

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$15,000 to the Grant Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Other Ordinary Maintenance account. This funding will support District-based initiatives that drive economic growth and strengthen the distinctive character of the Central Square Cultural District. (CM24#125)
2. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$5,000 to the Grant Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Other Ordinary Maintenance account. (CM24#126)
3. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$228,471 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$38,237) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$190,234). The funds will be used for shelter operating costs, providing essential services to homeless persons outside of the shelter setting, rapid re-housing, and homelessness prevention case management services. (CM24#127)
4. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$11,358 funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (4,358), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$7,000). Funds will be used to supplement our current LIHEAP grant award, supporting part-time staff and other administrative demands. (CM24#128)
5. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$6,404,386 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$357,424), to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$6,031,962), and to the Grant Fund Human Services Travel and Training account (\$15,000). Funds will also be used to cover grant administrative costs. (CM24#129)
6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report 24-25, regarding parking enforcement at Belmont and Norman Streets. (CM24#130) [[text of report](#)]
7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-21, regarding Traffic Concerns on Appleton Street. (CM24#131) [[text of report](#)]
8. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to update on the City's efforts to support the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Track Improvement Program in 2024. (CM24#132) [[text of report](#)]

9. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to an update on Summer Programs. (CM24#133) [[text of report](#)]

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to explore with the MBTA how to best ensure that the public art, *Gift of the Wind*, is preserved. Councillor Pickett, Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern (PO24#81)
2. That the City Manager is requested to develop a policy and systems to ensure that an infrastructure safety audit is made to intersections where a crash results in a serious injury and implement needed safety improvements. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Azeem (PO24#82)
3. That Chair of the Government Operations, Rules, and Claims Committee is hereby appointed to manage the City Manager performance evaluation process via his role as Chair of this committee. Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern (PO24#83)
4. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department and all relevant City departments to report on how have community events and ways to inform residents of all efforts to improve driving, cycling, and pedestrian safety and educate residents on how best to safely follow the rules when using roadways. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Toner (PO24#84)
5. City Council support of the mission of the June delegation to strengthen the contact between Cambridge and El Salvador and to foster ties between the communities as well as the community-building in our home communities. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Wilson (PO24#85)

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to support local news production as a public good by conducting a \$100,000 per year City-backed news fund pilot for up to three years to be administered through an independent intermediary that will decide on funding criteria and selection of local newspapers that provide material coverage of Cambridge news. [Charter Right – Azeem, June 10, 2024] (PO24#78)

ON THE TABLE

2. That the City Manager is requested to explore the feasibility of delaying the Mass Avenue reconstruction project to minimize its impact upon the busy season for restaurants and other affected businesses, and, should this not be found feasible, a method of providing financial assistance to the impacted businesses to cover the costs of removing their outdoor dining structures, designed to mitigate some of the financial impacts upon them, should be established. [Charter Right – Simmons, June 3, 2024; Tabled as Amended June 10, 2024] (PO24#70)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. An Ordinance 2023 #8B has been received from City Clerk, relative to Amend Chapter 14.04 – Fair Housing. [Passed to

2nd Reading Oct 2, 2023; Amended Nov 6, 2023; to remain on Unfinished Business pending legislative approval of Special Act needed prior to ordination] (ORD23-8B)

4. An Ordinance has been received from the Ordinance Committee, relative to proposed: Zoning Petition to amend Articles 2.000, 4.000, 5.000, 6.000, 11.000, 13.000, 14.000, 17.000, 20.000 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance. [Passed to 2nd Reading June 10, 2014; To Be Ordained on or after June 24, 2024; Expires Aug 20, 2024] (ORD24#2)

