

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to amendments to the FY24 Submitted General Fund Budget. (CM23#149)
[increase funds budgeted to the Affordable Housing Trust (AHT) by \$1,600,000; total amended FY24 appropriation of non-CPA funding to the AHT will now be \$24,645,750 (from \$23,045,750 originally submitted); total amended appropriation of all City funding to AHT will now be \$41,105,750 (from \$39,505,750 originally submitted), presuming an 80% allocation of CPA funding to affordable housing.]
[increase in the appropriation to the Cambridge Health Alliance of \$416,000; recommended increase will bring the total FY24 appropriation to the Cambridge Health Alliance to \$8,316,000 (from \$7,900,000 originally submitted; total FY24 Operating Budget to \$883,773,885 (from the initially submitted \$881,757,885).]
[increases will be funded through property tax revenue; estimated increase in the property tax levy for FY24 is approximately 9.2% (from the original FY24 estimate of 8.8%).]
2. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$117,500, to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Extraordinary Expenditures account for acquisition of equipment and upgrades to the City of Cambridge Emergency Operations Center (EOC). (CM23#150)
3. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$32,500, to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Extraordinary Expenditures account for acquisition of equipment and upgrades to the City of Cambridge Emergency Operations Center (EOC). (CM23#151)
4. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$100,000, to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Extraordinary Expenditures account for acquisition of replacement radio consolettes to continue to enhance interoperable communications between Metro Boston Homeland Security Region (MBHSR) jurisdictions. (CM23#152)
5. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$70,000 from the General Fund Traffic, Parking and Transportation Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Traffic, Parking and Transportation Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and anticipated medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for the remainder of the fiscal year for Traffic and Parking personnel injured in the performance of their duties. (CM23#153)
6. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$35,000 from the General Fund Veterans Travel & Training (Benefits) account to the General Fund Veterans Other Ordinary Maintenance

account to cover costs related to a re-imagined Memorial Day and Decoration Day. (CM23#154)

7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to AR 23-29, regarding amendments to the Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance. (CM23#155) [[cover memo](#)] [[Summary Chart](#)] [[Amendment_redline](#)] [[Amendment_clean](#)]

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the “Amendments to Protect Family Inclusion and Relationship Diversity” be forwarded to the Ordinance Committee for discussion and recommendation. [Charter Right – Simmons, May 22, 2023] (PO23#97)
2. 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. [Charter Right – Zondervan, May 22, 2023] (AP23#31)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to 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; To Be Ordained on or after June 5, 2023; Expires Aug 1, 2023] (ORD23#2)

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Michael Monestime of the Central Square Business Improvement District requesting permission for thirty (30) temporary pole banners along Massachusetts Avenue, Hancock Street, Inman Street, Pleasant Street, Prospect Street Essex Street, Pearl Street, Norfolk Street, Brookline Street, Douglas Street and Sidney Street announcing In Central I Can from June 1, 2023 through Dec 30, 2023. (AP23#33)
2. An application was received from John Connolly of Harvard Art Museum requesting permission for twenty-three (23) temporary pole banner along Quincy Street, Broadway to Harvard, Cambridge Street, Hovey to Felton, Massachusetts Avenue, Trowbridge to Remington Street, Massachusetts Avenue and Hotel Veritas to Plympton announcing Open to Everyone from July 2023 through November 2023. (AP23#34)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication from Richard Krushnic regarding Residents Alliance comments on the budget.
2. A communication from Young Kim regarding Economic Development University Relations Committee Report to City Council 5-15-23.
3. A communication from Tatiana Netterfield regarding Please build the separated bike lanes on Mass Ave!
4. A communication from Jim Mendelson regarding Great bike lanes.
5. A communication from Joan Pickett regarding CDD must improve bicycle count approach.
6. A communication from Aaron Kaplowitz regarding May 22 City Council Meeting Public Comment.
7. A communication from Peter Lowber regarding bike lanes.
8. A communication from Joan Pickett regarding CM#6 CSO Progress report is insufficient.
9. A communication from Susan Mallory Sherman regarding bike lane concerns.
10. A communication from Donald Crane regarding bike lanes.

