

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a request to approve the use of electronic poll pads on election day. [\[text of report\]](#) (CM26#185)
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to reappointments to the Biosafety Committee. [\[text of report\]](#) (CM26#203)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of donations received in honor of Frances Antupit, in the amount of \$10,563.98, to the Grant Fund Historical Commission Other Ordinary Maintenance account. [\[text of report\]](#) (CM26#193)
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$10,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Grant to the Grant Fund Department of Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account. [\[text of report\]](#) (CM26#191)
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of donations received for the Police Department Secret Santa for Seniors Program, in the amount of \$2,750, to the Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account. (CM26#192)
6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of various donations to the Council on Aging in the amount of \$4,101 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account. (CM26#190)
7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to appropriation of MASSCAP Inc. funds in the amount of \$1,821.91 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account. [\[text of report\]](#) (CM26#195)
8. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to donations to The Cambridge Program for Individuals with Special Needs in the amount of \$5,013.96 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account. (CM26#196)
9. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation, in the amount of \$625,000, from the Federal Grant Stabilization Fund to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account. [\[text of report\]](#) (CM26#197)
10. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to appropriation of the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) grant in the amount of \$137,222 funded by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and administered by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salaries and Wages account (\$23,951) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$113,271). [\[text of report\]](#) (CM26#198)
11. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation, in the amount of \$68,980, received from the Cambridge Housing Authority for the Cambridge Employment Program, to the Grant Fund Human Services Programs Salary and Wages account. (CM26#200)
12. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to appropriation of a Sports and Entertainment Events Fund Grant, in the amount of \$26,000, received from the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism to the Grant Fund Executive Department Salaries and Wages account. [\[text of report\]](#) (CM26#201)
13. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to AR26-34 regarding a report on citywide water use and water supply. [\[text of report\]](#) (CM26#189)
14. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to an update regarding a Boards and Commissions Ordinance Review and Modernization Initiative. [\[text of report\]](#) (CM26#199)
15. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a response to AR26-2 [AR25-29] regarding school parking access. [\[text of report\]](#) (CM26#187)
16. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to AR26-38 regarding changes to the resident parking permit price. [\[text of report\]](#) (CM26#183)
17. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to AR26-7 regarding restrictions to eligibility for on-street resident parking. [\[text of report\]](#) (CM26#202)
18. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a Home Rule Petition that would increase the personal property tax exemption threshold to \$30,000 in assessed value for Fiscal Year 2027 and onward. [\[text of report\]](#) (CM26#184)
19. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to AR26-4 [AR25-51] regarding updates to the Short-Term Rental Ordinance. [\[text of report\]](#) (CM26#188)
20. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to AR26-33 regarding a housing needs study. [\[text of report\]](#) (CM26#186)
21. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the Massachusetts Avenue Active Use Zoning Petition Planning Board report. [\[text of report\]](#) (CM26#194)
22. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the Cambridge Street Active Use

Zoning Petition Planning Board report. [[text of report](#)] (CM26#204)

23. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to appointments and reappointments of members to the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Committee. [[text of report](#)] (CM26#206)

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments to develop a plan for inclusive and robust engagement on any proposed licensing changes, and to ensure that the City's licensing framework remains as efficient, accessible, and streamlined as the law allows, without imposing unnecessary barriers or burdens on licensees. Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zusy (PO26#124)
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the relevant departments to explore the ability of the City to prohibit, restrict, or otherwise regulate the use of algorithmic price fixing in its rental housing market, including the potential drafting of ordinance language that would regulate algorithmic price fixing and report back to the City Council in a timely manner. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Al-Zubi, Councillor McGovern (PO26#125)
3. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Cambridge Police Department to prepare a report for the City Council regarding the causes of the significant decline in traffic enforcement since 2015, current departmental priorities, and recommendations for enforcement. Vice Mayor Azeem, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern (PO26#129)
4. That the City Manager is requested to evaluate the impacts of the temporary extended last call and public outdoor drinking district measures during the authorization period, consult with the License Commission, Cambridge Police Department, and other relevant stakeholders on the feasibility and desirability of making these measures permanent, and identify any necessary changes or actions required for implementation beyond the current authorization. Vice Mayor Azeem, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Al-Zubi, Councillor McGovern (PO26#130)
5. City Council support of An Act to protect Massachusetts public health from PFAS. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Vice Mayor Azeem (PO26#131)

