

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the 2025 Annual Surveillance Report concerning City Departments' use of Surveillance Technology or Surveillance Data. (CM25#33) [[text of report](#)]
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to an update regarding Federal funding. (CM25#35)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, 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 March 1, 2025. (CM25#36)
4. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$140,000 from the General Fund Department of Transportation Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Department of 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, and a lump sum settlement for Traffic and Parking personnel injured in the performance of their duties. (CM25#37)
5. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$5,000 received from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to the Grant Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to purchase a new Universal Waste Shed for the DPW Recycle Center. The grant will enable the City to support the Recycle Center and protect the environment by providing a larger space for collecting batteries and fluorescent light bulbs before a contractor hauls them away for safe processing. (CM25#38)
6. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$97,500, to the Grant Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance Account. These funds will be used to support the implementation of the Zero Waste Master Plan 2.0 through outreach, education, and technical assistance to residents; improving the Recycle Center; and conducting a waste characterization study. (CM25#39)
7. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$570,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Police Extraordinary Expenditures account for the procurement of replacement firearms for the Police Department. These funds would support the purchase of replacement firearms for the Department. Police Department firearms are typically replaced on approximately a ten-year cycle. The manufacturer has ceased production of the model currently used and replacements are almost impossible to source. It is important that department personnel are all trained on the same firearm to ensure safety and interoperability. (CM25#40) [[text of report](#)]
8. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$160,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Police Extraordinary Expenditures account for the procurement of a new fully electric accessible transport wagon. This funding will allow the purchase of a fully electric, American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant transport wagon to replace one of the aging F350s. The new vehicle will ensure the safe and comfortable transport of community members to court, shelters, and other service providers. (CM25#41) [[text of report](#)]
9. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$30,000,000 from Free Cash to the Debt Stabilization Fund. This appropriation will be used to mitigate anticipated debt service costs in future years for the City's major capital projects. (CM25#42)
10. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$75,000 from the General Fund Human Resources Salaries and Wages account to the General Fund Human Resources Other Ordinary Maintenance (Professional and Technical) account to obtain a Benefits Broker that can provide comprehensive consulting and advisory services to support the city's employee and retiree benefits programs, including health, vision, dental, flexible spending, and life insurance. Funds will support an initial analysis that may include a review of the City's benefit programs, assistance in developing options for benefits packages, and providing guidance with state and federal regulations. (CM25#43)
11. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$468,750 to the Grant Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$438,750) and to the Grant Fund Fire Travel and Training account (\$30,000). Funds will be used to purchase equipment to support the hazardous materials response team. (CM25#44) [[text of report](#)]
12. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$50,000, to the Grant Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account. Funds will be used to purchase additional nozzles/tips, gauges, and adaptors for high-rise hose kits which were purchased with previous grant monies to be deployed for battling high-rise incidents. The rescue equipment (harnesses) will be used for industrial and rope rescue incidents. (CM25#45)
13. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$39,600 to the Grant Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account. The funds will be used for the purchase boots for tech rescue

companies, rescue gloves for members of the department, and uniforms and training for the bicycle team. (CM25#46)

14. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$250,000, from Free Cash to the General Fund Law Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account. The funds will be used to cover unanticipated increases in costs, as well as future expenses through the end of the fiscal year, relating to legal matters handled by outside counsel legal services, stenographers and court reporters, constable services, consultants and experts, as well as filing fees and related costs in matters pending in courts and/or administrative bodies. (CM25#47)

15. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointments and reappointments of members to the **Climate Committee**. (CM25#48)

16. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number #24-62, regarding an update on recommendations and planned next steps from the City's study of resident experiences of inclusion and bias in Inclusionary Housing in Cambridge. (CM25#49) [[text of report](#)]

17. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to PO24#162, regarding proposed amendments to the Cannabis Business Ordinance to add select HCA requirements so the city can waive the HCA requirement and zoning amendment to remove repackaging prohibition. (CM25#50) [[text of report](#)]

18. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointments of members to the **Cambridge Kiosk Advisory Committee**. (CM25#51)

19. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to PO25#16, regarding permissible height increases under the Affordable Housing Overlay (AHO) in the Zoning Ordinance. (CM25#52) [[text of report](#)]

20. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number #24-58, regarding the feasibility of a successor program to Rise Up Cambridge. (CM25#53) [[text of report](#)]

