

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on COVID-19 vaccination rollout.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-48, regarding COVID-19 antibody testing.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-58, regarding a report on creating a comprehensive digital, postal, and traditional media outreach campaign educating residents on the Cambridge eviction moratorium, tenants' rights, and resources available to at-risk tenants.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-3, regarding a report on the parameters on eligible expenses from Free Cash.
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$150,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits (Insurance) Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Fire Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account. The funds will cover current and anticipated medical services for the remainder of the fiscal year, for personnel injured in the performance of their duties.
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant in the amount of \$500 received from Cambridge in Motion, through the Cambridge Public Health Department to the Grant Fund Community Development Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to fund the Healthy Aging and Cycling in Cambridge Project and activities.
7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$70,000 from the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account from mitigation funds contributed by Regency Centers to the Harvard Square Improvement Fund as a condition of special permit #PB334 which will be used for the purchase and installation of public space improvements on Palmer Street in Harvard Square.
8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to revised versions of the [Retail Zoning Petition](#) and [Home Occupations Zoning Petition](#).
9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to [additional information on a Acoustic Music response](#) currently on the Table. [[License Commission March 9, 2021 Memo](#)] [[License Commission Feb 22, 2021 Memo](#)]
10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-

13, regarding next steps on implementation of Universal Pre-K.

11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to further proposed amendments to the Tree Protection Ordinance and draft regulations. [[Attachment A](#)] [[Attachment B](#)] [[Attachment C](#)]

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all relative city departments, the Central Square BID and the MBTA to close Mass Ave. from Prospect Street to Sydney Street on Friday and Saturday evenings from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. through September 2021 and report back to the Council. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN IN COUNCIL MAY 10, 2021]
2. The Ordinance Committee met on Feb 24, 2021 conduct a public hearing on the following ordinance amendments. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN IN COUNCIL MAY 10, 2021]
 - A. That the City Council adopt a municipal ordinance to reduce or limit campaign donations from donors seeking to enter into a contract, seeking approval for a special permit or up-zoning, seeking to acquire real estate from the city, or seeking financial assistance from the city.
 - B. [REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE] The Cambridge City Council direct the City Manager to work with the City Solicitor's Office to draft a Home Rule Petition that would cap campaign contributions to any City Council candidate to \$200 per person, per year, per candidate and limit candidate loans to \$3,000 per election cycle. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN IN COUNCIL MAY 10, 2021]
3. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Law Department to review the proposed ordinance to reduce or limit campaign donations, POR 2020 #240, and respond to the City Council, in a reasonable time, with suggested edits, comments and recommendations. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN IN COUNCIL MAY 10, 2021]
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ON THE TABLE

5. 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

6. 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]
7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$5,000,000 to provide funds for the reconstruction of various City streets and sidewalks. [PASSED TO A 2ND READING IN COUNCIL MAY 10, 2021; TO BE ADOPTED ON OR AFTER MAY 24, 2021]
8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$10,000,000 to provide funds for the Municipal Facilities Improvement Plan. Funds will support improvements at the Department of Public works Complex, Moses Youth Center HVAC Design, fire notification system installation at 11 buildings, Coffon building bathroom rehab and upgrades and MFIP study. Also, included is funding to support fire station improvements including: Lafayette Square fire station improvements (floor slab, kitchen and gym flooring replacement), Taylor Square fire station improvements (decontamination showers, installation and parapet improvement), East Cambridge fire station improvements (sanitary storm system replacement and generator installation) and Lexington Ave. fire station driveway construction. [PASSED TO A 2ND READING IN COUNCIL MAY 10, 2021; TO BE ADOPTED ON OR AFTER MAY 24, 2021]
9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,800,000 to provide funds for various Schools for projects that include: asbestos abatement in various schools, replace the front plaza and failing masonry wing walls and recaulking the building at the Haggerty School, replace emergency generator and extend exhaust at Cambridgeport, recaulking precast panels at CRLS Field House, unit vents engineering at the Fletcher Maynard Academy and Longfellow building and replace the gym floor at the Amigos School. [PASSED TO A 2ND READING IN COUNCIL MAY 10, 2021; TO BE ADOPTED ON OR AFTER MAY 24, 2021]
10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$28,500,000 to provide funds for the construction of sewer separation, storm water management and combined sewer overflow

