

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$39,600 to the Grant Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account. The funds will be used to purchase new helmets and boots for recruits to respond to Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosives (CBRNE) events; two Electric Vehicle (EV) fire blankets will be deployed to Engine 5 and Engine 4 in response to the growing number of EV incidents; and new third rail testers will replace the current testers for Rescue, Training, and all 4 Ladder Companies. (CM24#97)
2. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$37,018.59, to the Grant Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account. Funds will be used to replace the current high-rise hose with new equipment which is more effective for battling high-rise incidents. Funds will also support additional rescue equipment (wingman, carabiners, rope and clutch) which will be used by rescue teams responding to incidents involving extraction of victims from emergency scenes such as construction sites, mass transit facilities and other responses which may require hauling of victims. (CM24#98)
3. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$200,000 in the General Fund between School Department statutory accounts as follows: \$200,000 from the General Fund School Department Salary and Wages account to the General Fund School Department Travel and Training account (\$150,000) and to the General Fund School Department Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$50,000). (CM24#99)
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-14, regarding a request the City Manager direct the appropriate City staff to investigate and determine what measures, if any, can be taken to mitigate the noise impacts of waste management disposal operations on residents in the North Point District while remaining compliant with existing legal requirements. (CM24#100)
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointments of the following persons as members of the Danehy Park Improvement Plan Working Group: **Ty Bellitti, Sarina Canelake, Katia Crowley, Anthony Galluccio, Chala Hadimi, Emily Hoffman, Tsion Kebede, Frederico Muchnik, Mike Nakagawa, Natasa Ristivojevic, Antonieta Salguero, Kathleen Riesing, Michael Siegall, Jason Targoff, and David Weylan.** (CM24#101)
6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointments of **Raffi Freeman** and **Krissandra Robinson** as well as the reappointments of **Susan Schlesinger, James G. Stockard Jr., and Elaine Thorne** as members of the Affordable Housing Trust for a term of three years. (CM24#102)

7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-16, regarding a report on developing ways to fund support of decarbonization and clean energy projects and technical assistance for property owners of all types especially those with limited resources, with an initial focus on work associated with BEUDO emissions reduction requirements. (CM24#103)
8. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a request to move to Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation known as City of Cambridge et al., v. Lexington Planning Board et al. (Docket No. 2381CV01683), which is an appeal before the Land Court. Additionally, to consider the purchase of real property, O Cambridge/Concord Turnpike in Lexington, Massachusetts, adjacent to the Hobbs Brook Reservoir. Discussing this matter in an open session may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the City. (CM24#104)

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department to work with the Co-Chairs of the Housing Committee to turn their vision of multifamily housing citywide into zoning language. Councillor Azeem, Councillor Siddiqui (PO24#62)
2. That the City Council calls upon the City Manager to take steps to bring support to efforts supporting Overdose Prevention Center legislation currently under consideration in the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives. Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler (PO24#63)
3. The Cambridge City Council go on record recognizing the first full week of May as Peripheral Neuropathy Awareness Week. Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons (PO24#64)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. An Ordinance 2023 #8B has been received from City Clerk, relative to Amend Chapter 14.04 – Fair Housing. [Passed to 2nd Reading Oct 2, 2023; Amended Nov 6, 2023; to remain on Unfinished Business pending legislative approval of Special Act needed prior to ordination] (ORD23-8B)
2. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$11,500,000 to provide funds for the reconstruction of various City streets and sidewalks. [Passed to 2nd Reading and Referred to Finance Committee, Apr 29, 2024] (CM24#74)
3. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of appropriation and authorization to borrow \$4,350,000 to provide funds for the Municipal Facilities Improvement Plan. Funds will support significant building improvements and deferred maintenance projects. Proposed projects include but are not limited to upgrades of Public Works facilities, municipal offices, youth centers, branch libraries and fire stations,