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Department, the Community Safety Department, the Emergency Communications Department, the Department of Human Service Programs, the Department of Public Works, the Law Department, and any other relevant City departments and community partners to develop a Neighborhood Safety Additions Plan for the areas of the city

previously served by ShotSpotter technology. [Charter Simmons – Nolan, June 8, 2026] (PO26#120)

2. That the City Manager is requested to use the Federal Stabilization Fund to provide one-time stabilization payments to Cambridge-based and Cambridge-serving organizations impacted by FY27 MOVA cuts, report back to the City Council with a proposed funding plan, and work with the Mayor's Office and other relevant City staff to engage with the broader Cambridge nonprofit community to assess the full scope of federal and state funding reductions and their impact on the City's safety net services. [Charter Right – Al-Zubi, June 8, 2026] (PO26#121)

ON THE TABLE

3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to proposed changes to the City's Zero Waste Master Plan. [Tabled June 1, 2026] (CM26#170)

APPLICATIONS & PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Patrick Conte, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 87-101 Blanchard Road; 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. (AP26#33)

COMMUNICATIONS (there may be some duplication)

1. Abigail Lewis-Bowen – Comments submitted on behalf of the East Cambridge Open Space Trust re agenda item 11 - turf on Ahern Field.
2. Abigail Lewis-Bowen – Statement from the East Cambridge Open Space Trust regarding Ahern Field
3. Adri Haus – Ahern field
4. Adriana Hausmann – CM26#174 Ahern Field Report - keep grass
5. Alex Turner – Comment supporting fewer restrictions in the summer pilot
6. Alison Sanders-Fleming – Expand the citywide food diversion program
7. Amina Sheikh – Support for keeping the multi-family housing ordinance
8. Amy Perlmutter – Comments on Zero Waste Plan Ordinances for June 8 agenda
9. Andrew Nolan – Support for Multi-Family Housing and Rejection of proposed Amendments
10. Ann Fleck-Henderson – copy of my public comment remarks on PO#3 today
11. Ann Stewart and Ann Tennis – Supporting PO#5 And Brown et al. Petition
12. Annette LaMond – Please Support PO#5
13. Aram Harrow – oppose PO26#123
14. Barbara Elfman – Amend zoning
15. Barbara Rubel – Housing
16. Becky Harmon – Zoning Amendment Request & Evidence
17. Beth Gamse – Please support PO#6 moderating amendments and support the Brown zoning petition!
18. Beverly Seidenberg – Public comment-Zusy/Flaherty PO#5
19. Bjorn Poonen – PO26#123
20. Suzanne Blier – 4 important reasons to support PO#5 and the Brown Amendment
21. Brennan Waters – Please do not amend Multi-Family Zoning
22. Brian Pfeiffer – June 8th Agenda - PO#5 & Doug Brown's Citizens' Petition

