

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#160) [[text of report](#)]
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to amendments to the FY27 Submitted General Fund Budget. (CM26#166) [[text of report](#)]
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of Conrad Crawford to the Board of Directors of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a term of five years. (CM26#161) [[text of report](#)]
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the transfer in the amount of \$200,000 from the General Fund Fire Salaries and Wages account to the General Fund Fire Other Ordinary Maintenance account. (CM26#163) [[text of report](#)]
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$500,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits Salaries and Wages Account to the General Fund Fire Department Travel and Training Account. (CM26#162)
6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to reappointments to the Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC). (CM26#167) [[text of report](#)]
7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to AR26-25 regarding a review of the City's social media platform usage policies. (CM26#169) [[text of report](#)]
8. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a summary of Surveillance Technology Impact Reports (STIRs) in calendar year 2025. (CM26#164) [[text of report](#)]
9. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant in the amount of \$65,000 received from the Harvard Business School Leadership Fellows Program to the Grant Fund Executive Salaries and Wages account. (CM26#165) [[text of report](#)]

SUPPLEMENTAL CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

10. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to proposed changes to the City's Zero Waste Master Plan. (CM26#170) [[text of report](#)]

ORDERS

1. That the Cambridge City Council go on record expressing support for UNITE HERE Local 26 in the boycott of the Hyatt Regency Cambridge. Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler (PO26#108)

2. That the City Manager is requested to work with the appropriate City departments to ensure that the LGBTQ+ Pride-themed crosswalks in front of Cambridge City Hall are refreshed in advance of the City's annual Pride Celebration in June and lighting City Hall For Pride 2026. Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui (PO26#109)
3. Zero Waste Master Plan Ordinance changes. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Al-Zubi, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zusy (PO26#110)
4. That the City Manager, in collaboration with the Urban Forestry Division, DPW, CDD and Inspectional Services, is requested to develop recommendations for updates to the Tree Protection Ordinance that will provide further protection to the City's significant public and private trees for the greater good of the City. Councillor Zusy, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Al-Zubi (PO26#111)
5. That the City Council hold a joint Roundtable/Working Meeting with the Cambridge School Committee on Mon, June 29, 2026, from 4:00-6:00pm, to discuss the Cambridge Preschool Program. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Azeem (PO26#112)
6. That the regular City Council meeting scheduled for Mon, June 15, 2026, be and hereby is canceled. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Azeem (PO26#113)
7. That the City Council approve of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Open Architects student data platform as discussed in the May 20, 2026, hearing. Councillor Al-Zubi, Councillor Nolan (PO26#114)
8. That the City Council disapprove further use of SoundThinking's Acoustic Gunshot Detection Technology (ShotSpotter) by the City pursuant to the Surveillance Technology Ordinance 2.128.060 (C). Councillor Al-Zubi, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan (PO26#115)
9. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant departments and community organizations to provide the City Council with a comprehensive Food Access Report that includes, but is not limited to, an accounting of existing programs, expenditures, outcomes, and unmet needs to inform a public hearing on food insecurity and related City policies, programs, and expenditures. Councillor Al-Zubi, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui (PO26#116)
10. That the City Council go on record recognizing June 19, 2026 as Juneteenth in the City of Cambridge, and in urging all Cambridge residents to reflect upon the meaning of this important day. Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui (PO26#117)
11. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Cambridge Police Department and Law Department to develop and implement a policy requiring the posting of

“Know Your Rights” informational and educational materials in all police department facilities. Councillor Al-Zubi, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan (PO26#118)

ON THE TABLE

2. 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; Tabled May 18, 2026] [[COF26#73](#)]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. 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]
4. 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]
5. 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]
6. 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]
7. 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]
8. 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]
9. 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]

10. 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]
11. 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]
12. 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]
13. 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]
14. 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]