- renovations to 105 Windsor Street and upgrades of HVAC and electrical systems. [Passed to 2nd Reading and Referred to Finance Committee, Apr 29, 2024] (CM24#75)
4. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,000,000 to provide funds for the design and construction of open spaces at the Peabody School Playground, Corcoran (Raymond Street) Park, Rafferty Park, Wilder-Lee Park, and 359 Broadway. [Passed to 2nd Reading and Referred to Finance Committee, Apr 29, 2024] (CM24#76)
 5. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,560,000 to provide funds for financing school building upgrades. [Passed to 2nd Reading and Referred to Finance Committee, Apr 29, 2024] (CM24#77)
 6. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of and authorization to borrow \$6,550,000 to provide funds for the Ozone Generator Replacement; Water Treatment Plant equipment and systems upgrades and water works construction projects in coordination with DPW street restoration projects, which include Massachusetts Ave 4, Chestnut, Dana, Sciarappa and Winter Streets. [Passed to 2nd Reading and Referred to Finance Committee, Apr 29, 2024] (CM24#78)
 7. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$8,500,000 to provide funds for the sewer Capital Repairs Program and projects related to climate change preparedness efforts. [Passed to 2nd Reading and Referred to Finance Committee, Apr 29, 2024] (CM24#79)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication from Abigail Klein regarding Firm OPPOSITION to PO24#58/Charter Right #1.
2. A communication from Adina Bechhofer regarding Discriminatory hate speech at MIT campus protest and PO24#58.
3. A communication from Alan Meyers regarding PO24#58.
4. A communication from Alec Wysoker regarding Please support PO24#58.
5. A communication from Alex Hines regarding Vote YES on PO24#58.
6. A communication from Ali Devaney regarding PO24#58/Charter Right #1.
7. A communication from Andy Nash regarding PO24#58.
8. A communication from Béatrice Steinberg regarding Opposition to PO24#58/Charter Right #1.
9. A communication from Benjamin Fincke regarding Oppose PO24#58.
10. A communication from Beth Gamse and Judy Singer regarding Support amendment to PO24#58.
11. A communication from Cambridge Mothers Out Front Leadership Team regarding Oppose Private Jet Expansion at Hanscom Field (PO24#60).
12. A communication from Carlos Salamanca regarding Support for Charter Right #1, PO24#58.
13. A communication from Carol Hauser regarding PO24#58/Charter Right #1.
14. A communication from Carolyn Shipley regarding Charter Right #1, PO24#58
15. A communication from Clara Fraden regarding In Support of PO24#58.
16. A communication from Claudia Chu regarding Please make Cambridge street a safer place to bike.
17. A communication from Clifford Baden regarding policy order re: campus protests.
18. A communication from Colin Fennelly regarding Stop the 15 month bike and pedestrian ban.
19. A communication from Dan Totten regarding time change for school budget vote.
20. A communication from Dan Totten regarding support of Charter Right #1.
21. A communication from Dara Manoach regarding Motion regarding protests at MIT and Harvard.
22. A communication from Debora Spar regarding policy order#58.
23. A communication from Ellen Berk regarding Oppose PO24#58/Charter Right#1.
24. A communication from Ellen Mei regarding Support and Strengthen PO24#58.
25. A communication from Emerson Hannah regarding Please protect bike path project.
26. A communication from Emmy Linder regarding Oppose PO24#58/Charter Right #1.
27. A communication from Erin Reynolds regarding We need bike lanes!
28. A communication from Federico Muchnik regarding Film: OPEN SPACE; Life At Cambridge's Danehy Park - Link to film for Cambridge Gov't Personnel.
29. A communication from Gerald Bergman regarding PO24#58 regarding use of Cambridge police on campus.
30. A communication from Shelagh Hadley regarding Amend PO24#58/charter right #1.
31. A communication from Harold Bursztajn regarding Monday night Meeting Charter Right #1/PO24#58.
32. A communication from Heidi Urich regarding Monday night Meeting Charter Right #1/PO24#58 - Support the Alternative Policy Order.
33. A communication from Hubert Murray regarding In support of PO24#58.
34. A communication from Hunter Aldrich regarding Support Charter Right #1, PO24#58.
35. A communication from Husain al-mohssen regarding Supporting Sane Public Policy.
36. A communication from Igor Lubashev regarding No divisive orders place.
37. A communication from Jacqueline Ramos Draper regarding Vote YES on PO24#58.
38. A communication from Jennifer Brill regarding Amend PO24#58/Charter Right #1.
39. A communication from Jesus Guillermo Herrera Arcos regarding Bike lanes.
40. A communication from Joan D. Krizack regarding PO24#58/Charter Right #1.
41. A communication from Joel Lerner regarding PO24#58.
42. A communication from Joel Sawady regarding Opposed to PO24#58/Charter Right #1.

