

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the new appointments of **Maria Guadalupe Arlotto** and **Brendan Koscher** as members of the **Police Review and Advisory Board** for terms of five years. (CM23#75)
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 23-05, regarding a report on beginning the process of obtaining police body worn cameras (BWC) for the Cambridge Police Department, and to work with all appropriate departments to produce policy recommendations that would allow body worn camera usage while also not violating civil liberties in compliance with the City's Surveillance Ordinance. (CM23#76)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 23-09, regarding a report on engaging a third party, independent firm/consultant or university partner to review and examine the Cambridge Police Department's policies and practices regarding de-escalation methods, mental health calls for service, training, and more. (CM23#77)
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to relative to Cost of Living Adjustment for retirees. (CM23#78)
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to relative to Cost of Living Adjustment for retirees for fiscal year 2023. (CM23#79)
6. [A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang](#), City Manager, relative to recommendations for the block rates for water consumption and sewer use for the period beginning Apr 1, 2023 and ending Mar 31, 2024. (CM23#80)

Agenda Item Number 6 Mar 20, 2023

ORDERED: That the following block rate for water consumption and sewer use in the City of Cambridge be in effect for the period beginning Apr 1, 2023 and ending Mar 31, 2024:

	Annual Consumption*	FY23 Water Rate	FY24 Proposed Water Rate	FY23 Sewer Rate	FY24 Proposed Sewer Rate
Block 1	0 – 40 CcF	\$3.11	\$3.32	\$14.59	\$15.34
Block 2	41 – 400 CcF	\$3.33	\$3.55	\$15.42	\$16.21
Block 3	401 – 2,000 CcF	\$3.54	\$3.77	\$16.57	\$17.42
Block 4	2,001 – 10,000 CcF	\$3.76	\$4.01	\$17.84	\$18.75
Block 5	Over 10,000 CcF	\$4.08	\$4.35	\$18.96	\$19.93

*All rates are per CcF. CcF is an abbreviation of 100 cubic feet. One CcF is approximately 750 gallons; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Senior Citizens Discount Program gives either a 15 percent or 30 percent discount on water/sewer bills, depending upon certain qualifications. Any resident who owns and occupies his/her own home and who is 65 or older on July 1 qualifies for the 15 percent discount. This discount may not exceed \$90 for the fiscal year.

To qualify for the 30 percent discount, a homeowner must be 65 years of age or older and must have been granted the

Clause 41C Elderly Real Estate Exemption, which is based on the demonstrated financial need. This discount may not exceed \$180 for the fiscal year.

7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointments and reappointments of **Danielle Jones-McLaughlin**, **Deepti Nijhawan**, **Loring Brinckerhoff**, **Avril dePagter**, **Mary Devlin**, **Dan Stubbs** as members of the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD). (CM23#81)
8. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the Salvation Army Shelter and Daytime Program. (CM23#82)
9. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to PO23#35, related to the Allocation Plan for Cambridge's HOME-ARP funds. (CM23#83)
10. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a summary of a Planning Board Meeting on the 2022 Town-Gown Reports and Presentations. (CM23#84)
11. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the final report for the City's comprehensive year-long [municipal broadband feasibility study](#). (CM23#85)
12. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to PO23#44, related to the Barrett, et al., Zoning Petition. (CM23#86) [\[text of report\]](#)

CHARTER RIGHT

1. 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. [Charter Right – Nolan, Mar 6, 2023] (PO23#48)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. An Ordinance has been received from Diane P. LeBlanc City Clerk, relative to a Zoning Petition from Patrick Barrett et al. North Mass Ave BA-5 Zoning District Petition (Ordinance #2022-21). [Passed to 2nd Reading, Mar 6, 2023; To Be Ordained on or after Mar 20, 2023; Expires Apr 3, 2023] (ORD22#21)
4. 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; To Be Ordained on or after Mar 20, 2023] (ORD22#6)