23. Buck Ewing – Citizens who MUST park on the street_ Where now!
24. Buck Ewing – Please pause Ordinance allowing zero off-street parking – protect on-street parking for existing residents
25. Carol Greenwood – Multifamily housing ordinance amendments
26. Carol Lynn Alpert – READ THIS - Powerful commentary from the Amend the MFH Ordinance Petition
27. Carol Waldo – In support of moderating amendments to MFH zoning ordinance
28. Carolyn Hsu – PO#3 public comment
29. Carrie Blazina – Support Multifamily Housing and Reject Amendments
30. Catalina Arboleda – PO#5 by Councillors Flaherty and Zusy and Doug Brown’s Citizens’ Petition
31. Catherine Ahearn – Written Comment, CM26#174 Ahern Field Report
32. Charles Kekoh – Ahern field decision - Thank you!
33. Cynthia Hibbard – Comment for Tonight's City Council Regular Meeting - Zero Waste Master Plan - Ordinance Changes
34. Dan Sterner – PO#6 moderating amendments and the Brown zoning petition
35. Young Kim – My Comment for 6/8/2026 City Council Meeting
36. Xi Yu – Letter Request to Amend Zoning
37. William Bloomstein – Stop the pro-developer obsession
38. Dana Bullister – Oppose Amendments to Cambridge's Multifamily Zoning
39. Dave Halperin – Support Multifamily Housing and Reject Amendments
40. Wenyong Chen – Proposed Amendment Concept Regarding PO26#123 Multifamily Zoning Review
41. Dave Slaney – protect inclusionary zoning
42. Virginia Pye – A citizen strongly agrees with PO#5
43. David Hattis – Support Multifamily Housing and Reject Amendments
44. Debby Shapiro – For the Record MFHO
45. Vanessa Azzone Dhanji – CM26#174 Ahern Field Report - keep grass
46. Marjorie Decker – Letter to City Council 6/8/26
47. The Garbanzo – CM26#174 Ahern Field Report - Keep Natural Grass
48. Teresa Cardosi – please oppose MFH changes (PO#5)
49. Su Chiang – opposition to amendments blocking MFH development
50. Steven Miller – Another Voice Against Misinformed Housing Roll-Back PO#5
51. Stephanie Wasiuk – ZWMP 2.0
52. Jacquelyn Smith – Housing issues
53. Jacquelyn Smith – Councilor Flaherty's Second job
54. Sharon Stichter – zoning adjustments
55. Shannon Larkin – Artificial turf at Ahern Field
56. Sarah Block – Support Multifamily Housing and Reject Amendments
57. Sarah Baker – Pause Multi-Family Housing Ordinance
58. Sam Polzin – Oppose Amendments to Block Multifamily Housing (POR 2026-123)
59. Sam Cohen – Support for keeping the multi-family housing ordinance
60. Roxann Mascoll – PO#3 on The Cambridge City Council Agenda
61. Robson Goulart – City Manager Ahern Report
62. Robert O’Neil – Comments MFH Ordinance, 8Jun26 City Council Mtg
63. Reeva Meyer – A Better Cambridge
64. Raymond and Karolyn Park – Ahern Field
65. Phil Renzi – Public Comment submission -June 22 Council Meeting re: ZWMP PO26#110
66. Phillip Segó – Yogman Communication; Brown Petition
67. Peter Jones – Don't ban multifamily housing!
68. Paula Phipps – Artificial turf