reduction elimination improvements within River Street and Harvard Square areas as well as the Sewer Capital Repairs Program and climate change preparedness efforts. [PASSED TO A 2ND READING IN COUNCIL MAY 10, 2021; TO BE ADOPTED ON OR AFTER MAY 24, 2021]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Norma Jackson, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 59 Fairmont Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Response has been received from the neighborhood association.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, regarding 105 Windsor Street/ Unused Space for Homeless Housing.
2. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding Budget.
3. A communication was received from Marcus Johnson-Smith, regarding support for Cannabis delivery.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Wishing Laurie Taymor Berry a Swift Recovery. Councillor Simmons
2. Wishing Artis Spears a Happy 89th Birthday. Councillor Simmons
3. Resolution on the Death of Marianne Harkless Diabate. Councillor Simmons
4. Resolution on the death of Barbara Carbone. Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of John E. "Jack" Flynn. Councillor Toomey
6. Death of Jenna Santos. Mayor Siddiqui
7. In Support of H.R.2590, "The Palestinian Children and Families Act". Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to (1) refresh the rainbow benches outside of City Hall by June 1, 2021, (2) re-paint the crosswalks in colors that represent the Trans Flag, the Pride Flag, the Bi Flag and the People of Color Pride Flag by June 1, 2021, and (3) light City Hall up in rainbow colors in recognition of Pride Month from June 1, 2021-June 12, 2021. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
2. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and MassDOT to develop a holistic plan for managing the traffic

and congestion in the Alewife area and report back to the City Council. Councillor Nolan, Vice Mayor Mallon

3. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department, the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, the City Manager's Small Business Advisory Committee, the Cambridge Business Coalition, and other relevant City Departments to outline a plan for future outdoor dining and necessary City supports to ensure its' success. Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui
4. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with relevant Department heads and the nonprofit community on "Digital Equity" and report back to the Council with an implementation plan, schedule, and request for appropriation. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon
5. That the City Manager be and hereby is ordered to consult with relevant Department heads on other broadband benefits programs offered by the Federal government, and report back to the City Council on the City's plans to leverage these funds in pursuit of Digital Equity. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon
6. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Purchasing Department to review Cambridge's corporate contracts and identify any companies that are in violation of Cambridge's policy on discrimination, including (but not limited to) Hewlett Packard Enterprise and Hewlett Packard Incorporated over their role in abetting apartheid in the Middle East, and to suggest alternatives for Cambridge to explore in order to ensure the city embody the values it put on paper. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Carlone
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City staff on the status of the Gold Star Mothers Pool opening plans for the June through September summer season of 2021. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Siddiqui
8. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department and other appropriate City staff on implementing a heavy truck traffic ban on Roberts Road from Kirkland Street to Cambridge Street. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Siddiqui

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Ordinance Committee held a public hearing on Apr 14, 2021 regarding the [Retail Uses Zoning Recommendations](#) - Refiled (Ordinance #2021-3) and the [Home Occupations Zoning Recommendations](#) - Refiled (Ordinance #2021-4).
 - A. Retail Table of Land Use Update. Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, communicating information from the School Committee.
2. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, transmitting Questions for COVID-19 Update.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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)

Tues, May 25

3:00pm The Health and Environment committee will meet to discuss proposed amendments to the Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance (BEUDO) that would drive down energy use and emissions in existing buildings in Cambridge as well as an update on the Net Zero Action Plan 5-Year Review process and recommendations. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 26

10:00am The Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebrations Committee will conduct a public hearing on the reappointment of Conrad Crawford to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority Board and to discuss the pilot of street closures in Harvard Square. (Sullivan Chamber)

12:00pm Special Meeting of the City Council (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 1

3:00pm The Economic Development and University Relations Committee will conduct a public hearing on the small business grant and loan programs managed by the Economic Development Division of the Community Development Department throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 2

2:00pm The Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebrations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the Alewife Envision Plan. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to conduct a public hearing on an order to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Cambridge to insert new section Restricting the Use of Chemical Crowd Control Agents and Kinetic Impact Projectiles. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 7

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

Tues, June 8

11:00am The Economic Development and University Relations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss strategies and

opportunities to alleviate permit and license fees for small businesses, through possible consolidation or elimination.

(Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 9

11:00am The Health and Environment Committee will meet to discuss the city's progress on our Zero Waste Plan, and relevant items referred to committee, including eliminating single use plastics. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm The Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebrations Committee will hold a public hearing to follow-up from the initial neighborhood group hearing and further discuss how the City can work with groups. (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)

Mon, Aug 2

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

R-7 May 17, 2021

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The Palestinian Children and Families Act (H.R. 2590), was recently introduced by Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-MN); and

WHEREAS: H.R.2590 "promote[s] and protect[s] the human rights of Palestinians living under Israeli military occupation and to ensure that United States taxpayer funds are not used by the Government of Israel to support the military detention of Palestinian children, the unlawful seizure, appropriation, and destruction of Palestinian property and forcible transfer of civilians in the West Bank, or further annexation of Palestinian land in violation of international law;" and

WHEREAS: The bill is currently before the 117th Congress, and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley is one of the 13 original sponsors for H.R.2590; and

WHEREAS: The bill is endorsed by over 70 organizations ranging from Palestinian rights groups such as Defense for Children International Palestine, the Adalah Justice Project, the US Campaign for Palestinian Rights, American Muslims for Palestine, and the American Friends Service Committee, to organizations like Working Families Party, the Movement for Black Lives, and United We Dream; and

WHEREAS: This bill is an important step in ensuring human rights are respected, especially the rights of children; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a long history of standing in solidarity and speaking in support of promoting and protecting human rights around the country and world; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in strong support of H.R. 2590 and in urging the entire Congressional Delegation to support this bill; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to

Cambridge's entire Congressional Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-1 May 17, 2021

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: June is Pride Month, a month in which we celebrate the LGBTQ+ community's diversity and raise awareness about issues the LGBTQ+ community faces; and

WHEREAS: Every June, the LGBTQ+ community comes together to celebrate the freedom to be their authentic selves; and

WHEREAS: Pride Month is also a time to celebrate the long history of LGBTQ+ activists who have fought to dismantle prejudice and advocate for equal rights; and

WHEREAS: During a time where cities around the country are passing anti-trans and anti-LGB legislation, the City of Cambridge is proud to be an ally to the LGBTQ+ community and supports LGBTQ staff, residents and families in Cambridge and beyond; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record recognizing June 2021 as Pride 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

(1) refresh the rainbow benches outside of City Hall by June 1, 2021, (2) re-paint the crosswalks in colors that represent the Trans Flag, the Pride Flag, the Bi Flag and the People of Color Pride Flag by June 1, 2021, and (3) light City Hall up in rainbow colors in recognition of Pride Month from June 1, 2021-June 12, 2021.

O-2 May 17, 2021

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: Fresh Pond Parkway to Route 2 was ranked as the second most congested corridor in Massachusetts in the [2019 MassDOT report to the Governor](#); and

WHEREAS: The Alewife area has a number of large development projects in the pipeline over the next four years; and

WHEREAS: These development projects include the Tobin School reconstruction (to start in June, 2021; expected completion August, 2025), Jefferson Park Federal reconstruction (expected to go before Planning Board in 2021; expected completion in 2025), Just-A-Start's new housing project at 52 New Street (expected start 2022; expected completion 2025), new residential projects at 55 Wheeler Street, 95 Fawcett Street and 50 CambridgePark Drive (all currently under construction), Acorn/AbodeZ Phase II development at 605 Concord Avenue (Planning Board approved third extension in 2020), IQHQ's project (expected to go before Planning Board in 2021), new lab spaces at 75-109 Smith Place (approved in November, 2020) and 87-101 CambridgePark Drive (approved in May, 2020), and others that are expected but yet to be proposed; and