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. [A Zoning Petition](#) Has been received from Charles Jessup Franklin et al., regarding allowing new construction that is similar in size and shape as existing buildings for the purpose of promoting housing and first floor retail. (AP23#11)
2. [A Zoning Petition](#) Has been received from Michael Monestine et al. regarding Outdoor Use Zoning Petition for the Central Square Cultural District. (AP23#12)
3. An application was received from Martha Davis of the MIT Museum requesting permission for seventy (70) temporary banners from Sidney Street to Memorial Drive and Main

Street announcing Curious from Apr 3, 2023 through the summer of 2023. (AP23#13)

4. An application was received from Kevin Richard, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 149 Upland Road; 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. (AP23#14)
5. An application was received from Chuck Martins representing Kwench Juice Cafe, requesting permission for two (2) projecting signs at the premises numbered 678 Massachusetts Avenue approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters proof of mailing has been provided. (AP23#15)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Ali Sullo, regarding Garden Street conversion to one-way.
2. A communication was received from Marie Hobart, regarding support for Cambridge HEART.
3. A communication was received from Kavish Gandhi, regarding comments on several agenda items from the March 6 City Council meeting.
4. A communication was received from Jeanne Heiple, regarding the Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance (BEUDO).
5. A communication was received from Ashley J Thomas, regarding support for HEART.
6. A communication was received from Richard Krushnic, regarding support for the Emissions Accounting zoning petition.
7. A communication was received from Andy Nash, regarding support for PO#7.
8. A communication was received from Erin Howell, regarding support for PO#7 to fund HEART.
9. A communication was received from Jacqueline Kung, regarding support for the Cambridge HEART program.
10. A communication was received from Sahithi Madiredy, regarding the Emissions Accounting Zoning Petition.
11. A communication was received from Marianne F. Potvin, regarding support for PO#7 for funding Cambridge HEART.
12. A communication was received from Carolyn Shipley, regarding PO#7 - HEART.
13. A communication was received from Pei Pei Ma, regarding opposition to the Historical Buildings and Landmarks Ordinance and the massive AHO up-zoning petition amendment.
14. A communication was received from Catalina Arboleda, regarding opposition to the "Historical Buildings and Landmarks" proposed Ordinance.
15. A communication was received from Carolyn Shipley, regarding Unfinished Business #4 - ORD22#20.
16. A communication was received from L. Elliot, regarding support for the Holistic Emergency Alternative Response Team (HEART).
17. A communication was received from Susan Markowitz, regarding Unfinished Business #4 - ORD22#20.
18. A communication was received from Nancy Pendergast, regarding support for the Emissions Accounting Zoning Petition.
19. A communication was received from Cristina Sciuto, regarding support for PO#7 - HEART.
20. A communication was received from Becky Sarah, regarding support for Emissions Accounting Zoning Petition.
21. A communication was received from Susan Redlich, regarding support for PO#7.
22. A communication was received from Jane Zimmerman, regarding opposition to high rise buildings.
23. A communication was received from McKelden Smith, regarding opposition to the "Historical Buildings and Landmarks Ordinance" and AHO Upzoning.
24. A communication was received from Pattie Heyman, regarding opposition to the Affordable Housing Overlay that proposes 25 story buildings.
25. A communication was received from Paul E. Fallon, regarding support for PO#7 – Contract with Cambridge HEART.
26. A communication was received from Mary Ellen Wynn, regarding opposition to the Historical Buildings and Landmarks Ordinance and AHO up-zoning proposal.
27. A communication was received from Shelley Rieman, regarding PO#7 and Unfinished Business #4 ORD22#20.
28. A communication was received from Mary Jane Kornacki, regarding opposition to the Historic Buildings Ordinance.
29. A communication was received from Jacquelyn Smith, regarding support for the HEART program.
30. A communication was received from Shelagh Hadley, regarding opposition to the "Historical Buildings and Landmarks Ordinance" proposal.
31. A communication was received from Sheli Wortis, regarding support for PO#7 urging the City Manager to fund HEART by entering into a contract for services with HEART.
32. A communication was received from Marilyn Frankenstein, regarding support for Policy Order calling for funding HEART.
33. A communication was received from Kennie Lyman, regarding opposition to high-rise apartment buildings in Cambridge city squares.
34. A communication was received from Cambridge Mothers Out Front, regarding support for PO23#40.
35. A communication was received from Cambridge Mothers Out Front, regarding support for PO22#20.
36. A communication was received from Richard Goldberg, regarding Unfinished Business #4 ORD22#20.
37. A communication was received from Lynne Reiss, regarding opposition to the Historical Buildings and Landmarks Ordinance and the massive AHO up-zoning petition amendment.
38. A communication was received from Shreya Chowdhary, regarding PO#7: Funding HEART.
39. A communication was received from Pamela Winters and Harry Shapiro, regarding opposition to upzoning in Cambridge.
40. A communication was received from Dr. Erica Brooks, regarding support for PO#7 - Cambridge HEART.
41. A communication was received from Teresa Cardosi, regarding support for PO#7 - fund and contract with HEART.
42. A communication was received from Naima Saini, regarding support for PO#7.
43. A communication was received from Richard Goldberg, regarding support for PO#7 - HEART.

