

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointments of **Rayna Jhaveri** and **Emma Pan** as members of the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities. (CM24#134)
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of **Kathleen Kelly** to the Cambridge Water Board. (CM24#135)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment of **Tom Stohlman** as an Election Commissioner for a term of four years. (CM24#136)
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-22, regarding a request for an update on City efforts related to PFAS concerns. (CM24#137) [[text of report](#)]
5. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$200,000, from the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund, to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Extraordinary Expenditures account. This appropriation will be used to purchase and upfit a supplemental van for the First Step Street Medicine program, which is the partnership between CASPAR's First Step Street Outreach Program and Cambridge Health Alliance that provides harm reduction, primary care and addiction services to unhoused individuals in Cambridge. (CM24#138)
6. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$437,333.33 in Cable Franchise Fees received from Comcast to the Public Investment Fund Cable Television Extraordinary Expenditures account to support the local Public, Educational and Government cable television stations. Funds are part of a negotiation with Comcast to provide capital funding as part of their license agreement. A portion of this appropriation will go to Cambridge Community Television with the remainder to the City's 22-CityView and the Cambridge Public School's educational cable station, CEA-TV for capital equipment purchases and upgrades. (CM24#139)
7. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$50,000 to the Grant Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures Account. Funds will help support the Cambridge Community Center to become an established Resilience Hub so that during a disruptive event such as a heat wave, extreme weather event or another climate impact the Center can continue to provide critical services. (CM24#140)
8. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a request for authorization of a spending limit of \$250,000 for Fiscal Year 2025, for the Renewable Energy and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction revolving fund (Revolving Fund), pursuant to Chapter 3.24 of the Municipal Ordinance titled "Departmental Revolving Funds". (CM24#141)

Agenda Item No. 8 June 24, 2024

ORDERED: That the City Council authorize the spending limit of \$250,000 for Fiscal Year 2025, for the Renewable Energy and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction revolving fund (Revolving Fund), pursuant to Chapter 3.24 of the Municipal Ordinance titled "Departmental Revolving Funds."

9. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the 2023 Transportation Demand Management Program Report. (CM24#142) [[text of report](#)]
10. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-17, regarding a report on adding maximum lot area per dwelling unit, maximum setback requirements, and minimum floor area ratios in some districts or as part of an overlay in the Zoning Ordinance and whether the City Council could require a special permit for a down conversion in developments that would result in a net loss of housing units. (CM24#143) [[text of report](#)]
11. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-27, regarding a list of current zoning initiatives and a timeline for completion. (CM24#144) [[text of report](#)]
12. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-29, regarding providing the Request for Information (RFI) for the 84 & 96 Bishop Allen Drive to the City Council for review and comment. (CM24#145) [[text of report](#)]
13. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-28, regarding an outreach plan for Central Square rezoning. (CM24#146) [[text of report](#)]
14. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to an update from the City Manager. (CM24#147) [[text of report](#)]
15. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a request for authorization of a spending limit of \$300,000 for Fiscal Year 2025, for the Fresh Pond Golf Course Pro Shop revolving fund (Revolving Fund), pursuant to Chapter 3.24 of the Municipal Ordinance titled "Departmental Revolving Funds". (CM24#148)

Agenda Item No. 15 June 24, 2024

ORDERED: That the City Council authorize the spending limit of \$300,000 for Fiscal Year 2025, for the Fresh Pond Golf Course Pro Shop revolving fund (Revolving Fund), pursuant to Chapter 3.24 of the Municipal Ordinance titled "Departmental Revolving Funds."

ORDERS

1. That the City Council recognize July, 2024 as "Disability Pride Month" in Cambridge, Massachusetts and encourages all citizens to join in celebrating the achievements and contributions of individuals with disabilities and to promote a more inclusive and accessible society for all. Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons (PO24#87)

