

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following person as a Constable With Power for a term of 3 years, effective Jan 1, 2021: Charles Durrah
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a recommendation to reappointment Conrad Crawford as a member of the Cambridge Redevelopment Board for a 5-year term, effective Apr 13, 2021.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant received from Boston Scientific for the Frisoli Youth Center in the amount of \$1,500 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which are awarded to the Frisoli Youth Center from Boston Scientific and the Boston Scientific Possibility Grant Program and will be used to purchase a t-shirt design heat press and start up materials.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$86,728.19 received from the MassHire Metro North Workforce Board to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$34,691) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$52,037.19) which will be used to reimburse the City for salary costs associated with enrolling income-eligible youth in the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program.
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$646.25 received from a Martin Luther King, Jr. preschool family fundraiser to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will support the cost of music enrichment sessions for the children.
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$174,360 of the Massachusetts Formula Grant, funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$109,645), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$57,915), and to the Travel and Training account (\$6,800) with is used for Council on Aging Division department staff and services and also to support instructors and group facilitators who provide services virtually to seniors.
7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$9,115 for the Center for Families program funded by the Cambridge Public Health Commission, Agenda for Children Literacy Initiative to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to provide community playgroups, virtual

playgroups, provider groups, and to support Cambridge Dad's activities.

8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-16, regarding creating a Commercial Composting Pilot program. [[Report from DPW](#)]
9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to proposed amendment to Section 8.66 of the Municipal Ordinance related to Tree Protection and related Orders. [[attachment A](#)][[attachment B](#)][[attachment C](#)][[attachment D](#)]
Agenda Item Number 9A Apr 26, 2021
ORDERED: That the City Council adopts the amendment to Cambridge Municipal Code Chapter 8.66 entitled Tree Protection to extend the provisions relating to tree removal in violation of Section 8.66.055 to June 30, 2021.
Agenda Item Number 9B Apr 26, 2021
ORDERED: That the City Council finds that the need to amend Cambridge Municipal Code Chapter 8.66 entitled Tree Protection to extend the provisions relating to tree removal in violation of Section 8.66.055 to June 30, 2021 is an emergency involving the health and safety of the people of Cambridge pursuant to G.L. c.43, §20, and therefore that the City Council may pass the amendment through all stages of legislation in one session pursuant to City Council Rule 20.
10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter an agreement with the Town of Watertown for the purpose of performing sidewalk reconstruction work on a portion of Belmont Street that is located in Watertown.
11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to follow up materials relative to the Green Roofs Zoning Petition. [[Report](#)]
12. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on the COVID-19 vaccination rollout.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Council shall have its own budget for outside legal research to be utilized at the discretion of the Council when designated by a majority of members in pursuance of the Council's authority to exercise the legislative powers of the City as specified in the City charter. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS IN COUNCIL APR 12, 2021]

ON THE TABLE

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-64, requesting Home Rule language to allow for acoustic live entertainment performances in small businesses under

certain conditions without a license. [TABLED IN COUNCIL FEB 22, 2021]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-108, regarding a report on offering early voting in City Council and School Committee Elections. [PENDING RESPONSE FROM LEGISLATURE]
4. A Zoning Petition has been received from Amy Oliver, regarding that the City require the installation of GREEN ROOFS vegetated or BioSolar on future construction and significant rehab of buildings that are 20,000 square feet and larger. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL APR 12, 2021 TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER APR 26, 2021]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Alex Nocella, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 61 Winter 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.
2. An application was received from Erin Caone representing Black Sheep Market, requesting permission for five (5) awnings at the premises numbered 101 Magazine Street, Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.
3. An application was received from Dong Lei representing Acar Bar Juicery, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 1876 Massachusetts Avenue. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.
4. A request was received from Kimberly Sherrod representing Santandar Bank, regarding Revocation of Bond #106025396 for Santandar Bank, 515 Massachusetts Avenue. Response from the Inspectional Services Department has been received confirming said sign has been removed.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding the 40-year resident Charles River White Geese seen in their last undestroyed food.
2. A communication was received from Candace Young, regarding Jerry's Pond.
3. A communication was received from Patricia David, regarding Green New Deal Zoning.
4. A communication was received from Judy Stitt, regarding Service of Notice- Irrefutable additional proofs of election fraud perpetrated in USA 2020 elections.