WHEREAS: These projects will all add congestion to the pinch points around Alewife as large vehicles and equipment are needed at each stage of development; and

WHEREAS: The City should proactively be managing the expected increase in congestion, specifically on Concord Ave, Fresh Pond Parkway, Rindge Ave, and the Route 2/Route 16 intersection, and

managing the danger that larger equipment frequenting those roads presents; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and MassDOT to develop a holistic plan for managing the traffic and congestion in the Alewife area and report back to the City Council.

O-3 May 17, 2021

VICE MAYOR MALLON

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Business Coalition, which is comprised of [Cambridge Local First](#), the [Central Square Business Improvement District](#), the [Cambridge Chamber of Commerce](#), the [East Cambridge Business Association](#), the [Harvard Square Business Association](#), and the [Kendall Square Business Association](#), recently started [a petition to keep expanded outdoor dining spaces](#); and

WHEREAS: In one week, the petition has gathered over 900 signatures, demonstrating strong support from our local community; and

WHEREAS: While [City initiatives to reimagine our streets and allow expanded outdoor dining](#) in public spaces [throughout the entire calendar year](#) were originally intended to help keep struggling small businesses afloat during the pandemic, they have proven to be a powerful tool in economic recovery by reactivating public spaces; and

WHEREAS: Allowing restaurants to use parking spots or sections of the street for outdoor dining not only gives residents the opportunity to safely support our local restaurants, but also generates additional foot traffic for surrounding small businesses; and

WHEREAS: Ensuring that expanded outdoor dining and creative programs for transforming public spaces remain even after the end of the pandemic aligns with the spirit of previous efforts to close streets to vehicular traffic, and the City Council goals of “[increasing] opportunities for all residents to enjoy the City’s open spaces” and “[ensuring] that Cambridge remains an Innovation Hub that integrates businesses of all sizes into a thriving ecosystem”; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of this petition, affirming its support for outdoor dining now and in the future, and renewing its commitment towards reimagining public spaces to activate the public realm; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department, the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, the City Manager’s Small Business Advisory Committee, the Cambridge Business Coalition, and other relevant City Departments to outline a plan for future outdoor dining and necessary City supports to ensure its success, and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this Order to the Cambridge Business Coalition on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-4 May 17, 2021

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: Digital Equity has been a priority of the Council for much of two decades; and

WHEREAS: The City engaged CTC Technology and Energy to conduct a detailed study of Digital Equity in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: CTC Technology provided a set of recommendations that can be summarized as an “all of City” approach to Digital Equity; and

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WHEREAS: These recommendations include the creation of a “Digital Equity and Inclusion Coalition,” establishing a digital equity special position, engage with local philanthropic organizations to broaden the reach of City efforts, establishment of a “digital skills corps,” and expansion of public wi-fi and charging stations to help serve the unhoused; and

WHEREAS: The City has embarked on a “21st Century Broadband” effort that must eventually serve all residents and businesses in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: That effort is largely silent about the recommendations of the CTC study; and

WHEREAS: With this Policy Order, the Council endorses the spirit and intent of those recommendations and renews its statement that Digital Equity is a priority of the Council which does not diminish and should not conflict with support for municipal broadband, which is a potentially powerful and effective tool for the city to meet its goals, including but not limited to addressing digital equity; and

WHEREAS: Whereas the City’s FY22 Budget Book includes these recommendations but provides neither funding nor a schedule for their implementation; now therefore be it

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with relevant Department heads and the non-profit community and report back to the Council with an implementation plan, schedule, and request for appropriation no later than Sept 1, 2021.

