

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 22-6, which requested a report on expediting the demolition and rebuilding permit process in the event of a natural disaster.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on MassAve4 and request for approval for the approach and timeline for implementing separated bike lanes on these critical segments of Massachusetts Avenue. [[Cover Letter](#)] [[Report](#)] [[Order](#)]

Agenda Item Number 2 Apr 11, 2022

ORDERED: That the City Council approve of the approach and timeline for implementing separated bike lanes on the segments of Massachusetts Avenue identified as the MassAve4, as set forth in the City Manager's recommendation submitted to the Council on this date, pursuant to the Cycling Safety Ordinance, Chapter 12.22 of the Municipal Code.

3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 22-10, regarding a report on conducting a study to collect relevant economic data relating to business impacts from bike lane installations.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-70, regarding the feasibility of purchasing property from Lesley University to address City goals.
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the Planning Board to adopt with additional considerations, the Alewife Overlay Development Zoning Petition.
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to MBTA Communities Draft Guidelines presentation. [[CDD Memo](#)] [[MBTA Communities Draft Guidelines](#)] [[MBTA Presentation](#)]

ON THE TABLE

1. 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]
2. 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]
3. 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]
4. 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]

5. 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]
6. 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]
7. 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]
8. 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]
9. 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). [Charter Right – Zondervan, Mar 28, 2022; Tabled Apr 4, 2022 - Zondervan] [[Committee Report](#)]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. 6.04.020 Dogs License required Fee [Municipal Code Amendment 4-4-22](#). (Ordinance #2022-12) [Passed to 2nd Reading, Apr4, 2022; To Be Ordained on or after Apr 25, 2022]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Christopher Ramm representing pressed, requesting permission for a projecting sign with internal illumination at the premises numbered 1380 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter proof of mailing.
2. An application was received from Ronald Santosuosso, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 650 East Kendall 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Michael Massagli, regarding Porter Square - please hit the pause button on roadway alterations.

2. A communication was received from Lee Jenkins, regarding This is crazy Crosswalk on Mass Ave.
3. A communication was received from Lee Farris, regarding Residents Alliance supports Emissions Accounting Zoning Petition.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Mary Jane (Cullen) Mahoney. Councillor Toner, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Azeem
2. Congratulations to Jane Smiley Hirschi on being a recipient of the Elizabeth Abernathy Hull award from the Garden Club of America. Councillor Nolan, Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Toner
3. That the City Council go on record declaring Cambridge a Start by Believing community and supporting Cambridge's Start by Believing pledge. Mayor Siddiqui

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Department of Public Works and the Animal Commission to look into placing free pet waste bags at other sites around the City. Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with City departments, including the Community Development Department and the Department of Traffic, Parking, and Transportation to consider the feasibility of implementing a similar program and any other ways to enforce the anti-idling law. Councillor Nolan, Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui
3. That the City Manager is requested to work with Boston Calling, Harvard, and any other relevant parties to ensure that noise does not exceed the permitted level at the concert. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Toner, Councillor Simmons
4. That the City Council hold a virtual Roundtable meeting on Tues, May 24, 2022 at 6:00pm to receive a training on Robert's Rules from parliamentarian Ann G. MacFarlane. Mayor Siddiqui
5. That the City Manager is requested to consult with relevant staff to consider a guaranteed income program that expands on Cambridge RISE and targets families in poverty in Cambridge. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Simmons
6. That the City Manager is requested to light up City Hall blue, pink, and yellow on Apr 19, 2022, for Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness. Mayor Siddiqui
7. That the City Manager is requested to report back on the feasibility of providing all CRLS students free Charlie Cards throughout the school year. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Azeem
8. That the City Manager is requested to work with the appropriate City departments to provide the City Council with an analysis of the impact of current curb cut policies. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Toner
9. The City Council go on record celebrating the work of 911 professionals who work tirelessly every single day, and

recognizing the week of Apr 10 - Apr 16 as National Telecommunicators Week. Mayor Siddiqui

10. City Council support of the proposed Fair Share Amendment and in urging the voters of Cambridge to support it at the ballot box in 2022. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Azeem

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 communication from the School Committee.

HEARING SCHEDULE

[Sullivan Chamber & Zoom unless otherwise noted]

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).

Thurs, Apr 7

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to continue a public hear on a petition to amend Article 20.90 - Alewife Overlay Districts 1-6 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance by inserting a new section entitled Section 20.94.3 - Temporarily prohibited uses. (ORDINANCE #2022-1)

Mon, Apr 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Apr 12

10:00am The Government Operations, Rules and Claims committee will meet to discuss new guidelines for Boards and Commissions appointments.

Wed, Apr 13

11:00am The Ordinance Committee will meet to conduct a public hearing on Ordinance #2022-2 charter change municipal code amendments.

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.

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.

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).

Mon, Apr 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting

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”.

Mon, May 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Wed, May 4

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to conduct a public hearing on the Cambridge Transportation DeCarbonization and Congestion-Mitigation petition (Ordinance #2022-10).

Mon, May 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, May 10

9:00am The Finance Committee will meet to conduct hearing on FY2023 budget.