44. A communication was received from Tara R. Greco, regarding opposition to the Historical Buildings and Landmarks Ordinance and the massive AHO upzoning amendment.
45. A communication was received from Sarina Canelake, regarding support for PO#7 to fund Cambridge HEART.
46. A communication was received from Nonie Valentine, regarding opposition to the Historical Buildings and Landmarks Ordinance and the AHO up-zoning amendments.
47. A communication was received from Jack Hanson, regarding support for the Emissions Accounting Zoning Petition.
48. A communication was received from Sue Wentworth, regarding opposition to the “Historical Buildings and Landmarks Ordinance” and the AHO up-zoning petition amendment.
49. A communication was received from Elizabeth Camacho, regarding AHO size and community.
50. A communication was received from Manraj Gill, regarding PO#7.
51. A communication was received from Robert Camacho, regarding Historical Buildings and Landmarks Ordinance and the AHO up-zoning petition amendment.
52. A communication was received from Dr. Gleb Bahmutov, PhD, regarding support for Emissions Accounting Zoning Petition.
53. A communication was received from Rachel Wyon, regarding POR 2023 #48 (on agenda 3/6/23) – Fund Cambridge HEART.
54. A communication was received from David Buck, regarding support for the Emissions Accounting zoning petition.
55. A communication was received from Susan Ringler, regarding support for PO#7.
56. A communication was received from Carolyn Magid, regarding PO#7 and PO#4 (from 3/6/23 agenda).
57. A communication was received from Louise E. Parker, regarding PO#7: Fund HEART.
58. A communication was received from Peter Lowber, regarding low-income housing.
59. A communication was received from Sharon deVos, regarding PO#7 - HEART.
60. A communication was received from Neil Miller, regarding support for municipally funded vouchers and acquisition multifamily properties.
61. A communication was received from Maya Milic-Strkalj, regarding support for PO#7.
62. A communication was received from Ruth Ryals, regarding support for the proposed zoning amendment by the HSNA.
63. A communication was received from Lee Farris, regarding support for the Emissions Accounting zoning petition.
64. A communication was received from Lee Farris, regarding support for PO#7 to fund HEART.
65. A communication was received from Heather Hoffman, regarding AAA bond rating.
66. A communication was received from Stephen Cellucci, regarding HEART (Mar 6, 2023, PO#7).
67. A communication was received from Dennis Carlone, regarding AAA bond rating.
68. A communication was received from Adrian Zupp, regarding having a Green New Deal for Cambridge.
69. A communication was received from Elizabeth Camacho, regarding AHO size and community.
70. A communication was received from Patricia McGrath, regarding opposition to the “Historical Buildings and Landmarks Ordinance” and the massive AHO up-zoning petition.
71. A communication was received from Helen Walker, regarding potential changes to Chapter 2.78, Historic Buildings and Landmarks.
72. A communication was received from Yukari Perrella, regarding support for historic architecture and reject 25 story skyscrapers.
73. A communication was received from Suzanne Preston Blier, regarding letter on NCD proposal.
74. A communication was received from John Paul, regarding support for NCD.
75. A communication was received from Francesca Gordini, regarding opposition to changes to Chapter 2.78, ORD #2022-11.
76. A communication was received from Annette LaMond and Joseph Moore, regarding opposition to the proposed Historical Buildings and Landmarks Ordinance and the AHO up-zoning amendment.
77. A communication was received from Jacqui Fahey Sandell, regarding the proposed changes to Neighborhood Conservation districts.
78. A communication was received from K. Gormley, regarding opposition to the “Historical Buildings and Landmarks Ordinance” and the AHO up-zoning petition amendment.
79. A communication was received from Charles R. Norris, regarding opposition to the proposed “Historical Buildings and Landmarks Ordinance” and related “Affordable Housing Overlay” proposed amendments.
80. A communication was received from Thomas C. Owen and Sue A. Owen, regarding opposition to proposed changes in the Historical Buildings and Landmarks Ordinance.
81. A communication was received from John Whisnant, regarding opposition to Policy Order before the Ordinance Committee intended to gut architectural preservation efforts in Cambridge.
82. A communication was received from Zack Goldberg, regarding opposition to the “Historical Buildings and Landmarks Ordinance” and the AHO up-zoning amendment.
83. A communication was received from Marie Elena Saccoccio, regarding opposition to proposed amendments to NCD’s landmarks and historic districts.
84. A communication was received from Rosalind Michahelles, regarding the Historical Buildings and Landmarks Ordinance and the AHO up-zoning amendment.
85. A communication was received from Sam Burgess, regarding support for the proposed AHO amendments.
86. A communication was received from Amina Sheikh, regarding support for expansion of AHO.
87. A communication was received from Rosella Cohen, regarding affordable housing.
88. A communication was received from Betsey Chace, regarding support for PO#7, Cambridge HEART.
89. A communication was received from Mark Steffen, regarding support for Councillor Simmons’ amendments to the AHO.
90. A communication was received from Emily Goldsmith, regarding support for proposed amendments to expand the 100% Affordable Housing Overlay.
91. A communication was received from Jenny Netzer, regarding the proposed amendments to the Affordable Housing Overlay.