O-5 May 17, 2021

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: City Council has made Digital Equity a priority for most of two decades; and

WHEREAS: The City has determined Digital Equity to be a priority for its “21st Century Broadband” plan; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge residents who cannot afford broadband are prevented from fully participating in Cambridge’s economic vitality as well as many common activities of daily living; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has allocated its own funds to support broadband access and hardware necessary to access broadband; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has just completed a Digital Equity Study documenting the inequities of broadband access in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: This Digital Equity Study demonstrates that one barrier to access is awareness of the programs to assist low income households; and

WHEREAS: The Federal government, as part of its Covid-19 relief efforts, has established an Emergency Broadband Benefit program administered by the FCC, that provides discounts on service and hardware to eligible households; and

WHEREAS: The FCC and other government agencies have prepared multi-lingual toolkits for local authorities to publicize these benefits to their residents; and

WHEREAS: This benefit is “first come, first serve” and is available only until Federal funds are depleted; and

WHEREAS: This funding makes time of the essence; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is ordered to consult with relevant Department heads on plans to publicize the Emergency Broadband Benefit and assist residents in their applications; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is ordered to report back to the City Council on such plans no later than May 24th; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is ordered to consult with relevant Department heads on other broadband benefits programs offered by the Federal government, and report back to the City Council on the City’s plans to leverage these funds in pursuit of Digital Equity.

O-6 May 17, 2021

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Cambridge has a history of terminating purchasing contracts with companies that facilitate discrimination and apartheid, including the boycott of Polaroid [during](#) South African Apartheid in the early 1990’s; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge’s policy on discrimination [states](#): “Any practice that by design or effect discriminates against individuals, because of race, color, sex, age, religious creed, disability, national origin or ancestry, sexual orientation, gender, marital status, family status, military status or source of income is of public concern, as such discrimination creates strife, hostility and unrest, threatens or impairs the rights and privileges of individuals and deprives individuals of the benefits of a free and open society;” and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has done business with Hewlett Packard (HP), the exclusive provider of computers to Israel that are used to biometrically track Palestinians, deny them access to water and healthcare in the Gaza strip, and imprison them without access to fair trial; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge cannot be silent as Palestinians are torn from their homes, tear gassed in their holy mosques during Ramadan, and killed by airstrikes at the hands of the Israeli government; and

WHEREAS: HP also provides the technology that runs databases for US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), allowing them to streamline the tracking, surveillance, detention, and deportation of immigrants across the United States; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Purchasing Department to review Cambridge’s corporate contracts and identify any companies that are in violation of Cambridge’s policy on discrimination, including (but not limited to) Hewlett Packard Enterprise and Hewlett Packard

Incorporated over their role in abetting apartheid in the Middle East, and to suggest alternatives for Cambridge to explore in order to ensure the city embody the values it put on paper; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the Council on this matter as soon as possible.

O-7 May 17, 2021

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The Gold Star Mothers Pool on Berkshire Street is a respected community recreation destination; and

WHEREAS: Residents, particularly our youth community, rely on public facilities for outdoor recreation, merit the social, physical, and mental health benefits of having the pool open and accessible; and

WHEREAS: Community members have inquired and previously petitioned regarding the pools operating status and enjoyed a brief opening for a few weeks at the end of Summer 2020; and

WHEREAS: DHSP and the Cambridge Public Health Department worked closely together and have already developed COVID-19 safety protocols, while more epidemiologists, health experts, and studies show that outdoor transmission is very minimal; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City staff on the status of the Gold Star Mothers Pool opening plans for the June through September summer season of 2021; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this issue by the May 24, 2021 Council meeting.

O-8 May 17, 2021

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Roberts Road is a heavily trafficked one-way street frequented by heavy trucks; and

WHEREAS: Neighborhood residents are often disturbed by the loud noise, speed, and vibrations that penetrate their homes; and

WHEREAS: Previous discussions were unclear whether the City needs State approval to implement any changes on Roberts Road, as the State said it is a City-owned road; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department and other appropriate City staff on implementing a heavy truck traffic ban on Roberts Road from Kirkland Street to Cambridge Street; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this issue by the May 24, 2021 Council meeting.