69. Paula Cortes – PO#6
70. Paul E Fallon – Public Comment in Opposition to PO#5 - City Council Meeting 6/8/2026
71. Patrick McNeal – Oppose the Zusy/Flaherty Policy Order and Brown Zoning Petition
72. Patricia McGrath – PO#6 & Brown zoning petition
73. Paola Rebusco – Ahern Field/Park and its importance as an open space to East Cambridge
74. Pamela Blau – CM26#174 Ahern Field Report - keep grass.
75. Eileen McCullough – Do not accept CM26#174 Ahern Field Report
76. Elaine Spatz-Rabinowitz – PO#5 and Brown
77. Elisabeth Lyn – Ahern field report, community input
78. Elizabeth Cavicchi – Grass on Ahern Field! Community Respect!
79. Elizabeth Van Ranst – 9 Wyman Road
80. Ellen C. Minnihan – Please keep Ahern Field natural grass!
81. Emma Goddery – Support Multifamily Housing and Reject Amendments
82. Eric Yablonowitz – Support Multifamily Housing and Reject Amendments
83. Ethan Frank – Zero Waste Master Plan 2.0
84. Nora Allen-Wiles – Full Comments in support of PO#3 (CM26#121)
85. Nonie Valentine – PO#5, Doug Brown petition - in support
86. Noah Stapp – Support multifamily housing and reject amendments
87. Ethan Frank – Please stop attacking the multifamily housing ordinance
88. Nancy Pendergast – Zero Waste Master Plan
89. Nancy Donohue – Zero-Waste Master Plan
90. Momchil Tomov – CM26#174 Ahern Field Report - keep grass
91. Marlene Lundberg – PO#6 for Multi-Family Housing rule
92. Mimi Elmer – Support for Restricting Rodenticides Legislation
93. Federico Muchnik – City of Cambridge, MA Invoice Payment Confirmation
94. Genevieve Coyle – Hearing June 8 MFH Ordinance
95. Dan Totten – Clarifying the voucher program.
96. Heddi Siebel – PO#5, Doug Brown petition - in support
97. Heddi Siebel – Save Ahern Field from artificial turf
98. Heather Hoffman – Councillor McGovern is spreading misinformation about Inclusionary Zoning
99. Helen Snively – Zero Waste Master Plan
100. Hubert Murray – PO#5, Doug Brown petition
101. Ilisa Hurowitz – PO#5, Doug Brown petition - in support
102. Ira Nichols-Barrer – protect multifamily zoning
103. Irene Kang – Ahern Field and its importance as an open space in East Cambridge
104. Jana Odette – I support Zusy and Flaherty’s proposed amendments to the MFO!
105. Jacquelyn Fahey Sandell – Support Zusy/Flaherty policy order
106. Jax Crerer – Comments on proposed Cambridge License Commission Regulations
107. Janet Ghattas – Ahern Field
108. Jessica Sheehan – Reject attempts to re-establish exclusionary zoning
109. Jean Spera – Ahern Field
110. John Wofford – Strongly support PO#5 to pause demolitions
111. John R. Frank – Please amend MFH to protect trees and children’s access to nature
112. Judith Wheelock – Save our city, amend the zoning
113. Jonathan Haber – PO#5
114. Kiril Alexandrov – Please amend zoning and turf Ahern Field
115. Kirs Jen – Thank you for your decision to keep Ahern Field as a natural grass field
116. Kate Skubecz – Keep Ahern Field grass

