

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant in the amount of \$532,218.00 funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$24,693.00), to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$504,025.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$3,500.00). (CM23#98)
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment of School Committee Member Caroline Hunter as a member of the Family Policy Council. (CM23#99)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as member of the to the Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women for a term of three years: • Jean Connor (appointment) • Caitlin Dube (appointment) • Rhonda Greene (reappointment) • Mara Horwitz (appointment) • Natalie Le (appointment) • Judith Tumusiime (appointment) (CM23#100)
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the the Mass Ave Partial Construction Working Group: • Sukia Akiba • Steven Beaucher • Darren Buck • Christopher Cassa • Makayla Comas-Race • Gary Dmytryk • Debby Galef • Diane Gray • Denise Jillson • Timothy Keefe • Ruth Ryals • Eitan Normand • Daniel Stubbs • Laurie Pessah (CM23#101)
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, requesting that the City Council authorize an agreement to partner with the Town of Arlington ("Arlington") in its receipt of a federal planning grant ("Grant") from the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"). (CM23#102)
6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to improvements to the area around Jerry's Pond. (CM23#103) [[Danehy Bridge Connectivity](#)] [[Open Space Needs Assessment](#)] [[Jerry's Pond Communication from CM](#)]
7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 23-08, regarding a report regarding exploring additional less-lethal alternatives that pose the smallest risk of injury when deployed for standard issue in the Cambridge Police Department. (CM23#104) [[text of report](#)]

CHARTER RIGHT

1. An application was received from Siyu Xiao, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 25 Suffolk Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has

been received from the neighborhood association. [Charter Right – Zondervan, Apr 10, 2023] (AP23#18)

2. Riverbend Park on Memorial Drive. [Charter Right – Simmons, Apr 10, 2023] (PO23#68)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Aaron Shakow, regarding the health of our community demands a strong BEUDO ordinance.
2. A communication was received from Adriana G. Prat, regarding Cambridge Green New Deal Please reiterating my support to strong version of BEUDO.
3. A communication was received from Annette LaMond, regarding Quick Build Bike Lanes on Main Street.
4. A communication was received from Catalina Arboleda, regarding Removal of Parking Spaces throughout the city.
5. A communication was received from Cathy Hoffman, regarding blurb on Diana Becerra event.
6. A communication was received from Cathy Hoffman, regarding Cambridge El Salvador sister city delegation on the way- follow us on Instagram and FB!.
7. A communication was received from Cathy Hoffman, regarding Sister City Report Back sponsorship.
8. A communication was received from Ellen Mei, regarding Support for Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance.
9. A communication was received from Jean E. Jackson, regarding Climate change emergency.
10. A communication was received from Joe Higgins, regarding testimony at BEUDO 4 1223.
11. A communication was received from Mary Baine Campbell, regarding Written copy of my full comment re BEUDO proposal.
12. A communication was received from Nike Tirman, regarding CONTINUED HAZARD ON GARDEN STREET - Please read in its entirety.
13. A communication was received from Sarah Gallop, regarding MIT Testimony on BEUDO.
14. A communication was received from Stephen Cellucci, regarding Reject the watered-down version of BEUDO.
15. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding Third Annual Cycling Safety Ordinance Progress Report & FY24 proposed budget.
16. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding Operating vs Capital budget re CSO.
17. A communication was received from Yve Torrie, regarding comments on BEUDO proposal by City Manager and CDD 04.12.2023.
18. A communication was received from Jennifer Judge, regarding Follow the facts, adopt Strong BEUDO Amendments.
19. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding Camb. Day Letter "Accountability is needed on issues around Cambridge's CSO".

