

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a federal update including an update on relevant court cases. (CM26#153) [[text of report](#)]
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a cross statutory transfer of \$322,825 within the School Department General Fund. (CM26#154)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$38,905.18 from the State Executive Office of Public Safety, Department of Fire Services. (CM26#147)
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$30,000 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Land Conservation Assistance Grant. (CM26#148) [[text of report](#)]
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$450,000 to support the purchase of four parcels of land located within the town of Lincoln, MA. (CM26#156) [[text of report](#)]
6. A communication transmitter from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$350,000 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant. (CM26#149) [[text of report](#)]
7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to appropriation of \$251,320.90 from the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) Community Connections Grant. (CM26#150) [[text of report](#)]
8. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to appropriation of \$15,000 from the Cambridge Food Pantry Grant. (CM26#146)
9. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$5,993.40 from the Project Bread Summer Eats Grant. (CM26#151)
10. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a report on Social Housing. (CM26#141) [[text of report](#)]
11. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to appointments to the Social Housing Task Force. (CM26#152) [[text of report](#)]

ORDERS

1. City Council support of H.968, H.886/S.647, H.1023, and S.570 and S.571 to enact extended producer responsibility and product stewardship in recognition that these laws will relieve municipalities of rising costs, and incentivize producers to sell products that are less toxic and easier to reuse and recycle, by requiring such producers to bear the costs for the proper recycling and responsible disposal of

- their products. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Al-Zubi (PO26#103)
2. That the appointment of Interim City Clerk Paula M. Crane be extended for an additional period not to exceed six months. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zusy (PO26#105)

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the relevant departments to immediately request Empower to resign from the Massachusetts High Technology Council and consider options for transitioning the City of Cambridge out of Empower and transferring its retirement accounts into one of the City's other retirement programs should Empower continue to be a member of the MHTC. [Charter Right – Sobrinho-Wheeler, May 11, 2026] (PO26#97)
2. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments including the Law Department to ensure that there is no new data collected by ShotSpotter devices and all existing data shall be kept, used, or deleted only as required by law under our Welcoming Community Ordinance and Surveillance Technology Ordinance. [Charter Right – Azeem, May 11, 2026] (PO26#98)
3. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Mayor's Office, Law Department, Election Commission, and other relevant City Departments to engage the Collins Center in assisting the City in reviewing policy options for allowing Cambridge voters to directly elect the City's Mayor. [Charter Right – Simmons, May 11, 2026] (PO26#99)
4. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the projected fiscal impact of maintaining the current exemption for seniors, along with any administrative steps necessary to do so. [Charter Right – Sobrinho-Wheeler, May 11, 2026] (PO26#94)
5. That a special Committee of the City Council be formed to conduct a full and complete analysis of each of the proposed changes to the Rules of the City Council, with the goal of a transparent understanding of each of the proposed changes and the implications. [Charter Right – Sobrinho-Wheeler, May 11, 2026] (PO26#102)
6. A communication from City Councillor Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler transmitting the proposed 2026-2027 Rules of the Cambridge City Council. [Charter Right – Flaherty, May 11, 2026] (COF26#73)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$10,000,000 to provide funds for the design and construction of improvements along Massachusetts Avenue and vicinity between Bigelow Street and Sindy Street.

- (CM26#95) [[text of report](#)] [Passed to 2nd Reading Apr 27, 2026; Eligible to be Adopted May 18, 2026]
8. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$13,000,000 to provide funds for the reconstruction of various City streets and sidewalks. (CM26#96) [[text of report](#)] [Passed to 2nd Reading Apr 27, 2026; Eligible to be Adopted May 18, 2026]
 9. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$12,000,000 to provide funds to replace and modernize the City's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system. (CM26#98) [[text of report](#)] [Passed to 2nd Reading Apr 27, 2026; Eligible to be Adopted May 18, 2026]
 10. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$14,000,000 to provide funds for remediation and improvements at Gold Star Mothers Park. (CM26#99) [[text of report](#)] [Passed to 2nd Reading Apr 27, 2026; Eligible to be Adopted May 18, 2026]
 11. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$28,500,000 to provide funds for the Municipal Facilities Improvement Plan. (CM26#100) [[text of report](#)] [Passed to 2nd Reading Apr 27, 2026; Eligible to be Adopted May 18, 2026]
 12. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$12,795,000 to provide funds for financing school building upgrades. (CM26#101) [[text of report](#)] [Passed to 2nd Reading Apr 27, 2026; Eligible to be Adopted May 18, 2026]
 13. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$8,375,000 to provide funds for the design and construction of surface enhancements and sewer and drainage infrastructure improvements in the Baldwin neighborhood. (CM26#102) [[text of report](#)] [Passed to 2nd Reading Apr 27, 2026; Eligible to be Adopted May 18, 2026]
 14. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$500,000 to provide funds for the City's Climate Change Program to improve protection against flooding and extreme heat. (CM26#103) [[text of report](#)] [Passed to 2nd Reading Apr 27, 2026; Eligible to be Adopted May 18, 2026]
 15. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$7,500,000 to provide funds for the sewer Combined Sewer Overflow Control Program. (CM26#104)

