

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$98,000 from the Water Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the Public Investment Fund Water Extraordinary Expenditures account to fund the purchase of an electric powered forklift. (CM23#139)
2. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the MassHire Metro North Workforce Board in the amount of \$100,317.50 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$90,077.50) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$10,240.00). These funds will be used to reimburse the City for salary and program costs associated with enrolling income-eligible youth in the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program. (CM23#140)
3. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$15,000 received from the Cambridge Community Foundation to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account, for the College Success Initiative (CSI). These funds will be used to support part of the salary costs associated with a college success coach. (CM23#141)
4. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$15,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account. Funds will be used to support the Cambridge Food Pantry Network. (CM23#142)
5. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Shannon Grant received from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition/Shannon Community Safety Initiative through the Executive Office of Public Safety in the amount of \$37,132.79 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$33,600) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$3,532.79). Funds will be used for the Cambridge Youth Programs Boys II Men Internship and also to fund a new Girlhood Internship Program. (CM23#143)
6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the third annual [Cycling Safety Ordinance \(CSO\) Progress Report](#). (CM23#144)
7. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) Community Connections Grant, in the amount of \$230,070.35, to the Grant Fund Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures account. Funds will contribute to the purchase and installation of Bluebikes bikeshare equipment. (CM23#145)
8. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant in the amount of \$100,000 received from the Massachusetts

Gaming Commission to the Grant Fund Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures account. Funds will support the cost of two 19 dock Bluebikes stations and bicycles that were placed at the Kennedy/Longfellow School and Twin City Plaza. (CM23#146)

9. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the proposed Alewife Overlay District: Quadrangle (AOD-Q) Zoning Petition and Design Guidelines. (CM23#147) [[Council Memo Alewife Quad 20230517](#)] [[AODQ Height Subdistricts](#)] [[CLEAN AOD-Q Zoning Petition – 20230517](#)] [[Description of Quadrangle Overlay Boundaries](#)] [[New Street Centerlines](#)] [[Alewife Design Guidelines 2023.05.15](#)] – The recommended actions are to accept the proposed zoning amendments as a City Council Zoning Petition, and to refer the Petition to the Planning Board and Ordinance Committee for hearings.
10. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY2023 Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Grant received from Massachusetts Office of Grants and Research, in the amount of \$50,853.64 to the Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$50,853.64). Funds from the grant will be used to support Advanced Intervention and Suicide Prevention training, provide funding for mental health professionals and spiritual leader services, and fund the development and enhancement of CISM team publications and website. (CM23#148)

## CHARTER RIGHT

1. An application was received from Paul Fiore, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 96 Otis Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. [Charter Right – Zondervan, May 15, 2023] (AP23#24)
2. That the City Manager is requested to work with the relevant departments to establish a policy of releasing the names of officers involved in any use of force incident, up to and including those incidents resulting in injury or death. [Charter Right – Zondervan, May 15, 2023] (PO23#88)

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, 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] (CM23#106)
4. 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] (CM23#107)

5. 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] (CM23#108)
6. 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] (CM23#109)
7. 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] (CM23#110)
8. 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] (CM23#111)
9. An Ordinance has been received from Craig Kelley et al, relative to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge regarding EV and car share Zoning change. [Passed to 2nd Reading May 15, 2023; Expires Aug 1, 2023] (ORD23#2)

#### **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Andrew Plumb, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 96 Henry Street Unit 1; 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. (AP23#31)

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Anna Henschman regarding support PO23#85 - a pilot geothermal in Cambridge.
2. A communication was received from Anne Shumway regarding PO23#85.