92. A communication was received from Charles Teague, regarding Open Meeting Law and Committee on Public Planting: updated comments.
93. A communication was received from Ethel Delgado, regarding update on the Manning Apartments petition to the City to pay for additional security.
94. A communication was received from Dominick Jones, regarding building upwards.
95. A communication was received from Masato Kocberber, regarding support for expanded Affordable Housing Overlay.
96. A communication was received from Rachel Sandalow-Ash, regarding expanding the 100% Affordable Housing Overlay.
97. A communication was received from Phil Rinehart, regarding a construction suggestion from the Simmons/Toner BEUDO condo listening session 2/21.
98. A communication was received from William Bloomstein, regarding opposition to the AHO up-zoning amendment and to the anti-Historical ordinance.
99. A communication was received from Catherine Hoffman, regarding Sister City returning to El Salvador.
100. A communication was received from Susan Carter, regarding the proposed Historical Buildings and Landmarks Ordinance and the AHO up-zoning petition amendment.
101. A communication was received from Kavish Gandhi, regarding support for fast movement on municipal broadband.
102. A communication was received from Kavish Gandhi, regarding support of the project at 75 First Street.
103. A communication was received from Linda Dittmar, regarding PO#7 - HEART.
104. A communication was received from Rabbi Yoni, regarding support of the City of Cambridge establishing a municipal broadband network.
105. A communication was received from Rabbi Yoni, regarding support for municipal broadband for inclusionary housing program tenants, and all Cambridge residents.
106. A communication was received from Marilee Meyer, regarding the Crowe Petition.
107. A communication was received from Saul Tannenbaum, regarding preliminary comments on the Broadband Feasibility Study.
108. A communication was received from Rabbi Yoni, regarding a different model for municipal broadband.
109. A communication was received from Jodi Ekelchik, regarding comment on Volpe Study.
110. A communication was received from Joao Andrade, regarding illegal parking that is causing a disturbance and obstruction to the driveways on 229 - 237 Elm Street.
111. A communication was received from Sophia Emperor, regarding Open Meeting Law and Committee on Public Planting: updated comments.
112. A communication was received from Judith Nathans, regarding follow up to Municipal Broadband Roundtable.
113. A communication was received from Catherine Hoffman, regarding an invitation to the Sister City Send-off.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Sara Reese on receiving the 2023 Exemplary School Champion Award for her leadership in workforce development in Cambridge. Councillor Toner

