

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as new members of the Police Review & Advisory Board for a term of 5-years, effective May 24, 2021: Alexandra Fallon, Gina LaRoche and Franziskus Lepionka
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an order authorizing the City Manager to transfer necessary funds needed to maintain appropriation control as part of the fiscal end-of-year closeout process.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$2,242,100 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund School Extraordinary Expenditures account to fund the Cambridgeport School window replacement project.
Agenda Item Number 3A June 14, 2021
ORDERED: That the City of Cambridge appropriate the amount of two million two hundred forty-two thousand, one hundred (\$2,242,100) dollars for the purpose of paying costs of Cambridgeport School window replacement project. The Cambridgeport School building, located at 89 Elm Street in Cambridge, currently has windows that are forty years old, with worn out balances, springs and operating sash hardware. Cold air leakage frequently overwhelms the heating system, making it difficult to maintain classroom temperatures on cold days. There is much loss of energy due to the age and construction of the existing windows. This project falls under priority category number 5, which is for the replacement, renovation, or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility, as determined in the judgment of the Authority, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the City of Cambridge may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Facilities Management Department. To meet this appropriation the Cambridge City Council, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City of Cambridge acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the City of Cambridge incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Cambridge; provided further that any grant that City of Cambridge may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) forty six point twelve percent (46.12 %) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of

borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City of Cambridge and the MSBA.

4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Cultural Facilities Fund Capital Grant in the amount of \$200,000 received from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) for the Foundry building construction project to the Grant Fund Department of Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account.
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$500,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Library Extraordinary Expenditures account to fund a comprehensive Library Building Program Study and Feasibility Study for the Central Square Branch Library.
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-18, regarding a report on the City's annual stationery expenditures and percentage spent at local retailers.
7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of 267,750 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund, Department of Human Services Programs, Extraordinary expenditures account to provide additional funds to implement repairs to the 3 swimming pools located at the War Memorial Pool Facility.
8. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$116,748.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$3,948.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$112,800.00) which will be used to support the Support for Tenants at Risk (STAR) homelessness prevention program based at the Multi-Service Center.
9. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance Grant funded by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$6,604.03 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,996.03), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$3,608.00) which will be used for costs related to the Carey Men's Permanent Supported Housing Program operated by the Multi-Service Center.
10. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Cambridge Food Pantry grant received from the Cambridge Health Alliance for \$15,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human

Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to support the Cambridge Food Pantry Network.

11. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Children's Trust of Massachusetts to the Center for Families in the amount of \$1,400.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used by the Center for Families for supplies and for a staff appreciation event.
12. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to first 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. Such report shall include details on the Separated Bicycle Facilities planned for the coming twelve months."

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager work with the City Solicitor and the Animal Commission to take all necessary steps to waive the dog license fee for all senior citizens in Cambridge.
[CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER IN COUNCIL JUNE 7, 2021]

ON THE TABLE

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-13, regarding next steps on implementation of Universal Pre-K. [PLACED ON THE TABLE IN COUNCIL MAY 17, 2021]
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to further proposed amendments to the Tree Protection Ordinance and draft regulations.
[TABLED IN COUNCIL MAY 17, 2021]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-108, regarding a report on offering early voting in City Council and School Committee Elections. [PENDING RESPONSE FROM LEGISLATURE]

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, regarding No Public Comment Period for Mayor's Siddiqui Homeless Working Group Meetings.
2. A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, regarding Waive Abolish Fishing License Fees for Senior Citizens and Cambridge Homeless Citizens and Residents.
3. A communication was received from Brooke Schober, regarding testimony for Policy Order #114.
4. A communication was received from Cheetiri Smith, regarding Writing in support of policy order 114.
5. A communication was received from Katina R. Ross, regarding Heart Program.
6. A communication was received from Ece Turnator, regarding Support PO 114.

7. A communication was received from Lauren Gibbs, regarding support Councillor Nolan's letter to the Massachusetts Legislature to put fire safety information in every student's curriculum.
8. A communication was received from Dave Evans, regarding HEART proposal - I am in favor (ex-Cambridge resident).