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application from Raghu Chivukula, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 12 Linnaean Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. (AP24#21)
2. An application from Eric Franco representing Northpond Ventures, requesting permission for one (1) projecting sign at the premises numbered 8 Brattle Street. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and proof of abutter's mailing has been provided. (AP24#22)
3. An application from Chip City, requesting permission for one (1) projecting blade sign and two (2) awnings at the premises numbered 1 Brattle Square approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and proof of abutters mailing has been provided. (AP24#23)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication from Brian Conway re: CNM.
2. A communication from Candice Delmas re: Extreme rise in Youth Center Pricing.
3. A communication from Catherine Zusy re: Please support PO24#78 re: the City investing in our local news.
4. A communication from Clyve Lawrence re: Harvard organizations joint statement on cyclist death.
5. A communication from Dan Hogan re: Seed money for nonprofit local Cambridge news.
6. A communication from Dave Forney re: Support for PO24#78 re: the City investing in our local news.
7. A communication from Ethan Frank re: PO24#70 Charter Right & Outdoor Eating & Parking Spots.
8. A communication from Hannah Larsen re: DHSP youth center price increases.
9. A communication from Jan Devereux re: Support PO24#78 Funding for Local News.
10. A communication from Jill Slosburg-Ackerman re: local news in Cambridge PO24#78.
11. A communication from John Gates re: CNM (1).
12. A communication from Lois Markham re: Sign onto letter to Stop Maple Fracked Gas Expansion ("Project Maple").
13. A communication from Mark Schneider re: 6/10 City Council Meeting Agenda PO#2.
14. A communication from Mary McGrath re: Testimony I plan on providing on Monday.
15. A communication from Mathew Coogan re: in support of \$100,000 news grant PO.
16. A communication from Patricia Straus re: News Policy Order.
17. A communication from Patrick Barton re: Camera evaluation for future traffic projects and monitoring outcomes.
18. A communication from Andrew Ray re: Please ask the state to ensure the MBTA is funded.
19. A communication from Raffi Freeman re: Support for PO24#78 Funding for local news.
20. A communication from Richard Harriman re: PO24#78.
21. A communication from Susan Labandibar re: PO24#78.
22. A communication from Susan Mead re: Please support Local News Matters.
23. A communication from Winifred Lenihan re: Supporting Local News.
24. A communication from Young Kim re: Awaiting Report Status Update in the Agenda Packet.
25. A communication from Young Kim re: City Manager Agenda #6 and Calendar Item #1.
26. A communication from Cambridge Residents of Neighborhood bounded by Franklin, Green, Pearl and Magazine Streets re: Central Square Library/Green Street Garage.
27. A communication from Adam Lewandowicz re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (46).
28. A communication from Adam Mitchell re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (7).
29. A communication from Allegra Pericles re: I was hurt too-- Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
30. A communication from Amy Jarvis re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (17).
31. A communication from Ana Inoa re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (11).
32. A communication from Andrey Fedorov re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (29).
33. A communication from Anna Fritschen re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (47).
34. A communication from Archana Dayalu re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (34).
35. A communication from Axel Kilian re: Do not delay Bike lanes expansions please - Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
36. A communication from Ben Di Maggio re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (13).
37. A communication from Bence Olveczky re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (52).
38. A communication from Sarah Block re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (9).
39. A communication from Calixto Dominguez re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (8).
40. A communication from Candace Esslinger re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (42).
41. A communication from Carolina Warneryd re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (45).
42. A communication from Carolyn Marsh re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (36).
43. A communication from Carrie Blazina re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (3).
44. A communication from Chris Covert-Bowlds re: Prevent traffic deaths and install separated bike lanes without delay.
45. A communication from Christopher Scanlon re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (22).
46. A communication from Cristina Lois re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
47. A communication from Ella Sheffield re: Please make life safer for bicyclists.
48. A communication from Emma Price re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (26).
49. A communication from Erik Hollender re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (35).
50. A communication from Feanil Patel re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (3).
51. A communication from Carolyn Fuller re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (25).
52. A communication from Gabbie McFrane re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (5).
53. A communication from Gloria Korsman re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (1).
54. A communication from Gorgi Popstefanov re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (43).
55. A communication from Hannah Applebaum re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (59).
56. A communication from Hannah diCicco re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (40).
57. A communication from Harmony Boyd re: Support infrastructural safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
58. A communication from Hilary Chey re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (28).

