

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on COVID-19 vaccination rollout.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of Charles J. Marquardt as an Election Commissioner for a four-year term, effective Apr 1, 2021.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a member of the Community Preservation Act Committee for a term of five years, effective Apr 5, 2021: Owen O'Riordan and Mary Flynn.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a new Associate Member of the Board of Zoning Appeal for a term of 5-years, effective Apr 5, 2021: Wendy Leiserson
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$130,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Electrical Extraordinary Expenditures account which will fund the purchase of a new aerial bucket truck.
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$750,000.00 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Department of Human Services Programs Extraordinary Expenditures account, to provide necessary funds to implement repairs to the 3 swimming pools located at the War Memorial Pool Facility.
7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to adopt with comments for further consideration, Article 8.000 Nonconformity Zoning Petition.
8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to adopt both the Retail Uses Zoning Petition and the Home Occupations Zoning Petition, with comments for further consideration.

ON THE TABLE

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-64, requesting Home Rule language to allow for acoustic live entertainment performances in small businesses under certain conditions without a license. [TABLED IN COUNCIL FEB 22, 2021]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-108, regarding a report on offering early voting in City Council and School Committee Elections. [PENDING RESPONSE FROM LEGISLATURE]

3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Zoning Petition which amends Article 8.000 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL MAR 22, 2021; TO BE ADOPTED ON OR AFTER APR 5, 2021]

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Shelagh Hadley, regarding MIT pans at Volpe.
2. A communication was received from Shelagh Hadley, regarding the missing middle.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution for Kirsten Sims' Promotion. Vice Mayor Mallon
2. Resolution on the Birth of Maya Simone Fernandez. Vice Mayor Mallon
3. Wishing Madlyn V Johnson a Happy 80th Birthday. Councillor Simmons
4. Reaffirming Support for Transgender Youth. Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui
5. Recognizing April as National Minority Health Month. Councillor Simmons
6. That the Cambridge City Council go on record supporting HD.3095 and SD.2155: An Act Improving Emergency Housing Assistance for Children and Families Experiencing Homelessness. Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons
7. That the Cambridge City Council go on record supporting HD.1696: An Act Promoting Housing Stability for Families by Strengthening the HomeBASE Program. Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons
8. That the Cambridge City Council go on record supporting HD.3030 and SD.1802: An Act to Prevent COVID-19 Evictions and Foreclosures and Promote an Equitable Housing Recovery. Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons
9. National Library Week. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons
10. Congratulating Kirsten Swartz on her New Position. Vice Mayor Mallon

ORDERS

1. That the Housing Committee be and hereby is requested to schedule a hearing to discuss the Housing Choice Law and its potential implications for housing projects in Cambridge with representatives from the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, and community housing organizations. Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
2. That the City Council amend the Article 22 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge entitled

“SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT” to insert a new section 22.24.4. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Carlone

3. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department on traffic-calming solutions, such as speed bumps to be implemented in this area and report back to the City Council. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
4. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to light up City Hall blue for Autism Acceptance Month from Apr 12-16, 2021. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee met on Nov 24, 2020 to discuss Awaiting Report response on Harvard Square street closures.
2. The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee met on Feb 16, 2021 to discuss snow removal on sidewalks and streets in Cambridge.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, communicating information from the School Committee.
2. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, transmitting questions for the COVID-19 Update.

HEARING SCHEDULE (via TV and Zoom)

Mon, Apr 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 7

2:00pm The Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee will meet to discuss the policy order seeking to make remote participation in City Council meetings permanent. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Human Services and Veterans Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss plans for reopening of after school programs and summer camp opportunities through the City of Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Apr 8

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the Cambridge Missing Middle Housing Zoning Petition (Ordinance #2021-2). (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 14

10:00am The Health and Environment Committee will meet to conduct a public hearing regarding the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the Retail Uses Zoning Recommendations – Refiled (Ordinance #2021-3) and the Home Occupations Zoning Recommendations - Refiled (Ordinance #2021-4). (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Apr 5, 2021

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: In January 2020, Governor Baker signed [bill H.5250](#),