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to appoint the members of a working committee tasked with integrating the objectives of both the Task Force to Examine the Status and Wellbeing of the City's African American/Black Population and the Commission on the Status of Black Men and Boys into a unified, actionable framework. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Wilson (PO25#31)
2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City departments to draft language to create an Ordinance to ensure that vacant store fronts and commercial properties keep their properties in safe and clean

conditions. Councillor Toner, Vice Mayor McGovern (PO25#32)

3. Designating the Fourth Thursday of March as Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Wilson (PO25#33)

CHARTER RIGHT

1. An application was received from Brinn Sanders, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 177 Hancock Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Response has been received from the neighborhood association. [Charter Right – Nolan, Mar 3, 2025] (AP25#10)
2. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant staff to present a zoning petition to the City Council for consideration on maximum unit size. [Charter Right – Toner, Mar 3, 2025] (PO25#25)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. An Ordinance has been received from the City Clerk, relative to Chapter 2.24 - City Clerk Department, Section 2.24.050 entitled "Fee Schedule". [Passed to 2nd Reading Mar 3, 2025; Eligible to be Ordained on or after Mar 24, 2025] (ORD25#4)

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A Zoning Amendment Petition has been received from Mushla Marasao in regards to Article 5.28.21, 8.22.1, 8.22.2, Tbl 5.1. (AP25#11) [[text of petition](#)]
2. An application was received from Donger Lei representing FUPO CAFE, requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 359 Huron Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters. (AP25#12)
3. An application was received from Elizabeth Yanez representing Spanish Immersion School infant Toddler Preschool Pre-K, requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 171 Huron Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters proof of mailing has been provided. (AP25#13)
4. A Zoning Amendment Petition Has been received from BMR-320 Charles LLC c/o BioMed Realty, L. P., regarding a Zoning Ordinance and the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge, which, upon adoption would create a new East Cambridge Community Enhancement Overlay District, or the "ECCE Overlay District". (AP25#14) [[text of petition](#)]

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Ann Fleck-Henderson, re: PO#2 - Sanctuary City.
2. Anne Leslie, re: Upzoning for Corridors and Squares.
3. Arti Pandey, re: Our squares and corridors.
4. Barbara Anthony, re: This Isn't About Bike Lanes.