- [[text of report](#)] [Passed to 2nd Reading Apr 27, 2026; Eligible to be Adopted May 18, 2026]
16. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,000,000 to provide funds for design and construction of the Harvard Square sewer separation and stormwater management program. (CM26#105) [[text of report](#)] [Passed to 2nd Reading Apr 27, 2026; Eligible to be Adopted May 18, 2026]
 17. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$310,000 to provide funds for the replacement of Ozone generators at the Water Department. (CM26#106) [[text of report](#)] [Passed to 2nd Reading Apr 27, 2026; Eligible to be Adopted May 18, 2026]
 18. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 to provide funds for water works construction projects for repairs and replacement of water distribution infrastructure. (CM26#107) [[text of report](#)] [Passed to 2nd Reading Apr 27, 2026; Eligible to be Adopted May 18, 2026]
 19. Chapter 2.127 Community Benefits Advisory Committee Ordinance. [Passed to 2nd Reading Apr 27, 2026; Eligible to be Adopted May 18, 2026] (ORD26#4)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Adam Baratz – PO#3 directly-elected mayor
2. Adam Baratz – PO#1, Empower
3. Aicha Allison Belabbes – Public Comment
4. Amanda Zimmerman – End Cambridge's Participation in ShotSpotter
5. Violeta Rosenthal – Petition to keep Ahearn Field natural grass
6. Valerie Thompson – Vote in Support of PO26#98
7. Andrew King – End Cambridge's Participation in ShotSpotter
8. Susan Ringle – PO26#98 – Please remove shot spotter devices
9. Susan Redlich – Please Remove ShotSpotter, Support PO26#98
10. Anirudh Adavi – Comment on PO#95 at City Council Meeting
11. Sue Hyde – No More ShotSpotter in Cambridge
12. Anthony DavisPait – End shot spotter in Cambridge
13. Steve Wineman – ShotSpotter policy order and report of gunshots today
14. Stephanie Guirand – My public comments
15. Anthony Galluccio – ShotSpotter
16. Saul Tannenbaum – At long last, end the use of ShotSpotter
17. Ben Amado – End Cambridge's Participation in ShotSpotter
18. Sarah Maxwell – Concerns Regarding Cambridge Zoning Changes and Neighborhood Planning
19. Sarah A. Levy – End Cambridge's Participation in ShotSpotter; please cease current use of ShotSpotter
21. Sam Heller – End Cambridge's Participation in ShotSpotter
22. Daniel Heller – End Cambridge's Participation in ShotSpotter

23. Pietra Check – Vote in Support of PO26#98
24. Nancy Gold – My Comments on tonight's (May 11, 2026) Agenda Items
25. Edward Loveall – In support of voters directly electing a mayor
26. Nadia L’Bahy – End Cambridge’s Participation in ShotSpotter
27. Giacomo Milia – Stop ShotSpotter
28. Michael Buck – Our Diminishing On-Street Parking
29. Hannah Larsen – Opposition to ShotSpotter
30. Micayla LeLugas – Support of PO26#98
31. Marilee Meyer – Why is there an emphasis on publicly voting for a mayor?
32. Hope Turner – End Cambridge’s Participation in ShotSpotter
33. Louise Venden – Power to the People
34. Irene Merwin – Vote in Support of PO26#98
35. Linda Cohen – End Cambridge’s Participation in ShotSpotter
36. Krystyna Wazny – Remove ShotSpotter Devices in Cambridge TODAY!
37. Jacob Balin – End Cambridge’s Participation in ShotSpotter
38. Kelly Dolan – PSNA Meeting
39. Jamie Glass – ShotSpotter Endangers Our Communities
40. Kathy Watkins – PO#1, #2, #5, #6, charter righted order on Cuba
41. Kathy Roberts – PO26#98
42. Jennifer J. Yanco – Vote in Support of PO26#98
43. Karin Lin – Regarding ShotSpotter in Cambridge
44. Julia Peters – End Cambridge’s Participation in ShotSpotter

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution recognizing National Telecommunicators Week (April 12-18). Mayor Siddiqui
2. That the City Council go on record urging all residents to honor the service and sacrifice by commemorating Memorial Day on May 25, 2026. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Al-Zubi
3. Resolution on the death of Vinton Turner. Mayor Siddiqui
4. Congratulations to owner Daniel Roughan on the opening of his new restaurant Alice & Monarch. Mayor Siddiqui
5. Congratulations to the 2026 Inspire Awards Honorees. Councillor Simmons
6. Condolences to the family of Michael J. Sheehan. Councillor Flaherty
7. Condolences to the family of Fernando M. Mendonca. Councillor Flaherty