2. The City Manager is directed to provide a plan for keeping residents, businesses and public safety officials informed about the status of current and future inter-jurisdictional transportation projects. Councillor Pickett, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler (PO24#88)
3. City Council commitment to providing high quality health care to all residents and in strong support of H.1239/S.744. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Wilson (PO24#89)
4. That the City Manager is requested to provide a report to the City Council on the status of PILOT discussions about its PILOT agreement with the City with Harvard at the summer Council meeting and a plan for regular updates going forward. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan (PO24#90)
5. City Council recognition of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in honor of the countless lives lost to and friends and families affected by pediatric cancer. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons (PO24#91)
6. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with an update on the Children Savings Accounts Program with the East Cambridge Savings Bank. Councillor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Nolan (PO24#92)
7. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments to consider a number of City application processes and find ways to reduce paper and printing waste. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler (PO24#93)
8. City Council support of the Massachusetts State Ballot Question to Decriminalize Natural Psychedelics For Therapeutic Use. Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Azeem (PO24#94)

CHARTER RIGHT

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. [Charter Right – Nolan, June 17, 2024] (AP24#21)

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)

3. 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; Tabled June 17, 2024] (PO24#78)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. 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)
5. 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, and 22.000 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)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication from Alice DeGennaro, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (10).
2. A communication from Astrid Dodds, regarding PO24#81.
3. A communication from Benjamin Fox, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections_ and install separated bike lanes without delay (2).
4. A communication from Berkooz Rephael, regarding Keep our roads safe.
5. A communication from Brian Sousa, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (20).
6. A communication from Carol Lee Rawn, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (19).
7. A communication from Caroline Steliotes, regarding Protected bike lanes.
8. A communication from Cheryl Mazaik and Fred Hewett, regarding City Manager Agenda Item #7 (Appleton Street).
9. A communication from Cole Rainey-Slavick, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (5).
10. A communication from David Halperin, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (18).
11. A communication from Eleanor Jones, regarding Ban the use of toxic biosolids as fertilizer and compost.
12. A communication from El-Taha Muna, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (17).
13. A communication from Emily Massey, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (1).
14. A communication from Emmett McKinney, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (8).
15. A communication from Ethan Frank, regarding Intersection safety.
16. A communication from Fritz Hull, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay.
17. A communication from Ian Rudnick, regarding Supporting PO24#82.

18. A communication from Jackson Potter, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (6).
19. A communication from John Hanratty, regarding Policy Orders #2 & #4 Don't go far enough – FIX CSO – enact a REAL safety program for all.
20. A communication from Julia Pastreich, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (13).
21. A communication from Karishma Pradhan, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (14).
22. A communication from L Taylor, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (12).
23. A communication from Lee Farris, regarding Residents Alliance support for PO2 and PO4 - road safety for all.
24. A communication from Lester Tisdale, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (15).
25. A communication from Marc Spisto, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (11).
26. A communication from Martin Breu, regarding Safer streets now!
27. A communication from Merrill Hessingner, regarding Central Square Library/Green Street Garage Signatures.
28. A communication from Moody Ean, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (21).
29. A communication from Quinton Zondervan, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (7).
30. A communication from romac, regarding Appleton St is now a hazardous commuting highway.
31. A communication from Ryan Snider, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (3).
32. A communication from Sarah Slavick, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (4).
33. A communication from Sharon deVos, regarding Climate change request Stop Project Maple Expansion.
34. A communication from Sheetal Chhabria, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (22).
35. A communication from Tali Seiberg, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (16).
36. A communication from Ted Nebus, regarding Please support safety improvements for intersections and install separated bike lanes without delay (9).
37. A communication from Vickey Bestor, regarding *Gift of the Wind* and unmaintained infrastructure.
38. A communication from Young Kim, regarding Immediate Solutions to Amend Tabled Calendar #1 & Policy Order #4.
5. Congratulations to Police Officer Phillip DosSantos on his recent graduation from the Cambridge Police Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
6. Congratulations to Firefighter Nubian A. Brooks on his recent graduation from the Cambridge Fire Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
7. Congratulations to Police Officer Jennifer Gallagher on her recent graduation from the Cambridge Police Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
8. Congratulations to Police Officer Ashley Hamilton on her graduation from the Cambridge Police Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
9. Congratulations to Police Officer Katerina Morales on her recent graduation from the Cambridge Police Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
10. Congratulations to Police Officer Dominic Isidro on his graduation from the Cambridge Police Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
11. Congratulations to Police Officer Sabian Jenkins on his recent graduation from the Cambridge Police Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
12. Congratulations to Police Officer Brendon Lewis on his graduation from the Cambridge Police Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
13. Congratulations to Police Cameron Medeiros on his recent graduation from the Cambridge Police Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
14. Congratulations to Police Officer Saimon Teclezghi on their recent graduation from the Cambridge Police Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
15. Congratulations to Firefighter Conor P. Brown on his recent graduation from the Cambridge Fire Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
16. Congratulations to Firefighter Steven C. Debay on his recent graduation from the Cambridge Fire Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
17. Congratulations to Firefighter Nathan G. Dreher on his recent graduation from the Cambridge Fire Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
18. Congratulations to Firefighter Mary Catherine B. Dunne on her recent graduation from the Cambridge Fire Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
19. Congratulations to Firefighter Saroj Duwal on their graduation from the Cambridge Fire Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
20. Congratulations to Firefighter Daniel J. Galvin on his recent graduation from the Cambridge Fire Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
21. Congratulations to Firefighter Ronald A. Hyatt on his graduation from the Cambridge Fire Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
22. Congratulations to Firefighter Tenzin Kunchok on his recent graduation from the Cambridge Fire Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
23. Congratulations to Firefighter Kara A. Lutinski on her recent graduation from the Cambridge Fire Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Allen Kesten on his retirement from the Department of Human Services. Councillor Toner
2. Congratulations to Carolyn Rodrigues on her retirement from the Department of Human Services. Councillor Toner
3. Congratulations to Catherine Woodbury on her retirement from the Department of Public Works. Councillor Toner
4. Condolences on the death of Frank Galgay Jr. Councillor Toner