2. Gratitude to Margaret Drury for her many years of tireless service to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority and to the City of Cambridge. Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Toner
3. Congratulations to Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services for 50 years of service to the City of Cambridge and its residents. Councillor Toner

ORDERS

1. That the City Council go on record supporting Enabling Legislation for a Real Estate Transfer Fee. Councillor Carlone, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan (PO23#50)
2. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council is requested to confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request to dedicate a street corner in honor of Ned Handy. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Toner (PO23#51)
3. Policy Order for Garden Street Accommodations. Councillor Toner, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Carlone (PO23#52)
4. That the City Manager work with the Central Square Business Improvement District and provide a license agreement, as well as direct financial and regulatory support for the continued and uninterrupted operation of Starlight Square. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons (PO23#53)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Finance Committee** met on May 7, 2019. [[text of report](#)]
Present: McGovern, Zondervan, Devereux, Carlone, Mallon, Kelley, Siddiqui, Simmons, Toomey
2. The **Finance Committee** met on Feb 16, 2022 to consider the City Council goals in relation to the budget and to gather input and discuss priorities on the FY23 budget. [[text of report](#)]
Present: Carlone, Nolan, Azeem, Mallon, McGovern, Siddiqui, Simmons, Toner, Zondervan
Absent: Mallon, Simmons
3. The **Finance Committee** met on Feb 23, 2022 to reconvene its Feb 16, 2020 meeting to receive public comment regarding the City Council goals in relation to the budget and to gather input and discuss priorities on the FY23 budget. [[text of report](#)]
Present: Carlone, Nolan, Azeem, McGovern, Siddiqui, Toner, Zondervan
Absent: Mallon, Simmons
4. The **Finance Committee** met on Apr 20, 2022 to discuss the city's ARPA application/funding update status. [[text of report](#)]
Present: Carlone, Nolan, Azeem, Mallon, McGovern, Siddiqui, Zondervan
Absent: Simmons, Toner
5. The **Finance Committee** met on May 10, 2022 to conduct hearing on FY 2023 budget. [[text of report](#)]
Present: Carlone, Nolan, Azeem, Mallon, McGovern, Siddiqui, Simmons, Toner, Zondervan

6. The **Finance Committee** met on May 11, 2022 to conduct hearing on FY 2023 school budget. [[text of report](#)]
Present: Carlone, Nolan, Azeem, Mallon, McGovern, Siddiqui, Simmons, Toner, Zondervan
7. The **Finance Committee** met on May 17, 2022 to conduct hearing on FY 2023 budget. [[text of report](#)]
Present: Carlone, Nolan, Mallon, McGovern, Siddiqui, Simmons, Toner
Absent: Azeem, Zondervan
8. The **Finance Committee** held a public hearing on June 14, 2022 to receive an update on ARPA funding. [[text of report](#)]
Present: Carlone, Nolan, Azeem, Mallon, Siddiqui
Remote Present: McGovern, Toner, Zondervan
Absent: Simmons
9. The **Human Services and Veterans Committee** held a public meeting on Feb 28, 2023, to discuss the status of after school programming in Cambridge. [[text of report](#)]
Present: McGovern, Mallon
Remote Present: Azeem, Toner, Zondervan

