

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a Federal update. (CM25#80)
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the City of Cambridge FY2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. (CM25#81) [[text of report](#)]
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-67 regarding Cambridge Bicycle Plan Update and Consideration of Network Connections. (CM25#82) [[text of report](#)]
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 25-6 regarding safety improvements at the intersection of Cambridge Street, Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, and Warren Street. (CM25#83) [[text of report](#)]
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 25-23 regarding a Citywide Shuttle Bus Pilot program. (CM25#84) [[text of report](#)]
6. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$15,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account. Funds are to be used to support the Cambridge Food Pantry Network. (CM25#85)
7. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$57,626.50 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account. These funds will be used to reimburse the City for salary and program costs associated with enrolling income-eligible youth in the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program. (CM25#86)
8. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$17,621 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account. Funds will be used for program supplies, the Summer Food Program Kick Off Event held in June, and outreach and community engagement to encourage program participation throughout the summer. (CM25#87)
9. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$77,100 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$70,560) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$6,540). Funds will be used for the Cambridge Youth Programs Boys II Men Internship (created in 2012) and the Blooming into Womanhood Internship Program. (CM25#88)
10. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$504,198 funded

by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and administered by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account. (CM25#89)

11. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$57,900 to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account. This grant continues the work started last year under a similar grant to develop resources for municipalities focused on inspection and maintenance of stormwater treatment systems. (CM25#90)

## ORDERS

1. City Council opposition to Federal efforts to defund or censor museums. Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern (PO25#53)
2. That the City Council go on record declaring Earth Day, April 22 in the year 2025 "Sustainable Cambridge Day" and that the City Manager is requested to communicate to all City departments the City's commitment to our climate goals and the need to support the efforts of the Sustainable Cambridge initiative. Councillor Nolan, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Azeem (PO25#54)

## CHARTER RIGHT

1. Continued funding of the Transitional Wellness Center. [Charter Right – Toner, Apr 7, 2025] (PO25#50)

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. Adam Luban, re: Charter Right Item 1.
2. Adam Luban, re: Comment on City Manager Agenda #5 NO CHANGE.
3. Adam Mitchell, re: Garden Street Bike Lanes.
4. Ajay Sonalkar, re: Safe Biking Street on Garden Street.
5. Alain Duchemin, re: Vacant Harvard Square Property.
6. Alex Rubin, re: support for PO25#49.
7. Alexandra Irving, re: Please Include with Communications.
8. Alice Sullo, re: Harvard Square Movie Theater.
9. Alisha Jansky, re: pass PO25#49.
10. Allen L. Pierce, re: policy order re: Harvard Square Theatre.
11. Amanda Tweed, re: support for current configuration of Garden Street.
12. Andreea Ilisei, re: Charter Right Item #1 - YES to Option #1 - NO Change on Garden Street.
13. Andrew Kim, re: Comment on PO#2.
14. Andrew Rogers, re: Support for PO#2.
15. Andrew Strassman, re: support option #1.
16. Andy Nash, re: PO#2.
17. Andy Zucker, re: PO25#49.
18. Angela M. Sullivan, re: PO25#49.
19. Angelica Piz, re: Option #1.
20. Anil Singh, re: Get the theatre wall ready for 100th celebration?