24. Congratulations to Firefighter Cameron T. Norton on his recent graduation from the Cambridge Fire Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
25. Congratulations to Firefighter Marc A. O'Brien on his recent graduation from the Cambridge Fire Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
26. Congratulations to Firefighter Patrick E. Piro on his recent graduation from the Cambridge Fire Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
27. Congratulations to Firefighter Derek F. Pope on his recent graduation from the Cambridge Fire Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
28. Congratulations to Firefighter Jeffrey W. Renzi on his recent graduation from the Cambridge Fire Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
29. Congratulations to Firefighter Paul J. Rhude on his recent graduation from the Cambridge Fire Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
30. Congratulations to Firefighter Robert F. Sanford on his recent graduation from the Cambridge Fire Academy. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Pickett
31. Appreciation to Catherine Preston Connolly for her dedicated service to the City of Cambridge and its citizens. Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Pickett, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Wilson
32. Congratulations to Kendall Square Association and the winners of the 2024 Kendall Square Challenge Block Party. Councillor Wilson, Councillor Siddiqui
33. Thanks to Katherine Beaty for her outstanding service, leadership, and advocacy in promoting safe biking and active transportation in Cambridge. Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Siddiqui
34. Gratitude to City Workers at DPW. Councillor Nolan, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Vice Mayor McGovern

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Economic Development and University Relations Committee** held a public hearing on May 29, 2024 to follow up on its Sept 27, 2023 meeting on the City's recent Disparity Study focused on the procurement of goods and services. The purpose of this hearing was to receive and update from City staff on any progress made in developing strategies to reduce barriers and promote City efforts to contract with more minority and women owned businesses identified in the Disparity Study. [[text of report](#)]
Present: Toner, Wilson
Remote Present: Siddiqui, Sobrinho-Wheeler
Also Present: Pickett, Nolan
Absent: McGovern

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF24#90)

HEARING SCHEDULE

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.

Tues, July 16

12:00pm The **Human Services and Veterans Committee** will hold a public hearing to receive an update from the City's Opioid Task Force and local providers regarding the opioid crisis in Cambridge and current and future interventions.

Mon, Aug 5

5:30pm Special (Midsummer) City Council Meeting

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 June 24, 2024

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Disability Pride Month is a time to recognize, celebrate, and honor the contributions, achievements, and diverse experiences of individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: This month serves as an important opportunity to promote awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the disability community, advocating for equal rights, inclusion, and accessibility for all; and

WHEREAS: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), signed into law on July 26, 1990, has been instrumental in ensuring the civil rights of people with disabilities, promoting their full participation in society, and prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability; and

WHEREAS: Individuals with disabilities enrich our communities, schools, workplaces, and social environments with their unique perspectives, talents, and contributions; and