11. A communication from Ausra Kubilius regarding bike lanes-- EVALUATION BEFORE MORE INSTALLATION PLEASE.
12. A communication from Shelagh Hadley regarding Bike lane reporting etc.
13. A communication from Madeline Eiermann regarding Bike lanes for a vocal majority.
14. A communication from Helen Snively regarding more study of bike lanes.
15. A communication from Alexander Grob regarding Support for Cycling Safety Projects and Bond Approval for Mass Ave Reconstruction.
16. A communication from Camden Bauchner regarding Please Do a Full Evaluation Before Installing More Bike Lanes.
17. A communication from Clelia Goldings regarding Bike lane assessment--before continued implementation!!
18. A communication from Ei Bli regarding Bike lanes- ASSESSMENT BEFORE CONTINUING!!!
19. A communication from Scott Brightly regarding Cycling Safety Ordinance Progress.
20. A communication from Beth Gamse and Judy Singer regarding City Council Meeting May 22 2023 Agenda Item #6.
21. A communication from Vickey Bestor regarding Until the CSO gives you the data don't give them money!
22. A communication from Cathy Korsgren regarding Bike Lane in Harvard Square CSO.
23. A communication from Andrew Chapman regarding Cycling Safety Ordinance – project financing - Massachusetts Avenue.
24. A communication from Faraz Alizadeh regarding Support separated bike lanes on Mass Ave.
25. A communication from Christine Leonard regarding In support of separated bike lanes on Mass Ave.
26. A communication from Peter T Farago regarding Reconsider allocation for Mass Ave and other bike lanes.
27. A communication from Anna Ferrigno regarding Concerns about adding more bike lanes.
28. A communication from Alan Price regarding Letter to Cambridge City Council re: PO#6.
29. A communication from Stephen Boor regarding Please Approve the Bond for Mass Ave Reconstruction.
30. A communication from Sam Bernstein regarding Support for bike lanes and infrastructure.
31. A communication from Young Kim regarding Reject CM#6 3rd annual CSO Progress Report and Request Audit of CSO implementation.
32. A communication from Joe Rose regarding Support for PO23#91 New Green Park At Third And Binney Streets.
33. A communication from Terence Cawley regarding Support PO23#96.
34. A communication from Beth Baniszewski regarding Support PO23#96.
35. A communication from Athmika Senthilkumar regarding Support PO23#96.
36. A communication from Bryn Weiler regarding In Support of Cycling Infrastructure Mass Ave Reconstruction Funding.
37. A communication from Lowry Hemphill regarding Support PO23#96.
38. A communication from Reiley O'Connor regarding \$50,000,000 bike lane accountability - reject.

39. A communication from Robert Michael Pittsley regarding Support PO23#96.
40. A communication from Erin Shackelford regarding Support PO23#96.
41. A communication from Kathy and John Roberts regarding CSO plan.
42. A communication from John Hanratty regarding \$2000++ per household for CSO - Irresponsible to approve CSO funding without further study.
43. A communication from Audrey Cunningham regarding Proposed spending of \$50 million (Agenda item #6).
44. A communication from Maritza Soto regarding Support PO23#96.
45. A communication from Karen Davis regarding City Council Meeting May 22 2023 Agenda Item #6.
46. A communication from Anna Spera and Jean Spera regarding Agenda Item #6.
47. A communication from Deborah Belle regarding Support PO23#96.
48. A communication from Emily Crawford regarding Creating a Safer Mass Ave.
49. A communication from Annette LaMond regarding Please Evaluate Impacts of Existing Separated Bike Lanes.
50. A communication from Elena Glassman regarding Expressing my support for approving the bond for Mass Ave reconstruction.
51. A communication from Pio regarding Please support continuing efforts to make streets safer for cyclists.
52. A communication from Pio Please stand up to neutering of release-of-names order.
53. A communication from Christopher Certo regarding bike lanes.
54. A communication from Carol Lee Rawn regarding Comments re. May 22 Agenda Item No. 6.
55. A communication from Ann Stewart regarding CM23#147 (Alewife Rezoning Petition).
56. A communication from Ellen Mei regarding Support PO23#96.
57. A communication from John Chun regarding Max Height for CM23#147 Alewife Overlay District Quadrangle (AOD-Q) Zoning Petition and Design Guidelines.
58. A communication from Linda Moussouris regarding Asking City Council to Demand Full Reporting on the CSO as City Manager Submits 3rd Annual CSO Progress Report 5/1/22-4/30/23.
59. A communication from Theresa Cloutier regarding Support for separated bike lanes on Mass Ave.
60. A communication from Young Kim regarding My Oral Comment at City Council Meeting 5/22/2023.
61. A communication from Lois Markham regarding Support PO23#96.
62. A communication from Sam Greenblatt regarding Separated Mass Ave Bike Lanes.
63. A communication from Marilee B Meyer regarding PLEASE REJECT THE HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND LANDMARKS PETITION.
64. A communication from Helen Snively regarding Please don't destroy the tree canopy at Linear Park.
65. A communication from Marie Elena Saccoccio regarding Submission in Opposition to Amendment to Chapter 2.78 entitled Historical Buildings and Landmarks.
66. A communication from Sarah and Arif regarding Expressing Support for PO23#96.