5. A communication was received from John MacDougall, regarding Green New Deal zoning petition.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the City Council go on record congratulating Elizabeth Speakman on the occasion of receiving the Innovation Award. Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Mallon

ORDERS

1. Divestment from Fossil Fuels and Private Prisons. Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone
2. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Danielle Farinato and Orlando Jaquez for a bench dedication as close as possible to 124 Thorndike Street—if at a park, either Hurley or Silva—or else in the vicinity of the SS. Cosmas and Damian Society on Porter Street. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Toomey
3. That the City Manager is requested to present a plan to the City Council to increase the affordable homeownership stock over the next 10 years by financing the construction of affordable homeownership units through a bond issue of no less than \$500 million. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Simmons
4. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Ashley Quinn Sheplak for a bench dedication in the vicinity of King Open School, Warren Street, or Washington Elms in honor of Christine Ann Quinn. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
5. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Cambridge Police Department to present a plan to the City Council for demilitarization, including the destruction and recycling of all rifles and shotguns, and elimination of the Lenco Bearcat. Councillor Zondervan
6. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to light City Hall up green from May 3-10, 2021 in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Personnel and the Law Department on updating the City of Cambridge's Parental Leave Policy for City of Cambridge employees. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing to receive updates from the Community Development Department, the Cambridge Housing Authority, Homeowners Rehab, Inc., and Just-A-Start on the work they are currently engaged in, and the impact of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic upon their operations.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A [communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui](#), communicating information from the School Committee.
2. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, transmitting questions for the COVID-19 update.

HEARING SCHEDULE (via Zoom and TV)

Mon, Apr 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 28

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee meeting on the Tree Protection Ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Apr 29

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the Broad Canal Zoning Petition. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 11

9:00am The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2022 budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 12

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to conduct a hearing on the Cannabis Delivery Zoning Amendments and Municipal Code Amendments. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 18

10:00am The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2022 budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 19

6:00pm The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on the School Department Fiscal Year 2022 budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 20

9:00am The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2022 budget (if needed). (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting - Budget Adoption (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Apr 26, 2021

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge declared a climate emergency in 2009; and

WHEREAS: A 2021 [report](#) showed that the world's 60 largest banks have invested \$3.8 trillion in fossil fuels since the 2015 Paris Agreement; and

WHEREAS: Knowing the dangerous of the climate crisis and the history that fossil fuel companies have in hiding the damage of climate change, the City of Cambridge cannot in good faith invest tax-payer dollars in those companies; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has long supported divesting from fossil fuels; the Council passed policy orders in [2013](#) and [2017](#) calling for the Cambridge Retirement Board to Divest, and after a [report](#) from the Board stating that Divestment is not yet legal, the Council passed a [resolution](#) in support of [H.3662](#), which would authorize independent retirement systems to divest from fossil fuel companies and remains in committee; and

WHEREAS: Private prisons helped to create the rise of mass incarceration, and the City of Cambridge cannot in good faith invest tax-payer dollars in an industry that profits from rising incarceration rates; and

WHEREAS: According to the ACLU study "[Banking on Bondage](#)," incarceration is at record levels in the United States, draining the resources of governments, communities, and taxpayers, while the private prison industry, which now holds 16% of U.S. prisoners, has "seen a gigantic windfall" in recent years; and

WHEREAS: A [2012 Supreme Court](#) case ruled that inmates in private prisons, where a [disproportionate number](#) of inmates are Black, are not afforded the same rights as federally-run prisons; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge residents should have the right to know that their city's funds are not being placed in the hands of any money manager or bank that has exposure to the fossil fuel or private prison industry; and

