

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Benjamin Miller, MD, FACEP, Chief of Emergency Medicine, as a member of the Cambridge Health Alliance Board of Trustees, effective July 1, 2022.
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Summer Food Program grant funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for \$807,360 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$10,000) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$797,360) which will be used to provide nutritious meals to Cambridge youth at 8 open meal sites and 40 closed meal sites/camps throughout the City during the summer months when schools are closed.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Project Bread Summer Eats grant for \$5,000 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to enhance promotion and outreach, support activities, to pay for program related supplies.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant in the amount of \$115,957 funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to operate LIHEAP serving Cambridge and Somerville.
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board report with no positive or negative recommendation on the Craig Kelley, et. al. Zoning Petition.
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to adopt, with additional comments, the Emissions Accounting Zoning Petition.
7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the [second Progress Report](#) due under the Cycling Safety Ordinance (Chapter 12.22 of the Cambridge Municipal Code), which is required to detail "...progress towards meeting the requirements set forth in Subsections C, D, E, F, G, and H.
8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$49,000,000 to provide additional funds for the construction of the Tobin Montessori and Vassal Lane Upper Schools project located at 197 Vassal Lane.

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WHEREAS: That \$49,000,000 is appropriated, for the purpose of financing the design and construction of the Tobin and Vassal Lane Upper School; and to meet this

appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the City Manager is authorized to borrow \$49,000,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority.

9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 22-15, which requested a review of recent crashes at the intersection of Broadway and Highland Avenue.
10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a recommendation that the City Council approve an Order to take by a so-called "friendly" eminent domain proceeding a 3-story office building comprising approximately 25,385 square feet (30,227 square feet with usable basement space) on a 0.23 acre lot located at 689 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139

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ORDER OF TAKING

WHEREAS: By Section 30 of Chapter 43, Section 14 of Chapter 40, and Chapter 79 of the General Laws, all as amended, it is provided that the Cambridge City Council may take in fee in the name of the City for any municipal purpose any land within the limits of the City not already appropriated for public use; and

WHEREAS: The City Manager of Cambridge and City Council, in order to provide for land for municipal purposes, have approved and authorized that the City should under the provisions of the aforesaid Chapters of the General Laws take and hold for general municipal purposes the parcel of land located at 689 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, County of Middlesex, Massachusetts as hereinafter bounded and described and any buildings and trees thereon, owned of record by The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, Inc. by virtue of deed dated May 17, 2007 and recorded in Book 49483, Page 550; and

WHEREAS: An appropriation duly made by the City Council on June 6, 2022, is sufficient to cover the estimated *pro tanto* expenses of acquisition as required by the aforesaid Sections of Chapters 40 and 43;

WHEREAS: by virtue of and in pursuance of the authority conferred by said Chapters of the General Laws and by every other power and authority it thereto enabling, the City of Cambridge by its City Council does hereby take the land located at 689 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, County of Middlesex, Massachusetts and hereinafter described, and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging as well as all trees and all structures thereon, excepting any easement of record, for general municipal purposes and for all purposes and uses accessory thereto. Intending to take and hereby taking in fee simple all land, excepting any easement of record, included within such description by whomsoever the same may be owned, vis:

Two parcels of land located on Massachusetts Avenue, in Cambridge, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being bounded and described as follows:

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: The taking of fee simple title in the Parcel of Land, excepting any easement of record, along with all buildings and trees thereon herein described is hereby authorized in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 14, Chapter 43, Section 30 and Chapter 79, all as amended for general municipal purposes and for all purposes and uses accessory thereto.

11. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Drinking Water Supply Protection (DWSP) Grant from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) for \$102,968.50 to the Public Investment Fund Water Department Extraordinary Expenditures account which will be used for the for the Twin Pond Land Acquisition Project.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department review the area around the crosswalks at Glacken Field and consider possible traffic calming efforts and safety measures to improve pedestrian safety. [Charter Right – Toner, June 6, 2022]
2. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting a communication about the Charter Review Committee. [Charter Right – Azeem, June 6, 2022]
3. Creation of an Ad-Hoc Committee for ad-hoc committee for the purpose of reviewing and selecting self-nominated residents and stakeholders to be on the Charter Review Commission. [Charter Right – Azeem, June 6, 2022]

ON THE TABLE

4. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Director of the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department to limit the blocking off of Memorial Drive to vehicular traffic to Sundays. [Tabled June 6, 2022]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. Amendment to Article 22 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge entitled “SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT” to insert a new section.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Cambridge School Department requesting permission for 20 temporary banners in Central Square and around CRLS/Broadway announcing “Congratulations CRLS Class of 2022”.
2. An application was received from Jason Gagnon representing The Friendly Toast, requesting permission for One Awning, One Projecting Sign and One Retractable Awning sign at the premises numbered 1230 Massachusetts Avenue approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.
3. An application was received from Joseph Correia representing Kittie Knox Community Cycle Center, requesting permission for an awning and blade sign at the premises numbered 181 Morgan Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of

Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Cynthia Broner, regarding Brattle Street Parking Petition.
2. A communication was received from Phyllis Benjamin, regarding Hoyt Field Dog Group petition.
3. A communication was received from Suzanne Preston Blier, regarding Thank you for your thoughtful selection of a new city manager last night.
4. A communication was received from Sheli Wortis, regarding Public comment at 6/6/22 City Manager selection meeting.
5. A communication was received from Joseph Poirier, regarding City Council Health Environment Committee Leaf-blower comment.
6. A communication was received from Heather Hoffman, regarding Voting in Cambridge Part 2 – destroying the ballots.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to William F. Courier on his retirement from the Cambridge Public Library. Councillor Toner
2. Congratulations to Rose Francois on being named the next Executive Director of Enroot. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Azeem, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan
3. Congratulations to Ryan Harris on his induction into the Special Olympics Hall of Fame. Councillor Toner
4. Congratulations to Debra Wise Artistic Director of the Underground Railway Theater, in recognition of her achievement, and thank her for her long career on behalf of the Cambridge and wider Boston community, and especially for her devotion to successfully mentoring young people from all backgrounds. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments to establish evening, off-leash dog hours during times when Hoyt Field is not being used for other purposes. Councillor McGovern
2. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request to dedicate a street corner in honor of John Francis Knox. Councillor McGovern
3. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to establish a “community healing initiative” plan to address the issues in our city. Councillor Simmons
4. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to establish a notification system to all neighborhood residents, regardless of whether they own or rent their homes, within a set area where neighborhood disruptions such as infrastructure work or demolitions are scheduled to occur. Councillor Simmons
5. Recognize June 19, 2022 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

6. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with DCR and all relevant City departments to expand Memorial Drive closures in the summer and fall of 2022. Councillor Zondervan
7. Congratulations to History Cambridge in recognition of their continued work to inspire and their mission “to explore how the past influences the present in order to shape a better future. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Azeem, Mayor Siddiqui
8. Proclaim June 25, 2022, to be “Pit Rat Day” to honor the history of The Pit and all of those who called it home. Councillor McGovern

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity.
2. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee.

HEARING SCHEDULE

[Sullivan Chamber & Zoom unless otherwise noted]

Mon, June 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, June 14

3:00pm The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing to receive an update on ARPA funding

Wed, June 15

10:00am The Economic Development and University Relations Committee will conduct a public hearing for a presentation and discussion of the Circular Cambridge Report which will include an overview on the findings and possible recommendations towards a more circular Cambridge economy.

Thurs, June 16

9:30am The Human Services and Veterans Committee will conduct a public hearing to receive report from the Department of Human Services and the Co-Directors of the Out of School Time Initiative regarding after school and summer opportunities available in the City presently and moving forward.

Wed, June 22

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to continue a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance (Ordinance #2021-26)

Thurs, June 23

5:30pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the final report of the Climate Crisis Working Group.

Mon, June 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Wed, June 29

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss Zoning Petition from Craig A. Kelley – The Cambridge Transportation De-Carbonization Congestion-Mitigation (Ordinance #2022-13).