21. Ann Fleck-Henderson, re: PO25#49 on vacant buildings in Harvard Square, particularly the old Harvard Square Theater.
22. Ann Szerlip, re: PO25#49.
23. Anna Bensted, re: Garden Street.
24. Annette LaMond & Joe Moore, re: Please return TWO-WAY traffic to Garden Street.
25. Arabella, re: Support for Option #1 for Garden Street.
26. Arlene Chung, re: Garden Street comment.
27. Ashley G. Pittman, re: PO#1, 12/9/24, please do NOT revert to two-way traffic on Garden St. - leave as presently configured.
28. Barbara Elfman, re: PO25#49.
29. Ben Duggan, re: Vote to support OPTION #4 for Garden Street.
30. Benjamin N. Levy, re: Support for PO25#49.
31. Betsy Groban, re: PO25#49.
32. Bev Thornton, re: PO25#49.
33. Beverley Coniglio, re: PO25#49.
34. Beverly Mire, re: Gerald Chan's vacant properties.
35. Beverly Thornton and Richard Landau, re: PO25#49 Harvard Square Theater.
36. Bill Sage's, re: support of Cambridge extends to Councilor Paul Toner.
37. Brian Gilmore, re: Maintain a safe Garden Street by selecting Option #1.
38. Cambria Russell, re: Garden St.
39. Carol Hauser, re: Garden Street in support of Option 1, remaining one-way.
40. Carolyn Magid, re: Supporting PO#2 (on tonight's Council Agenda).
41. Charlie Liu, re: Keep Garden Street 1-WAY for SAFETY - Agenda Item #1 in support of Option #1.
42. Christopher Chippendale, re: Return Garden Street to a two-way Street.
43. Christopher Cullen, re: Support for PO25#49 (vacant storefronts).
44. Christopher Jeffrey, re: Charter Right Item #1 in support of Option #1, No change on Garden Street.
45. Christopher Schuler, re: Support for Transition Wellness Center.
46. Claudia Secundy, re: Please restore Garden Street to two-way traffic. It's an urgent need. Thank you.
47. Colin Connolly, re: Keep the current 1-way configuration of Garden Street.
48. Courcelle Stark, re: Charter Right Item #1 in support of Option #1. No change on Garden Street.
49. Crista Martin, re: PO25#49.
50. D. Meserve and T. Dinwoodie, re: Support for PO25#49.
51. Dan Cohn, re: PO25#49.
52. Daniel Andrew Bodt, re: Support - PO25#49.
53. Daniel B. Hogan, re: Vacant store fronts and vacant commercial properties.
54. Daniel Roughan, re: PO25#49.
55. David Dean, re: Garden Street.
56. David Grewal, re: Charter Right Item #1 in support of Option #1. No change on Garden Street.
57. David Keyworth, re: Pushing for Option 1 on Garden Street.
58. David Wyman, re: City Manager's Agenda Item #5, in support of Option #1, no Garden change.
59. Davide Marini, re: Charter Right Item #1 in support of Option #1, No change on Garden Street.
60. Deborah A. Colburn, re: URGENT: Garden Street in jeopardy - Please Email City Council again today.
61. Denise Jillson, re: Support for PO25#49.
62. Dominic Amenta, re: PO25#49.
63. Earl K. Miller, re: Please keep the current Garden Street design.
64. Edward Rosser, re: PO25#49.
65. Eleanor (Nell) Beram and Joe Klompus, re: PO25#49 (Harvard Square Theater).
66. Elena Ilisei, re: Charter Right Item #1 - YES to Option #1 - NO Change on Garden Street.
67. Elena Saporta, re: Garden Street - please select Option 1.
68. Elise Moore, re: Please Support Option #4 to maintain bike lanes and make Garden Street open to two-way traffic for the full length of the street.
69. Ellen Leopold, re: my support for the following votes.
70. Ellen Mei, re: Keep the Transition Wellness Center at Spaulding open!
71. Ellen Nelson van Bever, re: Garden Street Traffic.
72. Ember Sawady, re: Don't change Garden St.
73. Emily DeGuzman, re: Charter Right Item #1 in support of Option #1, No change on Garden Street.
74. Emily Massey, re: Keep Garden Street Option 1.
75. Erica Reisman, re: Writing in support of PO25#49.
76. Ethan Frank, re: Garden Street & Making Decisions.
77. Farid ARTHAUDO, re: Option 1 for Garden St.
78. Felipe M Pait, re: Garden Street bike lanes.
79. Franklin Reece, re: PLEASE POSTPONE THE GARDEN STREET VOTE.
80. Fred Huang, re: PO25#47 in support of Option #1, No change on Garden Street.
81. Gabe Grand, re: Charter Right Item #1 in support of Option #1, No change on Garden Street.
82. Georgia Indigo, re: Support Option 1 for Garden Street.
83. Georgia Lyman, re: PO25#49.
84. Emma Johnson, re: issue PO25#40.
85. Gleb Bahmutov, re: support of Option #1, No change on Garden Street.  
[Note: Mr. Bahmutov has expressed the view that only people with driveways should be allowed to own cars.]
86. Greg Hsu, re: Vote to support OPTION #4 for Garden Street.
87. Greg Stanton Marra, re: Garden St Option #1.
88. Gregg Greenough, re: Garden St configuration.
89. Harris, re: Communications Group. PO25#49.
90. Helen Snively, re: Vote to support OPTION #4 for Garden Street.
91. Henry Chueh, re: Harvard Square.
92. Hunter Dinkins, re: Garden Street design.