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF23#45)
2. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee. (COF23#46)
3. A communication was received from Councillor Toner, transmitting Questions regarding Requests to Fund Heart Using City Funds. (COF23#47)

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Mar 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Zoom only)

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 Department's 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

Tues, Apr 4

12:30pm The **Economic Development and University Relations Committee** will hold a public meeting to the discuss the practical impact of various city policies, regulations and ordinances on commercial and residential development and construction projects in Cambridge.

Mon, Apr 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Apr 11

12:30pm The **Health and Environment Committee** will hold a public meeting 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)

Wed, Apr 26

12:30pm The **Ordinance Committee** will meet to continue the discussion on potential changes to Chapter 2.78 Historical Buildings and Landmarks, Proposed Ordinance #2022-11, as amended in Committee on Mar 7, 2023.

Mon, May 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Wed, May 3

3:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing on Citizens Zoning Petition from Craig Kelley, et al. – Cambridge Transportation Emissions Reduction and Car Sharing Act (APP 2023 #9).

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 20, 2023

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: On Mar 16, 2020, the Cambridge City Council unanimously approved a Real Estate Transfer Fee Home Rule petition; and

WHEREAS: The corresponding legislation, House bill No. 4282, expired on January 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS: Enabling Legislation has now been filed in the fourth consecutive legislative session as SD.1982 by Senator Comerford and HD.2857 by Representative Connolly; and

WHEREAS: The version of the Enabling Legislation filed in the 2019-2020 session died despite being favorably referred to the committee on House Steering, Policy and Scheduling with the statement that it "ought to pass"; and

WHEREAS: Roughly a dozen municipalities sought to enact Real Estate Transfer Fee bills this past session, but were unable to do so in the absence of a statewide bill granting authorization; and

WHEREAS: According to the Massachusetts Budget & Policy Center, a Real Estate Transfer Fee of the specifications outlined in House bill No. 4282 could raise over \$23 million this year to support affordable housing development in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The housing crisis that motivated Cambridge's original Home Rule petition has only grown more severe since the petition was first approved; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record strongly supporting the Enabling Legislation in the House and in the Senate; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this policy order to House and Senate leadership and to the Cambridge delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2 Mar 20, 2023

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR TONER

WHEREAS: Ned Handy was employed by the City of Cambridge Planning Department for 30 years before retiring in 2000; and

WHEREAS: Ned was a veteran of WWII and was one of 4,300 American fliers who were shot down over Germany to become prisoners of war at Stalag 17, where he was held for 13 months; and

WHEREAS: During his imprisonment, Ned and the men in his barracks devised an escape plan and after months of relentless work, dug a tunnel they dreamed would lead them to freedom but instead, the tunnel became a beacon of hope, and camaraderie, actually saving the lives of others; and

WHEREAS: In 1940, Ned had been accepted at MIT and Harvard but was unable to afford the tuition. Following the war and determined to attend MIT, the alma mater of his

grandfather, Ned was accepted into a five-year program, subsequently graduating and began his career as a city planner; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council is requested to confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request to dedicate a street corner in honor of Ned Handy; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward this order to the Dedication Committee for review and approval.

EDWARD HANDY OBITUARY

HANDY, Edward A. Age 100 years, five months, of Cambridge and Sandwich, MA, passed away peacefully on February 27, in the company of his wife and daughter. Interment will be private. A Celebration of Ned's amazing Life will be scheduled for later this Spring. Date and location to be announced. Arrangements by the Nickerson-Bourne Funeral Home, 154 Route 6A, SANDWICH, MA.

