

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$60,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits (Insurance) Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Finance (Purchasing) Travel & Training (Judgment and Damages) account. The funds will cover medical bills and settlements for Finance Department personnel injured in the course of their job. (CM23#124)
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 23-24, regarding an update on providing free menstrual products in all gender bathrooms of the Cambridge Public Library branches, and the City's Fire Stations. (CM23#125)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the [Final Landmark Designation Report for the Charles Hicks Saunders House](#). (CM23#126)  
Agenda Item Number 3    May 8, 2023  
ORDERED: That the Charles Hicks Saunders House at 1627 Massachusetts Avenue be designated as a protected landmark pursuant to Chapter 2.78, Article III, Section 2.78.180 of the Cambridge Municipal Code, as recommended by vote of the Cambridge Historical Commission on March 30, 2023. The premises so designated is defined as parcel 1 on assessor's map 157 and the structures thereon.  
  
This designation is justified by the associations of the building with the architectural, aesthetic and economic history of Cambridge, and by its architectural significance as a well-preserved example of the Second Empire style.  
  
The effect of this designation shall be that review by the Cambridge Historical Commission and the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness, Hardship or Non-Applicability shall be required before any construction activity can take place on the designated premises or any action can be taken affecting the appearance of the premises, that would in either case be visible from a public way. In making determinations, the Commission shall be guided by the provisions of the Final Landmark Designation Report dated May 2, 2023 with respect to the designated premises, and by the applicable sections of Chapter 2.78, Article III, of the Cambridge Municipal Code.  
  
This designation incorporates the conditional approval granted by the Cambridge Historical Commission on March 30, 2023 for renovation of the existing house and construction of an addition for the purpose of affordable housing.
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus (LGBTQ+) Commission for a term of three years, effective May 8, 2023: • Cindy Telingator (appointment) • Jason Doo (appointment) • M Joyce-Anderson (appointment) • Mary Rebecca Gardner (appointment) • Zachary Dresser (appointment) • Greg

MacDonough (reappointment) • Lesley Phillips (reappointment) • Linden Huhmann (reappointment) • Noelani Kamelamela (reappointment) (CM23#127)

5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a recommendation that the City Council approve an Order to take by "friendly" eminent domain proceeding parcels of land located at 319 Webster Avenue, Cambridge (as shown on Cambridge Assessors Map 81, Parcel 21), 333 Webster Avenue, Cambridge (as shown on Cambridge Assessors Map 81, Parcel 23), and 455 Columbia Street (as shown on Cambridge Assessors Map 81, Parcel 16) (collectively "Cambridge Parcels"), and approve an Order authorizing the purchase of a parcel of land located at 94 Webster Avenue, Somerville (as shown on Somerville Assessors Map 96, Parcel B-7) ("Somerville Parcel") (collectively, the "Premises"), all of which are owned by Webster Avenue Ventures LLC ("WV"). (CM23#128) [[plot plan](#)] [[Order of Taking](#)] [[Order authorizing purchase](#)]
6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Items Numbered 23-02 & 23-034, related to exploring the need for a special permitting process for cannabis dispensaries, special permitting fees and bicycle parking requirements, and Response to Awaiting Report No. 23-4 regarding establishing the framework that will allow for the immediate elimination of the bicycle parking fees imposed on Economic Empowerment and Social Equity applicants and cannabis dispensary operators. (CM23#129) [[report and proposed zoning change](#)]
7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board report with no positive or negative recommendation on the Kelley et. al. Zoning Petition. (CM23#130)
8. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to an [update on Afterschool care](#). (CM23#131)
9. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to an [update on the development of the City of Cambridge Community Safety Department \(CSD\)](#). (CM23#132)
10. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 23-07, regarding [report on providing publicly-accessible traffic stop, arrest, and citation police data on a new Procedural Justice Dashboard](#). (CM23#133)

## CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department to promptly draft a zoning petition to be considered for filing by the City Council, based upon the proposed Affordable Housing Overlay amendments now before the Housing Committee. [Charter Right – Nolan, May 1, 2023] (PO23#75)