59. A communication from Hossein Alidaee re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (15).
60. A communication from Ian R Hutchinson re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (27).
61. A communication from Ines Dupupet re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (2).
62. A communication from Isabella Brout re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (51).
63. A communication from Islam Genina re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (30).
64. A communication from Jeremiah Schuur re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (39).
65. A communication from John Kyper re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (19).
66. A communication from Joseph Reagle re: We've already had a death and injuries since your vote to delay separated bike lanes.
67. A communication from Julia Hansen re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (1).
68. A communication from Katelyn Li re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (58).
69. A communication from Kathryn Coble re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (31).
70. A communication from Kristin Guyot re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (2).
71. A communication from Lala Thaddeus re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (1).
72. A communication from Lavinia Hsu re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
73. A communication from Leonard von Morze re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (18).
74. A communication from Luke Bornheimer re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
75. A communication from Matthias re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
76. A communication from Meagan Wasfy re: Our kids need safer streets.
77. A communication from Meaghan Morrissey re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (2).
78. A communication from Yulia Borukhina re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (23).
79. A communication from William Dean re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (24).
80. A communication from William Cordis re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
81. A communication from Vanessa Mulvey re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (6).
82. A communication from Tiffany Tzeng re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
83. A communication from Theresa Cloutier re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (54).
84. A communication from Melinda Szabo re: From a local resident - Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
85. A communication from Taylor DeWoody re: Critical safety improvements for intersections and separated bike lanes must happen NOW!!!
86. A communication from Meredith Stoddard re: Personal plea for continuation of safety improvements for intersections and separated bike lanes.
87. A communication from Szendrey Andrew re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (53).
88. A communication from Michael Knapp re: Recent Cyclist Injuries on Broadway and Cambridge St.
89. A communication from Michael O'Shea re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (16).
90. A communication from Susanne Schindler re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (33).
91. A communication from Steve Garafalo re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (14).
92. A communication from Adriane Musgrave re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
93. A communication from Stephen Grimes re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (12).
94. A communication from Amy Chu re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
95. A communication from Andrew Gross re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
96. A communication from Ann Cason-Snow re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
97. A communication from Mina Makarios re: Support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes now.
98. A communication from Annie Shapiro re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
99. A communication from Sonia Boor re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (37).
100. A communication from Molly Gagnon re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (32).
101. A communication from Audrey Dawson re: Urgently needed safety improvements for intersections, and install separated bike lanes without delay.
102. A communication from Murcko Matthew re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (21).
103. A communication from Becky Sarah re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
104. A communication from Pamela Blau re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (20).
105. A communication from Bianca Shagrin re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
106. A communication from Pamela Stark re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (2).
107. A communication from Caitlin Doolittle re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
108. A communication from Robert Gillan re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (4).
109. A communication from Sofia Medina re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (48).
110. A communication from Thomas Hentschel re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (35).
111. A communication from Carolyn Vincent re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
112. A communication from Sofia Gearty re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (38).
113. A communication from Stephanie Goodell re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (18).
114. A communication from Sezen Onol re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (55).
115. A communication from Sophie Schmitt re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (13).
116. A communication from Cassidy Dreyfus re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
117. A communication from Sean McDonnell re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (1).
118. A communication from Katherine Foo re: Separated bike lanes keep cyclists alive.
119. A communication from Claire Goodman re: A matter of life and death.
120. A communication from Sarah Costello re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (56).
121. A communication from Samantha Klasfeld re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (10).
122. A communication from Conleigh Byers re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
123. A communication from Elizabeth Lowe re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
124. A communication from Eve Jones re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
125. A communication from Gabrielle Hauray re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
126. A communication from Hana Cole re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
127. A communication from Heather Esme Caramello re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
128. A communication from jackluka re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
129. A communication from Sam Bozeman re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (30).
130. A communication from Jacob Evangelista re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
131. A communication from Jennifer Britton-Colonnese re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
132. A communication from Rebecca Lavine re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (9).