93. Isabella Caruso, re: Please maintain Garden Street's current configuration!
94. Ivy Moylan, re: Public comment in support of PO25#8.
95. Jack Corcoran, re: On the Matter of the Garden Street Redesign.
96. Jacquelyn Smith, re: Spaulding Transition Shelter.
97. Jacquie L. KayIn, re: support of PO25#49.
98. James Bertram, re: Garden Street Option #4.
99. James Russell, re: Please leave Garden Street as is.
100. Janet Cahaly, re: PO25#49.
101. Janie Katz-Christy, re: Harvard Square Theatre.
102. Jasmine G. Winship, re: Garden Street, please support option #1.
103. Jasmine Huang, re: Supporting PO25#49.
104. Jay Diengott, re: Garden St Concerns.
105. Jean Berry, re: Vote to support OPTION #4 for Garden Street.
106. Jean Knapp, re: Writing in support of PO25#49 being addressed at this afternoon's meeting (4/7/2025).
107. Jean Leventhal, re: Harvard Square Theatre Policy Issue.
108. Jeff Purcell, re: Please save the Spaulding Rehab Center.
109. Jeffrey Peterson, re: Garden Street.
110. Jennie Song, re: PO25#49.
111. Jennifer Abigail, re: PO25#49.
112. Jennifer Kay-Goodman, re: Order about Movie Theater in Harvard Square.
113. Jennifer Payette, re: Garden Street.
114. Jeremy Cohen, re: Support for PO25#49 – Re: Harvard Square Theatre and Vacant Storefronts.
115. Jessica Sculley re: supporting this PO25#49.
116. Jessie Lan, re: Garden St Redesign.
117. Joe Bradlee, re: PO25#49.
118. Joel Wachman, re: Harvard Square Theatre.
119. John Bright, re: Please vote for Option #4 for Garden St Proposal Monday night!
120. John Manson, re: Garden St.
121. Joseph Shipman, re: Councilor Toner needs to resign!
122. Joyce Benenson, re: Maintain a safe Garden Street by selecting Option #1.
123. Joyce Klein, re: PO25#49.
124. Joyce Singer, re: PO25#49.
125. Judith Quillard, re: PO25#49.
126. judy levin, re: Garden St traffic.
127. Judy Singer and Beth Gamse, re: Please return Garden St to Two Way traffic.
128. Julia Fuller, re: Charter Right Item #1 in support of Option #1, No change on Garden Street.
129. Julia Quinlan, re: Harvard Square Movie Theater.
130. Julie Ingelfinger, re: Charter Right Item #1 in support of Option #1, No change on Garden Street.
131. Kaitlin Robinson, re: Garden Street, Please Vote for Option 1.
132. Karen Price, re: Vote to support OPTION #4 for Garden Street.
133. Karin Öberg, re: Charter Right Item #1 in support of Option #1, No change on Garden Street.
134. Kate Flaim, re: PO25#49 and PO25#47.
135. Kate Layzer, re: Cambridge Wellness Center.
136. Katerina Soltan, re: Garden St Option #1.
137. Katherine Day Rose, re: bike lanes Garden St.
138. Kathleen Gallery, re: VOTE YES FOR OPTION #4 TO RESTORE 2-WAY TRAFFIC ON GARDEN STREET.
139. Kathleen Kerry Dexter, re: PO25#49.
140. Kathleen Moore, re: Garden Street Bike Lane Option 1.
141. Kathleen Pilat, re: Garden St Bike Lanes – Please choose Option #1!
142. Kathy Watkins, re: Continue to fund housed shelter, support order #2.
143. Katie Challinor, re: Support Option 1 on Garden Street.
144. Kilo3, re: Garden St.
145. Larry Cetrulo and Kate Bjornlund, re: Option 4, Garden Street.
146. Laura DeMarco, re: Garden Street & bikes Option 4.
147. Laura Rogers, re: PO25#49.
148. Lauree Mansour, re: Vote to support OPTION #4 for Garden Street.
149. Laurent Adamowicz, re: Keep Garden Street 1-WAY for SAFETY - Agenda Item #1 in support of Option #1.
150. Lee Farris, re: Support for PO#2 saving Spaulding shelter.
151. Lisa Sebell-Nevins, re: Garden Street - Option #4.
152. Lisa White & Michael LaVigne, re: PO25#49.
153. Liz Dawes Duraisingh, re: PO25#49.
154. Liz Walker, re: Thank you for voting to keep Garden St as-is!
155. Lizzie Bell, re: Harvard Square Movie theater.
156. Lynne Miller, re: Garden Street Compromise.
157. Lynne Reiss, re: PO25#49.
158. Madeleine Aster, re: Please vote yes to invite Gerald Chan to a discussion.
159. Maggie Baratz, re: Garden Street - Option 1 Supporters Petition.
160. Maia McAleavey, re: Charter Right Item #1 in support of Option #1, No change on Garden Street.
161. Manny Rogers, re: PO25#49.
162. Marcella Framondi, re: PO25#49.
163. Marcelo Marchetti, re: Option #4, maintain to make Garden Street open to two-way traffic for the full length of the street.
164. Margaret Ann Brady, re: PO#2, Real sanctuary!
165. Margaret Beck, re: PO25#49.
166. Margaret Flanagan, re: Support for PO25#49.
167. Maribeth Kaptchuk, re: PO25#49.
168. Marie Elena Saccoccio, re: Opposition to PO25#49.
169. Mariel Vandersteeldjillson, re: harvardsquare.
170. Marilee Meyer, re: Ask for a cinema but be respectful.
171. Maritza Soto, re: Please Keep Garden Street as a One-Way Street.
172. Mark Boswell, re: CMA Item #5, SUPPORT for OPTION 1.
173. Mark Dibblein, re: support of Garden St., Option #4.
174. Mark Steffen and Sharanya Iyer, re: Support Option #4 for Garden Street.
175. Marla Felcher, re: PO25#49.
176. Martin Richard, re: Garden Street, Go with Option 1.