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Anthony F. Moreira. Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of Kenneth P. Dailey. Councillor Toomey
3. Thank You to Sara Reese, Jacqui Cesario, and the Central Square BID. Mayor Siddiqui
4. Congratulating Dr. Rose Schutzberg, MD. Councillor Zondervan

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department, the Assessing Department, the Finance Department, and other relevant City departments to explore the feasibility of purchasing properties for sale in the Alewife area to address City goals. Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan
2. That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to schedule a Roundtable meeting to discuss how the American Rescue Plan funds may best be utilized in Cambridge. Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern, Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui
3. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department for Human Service Programs, the Council on Aging, the Public Health Department and other relevant City departments to explore the feasibility or expanding services at the senior centers, especially by adding clinical staff. Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons
4. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Public Health Department, the Inspectional Services Department, the Cambridge Housing Authority, and other relevant City departments to determine if the City has the discretion to waive this rule, and the circumstances in which the City could administer this waiver, and report back to the City Council. Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui
5. That the Chair of the Human Services & Veterans Committee schedule a hearing on fall afterschool programs as soon as possible. Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui
6. Amending City Council Rules for Remote Participation. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
7. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to adopt certain policies related to Open Space. Councillor Carlone,

Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern

8. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Traffic & Parking Department to make these immediate improvements to the safety of this intersection and to all intersections in the city that are similarly malfunctioning, and to implement longer term changes as soon as possible. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Nolan
9. That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to work with City staff to provide an update on the cost of each license and permit required by businesses in Cambridge. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan
10. That the Co-Chairs of the Finance Committee schedule a hearing to discuss the \$65 million Cambridge is eligible to receive from the American Rescue Plan, and to begin the discussion on how the money can best be spent to advance racial, economic, and environmental justice in our community. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Ordinance Committee met on Apr 28, 2021 to discuss the Tree Protection Ordinance.
 - A. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to proposed amendments to the Tree Protection Ordinance.
 - B. The Health & Environment Committee met on Oct 13, 2020 to discuss amending the Tree Protection Ordinance based on the findings of the Urban Forest Master Plan Task Force.
 - C. The Health and Environment Committee met on Nov 10, 2020 to continue discussing amending the Tree Protection Ordinance based on the findings of the Urban Forest Master Plan Task Force.
2. The Ordinance Committee met on May 12, 2021 to conduct a hearing on the Cannabis Delivery Zoning Amendments and Municipal Code Amendments.
 - A. ORDINANCE 2021-8 Cannabis Delivery Zoning Amendments (ID # 14308) Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor Mallon
 - B. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the law department to provide a legal opinion to the city council about whether eliminating or reducing the buffer zone would alter the fundamental character of the Cannabis Delivery Zoning Amendment. Councillor Zondervan, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui
 - C. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Community Development Department to provide suggestions and implications for how to regulate cannabis courier and cannabis delivery businesses occupying retail storefront space. Councillor Zondervan,

Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui

- D. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Law Department to provide a legal opinion about whether an exclusivity period for only economic empowerment applicants would conflict with state law. Councillor Zondervan, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui

3. The Public Safety Committee met on Jan 6, 2021 to conduct a public hearing on the Cambridge Police Department inventory list.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor, Sumbul Siddiqui, communicating information from the School Committee.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Thurs, June 10

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the Cambridge Missing Middle Housing Zoning Petition (Ordinance #2021-2). (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 15

11:00am The Government Operations committee will meet to discuss the hiring of the next City Manager. THIS HEARING HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Mon, June 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 22

3:00pm The Public Safety Committee will meet to discuss various items related to the Surveillance Technology Ordinance, including CMA 2021 #41 regarding data on Shotspotter, BRIC and COPLINK. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 23

5:00pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will meet to conduct a public hearing on a communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the first Cycling Safety Ordinance report which analyzes the block-by-block impacts of installing quick-build separated bike lanes on four specific segments of Massachusetts Avenue, as identified in Section 12.22.040 (E) of the ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Aug 2

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 June 14, 2021

VICE MAYOR MALLON

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: During the [Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee hearing](#) held on June 2nd, 2021, committee members discussed the possibility of the City buying properties for sale in the Alewife area, and develop these properties to address City goals; and

