

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on COVID-19.
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$65,000 from the General Fund Library Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Library Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and anticipated medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for the remainder of the fiscal year for Library personnel injured in the performance of their duties.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of of the Massachusetts Formula Grant in the amount of \$174,360.00 funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$110,700.00), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$56,860.00), and to the Travel and Training account (\$6,800.00) which is awarded annually to the Human Service Programs Council on Aging Division and is used to provide funding for department staff and services, as well as to support instructors and group facilitators who provide services virtually to seniors.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of **Victoria Harris** as an Election Commissioner for a term of four years, effective April 1, 2022.
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-8, regarding eliminating hostile architecture.
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update from the Planning Board on discussions of allowing Multifamily Housing citywide.
7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of **Kathleen Born** as a member of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a term of five years, effective June 26, 2022.

## CHARTER RIGHT

1. 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. [Charter Right - Zondervan; Apr 11, 2022]
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. [Charter Right - Carlone; Apr 11, 2022] [[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, which states:

- a) Massachusetts Avenue between Beech Street and Dudley Street by December 31, 2026;
  - b) Massachusetts Avenue between Waterhouse Street and Roseland Street by December 31, 2026;
  - c) Massachusetts Avenue/Peabody Street northbound from Church Street to Garden Street by June 30, 2025, and;
  - d) Massachusetts Avenue between Plympton Street and Dunster Street by June 30, 2025.
3. 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. [Charter Right - Azeem; Apr 11, 2022] [[Order #2 of Apr 11, 2022](#)]
  4. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on the feasibility of providing all Cambridge high school students with free Charlie Cards throughout the school year. Councillor Nolan [Charter Right - Simmons; Apr 11, 2022] [This was inadvertently left off the Calendar]

## ON THE TABLE

5. 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]
6. 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]
7. 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]
8. 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]
9. 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]

10. 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]
11. 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]
12. 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]
13. 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**

14. 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. [A Zoning Petition has been received from Craig A. Kelley](#) regarding The Cambridge Transportation De-Carbonization and Congestion-Mitigation Bill. (Ordinance #2022-13)
2. An application was received from Kelvin Carbuccia representing Capelli Salon & Spa, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 1168 Massachusetts Avenue approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter proof of mailing has been provided.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding Cycling Safety Ordinance Projects.
2. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding Qualifications to Bid for Designer Services Process.
3. A communication was received from Vickey Bestor, regarding QuickBuild parking proposal -petition from mental health clinicians.
4. A communication was received from Tobin Scipione, regarding Community Servings Public Comment Statement 420 Finance Committee Meeting.
5. A communication was received from Thouis Jones, regarding Please support Partial Reconstruction for MassAve4.

6. A communication was received from Sheli Wortis, regarding ARPA funding for HEART.
7. A communication was received from Shelagh Hadley, regarding bike lanes on Mass. Ave.
8. A communication was received from Sharon Cerny, regarding Letter City Council.
9. A communication was received from Ruonan Li, regarding Opposing Removal of Parking from Mass Ave.
10. A communication was received from Ramya Krishnamurthy, regarding Parking on Mass Ave.
11. A communication was received from Phyllis Pownall, regarding Please Submit as a Communication to be read at Monday's City Council Meeting.
12. A communication was received from Oscar Wilde, regarding Parking on Mass Ave.
13. A communication was received from Nancy Given, regarding Cambridge Cycling Safety Ordinance.
14. A communication was received from Michelle Hewitt, regarding Please vote YES on MassAve4!.
15. A communication was received from Michael Bogenstaetter, regarding Please DO NOT remove metered parking between Beech Street and Roseland on Mass Ave.
16. A communication was received from Micaiah Barley, regarding Please Vote for Bike Lanes on Mass Ave.
17. A communication was received from Melissa Ludtke, regarding Vote YES on the partial Mass Ave (MassAve4) reconstruction proposal.
18. A communication was received from Matt Wagers, regarding Vote yes on the city's partial Mass Ave (MassAve4) reconstruction proposal.
19. A communication was received from Maria, regarding The Plan to Remove All Parking in Porter Square.
20. A communication was received from Lily Cohen, regarding please vote in favor of protected bike lanes.
21. A communication was received from Lee Farris, regarding Cambridge Residents Alliance supports ARPA funding for HEART.
22. A communication was received from Laura Palumbo-Hanson, regarding Please Submit as a Communication to be read at 429's City Council Meeting.
23. A communication was received from Kathleen Beckman, regarding Removal of Parking Along Mass Ave.
24. A communication was received from Jurgen Weiss, regarding MassAve4.
25. A communication was received from Jeremy Raynor, regarding Please do not add bike lanes.
26. A communication was received from Jenny Payette, regarding Save Mass Ave.
27. A communication was received from Janet Noonan, regarding QuickBuild parking proposal -petition from mental health clinicians.