67. A communication from Young Kim regarding Fwd Someone commented on Traffic congestion at Alewife Brook Pkwy Mass Ave at 8:30am (#12524562).
68. A communication from Francesca Gordini regarding Street Cleaning Failure.
69. A communication from Young Kim regarding FY24 Budget - Request for audit of CSO Implementation.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Laura Rauscher. Councillor Toner
2. Congratulations to Maria Ricardo on her 95th Birthday. Councillor Toner
3. Thanks to Louis A. Elisa For speaking at Memorial Day Observance. Councillor Simmons
4. Thanks to Dr. Jill Kasper for her service at the Cambridge Alliance and best wishes in her future endeavors. Vice Mayor Mallon
5. Condolences to the Family of Mary-Catherine Deibel. Councillor Simmons

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to establish a new phone number and email address for Inclusionary Tenants to utilize for complaints and emergency issues as they arise, ensuring that their voices are heard and their concerns are addressed in a timely and effective manner. Councillor Simmons (PO23#99)
2. Recognizing June 19, 2023 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 (PO23#100)
3. That City Manager is requested to adjust the Health Alliance Budget to ensure that all services provided to the City of Cambridge by the Health Alliance for Public Health Department needs and staff are fully funded, and to adjust the Capital Budget to ensure all necessary repairs are made to the Windsor Street Clinic. Councillor Zondervan (PO23#101)
4. That the City Manager is requested to increase the Affordable Housing Trust budget in FY24 by 7.1% to equal the increase of the overall city budget, increase the Affordable Housing Trust budget by \$20 million through a free cash appropriation, outside of the FY24 budget, and engage in creating a 3-year plan to increase the Affordable Housing Trust budget to 10% of the overall City budget. Councillor Simmons (PO23#102)
5. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department to provide further study on the proposed changes by the Franklin Petition, as well as a careful review of the language to remove any potential conflicts and ambiguities and is requested to direct the Law Department to provide guidance on any legal issues and questions raised by CDD and the Planning Board by the Franklin Petition. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern, Vice Mayor Mallon (PO23#103)

6. That the City Manager is requested to work with appropriate City staff, leadership of other impacted communities, state and congressional delegations and other appropriate officials to advocate and lobby for solutions to aircraft noise. Councillor Toner, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Nolan (PO23#104)
7. That the City Manager is requested to convene a working group, including representatives from the LGBTQ+ community, city officials, and other relevant stakeholders, tasked with establishing plans for a citywide celebration to mark the 20th anniversary of the legalization of same-sex marriage in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Councillor Simmons (PO23#105)
8. That City Manager is requested to ensure adequate funding to fully repair the irrigation system in Danehy Park immediately. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone (PO23#106)
9. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to refresh and repaint the crosswalk and benches if necessary, in the colors of the Trans Flag, the Pride Flag, the Bi Flag, and the People of Color Pride Flag, and light City Hall up in rainbow colors in recognition of Pride Month for the month of June. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Zondervan (PO23#107)
10. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Fire Department, the Police Department, Emergency Communications Department, Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, the Department of Public Works and the Harvard Square Business Association to determine if permanent automatic bollards could be feasible in the area of Winthrop Street. Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan (PO23#108)
11. That the Transportation and Public Utilities and Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committees work with the City Manager and appropriate City departments and staff, to hold a joint hearing to receive input from City staff and the community to review the effectiveness and develop recommendations on methods to collect data and establish measurable benchmarks and standards as it relates to the Cycling Safety Ordinance. Councillor Toner, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Nolan (PO23#109)
12. That the City Manager is requested to work with the appropriate departments to provide a legal opinion on whether the city could, without violating state law, use traffic cameras, regulated under the Surveillance Ordinance, to inform motorists of potential traffic violations or dangerous actions, without issuing any citations or formal warnings. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Carlone (PO23#110)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Finance Committee** conducted a public hearing on Tues, May 9, 2023, from 9:00am-5:00pm to discuss the City and School budgets covering the fiscal period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. [\[text of report\]](#)