3. A communication was received from Ausra Kubilius regarding Biking in the City.
4. A communication was received from Ausra Kubilius regarding Minutes of Economic Development Committee Meeting of May 2 2023.
5. A communication was received from Ausra Kubilius regarding please treasure trees Urban Forest Master Plan and director needed.
6. A communication was received from Ausra Kubilius regarding Minutes of Economic Development Committee Meeting of May 2 2023.
7. A communication was received from Bill Green regarding dead saplings count.
8. A communication was received from Cynthia Broner regarding the City of Cambridge spending \$50 million more on bike lanes.
9. A communication was received from Diana Yousef-Martinek regarding Please DO NOT support the \$50MM proposed expenditure on separated bike lanes.
10. A communication was received from Don Michaelis regarding Add \$1 Million for trees.
11. A communication was received from Edward Woll regarding PO23#85.
12. A communication was received from Elena Fagotto regarding Support for PO23#85.
13. A communication was received from Eppa Rixey regarding Increased Funding for Trees in the Budget.
14. A communication was received from Hannah Mahoney regarding In Support of PO23#85.
15. A communication was received from Joan Pickett regarding Mass Ave 4 Project.
16. A communication was received from Kristine Jelstrup regarding Support of PO23#85.
17. A communication was received from Lois Markham regarding I support PO23#85.
18. A communication was received from Lowry Hemphill regarding PO23#85.
19. A communication was received from Madeleine Aster regarding Spend \$2M on trees not on useless park redesign.
20. A communication was received from Margery Davies regarding PLEASE VOTE YES on PO23#85 -- a pilot geothermal district for Cambridge.
21. A communication was received from Marie Elena Saccoccio regarding DC Cycling Bike Lane Usage Decline Dramatically Portland Oregon seeing same trend as ridership there plunged 46% despite extensive network of protected bike lanes.
22. A communication was received from Marie Elena Saccoccio regarding Opposition to Extension of AHO.
23. A communication was received from Marie Saccoccio regarding DC Cycling Bike Lane Usage Decline Dramatically.

24. A communication was received from Melissa Ludtke regarding Writing in support to two policy orders #84 (pesticides) and #85 (geothermal project in Cambridge).
25. A communication was received from Nina Herrera regarding Another idea.
26. A communication was received from Nina Herrera regarding City Budget - funding for bike lanes.
27. A communication was received from Pina Morganti regarding Please support PO23#85.
28. A communication was received from Rabbi Yoni regarding Restore Cambridge Housing Zoning Petition a.k.a. Charles Franklin Petition.
29. A communication was received from Rabbi Yoni regarding Strong Support for Purchase of Webster Properties for Affordable Housing.
30. A communication was received from Rachel Wyon regarding PO23#85.
31. A communication was received from Roger Lowenstein regarding bicycle lanes next phase.
32. A communication was received from Ruth Ryals regarding PO23#88.
33. A communication was received from Sharon deVos regarding Support PO23#85 – a geothermal pilot district.
34. A communication was received from Susan Redlich regarding Support PO23#85 Invest in Geothermal District.
35. A communication was received from Vickey Bestor regarding Don't Rush Radical AHO Revision!
36. A communication was received from Young Kim regarding Oral Comments against Committee Report #1.
37. A communication was received from Young Kim regarding Mass Ave 4 Project.
38. A communication was received from Alice Carré-Seemuller regarding Support PO23#85 – Pilot geothermal heating and cooling.
39. A communication was received from Gerald Bergman regarding Naming the police officer.
40. A communication was received from Mark Golberg regarding Traffic Raymond St - as usual.
41. A communication was received from Jonathan Elsner regarding Traffic Raymond St - as usual.
42. A communication was received from Heather Hoffman, regarding Late Policy Orders.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Arthur Samuel Jarvis. Councillor Toner, Councillor Simmons
2. Resolution on the death of Joseph W. Murphy. Councillor Toner
3. Resolution on the death of Mary M. White. Councillor Toner
4. Congratulations on the birth of Sabrina Reid Roberts. Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons
5. Congratulations to Dr. Vikas Saini. Mayor Siddiqui

6. Resolution on the death of Terrance Walsh. Councillor Toner
7. Resolution on the death of Lisa Aideuis. Councillor Toner
8. Resolution on the death of Emily Ruth Tucker. Councillor Toner
9. Resolution on the death of Margarita Morehead. Councillor Toner
10. Resolution on the death of Mary McKearney. Councillor Toner

## ORDERS

1. New Green Park at Third And Binney Streets. Councillor Carlone, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan (PO23#91)
2. Removing Cuba From The State Sponsors Of Terrorism List. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui (PO23#92)
3. Law Department to provide a legal opinion on whether Cambridge could permanently switch to the MWRA water supply. Councillor Zondervan (PO23#93)
4. Policy Order Seeking Street Corner Dedication for Sandra Graham. Councillor Simmons (PO23#94)
5. Albany St. Pedestrian Crossing. Councillor Azeem, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan (PO23#95)
6. That the City Council go on record favoring the filing of the attached home rule petition, entitled: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO INCLUDE A BALLOT QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 MUNICIPAL BALLOT RELATIVE TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER" regarding electing the Police Review and Advisory Board. Councillor Zondervan (PO23#96)
7. That the "[Amendments to Protect Family Inclusion and Relationship Diversity](#)" be forwarded to the Ordinance Committee for discussion and recommendation. Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui (PO23#97)
8. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Law Department to provide a legal opinion on whether the City could fund affordable housing construction through a bond issue. Councillor Zondervan (PO23#98)

## COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF23#95)
2. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee. (COF23#96)

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### 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**

12:30pm The **Ordinance Committee** will reconvene to continue the discussion on potential changes to Chapter 2.78 Historical Buildings and Landmarks, Proposed Ordinance #2022-11, as amended in Committee on Apr 26, 2023. This is a continuance of the meeting held on Apr 26, 2023, and there will not be public comment.

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 CM23#27.

**Mon, June 12**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Tues, June 13**

3:00pm The **Human Services and Veterans Committee** will hold a public hearing to discuss Overdose Prevention Sites, previously referred to as Safe Consumption Sites.

**Tues, June 20**

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** (Zoom only)

**Mon, June 26**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Tues, June 27**

12:30pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing on the City Council Petition to Amend Article 4.30 and Article 11.800 of the Zoning Ordinances.

**Wed, June 28**

3:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing the Ian Ferguson et al. Zoning Petition regarding Pitched Roofs, AP23#22.

**Mon, Aug 7**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 May 22, 2023

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: MIT's plan to develop the former, 10-acre Volpe National Transportation Systems site in Kendall Square would provide two acres of open space permanently guaranteed for public use, but would require the removal of 131 mature trees; and

WHEREAS: In MIT's presentation to the city's ordinance chairs, the Institute expressed willingness to allocate funds toward relocation of some of these trees; and

WHEREAS: MIT has additionally expressed a desire to purchase a 6,000 square-foot lot bordering the site at the corner of Third and Binney Streets from the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA), and to add this development potential to the Volpe project; and

WHEREAS: MIT is already committed to providing a parcel of land of approximately 8,000 square feet for open space on an adjacent lot; and

WHEREAS: The combination of these two lots could not only serve as an ideal site for the relocated trees, but also as an opportunity to expand the originally-planned open space into a public park in a region of the city distinctly lacking in green space; and

WHEREAS: According to the city's 2019 Urban Forest Master Plan Technical Report (UFMP), Cambridge's tree canopy declined on average 16.4 acres annually between 2009 and 2018. Additionally, in 2019, East Cambridge had just 13% tree canopy and MIT/Area 2 had 17%, far below the minimum 25% canopy cover recommended in each neighborhood, and the 30% recommended city-wide by the UFMP; and

WHEREAS: A significant portion of the city's greenhouse gas emissions are generated in the Kendall Square-MIT area, making the need for increasing tree canopy to clean the air in this area even more urgent; and

WHEREAS: The park created by the combined CRA and Volpe sites would serve a community on the border between East Cambridge and Area 2, which is disproportionately impacted by a lack of tree canopy; and

WHEREAS: Kendall Square is one of the fastest-growing areas of Cambridge with a pre-pandemic population of at least 60,000, including day workers and residents (according to the CRA's 2018 Transport Kendall Report), and could add an additional 10,000 employees and residents with the completion of the Volpe project; and

WHEREAS: The inclusion of the CRA lot to MIT's Volpe site development project could be a unique opportunity to engage the city's stakeholders in a venture that would achieve several longstanding city goals by creating a much-needed public park at the intersection of Third and Binney Streets; and

WHEREAS: The value of this approximately 6,000 square-foot parcel is significant, the equivalent of an additional 36,000 square feet of building area; and

WHEREAS: Even with this added open space, MIT can transfer this approximately 36,000 square feet to one of the other Volpe building sites; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council direct the City Manager and staff to work with the CRA along with MIT, East Cambridge neighbors, the Open Space Trust, and the Kendall Square Association to facilitate an expansion of the Volpe site development project potential, and a much-needed addition to the City's public open space, according to the framework outlined in this Policy Order.