133. A communication from Jesse B Dalton re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
134. A communication from Jessica Feitor re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
135. A communication from Raquel Reis re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (21).
136. A communication from Pedro Vaz Teixeira re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (14).
137. A communication from Patricio Flores re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (12).
138. A communication from Jhanvi Shah re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
139. A communication from Nina Jensen re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (6).
140. A communication from Julia Fuller re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
141. A communication from Neuenfeldt Andrea re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (32).
142. A communication from Kevin Condon re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
143. A communication from Marika McCoola re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (4).
144. A communication from Liam Zimmer re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
145. A communication from Marie-France Hivert re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (11).
146. A communication from Lily Ting re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
147. A communication from Lynn Gervens re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
148. A communication from Miryam Segal re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
149. A communication from Katherine Moon re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
150. A communication from Young Kim re: Amend Tabled Calendar #1, PO24#70, from 6/10 City Council Meeting.
151. A communication from Amanda S-K, re: Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (50).

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Laura Nichols on her retirement from the City of Cambridge. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Toner
2. Congratulations to Sergio Pace on his retirement from the Cambridge Public Schools. Councillor Toner
3. Congratulations to Fire Captain David J. House on his retirement. Councillor Toner
4. Congratulations to Aida Doo on her retirement from the City of Cambridge. Councillor Toner
5. Congratulations to Maria Vigneau on her retirement from the City of Cambridge. Councillor Toner
6. Congratulations to Marie Barry on her retirement from the City of Cambridge. Councillor Toner
7. Congratulations to Averil Kane on her retirement from the City of Cambridge. Councillor Toner
8. Congratulations to Rosemary Barry on her retirement from the City of Cambridge. Councillor Toner

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee** held a public hearing on May 21, 2024 to discuss the upcoming Central Square zoning process and next steps following the Central Square Lots Study, City Manager Agenda Item 2024 #33, with a focus on 105 Windsor Street, 205 Western Ave, and 84 & 96 Bishop Allen Drive (Lots 4 and 5). [\[text of report\]](#)
Present: Nolan, Pickett, Sobrinho-Wheeler, Siddiqui (late)

Remote Present: Azeem

Also Present: Simmons, McGovern, Wilson

2. The **Public Safety Committee** held a public hearing on May 29, 2024 to discuss close circuit cameras and other surveillance technologies in addition to the 2024 Annual Surveillance Report. [\[text of report\]](#)

Present: Pickett, Toner, Wilson, McGovern (late)

Remote Present: Siddiqui

Also Present: Simmons, Sobrinho-Wheeler (remote)

3. The **Government Operations, Rules, and Claims Committee** held a public hearing on June 5, 2024 meeting to discuss Charter Review recommendations and develop draft recommendations to the Full City Council for reviewing, deliberating, adopting, and processing possible changes to the Cambridge City Charter for a future vote by Cambridge voters. [\[text of report\]](#)

Present: Pickett, Sobrinho-Wheeler, Toner

Remote Present: Azeem, McGovern

Also Present: Simmons, Siddiqui, Wilson

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF24#87)

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, June 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, June 18

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

Thurs, June 20

1:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing to discuss Amendments to the Tenant's Rights Ordinance recommended by the Law Department.

Mon, June 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, June 25

11:00am The **Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee** will hold a public hearing to continue the June 5, 2024 discussion on Charter Review recommendations and develop draft recommendations to the full City Council for reviewing, deliberating, adopting, and processing possible changes to the Cambridge City Charter for future vote by Cambridge voters.