5. Beverly Seidenberg, re: Following up on my email advocating for The SPOT.
6. Bill McAvinney, re: Please support PO#s 9, 10, 8, & 5.
7. Brendan Hickey, re: Half Crown-Marsh NCD should not be renewed.
8. Brendan Hickey, re: PO25#25: Maximum unit size.
9. Brinn Sanders, re: Public Comment for City Council Meeting 3/3.
10. Carolyn Magid, re: CHJC support for POs #8, 9, and 10 on Monday's Council Agenda.
11. Carolyn Shipley, re: Citywide Upzoning.
12. Cathy Hoffman, re: POs #8, 9 and sanctuary.
13. Christine Tessier, re: Our squares and corridors.
14. Claire Stauffer, re: PO#2.
15. Dan Totten, re: Sanctuary Cities Don't Close Homeless Shelters During the Rise of Fascism.
16. Daniel Hidalgo, re: Support for Affordable Rent Incentive Program, broker fees ban, and maximum unit size.
17. David E. Sullivan, re: Support for Affordable Rent Incentive Program, broker fees ban, and maximum unit size.
18. Esther Hanig, re: Support for four policy orders.
19. Ethan Frank, re: Broker fees, affordable rents, and more.
20. Ethan Frank, re: Supporting Squares & Corridors.
21. Eunice Williams, re: Our squares and corridors.
22. Franziska Amacher, re: Our squares and corridors.
23. Galina Tan, re: Support for PO#2 to protect our transgender community.
24. Zack Goldberg, re: Our squares and corridors.
25. Yann Dardonville, re: I support reaffirming Cambridge's status as a Sanctuary City. (YES on PO#18 on 3/3 agenda).
26. Suzanne Blier, re: Final Multifamily Zoning Petitions.
27. Suzanne Blier, re: POs #1 & #9 The Horse is Out of the Barn & Please Avoid Critical Mistakes Going Forward.
28. Suzanne Blier, re: On Upzoning the Corridors & Squares: MAPC says we need apartments (not lux condos) & Economics Quote of the week: People are very bad at macroeconomics.
29. John Whisnant, re: Our squares and corridors.
30. Julia Randall, re: PO#2 - transgender sanctuary city.
31. Julia Schlozman, re: Support for POs #5, 8, 9, and 10.
32. Justin Saif, re: Support for Housing POs #5, 8, 9, and 10.
33. Karen Klein, re: Our squares and corridors.
34. Karene-Sean Hines, re: Questions regarding drones.
35. Larry Cetrulo Lynn Cetrulo, Kate Bjornlund, Kyle Bjornlund, re: Our squares and corridors.
36. Lawrence G. Cetrulo and Lynn T. Cetrulo, re: Final Multifamily Zoning Petitions.
37. Lee Farris, re: Residents Alliance support for PO#2 including trans and non-binary people in sanctuary city and Residents Alliance supports max. unit size; ending broker fees paid by tenants.
38. Lucia Mudd, re: Our squares and corridors.
39. Susan Ringler, re: Hard Fiscal Choices NOW.
40. Lynne Reiss, re: Proposed 8-9 story tax-payer funded AHO on Wendell St. project.
41. Susan Pharr, re: The Council's work has just begun: Now please work to minimize the harm that Upzoning is on course to cause for many residents.
42. Margaret Ann Brady, re: Central Square planning.
43. Susan, re: Our squares and corridors.
44. Margaret Compher, re: Our squares and corridors.
45. Marilee Meyer, re: PO#9-regulation of unit size.
46. Susan Lapidés, re: Please vote NO on citywide upzoning petition.
47. Mark Kon, re: strong concerns about mis-direction of Cambridge.
48. Marlene Brown, re: Our squares and corridors.
49. Susan Carter, re: Surveillance Technology CM25#11.
50. Nonie Valentine, re: Our squares and corridors and Solidarity Ukraine flag in front of City Hall.
51. Susan Carter, re: Our squares and corridors.
52. Steve Wineman, re: Please vote YES on PO#18.
53. Peter Norris, re: Our squares and corridors.
54. Phillip Segó, re: Our squares and corridors.
55. Quinton Zondervan, re: There is no question whatsoever that the Council has the power to discontinue use of surveillance technology.
56. Rabbi Yoni, re: Support for Prohibition of Tenant-Paid Broker Fees Sanctuary for Vulnerable Renters.
57. Rika Welsh, re: Thanks a lot for not listening to residents who are about this City.
58. Steve Wineman, re: Please restore funding for the TWC.
59. Ruthann Rudel, re: Support PO25#25 AND limit # bathrooms also!
60. Sheli Wortis, re: support for tenants.
61. Sarah Swettberg, re: PO#2.
62. Sam Polzin, re: Support for Action of Housing Affordability.
63. Eoin Power, re: Opposition to Half Crown Marsh NCD.
64. Steven E. Miller, re: Please Support Policy Order PO25#21.
65. Gordon Moore, re: Planning Board mis-function.
66. Dari V., re: Parking and Broadway.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Happy 93rd Birthday wishes to Moses Moore. Mayor Simmons
2. Congratulations to Deborah Mason on her 50th Anniversary of dedication to the arts and dance education in Cambridge. Councillor Toner
3. Congratulations to Ronit Barkai on her retirement from Transition House. Councillor Siddiqui
4. Congratulations to Officer Oswaldo Ortiz on his retirement from the Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson
5. Congratulations to Fire Lieutenant Adam Shuman on his retirement from the Cambridge Fire Department. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson
6. Congratulations to Heli Medeiros on retiring from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner

7. Congratulations to the 3rd Annual “Public Vs. Prep” Tournament. Councillor Wilson, Councillor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Special Committee of the Whole/Charter Review** met on Monday, December 9, 2024, Monday, January 27, 2025, Thursday, February 13, 2025, and Monday, February 24, 2025, to discuss the recommendations made by the Charter Review Committee and other Charter related suggestions made by Councillors. The Special Committee of the Whole/Charter Review voted on several recommendations made by the Charter Review Committee and by Councillors. [[text of report](#)]
2. The **Public Safety Committee** held a public hearing on March 3, 2025 to review and discuss the City Manager’s Surveillance Technology Impact Report (STIR) related to allowing Remotely Piloted Aerial Vehicle (RPA) technology in Cambridge. CMA 2025 #11. [[text of report](#)]

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update re: legislative activity. (COF25#41)
2. A communication was received from City Solicitor Megan B. Bayer, transmitting City Charter – Update Regarding Alternative Mayoral Selection Proposals and Other Updates. (COF25#42) [[text of report](#)]

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Mar 17

- 10:00am The **Transportation and Public Utilities Committee** will hold a public hearing with MIT transportation experts and City staff to brainstorm ways to better accommodate mobility for all users as we continue to promote the use of sustainable modes.
- 5:30pm City Council Meeting

Thurs, Mar 20

- 3:00pm The **Economic Development and University Relations Committee** will hold a public meeting from 3:00pm-5:00pm. This meeting will be a Cannabis Roundtable with cannabis businesses to discuss issues facing the retail cannabis industry in Cambridge and discuss potential changes, including adjustments to the current 1,800 foot buffer zones and introduction of social consumption.

