

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 2024 #6, regarding micromobility rules and regulations. (CM24#67) [[text of report](#)]
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 2024 #12, regarding tenant protections resources. (CM24#68) [[text of report](#)]
3. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$51,469 from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$51,469). (CM24#69)
4. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$17,661 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$17,661). (CM24#70)
5. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$20,000,000 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 projections. (CM24#71)
6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a summary of a Planning Board Meeting on the 2023 Town-Gown Reports and Presentations. (CM24#72) [[text of report](#)]

## ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department and the Law Department to draft proposed near-term amendments to the PTDM Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance. Councillor Toner, Councillor Pickett, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Siddiqui (PO24#49)
2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, the Department of Public Works, the Community Development Department, and the Law Department to draft proposed amendments to the Cycling Safety Ordinance to extend the deadline associated with the completion of those sections of the ordinance that are required to be completed by May 1, 2026. Councillor Toner, Councillor Pickett, Councillor Wilson (PO24#50)
3. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department to hold a community meeting with residents of Appleton and surrounding streets in the Huron and Brattle Street neighborhoods to review their findings and discuss options for addressing the traffic concerns on Appleton Street. Councillor Toner, Councillor Pickett, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Siddiqui (PO24#51)
4. City Council support of H.2963, An Act relative to payments in lieu of taxation by organizations exempt from the property tax, to ensure municipalities are fairly compensated and their long-term budgetary needs are

preserved. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Wilson (PO24#52)

5. Designating Week of April 14 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Toner (PO24#53)

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 2023 #8B Amend Chapter 14.04 – Fair Housing [Passed to 2nd Reading Oct 2, 2023; Amended Nov 6, 2023; to remain on Unfinished Business pending legislative approval of Special Act needed prior to ordination] (ORD23-8B)
2. An Ordinance has been received relative to amending Section 3.34.070 Authorized Revolving Funds. [Passed to 2nd Reading Mar 25, 2024; Eligible To Be Ordained Apr 8, 2024] (ORD24#1)

## APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A Citizens Zoning Petition has been received from Joseph S. Ronayne, regarding amending the current Articles 4, 5 and 8. (AP24#14) [[text of petition](#)]

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication from Ajay Sonalkar, regarding Cycling Safety Ordinance- BUILD LANES ASAP.
2. A communication from David Wintermeyer, regarding Bike and pedestrian infrastructure.
3. A communication from Ed Ford, regarding Bike Lines.
4. A communication from Graeme Peel, regarding Bike infrastructure delay.
5. A communication from Henry Lieberman, regarding Bike Safety Ordinance.
6. A communication from Ian Orbinson, regarding Please don't delay the installation of lifesaving bike and pedestrian infrastructure!
7. A communication from Jennifer Frutchy, regarding Bike lanes thank you.
8. A communication from Jesse Winch, regarding Please keep the separated bike lanes on schedule.
9. A communication from Joshua Hartshorne, regarding Don't delay bike lane installation - Accelerate the process!
10. A communication from Nate Sharpe, regarding Please continue implementing the Cycling Safety Ordinance as planned.
11. A communication from Rob Vandenabeele, regarding Please Support PO#4.
12. A communication from Ryan Houlette, regarding no delays to the Cycling Safety Ordinance.
13. A communication from Ty Wilson, regarding Please stop the delay of bike lane projects.
14. A communication from Young Kim, regarding Traffic Congestion at Mass Ave & Alewife Brook Pkwy Intersection.
15. A communication from Darren Buck, regarding No more Cycling Safety Ordinance delays.

16. A communication from Aaron Greiner, regarding Please don't delay safe bike infrastructure.
17. A communication from Clyve Lawrence, regarding Do not delay on safe, sustainable mobility in Cambridge.
18. A communication from David Read, regarding Bike safety improvements.
19. A communication from Guillaume Bouchard, regarding Enough with the bike lane delays! Build life-saving infrastructure now.
20. A communication from Jessie Lan, regarding Support Bike Infrastructure.
21. A communication from John Leo, regarding Support of bike lanes on Cambridge Street.
22. A communication from Len von Morze, regarding Cycling Safety Ordinance (1).
23. A communication from Luis Mejias, regarding Cycling Safety Ordinance.
24. A communication from Martin Breu, regarding No more delays!
25. A communication from Mike Rowland, regarding Don't delay a safer Cambridge Street.
26. A communication from Walter Willett, regarding Cycling Safety Ordinance.
27. A communication from Meredith Moore, regarding No Delay in Cycling Safety Ordinance.
28. A communication from Randy Stern, regarding Do not delay the Cycling Safety Ordinance.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Amanda Gazin on her retirement from the Cambridge Public Library. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
2. Congratulations to Maria Medina on her retirement from the Department of Human Services. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
3. Resolution on the death of June Barbara Lewis. Councillor Toner
4. Congratulations to Lieutenant Paul Coutinho on his retirement from the Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
5. Congratulations to Khari J. Milner for being honored by Tutoring Plus at their 60th anniversary fundraiser as the organization's 2024 Children's Champion. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
6. Congratulations to Lenita Reason on being receiving the 2024 Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers' Jorge Fidalgo Community Service Award. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
7. Congratulations to Tony DaRocha on receiving the 2024 Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers' Manuel N. Coutinho Outstanding Volunteer Award. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler

8. Congratulations to Robert Rivers on receiving the 2024 Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers' Person of the Year Award. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler

## COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF24#41)

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### Mon, Apr 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting

### Wed, Apr 10

3:00pm The **Transportation and Public Utilities**

**Committee** will hold a public hearing to discuss how the city factors potential street congestion into street re-design, monitors and adjusts for street congestion (especially in newly reconfigured areas such as North Mass Ave., Garden Street, and Inman Square/Cambridge Street) and understand its impacts on residents, businesses, and public safety. In addition, the Committee will review and learn how the city is planning for potential impacts on Cambridge streets of DCR's plan to reduce Memorial Drive from four lanes to two lanes between the JFK Street and the Eliot Bridge.

### Fri, Apr 12

10:30am The **Government Operations, Rules & Claims**

**Committee** will conduct a public meeting to discuss the 2024 City Manager's Annual Goals and Review Process.

### Wed, Apr 24

11:00am The **Health and Environment Committee** will hold a public hearing to review and discuss the Net Zero Action Plan annual report, including review of yearly action items, progress made, and next steps to reach annual goals.

3:00pm The **Transportation and Public Utilities**

**Committee** will hold a public hearing on the Digital Navigator Pilot Program (DNP), a collaborative effort between the City of Cambridge Information Technology Department, Cambridge Public Library, Cambridge Public Schools Department, Just A Start, and Cambridge Community Television (CCTV) to discuss how this initiative is designed to support residents' digital needs.

### Mon, Apr 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting

### Tues, Apr 30

3:00pm The **Housing Committee** will hold a public hearing from 3:00pm-5:00pm to discuss the feasibility of municipally-funded housing vouchers as referenced in PO24#24.

### Wed, May 1

3:00pm The **Human Service and Veterans Committee** will hold a public hearing from 3:00pm-5:00pm to discuss the progress being made to bring universal afterschool to Cambridge.

### Thurs, May 2

1:30pm The **Economic Development and University Relations Committee** will hold a public hearing with Harvard, MIT, and Lesley Universities to receive their

“Town Gown” reports and to discuss current and potential programs and partnerships with the City.

**Mon, May 6**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Tues, May 7**

9:00am The **Finance Committee** will conduct a public hearing on the city and school budgets covering the fiscal period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

**Wed, May 8**

12:30pm The **Housing Committee** will hold a public hearing on allowing multifamily housing in all neighborhoods of the City. (PO24#37)

6:00pm The **Finance Committee** will conduct a public hearing on the city and school budgets covering the fiscal period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

**Mon, May 13**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Tues, May 14**

9:00am The **Finance Committee** will conduct a public hearing on the city and school budgets covering the fiscal period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

**Thurs, May 16**

9:00am The **Finance Committee** will conduct a public hearing on the city and school budgets covering the fiscal period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 (if necessary).

**Mon, May 20**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Wed, May 29**

3:00pm The **Public Safety Committee** will hold a public hearing from 3:00pm-5:00pm to receive a report and get updates from PRAB on general issues and the implementation of the Procedural Justice Data Board.

**Mon, June 3**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, June 10**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, June 17**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, June 24**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Apr 8, 2024

COUNCILLOR TONER

COUNCILLOR PICKETT

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Residents and business owners in commercial areas impacted by current and proposed installation of separated bicycle and bus lanes have advocated for the city to provide parking mitigation; and

WHEREAS: City staff, our recent Economic Impact Study, and CDD 2022 Parking Study all recommended the development of zoning amendments to allow the use of existing underutilized accessory parking spaces along and

near commercial corridors as an option to mitigate the loss of metered on-street spaces; and

WHEREAS: Members of the City Council have requested that the city reexamine and provide changes to our current zoning to allow greater access to alternative parking options; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department and the Law Department to draft proposed near-term amendments to the Parking and Transportation Demand Management Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance to allow flexibility for property owners to share off-site parking with nearby properties, if necessary, to mitigate the loss of parking resulting from the installation of separated bicycle facilities due to implementation of the Cycling Safety Ordinance; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back in a timely manner with a timeline for when these proposed amendments will be available for review and discussion.