3:00pm The **Transportation and Public Utilities Committee** will hold a public hearing to discuss the micromobility memo prepared by Acting City Solicitor Bayer, for updates from the Community Development Department and Traffic, Parking, and Transportation on related topics and to discuss the next steps.

Wed, June 26

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

Thurs, June 27

2:00pm The **Housing Committee** will hold a public hearing to further discuss multi-family housing and hear updates from the Community Development Department.

Mon, Aug 5

5:30pm Special (Midsummer) City Council Meeting

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 June 17, 2024

COUNCILLOR PICKETT

MAYOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: “*Gift of the Wind*” by artist Susumu Shingu, is a notable piece of public art and an easily recognizable symbol of Porter Square since its installation in 1983; and

WHEREAS: *Gift of the Wind* was installed on MBTA property as part of Arts on the Line, a nationally-recognized public art program, conceived of by the Cambridge Arts Council (CAC) and administered by CAC and the MBTA during the Red Line Northwest Corridor Extension Project between Harvard Square and Alewife Station; and

WHEREAS: *Gift of the Wind* has been removed for restoration and repainting several times over its life with each restoration paid for by the MBTA as the official owner of the artwork and on whose property it resides; and

WHEREAS: *Gift of the Wind* is in desperate need of restoration and examination of its moving parts to ensure its structural integrity and public safety, and the MBTA has indicated it does not have the funds for this upkeep and needed work; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has an interest in preserving this iconic piece of public art which is an important part of Cambridge history; and

WHEREAS: There are other public artworks in Cambridge similarly owned by the MBTA which could benefit from conversations between the MBTA and the City about their upkeep; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to explore with the MBTA how to best ensure *Gift of the Wind* is preserved and restored including identifying any barriers for the City to potentially serve as a partner with the MBTA on this artwork and report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-2 June 17, 2024

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: In 2016, the [Cambridge City Council unanimously adopted Vision Zero](#) to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries in the city, and two years later the City released the Vision Zero Action Plan; and

WHEREAS: The City has not yet achieved its Vision Zero goals; in 2023, there were at least 208 EMS transports to the hospital due to motor vehicle traffic crashes, of which at least 95 involved pedestrians and people on bikes, considered vulnerable road users and more likely to be severely injured; and

WHEREAS: On June 7, 2024, a cyclist was killed while biking in a crash with a truck at the intersection of Mt. Auburn Street and DeWolfe Street, and in 2019 Sharon Hamer was killed on foot in a crash with a truck while crossing the street in Harvard Square; and

WHEREAS: The separated bicycle lanes required by the Cycling Safety Ordinance have been shown by the Federal Highway Administration to reduce bike crashes by 50% and are therefore a critical and necessary part of the City’s Vision Zero efforts; and

WHEREAS: There are many additional infrastructure improvements that can make intersections safer for both pedestrians and people on bikes, including [set back \(recessed\)](#) crossings, [corner islands](#), [bike boxes](#), improvements to traffic signal head size, type, and locations, signal timing, [turn calming](#), [daylighting](#), [pedestrian refuges](#), additional means to implement [protected intersections](#),

and overall consistency of treatments along a corridor; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to develop a policy and systems to ensure that an infrastructure safety audit is made to intersections where a crash results in a serious injury and implement needed safety improvements; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to develop a plan to implement needed safety improvements on an ongoing basis across other intersections; and be it further

ORDERED: That information about intersections that meet these review criteria be listed annually on the Vision Zero portal with a summary describing progress on each intersection; and be it further

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

O-3 June 17, 2024

MAYOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That Chair of the Government Operations, Rules, and Claims Committee is hereby appointed to manage the City Manager performance evaluation process via his role as Chair of this committee, and is requested to schedule a hearing or hearings to review the job performance of the City Manager.