WHEREAS: Disability Pride Month is a time to celebrate the diversity of the disability community, including people of all ages, races, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, and socioeconomic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS: We acknowledge the ongoing efforts and dedication of advocates, organizations, and allies who work tirelessly to advance the rights, inclusion, and well-being of individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Fostering an inclusive and equitable society requires the collective effort of all citizens to remove barriers, challenge

stereotypes, and support the rights and dignity of individuals with disabilities; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Council go on record recognizing July, 2024 as “Disability Pride Month” in Cambridge, Massachusetts and encourages all citizens to join in celebrating the achievements and contributions of individuals with disabilities and to promote a more inclusive and accessible society for all.

O-2 June 24, 2024
COUNCILLOR PICKETT
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: There are a number of important transportation projects currently underway and more are being planned around Cambridge that will impact traffic throughout Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: These projects include the MassDOT’s Reid Overpass Project, MassDOT’s Cambridge-Alewife Brook Parkway Bridge replacement project and DCR’s Memorial Drive (Road Diet) Project; and

WHEREAS: While these are not Cambridge projects, they impact the operation of our streets and, as such, the City should monitor and proactively inform residents, businesses and public safety officials as to the ongoing status of these projects; and

WHEREAS: The City should have a means for clear communication with the project managers of these inter-jurisdictional projects in order to ensure the timely sharing of information with residents, businesses, and public safety officials, and for the City to provide feedback and input as may be appropriate on these projects; now therefore be it

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is directed to provide its plan for keeping residents, businesses and public safety officials informed about the status of current interjurisdictional transportation projects; and be it further

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is directed to develop for future inter-jurisdictional transportation projects a system to ensure coordinated and timely communication between multiple parties involved in such projects and report back to the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee in a time fashion.

O-3 June 24, 2024
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR NOLAN
COUNCILLOR WILSON

WHEREAS: Access to affordable, quality health care is a human right and a fundamental component of a decent and just society; and

WHEREAS: Currently 200,000 Massachusetts residents lack health insurance, while many more are unable to access care, even with insurance, due to high out-of-pocket costs; and

WHEREAS Lack of health insurance may cause residents to defer care, which can lead to worse individual and public health outcomes and greater expenses as lower cost preventative care is replaced by higher cost interventions when individuals become severely ill; and

WHEREAS: The money spent by municipalities to cover their employees and retirees is a large cost to both the employer and the employees, as well as a cause of difficult collective bargaining; and

WHEREAS: The continued rise in costs of employment-based health insurance negatively affects our local economy by incentivizing businesses and municipalities to reduce staffing, defer raises, and hire more workers on a part-time basis; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts Senate Bill 744 and House Bill 1239, *An Act establishing Medicare for All in Massachusetts*, sponsored by Senator Eldridge and Representative Sabadosa, would establish the Massachusetts Health Care Trust, funded through a payroll tax that is less costly to Massachusetts residents than their current premiums, deductibles, and copays; and

WHEREAS: The legislation would cover all necessary preventive care and medical treatment, enable people to see their current—or any—in-state provider for health care and providing for out-of-state emergency care, and ensure health decisions are made between patients and their health care providers, not insurance adjusters; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record as being committed to providing high quality health care to all residents and in strong support of H.1239/S.744; 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 State House delegation and State House leadership.

O-4 June 24, 2024
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER
COUNCILLOR WILSON
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR NOLAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a report to the City on the status of PILOT discussions about its PILOT agreement with the City with Harvard at the summer Council meeting and a plan for regular updates going forward; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the City Auditor, Assessor’s Department, and relevant staff to provide the City Council with an analysis of the current valuation of tax-exempt property owned by Harvard University at the summer City Council meeting.