2. The **Finance Committee** conducted a public hearing on Wed, May 10, 2023, from 6:00pm-11:00pm to discuss the School Department budget covering the fiscal period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. [\[text of report\]](#)
3. The **Finance Committee** conducted a public hearing on Tues, May 16, 2023 and reconvened on May 18, 2023, to discuss the City and School budgets covering the fiscal period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. [\[text of report\]](#)
- A. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the FY2024 submitted budget and appropriation orders. (CM23#105) [\[FY24 Submitted Budget \(cambridgema.gov\)\]](#)
4. The **Public Safety Committee** held a public meeting on Tues, May 23, 2023 to discuss the 2022 annual surveillance reports. [\[text of report\]](#)

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF23#98)
2. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee. (COF23#99)

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, June 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, June 6

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 CMA 2023 #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)

Wed, June 21

3:00pm 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.

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.

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

Wed, June 28

3:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing the Ian Ferguson et al. Zoning Petition regarding Pitched Roofs, APP 2023 #22.

Tues, July 18

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

Tues, Aug 1

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

Mon, Aug 7

5:30pm Special Summer Meeting – City Council

Tues, Aug 15

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

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 June 5, 2023

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: A pressing need has been identified for a more robust policy or directive concerning fire safety in high-rise buildings, as evidenced by recent incidents at 10 Museum Way; and

WHEREAS: Over the course of the past week, tenants in that building reported that there were four separate alerts to tenants made over the building's PA system informing them that there was a fire in the building – the most recent of these alerts was followed by instructions to tenants to evacuate the building; and

WHEREAS: Certain residents, particularly those living on the higher floors, face significant barriers to quickly evacuating due to their reliance upon a single elevator, with wait times that can be quite long, and the stairs will not be a viable option for those with illness or mobility impairments; and

WHEREAS: These incidents have also pointed to the need for a specialized phone number that Inclusionary Zoning tenants in high rise buildings, in particular, can call to report issues during these and similar incidents, allowing them to voice their concerns and suggestions, and aiding in the improvement of overall safety measures in these buildings; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to take swift action and report back on the [March 6, 2023 policy order](#) concerning elevator safety and protocols, and that he direct his staff to establish a protocol to ensure that all high-rise buildings in Cambridge have adequate and reliable evacuation methods in place for all residents, regardless of their floor or mobility status; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to establish a new phone number and email address for Inclusionary Tenants to utilize for complaints and emergency issues as they arise, ensuring that their voices are heard and their concerns are addressed in a timely and effective manner; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter no later than the June 26, 2023 City Council meeting.

O-2 June 5, 2023

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: On the 19th of June, people throughout the country shall be celebrating Juneteenth, which commemorates June 19, 1865, the day in 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 158 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: 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, 2023 as Juneteenth in the City of Cambridge, and in urging all Cambridge residents to reflect upon the meaning of this important day.

O-3 June 5, 2023

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

ORDERED: That City Manager be and hereby is requested to adjust the Health Alliance Budget to ensure that all services provided to the City of Cambridge by the Health Alliance for Public Health Department needs and staff are fully funded, and to adjust the Capital Budget to ensure all necessary repairs are made to the Windsor Street Clinic.

O-4 June 5, 2023

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

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O-5 June 5, 2023

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: The Ordinance Committee held a public hearing and discussion relative to the Charles Jessup Franklin et al., Zoning Petition, regarding allowing new construction that is similar in size and shape as existing buildings for the purpose of promoting housing and first floor retail, on May 24, 2023; and

WHEREAS: The Committee, by a unanimous vote of members present, voted to support a motion made by Vice Mayor Mallon to request further study and information relative to the Petition from various City departments; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department to provide further study on the proposed changes by the Franklin Petition, as well as a careful review of the language to remove any potential conflicts and ambiguities; and be it further

ORDERED: That this review include how other city efforts, including climate planning, affordable housing, and inclusionary zoning might be impacted by the Franklin petition, with suggestions for how the goals of the petition and city efforts may be mutually reinforced; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Law Department to provide guidance on any legal issues and questions raised by CDD and the Planning Board by the Franklin Petition; and be it further

ORDERED: That this information be available for the next scheduled Ordinance Committee meeting on this topic.