117. Kevin Wolfson – Oppose MFH zoning amendments
118. Kirs Jen – Do not accept City Manager’s Ahern Field report
119. Kari Crawford – Ahern Field
120. Kate Gilmore – HRI’s written comments to PO#5
121. Larry Field – Oppose PO#5
122. Laura Clawson – Do not accept City Manager’s Ahern Field report
123. Lisa Dobberteen – Support amendments to the Multi-Family Housing Ordinance
124. Neal Leavitt – Health and Ahern Field
125. Louide Henri – Mass Ave feces and Central Station safety issues
126. Louide Henri – Support multifamily housing and reject amendments
127. Lizzie Feigenbaum – Support Zusy/Flaherty policy order
128. Lou Soltys – Save our city
129. Lisa Glover – Support PO#5
130. Luca Poth – Overdevelopment in Cambridge and support PO#5
131. Louise Venden – ABC exaggerated claims, pass PO#5
132. Liz Byron Loya – Support amending the MFH Ordinance; Simmons and McGovern conflicts of interest
133. Lyle Kantor – Support for restricting rodenticides
134. Luke Winslow – Oppose Zusy/Flaherty policy order and Brown Petition
135. Luisa Ferralis – Ahern Field; What about half turf, half grass?
136. Lynne Reiss – moderating MFH Ordinance and Brown Petition
137. Margaret Goreau – Support PO#5 and Brown Petition; oppose microplastics from plastic grass
138. Malcolm Bliss – Support multifamily housing and reject amendments
139. Marina Atlas – Support PO#3, PO#5, Brown Petition; oppose plastic grass
140. Maria Vivienne – Support PO#5 and Brown Petition
141. Mark Goodman – moderating MFH Ordinance and Brown Petition
142. Marina Kapes – support grass for Ahern Field
143. Marlene Lundberg – Support amending the MFH Ordinance
144. Mimi Elmer – Support for restricting rodenticides
145. Michelle Chiu – Support amending the MFH Ordinance
146. Michael Yogman – Support amending the MFH Ordinance
147. Momchil Tomov – Keep grass on Ahern Field
148. Michael Yogman – moderating MFH Ordinance and Brown Petition
149. Michael Hoff – Reject Housing Rollback
150. Petition with 2748 signatures to modify the MFH Ordinance
151. Martine Voiret – Zero Waste Master Plan
152. Mary Tittman – Oppose MFH zoning amendments
153. Nonie Valentine – Support PO#5 and Brown Petition
154. Nora Allen-Wiles – Support PO#3 to stabilize critical victim services for Cambridge survivors
155. Nancy Donahue – Letter from Chamber of Commerce on proposed changes to the Zero Waste Master Plan
156. Nora Allen-Wiles – Support PO#3
157. David Maher – Letter from Chamber of Commerce on proposed changes to the Zero Waste Master Plan
158. Nancy Pendergast – Zero Waste Master Plan
159. Noah Stapp – Support multifamily housing and reject amendments
160. Paul Fallon – Oppose PO#5
161. Patrick McNeal – Oppose Zusy/Flaherty policy order and Brown Petition
162. Patricia McGrath – Protect Cambridge from unchecked Outside profiteers
163. Paolo Rebusco – Ahern Field and its importance as an open space in East Cambridge
164. Pamela Blau – Keep grass on Ahern Field
165. Paula Cortes – PO#6, the MFH Ordinance as it exists today is creating havoc in our neighborhoods
166. Paula Phipps – concerns about artificial turf at Ahern Field
167. Peter Jones – Oppose policy order to amend MFH Ordinance
168. Philip Sego – Yogman communication and Brown Petition; MFH Ordinance as a developer enrichment plan
169. Robson Goulart – Do not accept City Manager’s Ahern Field report
170. Robert O’Neill – Comments on PO#5 and Brown Petition
171. Roxann Mascoll – Support PO#3
172. Ron Vandenabeele – Support Zero Waste Master Plan amendments
- 173 Raymond and Carolyn Park – Keep grass on Ahern Field
174. Reeve Meyer – “A Better Cambridge” and confessing her privilege
175. Sam Polzin – Oppose MFH zoning amendments
176. Sam Cohen – Support multifamily housing and reject amendments
177. Sarah Block – Oppose policy order to amend MFH Ordinance
178. Sarah Baker – Pause Multifamily Housing Ordinance; unintended and disruptive impacts
179. Sharon Stichter – Support amending the MFH Ordinance
180. Shannon Larkin – Keep grass on Ahern Field
181. Steven Miller – Another voice against misinformed housing rollback PO#5
182. Stephanie Wasiuk – Support Zero Waste Master Plan amendments
183. Su Chiang and Yakov Bart – Oppose policy order to amend MFH Ordinance
184. Jacquelyn Smith – Councillor Flaherty’s Second Job as a criminal defense attorney
185. Jacquelyn Smith – Housing Issues; condos not affordable, City removing street parking
186. Teresa Cardosi – Oppose policy order to amend MFH Ordinance
187. The Garbanzo – Keep the natural grass.
188. Vanessa Azzone Dhanji – Keep the grass.
189. Virginia Pye – Support Zusy/Flaherty policy order
190. Wenyong Chen – Proposed amendment to the MFH Ordinance – Balancing Housing Growth, Neighborhood Stability, and Preservation
191. William Bloomstein – Stop the pro-developer obsession; Be adults and pull back from this obsession
192. Xi Yu – Amend the MFH Ordinance; stop this wholesale giveaway of our city to profit-driven investors and developers.
193. Young Kim – Multifamily Housing Ordinance concerns