APPLICATIONS & PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Justin Kelly representing Urban Hearth, requesting permission for one (1) projecting sign at the premises numbered 1281 Cambridge Street approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters proof of mailing has been provided. (AP26#29)
2. An application was received from Thomas Ferte representing Michette, requesting permission for one (1) projecting blade sign at the premises numbered 305 Webster Avenue approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters proof of mailing has been provided. (AP26#31)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Amanda Mackie – Cancel ShotSpotter!
2. Andrew King – remove my name from the public comment list
3. Andy Nash – ShotSpotter testimony
4. Anna Frebel – NO artificial turf on Ahern field!
5. Barbara Anthony – Boston Herald article on Cambridge Council’s ridiculous assessment of ShotSpotter
6. Gaurab Basu, MD, MPH – Ahern Field
7. Belinda Pang – Please Preserve Ahern Field as Natural Grass
8. Carolyn Shipley – River Street Reconstruction Wrong Design of Access to Three Streets Not Workable
9. Catherine Hoffman – ShotSpotter and gastro-artificial turf
10. Dana Grotenstein – ShotSpotter
11. David Mankins – In support of expanded housing opportunities
12. Gail Charpentier – Charter Right Item number 2. my public comment
13. Harriet Lindeman – End Cambridge’s Participation in ShotSpotter
14. Kathy Watkins – Support for Charter Right #2, support for Charter Right #3
15. Kelly Dolan – CRA and Social Housing
16. LaQueen Battle – Response towards 5/11 Memorial Drive Shooting
17. Lee Farris – Appreciation for Social Housing Task Force
18. Madeline Lee – End Cambridge’s Participation in ShotSpotter
19. Maya Doig-Acuña – End Cambridge’s Participation in ShotSpotter!
20. North Cambridge Neighbor (Caitlin) – Splash pads turning off at 5pm, PLEASE FIX BEFORE TUESDAY
21. Pamela Pecchio – Keep Ahern Field a Grass Field
22. Paola Rebusco’s – public comment 5/18
23. Pete Warrington – Ahern Field
24. Susan Ringler – PO26#98, Please remove shot spotter devices
25. Sara Lubin – End Cambridge’s Participation in ShotSpotter
26. Shannon Canavin – End Cambridge’s Participation in ShotSpotter
27. Sheli Wortis – ShotSpotter, please support the Policy Order that was charter righted
28. Valerie V – What About Rivermark, Anyone Someone
29. Valerie Ann Bonds – Senior Parking Fee Exemption
30. Yadi Yadi – Public comment Cambridge City Council Meeting 5/18/26
31. Yadi Yadi – Public Comment Cambridge City Council 5/18/26, ShotSpotter
32. Young Kim – Capital Funding Reconciliation Before FY27 Capital Budget
33. Young Kim – My Comment for 5/18/26 City Council Meeting
34. Marie Saccoccio – Boston Herald article on Cambridge Council’s ridiculous assessment of ShotSpotter
35. Rep. Mike Connolly – Cambridge responds to the shooting on Memorial Drive
36. Young Kim – Proposed 2026-2027 City Council Rules (Tabled May 18, 2026)

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution in Memory of Ann Whitford Lewis Austin. Councillor McGovern
2. Condolences to the family of Barney Frank. Councillor Simmons
3. That the City Council go on record congratulating the 2026 retirees of Cambridge Public Schools, thanking them for their many years of dedicated service, and extending best wishes to each of them for a happy, healthy, and fulfilling retirement. Councillor Simmons
4. That the City Council go on record celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the Cambridge Community Chorus and recognizing the Chorus for its extraordinary artistic achievements,

community service, and commitment to making choral music accessible to all. Councillor Zusy

5. Resolution on the retirement of Michael Rowell. Mayor Siddiqui
6. Congratulations to the CRLS Boys Baseball team on winning the Dual County League Championship. Mayor Siddiqui

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Finance Committee** held a public hearing on Tues, May 5, 2026 on the City and School budgets covering the fiscal period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. [[text of report](#)]
2. The **Finance Committee** held a public hearing on Wed, May 6, 2026 on the City and School budgets covering the fiscal period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. [[text of report](#)]
3. The **Finance Committee** held a public hearing on Tues, May 12, 2026 on the City and School budgets covering the fiscal period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. [[text of report](#)]
4. The **Health and Environment Committee** held a public hearing on Tues, Mar 31, 2026 to review and discuss the Cambridge Net Zero Action Plan (NZAP) Annual Report and the Climate Committee’s review and report. [[text of report](#)]
5. The **Public Safety Committee** held a public hearing on Tues, Apr 7, 2026 on the Cambridge Police Department’s federal immigration enforcement tracker, CM26#32. [[text of report](#)]