43. A communication from Joseph R. Stein regarding Policy Order Substitution.
44. A communication from Judy Somberg regarding Please Support PO24#58.
45. A communication from Julie and Ernie Vargas regarding Please oppose PO24#58.
46. A communication from Karen and Peter Falb regarding Concerning PO24#58/Charter Right#1.
47. A communication from Kathy Roberts regarding Student Encampments.
48. A communication from Kevin and Melissa Stansky regarding PO24#58/Charter Right #1.
49. A communication from Lee Farris regarding Residents Alliance support for PO24#58 on student protests.
50. A communication from Louis Ostrowsky regarding Policy Change Order.
51. A communication from Lynne Hall regarding Please Support Charter Right #1, PO24#58.
52. A communication from Marcia Borensztajn regarding Oppose PO24#58/Charter right #1.
53. A communication from Mary Baine Campbell regarding Please support PO24#58.
54. A communication from Nancy Murray regarding Support Charter Right #1 - PO24#58.
55. A communication from Nathan Hasson regarding PO24#58/Charter Right #1.
56. A communication from Oren Weisberg regarding PO24#58_Charter Right #1.
57. A communication from Phyllis Ewen regarding MIT Encampment -- please allow them to stay peacefully.
58. A communication from Qin Sunny regarding Cambridge Bikers need your help!
59. A communication from Rachel Wyon regarding Charter Right 1.
60. A communication from Rachelle Hassan Ain regarding Support for Charter Right #1, PO24#58.
61. A communication from Salma Abu Ayyash regarding Please support PO24#58.
62. A communication from Sara Suchman regarding Amend by substitution offered by Councillors Toner, Nolan, and Mayor Simmons.
63. A communication from Sean O'Neill regarding In Support of PO24#58.
64. A communication from Shoshana Das regarding Cambridge bike project delays.
65. A communication from Stephen Cellucci regarding PO24#58.
66. A communication from Steven Krich regarding Demonstrations at Harvard and MIT.
67. A communication from Stuart Gedal regarding OPPOSE KIDNAPPING AND RAPE AS "RESISTANCE"
68. A communication from Susan M. Cooke regarding Consideration of Amendments to PO24#58 at May 6 City Council Meeting.
69. A communication from Susan Metz regarding Support for PO24#58/charter right #1 amendment.
70. A communication from Susan Redlich regarding Please endorse Charter Right #1, PO24#58.
71. A communication from Suzanne Watzman regarding Change of wording for tonight's Meeting- Charter Right #1/PO24#58.
72. A communication from Tamar Zimmerman regarding Language of PO24#58/Charter Right #1.
73. A communication from Valdemar Danry regarding 15-month delay of bike safety.
74. A communication from Vickey Bestor regarding Fare-Free Buses.
75. A communication from Young Kim regarding Approval of PO to delay CSO implementation + FY25 Proposed Budget = what is wrong with City Process => wasted valuable tax \$.
76. A communication from Young Kim regarding Thank you for your vote to pass PO24#50.
77. A communication from Agnes Lo, regarding Support for PO24#58.
78. A communication from Andrew King, regarding Letter in Support of PO24#58.
79. A communication from Anna Hofmann, regarding Housing & Zoning Policy Order.
80. A communication from Cara Seiderman, regarding These are not peaceful protests PO24#58.
81. A communication from Charlotte Petty, regarding Vote YES on PO24#58.
82. A communication from Dan Phillips, regarding In support of promoting multi-family housing city-wide.
83. A communication from Ellen Mei, regarding Support and Strengthen PO24#58.
84. A communication from Ethan Frank, regarding Allow multifamily housing - PO24#37.
85. A communication from Hadar Malca, regarding Please oppose PO24#58/Charter Right #1.
86. A communication from Hope Turner, regarding Please Vote YES on PO24#58.
87. A communication from James Mahoney, regarding PO24#58.
88. A communication from Janet Murray, regarding resolution.
89. A communication from Janice Brodman, regarding Resolution to discourage universities from using CPD.
90. A communication from Jeff Peters, regarding Support for PO24#50.
91. A communication from Joshua Brown, regarding PO24#58.
92. A communication from Judy Somberg, regarding In favor of PO24#60 – which Opposes Private Jet Expansion at Hanscom Field.
93. A communication from Marilyn Frankenstein, regarding In support of PO24#58.
94. A communication from Maritza Soto, regarding PO24#58.
95. A communication from Melanie Abrams, regarding Arborist supervision for magnolia tree at 2161 Mass Ave Cambridge.
96. A communication from Michael Hansen, regarding opposition to PO24#58.
97. A communication from Nancy Gold, regarding My Testimony for PO24#58 tonight.
98. A communication from Rachel Jablonka Sohn, regarding PO24#58 – Please Oppose.
99. A communication from Ran Gilboa, regarding PO24#58/Charter Right #1.
100. A communication from Richard Krushnic, regarding No city police arresting students.
101. A communication from Sarah Stewart, regarding No Cambridge police to dispel peaceful protests.