O-2 May 22, 2023

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The Cuban people are currently suffering from a humanitarian crisis caused by shortages of basic necessities including medicine, food, and fuel, partially exacerbated by a US embargo; and

WHEREAS: During the Obama administration, the United States largely normalized relations with Cuba, allowing travel between the US and Cuba, re-opening embassies for the first time in six decades, and reversing the Reagan administration's decision to include Cuba on the State Sponsors of Terrorism list; and

WHEREAS: While in office, the Trump administration reversed these initiatives while imposing an additional 243 sanctions on Cuba, which bar remittances sent by Cuban Americans to family members or businesses in Cuba and returning Cuba to the State Sponsors of Terrorism list; and



WHEREAS: Despite campaign promises, the Biden administration has not taken meaningful steps toward returning Cuban-American relations to the status quo during Obama's presidency; and

WHEREAS: In October 2020 and March 2021 this City Council became one of the first in the country to pass resolutions calling for the US embargo on Cuba to be lifted ([POR #216](#) and [POR #50](#)), and since that time Boston, Brookline, and Somerville have joined in passing similar resolutions; and

WHEREAS: A growing number of prominent Americans have called on the Biden administration to remove Cuba from the State Sponsors of Terrorism list, including Representative Jim McGovern from Massachusetts and Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy in a May 3rd Boston Globe article; and

WHEREAS: During the easing of restrictions under the Obama administration, the Cuban private sector flourished and tourism from the United States increased by one third; and

WHEREAS: Cuba, the United States, and the United Nations have acknowledged that the embargo on Cuba has cost the island upwards of \$130 billion since 1962; and

WHEREAS: During the Covid-19 pandemic, the Biden administration exempted certain sanctions on Iran, Syria, and Venezuela on the grounds that they hampered public health responses, but declined to do so for Cuba, which contributed to an unprecedented 220,000 Cubans arriving on the Southern border of the US in fiscal year 2023 alone; and

WHEREAS: The Biden administration has the power by executive order to remove Cuba from the list of State Sponsors of Terrorism; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record strongly urging the Biden administration to move back toward normalization of relations with Cuba by removing it from the State Sponsors of Terrorism list and by loosening such restrictions as make life particularly onerous for the general population of Cuba; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Biden administration go further by working with Congress to consider fully lifting the embargo on Cuba, which has failed to achieve its stated goals and disproportionately affects everyday citizens of that country; and be it further

ORDERED: That suitable copies of this resolution be sent to Cambridge's Congressional Delegation.

O-3 May 22, 2023  
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Law Department to provide a legal opinion on whether Cambridge could permanently switch to the MWRA water supply; and be it further

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

O-4 May 22, 2023  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request for a suitable dedication in or near the corner of Jay Street and Western Avenue for Sandra Graham; and be it further

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

O-5 May 22, 2023  
COUNCILLOR AZEEM  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE  
COUNCILLOR NOLAN  
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all relevant departments and consult with MIT and the CASPAR Emergency Care Center to install a pedestrian crossing on Albany St. between Massachusetts Avenue and Pacific St.

O-6 May 22, 2023  
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Arif Sayed Faisal was killed by a Cambridge Police Department officer firing their department-issued firearm on January 4, 2023; and

WHEREAS: The Police Department's lack of transparency regarding the slaying of Arif Faisal has eroded the trust of the community; and

WHEREAS: This distrust must be repaired in part by establishing a system of accountability fully beholden to the community; and

WHEREAS: A democratically elected Police Review and Advisory Board comprised of members who are directly chosen by the people of Cambridge would provide a basic level of transparency and accountability for the community at large; and

WHEREAS: Though the Police Review and Advisory Board is regulated through Chapter 2.74 of the Code of Ordinances, a charter change is necessary to make the Board an elected body; and

WHEREAS: Extension of the Charter Review Committee timeline has called into question the feasibility of any proposed amendments being brought to the voters before November 2025, and on that timeline any new elected bodies created by those amendments would be first elected in November 2027 to begin service in 2028; and

WHEREAS: Such a timeline is unacceptable in the face of thousands of residents who have called for immediate accountability, transparency, and justice since January 4, 2023; and

WHEREAS: It would take a majority vote of the City Council to advance the legislation necessary to put this specific amendment before the voters in November 2023, meaning that a democratically elected Police Review & Advisory Board could be elected in November 2025 and seated in January 2026; and

WHEREAS: Even this timeline does not meet the moment, but getting the question before the voters in November 2023 will set us on the fastest possible pathway towards having a democratically elected Police Review and Advisory Board; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council hereby proposes the attached charter amendment, as provided in Section 4 of the Home Rule Amendment and Sections 10(a) and 18 of Chapter 43B of the General Laws be sent to the Attorney General and the State Department of Housing and Community Development; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record favoring the filing of the attached home rule petition, entitled: **AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO INCLUDE A BALLOT QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 MUNICIPAL BALLOT RELATIVE TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER.**