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Interim City Clerk Paula Crane, regarding an update regarding legislative activity. (COF26#83)
2. A communication from Mayor Siddiqui transmitting a memorandum regarding information from the School Committee. (COF26#80) [[text of report](#)]
3. A communication from Mayor Siddiqui transmitting a memorandum regarding updates to the 2026-2027 City Council Committee Appointments. (CO26#81) [[text of report](#)]
4. Communication from Finance Co-Chairs: Process for Identifying Future Budget Priorities, Part 3. (COF26#82) [[text of report](#)]

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, June 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, June 2

3:00pm The **Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning Committee** will hold a public hearing to discuss possible changes relating to setbacks, stepbacks, open space and wet labs to the recently adopted Cambridge Street Zoning.

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

Tues, June 16

3:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing on two City Council zoning petitions to amend Article 17.000 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map regarding active use requirements on North Massachusetts Avenue and Cambridge Street, including a special permit requirement for Formula Businesses on Cambridge Street.

Mon, June 22

11:00am The **Health and Environment Committee** will hold a public hearing to review and discuss the 5-year update to the Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) including recommendations from the analysis and evaluation and feedback from community meetings.

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 June 1, 2026

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: Hotel Workers at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge are ambassadors for the City and are among the first to welcome travelers and tourists to Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The thousands of UNITE HERE Local 26 hotel workers reflect the strength and diversity of the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: On March 26, 2026, a majority of Hyatt Regency Cambridge employees asked their employer for a fair process to choose whether or not to join a union; and

WHEREAS: Believing that one job should be enough to live in the city they work in, on May 8th Hyatt Regency Cambridge workers voted to begin a Boycott of their own hotel until management agrees to a fair process regarding unionization; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record expressing support for the Boycott of the Hyatt Regency Cambridge and to honor the boycott by not eating, meeting or sleeping at the Hyatt Regency Cambridge while a labor dispute is in effect, to join picket lines and to encourage all city employees to do the same; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the General Manager of the Hyatt Regency Cambridge.

O-2 June 1, 2026

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long celebrated and supported its LGBTQ+ community, and has sought to make visible its commitment to inclusion, dignity, equality, and belonging for all residents; and

WHEREAS: The Pride-themed crosswalks in front of Cambridge City Hall serve as a public and highly visible symbol of the City's support for LGBTQ+ residents, workers, families, visitors, and allies; and

WHEREAS: The City's annual Pride Celebration, scheduled for June 20, provides an important opportunity to reaffirm Cambridge's commitment to standing with the LGBTQ+ community and celebrating the diversity that strengthens this city; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate City departments to ensure that the LGBTQ+ Pride-themed crosswalks in front of Cambridge City Hall are refreshed in advance of the City's annual Pride Celebration in June; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that Cambridge City Hall is illuminated with appropriate Pride colors in advance of the City's June 20th Pride Celebration; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of these efforts in sufficient time to ensure that the work is completed prior to the June 20th celebration.

O-3 June 1, 2026

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR AL-ZUBI

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR ZUSY

WHEREAS: The Health and Environment Committee met on May 26, 2026 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; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Health and Environment Committee recommend to the full City Council to adopt the proposed changes to Cambridge Municipal Code Chapter 8.24: *REFUSE AND LITTER* and Chapter 8.68: *Bring Your Own Bag*, and to adopt Chapter 8.72: *Skip The Stuff*, as soon as possible.

O-4 June 1, 2026

COUNCILLOR ZUSY

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR AL-ZUBI

WHEREAS: The City Council recognizes the vital role of tree canopy in supporting environmental health, public well-being, climate resilience, and natural beauty; and

WHEREAS: Many trees on private and even public property are now being cut down (or having applications filed for removal) as an unintended consequence of the Multifamily Ordinance; and

WHEREAS: This counters the City's stated intentions in its 2020 Urban Forest Master Plan which was developed to grow our tree canopy which provides shade, cooling, carbon sequestration, biodiversity while increasing community health; and

WHEREAS The 2004 Tree Protection Ordinance, amended in 2019 and revised and expanded in 2021 to support the Urban Forest Master Plan, was drafted to regulate the protection and removal of

both public and private trees, requiring permits to remove significant or exceptional trees of 6” diameter and greater; and
WHEREAS The updated plans call for increasing canopy coverage from 30% to 35%, focusing most of all on neighborhoods with fewer trees. Accomplishing this will require adding more trees on private property and mitigating existing canopy loss, particularly from new development; and