O-6 June 5, 2023
COUNCILLOR TONER
MAYOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR CARLONE
COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: Since the change in flight patterns at Logan Airport in 2017 residents from North and West Cambridge, as well as the surrounding communities of Medford, Somerville, and Arlington, have reported heightened and relentless noise from aircraft following the implementation of these new flight patterns; and

WHEREAS: Starting in the summer of 2022, runway 33L started seeing many more flights than before, with a significant reduction of flights for the corresponding runway 27; and

WHEREAS: Mayor Siddiqui sent a letter to the Congressional delegation on February 8, 2023, reiterating concerns and requesting assistance from the FAA; and

WHEREAS: City staff has requested an explanation on the increased use of 33L and follow-up on prior studies and are awaiting response from the FAA; and

WHEREAS: The level and constant repetition of aircraft noise is having a negative impact on the health and sleep of many residents and interfering with the quiet enjoyment of their homes; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate City departments and staff, as well as the leadership of other impacted communities, our state and congressional delegations, and any other officials deemed appropriate to:

1. Lobby State and Federal Officials to:
 - a) Pass the FAA Reauthorization 2023 bill that protects residents living close to airports and those under NextGen flight paths from excessive aviation noise and pollution.
 - b) Lobby Congress to mandate FAA make substantive changes to air traffic control procedures to decrease the noise burden caused by the implementation of RNAV.
 - c) Advocate for the selection of the New FAA Administrator to ensure the individual confirmed supports the protection of those negatively impacted by aviation noise.
 - d) Develop new alternative strategies to reduce the noise burden on Cambridge and all 33L community residents.
2. Request that the Director of Massport provide the following information:
 - a) An explanation for why 33L is being overused in general and disproportionality used relative to other options
 - b) To provide a current noise policy and runway selection criteria;

and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to review the likelihood of success of any legal action to require Massport and FAA to change the current flight patterns to reduce the level of airplane noise over impacted neighborhoods.

O-7 June 5, 2023
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts was the first U.S. state to legalize same-sex marriage, a landmark ruling that took effect on May 17, 2004; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge City Hall holds a unique place in this history as the first municipality in the nation to issue same-sex marriage licenses, doing so just after the stroke of midnight on May 17, 2004; and

WHEREAS: The 20th anniversary of this historic occasion will occur in May 2024, providing an opportunity for the City of Cambridge to commemorate and celebrate this milestone in the progress of equal rights; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to convene a working group, including representatives from the LGBTQ+ community, city officials, and other relevant stakeholders, tasked with establishing plans for a citywide celebration to mark the 20th anniversary of the legalization of same-sex marriage in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with special recognition of Cambridge City Hall's unique role in this history; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the working group's progress, including a proposed plan and timeline for the celebration, by no later than Dec 1, 2023.

O-8 June 5, 2023
COUNCILLOR NOLAN
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: [Failure to timely repair Danehy Park's irrigation system](#) last summer (July 2022) caused about 14 trees to be cut down this May (2023), with more severely damaged and in danger of dying; and

WHEREAS: The pump system near the Sherman St. entrance has not been completely repaired; and

WHEREAS: The controller for the repaired pump system has now failed so that irrigation must be manually operated during the daytime which wastes staff time and also wastes water due to the inefficiency of daytime operation; and

WHEREAS: There is a major leak in one of the underground irrigation mains near the Miyawaki Forest which prevents irrigation of some areas; and

WHEREAS: The irrigation main was cut during construction work on New St preventing irrigation of that line of trees with one being removed and another likely terminally damaged by last year's drought; and

WHEREAS: Several sprinkler heads have failed which prevents irrigation of some areas; and

WHEREAS: There is a major leak in an underground irrigation main under a concrete area in the new Louis D. Pasquale Universal Design Playground which prevents any irrigation at all for that facility; and

WHEREAS: Irrigation systems have engineering complexities and underground failures are extremely difficult and time-consuming to diagnose by non-specialists without special equipment; and

WHEREAS: More irreversible damage will be done to the tree canopy if the irrigation systems in Danehy Park and throughout our city are not properly maintained and in top working condition heading into to summer dry season; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure adequate funding to fully repair the irrigation system in Danehy Park immediately and prior to the anticipated summer heat and drought; and be it further

ORDERED: That City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on this matter to the City Council by June 26, 2023.