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$50,000,000 to provide funds for the reconstruction of the Mass Avenue between Waterhouse Street and Alewife Parkway. [Passed to 2nd Reading May 1, 2023; Referred to Finance Committee May 1, 2023] (CM23#106)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to appropriation and authorization to borrow \$35,350,000 to provide funds for the Municipal Facilities Improvement Plan. Funds will support upgrades to the 689 Mass Avenue Interior; upgrades at the Moses Youth Center; Interior fit-out of Rindge Pre-K building; electric vehicle charging station infrastructure at several municipal buildings; and additional work at Inman and East Cambridge Fire Houses; First Street Garage upgrades to stairs and elevator; and other City building upgrades. [Passed to 2nd Reading May 1, 2023; Referred to Finance Committee May 1, 2023] (CM23#107)
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,500,000 to provide funds for the construction of the Peabody School Playground and Corcoran (Raymond Street) park. [Passed to 2nd Reading May 1, 2023; Referred to Finance Committee May 1, 2023] (CM23#108)
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,800,000 to provide funds for financing school building upgrades. [Passed to 2nd Reading May 1, 2023; Referred to Finance Committee May 1, 2023] (CM23#109)
6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$51,500,000 to provide funds for the construction of sewer separation, storm water management and combined sewer overflow reduction elimination improvements within the Port and River Street areas as well as the Sewer Capital Repairs Program and climate change preparedness efforts. [Passed to 2nd Reading May 1, 2023; Referred to Finance Committee May 1, 2023] (CM23#110)
7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$26,000,000 to provide funds for the reconstruction of various City streets, sidewalks and bike facilities. \$15,000,000 of this loan order is attributable to the improvement project related to sewer infrastructure upgrades on River Street, which include full depth roadway reconstruction, new sidewalks, new street trees and various other street improvements. [Passed to 2nd Reading May 1, 2023; Referred to Finance Committee May 1, 2023] (CM23#111)

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Alan Dobson regarding DCR Letter, Apr 3, 2023 to Cambridge City Manager; PO23#68.
2. A communication was received from Carol Simone regarding BEUDO.

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4. A communication was received from Quentin Seemuller regarding Support strong BEUDO amendments.
5. A communication was received from David Chilinski regarding Policy Order PO23#75.
6. A communication was received from Nancy E. Phillips regarding The new Affordable Housing Zoning proposal.
7. A communication was received from Randa Ghattas regarding Michael Monestime Petition and AHO amendments.
8. A communication was received from Elaine O'Reilly regarding Please vote in favor of the City Council policy order to expand and improve the Affordable Housing Overlay.
9. A communication was received from Ausra Kubilius regarding NO to #75 for AHO!
10. A communication was received from Robert Camacho regarding Policy Order #75.
11. A communication was received from Nonie Valentine regarding Opposition to the newest version of AHO.
12. A communication was received from William Bloomstein regarding NO to the AHO amendment.
13. A communication was received from Jacqueline Brown regarding AHO amendment Council meeting on May 1.
14. A communication was received from John Trever regarding opposition to massive destructive AHO upzoning.
15. A communication was received from John Trever regarding keeping neighborhood conservation districts.
16. A communication was received from John Goodson regarding The inadvisability of high-rise living.
17. A communication was received from Ellen Leopold regarding Up-zoning proposal.
18. A communication was received from Nella LaRosa-Waters regarding AHO proposal.
19. A communication was received from Joan Pickett regarding Vote NO on Policy Order #75.
20. A communication was received from Ellen Levine regarding Affordable Housing Ordinance petition.
21. A communication was received from Bojana Bosanac regarding opposition to AHO amendment.
22. A communication was received from Nancy Salzman regarding meeting Monday on changing zoning.
23. A communication was received from John Russell regarding upzoning.
24. A communication was received from Anne Randolph regarding Please vote to oppose the current AHO proposal and look for real solution.
25. A communication was received from McKelden Smith regarding Opposing upzoning ordinance.
26. A communication was received from Clelia Goldings regarding High-rise Housing Projects.
27. A communication was received from Ruth Josimovich regarding AHO ordinance up for vote on May 1.
28. A communication was received from Barbara Beal regarding Against High Rise Buildings.
29. A communication was received from Amy Thompson regarding Affordable Housing Ordinance petition.
30. A communication was received from Larissa Boutique regarding Oppose housing ordinance petition.