Wed, May 11

6:00pm The Finance Committee will meet to conduct hearing on FY2023 school budget.

Mon, May 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, May 17

10:00am The Finance Committee will meet to conduct hearing on FY2023 budget.

Thurs, May 19

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

Mon, May 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, June 6

4:00pm City of Cambridge Scholarship Awards Ceremony

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, June 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, June 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Aug 1

5:30pm Special (Midsummer) City Council Meeting

Mon, Sept 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Apr 11, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Picking up after your pet can have a profound [effect](#) on the environment; and

WHEREAS: Pet waste that is not picked up can runoff into drinking water supply, carrying harmful diseases with it, among other negative impacts; and

WHEREAS: In Cambridge, it is illegal to leave pet waste on both public and private property for these reasons; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge provides free pet waste bags at City parks and dog parks to encourage owners to properly dispose of their pet waste, but these bags are not at any other known locations around the City; and

WHEREAS: Increasing the number of sites that carry free pet waste bags would help owners conveniently and properly pick up after their pets, no matter where they are in the City; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Department of Public Works and the Animal Commission to look into placing free pet waste bags at other sites around the City; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Communications Department to use the municipal signs at City Hall and other locations for an educational campaign on how to properly dispose of pet waste and why; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on this matter to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-2 Apr 11, 2022

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

VICE MAYOR MALLON

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Idling of vehicles is known to be harmful to public health and contributes to the climate crisis; and

WHEREAS: The [Massachusetts Anti-Idling Law](#) is in place to reduce air pollution by limiting unnecessary idling of vehicles to five minutes; and

WHEREAS: There are three exemptions to this law: when an engine is being repaired and operating the engine is necessary for the repair; when a vehicle is making deliveries and associated power is necessary; and when the engine is used to provide power to another device; and

WHEREAS: Around Cambridge, on any given day there are many idling vehicles, and residents have written to the City Council asking that the Anti-Idling Law be better enforced; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has [discussed](#) the issue of enforcement in the past, yet it is a problem and residents and others have noted that idling happens regularly, with a negative impact on air quality; and

WHEREAS: New York City has recently developed a citizen-outsourcing [program](#), which invites citizens to report trucks that are idling for more than three minutes, and pays the citizen 25% of the fine collected for a video of the idling vehicle; and

WHEREAS: This program has been successful; complaints against trucks increased from only a few to over 12,000 last year, incentivizing drivers to turn their car off instead of idling; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relative City departments, including the Community Development Department and the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to consider the feasibility of implementing a similar program and any other ways to enforce the anti-idling law; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council by no later than June 1, 2022, whereupon the matter will be referred to the appropriate committee(s).

O-3 Apr 11, 2022

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR TONER

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Boston Calling is an annual music festival that takes place over the course of three days on the Harvard Athletic Complex; and

WHEREAS: Thousands of people are in attendance for the 50 performances, food vendors, ferris wheel, and other attractions; and

WHEREAS: In previous years, residents surrounding the Harvard Athletic Complex, and as far away as Fresh Pond, have noted that the noise level from the concert seemed excessively loud; and

WHEREAS: The noise level of the concert should also not be loud enough to have an adverse health effect on concert attendees; and

WHEREAS: The venue confirmed that certain performers had deliberately overrode agreed upon sound settings during the festival in 2019; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with Boston Calling, Harvard, and any other relevant parties to ensure that noise does not exceed the permitted level at the concert; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to communicate to the community what steps will be taken to ensure a concert that is enjoyable without creating a noise issue for residents.

O-4 Apr 11, 2022

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: On Jan 10, 2022, the City Council adopted an order “[t]hat the Mayor be and hereby is requested to schedule a training session within the month of January for the purpose of reviewing Robert’s Rules of Order with the entire City Council”; now therefore be it

ORDERED: The City Council hold a virtual Roundtable meeting on Tues, May 24, 2022 at 6:00pm to receive a training on Robert’s Rules from parliamentarian Ann G. MacFarlane.

O-5 Apr 11, 2022

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The COVID-19 pandemic had an outsized impact on families in poverty, both in Cambridge and across the country; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge RISE (Recurring Income for Success and Empowerment), one of the first guaranteed income pilots in the country, has already shown success in addressing the immediate financial and health needs of participants, while also providing opportunities for economic stability, the first step towards long-term economic empowerment and growth; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge RISE pilot included 130 single-caretaker households, but there is a widespread need in Cambridge for all families in poverty to receive assistance; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has a high cost of living, and [research indicates](#) that our lowest income households, households of color, and immigrant families are concentrated in the bottom two income quintiles, with households below 200% of the federal poverty level, which is not enough to cover rent and basic expenses; and

WHEREAS: These are the families most affected by COVID – having borne the brunt of service job losses; high food and utility costs as kids were home due to school closures; the inability to work from home due to childcare reasons, as well as the lack of technology skills and access; and

WHEREAS: On June 28, 2021, the City Council approved an initial [appropriation](#) of \$65,019,211, received from the U.S. Department of Treasury through the new Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act, to the Grant Fund Finance Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account; and

WHEREAS: These funds can be used to address the economic impacts of the public health emergency, including efforts to mitigate economic harm to workers, households, small businesses, affected industries, and the public sector; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has a unique opportunity to further address family poverty in Cambridge by providing direct cash assistance building on the work done with Cambridge RISE; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has advocated for these funds to be spent to advance racial and economic justice in Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with relevant staff to consider a guaranteed income program that expands on Cambridge RISE and targets families in poverty in Cambridge; 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.