Mon, Mar 24

- 10:00am The **Economic Development and University Relations Committee** will hold a public hearing to discuss all Workforce Development/Job Training programs provided for and/or funded by the City, School Department, and non-profits, and discuss a possible future “Jobs Trust” may do differently, or in addition to, current programming funded and/or operated by the City.
- 5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Mar 25

- 3:00pm The **Health and Environment Committee** will hold a public hearing to review and discuss the update to the Zero Waste Master Plan (ZWMP) 2.0.

Thurs, Mar 27

- 1:00pm The **Finance Committee** will hold a public meeting to receive a status update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding in Cambridge, as well as to review and discuss the Police Department budget for FY26 before it is submitted to the City Manager, as required under Cambridge Municipal Code Chapter 2.74.040.

Mon, Mar 31

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Apr 7

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Apr 14

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting

Wed, Apr 16

- 3:00pm The **Finance Committee** will hold a public hearing to review and discuss capital and large-scale programs and projects currently underway and in the funding plan, and potential future programming and projects that would need to be planned and incorporated into medium- and long-term capital and operating budgets.

Mon, Apr 28

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, May 5

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, May 12

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, May 19

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, June 2

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, June 9

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, June 16

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, June 23

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, June 30

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Mar 17, 2025

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR WILSON

WHEREAS: On August 1, 2022, the City Council passed two policy orders: one calling for the establishment of a [Task Force to Examine the Status and Wellbeing of the City’s African](#)

[American/Black Population](#) and another calling for the creation of a [Commission on the Status of Black Men and Boys](#); and

WHEREAS: The Task Force was envisioned as a means to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the various social, economic, and structural barriers disproportionately impacting Cambridge’s African American/Black community, with the goal of informing and guiding targeted policy interventions; and

WHEREAS: The proposed Commission on the Status of Black Men and Boys was designed to address long-standing inequities specifically affecting Black males in Cambridge, providing a sustained, institutional framework to advocate for systemic change

and improved outcomes in key areas such as housing, education, employment, public health, and public safety; and
WHEREAS: While both initiatives were rooted in a shared commitment to advancing racial equity and justice, efforts to fully establish and implement these bodies have not yet been realized, underscoring the need for renewed focus and coordination; and
WHEREAS: The City would benefit from a streamlined approach that synthesizes the missions of both the Task Force and the Commission, ensuring that their work is aligned and that resources are allocated effectively to achieve their intended impact; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to appoint the members of a working committee tasked with integrating the objectives of both the *Task Force to Examine the Status and Wellbeing of the City's African American/Black Population* and the *Commission on the Status of Black Men and Boys* into a unified, actionable framework; and be it further

ORDERED: That this committee be tasked with reviewing the intent and scope of the original orders, engaging relevant community stakeholders, and developing a structure that ensures meaningful progress toward addressing disparities within the African American/Black community in Cambridge; 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 30 days.

O-2 Mar 17, 2025
COUNCILLOR TONER
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The Economic Development and University Relations Committee met on March 11, 2025 and voted favorably to recommend that the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City departments to draft language to create an Ordinance to insure that vacant store fronts and commercial properties keep their properties in safe and clean conditions, including but not limited to placing clean paper or artwork in the windows, placing leasing contact information if vacant, and registering the vacant property with the City, and report back to the Economic Development and University Relations Committee before the summer recess; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City departments to draft language to create an Ordinance to insure that vacant store fronts and commercial properties keep their properties in safe and clean conditions, including but not limited to placing clean paper or artwork in the windows, placing leasing contact information if vacant, and registering the vacant property with the City, and report back to the Economic Development and University Relations Committee before the summer recess.