177. Mary Jane Kornacki, re: PO25#47, Two-way car traffic on Garden Street.
178. Mary K Eliot, re: Vote to support OPTION #4 for Garden Street.
179. Mary Stack, re: Letter supporting PO25#49.
180. Matt Wagers, re: PO#2.
181. Matthew Carter, re: Garden Street Changes.
182. Max H. Bazerman, re: empty properties.
183. Max Kaplan, re: Charter Right Item #1 in support of Option #1, No change on Garden Street.
184. Max Meinhold, re: Bike Lanes.
185. Melissa Smith, re: Harvard Square Movie Theater.
186. Meredith Lobel, re: 4/7/2025 Petition to Keep Garden Street as is Option 1.
187. Meredith Moore, re: Garden St separated bike lanes.
188. Miah Ebels Duggan, re: Incident - Police Harassment of Bicyclists 4/5/25.
189. Michael A Connolly, re: Vacant storefronts in Harvard Square.
190. Mihnea Popa, re: Garden Street - Bikes Option 4.
191. Missy Page, re: 320 Charles Street project - Letter of Support.
192. Monet Uva, re: Support for PO25#49.
193. Morgan MacLeod, re: Garden Street traffic pattern.
194. namastedc, re: written comments in favor of Garden St. two-way.
195. Nancie Dangel, re: Vote to support OPTION #4 for Garden Street.
196. Nate Sharpe, re: Charter Right Item #1 in support of Option #1, No change on Garden Street.
197. Neil Stottler, re: Garden Street.
198. Nell Breyer, re: Vote for option #4.
199. Nicholas Wolf, re: PO25#49.
200. Nick Petrulakis, re: Writing in support of PO25#49.
201. Nicole Barna, re: Keep Garden Street as is - OPTION #1 – Charter Right #1.
202. Nike Tirman, re: GARDEN STREET.
203. Olivia Farrar, re: PO25#49 - In Support.
204. Olivia Weisser, re: Garden Street.
205. Pat Grimsted, re: Please return GARDEN Street to two-way!
206. Pat O'Neill, re: NO CHANGE TO GARDEN STREET.
207. Patrice Liu, re: Keep Garden Street 1-WAY for SAFETY - Agenda Item #1 in support of Option #1.
208. Patrick W Barrett III, re: PO25#49. [\[text of communication\]](#)
209. Paul Macdonald, re: PO 2025#49.
210. Paula Antonevich, re: Charter Right Item #1, NO Change on Garden Street, Support Option #1.
211. Perry Lubin, re: Garden Street.
212. raj dhanda, re: PO25#49.
213. Ran Bechor, re: PO25#49.
214. Ravi Raju, re: Thoughts on Garden Street Changes.
215. Rebekah Bjork, re: City Manager's Agenda item #5.
216. Richard Freierman, re: Garden Street doesn't end at Huron Avenue.
217. Rita Laguna, re: Please ask for Paul Toner's resignation.
218. Rob Everts, re: Once again, Restore Garden Street to 2-Way Traffic.
219. Rob Leith, re: Vacancies in Harvard Sq.
220. Robert McCarthy, re: PO25#49.
221. Tania Kluzak, re: URGENT: Garden Street – please choose option 4.
222. Tania Maxwell and Chris Osborne, re: Garden Street.
223. Ronald Axelrod, re: Establish a Neighborhood Task Force to Develop an overall traffic and pedestrian plan.
224. Rosalind Michahelles, re: Church Street Theater.
225. Roy Greenwald, re: Bike lanes in Garden Street.
226. Ted Galante, re: PO25#49.
227. Roy Russell, re: Garden Street CM25#71.
228. Ruth Kirchwey, re: PO25#49.
229. Saira Prasanth, re: Support for PO#2, continued funding of the TWC.
230. The Black Response, re: TBR Letter to Cambridge City Council – Re: FY26 Budget.
231. Thea Weitz, re: Observatory Commons Condominium - Request for Reimbursement.
232. Theo Yannekis, re: Garden St.
233. Thomas Markovich, re: Garden Street.
234. Tim Russell, re: Opposition to Option 4 to reopen Garden Street to two-way traffic.
235. Salim Kabawat AND Ann O'Connell, re: In support of PO25#49.
236. Sam Ratliff, re: Select Option #1 to maintain Garden Street Redesign.
237. Sam Reece, re: Restore Garden Street to two-way traffic, Really.
238. Tina Lieu, re: Keep Garden St, As is, don't choose option 4.
239. Todd Zickler, re: Bike lanes on Garden St.
240. Tracy Kukkonen, re: In Support of PO25#49.
241. Virginia Fisher, re: PO #2, Transitional Wellness Center.
242. Will Golay and Linh Pham, re: Concerning City Manager's Agenda Item #5, Support for Option #1.
243. Yann Dardonville, re: Supporting PO#2 to keep the Transitional Wellness Center open (4/7).
244. Young Kim, re: City of Cambridge's Response to the Division RE Appeals SPR25-0658 and SPR25-0661.
245. Young Kim, re: Vigil to protest City's push for housing agenda based on faulty analysis without clear goal and urban planning.
246. Sam Seidel, re: PO25#49.
247. Zander Keith, re: Garden St. Option 1.
248. Sylvia Wheeler, re: In Support of PO25#49.
249. Sweta Joshi, re: Public Comment on the Women's Community Cancer Project Mural – Apr 7, 2025.
250. Suzanne Watzman, re: I support PO25#49.
251. Samantha Nelson, re: Fund Transition Wellness Center at Spaulding.
252. Sarah Block, re: Please pause the decision on Garden Street - Choose option 1 or pause this.
253. Sarah Cole, re: Garden Street bike lanes are fine.