WHEREAS: On May 19, 2026, the Department of Public Works held a meeting at Millers River Apartments to update the community on progress towards the Cambridge Urban Forest Master Plan 5-Year Update; and

WHEREAS: It is now urgent to consider potential amendments to update the Tree Protection Ordinance, including:

- enhancing enforcement of requirement for property owners to apply for special permits to cut down Significant Trees.
- requiring developers to have their building plans approved before receiving tree removal permits.
- protecting street trees including those that are endangered due to developments.
- ensuring that any excavations for developments do not compromise abutters’ trees.
- requiring developers to pay for tree removal and replacement of abutter’s trees harmed by development within a reasonable time period.
- requiring property owners to submit a Tree Protection Plan by an Arborist and subject to the approval of the Forestry Division before submitting their building permit application if the building or any utility is within 3 times the DBH of a Significant Tree; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager, in collaboration with the Urban Forestry Division, DPW, CDD and Inspectional Services, be and hereby is requested to develop recommendations for updates to the Tree Protection Ordinance that will provide further protection to the City’s significant public and private trees for the greater good of the City for initial review at the June 22 meeting of the Health and Environment Committee on this topic.

O-5 June 1, 2026
MAYOR SIDDIQUI
VICE MAYOR AZEEM

ORDERED: That the City Council hold a joint Roundtable/Working Meeting with the Cambridge School Committee on Monday, June 29, 2026, from 4:00-6:00pm, to discuss the Cambridge Preschool Program, including means testing and program expansion, as outlined in [CM26#92](#), originally referred to the Human Services and Veterans Committee.

O-6 June 1, 2026
MAYOR SIDDIQUI
VICE MAYOR AZEEM

ORDERED: That the regular City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2026, be and hereby is canceled.

O-7 June 1, 2026
COUNCILLOR AL-ZUBI
COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: The Public Safety Committee met on May 20, 2026, to review and discuss the referred Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Open Architects student data platform; and

WHEREAS: The Public Safety Committee forwarded the STIR back to the Council with a favorable recommendation; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council approve of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Open Architects student data platform as discussed in the May 20, 2026 hearing.

O-8 June 1, 2026
COUNCILLOR AL-ZUBI
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: On May 18th, 2026 the City Council voted to express its desire that the City discontinue the use of ShotSpotter technology in the City by directing the City Manager to work with the relevant departments to rescind prior approval of ShotSpotter; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has direct authority pursuant to the Surveillance Ordinance to approve or disapprove of the use of surveillance technology by the City; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council disapprove further use of SoundThinking’s Acoustic Gunshot Detection Technology (ShotSpotter) by the City pursuant to the Surveillance Technology Ordinance 2.128.060 (C).

O-9 June 1, 2026
COUNCILLOR AL-ZUBI
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Equitable access to affordable, nutritious food is essential to the health, wellbeing, and economic stability of Cambridge residents; and

WHEREAS: Despite Cambridge’s status as one of the wealthiest cities in the Commonwealth, food insecurity falls hardest on residents of color, families with children, seniors, and people with disabilities, with Black and Latino residents experiencing poverty at two to three times the rate of white residents, and these disparities are closely linked to higher rates of obesity, diabetes, and hypertension; and

WHEREAS: The 2022 [Cambridge Food Action Plan](#) (CFAP), produced by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council for the Cambridge Food and Fitness Policy Council, found that healthy and affordable food options are most limited in The Port and Mid-Cambridge neighborhoods, areas that overlap substantially with historically redlined districts, and that residents in these neighborhoods face significant transportation barriers to reaching preferred grocery stores; and

WHEREAS: Neighborhood markets, which are often the most accessible food retail option for lower-income residents, are on average 50 percent more expensive than supermarkets and grocery stores, and the City’s Healthy Markets Program lost funding for the supplies that most motivated store participation; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has a robust food pantry network, with the majority of pantries concentrated around Central Square and surrounding neighborhoods, and the network has experienced steadily increasing utilization over the past several years and limited physical capacity to keep pace with demand; and