O-3 Mar 20, 2023

COUNCILLOR TONER

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The recent changes of part of Garden Street from a two-way to a one-way for automobile traffic has caused concerns in the community about overflow traffic and safety on neighboring side streets; and

WHEREAS: [On Nov 14th 2022 the Council voted 9-0](#) to have the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department continue to monitor the situation via traffic counting and other methods and to conduct additional listening sessions in December, 2022 and January, 2023 and return with recommendations to the City Council by Mar 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS: Many residents throughout the winter months at the feedback meetings and through emails have continued to express concerns to the City Council about the Garden Street installation and the negative impact it has had on neighboring side streets, but have also offered reasonable solutions including, but not limited to:

- restoring the section of Garden Street from Linnaean to Huron as two ways for automobile traffic
- making a bidirectional bike lane on the north/Harvard side from Huron Avenue to Chauncy Street
- moving all parking to the north/Harvard side of Garden Street from Linnaean to Chauncy Street
- install street signs on the corner of Raymond Street restricting traffic to abutters only between 7-9 and 4-6 along with other traffic calming measures
- continue to make adjustments to Walker Street to address the concerns of residents regarding cut-through traffic, excessive noise, and dangerous buses, trucks/large vehicles by improving traffic calming and signage; and

WHEREAS: These changes will maintain separated bike lanes as required by the Cambridge Cycling Safety Ordinance, will improve safety and navigation for all, reduce cut-through traffic in the neighborhood, and would make

neighborhood residents feel heard and understood; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department and the Department of Public Works to implement the above listed recommendations as soon as possible but no later than May 30, 2023.

O-4 Mar 20, 2023

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: For forty years, City of Cambridge planning studies, including Envision Cambridge, the Red Ribbon Commission on the Concerns and Delights of Central Square, C2K2, as well as the Arts Task Force, have called for the activation of City-owned parking lots in Central Square to support its cultural identity and establish a civic center; and

WHEREAS: Starting in March 2020, one week before the COVID-19 pandemic emergency was declared in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the temporary installation known as Starlight Square put into action these forty years of planning, finally creating a square in the Square on Municipal Lot #5 at 84 Bishop Allen Drive; and

WHEREAS: Since its inception, Starlight Square has been a partnership between the Central Square Business Improvement District and the City of Cambridge, hosted on City-owned land and facilitated by a license agreement between the two parties and operated with the collaboration of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department; and

WHEREAS: For three successful seasons, Starlight Square has been a safe and free, outdoor home for cultural life in Cambridge, with over a quarter million dollars given directly to performers and event organizers; and

WHEREAS: Essential community and civic events are often hosted at Starlight Square, including the 2022 City Council inauguration, high school prom, and countless others; and

WHEREAS: Concurrent with the arts and cultural programming, Popportunity, now a 501c3, developed and grew roots at Starlight Square, creating a home for local entrepreneurship to flourish in the neighborhood, serving hundreds of entrepreneurs, predominantly local, women of color (WOC), and resulting in five WOC opening their own brick-and-mortar businesses; and

WHEREAS: Continued regulatory and financial support for Starlight Square is a City Council priority, so that it cannot only continue to serve its essential function to the public life of the City, but also expand on it, continuing the district-wide priority of transforming space for cars into places for people; and

WHEREAS: Establishing a permanent building that houses the essential functions supported by Starlight Square is a City Council priority; and

WHEREAS: The ongoing regulatory and financial support of the temporary installation shall run in parallel with an urgent

investigation of said permanent building in the Cultural District, so as to not delay the timeline and keep partners and abutters in limbo, including a transparent answer to Square in the Square applicants regarding the ARPA application from January 2022; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Central Square Business Improvement District and provide a license agreement, as well as direct financial and regulatory support for the continued and uninterrupted operation of the temporary installation; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to urgently pursue the establishment of the permanent building on Lot 5 that delivers the essential benefits and functions demonstrated by the temporary installation, beginning with the release of ARPA funds awarded to perform a study; 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.