O-3 March 17, 2025
MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR WILSON

WHEREAS: Prior to World War II, African Americans were largely excluded from military aviation due to systemic racism, including a shameful 1925 U.S. Army War College report that sought to relegate them to menial roles; and

WHEREAS: By the onset of World War II, increasing numbers of African Americans were pursuing higher education and aspiring to meaningful military roles, including as pilots, and the growing demand for air power—along with advocacy from African

American communities and fair-minded Americans—led the U.S. War Department to open military aviation to all service members regardless of race; and

WHEREAS: The War Department's Civilian Pilot Training (CPT) Program enabled colleges to train civilian pilots, and Tuskegee Institute in Alabama was among six historically Black colleges selected, leading to the first African American military pilots earning their wings in 1942; and

WHEREAS: By the end of the war, nearly 1,000 Tuskegee Airmen had earned their wings at [Tuskegee Army Air Field](#), with many serving in combat missions in Europe and the Mediterranean, supported by 15,000–18,000 Black men and women in crucial roles such as mechanics, flight surgeons, and navigators; and

WHEREAS: The Tuskegee Airmen flew more than 15,000 sorties; destroyed or damaged over 400 German aircraft, over 950 units of ground transportation, and sank a destroyer with machine gun fire alone; received hundreds of Air Medals and more than 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses; and lost very few bomber aircraft to enemy air action during escort missions; and

WHEREAS: The 99th Fighter Squadron earned three Distinguished Unit Citations, while the 332nd Fighter Group earned one, and before being assigned to the 332nd Fighter Group, the 99th Fighter Squadron had already earned two additional Distinguished Unit Citations – together, the 99th Fighter Squadron and the 332nd Fighter Group achieved a total of 112 aerial victories during World War II, demonstrating extraordinary skill, bravery, and effectiveness in combat; and

WHEREAS: The outstanding performance record of the Tuskegee Airmen was unprecedented in military aviation history, thus disproving every adverse, prejudiced contention barring African Americans from becoming pilots prior to World War II, overcoming segregation and prejudice to become one of the most prestigious, decorated, and respected fighting groups of World War II; and

WHEREAS: Fifteen documented original [Tuskegee Airmen pilots listed the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as their home state](#), and several Massachusetts residents were part of the Tuskegee Experience as mechanics, meteorologists, and other support staff positions as well as pilots:

- **Roland and Paul Moody**, two brothers born and raised in Cambridge, entered the Tuskegee Air Pilot Institute and both were awarded wings and a 2nd lieutenant commission in May of 1944;
- First Lieutenant [Roland Moody](#) died in 1945 while base at Ramitelli Air Field in Italy, and he is buried at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial in Italy;
- Second Lieutenant [Paul Moody](#) was assigned to Mather Field in Sacramento, California, and Selfridge Field just outside Detroit, and after completing his military service, he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in chemical engineering from Northeastern and MIT, raising his family in Cambridge;
- At least five additional MIT alumni were members of the Tuskegee Experience: meteorologist Captain **Wallace Patillo Reed** '42, pilot Second Lieutenant **Victor L. Ransom** '48, pilot Lieutenant [Yenwith Whitney](#) '49, navigator Lieutenant [Louis M. Young](#) '50, and flight instructor **Charles E. Anderson** PhD '60;

- Flight surgeon Major **Harold E. Thornell**, M.D., a former Cambridge resident, was one of the first two Black officers to attend the School of Aviation Medicine for an integrated military training course, graduating from this basic course as an aviation medical examiner in March 1943 and serving as a flight surgeon with the 99th Fighter Squadron;
- **Harold May** entered Harvard College in 1944 as part of the accelerated program during World War II and entered the Army Air Corps in 1945, becoming part of the Tuskegee Airmen pilot program, and after the war, Dr. May returned to Harvard and then entered Harvard Medical School in 1947; and

WHEREAS: Each of these individuals, with strong ties to Cambridge, provided a tremendous service to their country, and blazed trails for the generations yet to come; and

WHEREAS: March is a special month for the Tuskegee Airmen, as it was the month that the first cadets received their silver wings, it was when the first maintenance crew began training at Chanute Field, IL, when the first Pursuit Squadron (The 99th) was activated, and when President George W. Bush, in 2007, presented the Congressional Gold Medal to the Tuskegee Airmen; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record recognizing March 27, 2025 as *Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day*, a day to recognize and celebrate the service and sacrifice during World War II of the Black pilots, bombardiers, navigators, flight surgeons, nurses, mechanics, instructors, crewmembers and all support personnel who changed the course of history and to recommend that the day be observed in an appropriate manner by the citizens of the City of Cambridge.