20. A communication was received from Corey Donahue, regarding Cambridge Green New Deal.
21. A communication was received from Hasson J. Rashid, regarding The Restoration of CCTV's Blog!
22. A [communication was received from Joan Pickett](#), regarding Material for Monday City Council Meeting. [[Analysis of Cycling Safety in Cambridge Under the Cycling Safety Ordinance Year-3](#)]
23. A communication was received from Hui Liu and Ke Shen, regarding Request to exempt condominiums from proposed amendments to BEUDO.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Bishop Brian C. Greene on receiving the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Cambridge Matignon School. Councillor Simmons
2. Resolution on the death of Ruth Hill. Councillor Simmons
3. Congratulations on the retirement of Diane Bruno from the Cambridge Public Health Commission. Councillor Toner
4. Congratulations on the retirement of David Smith from the Department of Public Works. Councillor Toner
5. Congratulations to Haitham Mansour for his dedication to Cambridge Youth Soccer. Councillor Toner, Councillor McGovern
6. Congratulations to Melissa Carpenito on being named 2022 Police Dispatcher of the Year. Councillor Toner
7. Thanks to the Cambridge Public Library team and encourage Cambridge residents to participate in programs and events celebrating National Library Week. Mayor Siddiqui
8. Congratulations to Bethany Morrissey on being named 2022 Fire Alarm Operator of the Year. Councillor Toner
9. Congratulations to Erica Crane 2022 on being named Communications Training Officer of the Year. Councillor Toner
10. Congratulations to Joseph Sullivan on being named 2022 Supervisor of the Year. Councillor Toner
11. Congratulations to David Linehan on being named 2022 Emergency Medical Dispatcher of the Year. Councillor Toner

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to light City Hall up green from May 1 through May 7, 2023 in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month. Mayor Siddiqui (PO23#69)
2. City Council support for Amendments #685 and #1333 to House Bill H3900 and in urging that the members of the Massachusetts House Ways and Means Committee ensure their inclusion and passage in the final bill. Councillor Simmons (PO23#70)
3. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request for a dedication in the vicinity of the Harvard Observatory on Concord Avenue or Garden Street in honor of Williamina

P.S. Fleming and Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin. Councillor Nolan (PO23#71)

4. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments to bring together a working group to conduct outreach through neighborhood groups including the Fresh Pond Residents Alliance, and any other nearby neighborhood groups and City departments, in order to discuss and review options for use of the BB&N Field. Councillor Nolan, Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone (PO23#72)
5. That the City Manager is requested to direct relevant departments to work together to develop a policy that would lead to a ban on the use of gas-powered lawn equipment in Cambridge in line with other municipalities and development of possible ordinance language limiting the use of gas-powered lawn equipment by residents, businesses, and city operations. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone (PO23#73)
6. That the City Council go on record declaring April 2023 as "Autism Acceptance Month" in the City of Cambridge. Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern (PO23#74)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Health and Environment Committee** met on Mar 1, 2022 to receive an update on the Net Zero Action Plan. [[text of report](#)]
2. The **Health and Environment Committee** met on Mar 8, 2022 to conduct a public hearing on proposed BEUDO amendments. [[text of report](#)]
3. The **Health and Environment Committee** met on Mar 23, 2022 to continue discussion on the Net Zero Action Plan. [[text of report](#)]
4. The **Health and Environment Committee** met on Mar 29, 2022 to receive a report from the Climate Resilience Zoning Task Force. [[text of report](#)]
5. The **Health and Environment Committee** met on Tues, Apr 11, 2023 to review plans for solar and renewable energy installations in the city, including report on solar expansion and works by the CEA (Cambridge Energy Alliance) and potential for solar on city owned water supply land, and any other items related to renewable energy. [[text of report](#)]
6. The **Ordinance Committee** held a public hearing on Apr 13, 2023 on the Citizen's Zoning Petition received from Michael Monestime et al. regarding Outdoor Use Zoning in the Central Square Cultural District. [[text of report](#)]

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF23#71)
2. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee. (COF23#72)

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Apr 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Apr 25

3:00pm The **Health and Environment Committee** will hold a public meeting to review and discuss the update on Urban Forest Master Plan and to discuss how to improve tree health and tree canopy across the City.

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** [Zoom only]

Wed, Apr 26

12:30pm The **Ordinance Committee** will meet to continue the discussion on potential changes to Chapter 2.78 Historical Buildings and Landmarks, Proposed Ordinance #2022-11, as amended in Committee on Mar 7, 2023.

3:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing to continue the discussion from the Apr 12, 2023 Ordinance Committee meeting on the proposed amendments to the Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance, #2021-26. [No Public Comment]

Mon, May 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, May 2

3:00pm The **Economic Development and University Relations Committee** will hold a public hearing to receive a report on the results of the Cambridge Business Survey conducted from January to February 2023 and to receive an update on the progress of the Economic Impact Study called for in Policy Order 2022 #29.

Wed, May 3

3:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing on Citizens Zoning Petition from Craig Kelley, et al. – Cambridge Transportation Emissions Reduction and Car Sharing Act (APP 2023 #9).

Mon, May 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, May 9

9:00am The **Finance Committee** will conduct a public hearing to discuss the City and School budgets covering the fiscal period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** [Zoom only]

Wed, May 10

6:00pm The **Finance Committee** will conduct a public hearing to discuss the School Department budget covering the fiscal period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Mon, May 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, May 16

10:00am The **Finance Committee** will conduct a public hearing to discuss the City and School budgets covering the fiscal period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Thurs, May 18

9:00am The **Finance Committee** will conduct a public hearing (if necessary) to discuss the City and School budgets covering the fiscal period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Mon, May 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, May 23

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** [Zoom only]

Wed, May 24

3:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing on the Citizens Zoning Petition received from Charles Jessup Franklin

et al., regarding allowing new construction that is similar in size and shape as existing buildings for the purpose of promoting housing and first floor retail.

Mon, June 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, June 6

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** [Zoom only]

Mon, June 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, June 20

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** [Zoom only]

Mon, June 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Apr 24, 2023

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: May is Mental Health Awareness Month and the City of Cambridge is focused on supporting and promoting mental wellness to all its residents; and

WHEREAS: Every May, mental health organizations encourage individuals, organizations, and cities to expand their efforts to provide resources and support aimed at helping break the stigma associated with mental health disorders; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge, Cambridge Public Health Department, mental health service and advocacy organizations are dedicated to reach all residents and underscore the universal importance of mental health; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge continues to look for ways to raise awareness about mental health while promoting empathy and care to change the perception of mental illness, encouraging those who may struggle with mental health issues to seek help; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record recognizing May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to light City Hall up green from May 1 through May 7, 2023 in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month.

O-2 Apr 24, 2023

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The aging LGBTQ+ community in Massachusetts faces unique challenges and requires specialized services and resources to address their needs; and

WHEREAS: [Amendment #685](#) to [House Bill H3900](#), sponsored by Rep. Samantha Montano, aims to provide funding for a Virtual LGBTQ+ Senior Center called [OutStanding Life](#), which will offer vital socialization, recreational, and educational activities to underserved LGBTQ+ elders; and

WHEREAS: The OutStanding Life initiative, named after the late David Stevens, a dedicated leader of Massachusetts's senior center movement, seeks to bridge the existing "equity gap" in state-funded aging services, ensuring that LGBTQ+ seniors have access to essential support; and

WHEREAS: [Amendment #1333](#) to House Bill H3900, sponsored by Rep. Ron Consalvo, proposes an allocation of \$500,000 to LGBTQ Senior Housing, specifically, [The Pryde](#), in order to establish the first LGBTQ-friendly and affirming affordable senior housing in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: The funding provided by Amendment #1333 will support the development and maintenance of programs and

services at The Pryde, offering a safe and welcoming environment for all seniors to live authentically; and
WHEREAS: Supporting these amendments will ensure that our aging LGBTQ+ population receives the care, resources, and support they need to thrive; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Council go on record expressing its strong support for Amendments #685 and #1333 to House Bill H3900 and in urging that the members of the Massachusetts House Ways and Means Committee ensure their inclusion and passage in the final bill; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the members of the Massachusetts House Ways and Means Committee and to the Cambridge Delegation to the Massachusetts House of Representatives on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-3 Apr 24, 2023