O-9 June 5, 2023
MAYOR SIDDIQUI
VICE MAYOR MALLON
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

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

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

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

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is an ally to the LGBTQ+ community and supports LGBTQ+ staff, residents, and families in Cambridge and beyond; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record recognizing June 2023 as Pride Month in the City of Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to refresh and repaint the crosswalk and benches if necessary, in the colors of the Trans Flag, the Pride Flag, the Bi Flag, and the People of Color Pride Flag, and light City Hall up in rainbow colors in recognition of Pride Month for the month of June.

O-10 June 5, 2023

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: Winthrop Street in Harvard Square has been closed for pedestrian traffic only from 11:00am to 2:00am daily since 2006; and

WHEREAS: The Winthrop Park Trust has been enlivening the space with programming and outdoor dining for that period of time; and

WHEREAS: Each year, moveable planters are set out at the ends of the street that are closed at 11am, and then reopened at 2am for deliveries and other vehicular access; and

WHEREAS: These planters, while attractive, are easy to move and are often moved during the daily vehicular prohibition by delivery and construction vehicles, as well as Uber Eats, GrubHub and other food delivery drivers; and

WHEREAS: This causes the pedestrian street to have vehicles traversing it during the prohibition time, and causing an unsafe environment for pedestrians, and threatening the liveliness of the pedestrian walkway; and

WHEREAS: Increased enforcement does not seem to be alleviating this unsafe condition; and

WHEREAS: A more permanent solution could be implemented, such as [permanent automatic bollards](#) with remote control access for public safety vehicles, which are used across the country to provide this type of pedestrianization access while still accounting for public safety issues such as fire; and

WHEREAS: There are likely other opportunities for this type of permanent solution, such as Palmer Street in Harvard Square, as well as others that this location could serve as a pilot to determine future uses; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Fire Department, the Police Department, Emergency Communications Department, Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, the Department of Public Works and the Harvard Square Business Association to determine if permanent automatic bollards could be feasible in this location; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council by the June 26th regular City Council meeting.

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COUNCILLOR TONER

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: In 2015 Cambridge's Bicycle Plan laid out a vision for a bikeable city which was updated in 2020, and the City Council adopted Vision Zero in 2016, and the Cycling Safety Ordinance (CSO) was passed in 2019 and amended in 2020 to add timelines

and the city has now installed or is close to completing 14.54 miles of separated and partial build bike lanes across the city; and

WHEREAS: All city programs and projects including the CSO should be reviewed periodically to ensure that the goals are met, and adjustments may be made if appropriate, now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the [Transportation and Public Utilities](#) and [Neighborhood & Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration](#) Committees work with the City Manager and appropriate city departments and staff, to hold a joint hearing to receive input from city staff and the community to review the effectiveness and develop recommendations on methods to collect data and establish measurable benchmarks and standards including and not limited to:

- Cycling activity and automobile traffic pre and post-installation, through the use of Eco Totems or other methods installed across the city
- Safety data and the number of pedestrian, cyclist, and automobile accidents and injuries
- The impact of new road infrastructure on the community including businesses, seniors and residents with disabilities

And consider including SMART goals in the ordinance for future reporting, to ensure updates on such data annually.

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COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The City Council has on numerous occasions advocated for the piloting of automated traffic enforcement in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: State legislative approval or enabling [legislation](#) is required to permit enforcement (issuing of citations) based on camera footage; and

WHEREAS: Traffic cameras are in use in various locations in Cambridge, regulated under the Surveillance Ordinance, for non-enforcement purposes; and

WHEREAS: Notifying a vehicle owner (e.g. via a letter to the registered address of the vehicle), that an operator of the vehicle violated a traffic rule and/or that the operator's actions in traffic potentially imperiled the safety of others, without issuing a citation, could lead to behavior modification that improves the safety of our streets in line with our Vision Zero goals and may be permissible without explicit state approval; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate departments to provide a legal opinion on whether the city could, without violating state law, use traffic cameras, regulated under the Surveillance Ordinance, to inform motorists of potential traffic violations or dangerous actions, without issuing any citations or formal warnings, and if so, which traffic violations/dangerous actions could be considered for such treatment; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on this matter to the City Council no later than September 11, 2023.