- 254. Sarah Hill, re: PO25#49.
- 255. Suzanne Blier, re: Garden Street and Lingerin Harvard Square Questions.
- 256. Sarah Messenger, re: Charter Right Item #1, Support for Option #1, Please leave Garden Street AS IS.
- 257. Scott Kilcoyne, re: Keep Garden St as is (Option 1).
- 258. Sharman Altshuler, re: Comments re PO25#49.
- 259. Susan Miller-Havens, re: PO25#49.
- 260. Sheila Butler, re: Yes for Option 4.
- 261. Susan Matkoski, re: Garden St.
- 262. Shellburne Thurber, re: Garden Street.
- 263. Susan Lapides, re: Garden Street.
- 264. Sonia Wallenberg, re: PO25#49 for Council meeting – Mon, Apr 7, 2025.
- 265. Sophia Sordilla, re: Garden Street.
- 266. Sarah Hill, re: Stand in support of City PO25#49.
- 267. Stephanie Crayton, re: Harvard Sq Movie Theater, PO25#49.
- 268. Lance Li, re: Support for PO25#49 – Vacant Storefronts and Harvard Square Theatre.
- 269. Stephen Moss, re: Garden Street Reforms.
- 270. Sue Downing, re: Garden Street separated bike lanes
- 271. Steve Nadis, re: PO25#49.
- 272. Steve Wineman, re: Please support PO #2 at the Apr 7 Council meeting.
- 273. Stu Rosner, re: Garden St. vote.
- 274. Sue Downing, re: Charter Right items 1 3 support Option 1 Garden Street Maintain Current Configuration Agenda 5 or Chart 1 or 3 Maintain current Garden Street configuration option #1 for safety, less congestion.
- 275. Jill R Crittenden, re: curious about deliberation.
- 276. Marilyn Frankenstein, re: in support of keeping Spaulding open.
- 277. Blake Howard, re: Cambridge resident supporting PO25#49.
- 278. Thomas M. Pounds, re: PO25#49 - Harvard Square Theater.
- 279. Jamie Ciocco, re: Please keep Garden St. one-way.

## RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Condolences on the death of Barbara (Caulfield) Jump. Councillor Toner
- 2. Congratulations on the Grand Opening of McCarthy's and Toad, a new Irish pub in Porter Square. Councillor Toner
- 3. Condolences to the family of Linda Marie Galloway. Mayor Simmons
- 4. Congratulations to The Cambridge Program's Basketball Teams - The Warriors capturing their 9th consecutive State Championship win, The Falcons securing silver, and the newest team The Ryders, learning and developing their skills each game. Councillor Toner
- 5. Congratulations to David Tynes, Program Director at The Cambridge Program for Individuals with Special Needs, on receiving the Heroes Among Us Award. Councillor Toner

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. The **Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee** held a public hearing on Wed, Mar 5, 2025 to receive an update on the state of the arts in Cambridge and discuss how the City is currently supporting artists and art organizations through grant programs and funding, with a focus on the Central Square Cultural district. [[text of report](#)]
- 2. The **Transportation and Public Utilities Committee** held a public hearing on Mon, Mar 17, 2025 with MIT transportation experts and City staff to brainstorm ways to better accommodate mobility for all users as we continue to promote the use of sustainable modes. [[text of report](#)]
- 3. The Cambridge City Council's **Special Committee of the Whole/Charter Review** was held on Fri, Mar 28, 2025 to review the communication from the City Solicitor with updates in the Charter review process that was referred from the Mar 17, 2025 City Council meeting. [[text of report](#)]

## COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- 1. A communication was received from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF25#61)
- 2. A communication was received from City Solicitor Megan B. Bayer, transmitting an update regarding [Revised Charter Draft including Home Rule Draft](#). (COF25#62)
  - a. [Law Dept Letter to City Council](#) with Charter Home Rule Petition
  - b. [City Charter Draft – Changes Accepted 3/28/25 vote - REDLINE Version](#)
  - c. [Updated City Charter Draft – Changes Accepted 3/28/25 vote - REDLINE Version](#)
  - d. [City Charter Final Draft – Changes Accepted 3/28/25 vote CLEAN FINAL Version](#)
  - e. [Home Rule Draft - Charter – 4/7/25 FINAL Version](#)
- 3. A communication was received from City Solicitor Megan B. Bayer, transmitting - [Updated City Charter Revised Charter Draft](#). (COF25#64)
  - a. [Updated Law Department Cover Letter](#)
  - b. [Updated City Charter Draft - Changes Accepted 3/28/25 vote - Collins Center REDLINE Version](#) (4/14/25)
  - c. [Updated City Charter Draft - Changes Accepted 3/28/25 vote - Collins Center CLEAN Version](#) (4/14/25)
  - d. [Home Rule Draft - Charter - 4/14/25 FINAL Version](#)

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### Mon, Apr 14

- 2:00pm The **Health and Environment Committee** will hold a public hearing to review and discuss regulations to encourage the use of solar energy systems and protect solar access for Registered Solar Energy Systems. (PO25#7)
- 5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Wed, Apr 16**

3:00pm The **Finance Committee** will hold a public hearing to review and discuss capital and large-scale programs and projects currently underway and in the funding plan, and potential future programming and projects that would need to be planned and incorporated into medium- and long-term capital and operating budgets.

**Thurs, Apr 17**

3:00pm The **Human Services and Veterans Committee** will hold a public hearing to discuss the feasibility of a successor program to Rise Up.

**Mon, Apr 28**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Tues, Apr 29**

11:30am The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing from 11:30am to 1:30pm on a Zoning Petition by the Cambridge City Council to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance in Article 11.000 with the intent to amend certain subsections of the Affordable Housing Overlay, Section 11.207 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance, with the intent of limiting allowable height increases in Residence C-1 districts, removing references to provisions in the base zoning that are no longer applicable, and clarifying references to departments responsible for enforcement.

**Wed, Apr 30**

1:30pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing from 1:30pm to 3:30pm on a Zoning Petition by the Cambridge City Council to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance in Article 5.000 and Section 20.70 with the intent of (1) replacing the Floodplain Overlay and Planning Board Special Permit with the Massachusetts model ordinance structure for permitting development in the flood plain through administrative review; (2) updating references to the most recent FEMA maps to maintain compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program; and (3) revising other parts of the Zoning Ordinance for internal consistency.

**Mon, May 5**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Tues, May 6**

3:00pm The **Economic Development and University Relations Committee** will hold a public hearing to discuss all Workforce Development/Job Training programs provided for and/or funded by the City, School Department, and non-profits, and discuss a possible future "Jobs Trust" may do differently, or in addition to, current programming funded and/or operated by the City.

**Wed, May 7**

3:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing from 3:00pm to 5:00pm on a Zoning Petition by the Cambridge City Council to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance in Article 11.000 with the intent to amend a subsection of the Cannabis Uses standards, Section 11.800 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance, with the intent to remove the provision that prohibits the packaging or repackaging of cannabis products on the premises of a Cannabis Retail Store. The Committee will also review and discuss proposed amendments to the Cambridge Municipal Code Chapter 5.50, Cannabis Business Permitting.

**Thurs, May 8**

9:00am The **Finance Committee** will conduct a public hearing on the FY26 City budget covering the fiscal period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

**Mon, May 12**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Tues, May 13**

6:00pm The **Finance Committee** will conduct a public hearing on the FY26 School Department budget covering the fiscal period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

**Wed, May 14**

9:00am The **Finance Committee** will conduct a public hearing on the FY26 City budget covering the fiscal period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

**Thurs, May 15**

9:00am The **Finance Committee** will conduct a public hearing on the FY26 City and School budgets covering the fiscal period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 (if necessary).