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: The Harvard Observatory, founded in 1839, was a foundational institution engaged in Astronomical research. The observatory's director, Edward Charles Pickering, formed a group of skilled women called "Computers" who helped catalog and analyze thousands of early photographs of many different stars. Most of these women started primarily as calculators, and despite obstacles, many made significant contributions to astronomy, and collectively as a group their accomplishments fundamentally changed the entire field of astronomy; and
WHEREAS: During this time, men were paid more than women, as a result although some of the Observatory female staff were astronomy graduates, their wages were similar to those of unskilled workers at the Harvard Observatory. These women astronomers earned between 25 to 50 cents an hour when measuring the brightness, position, and color of stars manually; and
WHEREAS: The group of women astronomers called the "Computers" were representative of the demographics of Cambridge in the 1920s. The 1920 census data show that 30% of Cambridge residents were immigrants, an additional 30% were children of immigrants and 10% had one immigrant parent. The city should recognize this group, and in particular the extraordinary astronomers both of whom were immigrants, Williamina P.S. Fleming and Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin; and
WHEREAS: Williamina P.S. Fleming was a single mother and worked as a maid for the director of Harvard's observatory, Edward Charles Pickering. Pickering's wife taught Williamina how to analyze different stars which helped her become a "Computer" at Harvard's observatory; and
WHEREAS: Williamina became the leading female astronomer of her day as she cataloged more than 10,000 stars and discovered other astronomical phenomena; and
WHEREAS: Among several career achievements, Williamina established the first photographic standards of magnitude which became an important tool for astronomers. Her discovery helped astronomers measure the brightness of different stars; and
WHEREAS: Her achievements opened up the field of astronomy for many women. She was honored by a national gathering of astronomers for her contribution to the field where she was named a Curator of Astronomical Photographs at Harvard; and
WHEREAS: Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin left England in 1923 to pursue Astronomy in Massachusetts. She then lived several years at 52 Garden Street near the Harvard Observatory in the late 1920s; and
WHEREAS: Cecilia was Harvard's first female professor and first woman to become a chair of the Astronomy department. Her work

on the nature of stars was foundational to modern astrophysics and she profoundly changed what we know about the universe today; and
WHEREAS: Cecilia contributed widely to the physical understanding of variable stars. She was able to discover that the sun and other stars in the universe are composed almost entirely of hydrogen and helium; and
WHEREAS: Cecilia was one of the most brilliant and creative astronomers of the twentieth century. She was awarded the prestigious Henry Norris Russell Prize by the American Astronomical Society, which showed her lifetime of excellence in the field of astronomical research; and
WHEREAS: Both women meet the requirements for a dedication request, and both lived and worked near Observatory Hill in Cambridge, overcame obstacles in life, and made significant contributions to the field of astronomy which were groundbreaking and are not celebrated sufficiently. By honoring these two stellar STEM pioneers together, the city could inspire residents; and
WHEREAS: Jolie Jourdan, an intern to the City Council worked on identifying appropriate people to honor from among many accomplished and noteworthy astronomers and selected Williamina P.S. Fleming and Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin after consultation with the Harvard Observatory, the Historical Commission, and other historians, is requested to confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request to dedicate a street corner jointly in honor of these remarkable women; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request for a dedication in the vicinity of the Harvard Observatory on Concord Avenue or Garden Street to this pair of remarkable women as one dedication; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward this order to the Dedication Committee for review and approval.

O-4 Apr 24, 2023

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

VICE MAYOR MALLON

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: In December 2020, the City Council voted 8-1 to [approve an Order](#) to take by eminent domain a parcel of land consisting of approximately 4 acres, located at 185 Larch Road, owned by Buckingham Browne and Nichols School (BB&N) and known as Buckingham Field that was being used as a playing field by BB&N; and
WHEREAS: For several decades the City Council has been asking the City to actively pursue opportunities to acquire land and increase access to open space for all residents, but unfortunately, this goal has been very difficult to achieve due to the lack of availability of land suitable for open space use in Cambridge; and
WHEREAS: The [Order of Taking](#) gave the City Council flexibility to determine the use of the land for "open space use or any other municipal uses or purposes;" and
WHEREAS: In April 2023, the City Manager informed the Council that a temporary use of the field was to be [dedicated to cricket playing](#), an important sporting and cultural activity for so many Cambridge residents, and the City should continue to look for opportunities to develop a permanent location for a cricket pitch; and
WHEREAS: With the city controlling the land after the seller, BB&N, successfully transferred their recreation and athletics to their new field, now is an optimal time to have a robust community