28. A communication was received from Jana Pickard-Richardson, regarding Vote Yes on Porter Square Bike Infrastructure.
29. A communication was received from Jack Heavner, regarding Support the MassAve4 Reconstruction Proposal.
30. A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, regarding Written Comment for the Finance Committee Public Hearing Concerning ARPA Funding Initiatives.
31. A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, regarding Written Comment on The Climate Crisis Working Group Findings and Recommendation (Please add Item to Upcoming City Council Agenda).
32. A communication was received from Gerald Bergman, regarding ARPA funds and HEART.
33. A communication was received from Genevieve Coyle, regarding Heart funding and a transparent process.
34. A communication was received from Eric Grunebaum, regarding letter of support for ARPA funding.
35. A communication was received from Eric, regarding do not support plan that will remove all metered parking between Beech St. and Roseland on Mass Ave.
36. A communication was received from Curtis Butcher, regarding Hotel 1868 Porter Square Safety Improvements.
37. A communication was received from Conor Henrie, regarding Mass Ave Bike Lane Reconstruction.
38. A communication was received from Charles Harrington, regarding Porter Square Bike Lane Plan.
39. A communication was received from Charles Harrington, regarding Porter Square Bike Lane Plan.
40. A communication was received from Casey Silver, regarding my thoughts on bike lanes in Porter Square (I love them!).
41. A communication was received from Bonnie Miller, regarding Please Postpone Implementation of Separated Bicycle Lanes!.
42. A communication was received from Lesley Bannatyne, regarding a capsule created by eighth grade students in the then Harrington School as part of their curriculum. The capsule was to be opened in 25 years.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution on the death of William J. "Bill" Norton. Councillor Toner
2. Congratulations on the Promotion of Sergeant David M. Brown of the Cambridge Police Department to the rank of Lieutenant. Councillor Toner
3. Congratulations on the Promotion of Sergeant Thomas J. Glynn from the Cambridge Police Department to the rank of Lieutenant. Councillor Toner
4. Congratulations on the Promotion of Sergeant Michael S. Medeiros of The Cambridge Police Department to the rank of Lieutenant. Councillor Toner

5. Congratulations on the Promotion of Sergeant Buckowe Yam from The Cambridge Police Department to the rank of Lieutenant. Councillor Toner
6. Congratulations on the Promotion of Patrol Officer James F. Diggins from The Cambridge Police Department to the rank of Sergeant. Councillor Toner
7. Congratulations on the Promotion of Patrol Officer Ashley Kmiec from The Cambridge Police Department to the rank of Sergeant. Councillor Toner
8. Congratulations on the Promotion of Patrol Officer Matthew J. Mahoney from The Cambridge Police Department to the rank of Sergeant. Councillor Toner
9. Congratulations on the Promotion of Patrol Officer Thomas Maldonado from The Cambridge Police Department to the rank of Sergeant. Councillor Toner
10. Congratulations to Kristen Joy Emack. Vice Mayor Mallon
11. Resolution on the death of Mary M. (Sullivan) Carven. Councillor Toner
12. Wishing a Happy Birthday to Evelyn Riley. Councillor Simmons
13. Wishing Artis Spears a Happy 90th Birthday. Councillor Simmons
14. Congratulations to Yamba Market On Its Grand Opening. Councillor Simmons
15. Resolution on the death of Jennifer Riedel. Councillor Azeem
16. Congratulations to The North Cambridge Little Baseball League - celebrating its 70th season. Councillor Toner, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons

#### **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager confer with the Cambridge Heath Alliance, the Department of Public Works, the Inspectional Services Department and other relevant departments regarding the building condition and what repairs are needed at 205 Western Avenue to allow the Cambridge Community Center to house their program. Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui
2. City Manager Report on Boards and Commissions. Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Carlone
3. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Traffic and Parking Department to work diligently with the MBTA to remove the catenary wires as soon as possible, and/or investigate the possibility of the City removing the catenary wires itself and commit to moving forward with the design and installation of the proposed "partial construction" bike lanes only when the wires have been removed. Councillor Toner, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Simmons
4. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works to devise ways to encourage residents to request the smallest size they need

and to keep waste output low with the rollout of the new bins in June. Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui

5. Mental Health Awareness Month. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Carlone
6. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Traffic and Parking Department to forego its original plan for “quick build” implementation and ensure that the implementation of bike lane infrastructure in Porter Square is accomplished as part of the whole of the Massachusetts Avenue 4 section, when the catenary wires and median strip are removed so that Porter Square may be included in the plans for “partial construction” infrastructure as part of one, cohesive plan stretching from Dudley Street to Waterhouse Street to be completed no later than Apr 30, 2026. Councillor Toner, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Simmons
7. Lung Cancer Awareness Week. Mayor Siddiqui

#### **COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

1. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee.
2. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information about the Universal PreK ad-hoc for Universal Pre-K.
3. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting a letter sent to the MBTA
4. A communication was received from Anthony Wilson, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

[Sullivan Chamber & Zoom unless otherwise noted]

##### **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”.

##### **Thurs, Apr 28**

10:00am The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will meet to discuss potential amendments to the Rules of the of City Council.

##### **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).

##### **Thurs, May 5**

4:00pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will meet to discuss municipal broadband. (Zoom)

##### **Mon, May 9**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### **Tues, May 10**

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

##### **Wed, May 11**

11:00am The Health and Environment Committee will meet to discuss the report from the Climate Crisis Working Group received by the City Council on Apr 4, 2022.

6:00pm The Finance Committee will meet to conduct hearing on FY 2023 school budget.

##### **Mon, May 16**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### **Tues, May 17**

10:00am The Finance Committee will meet to conduct hearing on FY 2023 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

##### **Thurs, May 26**

5:30pm The Human Services and Veterans Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the state of mental health services in Cambridge.

##### **Thurs, June 2**

5:30pm The Human Services and Veterans Committee will conduct a public hearing to receive an update from the City Manager’s Opioid Task Force.

##### **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 City Council Meeting

##### **Mon, Sept 12**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### **Mon, Sept 19**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### **Mon, Sept 26**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### **Mon, Oct 3**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### **Mon, Oct 17**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### **Mon, Oct 24**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### **Mon, Oct 31**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

##### **Mon, Nov 7**

5:30pm City Council Meeting



**Mon, Nov 14**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, Nov 21**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, Nov 28**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, Dec 5**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, Dec 12**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, Dec 19**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

## **TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Apr 25, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Community Center (CCC) has been planning to expand their mental and behavioral youth and family health services into an unused Cambridge Health Alliance facility located at 205 Western Avenue; and

WHEREAS: In June 2019, the CCC applied for and received the necessary zoning relief needed from the Board of Zoning Appeals for a change of use to social center during that summer; and

WHEREAS: At that time, the City inspected the site and found both the HVAC and elevator weren't functioning properly and the building could not be occupied until those issues were resolved; and

WHEREAS: Neither the HVAC nor the elevator were repaired, and the temporary zoning expired without the Cambridge Community Center using the space; and

WHEREAS: In September 2021, the Cambridge Community Center hired a full-time Social Worker who has advanced our efforts in this area and they also have been able to attract additional funding and interest to support this initiative; and

WHEREAS: The goal of this new programming is to increase access to mental/behavioral health treatment for community members by reducing barriers related to logistics and stigma; and

WHEREAS: These mental/behavioral health needs issues existed in our community prior to COVID, but they significantly increased during the pandemic and this program would help connect many residents to the mental/behavioral health services that they need; and

WHEREAS: There is a significant lack of mental/behavioral health services in Cambridge and in the region, even as more residents are in need of these critical services; and

WHEREAS: Specifically, the Cambridge Community Center hopes to provide:

1. **Support for youth** with high-level mental/behavioral health risks through therapeutic treatment (with caregiver consent). These services will take place during program hours. Services will be provided in a setting that's

familiar to the youth at a time and location that's convenient for their caregivers.

