

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on COVID-19.
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$252,073.12 received from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program income to the Public Investment Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures Account which will be used to continue the development of affordable housing for residents.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 22-11, regarding Riverbend Park opening and potential expansion.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. An application was received from Joseph Bednar requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 266 Rindge 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 – Nolan, Mar 21, 2022]
2. An application was received from Mathew Marshall, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 221 Columbia 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 – Simmons, Mar 21, 2022]

ON THE TABLE

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; Tabled Mar 7, 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; Tabled Mar 7, 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; Tabled Mar 7, 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; Tabled Mar 7, 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; Tabled Mar 7, 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; Tabled Mar 7, 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; Tabled Mar 7, 2022]
10. 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 \$39,600.00 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. [Charter Right – Nolan, Mar 7, 2022; Tabled – Mar 21, 2022]

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Ken Kunda, regarding 221 Columbia St. Cambridge MA.
2. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding the City Manager to create a database for Agreements for Designer Services.
3. A communication was received from Annette Osgood and Jeanne Oster, regarding [a petition signed by over 1,050 names requesting changes to the Cycling Safety Ordinance](#).

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Donna Richardson. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan
2. Resolution on the death of Walter Davis Jr. Councillor Toner
3. Thanks to the Cambridge Public Library team and encouraging Cambridge residents to participate in programs and events celebrating National Library Week. Mayor Siddiqui

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the City Solicitor to draft language to enable the Cambridge Police Department and Department of Public Works to donate abandoned bicycles to charitable organizations as outlined under MGL 30B Section 15(g). Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui
2. City Council support of the MIT Graduate Student Union. Councillor Azeem, Councillor Zondervan, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern
3. That City Council remind the residents of Cambridge that regular street cleaning begins again on April 1, 2022 and that all residents can sign up for automatic alerts and reminders from the City of Cambridge for the remainder of the year. Councillor Toner
4. City Council support urging the Massachusetts Legislature and the residents of Cambridge to oppose House Bill 1234

and the proposed 2022 state ballot initiative and ensuring that the rights of workers remain solid and strong for generations to come. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Azeem

5. That the City Council go on record declaring April 2022, as “Autism Awareness Month” in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Simmons

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Public Safety Committee** and the **Economic Development & University Relations Committee** met on July 21, 2021 jointly to hear from Saskia VannJames, President of the Massachusetts Recreational Consumer Council, on the importance of cannabis cooperatives and their potential role in the equitable development of Cambridge’s emerging recreational cannabis industry. [[Committee Report #1](#)]

Present: Zondervan, Nolan, Carlone, Mallon, (Siddiqui)

Absent: McGovern, Sobrinho-Wheeler, Simmons, Toomey

2. The **Ordinance Committee** met on Feb 9, 2022 to conduct a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance (2021-26). [[Committee Report #2](#)]

Present: McGovern, Zondervan, Azeem, Carlone, Mallon, Nolan, Siddiqui, Simmons, Toner

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 Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee.

HEARING SCHEDULE

[Sullivan Chamber & Zoom unless otherwise noted]

Mon, Mar 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Mar 29

11:00am The Health and Environment Committee will meet to receive a report from the Climate Resilience Zoning Task Force.

Wed, Mar 30

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to conduct a public hearing on Ordinance #2022-3, the Wage Theft Ordinance.

Mon, Apr 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting.

Tues, Apr 5

12:00pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will meet to conduct a public hearing on Ordinance #2022-8, an ordinance amending Parking minimums and maximums.

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).