WHEREAS: The [Envision Alewife plan](#) lays out several goals for the neighborhood, including “[leveraging] development to create open space and public amenities such as a library, community center, or recreation center to foster a sense of community in residential portions of Alewife” that could be accomplished or moved forward by purchasing and redeveloping space; and

WHEREAS: Purchasing properties in Alewife could also address [City-wide Envision goals](#), especially those surrounding open space and early childhood education, as well as the need for a new fire station, potentially a new elementary school based on enrollment projections, and an adequate amount of land to address the increased risk of flooding in this area due to climate change; and

WHEREAS: One of Envision’s expanded, ongoing capital improvement recommendations is to “carry out public realm improvements to support placemaking in Cambridge’s commercial districts and corridors”; and

WHEREAS: Leveraging the City’s strong financial position to invest in public spaces is a crucial way the City can remain responsive and proactive in addressing the neighborhood-specific needs of Alewife, while ensuring that the City is not dependent on allowing property owners to develop beyond base zoning in exchange for providing these public benefits; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department, the Assessing Department, the Finance Department, and other relevant City departments to explore the feasibility of purchasing properties for sale in the Alewife area to address City goals; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-2 June 14, 2021

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

VICE MAYOR MALLON

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: It has come to the City Council’s attention that the City of Cambridge stands to receive a significant amount of [funding from the American Rescue Plan](#), which is required to be spent over the next three to five years to “[cover increased expenditures, replenish lost revenue and mitigate economic harm](#)” related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS: It would be prudent for the City Council to hold a meeting to discuss how these funds may best be utilized in our community; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to schedule a Roundtable meeting to discuss how the American Rescue Plan funds may best be utilized in Cambridge.

O-3 June 14, 2021

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Cambridge’s senior centers, located at 806 Massachusetts Avenue and 266B Rindge Avenue, serve as invaluable resources for our elder neighbors; and

WHEREAS: As the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the health and financial concerns of many of our seniors, especially disabled, low-income, and other vulnerable seniors, and exposed resource gaps, we must ensure that the senior centers are directly responsive to the needs of this community; and

WHEREAS: Expanding services offered at the senior centers by, for example, hiring a nurse to spearhead public health efforts for seniors, such as blood pressure clinics, would make a meaningful difference in closing these resources gaps; and

WHEREAS: Many of our seniors, especially those who just barely exceed income or wealth requirements to access services elsewhere but who still need financial support, would also benefit from having access to a licensed social worker at the senior centers, who could help seniors apply for rental assistance, food benefits, and other critical resources; and

WHEREAS: The senior centers haven’t been accessible to many of our elder neighbors for over a year, and as we begin our long journey towards economic recovery, expanding the services at our senior centers is needed now more than ever to ensure vulnerable members of our community are well-supported; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department for Human Service Programs, the Council on Aging, the Public Health Department and other relevant City departments to explore the feasibility or expanding services at the senior centers, especially by adding clinical staff; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-4 June 14, 2021

VICE MAYOR MALLON

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The Commonwealth’s housing [sanitary code](#) requires that temperatures from September 15th to June 15th each year not fall below 68°F (20° C) during the day and 64°F (17° C) at night; and

WHEREAS: Eastern Massachusetts has been experiencing a harsh heat wave, with [temperatures often creeping into the high 90s](#), yet this requirement has prevented affordable housing buildings from turning on the air conditioning; and

WHEREAS: Affordable housing buildings’ HVAC systems often cannot provide heat and air conditioning simultaneously, and there are concerns that a building would not be in compliance with the sanitary code, should the temperature drop below 64°F before June 15th, especially since the process of switching between heat and air conditioning takes a few days; and

WHEREAS: While some local affordable housing buildings have made the switch to air conditioning despite these concerns, State Representatives Marjorie Decker and Jay Livingstone have begun advocating for remedies at the state level that would allow more flexibility and discretion in the timing for switchovers during the shoulder seasons, such as a waiver to this rule; and

