

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$250,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits Salaries and Wages Account to the General Fund Employee Benefits Travel and Training Account. Funds will be used to cover the costs of anticipated payments of workers compensation medical bills for personnel injured in the course of their job, through the end of FY24. (CM24#110)
2. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$5,000 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account. These funds were awarded to the Summer Food Program by Project Bread and will be used to enhance promotion, outreach, and support activities, and to pay for program related supplies. (CM24#111)
3. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$325 received from a preschool family fundraiser to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account. The funds will be used to purchase enrichment supplies for the classroom. (CM24#112)
4. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$15,000 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account. Funds are to be used to support the Cambridge Food Pantry Network. The funds are being used, along with the \$156,000 allocated by the city, to contract with the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee (CEOC) to purchase nutritional foods that are distributed to eligible Cambridge residents through the Food Pantry Network. (CM24#113)
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment of **Adam Westbrook** and **Diego Macias** as members and **Daniel Anderson** and **Joy Jackson** as associate members of the Planning Board for a term of five-years. (CM24#114)
6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the Planning Board Report regarding the Ronayne, et al., Zoning Petition. (CM24#115) [[text of report](#)]
7. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$240,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Law Department Extraordinary Expenditures account to cover unanticipated costs for expert appraisal services related to current litigation involving energy and utility valuations. (CM24#116)
8. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a request - if necessary – to move to Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation known as Dalkia Energy Services v. Cambridge, Kendall Green Energy Holdings LLC v. Cambridge, and Southern Energy Kendall v. Cambridge, (Appellate Tax Board Dockets F325664, F325663, F325665, F328941, and all related Appellate Tax Board Docket Numbers for these cases), which are appeals before the Appellate Tax Board. (CM24#117)

## ORDERS

1. That the City Council renew its observance of Loving Day on June 12, 2024, and encourages all Cambridge residents to embrace the diversity of families and recognize the importance of this day. Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons (PO24#67)
2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and other appropriate City personnel to implement more robust ticketing and parking enforcement measures near the intersection of Norman Street and Belmont Street. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Toner (PO24#68)
3. That the City Manager is requested to clarify why the Wage Theft Enforcement Committee has not yet been appointed and to swiftly appoint the committee as called for in the Wage Theft Ordinance. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Toner (PO24#69)
4. That the City Manager is requested to explore the feasibility of delaying the Mass Avenue reconstruction project to minimize its impact upon the busy season for restaurants and other affected businesses, and, should this not be found feasible, a method of providing financial assistance to the impacted businesses to cover the costs of removing their outdoor dining structures, designed to mitigate some of the financial impacts upon them, should be established. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Toner, Councillor Pickett (PO24#70)
5. That the City Manager is requested to provide a list of current zoning initiatives along with CDD's recommendations for a timeline for completing each of the zoning initiatives in order for the Council to confirm zoning priorities. Councillor Pickett, Councillor Toner, Vice Mayor McGovern (PO24#71)
6. That the City Manager is requested to work with CDD to provide a written outreach plan for engaging the community related to the processes underway in Central Square. Councillor Pickett, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Simmons (PO24#72)
7. That the City Manager is hereby requested to provide the draft Request for Information for the 84 & 96 Bishop Allen Drive to the City Council for review and comment. Councillor Pickett, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Simmons (PO24#73)
8. City Council support of H.1713/S.947, An Act to Ensure Legal Parentage Equality, to ensure all parents and children are afforded the same protections under the law. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Wilson (PO24#74)
9. That the City Manager is requested to provide to the City Council a detailed justification for the increased fees for Youth Centers for the 2024-2025 school year. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Toner, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler (PO24#75)

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. City Council support of the Act Establishing Protections and Accountability for TNC and DNC Workers (S.627/H1158), which would allow TNCs to sustain worker benefits and protections that maintain a level playing field across transportation industries. [Charter Right – Toner, May 20, 2024] (PO24#65)