**Mon, May 19**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, June 2**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, June 9**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, June 16**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, June 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, June 30**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Apr 14, 2025

MAYOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Museums are among the most essential cultural institutions in our society, serving as places of learning, reflection, and community connection – preserving history, celebrating creativity, encouraging curiosity, and fostering civic knowledge; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is home to a rich and diverse landscape of museums that serve residents, students, and visitors alike – including, but not limited to, the [Harvard Museums of Science and Culture](#), the [MIT Museum](#), the [Harvard Art Museums](#), and the [Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology](#) – all of which play a vital role in making history, science, art, and culture accessible to people from all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS: Museums play a crucial role in collecting, cultivating, and curating our collective stories – preserving the artifacts, narratives, and lived experiences of communities past and present, and providing spaces where people can come together to engage with the complexity of our shared history; and

WHEREAS: This work is particularly vital in animating local emerging institutions, like the [Cambridge Museum of History and Culture](#), which is working to lift up the voices, histories, and contributions of Cambridge residents, particularly those whose stories have too often been overlooked or marginalized, and which

seeks to create an inclusive space that reflects the full richness of our community; and

WHEREAS: The Trump Administration [has recently issued Executive Orders](#) that attempts to rewrite American history through the lens of censorship, division, and falsehood, proposing to [restrict federal funding](#) for museums and cultural institutions that present honest, evidence-based, and inclusive accounts of American history and culture, and seeking to impose politically motivated limitations on what may be taught, exhibited, or explored in these spaces; and

WHEREAS: The City Council rejects in the strongest possible terms the deeply troubling and unprecedented efforts to gut funding for institutions like the Smithsonian, impose ideological litmus tests on historical narratives, and suppress discussions of race, gender, power, and equality – actions that politicize and sanitize American history, undermine academic freedom, and threaten the fundamental mission of our nation’s museums to present the full, complex, and sometimes painful truths of our shared past; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record expressing its unwavering support for the museums and cultural institutions of Cambridge, the Commonwealth, and the nation – recognizing them as vital to civic life, education, and community building – and in denouncing, in the strongest possible terms, the Trump Administration’s Executive Orders and any related efforts to censor, defund, or politically manipulate these institutions; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in urging our State House delegation and the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation to actively oppose these reprehensible policies, to work to ensure that federal funding for museums is not only protected but expanded, and to defend the principle that history must be told fully, truthfully, and free from political interference; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Governor Maura Healey, the members of the Cambridge State House delegation, and the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2 Apr 14, 2025  
 COUNCILLOR NOLAN  
 MAYOR SIMMONS  
 COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER  
 COUNCILLOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: More than 25 years ago the City of Cambridge officially recognized the threat of climate change and the need to take action in Cambridge to reduce climate pollution and in 2002 released one of the first municipal climate plans in the country; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has adopted Net Zero Action Plans for buildings and waste, and will soon adopt a Net Zero Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS: The City has matched efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions with the Resilient Cambridge plan to reduce the risks to our community from increasing temperature, precipitation, and sea level rise; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge requires high energy efficiency standards, participates in the state’s pilot program on eliminating fossil fuels

in most new building construction and requires strict building performance standards for large non-residential buildings; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge will be the first community in the Northeast to entirely offset its municipal emissions through renewable energy credits from new solar energy production; and

WHEREAS: The City has reduced trash by more than a third since 2008 and has strategies in place to reduce trash 50% by 2030 and 80% by 2050; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is one of the most bikeable and walkable cities in the country; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge remains fully committed to playing a regional leadership role in climate action; and

WHEREAS: To better coordinate and communicate the range of programs and policies required to make Cambridge more welcoming, inclusive, neighborly, and beautiful in a climate-altered era, the City has launched its Sustainable Cambridge initiative; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record declaring Earth Day, April 22 in the year 2025 “Sustainable Cambridge Day” in recognition of our unwavering commitment to moving Cambridge to zero emission pollution; protecting our residents, businesses, and institutions from climate-accelerated extreme weather; and being a role model for other communities; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to communicate to all City departments the City’s commitment to our climate goals and the need to support the efforts of the Sustainable Cambridge initiative; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this policy order to the Chief Climate Officer on behalf of the entire City Council.