**SECTION 1.** The Charter of the City of Cambridge is hereby amended by special act to add the following to the City's existing Plan E Charter at General Laws Chapter 43, which was adopted pursuant to its acceptance of the provisions of General

Laws Chapter 43, Sections 93-116, Section 95 on Governing Power:

*The police review and advisory board shall consist of five elected members and shall have such specific functions and duties as specified in the Code of Ordinances.*

**SECTION 2.** This act shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Cambridge at the upcoming municipal elections on November 7, 2023 in the form of the following question which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used at said election. If the change is approved by a majority of valid ballots voting yes, it would go into effect as of January 1, 2024.

Should amendments to the City's Plan E Charter, Section 95 of Chapter 43, be made, by special act providing for an elected police review and advisory board? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Below said question shall appear a brief summary of the act prepared by the city solicitor. If the voters at the municipal election approve the question, then this act shall be applicable to the city as of January 1, 2024, but not otherwise.

**SECTION 3.** This act shall be effective upon its passage.

**Proposed amendment to the Cambridge Plan E Charter**

The Charter of the City of Cambridge is hereby amended to add the following to the City's existing Plan E Charter at General Laws Chapter 43, which was adopted pursuant to its acceptance of the provisions of General Laws Chapter 43, Sections 93-116, Section 95 on Governing Power:

*The police review and advisory board shall consist of five elected members and shall have such specific functions and duties as specified in the Code of Ordinances.*

This charter amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Cambridge at the upcoming municipal elections on November 7, 2023 in the form of the following question which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used at said election. If the change is approved by a majority of valid ballots voting yes, it would go into effect as of January 1, 2024.

Should amendments to the City's Plan E Charter, Section 105 of Chapter 43, be made providing for the City Council to confirm appointments of the City Manager to the City's boards and commissions which confirmation is not currently required? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Below each said question shall appear a brief summary prepared by the city solicitor. If the voters at the municipal election approve the question, then that charter amendment shall take effect as of January 1, 2024, but not otherwise.

O-7 May 22, 2023

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge recognizes the diverse composition of its citizenry and values its people, including the diverse composition of families and intimate relationships; and

WHEREAS: The City Council recognizes that diverse family and relationship structures, including relationship structures involving more than two adults engaged in a loving and consensual relationship, are becoming increasingly common; and

WHEREAS: In 2021, the City Council enacted amendments to the Domestic Partnerships Ordinance to recognize domestic partnerships between two or more people; and

WHEREAS: People in interpersonal relationships between two or more adult individuals that involve romantic, physical, emotional, and/or familial intimacy face discrimination in many aspects of public life due to prejudicial misunderstandings related to the validity and moral fitness of such relationships; and

WHEREAS: Single parents and people who identify as asexual and/or aromantic also face discrimination in many aspects of public life; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has enacted antidiscrimination provisions throughout its Municipal Code to prohibit discrimination in matters of housing, employment, education, contracts, purchasing, and public accommodations; and

WHEREAS: The City Council acknowledges that many antidiscrimination laws were enacted in a time when diverse family and relationship structures were not properly recognized and now seeks to recognize the diverse family and relationship structures of its residents, including (but not limited to) multi-partner/multi-parent families and relationships, step families, single parents, diverse family structures, multi-generational households, consensually non-monogamous relationships, and consensual sexual and/or intimate relationships, including asexual and aromantic relationships; and

WHEREAS: Further amendments to the Code of Ordinances are required in order to recognize these relationships in the full scope of anti-discrimination law, by prohibiting discrimination on the basis of relationship status; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the attached "Amendments to Protect Family Inclusion and Relationship Diversity" be forwarded to the Ordinance Committee for discussion and recommendation; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Law Department, Human Rights Commission, and all other relevant departments to provide comments on the [attached draft amendments](#) at least 48 hours in advance of the scheduled hearing of the Ordinance Committee.

O-8 May 22, 2023

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: In Awaiting Reports AR-21-30, the City Council asked the City Manager to fund the construction of subsidized housing through a bond issue of no less than \$500 Million; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Law Department to provide a legal opinion on whether the City could fund affordable housing construction through a bond issue; and be it further

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