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

2. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$11,500,000 to provide funds for the reconstruction of various City streets and sidewalks. [Passed to 2nd Reading and Referred to Finance Committee, Apr 29, 2024] (CM24#74)
3. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of appropriation and authorization to borrow \$4,350,000 to provide funds for the Municipal Facilities Improvement Plan. Funds will support significant building improvements and deferred maintenance projects. Proposed projects include but are not limited to upgrades of Public Works facilities, municipal offices, youth centers, branch libraries and fire stations, renovations to 105 Windsor Street and upgrades of HVAC and electrical systems. [Passed to 2nd Reading and Referred to Finance Committee, Apr 29, 2024] (CM24#75)
4. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,000,000 to provide funds for the design and construction of open spaces at the Peabody School Playground, Corcoran (Raymond Street) Park, Rafferty Park, Wilder-Lee Park, and 359 Broadway. [Passed to 2nd Reading and Referred to Finance Committee, Apr 29, 2024] (CM24#76)
5. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,560,000 to provide funds for financing school building upgrades. [Passed to 2nd Reading and Referred to Finance Committee, Apr 29, 2024] (CM24#77)
6. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of and authorization to borrow \$6,550,000 to provide funds for the Ozone Generator Replacement; Water Treatment Plant equipment and systems upgrades and water works construction projects in coordination with DPW street restoration projects, which include Massachusetts Ave 4, Chestnut, Dana, Sciarappa and Winter Streets. [Passed to 2nd Reading and Referred to Finance Committee, Apr 29, 2024] (CM24#78)
7. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$8,500,000 to provide funds for the sewer Capital Repairs Program and projects related to climate change preparedness efforts. [Passed to 2nd Reading and Referred to Finance Committee, Apr 29, 2024] (CM24#79)
8. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization of

\$15,000,000 to provide additional funds for the construction of improvements at the Fire Station Headquarters Building located at 491 Broadway. [Passed to 2nd Reading May 20, 2024; Eligible for Adoption June 3, 2024]

9. An Ordinance 2023 #8B has been received from City Clerk, relative to Amend Chapter 14.04 – Fair Housing. [Passed to 2nd Reading Oct 2, 2023; Amended Nov 6, 2023; to remain on Unfinished Business pending legislative approval of Special Act needed prior to ordination] (ORD23-8B)

## **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application from Edward Batten representing Eastern Bank, requesting permission for two (2) projecting signs and one (1) awning at the premises numbered 415 Main Street. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and proof of mailing from abutter's has been provided. (AP24#19)
2. An application from Gina Fobelle, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 17 Miller Avenue; 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. (AP24#20)

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication from Abra Berkowitz, regarding Chicago and NYC's waning diversity and increased property values post-up-zoning.
2. A communication from Amy Clarkson, regarding New Zoning Petition\_5-6 story buildings in Cambridge.
3. A communication from Anand Sundaram, regarding I strong object to moving forward with your current plan at the PLANNING BOARD Meeting on citywide up-zoning (2).
4. A communication from Andy Nash, regarding Ordinance committee.
5. A communication from Anne Hawley, regarding letter regard.
6. A communication from Anne Sundaram, regarding I strong object to moving forward with your current plan at the PLANNING BOARD Meeting on citywide up-zoning.
7. A communication from Aram Harrow, regarding zoning.
8. A communication from Ariana Olson, regarding Support PO24#62.
9. A communication from Barbara Anthony, regarding Upzoning across the Nation and Canada.
10. A communication from Brad Bellows, regarding Focus unzoning on major corridors.
11. A communication from Catherine Hoffman, regarding Affordable Housing Trust.
12. A communication from Catherine Hoffman, regarding multi-family concerns.
13. A communication from Catherine Zusy, regarding No to allowing 6-story buildings citywide!
14. A communication from Chris Potter, regarding Statement for gradual zoning changes but against abrupt ones.
15. A communication from Christina King, regarding Yes to Zoning Reform.
16. A communication from cyalee, regarding Vote YES on PO24#49 and PO24#50 Without Amendment and Support Policy Order PO24#51.