Wed, July 27

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will hold a public hearing to continue discussions around an Ordinance potentially raising the linkage fee rates (#2022-14).

Mon, Aug 1

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting

Wed, Aug 17

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will hold a public hearing to discuss amend section 2.66 “Article III Green Jobs” (Ordinance #2022-6).

Mon, Sept 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Sept 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Oct 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Oct 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Oct 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Oct 31

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Nov 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Nov 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Nov 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Nov 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Dec 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Dec 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Dec 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 June 13, 2022

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The Riverside neighborhood is one of the most densely populated neighborhoods in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The Riverside neighborhood does not have a dedicated, fenced dog park but does have morning, off-leash dog hours at Hoyt Field; and

WHEREAS: These early morning hours are popular and greatly used by the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS: Hoyt Field is used during the afternoon and evenings during certain times of the year, but not during the late Fall and Winter; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all relevant Departments to establish evening, off-leash dog hours during times when Hoyt Field is not being used for other purposes and to report back to the City Council.

O-2 June 13, 2022

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request to dedicate a street corner in honor of John Francis Knox; and be it further

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

O-3 June 13, 2022

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Over the past several years, this nation has undergone a seemingly unending series of traumatic events, from regular mass shootings, to the murders of people like George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, to the marches and protests in reaction to those murders, to the Covid-19 pandemic, to the January 6, 2021 insurrection that took place in Washington, and these events have undeniably reverberated among and impacted the people of Cambridge, leaving many members of this community tense, anxious, and restless; and

WHEREAS: With the recognition that so many of our residents are fraught and on edge, it would behoove us to explore the establishment of a “community healing initiative” that would encompass effective strategies to help our residents deal with anger, loneliness, helplessness, frustration, loss of connectivity to our neighbors, and feelings of despair; and

WHEREAS: Such an initiative would be beneficial for the individuals in this community who have felt beaten down from the collective traumas we’ve experienced, and it would also offer a more hopeful, compassionate path forward for how our civic conversations and interactions could be conducted; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to establish a “community healing initiative” plan to address the aforementioned issues in our city, and to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-4 June 13, 2022

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Back in late April, property owners near 194 Harvard Street were alerted via letter that this property would be undergoing a demolition in the coming weeks, and to be mindful of the impacts of the demolition process upon noise levels, on-street parking, and other related concerns; and

WHEREAS: The project manager of the construction company undertaking the demolition sent this notice to local property owners within 100 feet of the outer limits of the

property being demolished, as per the City’s Building Requirements – yet those same requirements do not mandate that renters in this same area be made aware of these upcoming, significant neighborhood disruptions; and
WHEREAS: While the intent of this requirement appears to be geared towards allowing area property owners to take all due precautions to ensure their property is not damaged by the demolition process, it also serves to notify them of upcoming neighborhood disruptions which then allows them to make whatever adjustments are needed to brace for these disruptions, and this same courtesy should be extended to those who rent their homes in these same neighborhoods; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to establish a notification system to all neighborhood residents, regardless of whether they own or rent their homes, within a set area where neighborhood disruptions such as infrastructure work or demolitions are scheduled to occur, and to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-5 June 13, 2022

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: On June 19, 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 former slaves 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 aspects of 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 truly are considered equal; and

WHEREAS: In the 157 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 recognize June 19, 2022 as Juneteenth in the City of Cambridge, and in urging all Cambridge residents to reflect upon the meaning of this important day.

O-6 June 13, 2022

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that Boston [is currently piloting](#) a ten-day closure of Dartmouth Street between the Boston Public Library and Copley Square which will include an expanded farmer's market, additional library activities, café seating, food trucks, performances, block parties, outdoor yoga and dance lessons, and more; and

WHEREAS: Boston [will pilot](#) additional citywide street closures on single days throughout the summer, including on Blue Hill Avenue and Dorchester Avenue, which will include food trucks, games, photo installations, performances, and more; and

WHEREAS: On March 7, 2022, the City Council asked the City Manager to work with DCR to pilot an expansion of Memorial Drive closures along any segments east of Western Avenue that could be used as parkland, as a matter of equity; and