WHEREAS: As we expect temperatures to rise and the weather to become increasingly unpredictable in the coming years due to climate change, and as many affordable housing buildings serve especially vulnerable communities, such as seniors or residents with disabilities, we must support this effort to ensure all residents can feel safe and comfortable in their homes; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Public Health Department, the Inspectional Services Department, the Cambridge Housing Authority, and other relevant City departments to determine if the City has the discretion to waive this rule, and the circumstances in which the

City could administer this waiver, and report back to the City Council; and

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging the Commonwealth to adopt a sanitary code amendment that would allow greater flexibility and discretion on temperature control during the shoulder seasons; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge legislative delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-5 June 14, 2021

VICE MAYOR MALLON
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The City's Department of Human Service Programs recently announced that its afterschool programs, including Community Schools and Youth Centers, will be in-person this fall; and

WHEREAS: These afterschool programs are an invaluable resource for our community, offering students enriching academic and social experiences while providing childcare for working caregivers; and

WHEREAS: Amid physical distancing requirements and staffing limitations, Cambridge Public Schools (CPS) caregivers have raised concerns that there may be programmatic and enrollment reductions, which would prevent many students from accessing this opportunity, concerns that have not yet been addressed; and

WHEREAS: [A petition](#) has been circulating among some CPS caregivers calling for enhanced communication, and a commitment to maintaining Fall 2019 afterschool program capacity; and

WHEREAS: As we approach mass-vaccination and the new normal after more than a year of anxiety, fear, and isolation, CPS caregivers would benefit immensely from knowing what to plan for in the fall, and from the security of knowing their student(s) will have a slot in afterschool programs; and

WHEREAS: Convening a Human Services & Veterans Committee meeting on afterschool programs would be an accessible way to communicate the City's planning for the fall, while aligning with the City's goals on transparency and responsiveness; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Chair of the Human Services & Veterans Committee schedule a hearing on fall afterschool programs as soon as possible.

O-6 June 14, 2021

MAYOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR NOLAN
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: During the June 7, 2021 City Council meeting, the Council was updated about the ability to extend remote public participation; and

WHEREAS: The Council was advised that we may extend our remote public participation rules even after Governor Baker's Order for suspending certain Open Meeting Law provisions is no longer in effect; and

WHEREAS: This Council is committed to ensuring residents have equal access and opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns to the Council during these weekly meetings; and

WHEREAS: During the COVID-19 pandemic, we've seen a significant surge in remote participation from residents throughout Cambridge, some participating in public comment for the first time; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That Rule 24C (1)(b) of the Rules of the City Council be amended to add the following sentence: "Individuals will be heard in the order that they signed up whether the meeting is held in-person, remotely, or both."

O-7 June 14, 2021

COUNCILLOR CARLONE
MAYOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge and numerous public-minded non-profits advocate for open space, green space, parks, playing fields, community gardens, trails, and urban wilds throughout Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Green spaces mitigate climate change by capturing carbon and precipitation, lowering temperatures, encouraging biodiversity, and providing public health and community benefits in densely populated cities like Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge's publicly owned land is held in trust for all Cantabrigians, including those who will come after us; and

WHEREAS: Only seven (7) percent of our City-owned land is used for parks and recreation – well below the national median of fifteen (15) percent; and

WHEREAS: During the Covid-19 pandemic, people have increasingly looked to parks for their physical and mental health and this heightened appreciation for open space will continue after the current public health crisis recedes; and

WHEREAS: Some of the City's most densely populated neighborhoods including The Port and Wellington Harrington, where affordable housing is concentrated, have the least open space (and fewest trees), creating intense "heat islands"; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to adopt the following requests:

1. Update the City's Open Space Plan (current plan expired in 2016) so that Cambridge has full access to Federal and State funding for open space
2. Update zoning guidelines for each part of the city, so that developers' proposals are also evaluated in relation to a neighborhood's schools, parks and playgrounds, libraries, health centers, roads, and traffic patterns
3. Adopt zoning standards that promote consistency, including clearer guidelines and post-construction review of privately owned, yet publicly accessible, open spaces (POPS)
4. Invest, maintain, and improve the DCR-owned Cambridge parks, the parklands along the Charles and along Fresh Pond and Alewife Brook parkways
5. Expand the City's open space inventory through acquisition and negotiation with developers with a particular focus on underserved areas
6. Add green to the streetscapes of Cambridge, which should be recognized as open spaces and visual connections to parks
7. Add a line item in the City's capital budget for open space design and construction
8. Increase funding in the City's operating budget for planning and urban design

ORDERED: That the approved policy order be sent to the City Manager and the Health and Environment Committee for their review and action.