WHEREAS: While strict State Laws (see [Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32, Section 23](#)) dictate what the Cambridge Retirement Board is allowed to invest in or divest from, municipalities' direct investment funds are subject to different State Laws (see [Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 55](#)) which do not have the same parameters and allow for more leeway in what municipalities [can](#) and cannot invest in; and

WHEREAS: The [State of Massachusetts list](#) of acceptable investments for municipalities allows investments in companies counter to Cambridge values, including Altria, a tobacco company, Kentucky Utilities Company, whose energy is produced using 80-90% coal, and Bank of America, which despite policies on declining future investments in private prisons and limiting fossil fuel funding has one of the largest fossil fuel portfolios of any bank (\$42 billion in 2020); and

WHEREAS: The [Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust \[MMDT\]](#) offers municipalities pools of investment that are also allowed by the State, yet includes offerings that fund the fossil fuel industry with 2.5% in energy companies including pipeline builder Kinder Morgan, another 3.1% in utilities including fossil fuel companies, and banking institutions invested in fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS: The Budget Department already seeks to use only local banks when investing CDs and other funds, yet has no policy on avoiding banks that fund the fossil fuel sector or private prisons; and

WHEREAS: The [City of Cambridge Budget Book](#) Investment Policy states, in Section III, page 19, “This [investment] policy shall be reviewed during the City’s Annual Budget and Public Investment Program process,” and the budget adoption process will begin over the next month; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to add the following to the City of Cambridge Budget Book Investment Policy:

The City will work to ensure that no investment of City funds shall be made with banks, money managers, or investment portfolios that have any exposure to fossil fuels or private prisons.

For any municipal funds that are invested directly, the Auditor shall use [Carbon Underground 200](#) to evaluate whether a company is engaged in the business of fossil fuels such that investment in that company would be prohibited under this budget policy; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council during the 2021 budget hearing process with a timeline on implementation that shall be no more than six months from the enactment of this Policy Order.

O-2 Apr 26, 2021

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Umberto “Roland” Farinato was born in 1947 in East Cambridge, where he grew up to become a leader and role model in the community; and

WHEREAS: Roland was the son of Joseph and Clelia (Capamaccio) Farinato, father to Danielle Farinato and her husband Orlando Jaquez and brother to Frances Salgado; and

WHEREAS: After earning bachelor’s and master’s degrees in mathematics from Boston College, Roland brought his passion for the discipline back to Cambridge where he taught scores of students including Eric Cornell, who thanked him for helping ignite the initial “spark” after receiving the Nobel Prize in Physics; and

WHEREAS: In retirement, Roland was active in service and faith in Cambridge, contributing his time and energy to the Salvation Army and the SS. Cosmas and Damian Society, which named him 2003’s “Man of the Year” for helping orchestrate the group’s yearly feast honoring the patron saints of Roland’s beloved ancestral homeland of Gaeta, Italy; and

WHEREAS: Even after contracting COVID-19 last spring, Roland spent his final weeks in service to others, counseling and supporting many who were at risk of sliding back into addictive behavior during the early isolating days of the pandemic; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Danielle Farinato and Orlando Jaquez for a bench dedication as close as possible to 124 Thorndike Street—if at a park, either Hurley or Silva—or else in the vicinity of the SS. Cosmas and Damian Society on Porter Street; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward this order to the Dedication Committee for their review and approval.

O-3 Apr 26, 2021

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: [Envision](#) Cambridge includes the following goals:

- **Racial Justice:** End race-based disparities and achieve racial equity
- **Affordable Housing:** Maintain and expand affordable rental and *homeownership opportunities* to enable Cambridge to thrive as a mixed-income community that includes very low-, low-, moderate, and middle-income individuals and families.
- **Housing Stability:** Support the ability for current Cambridge residents and families to remain in Cambridge and contribute to the community.