O-6 Apr 11, 2022

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge shares a strong concern for children and families fighting Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH); and

WHEREAS: CDH is a birth defect that affects 52,000 babies each year, occurring when a baby’s diaphragm fails to fully form, allowing abdominal organs into the chest cavity and preventing lung growth where 50% of babies born with CDH do not survive; and

WHEREAS: Many locations around the world light up on April 19th for Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness to raise awareness and honor those children and families that fight so hard in testing circumstances; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to light up City Hall blue, pink, and yellow on April 19, 2022, for Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness.

O-7 Apr 11, 2022

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: Most of the high school and upper school students are responsible for getting themselves to and from school every day; and

WHEREAS: There are approximately 742 students or 40% of the total student body at CRLS currently using the M7 transit cards provided by the City which are designated for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch benefits; and

WHEREAS: Students are continually penalized for being tardy their first period regardless of transportation circumstances; and

WHEREAS: Many high school students hold summer jobs through the Mayor’s Summer Youth Employment Program (MSYEP) or other job opportunities; and

WHEREAS: All students deserve a safe and reliable means of transportation to and from school; and

WHEREAS: The School Committee adopted [this motion](#) with guidance from the Cambridge Youth Council at its Apr 5, 2022 Regular Meeting; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on the feasibility of providing all CRLS students free Charlie Cards throughout the school year.

O-8 Apr 11, 2022

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR TONER

WHEREAS: A [June 2021 Policy Order](#) called for a study of the city’s parking policies, including specifically for an examination of “curb cut policies and their impact on encouraging car use and reducing green space”; and

WHEREAS: A [February 2022 Policy Order](#) proposed ending the practice of requiring City Council approval of all curb cuts; and

WHEREAS: As the City Council considers amending the curb cut approval process, it would be helpful to have a sense of the degree

to which curb cuts have contributed to a loss of available residential parking over time; and
WHEREAS: It would also be helpful to understand the administration's current procedures for notifying and conducting outreach to abutters and neighbors and the criteria for evaluating curb cut applications before they are transmitted to the City Council for approval; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate City departments to provide the City Council with an analysis of the impact of current curb cut policies, including (but not limited to) an explanation of the administration's current procedures for notifying and conducting outreach to abutters and neighbors, the criteria for evaluating curb cut applications, and an approximation of the number of residential parking spaces that have been lost to new curb cuts each year over at least the last decade; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with this information as soon as possible.

O-9 Apr 11, 2022

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: In 1991 the United States Congress declared the second week of April to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, celebrating 911 professionals who serve as public safety telecommunicators; and
WHEREAS: National Telecommunicators Week honors those who are the first point of contact in an emergency, who work 24/7 and 365 days of the year in a range of emergencies; and
WHEREAS: Every year, we celebrate and uplift the work of the Cambridge Emergency Communications Department, but over the last two years their work has been more important than ever as they responded to a public health crisis; and
WHEREAS: The Cambridge Emergency Telecommunications Dispatchers (ETD) during the COVID-19 response screened patients with over 4,600 calls for COVID symptoms, responded to social distance violations and provided residents with information to safeguard them from exposure to the virus in addition to their day-to-day duties and responsibilities associated with supporting Police, Fire and EMS operations; and
WHEREAS: In FY21 the ETD staff responded to 100,000 calls for service and answered 137,000 emergency and non-emergency calls with further increased projections for FY22; now therefore be it
RESOLVED: The City Council go on record celebrating the work of 911 professionals who work tirelessly every single day, and recognizing the week of April 10 - April 16 as National Telecommunicators Week.

O-10 Apr 11, 2022

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the Fair Share Amendment will be on the November 2022 statewide ballot; and
WHEREAS: The Fair Share Amendment would amend the Massachusetts Constitution to create an additional tax of four percentage points on annual income above one million dollars and dedicate the funds raised by this tax to quality public education, affordable public colleges and universities, and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, and public transportation; and
WHEREAS: Major investments in public transportation are needed to improve the safety, reliability, affordability, accessibility, and

expansiveness of the network, and to shift many more people from driving to public transit, thereby reducing greenhouse gas and other harmful emissions; and
WHEREAS: Major investments in public education are needed to help students recover academically, socially, and emotionally from the COVID-19 pandemic; and
WHEREAS: Massachusetts needed new investments in our transportation and public education systems even before the COVID-19 pandemic, and now those investments are needed more than ever to lift our economy into an equitable and long-lasting recovery; and
WHEREAS: The Fair Share Amendment would only impact the state's highest income earning residents, who have seen their collective net worth skyrocket in recent years; now therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in support of the proposed Fair Share Amendment and in urging the voters of Cambridge to support it at the ballot box in 2022.