Mon, Apr 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Wed, Apr 13

3:00pm The Economic Development and University Relations Committee will hold a public hearing with the universities and business associations to have a dialogue about reopening post pandemic, current needs, updates, and how the City can be supportive to these organizations. (Sullivan Chamber & Zoom)

Thurs, Apr 14

5:30pm The Civic Unity Committee will hold a public hearing to discuss the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report by Working IDEAL. (Sullivan Chamber & Zoom)

Wed, Apr 20

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to continue a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance (Ordinance #2021-26). (Sullivan Chamber & Zoom)

Mon, Apr 25

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

Tues, Apr 26

11:00am The Health and Environment Committee will meet to conduct a public hearing on a proposal to amend Section 2.66 of the Municipal Code to add a new section titled “Article III Green Jobs”. (Sullivan Chamber & Zoom)

Mon, May 2

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

Wed, May 4

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to conduct a public hearing on Ordinance #2022-2 charter change municipal code amendments. (Sullivan Chamber & Zoom)

Mon, May 9

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

Tues, May 10

9:00am Finance Committee will meet to conduct hearing on FY2023 budget. (Sullivan Chamber & Zoom)

Wed, May 11

6:00pm Finance Committee will meet to conduct hearing on FY2023 school budget. (Sullivan Chamber & Zoom)

Mon, May 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, May 17

10:00am Finance Committee will meet to conduct hearing on FY2023 budget. (Sullivan Chamber & Zoom)

Thurs, May 19

9:00am Finance Committee will meet to conduct hearing on FY 2023 budget (if needed).

Mon, May 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, June 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, June 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, June 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Mar 28, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Police Department and the Cambridge Department of Public Works collect hundreds of lost and stolen bicycles each year which they sell annually at auction after a set waiting period; and

WHEREAS: Those departments have been unable to donate bicycles collected because there is currently no language on file in Cambridge that would permit such donations; and

WHEREAS: There are local charitable organizations that exist whose missions contain a commitment to connecting donated bicycles to resident who need them, such as [Cambridge Bike Give Back Program](#), [Bikes not Bombs](#), and others; and

WHEREAS: Many other municipalities including Arlington, Belmont, Waltham, and Watertown allow their Police and Public Works departments to donate bicycles to charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts General Law 30B Section 15(g) states:

“Notwithstanding any other requirement of this section, a governmental body may by majority vote, unless otherwise prohibited by law, dispose of a tangible supply no longer useful to the governmental body but having resale or salvage value, at less than the fair market value to a charitable organization which has received a tax exemption from the United States by reason of its charitable nature;” now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to draft language to enable the Cambridge Police Department and Department of Public Works to donate abandoned bicycles to charitable organizations as outlined under MGL 30B Section 15(g); and be it further

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

O-2 Mar 28, 2022

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Graduate student workers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology formally announced a campaign to establish the MIT Graduate Student Union (MIT GSU) affiliated with the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE); and

WHEREAS: MIT is able to function on a day-to-day basis largely because of MIT graduate students who provide essential services such as teaching classes, conducting research, writing papers, filing patents, running

programming, staffing conferences, and applying for grants; and

WHEREAS: MIT GSU is advocating for:

- Fair expectations and access to materials and resources necessary for their work
- Safe, equitable, and dignified workplace free of systemic barriers and harassment
- Affordable housing, dental insurance and comprehensive benefits
- Equal academic and professional opportunities for international students; and

WHEREAS: Over the last 6 months, the majority of MIT graduate students have signed union authorization cards; and

WHEREAS: MIT graduate students have requested voluntary recognition of their union and a commitment to establish and protect fair working conditions for student workers who are holding a unionization vote on April 4-5, 2022; and

WHEREAS: MIT has actively campaigned against these efforts and should remain neutral by allowing graduate students to form a union and advocate on their own behalf; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of the MIT GSU and their right to collectively bargain for their rights; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council urges the MIT administration to remain neutral on the upcoming MIT GSU formation vote; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the MIT GSU, and members of the MIT administration, including President Reif.

O-3 Mar 28, 2022

COUNCILLOR TONER

ORDERED: That City Council remind the residents of Cambridge that regular street cleaning begins again on April 1 and that all residents can sign up for automatic alerts and reminders from the City of Cambridge for the remainder of the year.