17. A communication from Deborah Zucker, regarding Please STOP the proposal to up-zone all of the residential areas of Cambridge!
18. A communication from Elizabeth and John Gilmore, regarding Proposed City-wide Zoning Change.
19. A communication from Esther Hanig, regarding Opposition to the zoning petition regarding the Affordable Housing Trust.
20. A communication from Ethan Frank, regarding Adjusted Parking Fees - AR24-15.
21. A communication from Ethan Frederick, regarding Public Comment on Exclusionary Zoning.
22. A communication from Francesca Gordini, regarding No to the up-zoning.
23. A communication from Jana Odette, regarding (largely) unedited interview with Charles Sullivan, Cambridge Historical Commission.
24. A communication from Janet Littell, regarding another citizen housing preference for Cambridge.
25. A communication from Jennifer Goulart, regarding Action on bike paths needed now.
26. A communication from Jennifer Miles, regarding Upcoming Council Meeting – Removal of Housing Height Restrictions & BZA.
27. A communication from Joey Proton, regarding City of Cambridge Emergency Vehicles, Ambulance, Fire and Police Emergency blocked by new bike lanes Causing Life Threatening and Legal Issues.
28. A communication from John Trever, regarding New Zoning Petition.
29. A communication from Judi and Carlos Neu, regarding ZONING (1).
30. A communication from Kaleb Abebe, regarding PO24#66- Support for a Porchfest like event in Cambridge.
31. A communication from Mark Steffen, regarding Do not raise residential parking fees.
32. A communication from Mary Tittmann, regarding End Exclusionary Zoning.
33. A communication from Michael Chunko, regarding In support of Council member Azeem’s proposed change to the zoning code.
34. A communication from Milan Singh, regarding Public comment in support of Councillor Azeem’s proposal to legalize six-story buildings.
35. A communication from Patricia Armstrong, regarding Longtime Cambridge residents oppose massive upzoning.
36. A communication from Rachel Plummer, regarding Support for Ending Exclusionary Zoning.
37. A communication from Amy Waltz, regarding Ronayne & CDD Zoning - Prioritize additional living units in Existing Buildings - Avoid Major climate & environmental impacts!
38. A communication from Sharon Bushnell, regarding Dangerous Fayerweather Street Brattle turns.
39. A communication from Shefali Oza, regarding In favor of zoning changes.
40. A communication from Stephen Fitzsimmons and Orawan Saejao Fitzsimmons, regarding Please support the Cambridge Housing Committee Proposal.
41. A communication from Tamar Zimmerman, regarding Concern for Thoughtful Development in our City.
42. A communication from Vickey Bestor, regarding Housing Policy.
43. A communication from Weldon Pries, regarding New Zoning Petition--please support the following points.
44. A communication from Yash Deshpande, regarding Support for the multi-family zoning effort.
45. A communication from Young Kim, regarding Options for use of the BB&N Field.
46. A communication from Dan Totten, regarding Bishop Allen lots redevelopment.
47. A communication from Margaret Ann Brady, regarding Keep the value of public land PUBLIC!
48. A communication from Marilee Meyer, regarding Historical Commission Preservation Awards tonight EC court house 6-8.
49. A communication from Nella LaRosa-Waters, regarding Central Square Zoning.

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. Congratulations to Claire Edouard on her retirement from the Cambridge Housing Authority. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
2. Condolences on the death of Richard P. Farina Sr. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
3. Condolences on the death of Reverend Ronald A. Gomes. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
4. Condolences on the death of Reverend Dr. Florence Nottage-King. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
5. Condolences on the death of Francis Dunn. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
6. Congratulations to Catherine Scrive on her retirement from the Cambridge Housing Authority. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
7. Congratulations to Dr. James Barrett on receiving the Gold Standard School Safety Award from the Massachusetts Partnerships for Youth. Councillor Toner
8. Congratulations to Marita Barrett on her retirement from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
9. Congratulations to Police Officer David Gamble on his retirement. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
10. Condolences on the death of David Albert. Councillor Toner
11. Condolences on the death of Michael Lenkauskas. Councillor Toner
12. Resolution on the death of John W. Roberts. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Nolan
13. Recognizing Innovators For Purpose, and the exemplary service of Mr. and Mrs. Dawson to the youth of Cambridge. Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Siddiqui
14. In recognition of Dr. Lisa Dobberteen, recipient of the 2024 Brian Murphy Award for Leadership and Public Service. Vice Mayor McGovern
15. Congratulations to Charles M. Sullivan on receiving the Paul & Niki Tsongas Award for 2024 by Preservation Massachusetts. Councillor Nolan, Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern
16. Condolences on the death of Frederick W. “Fred” Donahue. Councillor Toner