WHEREAS: Affordable housing is key to supporting and maintaining an ethnically and economically diverse community; and

WHEREAS: We acknowledge that our city is challenged to maintain an ethnically diverse community because of historic discrimination against Black and Brown people by federal, state and local agencies; and

WHEREAS: These racially discriminatory practices denied them access to the housing market; and

WHEREAS: We acknowledge that this discrimination continues to have social, economic, and educational ramifications on the health of our city and our citizens; and

WHEREAS: Increasing the availability of housing that increases affordable ownership opportunities for families denied such opportunities in the past because of their race is a major community need and remains a primary goal of the City Council; and

WHEREAS: The city’s [current](#) stock of affordable homeownership units is about 500, or roughly 1% of the [total](#) housing stock; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to present a plan to the City Council to increase the affordable homeownership stock over the next 10 years by financing the construction of affordable homeownership units through a bond issue of no less than \$500 million; and be it further

ORDERED: That the units funded by this bond issue be made available preferentially to first generation, first time home buyers who grew up in Cambridge, so as to maximize the potential for redressing past racial discrimination; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back prior to the relevant FY22 budget hearings.

O-4 Apr 26, 2021

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: Christine Ann Quinn was born in 1948 in East Cambridge and raised there and in Washington Elms; and

WHEREAS: Christine served Cambridge for over 30 years as a public-school assistant and then teacher at the Harrington School (now King Open School) until her retirement in 2004; and

WHEREAS: Christine was the first of her family to go to college, earning her bachelor’s degree from Wheelock College and her master’s from Lesley University, after which she continued her pursuit of knowledge by attaining 45 additional credits; and

WHEREAS: Christine was a role model to her colleagues, fellow teachers, students, and friends, and fully embodied Cambridge’s motto “*Literis Antiquis Institutis Decora*”—“distinguished for classical learning”; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Ashley Quinn Sheplak for a bench dedication in the vicinity of King Open School, Warren Street, or Washington Elms in honor of Christine Ann Quinn; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward this order to the Dedication Committee for their review and approval.

O-5 Apr 26, 2021

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The City Council received a [full inventory](#) of the Cambridge Police Department on July 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS: The inventory includes many assault rifles and shotguns, as well as a Lenco Bearcat armored vehicle; and

WHEREAS: The Lenco Bearcat armored vehicle [has been used](#) to intimidate peaceful Black Lives Matter protesters; and

WHEREAS: On Jan 6, 2021 the Public Safety Committee [heard from](#) community members and subject matter experts, who argued that there is no credible benefit to the Police Department having this type of military-grade equipment, and that its presence does ongoing harm to the community; and

WHEREAS: On Feb 19, 2021 the Police Department [announced](#) it would eliminate camouflage materials and reduce its weapon inventory by 20-30%, a concession that does not go far enough to address the calls to demilitarize the police; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Police Department to present a plan to the City Council for demilitarization, including the destruction and recycling of all rifles and shotguns, and elimination of the Lenco Bearcat; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to present a response to the City Council ahead of the relevant upcoming FY22 budget hearings.

O-6 Apr 26, 2021

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

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: As this past year has shown, mental health resources are critical for individuals and families dealing with the impacts and trauma of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the epidemic of racism; 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 3rd to May 16, 2021, 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 2021 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 3rd through May 10, 2021 in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month.

O-7 Apr 26, 2021

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The City of Boston is considering further extending its paid parental leave policy for its employees to those who have experienced a loss of pregnancy; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge's Parental Leave Policy currently provides that eligible employees regardless of gender who have been actively employed for 3 continuous months may take up to a 24-week leave of absence for the purpose of recovering from pregnancy/childbirth and caring for their newborn or newly adopted/placed child or children, including 8 weeks of paid parental leave after a natural birth by any method, adoption or foster placement of a child, surrogacy, or stillbirth; and

WHEREAS: Under current policy, employees dealing with the loss of a pregnancy due to miscarriage or termination would have to utilize bereavement, vacation, or sick time to receive the care and time they need to heal; and

WHEREAS: It's important for the City to support its employees undergoing great personal loss and hardship due to a miscarriage, termination, or instances involving dilation and extraction; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Personnel and the Law Department on updating the City of Cambridge's Parental Leave Policy for City of Cambridge employees and report back to the City Council on this matter as soon as possible.