31. A communication was received from Susan Carter regarding AHO.
32. A communication was received from Karen Cushing regarding Against AHO amendment.
33. A communication was received from Robert McCarthy regarding May 1st vote on the proposal for 12 and 15 story buildings built on the City's corridors and in public Squares.
34. A communication was received from David Mankins regarding Affordable Housing Ordinance vote at 1 May meeting.
35. A communication was received from Ben Wagner regarding Opposition as a Homeowner in Cambridge to Destruction of Green Space.
36. A communication was received from Catalina Arboleda regarding AHO vote on May 1, 2023.
37. A communication was received from Frank J. Paolitto regarding Proposed changes in housing policies.
38. A communication was received from Jana Odette regarding Opposition to sending the AHO petition to the Ordinance Committee.
39. A communication was received from Michael J. and AnneMarie Mahoney regarding AHO Petition.
40. A communication was received from George Anderson regarding oppose sending Affordable Housing Ordinance Petition to the Ordinance Committee.
41. A communication was received from Genevieve Coyle regarding AHO upgrade.
42. A communication was received from Mary Jane Kornacki regarding Policy Order PO23#75 - Oppose.
43. A communication was received from Judy Silvan regarding AHO.
44. A communication was received from Vickey Bestor regarding Oppose Up-Zoning but Favor Affordable Housing.
45. A communication was received from Lisa Glover regarding Oppose sending up-zoning without further review.
46. A communication was received from Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler regarding Support for Policy Order #1 - AHO improvements.
47. A communication was received from Rebecca Pries regarding Oppose sending the up-zoning to the Ordinance Committee.
48. A communication was received from Janet Reckman regarding New AHO petition.
49. A communication was received from Robin Greeley regarding Oppose AHO upzoning proposal.
50. A communication was received from Claudia Majetich regarding Oppose amendment to AHO.
51. A communication was received from Susan Ringler regarding No to AHO.
52. A communication was received from Claire Messud regarding Affordable Housing Ordinance.
53. A communication was received from Thomas Smolenski regarding Affordable Housing Ordinance.
54. A communication was received from Holly Hatton regarding Building on Green Space on Larch Road, Cambridge.
55. A communication was received from Lynn Cetrulo regarding Amended AHO Petition/For Consideration May 1, 2023.
56. A communication was received from Nisha Smolenski regarding Affordable Housing Ordinance.
57. A communication was received from Judith Levine regarding Concerned Resident at 175 Larch Road.
58. A communication was received from Matt Goldstein regarding Please support the policy order to improve the Affordable Housing Overlay.
59. A communication was received from Lisa McManus regarding Vote no to revised AHO.
60. A communication was received from Linda Gennari regarding Affordable Housing.
61. A communication was received from Carl Nagy-Koechlin, Sara Barcan, Mike Johnston, and Jason Korb regarding In support of AHO amendment - Policy Order #1.
62. A communication was received from Jennifer Miles regarding AHO Ordinance Petition.
63. A communication was received from Zack Goldberg regarding Against amended Affordable Housing Ordinance petition, City Budget.
64. A communication was received from Young Kim regarding City Manager's Agenda items 1 and 2.
65. A communication was received from Susan Carter regarding New City Budget.
66. A communication was received from Shelagh Hadley regarding the revised AHO petition.
67. A communication was received from Jack Silversin regarding Policy Order PO23#75 – Please Reject.
68. A communication was received from Dena Feldstein Brody regarding opposition to the AHO petition.
69. A communication was received from Annette LaMond and Joe Moore regarding Please Oppose Amended AHO Petition.
70. A communication was received from Suzanne Blier regarding AHO-NCD-BEUDO-BUDGETING.
71. A communication was received from Linda Branch Dunn regarding Please OPPOSE send the Affordable Housing Ordinance Petition to the Ordinance Committee.
72. A communication was received from John Croll regarding Oppose sending the Affordable Housing Ordinance Petition to Ordinance Committee.
73. A communication was received from Gabriela Romanow regarding Please oppose the up-zoning AHO ordinance.
74. A communication was received from Karen Falb regarding AHO up-zoning.
75. A communication was received from Ausra Kubilius regarding Please spend public money wisely.
76. A communication was received from Barbara Anthony regarding AHO and City Budget.
77. A communication was received from Susan Lapides regarding OPPOSE the Affordable Housing Ordinance.
78. A communication was received from John and Elizabeth Gilmore regarding Opposition Letter to AHO amendment.
79. A communication was received from Peter Wilson regarding OPPOSE the Affordable Housing Ordinance.
80. A communication was received from Phil Wellons regarding AHO Petition.
81. A communication was received from Patricia Carney regarding Oppose the Amended Affordable Housing Ordinance petition.
82. A communication was received from Dan Phillips regarding Support for Expanding the AHO.
83. A communication was received from Keith Fahnestock regarding Oppose pushing AHO petition to Ordinance Committee.