RESOLUTIONS

1. Retirement of Susanne Rasmussen from the City of Cambridge. Mayor Siddiqui

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Interim City Clerk Paula Crane, regarding an update regarding legislative activity. (COF26#90)
2. Communication from Councillor Nolan providing a summary of public engagement and ordinance changes under discussion for the Zero Waste Master Plan Update. [\[text of report\]](#) (COF26#91)
3. A communication from Mayor Siddiqui transmitting a memorandum regarding information from the School Committee. [\[text of report\]](#) (COF26#92)

4. A communication from Mayor Siddiqui transmitting a memorandum regarding the Family Policy Council 2025-2026 Year in Review. [\[text of report\]](#) (COF26#93)
5. A communication from Councillor Timothy Flaherty relative to City Council Order PO26#115 and Discontinuation of ShotSpotter Technology. [\[text of report\]](#) (COF26#94)

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, June 22

11:00am The **Health and Environment Committee** will hold a public hearing to review and discuss the 5-year update to the Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) including recommendations from the analysis and evaluation and feedback from community meetings.

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, June 23

10:00am The City Council shall hold a Special Meeting for a mid-year check-in on the City Manager’s 2026 Performance Review Process and progress towards annual goals.

Wed, June 24

3:00pm The **Transportation & Public Utilities Committee** will meet to discuss micromobility in Cambridge – including current safety trends, the recently filed State legislation “Ride Safe Act,” and next steps for education and enforcement considerations.

Thurs, June 25

12:30pm The **Housing Committee** and the **Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee** will hold a joint public hearing to continue discussion of the 2025 Multifamily Zoning Amendments and consider potential modifications. In addition, the Committees will also be reviewing PO26#123, relative to proposed amendments to the Multifamily Zoning Ordinance, which was referred to the Committee hearing at the Regular City Council meeting held on June 8, 2026.

Mon, June 29

4:00pm The City Council will hold a **Joint Roundtable/Working Meeting with the School Committee** to discuss the Cambridge Preschool Program, including means testing and program expansion, as outlined in CM26#92, originally referred to the Human Services and Veterans Committee.

Mon, Aug 3

5:30pm City Council Special Summer Meeting

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 June 22, 2026
 COUNCILLOR NOLAN
 MAYOR SIDDIQUI
 COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
 COUNCILLOR ZUSY

WHEREAS: At a recent meeting of the Cambridge License Commission, the Board discussed updating its current rules and regulations after a review of many years of changes to state law and a review of observed issues by the Board, and published a draft document with suggested changes that were sent to each licensee in May; and

WHEREAS: The License Commission indicated that the proposed changes are a preliminary working draft and have since begun

actively soliciting input from licensees through a series of listening sessions; and

WHEREAS: Despite these efforts to solicit feedback, many affected businesses are not aware of the proposed changes and some affected licensees who have asked to meet to discuss changes have not been invited to do so; and

WHEREAS: Many of the proposed changes are unnecessarily restrictive and would impose significant operational and management changes on licensees; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge’s business community, bars and restaurants in particular, is currently devoting time and resources to ensure the success of World Cup programming, including the temporary pilot programs for extended hours and designated public consumption districts, with very little notice, which means that any additional changes to the alcohol licensing framework should not be considered until after the summer season is over so businesses and City staff can focus on the success of already planned events including the Cambridge United soccer watch parties, Citywide Dance Party, Porchfest, and other signature events; and

WHEREAS: The City should take great care to ensure that changes to the City’s licensing framework are informed by outreach to all affected business associations, community groups, and members of the public; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments to develop a plan for inclusive and robust engagement on any proposed licensing changes, and to ensure that the City’s licensing framework remains as efficient, accessible, and streamlined as the law allows, without imposing unnecessary barriers or burdens on licensees; 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-2 June 22, 2026
 COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER
 MAYOR SIDDIQUI
 COUNCILLOR AL-ZUBI
 COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Businesses colluding to set prices artificially high has long been recognized as anticompetitive behavior that is harmful to consumers and illegal under U.S. law; and

WHEREAS: In the modern era, there is growing concern about businesses employing shared pricing software, AI algorithms, or data analytics platforms to fix prices, restrict supply, or manipulate markets to facilitate tacit collusion and attempt to circumvent federal and state antitrust law; and

WHEREAS: In rental markets, third parties can now serve as intermediaries for colluding businesses by aggregating market conditions, vacancy rates, and other property-owner-provided, nonpublic data to recommend or automatically fix uniform prices; and