O-2 Apr 8, 2024

COUNCILLOR TONER

COUNCILLOR PICKETT

COUNCILLOR WILSON

WHEREAS: Residents and business owners along the Cambridge Street, Main Street and Broadway commercial corridors have expressed significant concerns regarding the potential negative impacts to their businesses due to the loss of significant parking as the result of the proposed installation of separated bicycle lanes and have advocated that the city provide parking mitigation alternatives prior to installation of the new bike lanes; and

WHEREAS: After several meetings with the Deputy City Manager, Assistant City Manager for Community Development, Commissioner of Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Commissioner of Public Works and other essential staff to discuss these concerns and seeking their assistance in drafting this policy order to provide more time to provide parking and other mitigation against any negative impacts of the installation of separated bike lanes in the impacted areas; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, the Department of Public Works, the Community Development Department, and the Law Department to draft proposed amendments to the Cycling Safety Ordinance to extend the deadline associated with the completion of those sections of the ordinance that are required to be completed by May 1, 2026 to a new deadline of November 1, 2027 for the City Council’s consideration, with any such amendments requiring City Council approval and passage by December 31, 2024; and be it further

ORDERED: That if the City Council passes such amendments of the Cycling Safety Ordinance by December 31, 2024, that the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the

Traffic Parking and Transportation Department not to begin installing Quick-Build Separated Bicycle Lanes on  
(a) Main Street between Sydney Street extension and Osborne Street  
(b) Cambridge Street between Oak Street and Second Street; and  
(c) Broadway between Hampshire Street and Quincy Street  
Until after July 1, 2025, or until after passage of amendments to the Parking and Transportation Demand Management Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance allowing for the sharing of off-site parking with nearby properties, if necessary, to mitigate the loss of parking resulting from the installation of separated bicycle facilities due to implementation of the Cycling Safety Ordinance, whichever is sooner. Community engagement, planning, and design of these corridors may proceed in advance of these dates.

O-3 Apr 8, 2024

COUNCILLOR TONER  
COUNCILLOR PICKETT  
COUNCILLOR NOLAN  
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Over the past several months, residents of Appleton Street have communicated to the City Council and the Commissioner of Traffic, Parking, and Transportation their concerns about an increase in speeding, cut through traffic, especially during the afternoon and evening commute; and

WHEREAS: The Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department has been gathering data regarding traffic in the area and is finalizing their analysis; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department to hold a community meeting with residents of Appleton and surrounding streets in the Huron and Brattle Street neighborhoods to review their findings and discuss options for addressing the neighbors' concerns, including the possibility of restricting traffic entering from the Brattle onto Appleton Street from the hours of 3-7pm; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back in a timely manner with a report on final recommendations for addressing the neighborhood concerns.

O-4 Apr 8, 2024

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER  
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI  
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN  
COUNCILLOR WILSON

WHEREAS: Currently under state law, all non-profit organizations in Massachusetts are exempt from paying property taxes to local municipalities—including institutions with significant land-holdings and multi-billion-dollar endowments; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts State Bill H.2963, *An Act relative to payments in lieu of taxation by organizations exempt from the property tax*, was filed last year requiring tax-exempt

organizations that own more than \$15 million in assessed land value to pay municipalities 25% of what their assessed tax levy would be; and

WHEREAS: This would add significant funds to municipalities' budgets to provide and expand necessary services, while continuing to exempt the vast majority of nonprofits in Cambridge and statewide, which do not have significant land holdings; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in support of H.2963, *An Act relative to payments in lieu of taxation by organizations exempt from the property tax*, to ensure municipalities are fairly compensated and their long-term budgetary needs are preserved; and be it further

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

O-5 Apr 8, 2024

MAYOR SIMMONS  
COUNCILLOR TONER

WHEREAS: In 1991, the United States Congress proclaimed the second week in April to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, recognizing the invaluable role of 911 professionals in emergency response; and

WHEREAS: The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) has been instrumental in promoting National Telecommunicators Week nationwide, honoring the commitment and diligence of these professionals; and

WHEREAS: Emergency Telecommunications Dispatchers (ETD) in Cambridge operate the City's Emergency Communications Center tirelessly, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, providing an essential service in times of need; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge's ETDs have consistently demonstrated exceptional dedication and professionalism, answering an average of 152 emergency calls and approximately 350 non-emergency calls per day in 2023, amounting to approximately 181,000 calls annually; and

WHEREAS: The forecasted increase in dispatched calls for service and processed calls in 2024 highlights the growing importance and demand for these skilled telecommunicators, and the City recognizes that the unwavering commitment of its public safety telecommunicators warrants our profound gratitude and appreciation, not just during a designated week but throughout the year; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record acknowledging April 14 - April 20, 2024, as *National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week* in Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Emergency Communications Center on behalf of the entire City Council.