O-8 June 14, 2021

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that there have been several crashes over the last few weeks as well as daily near misses at the intersection of Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, Binney Street, and Bristol Street; and

WHEREAS: The intersection in question has long been dangerous, particularly because Bristol Street is often used as a cut-through by drivers, and this section of Cardinal Medeiros is straight and induces speeding by drivers, often lacking intimate knowledge of the particular hazards of this intersection; and

WHEREAS: Most of the recent crashes at the intersection have involved cars turning from Bristol Street onto Cardinal Medeiros Ave. or attempting to cross Cardinal Medeiros Ave. to go straight on Binney St.; and

WHEREAS: Bristol Street was identified to become a shared street during a proposed expansion, and the city has expressed a willingness to explore a revised shared street design on small side streets like Bristol Street this summer; and

WHEREAS: Limiting cut-through traffic on Bristol Street would improve traffic safety at the intersection while creating additional opportunities for recreation, pedestrian and bicycle access, and safe outdoor dining at Vincent's; and

WHEREAS: Other ways to improve safety at the intersection include installing on Cardinal Medeiros Ave. a push button crosswalk with flashing lights to slow down speeding drivers, or sensor triggered flashing lights to alert drivers to cross traffic, and/or an automated speed detection sign alerting drivers to excess speed and asking them to slow down, or full-intersection traffic controls (lights or 4-way stop) to regulate traffic flow and reduce speeding; now therefore be it

WHEREAS: Immediate options for stemming the tide of collisions include traffic safety details until more permanent improvements can be installed; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Traffic & Parking Department to make these immediate improvements to the safety of this intersection and to all intersections in the city that are similarly malfunctioning, and to implement longer term changes as soon as possible; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Traffic & Parking Department to implement a shared street on Bristol Street; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the council on these matters as soon as possible.

O-9 June 14, 2021

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a goal of supporting small and local businesses, which are an important part of the City's economy; and

WHEREAS: As part of this effort, the City has sought to examine the role that reducing license and permits fees and waiving some entirely can have in supporting local businesses; and

WHEREAS: The pandemic has had an outsize impact on small businesses in Cambridge, which are now seeking ways to recover in the coming months; and

WHEREAS: Better understanding which license and permits, and associated fees, are set under state law, which are set by ordinance by the City Council, and which are determined administratively by City staff would be helpful in determining what power the City has to assist in this regard; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to work with City staff to provide an update on the cost of each license and permit required by businesses in Cambridge, which business license and permit fees are set under state law, which are set by Cambridge ordinances, and which are determined administratively, as well as which licenses and permits the City has the discretion to waive entirely; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to report back as soon as possible and before the City Council's summer recess.

O-10 June 14, 2021

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Cambridge [will receive](#) \$65,019,211.00 from the US Treasury as part of the American Rescue Plan [signed into law](#) by President Biden on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS: American Rescue Plan funding does not expire until December 31, 2024, and half of the money will not be disbursed until at least May 2022; and

WHEREAS: The American Rescue Plan's local funding is [allocated](#) to Metropolitan Cities as [defined](#) by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS: Federal money from the American Rescue Plan creates a unique opportunity to advance spending priorities of the council that have previously been blocked by the Anti Aid Amendment, including the potential to give direct financial assistance to individuals, families, and small businesses; and

WHEREAS: The American Rescue Plan gives recipients broad flexibility to determine how to best use the funding to meet community needs during the public health emergency and pandemic recovery; and

WHEREAS: Given the disproportionate impact that the pandemic has and will continue to have on people of color and the working class, it is essential that there is a robust community process to determine how this money will be spent in a way that advances racial, economic, and environmental justice in our community; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Co-Chairs of the Finance Committee schedule a hearing to discuss the \$65 million Cambridge is eligible to receive from the American Rescue Plan, and to begin the discussion on how the money can best be spent to advance racial, economic, and environmental justice in our community.