84. A communication was received from Cathy Higgins regarding Please support AHO amendments.
85. A communication was received from Andrew Solomon regarding AHO.
86. A communication was received from Patricia Flaherty regarding AHO Amendment.
87. A communication was received from Jess Sheehan regarding In support of the expanded AHO.
88. A communication was received from Charles and Diane Norris regarding AHO Revisions Ordinance Vote.
89. A communication was received from Barbara Anthony regarding AHO, Budget, BEUDO.
90. A communication was received from Camilla Elvis regarding Support AHO Amendment compromise.
91. A communication was received from Janet Littell regarding Please don't allow overdevelopment.
92. A communication was received from Sarah Merin regarding opposition to the proposed zoning changes.
93. A communication was received from K. Gormley regarding Please don't let the developer lobby hijack Cambridge! NO to AHO.
94. A communication was received from Marie Elena Saccoccio regarding Opposition to "Extention" of AHO.
95. A communication was received from Sam Burgess regarding Cambridge Affordable Housing Overlay Amendments--Resident in Support.
96. A communication was received from Robin Bledsoe regarding Opposing AHO petition.
97. A communication was received from Richard S. Joslin regarding Amended Affordable Housing Ordinance.
98. A communication was received from Meg A. Bond regarding ramming through a bad idea that neighbor oppose.
99. A communication was received from Francesca Gordini regarding NO to AHO.
100. A communication was received from Daniel Chasman regarding Affordable Housing Ordinance Petition.
101. A communication was received from David Halperin regarding Support AHO expansion.
102. A communication was received from Rosalind Michahelles regarding No to skyscrapers all over Cambridge!
103. A communication was received from Guillemette and Bill Simmers regarding AHO petition.
104. A communication was received from Liz Werby regarding Affordable Housing Ordinance Petition.
105. A communication was received from Catherine Zusy regarding Pitched Roof Petition, AHO Amendments, and 10% City Budget Increase.
106. A communication was received from Barbara Anthony regarding Zealotry over the top.
107. A communication was received from Eugenia Schraa regarding Strong support for AHO policy order.
108. A communication was received from David Hattis regarding Affordable Housing Overlay.
109. A communication was received from Rachel Sandalow-Ash regarding Expand the Affordable Housing Overlay.
110. A communication was received from Daniel Blinderman regarding Expressing Support for the AHO policy order.
111. A communication was received from Carolyn Fuller regarding Vote YES for Affordable Housing.
112. A communication was received from Young Kim regarding Oral Comment regarding City Manager's Agenda #1 and #2 and Policy Order 1.
113. A communication was received from Lori Thomas regarding Expand Affordable Housing Overlay.
114. A communication was received from Jess Sheehan regarding A reminder as you listen to some securely housed residents denigrate AH.
115. A communication was received from Ann Stewart regarding comment on AHO2 amendment.
116. A communication was received from William Bloomstein regarding NO to the AHO amendment.
117. A communication was received from Clara Wellons regarding Against the AHO petition.
118. A communication was received from Mark Kon regarding NO to "affordable" human warehousing.
119. A communication was received from Mark Golberg regarding 5+ blocks long - bumper to bumper on Raymond Street - photos.
120. A communication was received from Susan Connelly regarding AHO, Community Process and Data.
121. A communication was received from Carl Nagy-Koechlin regarding AHO, Community Process and Data.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations on the Retirement of Julie Craven from The Cambridge Public Schools. Councillor Toner
2. Congratulations on the Retirement of Candyce Dostert from The Cambridge Public Schools. Councillor Toner
3. Congratulations on the Retirement of Eric Berggren from The Cambridge Public Schools. Councillor Toner
4. Congratulations on the Retirement of Ieda Demelo from The Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner
5. Congratulations on the Retirement of Frederick Hart. Councillor Toner
6. Congratulations to Marylou Sullivan on her Retirement from The Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Toner
7. Congratulations to Gretchen Hardina on her retirement from The Cambridge Public Schools. Councillor Toner
8. Congratulations to Lieutenant John Lang on his Retirement from The Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Toner
9. Congratulations to Eileen Walsh on her Retirement from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner
10. Congratulations to Cambridge Crossing on receiving the Nicholas Humber Award for Outstanding Collaboration. Councillor Toner, Councillor Simmons
11. Resolution on the death of Lillian F. Orchard. Councillor Toner
12. Resolution on the death of Rita A. Carney. Councillor Toner
13. Congratulations to the Portugalia Restaurant. Councillor Toner, Councillor Simmons
14. Retirement of Charlie Parker from Just-A-Start. Mayor Siddiqui



## ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is directed to work with all relevant departments to recommend what new city regulations and council action or changes to existing regulations or ordinances are needed to put in place in order to implement the Craig Kelley et al. Zoning Petition for residential car sharing and renting of EV charging stations and bring those recommendations to the full council by June 12, 2023. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan (PO23#81)
2. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to determine the feasibility of purchasing available property from Lesley University to address City goals. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan (PO23#82)
3. Online Publication of Legal Notices. Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Azeem (PO23#83)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Health and Environment Committee** held 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. [[text of report](#)]  
**Present:** Nolan, Carlone, Zondervan  
**Remote Present:** Azeem  
**Absent:** McGovern
2. **Ordinance Committee** meeting of Wed, Apr 12, 2023, 5:30pm on BEUDO - recessed. [[text of report](#)]  
**Present:** Mallon, Toner, Zondervan, Siddiqui, Nolan (late)  
**Remote Present:** Azeem, Carlone, McGovern  
**Absent:** Simmons
3. **Ordinance Committee** meeting of Wed, Apr 26, 2023, 3:00pm on BEUDO – continuation. [[text of report](#)] [[communications](#)]  
**Present:** Mallon, Toner (late), Zondervan, Siddiqui, Nolan (late), Simmons (late)  
**Remote Present:** Azeem, Carlone, McGovern (late)  
**Note:** A public meeting of the Cambridge City Council's Ordinance Committee was held on Wed, Apr 12, 2023. The call of the meeting was to continue the discussion on the proposed amendments to the Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance (BEUDO), Ordinance #2021-26. The meeting was recessed and reconvened on Apr 26, 2023. At the meeting, the committee voted favorably to request that the City Manager is requested work with CDD, Law Department, the Assessor's Office, and any other relevant departments to produce final draft ordinance language for the BEUDO amendments based on the CDD proposal as amended by the Ordinance Committee at its Apr 26, 2023 hearing; and that the City Manager report back on this matter, including presenting final draft language to the City Council no later than May 31, 2023 (POR 2023 #78, Adopted May 1, 2023).

## COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF23#88)

2. A communication from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee. (COF23#89)

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### 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

12:30pm The **Public Safety Committee** will hold a public meeting to discuss the 2022 annual surveillance reports.

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)

### Wed, June 7

5:30pm The **Public Safety Committee** will hold a public meeting to discuss the Police Review and Advisory Board, including CMA 2023 #27.

### 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 May 8, 2023

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: The Ordinance Committee held a public hearing and discussion relative to the Craig Kelley et al. Zoning Petition, APP 2023 #9, on May 3, 2023.

WHEREAS: The Committee voted favorably by a vote of 7-Yes, 1-No, and 1-Absent to direct the City Manager to work with all relevant departments to recommend what new city regulations and council action or changes to existing regulations or ordinances are needed to put in place in order to implement the Craig Kelley et al. Zoning Petition, for residential car sharing and renting of EV charging stations and bring those recommendations to the Full City Council by June 12, 2023.

ORDERED: That the City Manager is directed to work with all relevant departments to recommend what new city regulations and council action or changes to existing regulations or ordinances are needed to put in place in order to implement the Craig Kelley et al. Zoning Petition for residential car sharing and renting of EV charging stations and bring those recommendations to the full council by June 12, 2023.

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MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Lesley University recently announced plans to sell additional underutilized properties, following the release of their campus plan in 2021; and

WHEREAS: Following a [2021 policy order](#), the City [worked with](#) Lesley and Homeowners Rehab, Inc. (HRI) to purchase the 1627 Massachusetts Avenue property for affordable housing; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has expressed a desire for the City to purchase property for a range of priorities from Pre-K to green space to housing; and

WHEREAS: The properties that were recently put on the market by Lesley University, as well as others that may become available, could help address these much-needed priorities; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to determine the feasibility of purchasing available property from Lesley University and other sources to address City goals; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the feasibility in a timely manner.

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COUNCILLOR NOLAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: Democracy requires informed residents, with independent journalism consistently cited as necessary for well-functioning transparent government; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Chronicle, the oldest weekly published newspaper in the country, has no Cambridge based staff and no longer prints articles about local issues due to corporate decisions made by out of state owners; and

WHEREAS: The City recognizes the need for publishing notices that are seen by residents and stakeholders and has been publishing notices in the Chronicle and Boston Globe in accordance with legal obligations for notices; and

WHEREAS: The availability of online newspapers such as Cambridge Day, an independent source of news, confirms the growing need to reach residents who increasingly get their news from online sources; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Law Department and other relevant City departments to recommend how the City can publish legal notices using online newspapers; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council by the end of June 2023.