WHEREAS: Despite a nearly 48 percent Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) enrollment gap, with roughly 7,000 Cambridge residents likely eligible but unenrolled, the City has

limited capacity for targeted outreach, enrollment support, and bundled service connections for SNAP-eligible residents outside of the nonprofits and community partners already doing this work; and

WHEREAS: Approximately one in five Cambridge rental households is severely cost-burdened, spending 50 percent or more of income on rent, leaving little for food and other basic necessities; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Community Foundation has invested significantly in food access, including a \$1.9 million multi-year Food Access and Security Initiative launched in 2023 and a joint \$500,000 emergency commitment with the City to support food pantries and grocery store gift cards for SNAP recipients during the 2025 federal government shutdown, which caused SNAP benefits to be suspended in November; and

WHEREAS: Given the scale of public need and ongoing municipal and philanthropic investment, and continued uncertainty around the future of SNAP benefits, the City Council seeks a comprehensive accounting of existing programs, expenditures, outcomes, and unmet needs; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant departments and community organizations to provide the City Council with a comprehensive Food Access Report that includes, but is not limited to, an accounting of existing programs, expenditures, outcomes, and unmet needs to inform a public hearing on food insecurity and related City policies, programs, and expenditures; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to engage with community organizations, food justice advocates, schools, healthcare institutions, and residents with lived experience of food insecurity during the preparation of the report; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the report to the City Council no later than four months from the passage of this Order.

O-10 June 1, 2026

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: On the 19th of June, people throughout the country shall be celebrating Juneteenth, which commemorates the day in 1865 during which slavery was formally abolished in the State of Texas, and which has come to be regarded as the final, formal date of emancipation of all remaining enslaved people throughout the United States of America at the end of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS: On June 17, 2021, President Biden signed into law legislation declaring Juneteenth to be a federal holiday, and we celebrate this holiday each year in acknowledgment of the ending of one of the most shameful chapters in this country's history, and in the continual hope that the United States shall forever strive to become a more perfect union, and shall forever work to move closer to its founding ideals of being a nation where all citizens are considered equal; and

WHEREAS: In the 161 years since the end of the Civil War, the United States has unquestionably made great strides, and has also suffered numerous, at times heartbreaking setbacks, in the long march towards true civic equality for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS: In these tumultuous times, when the hard-won progress of generations faces renewed challenge and uncertainty, it is particularly important that we pause to commemorate Juneteenth

and to reflect upon its meaning and enduring value – not merely as a remembrance of what was overcome, but as a reaffirmation of the principles of freedom, dignity, and equality to which this nation has pledged itself; and

WHEREAS: Juneteenth remains an important date for us to pause each year to reflect upon the progress we have made, and to contemplate the work that remains as we seek to create a more just country for the generations yet to come; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record recognizing June 19, 2026 as Juneteenth in the City of Cambridge, and in urging all Cambridge residents to reflect upon the meaning of this important day.

O-11 June 1, 2026

COUNCILLOR AL-ZUBI

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is committed to protecting the civil rights, dignity, and safety of all residents, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS: Ensuring that individuals are informed of their constitutional rights when interacting with law enforcement promotes transparency, accountability, and public trust; and

WHEREAS: "Know Your Rights" materials, including those modeled after the widely used "Red Card" framework developed by organizations such as Immigrant Legal Resource Center, provide clear, accessible guidance regarding individuals' rights during encounters with law enforcement or immigration authorities; and

WHEREAS: Individuals in custody or detention settings may be particularly vulnerable and benefit from readily visible, multilingual information explaining their rights; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has a diverse population with many residents who speak languages other than English, making multilingual access to rights-based information essential for equitable treatment; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Police Department and Law Department to develop and implement a policy requiring the posting of "Know Your Rights" informational and educational materials in all police department facilities; and be it further

ORDERED: That such postings shall be placed prominently in areas accessible to the public and in all areas where individuals may be detained, held, or interviewed, including but not limited to booking areas, holding cells, and interview rooms, to the extent consistent with legal considerations; and be it further

ORDERED: That the materials shall be written in clear, plain language similar to the "Red Card" and "Know Your Rights" frameworks that is translated to the most commonly spoken languages in Cambridge, including but not limited to Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, Arabic, and Chinese; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on how this has been implemented within 30 days.