process to identify possible uses and recommend the best long-term use; and
WHEREAS: Such a large parcel is rarely available and this property could be utilized by the city in a variety of important ways, including: a location for the city's operations, affordable housing development, preschool use, open space, and other uses which would benefit the larger Cambridge community; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments to bring together a working group of members of the entire Cambridge community, including residents from all parts of Cambridge, to conduct outreach through neighborhood groups including the Fresh Pond Residents Alliance, and any other nearby neighborhood groups and city departments, in order to discuss and review options for use for the land to be reviewed by the City Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with the status of the working group as soon as possible.

O-5 Apr 24, 2023

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The use of gas-powered lawn equipment contributes to negative public health outcomes as well as emissions pollution; and

WHEREAS: The current ordinance language on [leaf blowers](#) from 1998 established that the reduction of noise and emissions of particulate matter resulting from the use of leaf blowers is a public purpose that protects the public health, welfare and environment of the City of Cambridge and its citizens; and

WHEREAS: With the technological advancements that have been made in green lawn equipment since 1998, the use of electric lawn equipment could be an effective way for the City to carry out its numerous landscaping and outdoor maintenance needs; and

WHEREAS: The use of gas powered lawn equipment causes numerous physical injuries including (but not limited to) back pain, muscle aches, headaches, and hearing loss, emits volatile organic compounds which join with nitrogen oxide in warm seasons to form "smog", a well-known contributor to [heart and lung disease, stroke, and premature death](#) and the workers who handle this gas-powered equipment also inhale fine particulate matter exhaust which can lodge deep in the lung and enter the bloodstream, causing conditions ranging from heart and lung problems, to stroke, cancer, and death, and other exhaust compounds like carbon monoxide and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons further exacerbate the hazards for landscape workers and bystanders alike; and

WHEREAS: [Lexington](#), [Arlington](#), [Marblehead](#), and other Massachusetts municipalities have limited their use of gas-powered lawn equipment and have developed plans to prohibit their use in the future; and

WHEREAS: [California](#) has implemented a statewide ban on the sale of gas-powered leaf blowers beginning in 2024 and the municipality of [Pasadena, California](#) passed legislation that officially banned gas-powered leaf blowers starting on April 28th, 2023; and

WHEREAS: [MassSave](#) has an incentive program for Massachusetts residents to purchase electric lawn equipment through their residential battery powered lawn equipment rebates up to \$75 for a lawnmower and \$30 for other lawn equipment; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has requested the City on numerous occasions to develop [working groups](#) and to [investigate the use of](#) non-gas-powered lawn equipment; and

WHEREAS: In June of 2022, the Health and Environment committee [held a hearing](#) to discuss with local business owners and workers the possibility of banning gas-powered leaf blowers, and since then, healthier alternatives have continued to become increasingly available, while the ongoing injustice to landscaping workers remains acute; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge can and should take action to protect the lives and health of landscape workers, neighbors, and children, while also taking into account the needs and financial concerns of residents and business owners in the city; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct relevant departments to work together to develop a policy that would lead to a ban on the use of gas-powered lawn equipment in Cambridge in line with the municipalities outline above, developing incentive programs to layer on existing MassSave benefits, and direct CDD to work with the Health and Environment Committee Chair to develop possible ordinance language limiting the use of gas powered lawn equipment by residents, businesses, and city operations; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Health and Environment Committee of the City Council is requested to hold a hearing on the above topic as soon as possible.

O-6 Apr 24, 2023

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

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

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

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has proudly observed Autism Acceptance Month for several years now and recognizes and accepts Cambridge's autistic students and residents; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record declaring April 2023 as "Autism Acceptance Month" in the City of Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to light up City Hall red for Autism Acceptance Month and to notify the City Council of when this will take place.