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Finance Committee** conducted a public hearing on May 7, 2024, regarding the City budget covering the fiscal period July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. [[text of report](#)]  
**Present:** Nolan, Pickett, Sobrinho-Wheeler, Wilson, Simmons, Azeem, McGovern, Siddiqui  
**Remote Present:** Toner
2. The **Finance Committee** conducted a public hearing on May 8, 2024, regarding the School Department budget covering the fiscal period July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. [[text of report](#)]  
**Present:** Azeem, McGovern, Nolan, Pickett, Siddiqui, Sobrinho-Wheeler, Wilson, Simmons  
**Remote Present:** Toner
3. The **Finance Committee** conducted a public hearing on May 14, 2024, regarding the City budget covering the fiscal period July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. [[text of report](#)]  
**Present:** McGovern, Nolan, Pickett, Sobrinho-Wheeler, Wilson, Simmons, Toner  
**Remote Present:** Siddiqui  
**Absent:** Azeem
4. The **Human Service and Veterans Committee** held a public hearing on May 1, 2024, to discuss the progress being made to bring universal afterschool to Cambridge. [[text of report](#)]  
**Present:** McGovern, Nolan, Siddiqui, Sobrinho-Wheeler, Wilson
5. The **Housing Committee** held a public hearing on May 8, 2024, to discuss allowing multifamily housing in all neighborhoods of the city. [[text of report](#)]  
**Present:** Azeem, McGovern, Siddiqui, Wilson  
**Remote Present:** Sobrinho-Wheeler  
**Also Present:** Nolan, Simmons
6. The **Housing Committee** held a public hearing on May 22, 2024, to continue the May 8, 2024, discussion on allowing multifamily housing in all neighborhoods of the city. [[text of report](#)]  
**Present:** Siddiqui  
**Remote Present:** Azeem, McGovern, Sobrinho-Wheeler, Wilson  
**Also Present:** Simmons, Pickett

## COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF24#77)

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### Mon, June 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting

### Tues, June 4

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

### Wed, June 5

3:00pm The **Government Operations, Rules, and Claims Committee** will hold an initial meeting to discuss Charter Review

recommendations and develop draft recommendations to the Full City Council for reviewing, deliberating, adopting, and processing possible changes to the Cambridge City Charter for a future vote by Cambridge voters.

### Mon, June 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting

### Tues, June 11

11:30am The **Public Safety Committee** will hold a public hearing to receive a report and get updates from PRAB on general issues and the implementation of the Procedural Justice Data Board.

### Wed, June 12

2:00pm The **Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Utilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee** will hold a public hearing to discuss municipal broadband.

### Mon, June 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting

### Tues, June 18

3:00pm The **Health and Environment Committee** will hold a public hearing to review and discuss the first annual Green Jobs report, as required by the Green Jobs Ordinance, Article III Ch. 2.66.100.

### Mon, June 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting

### Wed, June 26

1:00pm The **Economic Development and University Relations Committee** will hold a public hearing with Harvard, MIT, and Lesley Universities to receive their "Town Gown" reports and to discuss current and potential programs and partnerships with the City.

### Mon, Aug 5

5:30pm Special (Midsummer) City Council Meeting

## TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 June 3, 2024

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Mildred Jean (Jeter) Loving and Richard Perry Loving, from the state of Virginia, married for love in 1958, but traveled to Washington D.C. to get married because it was illegal for an interracial couple to marry in Virginia; and

WHEREAS: The Lovings returned to Virginia to be near their families, but soon after their return, the police raided their home in the middle of the night and arrested the couple; they avoided going to jail by agreeing to a suspended sentence on the condition that they permanently move out of the state; and

WHEREAS: The couple returned to Washington D.C., devastated by their inability to travel together to visit their home and families in Virginia; and