An Act Enabling Partnerships for Growth, into law; and

WHEREAS: This law, part of which is often referred to as the “Housing Choice Law,” issued several key reforms, including a change to statewide zoning laws that enable local officials to approve zoning amendments with a simple majority, rather than a two-thirds majority; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge’s affordable housing crisis demands a sense of urgency, and in order to effectively and efficiently increase the City’s affordable housing stock, we must understand how the Housing Choice Law could impact housing projects in our community; and

WHEREAS: The [Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development](#) has been [charged with issuing guidance](#) on this law to municipalities, and convening a Housing Committee meeting with representatives from this office and local housing organizations will provide clarity on this law, ensure transparency in this discussion, and allow stakeholders to weigh in on this issue; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Housing Committee be and hereby is requested to schedule a hearing to discuss the Housing Choice Law and its potential implications for housing projects in Cambridge with representatives from the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, and community housing organizations; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Committee report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-2 Apr 5, 2021

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The climate crisis continues to worsen and disproportionately impacts the most vulnerable members of our community; and

WHEREAS: To effectively respond to this crisis, we need to completely decarbonize the US economy in the next ten years by enacting a Green New Deal at every level of government; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge's extraordinary financial position and status as a global center of innovation represent a mandate for the city to truly lead the way on the most pressing issue of our time; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is a true leader on constructing all electric net zero ready and net zero emissions municipal buildings, including the King Open/Cambridge Street Upper School Complex, but the vast majority of the city's emissions come from commercial buildings, including especially laboratory buildings, which means total emissions have only continued to increase over time as we've added many millions of new square feet of commercial development; and

WHEREAS: All the technological and economic feasibility now exists to build all-electric net zero emissions buildings in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: While almost all of our building emissions come from the existing building stock, decarbonizing existing buildings is expensive and difficult, so we need to mandate net zero new construction as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS: On Dec 11, 2019, the Ordinance Committee of the Cambridge City Council voted to refer a proposed ordinance banning natural gas combustion in new buildings to the full City Council with a favorable recommendation; and

WHEREAS: Attorney General Maura Healey struck down Brookline's proposed bylaw to ban natural gas hookups in new construction via the building code, making it legally challenging for Cambridge to adopt the proposed ordinance without a home rule petition; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Green New Deal Zoning Petition (attached) would provide a framework for accepting local emissions offsets to strengthen green jobs programs and energy efficiency upgrades to the existing building stock, creating economic opportunity for our most vulnerable residents who are too often left behind; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Green New Deal Zoning Petition would exempt all new housing construction, which is not a significant driver of emissions, while creating opportunities to improve energy efficiency and renewable energy deployment in the existing housing stock; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council is committed to rapid decarbonization in a way that creates economic opportunity and climate justice for our most vulnerable residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council amend the Article 22 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge entitled "SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT" to insert a new section 22.24.4 to read as follows:

22.24.4 Emissions Accounting.

The provisions in this section shall not apply to any residential buildings that include affordable units.

a. Embodied Emissions: As a condition of receiving an occupancy permit, the developer shall provide to CDD an accounting of the emissions generated by the construction of any Green Building Project. The Embodied Emissions shall be documented by a licensed engineer, using Passive House or other acceptable energy and emissions modeling software, and include:

1. Emissions for manufacturing all building materials used, including associated raw materials extraction, production and transportation.
 2. Estimates for transportation emissions caused by delivering the materials to the construction site.
 3. Emissions generated on the site by heavy equipment such as cranes.
- b. The Embodied Emissions shall not include:
1. Emissions associated with installing renewable energy facilities on site, including but not limited to solar PV and solar hot water, air source and ground source heat pumps, and any other systems that substantially reduce the future emissions of the building.
 2. Emissions generated from human labor (e.g. individual transport, small power tools, food consumption, etc.).
 3. Emissions for transporting landscaping materials and plants to the site.
 4. Emissions associated with installing electric vehicle charging infrastructure (EVSE).
- c. Expected Annual Emissions. The developer shall present an accounting of the expected emissions to be generated by routine operation of the building over the course of one calendar year. Emissions will be calculated as metric tons of CO2 equivalent using a formula approved by CDD, taking into account the local emissions profile for the grid at the time the building is first occupied to convert grid electrical consumption (kWh) into emissions. The Expected Annual Emissions shall include:
1. Emissions from any permanently installed onsite combustion such as a natural gas boiler to heat the building.
 2. Emissions from grid electricity delivered to the building for operating any permanently installed equipment and lights in the building, including but not limited to HVAC systems, elevators, and light fixtures.
- d. The Expected Annual Emissions calculation shall not include:
1. Renewable energy systems such as solar PV systems installed prior to occupancy that net meter to the building itself.
 2. Tenant plug loads and tenant installed onsite fossil fuel combustion (e.g. a natural gas appliance).
 3. Backup generators.
 4. Transportation emissions associated with the building operation.
 5. Emissions associated with electric vehicle charging at the building.
- e. Lifetime Expected Emissions. The Lifetime Expected Emissions from the building will be calculated based on a formula approved by CDD, and will include the following:
1. The expected decline of grid emissions, reaching zero no later than 2050.
 2. Expected emissions reductions under the BEUDO regime.
 3. Any long term contracts to directly purchase 100% renewable energy sourced from the FERC New England region (such as solar or wind generated energy, or biogas) entered into between the building operator and certified (by CDD) providers of 100% renewable energy shall be subtracted from the total. For example, if the developer has signed a contract for 10 years for the total expected grid electrical consumption to come from renewable sources, the first 10 years of grid electrical consumption shall be considered emissions free and would not contribute to the lifetime expected total emissions.

4. The formula will assume that no grid emissions will be generated by the building past 2050, and that any onsite fossil fuel equipment will also have been replaced by 2050, so that the building emissions will be modeled as a declining schedule reaching zero no later than 2050.

f. Total Emissions. The Total Emissions expected to be generated by the building will be the sum of the Embodied Emissions and the Lifetime Expected Emissions.

g. The developer will present a payment schedule for how to zero out the Total Emissions of the building, using a social cost of carbon formula approved by CDD. The payment schedule may be annualized over a period not to exceed 10 years. The outstanding balance shall act as a lien on the property in case it is sold. Any offset must demonstrate direct benefits to low-income and minority communities in Cambridge, including economic opportunity through job creation and or financial savings through e.g. utility bill reductions. Acceptable offsets must be approved by CDD, and will include:

1. No less than 25% of the mitigation funds shall be spent on green jobs development programs, including education and training, to help build capacity for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in Cambridge. Any such program must be free of cost to participants, and successful completion of the program must lead to a certification in a specific skill such as, for example: Solar Installer, Weatherization Installer and Technician, Building Energy Analyst, Urban Forestry or Urban Agriculture. Specific criteria and certifications will be set by CDD via regulation.
2. Payment for energy efficiency upgrades to existing buildings located in the City of Cambridge.
3. Payment into the City of Cambridge Renewable Energy and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Revolving Fund for reducing emission in public projects, including affordable housing developments.
4. Payment for the installation of new solar PV systems to be located in the City of Cambridge.
5. Payment for the creation of community solar PV installations that benefit Cambridge residents by making discounted solar generated electricity available to them. Such systems need not be located in Cambridge but must be located in the Northeast Massachusetts and Boston (NEMA) load zone.
6. Payment for direct supply contracts of 100% renewable electricity from sources within the FERC ISO New England assigned to another building(s) in the City of Cambridge, including via participation in Cambridge's Community Choice Electricity (CCE) program.

O-3 Apr 5, 2021

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the area near the intersection of Fairfield and Pemberton Streets needs some form of traffic-calming; and

WHEREAS: This area has local preschools nearby, where dozens of local children play and walk these streets to Bergin Park and to and from Peabody Elementary School; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department on traffic-calming solutions, such as speed bumps to be implemented in this area and report back to the City Council.

O-4 Apr 5, 2021

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is associated with a group of developmental disorders, comprising a wide range of symptoms, skills, and levels of disability that can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS: With more than 3.5 million Americans living with ASD, it is estimated to be the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network (ADDM), affecting 1 in 54 children in the United States; 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 to 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 April 2nd as Autism Acceptance Day in years past and recognizes and accepts Cambridge students and residents with Autism; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record declaring April 2021, as "Autism Acceptance Month" in the City of Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to light up City Hall blue for Autism Acceptance Month from April 12-16, 2021.