- 102. A communication from Shelley Rieman, regarding PO24#58.
- 103. A communication from Susan Markowitz, regarding support for PO24#58 on student protests.
- 104. A communication from Young Kim, regarding My comment tonight.
- 105. A communication from Young Kim, regarding Demand Fiscal Responsibility from City Manager re Capital Budget.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Condolences on the death of Alessandra McSheffery. Councillor Toner
- 2. Congratulations to the Honorees of the 2024 Inspire Awards. Mayor Simmons
- 3. Condolences on the death of Evelyn Doherty. Councillor Toner
- 4. Congratulations and gratitude to Mark McGovern, Director of the Cambridge Healthcare of the Homeless, for his decades of compassionate service to our community’s poor, unhoused, and marginalized. Vice Mayor McGovern

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- 1. A communication from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF24#65)

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, May 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, May 14

9:00am The **Finance Committee** will conduct a public hearing on the city and school budgets covering the fiscal period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Thurs, May 16

9:00am The **Finance Committee** will conduct a public hearing on the city and school budgets covering the fiscal period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 (if necessary).

Mon, May 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, May 21

12:00pm The **Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebrations Committee** will hold a public hearing to discuss the Central Square Lots Study ([CM24#33](#)).

3:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing from 3:00pm-5:00pm to discuss Citizen’s Zoning Petition from Khalida Griffin-Sheperd, et al. to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance in Section 11.206.1 and Subsections 11.206.1 and 11.206.2 ([AP24#10](#)).

Wed, May 22

11:00am The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing from 11:00am-1:00pm to discuss a City Council Zoning Petition to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance in Articles 2.000, 4.000, 5.000, 6.000, 11.000, 13.000, 14.000, 17.000, 20.000, and 22.000 ([AP24#12](#)).

Tues, May 28

12:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing from 12:00pm-2:00pm to discuss Citizen’s Zoning Petition from Joseph S. Ronayne et al. to amend the

Cambridge Zoning Ordinance in Articles 4, 5, and 8 ([AP24#14](#)). The Ordinance Committee will also be discussing amendments to the Tenants’ Rights Ordinance (PO24#54).

Wed, May 29

11:30am The **Economic Development and University Relations Committee** will hold a public hearing to follow up on its Sept 27, 2023 meeting on our recent Disparity Study focused on the procurement of goods and services. The purpose of the hearing is to receive an update from city staff on any progress made in developing strategies to reduce barriers and promote city efforts to contract with more minority and women owned businesses identified in the Disparity Study.

3:00pm The **Public Safety Committee** will hold a public hearing from 3:00pm-5:00pm to receive a report and get updates from PRAB on general issues and the implementation of the Procedural Justice Data Board.

Mon, June 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, June 4

3:00pm The **Human Services and Veterans Committee** will hold a public hearing from 3:00pm-5:00pm to receive an update from the City’s Opioid Task Force and local providers regarding the opioid crisis in Cambridge and current and future interventions.