WHEREAS: One highly feasible way to implement this request would be to pilot a closure of Memorial Drive in the Eastbound Direction from Amesbury Street to Land Boulevard, while retaining appropriate access to MIT river facilities, Charles River Yacht Club, and Crimson Sailing Academy, and detouring eastbound traffic via Amesbury, Vassar, Galileo Galilei, and Binney (proposed design attached); and

WHEREAS: The best way to study the impact of such a closure and examine the positive and negative impacts on flows of pedestrians, bikes, cars, buses, and more would be to follow Boston's lead and just try it over the course of one or more weekends during the summer of 2022; and

WHEREAS: Such examination should include the impact to travel patterns in and around the location, including data collection on motor vehicle counts and travel times, pedestrian counts and surveys, and bicycle counts, both before, during, and after the pilot period, including at any and all major intersections on primary approaches as well as potential reroute paths; and

WHEREAS: Such a pilot project should include community engagement and discussion with stakeholders both before and after, including (but not limited to) MIT, area residents, the business community, and the community of riverfront facilities; and

WHEREAS: Such a pilot project creates an opportunity to bring the community together around engaging and fun programming that promotes mental health and wellbeing, including the potential for a one-of-a-kind evening celebration along the river featuring live music, art, games, food, pop-up retail, activities, and more; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with DCR and all relevant city departments to implement such a pilot project over one or more weekends in the summer and fall of 2022, and to report back to the City Council on this matter as soon as possible.

O-7 June 13, 2022

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that History Cambridge, a local history museum on Brattle Street, as part of its ongoing work illuminating the history of Cambridge, has installed an exhibit on the Forgotten Souls of Tory Row; and

WHEREAS: The installation, titled "Forgotten Souls of Tory Row: Remembering the Enslaved People of Brattle Street," displays a selection of [bottle trees](#) that are currently on display at the History Cambridge headquarters; and

WHEREAS: The tradition of bottle trees, brought to the Caribbean and the U.S. by enslaved people, uses bottles placed on tree branches to ward off evil spirits and capture the energy, spirit, and memories of ancestors; and

WHEREAS: The installation at History Cambridge represents the people who were enslaved by mansion owners, in hopes of honoring their memory and legacy; and

WHEREAS: The installation was completed by [Black Coral](#), a non-profit dedicated to protecting ecosystems endangered by climate change, as well as protecting and preserving knowledge passed down by generations of marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS: Much of the wealth from former mansion owners on Brattle Street was made from the labor of enslaved people, both from individuals in the Caribbean and well as people at their estates in Cambridge, and these individuals' memories should be recognized; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record congratulating History Cambridge in recognition of their continued work to inspire and their mission "to explore how the past influences the present in order to shape a better future"; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to History Cambridge on behalf of the entire City Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to publicize this exhibit using all channels available to the City.

O-8 June 13, 2022

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: During the expansion of the MBTA Red Line, which was completed in 1982, and the redesign of the area around Dunster Street and Massachusetts Avenue in Harvard Square "The Pit" was created; and

WHEREAS: The Pit was a submerged area meant to serve as a gathering spot; and

WHEREAS: The Pit soon became home to a ragtag group of young people from Cambridge and the surrounding area, who, because of their choice in music and of dress, were often outsiders in their own communities; and

WHEREAS: These “Pit Rats” as they became known, formed their own dynamic community that resulted in life-long relationships; and

WHEREAS: We must acknowledge that in addition to the positive, energized community of The Pit, not all was perfect, and some were victims of violence, substances and sexual assault and their experiences are the dark side of this otherwise positive experience, and we must honor their pain; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is currently in the process of redesigning this area that will include leveling off The Pit, to turn it into a plaza; and

WHEREAS: Although we will lose the physical appearance of The Pit, this area will continue to be a welcoming place for young people to gather; and

WHEREAS: All are invited to Pit-A-Palooza on June 25, 2022, from 5 to 10pm for a celebration with live music, performances of Rocky Horror songs, food, and a beer garden; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge proclaims June 25, 2022, to be “Pit Rat Day” to honor the history of The Pit and all of those who called it home.