WHEREAS: The Lovings fought the law that prohibited them to live as a legally married couple in their state by taking their case all the way to the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS: On June 12, 1967, in a landmark civil rights decision, the Supreme Court struck down the Virginia Interracial Marriage Ban Law and similar laws in 15 other states because it violated the 14th amendment, and the Lovings could now return to their home without fear of persecution; and

WHEREAS: The courage of the Lovings is an inspiration to us all and a true example of perseverance and persistence in the face of great struggle; and

WHEREAS: In 2018, the Council unanimously passed a resolution declaring "June 12 to be Loving Day in Cambridge in the years that follow with the goal of making this day an opportunity to

recognize, accept, and applaud all kinds of families;” now therefore be it  
RESOLVED: That the City Council renew its observance of Loving Day on June 12, 2024, and encourages all Cambridge residents to embrace the diversity of families and recognize the importance of this day.

O-2 June 3, 2024  
MAYOR SIMMONS  
COUNCILLOR TONER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the area near the intersection of Norman Street and Belmont Street has been identified as a location where parking regulations, particularly the 2-hour parking limits, are frequently being violated; and

WHEREAS: Many of the vehicles overstaying the 2-hour parking limits are often without the required parking permits, and these violations make it difficult for neighborhood residents to find parking in these areas, creating an inconvenience and a burden on them; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and other appropriate City personnel to implement more robust ticketing and parking enforcement measures near the intersection of Norman Street and Belmont Street, and to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-3 June 3, 2024  
MAYOR SIMMONS  
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER  
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN  
COUNCILLOR TONER

WHEREAS: Concerns regarding wage theft – the denial of wages or employee benefits rightfully owed to an employee, which can include minimum wage violations, misclassification of employees as independent contractors, failing to pay overtime, illegal deductions from pay, and/or not paying for all hours worked – led the City Council to adopt the [Wage Theft Ordinance](#) on Oct 17, 2022; and

WHEREAS: The ordinance calls for the appointment of a Wage Theft Enforcement Committee to receive and review complaints about possible wage theft violations, and to make determinations as to how best enforce this ordinance; and

WHEREAS: As of this June 2024, the Wage Theft Enforcement Committee has not been appointed, leaving the City without a mechanism to effectively review complaints and enforce the ordinance; and

WHEREAS: The timely appointment of this committee is essential to uphold the rights of workers and ensure fair labor practices within the city, and the lack of a functioning Wage Theft Enforcement Committee undermines the intent and effectiveness of the Wage Theft Ordinance; and

WHEREAS: It is the responsibility of the City to ensure that all ordinances passed by the City Council are fully implemented and enforced; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to clarify why the Wage Theft Enforcement Committee has not yet been appointed, he is urged to swiftly appoint the committee as called for in the Wage Theft Ordinance, and to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-4 June 3, 2024  
MAYOR SIMMONS  
COUNCILLOR TONER  
COUNCILLOR PICKETT

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the next phase of the planned Mass Ave reconstruction project is set to significantly impact ground-floor businesses (particularly those in and just outside of Central Square) with outdoor dining structures, right as these establishments are gearing up for their most lucrative season of the year; and

WHEREAS: These businesses are facing substantial financial burdens due to the requirement to remove their outdoor dining infrastructure to accommodate the reconstruction work, in addition to the expected loss in revenue from reduced dining capacity during their busy season; and

WHEREAS: The economic vitality of our local businesses, especially those providing outdoor dining, is crucial to the vibrancy, attractiveness, and economic health of our community, and it is imperative that the City take pains to protect the viability of our small businesses; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to explore the feasibility of delaying the Mass Avenue reconstruction project to minimize its impact upon the busy season for restaurants and other affected businesses, and, should this not be found feasible, a method of providing financial assistance to the impacted businesses to cover the costs of removing their outdoor dining structures, designed to mitigate some of the financial impacts upon them, should be established; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter within 14 days of this Policy Order being passed.