2. **Support for caregivers** who require additional support and/or therapeutic treatment themselves. Caregivers will be able to receive these services while their children are being cared for in our program; and

WHEREAS: CCC has asked the City administration to determine if the building would still be available for use and what repairs to 205 Western Avenue would be needed to inhabit the space and provide these critical services; and

WHEREAS: No information has been provided since meeting in November 2021; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager confer with the Cambridge Heath Alliance, the Department of Public Works, the Inspectional Services Department and other relevant departments regarding the building condition and what repairs are needed at 205 Western Avenue to allow the Cambridge Community Center to house their program; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager respond to this request by the May 16th regular City Council meeting.

O-2 Apr 25, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

ORDERED: That based on the discussion at the Apr 12th, 2022, Government Operations, Rules, and Claims Committee that the City Manager, the City Solicitor, and other relevant departments report back to the full City Council on the following items:

- Developing a standard operating procedure for recruiting candidates to Boards and Commissions which is better aligned with current City staff recruitment standard operating procedures, including but not limited to: where to advertise and for how long, in what languages, what personal criteria should be added to the application process to ensure diversity (gender, age, race, ethnicity, rent/owner, etc.)
- Developing a comprehensive strategy to provide anti-bias training and onboarding to new Boards and Commission members, and exit interviews to members upon leaving
- Providing a report of Boards and Commissions that have term limits where applicable, and a strategy for imposing term limits based on best practices
- Developing a standardized presentation of appointments and re-appointments to City Council including, but not limited to, number of applicants, length of opening, current demographic breakdown of the Board or Committee, where outreach was done etc.
- Exploring ways we can provide stipends to boards and commission members, particularly those who meet more regularly like the Planning Board and Board of Zoning Appeals.
- Providing a report on how Boards and Commissions can meet the city's goals for diversity and inclusion, while

ensuring that any required professional expertise and/or specific knowledge that may be statutorily required will continue to be represented; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back by the May 30th regular City Council meeting.

O-3 Apr 25, 2022

COUNCILLOR TONER

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The City Manager and Cambridge Traffic and Parking Planning Department have requested approval at the Apr 11th City Council meeting and now before the Council for a vote tonight, Apr 25th, of a “partial construction plan” for segments of Massachusetts Avenue from Dudley Street to Beech Street and Roseland Street to Waterhouse Street sections of the “Mass Ave 4” portion of the project to be completed no later than April 2026; and

WHEREAS: Many in the Massachusetts Avenue and broader community – residents, property owners, small businesses, and nonresident patrons – have all expressed concerns about the potential loss of 90% of all parking on Massachusetts Avenue and the negative impact on residents and small businesses up and down Massachusetts Avenue, unless the MBTA removes the catenary wires along Massachusetts Avenue and parts of the median strip are removed which will possibly save 50% of parking spaces on the avenue; and

WHEREAS: It is stated intent of the Cambridge Traffic and Parking Department to complete the project by December of 2026 but with the expectation that the catenary wires and significant portions of the median strip will be removed before beginning the “partial construction” implementation of the Cycling Safety Ordinance which will allow the retention of approximately 50% of parking; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Traffic and Parking Department to work diligently with the MBTA to remove the catenary wires as soon as possible, and/or investigate the possibility of the City removing the catenary wires itself and commit to moving forward with the design and installation of the proposed “partial construction” bike lanes only when the wires have been removed; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council ask the City Manager for language that may be needed to adjust and update the Cycling Safety Ordinance to reflect this change in the current timelines as soon as possible, while keeping the overall time frame of the ordinance.