WHEREAS: According to the United States Department of Justice’s 2024 lawsuit against the country’s largest provider of rent-setting software, and a ProPublica report, this data collection resulted in double-digit rent increases in many markets throughout the country, and is cited as a main contributor to the astronomical rent increases; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge residents, two-thirds of whom are renters, regularly rank housing affordability as their top issue in the biennial resident surveys; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts State Representative Lindsay Sabadosa's bill H.1564, An Act relative to preventing algorithmic rent fixing in the rental housing market, seeks to ban the use of algorithmic price fixing in the rental housing market throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS: Algorithmic rent fixing is already being regulated in several locations in the United States, including the cities of Providence and San Francisco; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the relevant departments to explore the ability of the City to prohibit, restrict, or otherwise regulate the use of algorithmic price fixing in its rental housing market, including the potential drafting of ordinance language that would regulate algorithmic price fixing; 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 22, 2026

VICE MAYOR AZEEM

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Traffic safety is fundamental to ensuring that Cambridge's streets are safe and accessible for all; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Police Department provides citation data through the City of Cambridge's [open data portal](#); and

WHEREAS: Analysis of that data reveals a sustained decline in traffic citations, approximating a decline of about 57% from the peak year of 2014, across nearly every category of moving violation; and

WHEREAS: The most dramatic decline in categories of violations are in unsafe door opening, speeding, crosswalk violations, failure to stop or yield and blocking a bike lane; and

WHEREAS: By contrast, other citation categories, such as bicycle violations and texting while driving, have declined comparatively less; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has a responsibility to understand the causes of this trend and to ensure that enforcement policy reflects the City's stated commitments to Vision Zero and the safety of all road users; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Cambridge Police Department to prepare a report for the City Council regarding the causes of the significant decline in traffic enforcement since 2015, current departmental priorities, and recommendations for enforcement; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with this overview and set of recommendations.

O-4 June 22, 2026

VICE MAYOR AZEEM

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR AL-ZUBI

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge recently opted in to temporary measures authorized by state law, effective through July 31, 2026, to extend last call for alcohol service to 3:00am and to permit

alcohol-to-go consumption within designated public outdoor districts; and

WHEREAS: These measures were adopted to support local businesses and enhance the visitor and resident experience during the 2026 FIFA World Cup and America 250 celebrations; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge's nighttime economy and cultural districts benefit from flexible, modernized alcohol service policies; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City of Cambridge go on record in support of granting municipalities full and permanent authority to set their own last call hours and outdoor consumption policies so that Cambridge and other cities retain the flexibility to expand, modify, or roll back these policies as community needs evolve; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to evaluate the impacts of the temporary extended last call and public outdoor drinking district measures during the authorization period, consult with the License Commission, Cambridge Police Department, and other relevant stakeholders on the feasibility and desirability of making these measures permanent, and identify any necessary changes or actions required for implementation beyond the current authorization; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with findings and recommendations no later than October 1, 2026.

O-5 June 22, 2026

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

VICE MAYOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: The [City](#) and [City Council](#) have been active in monitoring and addressing issues related to PFAS within the city including within the [water supply](#), plastic products, [turf fields](#), and other sources as research has improved and as federal and state regulations continue to be developed; and

WHEREAS: Significant parts of Massachusetts drinking water has been contaminated by toxic PFAS, increasing our risk of cancer and other health threats, and the [Cambridge Water Department](#) has been monitoring and taking action on this for years, at significant cost to local residents; and

WHEREAS: Costs paid by citizens, businesses, and local governments to manage products at the end of use including contaminants from PFAS are, in effect, subsidies to producers that enable and encourage producers to design products for disposal and without regard to end-of-life management; and

WHEREAS: To protect our health and water we must stop PFAS at the source; stop industrial discharges of PFAS; eliminate PFAS from consumer goods; and provide more resources for testing and mitigation; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in support of House Bill [H.4870](#) and Senate Bill [S.3034](#), *An Act to Protect Massachusetts Public Health from PFAS*; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to each member of the Cambridge delegation to the state legislature on behalf of the entire City Council.