O-5 June 24, 2024
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER
COUNCILLOR WILSON
MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: In the United States, last year it was estimated that 15,190 children and teenagers between 0 and 19 years of age were diagnosed with cancer, leading to the deaths of 1,590 children and adolescents due to the disease, not including other health complications that occur later in life; and

WHEREAS: Although pediatric cancer is rare, it remains the leading cause of death by disease for children after infancy in the United States, becoming even rarer thanks to investments and advances in cancer research; and

WHEREAS: September marks Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, with events happening across the country to raise awareness of this disease, including the 1Million Families March in Washington, DC and 11 other cities across the country to call for an increase in funding toward pediatric cancer research; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record recognizing September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in honor of the countless lives lost to and friends and families affected by pediatric cancer; 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 Ahmad Butler Foundation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-6 June 24, 2024
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR WILSON
COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: In 2021, to help families begin investing in children's future, the City of Cambridge, and Cambridge Public Schools partnered with East Cambridge Savings Bank to open savings accounts for Kindergarten students and deposit \$50 on their behalf; and

WHEREAS: This program encourages young children to save early and learn about the importance of having a financially secure future and savings for college, vocational school, or post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS: The goal is that all Kindergarten students and their families will have the opportunity to learn about important financial habits, banking, saving, and spending; and

WHEREAS: Since the program's inception, there have not been any updates regarding how many families have participated each year or any adjustments made; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with an update on the Children Savings Accounts Program that includes how many families are using the account, what the impact has been for families, and any feedback or recommendations families or partners might have.

O-7 June 24, 2024
COUNCILLOR NOLAN
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge and its various departments process applications and petitions for a number of different purposes and many application requirements require hardcopy printing of many copies, which can lead to wasteful consumption of paper; and

WHEREAS: The City Council goal of sustainability has led the City to improve operations wherever possible, for example efforts to reduce unnecessary [plastic bottle waste](#) at city sponsored events and the City Council's own efforts to reduce unnecessary printing of agendas, though the City should be making more of an effort to reduce unnecessary paper and printing waste; and

WHEREAS: Given the prevalence of virtual and hybrid meetings, and given the ability, and often preference, to view application documents online, many printed documents are not even used; this waste runs counter to City sustainability and waste reduction goals; and

WHEREAS: The Planning Board [Special Permit Application Checklist](#) requires 10 hardcopies of narrative pages and 4 hard copies of all appendices submitted; appendices alone have eleven required submission categories and submitted applications can be hundreds of pages long, all of which can be viewed electronically; and

WHEREAS: Other City operations can also involve application materials, all of which should be reviewed to see if fewer hardcopy submissions can be used, including Board of Zoning Appeals, License Commission, Curb Cuts, ISD Permits and any other paper-based filing systems; and

WHEREAS: Circumstances do exist where paper filing is required and/or useful and a limited number of hardcopies can be produced; however, for the majority of circumstances, cutting down on the number of hardcopies delivered can be helpful to both applicants as well as to City sustainability and waste reduction goals; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments to consider a number of city application processes and find ways to reduce paper and printing waste; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council by September 2024.

O-8 June 24, 2024
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER
COUNCILLOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: One in three Massachusetts residents struggles with mental health challenges; and

WHEREAS: Pioneering research from Johns Hopkins and Harvard Medical School finds that natural psychedelics can be effective in managing treatment-resistant depression and other forms of mental illness; and

WHEREAS: The FDA recently granted psilocybin, one of the psychedelics, a "breakthrough therapy" designation for treatment-resistant depression; and

WHEREAS: Natural psychedelics have been found to treat severe forms of mental illness including PTSD, anxiety, depression, and some forms of addiction; and

WHEREAS: A ballot question, "[Initiative Petition for a Law Relative to the Regulation and Tax of Natural Psychedelics](#)," has been filed for the 2024 statewide election that would decriminalize the use of certain psychedelic substances for psychedelic-assisted therapy for adults 21 and older, similar to ballots passed in Colorado (2022) and Oregon (2020); and

WHEREAS: The ballot question would create a regulated therapeutic framework for psychedelic-assisted therapy, decriminalize the personal possession of five naturally occurring psychedelic substances, create a Commission, supported by an Advisory Board made up of subject-matter experts, allow for licensed psychedelic therapy centers to provide psychedelic services to individuals on-site only, and create a rigorous safety prescreening requirement for individuals to qualify for psychedelic-assisted therapy; and

WHEREAS: The ballot question would create a responsible regulated program for therapeutic access to natural psychedelics that would allow veterans with PTSD and seriously ill patients to find relief from the anxiety, depression and existential distress they commonly experience; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in support of the natural psychedelics ballot question, "Initiative Petition for a Law Relative to the Regulation and Tax of Natural Psychedelics."