Wed, June 5

3:00pm The **Government Operations, Rules, and Claims Committee** will hold an initial meeting to discuss Charter Review recommendations and develop draft recommendations to the Full City Council for reviewing, deliberating, adopting, and processing possible changes to the Cambridge City Charter for a future vote by Cambridge voters.

Mon, June 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, June 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, June 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 May 13, 2024

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The Housing Committee met on May 8, 2024 to discuss allowing multifamily housing citywide; now and therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department to work with the Co-Chairs of the Housing Committee to turn their vision into zoning language.

O-2 May 13, 2024
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR WILSON
COUNCILLOR AZEEM
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: On Dec 12, 2023, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) reported that the increasingly toxic drug supply in the United States and ongoing opioid epidemic have claimed the lives of more than 25,000 people in Massachusetts since 2000, with 2,323 confirmed and estimated opioid-related overdose deaths between Oct 1, 2022, and Sept 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS: From 2019 to 2022, 80 individuals, that we are aware of, have died from a drug overdose in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The DPH has concluded, after reviewing available data, that the establishment of Overdose Prevention Centers (OPCs) in supportive communities would be an evidence-based, valuable harm reduction service feasible in Massachusetts pending legislative action to extend state-level legal protections; and

WHEREAS: OPCs are facilities where people who use drugs can consume pre-obtained substances under the supervision of trained staff who can administer overdose reversal medication when necessary; and

WHEREAS: OPCs commonly offer services including access to sterile supplies, first aid administration, drug-testing services, infectious disease testing, and referrals to health and social services including substance use disorder treatment; and

WHEREAS: OPCs have shown to increase access to treatment and reduce the amount of drug related detritus in the communities that host them; and

WHEREAS: OPCs have not been shown to increase drug use or drug related crime in the communities in which they are located, and multiple studies have shown that OPCs can and have demonstrated substantial savings to communities making use of them; and

WHEREAS: No overdose death has ever been reported at a sanctioned OPC, and OPCs have operated for more than 30 years in Canada, Australia, and much of Europe, with implementation underway or under consideration in New York City, Rhode Island, Minnesota, and Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has on multiple occasions recorded its concern about, and commitment to, addressing the continuing loss of life to drug overdose, and has also registered its support [most recently June 2022] for legislative action to make OPCs available in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: Numerous concerned community residents and organizations including Material Aid and Advocacy Program, First Church Shelter, and Access Drug User Health Program, and have consistently come forward to endorse and offer to help make OPC available in Cambridge; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council calls upon the City Manager to take steps to bring support to efforts supporting OPC legislation currently under consideration in the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to communicate to the Commissioner of Public Health of the City of Cambridge's willingness to host an OPC; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the relevant municipal departments and offices to urgently begin planning to make OPC services available in Cambridge, including consulting and contracting with relevant local providers and organizations, most importantly those with lived experience, to ensure the provision of OPC services that are responsive to those most in need; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the Human Services and Veterans Committee in a timely manner.

O-3 May 13, 2024
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN
MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Held nationally the first full week of May since 2002, Peripheral Neuropathy Awareness Week is an awareness campaign designed to educate people about damage to peripheral nerves; and

WHEREAS: There are no cures and limited effected treatments for the life-altering symptoms of PN which impacts mobility, and sensory and motor function; and

WHEREAS: Supporters will wear purple and host events to spread awareness of PN, as well as raise funds to support research to improve treatments and aid in cures of this debilitating and severely painful condition; and

WHEREAS: Peripheral neuropathy has over 100 known causes; when the peripheral nerves are damaged or destroyed and can't send messages from the brain to other parts of the body, it can cause numbness, tingling, burning, instability, and other medical deficits; and

WHEREAS: Peripheral neuropathy is an "invisible" and often overlooked and mis-diagnosed medical condition affecting approximately 30 million people in the US alone; and

WHEREAS: Peripheral Neuropathy Awareness Week was started in 2002, we support illuminating buildings, bridges, and landmarks in purple in honor of PN awareness; now therefore be it

ORDERED: The Cambridge City Council go on record recognizing the first full week of May as Peripheral Neuropathy Awareness Week.