at 3/11/26 Ordinance Committee meeting
16. Marie Elena Saccoccio – Please reconsider allowance of labs on Cambridge Street
17. Marie Elena Saccoccio – microbes-mice-minefields-unique issues developing, leasing life science facilities
18. Mary Ann Donofrio – Senior Parking
19. Ruth Ryals – This issue should take more consideration before a vote
20. Sara Mae Berman – Neighborhood doesn't want more density
21. Shelley Rieman – Meeting tonight and focus on Cambridge St rezoning
22. Stephanie Guirand – Request to Delay Decision on Proposed Housing Reorganization
23. Steve Wineman – Housing consolidation_ Please allow time for further consideration
24. Susan Markowitz – Include more topics in Cambridge Street zoning discussion
25. Young Kim – Comments on Calendar Item #1 (PO26#50) and CM#5 — Cumulative Effects of Recent Amendments

RESOLUTIONS

1. Condolences to the family of Marion F. Arena (McNally). Councillor Flaherty

2. Condolences to the family of Frances E. McCauley.
Councillor Flaherty
3. Condolences to the family of Stanley T. Kotowski.
Councillor Flaherty
4. Congratulations to the Alibhai-Dadabhoy family on the birth of their son Agha Ibrahim Alibhai. Councillor Simmons
5. Condolences to the family of Frances E. McCauley.
Councillor Simmons, Councillor Flaherty, Councillor Nolan
6. Resolution on the 95th Birthday of Toby Cosmo DiFraia.
Councillor McGovern, Councillor Al-Zubi
7. Thanks to the O'Bannon family for their involvement in The Oscar Micheaux Family Theater Program Company.
Councillor Simmons
8. Congratulations to the team behind Eastern Edge Food Hall on the opening of this new space in Kendall Square. Mayor Siddiqui
9. Recognition of and appreciation for Children's Village and its lasting contribution to the Cambridge community and to the children and families they serve. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Finance Committee** held a public meeting on February 3, 2026 to review and discuss the Operating Budget in advance of the FY27 budget season. [[text of report](#)]
2. The **Finance Committee** held a public meeting on February 11, 2026 to review and discuss the Capital Budget and Public Investment Planning in advance of the FY27 budget season. [[text of report](#)]

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Interim City Clerk Paula Crane, regarding an update regarding legislative activity. (COF26#27)
2. Communication from Mayor Siddiqui transmitting updates from the School Committee. (COF26#29) [[text of report](#)]

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Mar 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Mar 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Mar 24

3:00pm The **Housing Committee** will hold a public hearing to receive an update on the Central Square Planning Process.

Wed, Mar 25

11:00am The **Housing Committee** and **Neighborhood Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, and Arts and Celebrations Committee** will hold a joint meeting to discuss present findings on the state of housing production since the passage of the Multifamily Zoning in February 2025.

Mon, Mar 30

11:00am The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public meeting to review the Community Benefits Ordinance and discuss potential updates including allowing the allocation of funding to community organizations for capital projects ([CM25#299](#))

5:30pm City Council Meeting

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Mar 16, 2026

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: For many individuals and families, pets are cherished members of the household that provide companionship, emotional support, and meaningful improvements to quality of life; and

WHEREAS: Numerous studies have shown that pets can help reduce loneliness, improve mental and physical health, and strengthen social connections, particularly for seniors and individuals living alone; and

WHEREAS: Housing policies that restrict or prohibit pets can force residents to make the heartbreaking choice between keeping a beloved animal companion and maintaining stable housing; and

WHEREAS: These policies can disproportionately impact seniors, low-income residents, and families who rely on the emotional support and companionship that pets provide; and

WHEREAS: S.1022/H. 1559, An Act to maintain stable housing for families with pets, would help ensure that responsible pet owners are not unnecessarily displaced or denied housing due to reasonable pet ownership; and

WHEREAS: H. 4835, An Act to codify pet-friendly elderly housing policies and ensure pet parity across housing authorities, would establish consistent and humane standards so that seniors living in public housing have fair and equitable access to pet companionship; and

WHEREAS: No one should have to choose between a well-behaved pet and their home; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council hereby expresses its strong support for S.1022/H.1559 and H.4835 and urges the Massachusetts Legislature to enact these bills to protect stable housing and promote humane, pet-friendly housing policies across the Commonwealth; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Cambridge State House delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.