O-4 Apr 25, 2022

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The City Council is supportive of the Department of Public Works’ plan for distributing new trash bins to all residents over the course of a few weeks in June and welcomes the plan to standardize trash barrels; and

WHEREAS: The standardization of the bins should have many benefits, including benefits to DPW workers’ health and better control of rodents; and

WHEREAS: The standard bin for single- and two-family residences will be either 45 gallons and residences with more units will be 65 gallons; and

WHEREAS: The City has successfully reduced the amount of trash the average household generates, through innovative initiatives such as curbside composting and textile recycling efforts, such that 35 gallon bins suffice for most households; and

WHEREAS: The City’s Zero Waste Master Plan anticipates a continued reduction in household trash as an important part of our sustainability initiatives, to avoid contributing to the many harmful effects of landfills on public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS: Many residents want to contribute to the solution and having larger trash bins could inadvertently send the message that more trash is acceptable, and a large bin may incentivize residents to produce more waste, not less; and

WHEREAS: Encouraging households who need only a smaller bin (35 instead of 45 gallon or 45 or 65) to request smaller ones would send a message that less waste is a city goal and would be in line with the stated zero waste plan, without risking an increase in rodent activity (which is often related or to dumpsters and uncovered bins); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works to devise ways to encourage residents to request the smallest size they need and to keep waste output low with the rollout of the new bins in June; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the Council no later than May 1st, 2022.

O-5 Apr 25, 2022

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

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; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor's Office has scheduled events throughout the month of May in collaboration with Cambridge Public Health Department to increase awareness and provide resources for mental health, including a billboard to be placed at City Hall from May 2nd to May 15, 2022, connecting residents to Samaritans, a nonprofit organization supporting individuals seeking mental health help; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record recognizing May 2022 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 1st – 7th, 2022 in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month.

O-6 Apr 25, 2022

COUNCILLOR TONER

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge Traffic and Parking Planning Department and the City Manager have developed plans for installing "quick build" infrastructure in furtherance of implementing the Cycling Safety Ordinance (CSO) in Porter Square on Massachusetts Avenue from Roseland Street to Beech Street; and

WHEREAS: The City Manager and Cambridge Traffic and Parking Planning Department requested approval of a delay in implementing this plan due to the need to gather further community input and analysis of the impact on the Porter Square residents and businesses and the impossibility of meeting the original deadline but committed to installing quick build lanes as quickly as possible within this construction season; and

WHEREAS: The City Manager and Cambridge Traffic and Parking Planning Department have also requested approval at the Apr 11th City Council meeting and now before the council for a vote tonight, Apr 25th, of a "partial construction plan" for segments of Massachusetts Avenue from Dudley Street to Beech Street and Roseland Street to Waterhouse Street sections of the "Mass Ave 4" portion of the project to be completed no later than April 2026; and

WHEREAS: Many in the Porter Square and Massachusetts Avenue community - residents, property owners, small businesses, and nonresident patrons - have all expressed concerns about the "quick build" plan and its impact on parking and small businesses in the area and have questioned why Porter Square is being treated differently than the rest of Massachusetts Avenue to be completed on a separate, quicker timeline from the rest of Massachusetts Avenue while the MBTA catenary wires are still in place requiring the City to eliminate more parking than if it waited until the catenary wires are removed from this section of Massachusetts Avenue without any compelling reason; and

WHEREAS: Best practices in urban planning and transportation planning ensures planning is accomplished with a holistic view and comprehensive approach; and

WHEREAS: It is the stated intent of the Cambridge Traffic and Parking Department to revisit the Porter Square infrastructure in the future after the catenary wires are removed to make further changes to this area and this will only disrupt the Porter Square community twice in a relatively short period of time at substantial expense to the city; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Traffic and Parking Department to forego its original plan for "quick build" implementation and ensure that the implementation of bike lane infrastructure in Porter Square is accomplished as part of the whole of the Massachusetts Avenue 4 section, when the catenary wires and median strip are removed so that Porter Square may be included in the plans for "partial construction" infrastructure as part of one, cohesive plan stretching from Dudley Street to Waterhouse Street to be completed no later than April 30, 2026; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council ask the City Manager for language that may be needed to adjust and update the Cycling Safety Ordinance to reflect this change in the current timelines as soon as possible, while keeping the overall time frame of the ordinance.

O-7 Apr 25, 2022

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge shares a critical concern for those suffering from lung cancer, the nation's leading cause of cancer death; and

WHEREAS: In 2022, close to a quarter of a million people will be diagnosed with lung cancer in the United States, and an estimated 5,600 people in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: Turquoise Takeover Week, May 8-14, 2022, provides the opportunity to raise awareness of the disease, early screenings, and raise more research fund towards finding lifesaving breakthroughs; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: The City Council go on record recognizing Turquoise Takeover Week to raise awareness for lung cancer; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to light turquoise from May 8-14, 2022.