O-4 June 17, 2024

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR TONER

WHEREAS: The [recent, tragic death](#) of a cyclist in Cambridge on Friday, June 7 has affected the entire community; and

WHEREAS: The City has worked on [Vision Zero](#) and taken many steps to improve safety of residents with a [Cycling Safety Ordinance](#) and many other efforts to improve city infrastructure and make streets safer for all road-users; and

WHEREAS: Even before this most recent tragic event, there have been questions and concerns from residents about what steps the City has taken and can take to improve safety and ensure that all residents understand how to best stay safe and keep others safe while using the roads; and

WHEREAS: The state legislature [passed legislation, which took effect April 2023](#), to increase safety by defining vulnerable users, establishing safe passing distances, and implementing other changes governing behavior to provide protection for all road users; and

WHEREAS: The city as a whole would benefit from opportunities to learn about steps they can take to achieve Vision Zero and continue to make our streets a safe place for all users, including education about the [Cambridge Street Code](#), republished in 2023, as well education about the “safety by design” approach and safe systems thinking around our streets; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has long supported [community education](#) and engagement with keeping residents safe and worked with the City to inform all residents of how to ensure the safety of all; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Community Development Department and all relevant City departments to report on how have community events and ways to inform residents of all efforts to improve driving, cycling, and pedestrian safety and educate residents on how best to safely follow the rules when using roadways; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council by the summer meeting.

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COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR WILSON

WHEREAS: The Cambridge-El Salvador Sister City relationship with San José Las Flores was formalized in March of 1987 to offer protection, material aid and solidarity amidst a US-funded violent war; and

WHEREAS: The people of Cambridge have continued the sistering relationship during and after the war through on-going support and communication with the people and elected leaders of Las Flores; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has sustained its sistering solidarity in these 37 years by organizing delegations, welcoming Salvadoran community leaders, and joining Salvadoran activists over the years in campaigns against foreign mining companies and repression of the social movements; and

WHEREAS: San José las Flores has achieved many successes including developing a system of collective ownership of farmland and housing; the creation of cattle, weaving, sewing, dairy, baking, tourism, and agriculture cooperatives that employ the residents; a health clinic providing prevention and interventive care to every community member; an educational K-12 system with fully accredited teachers; an environmental plan for the full reforestation and protection of natural resources; and a thriving church community with a convent and lay leadership and the continued commitment to a consciousness of communal well-being for all peoples and the absence of the gang violence present throughout El Salvador; and

WHEREAS: Now is a critical time for a Sister City visit as this thriving community is experiencing several crises including a serious water shortage following many years of drought and government policies that have eliminated municipality governance, removed key financial resources from the rural communities, and threatened the social stability of the community; and

WHEREAS: The popular movements and Salvadoran social organizations supporting the rural communities and human rights and democracy are facing threats to their safety including imprisonment by the government; and

WHEREAS: In June 2024, an intergenerational Sister City delegation will travel to El Salvador that includes CRLS students and graduates Catalina Lozada and Isabella Lozada; high school students Marcus Burkes-Nossiter and Laila Guzman-Griffin; Sister City members Cathy Hoffman and Sarah Davila; and Salvadoreño/as Gabriela Cartagena, Kim Landaverde, José Landaverde, José Alemán with the support of Nancy Ryan and Cambridge City Councillor Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler; and

WHEREAS: The delegates have been working with a broad variety of community groups, educators, immigrant rights projects, and neighborhood and municipal organizers in both Cambridge and Somerville to raise funds and awareness of the situation in El Salvador and our local areas; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record sending a strong message of solidarity to the Community Council of San José Las Flores in recognition of the successes and persistence of the community as well as to the Sister City staff and CRIPDES organizing support; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record particularly recognizing the efforts of San José Las Flores in creative programming caring for elders, the environmental innovations, and work to memorialize their history, as well as promoting health,

education, and housing for all members of the community; and be it further

RESOLVED That the City Council go on record supporting the mission of the June 2024 delegation to strengthen the contact between Cambridge and El Salvador and to foster ties between the communities as well as the community-building in our home communities; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council welcomes a report back from the delegates upon their return.