O-4 Mar 28, 2022

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts enjoys a long and distinguished history in the fight for workers' rights and protections from exploitation from capitalists and corporate interests for more than 150 years; and

WHEREAS: Today, Massachusetts is now the most labor friendly state in the Union, with workplace protections that include protections from racial and gender discrimination, sexual harassment, and family leave protections that states such as California, Pennsylvania, New York, and others have emulated; and

WHEREAS: For society to work fairly for everyone, large tech companies, like Uber and Lyft, must follow the same rules as every business in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS: Uber and giant tech companies fail to pay into Social Security, do not pay important business taxes, and do not pay their workers fairly or consistently by the same rules that apply to all businesses in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: Attorney General Healey is currently suing Uber and Lyft for failing to follow Massachusetts law; and

WHEREAS: In an attempt to escape these violations, these companies have filed House Bill 1234 in the Massachusetts legislature and a 2022 state ballot question, asking Massachusetts legislators and voters, respectively, to grant them special exemptions from our labor, civil rights, and consumer protection laws; and

WHEREAS: The Big Tech sponsored bill exempts these "gig economy" companies from paying into Social Security and unemployment compensation, which would, if passed, cost Massachusetts taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars, and weaken these programs for everyone; while shielding these companies from liability and financial responsibility if customers or members of the public are injured; and

WHEREAS: The bill or ballot question, if passed and signed into law, would create a permanent underclass of low-wage, mostly Black, Brown, and immigrant workers by allowing these companies to pay their workers less than the federal and state minimum wage and provide few, if any, benefits; and

WHEREAS: At a moment of racial reckoning in our country, the bill would exclude app-based workers from the robust protections against racial discrimination and sexual harassment under the Massachusetts Civil Rights Act, MGL c. 151B; and

WHEREAS: According to many civil rights, sociologists, and experts in employment law, passing this bill would be among the biggest steps backwards in the fight for equity and opportunity at work since the passage of the 1964 Civil Right Act; and

WHEREAS: Last year, in California, the same companies pushing House Bill 1234 spent more than \$200 million in advertisements and commercials to win a ballot initiative campaign in the height of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS: These companies now believe they can buy a law to avoid paying state business taxes, and Social Security, further harming workers and consumers; and

WHEREAS: Big Tech executives seek to present a false choice, suggesting that if low-wage workers are given any control over their schedules, they must sacrifice the rights and benefits our laws provide; yet there is nothing that prevents these companies from offering flexible scheduling while also following our civil rights and labor laws today; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council is being called upon to lend its voice with the many who believe in workplace justice, fairness, and the core principles of workplace protections; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record standing with the working people of our city and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ensuring that protections workers have enjoyed for generations, not be tampered with, or removed by any interests, particularly out of state corporate interests; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record standing with members of the Massachusetts General Court, our congressional delegation, the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, the Coalition Massachusetts is Not for Sale, and citizens of good will from this city and across the Commonwealth in urging the Massachusetts Legislature and the residents of Cambridge to oppose House Bill 1234 and the proposed 2022 state ballot initiative and ensuring that the rights of workers remain solid and strong for generations to come; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the House and the president of the Senate of the Massachusetts General Court as a true expression on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-5 Mar 28, 2022

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is associated with a group of developmental conditions, comprising a wide range of symptoms, skills, and abilities; and

WHEREAS: In March 2021, the Autism Society announced it was formally shifting references of "Autism Awareness Month" to "Autism Acceptance Month," to foster acceptance and ignite change through improved support and opportunities in education, employment, accessible housing, affordable health care, and comprehensive long-term services; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has proudly observed Autism Awareness Month in years past and recognizes and accepts Cambridge' autistic students and residents; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record declaring April 2022, as "Autism Awareness Month" in the City of Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That at the City Manager be and hereby is requested to light up City Hall red for Autism Acceptance.