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Health and Environment Committee** held a public hearing on Mar 25, 2026 to review and discuss CMA 2026-21, related to Cambridge Municipal Code Ch. 8.28, “Regulation on Youth Access and Sale of Tobacco Products and on Smoking in Workplaces and Public Places,” in order to (1) update the current ordinance to conform to widely adopted municipal policies, new state laws, and court decisions, as well as (2) to discuss the recent regulatory

landscape in Massachusetts regarding tobacco products. [\[text of report\]](#)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Interim City Clerk Paula Crane, regarding an update regarding legislative activity. (COF26#76)
2. A communication from Mayor Siddiqui transmitting a memorandum regarding the search process for a permanent City Clerk. (COF26#77) [\[text of report\]](#)
3. A communication from Mayor Siddiqui transmitting a memorandum regarding information from the School Committee. (COF26#78) [\[text of report\]](#)

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, May 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Wed, May 20

3:00pm The **Public Safety Committee** will hold a public hearing to review specific items from the Annual Surveillance Report as required under Cambridge Municipal Code Chapter 2.128, Section 2.128.060, CM26#44, submitted to the full City Council on Mar 9, 2026. In addition, the Committee will also be reviewing CM26#120, relative to a Surveillance Technology Impact Report (STIR) for the Open Architects student data platform.

Tues, May 26

11:00am The **Health and Environment Committee** will hold a public hearing to review and discuss implementation of Zero Waste Master Plan (ZWMP) 2.0, adopted by Council in June 2025, including review of draft ordinance changes as recommended by the ZWMP 2.0.

Mon, June 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, June 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, June 9

3:00pm The **Economic Development and University Relations Committee** will convene a roundtable of representatives from the Cambridge and Greater Cambridge startup ecosystem to provide insight into current conditions, emerging needs, and specific ways the City can strengthen its support for startups and enhance the local innovation environment.

Mon, June 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, June 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, June 23

10:00am The City Council shall hold a **Special Meeting for a mid-year check-in on the City Manager’s 2026 Performance Review Process and progress towards annual goals.**

Mon, June 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Aug 3

5:30pm City Council Midsummer Meeting

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 May 18, 2026

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR AL-ZUBI

WHEREAS: The [Cambridge Zero Waste Master Plan](#) (ZWMP), established in 2009 and updated in 2025 (and preceded by the City's recycling program and overall solid waste program), set targets and standards for waste reduction and reducing environmental impacts of waste streams, and one of the ongoing strategies of the ZWMP 2.0 (Strategy #13) is to advocate for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) at the state level with other municipalities; and

WHEREAS: Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), sometimes known as Product Stewardship (PS), is an environmental policy approach that holds businesses responsible for end-of-life management of their products or packaging, and this approach supports recycling and materials management goals that contribute to a circular economy and can also encourage product design changes that minimize environmental impacts and waste; and

WHEREAS: EPR and PS policies incentivize product design and packaging with increased durability, ease of repairability and recyclability, and reduced toxicity, and creates jobs and economic development in direct proportion to the amount of material recycled while businesses that provide take-back opportunities for their customers or participate in programs that can create customer loyalty, and enhance the image of their brand; and

WHEREAS: Local governments such as Cambridge have no input into the design or marketing of products, limited ability to influence consumer behavior, and do not have the resources to adequately address the rising volume, toxicity and complexity of discarded products, yet the City of Cambridge is fiscally responsible for excess waste, both directly, through the amount of trash we generate and haul, and indirectly through the environmental impacts of litter, dangerous fires due to lithium battery disposal, exposure to toxic products like PFAS, and contamination of microplastics that leech into our community; and

WHEREAS: Costs paid by citizens, businesses, and local governments to manage products at the end of use are, in effect, subsidies to producers that enable and encourage producers to design products for disposal and without regard to end-of-life management; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Municipal Association passed a resolution which supports statewide producer responsibility legislation in January 2019, and pending legislation in the Massachusetts State Legislature which would support extended producer responsibility include: [H.968](#) (batteries), [H.886/S.647](#) (paint), [H.1023](#) (mattresses), and [S.570](#) and [S.571](#) (printed paper and packaging); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in support of the above-referenced House and Senate bills to enact extended producer responsibility and product stewardship in recognition that these laws will relieve municipalities of rising costs, and incentivize producers to sell products that are less toxic and easier to reuse and recycle, by requiring such producers to bear the costs for the proper recycling and responsible disposal of their products; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to each member of the Cambridge delegation to the State Legislature.

O-2 May 18, 2026

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR ZUSY

ORDERED: That the appointment of Interim City Clerk Paula M. Crane be extended for an additional period not to exceed six months.