O-5 June 3, 2024  
COUNCILLOR PICKETT  
COUNCILLOR TONER  
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Since the beginning of the 2024 term, the City Council has initiated a number of important zoning initiatives including Cambridge Street, North Mass Ave, Central Square, changes to parking provisions, and most recently proposals for citywide multifamily housing zoning; and

WHEREAS: The Community Development Department (CDD) is responsible for advancing and completing each of these zoning initiatives; and

WHEREAS: The sequencing of and timeline for completion of each zoning initiative is critically important to advancing the goals of the City Council; and

WHEREAS: Confirming the Council’s zoning priorities will clarify and assist CDD and the Law Department in completing its work in a timely fashion necessary to advance the council goals; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a list of current zoning initiatives along with CDD’s recommendations for a timeline for completing each of the zoning initiatives in order for the Council to confirm zoning priorities.

O-6 June 3, 2024  
COUNCILLOR PICKETT  
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER  
MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Central Square has been the focus of many previous efforts to develop plans to enhance its role as a vibrant residential, business and cultural center; and

WHEREAS: Building off these prior efforts, the City has undertaken a zoning process and study of city owned lots to expeditiously advance a plan for the future of Central Square; and

WHEREAS: Input from residents, institutions, religious and not for profit organizations and many other groups in Central Square and those that frequent the Square will add important perspective to the planning process; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby requested to work with CDD to provide a written outreach plan for engaging the community related to the processes underway in Central Square.

O-7 June 3, 2024

COUNCILLOR PICKETT

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: In 2023, the City initiated a study of City owned lots in Central Square; and

WHEREAS: The recently completed Central Square lots study identified both 84 & 96 Bishop Allen Drive for early action; and

WHEREAS: The City is prepared to move forward with the process of planning for both lots by initiating a Request for Information; and

WHEREAS: The City would like Council feedback before proceeding; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is hereby requested to provide the draft Request for Information for the 84 & 96 Bishop Allen Drive to the City Council for review and comment in a timely manner.

O-8 June 3, 2024

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

MAYOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR WILSON

WHEREAS: Norms of family inclusivity, as well as technologies like IVF, have expanded the ways that people may become parents over the past several decades; and

WHEREAS: Under current Massachusetts state law, many parents, including foster and LGBTQ+ parents, are not afforded the same legal protections as other parents; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Parentage Act, sponsored by Senators Cyr and Tarr and Representatives Peake and Kane, aims to address this disparity by updating the Commonwealth's statutes to provide stability to children and their parents, following the lead of other New England states; and

WHEREAS: The Act is supported by [numerous organizations](#) including those advocating for LGBTQ+ rights, government stakeholders, healthcare providers (including [the Massachusetts Medical Society](#), which represents over 25,000 physicians, residents, and medical students), social work services organizations, and family legal services organizations; and

WHEREAS: This Act clarifies and ensures children born through in vitro fertilization, and other reproductive technologies, and surrogacy, as well as those in LGBTQ+ families have a clear route to establish their parentage, with an aim of reducing unnecessary litigation, codifying precedents set by the Supreme Judicial Court, and providing standards for courts to resolve competing claims of parentage; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in strong support of H.1713/S.947, *An Act to Ensure Legal Parentage Equality*, to ensure all parents and children are afforded the same protections under the law; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Cambridge's state delegation and State House leadership.

O-9 June 3, 2024

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR TONER

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: The Department of Human Service Programs (DHSP) has announced a significant increase in tuition fees for Youth Centers, specifically affecting 4th and 5th graders, with fees rising up to 34 times more for the 2024-2025 school year for some families; and

WHEREAS: For the 2023-2024 school year, the tuition for 4th and 5th graders was \$54.55 per month for families of four making over \$149,000 per year, while for the 2024-2025 school year, the tuition will increase to \$764 per month for the same families; and

WHEREAS: The new fees are equivalent to those of programs for younger children who require more supervision, yet grades 6-8 receive Youth Center programs for free regardless of income, rendering the high fees for 4th and 5th graders unjustifiable; and

WHEREAS: It is the City Council's understanding that DHSP has not provided a clear explanation for the drastic increase in fees or detailed the intended use of the additional funds; and

WHEREAS: There is a pressing need for a fair and equitable pricing structure to ensure that all children in Cambridge can participate in Youth Center programs; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide to the City Council a detailed justification for the increased fees, including the rationale behind the decision, what outreach has been conducted to explain these changes to the community, and what measures the City can and will take to mitigate the financial burden on families using the youth centers; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.