

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a COVID-19 update.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to new appointments and reappointments of the following persons as members of the Cambridge Health Alliance Board of Trustees.  
**New Appointments:** **Danielle Allen** (Cambridge, 1-year term), **Joseph Curtatone** (Somerville, 3-year term)  
**Reappointments:** **Lori Lander** (Cambridge, 3-year term), **Claire Laporte** (Cambridge, 3-year term), **Bryan Simmons** (Somerville, 3-year term)
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request from the Board of Election Commissioners recommending the relocation of polling sites, in accordance with Chapter 255 of the Acts of 2020, as amended by Chapter 5 of the Acts of 2021 and Chapter 29 of the Acts of 2021.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$227,438 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$17,057) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$210,381) which will be used for shelter operating costs; providing essential services to homeless persons outside of the shelter setting; and rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention case management needed to gain or retain permanent housing.
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$5,952,650 received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$374,538), to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$5,574,612), and to the Grant Fund Human Services Travel and Training account (\$3,500) which will be used to contract with homeless services providers and cover the costs related to serving homeless persons in Cambridge.
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 22-32 relative to an update on progress made in regard to LGBTQ+-Friendly Housing efforts.
7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$500,000, from Free Cash to the Public Works Public Investment Fund Extraordinary Expenditures account to fund the purchase of a Mack LR Electric rubbish packer.
8. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of appropriation and authorization to borrow \$4,500,000 to provide funds for the design and construction of building renovations to the vacant City owned property at 105 Windsor Street.

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ORDERED: That \$4,500,000 is appropriated, for the purpose of financing the design and construction of building renovations to the City owned property at 105 Windsor Street.; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the City Manager is authorized to borrow \$4,500,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority.

9. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$720,106 from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the HOME Program to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$648,095.40) and to the Grant Fund Community Development Salary & Wages account (\$72,010.60) which will continue the development and rehabilitation of affordable housing in the City of Cambridge.
10. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$2,216,183 received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of the Housing Opportunities for People with Aids (HOPWA) Grant to the Grant Fund Community Development Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$2,149,697.51) and to the Grant Fund Community Development Department Salaries and Wages Account (\$66,485.49) which will be used for assisted living programs and supportive services, shelter services, rental assistance and housing search services as well as for the Community Development Department's administration of the HOPWA program.
11. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the authorization of a spending limit of \$1,650,000 for Fiscal Year 2023, 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."

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ORDERED: That the City Council authorize the spending limit of \$1,650,000 for Fiscal Year 2023, 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."

12. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request from Boston Properties Limited Partnership ("Boston Properties") asking to modify two existing open space restrictive covenants on two parks, Broadway Park (also known as South Park) and Binney Park (also known as North Park). Boston Properties has indicated that this request is being made to facilitate the relocation of Eversource's proposed electrical substation from its property at 135 Fulkerson Street to the so-called "Blue Garage" site within the Mixed-Use Development (MXD) District in Kendall Square owned by affiliates of

Boston Properties Limited Partnership (“BPLP”), as contemplated by the zoning amendment ordained by the City Council on February 3, 2021 as Ordinance No. 2020-17 (the “2021 MXD Amendment”) and the further build-out of this site as described below and will include replacement of the open space that will be lost due to this project.

#### **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. An application was received from Joseph Correia representing Kittie Knox Community Cycle Center, requesting permission for an awning and blade sign at the premises numbered 181 Morgan Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters. [Charter Right – Simmons, June 13, 2022]

#### **ON THE TABLE**

2. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Director of the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department to limit the blocking off of Memorial Drive to vehicular traffic to Sundays. [Charter Right – Toner, May 23, 2022; Tabled June 6, 2022]

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

3. Amendment to Article 22 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge entitled “SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT” to insert a new section. [Referred to Ordinance Committee, Feb 7, 2022]
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$49,000,000 to provide additional funds for the construction of the Tobin Montessori and Vassal Lane Upper Schools project located at 197 Vassal Lane. [Passed to 2nd Reading June 13, 2022; To Be Adopted on or after June 27, 2022]

#### **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from John Peterson representing The Harvard Shop, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 1380 Massachusetts Avenue. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and proof of mailing of abutter has been provided.
2. An application was received from Cameron Ingram requesting permission for two electrical pole banners and one temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue and Norfolk Street announcing the Central Square Farmer Market (Mass Farmers Markets) from May 16, 2022 through Nov 21, 2022.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from YY Chin, regarding Concerns over removed parking spots for bike lanes.
2. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding Bike lane costs.
3. A communication was received from Raji Patel, regarding Review of City's Tax Collection Policies.
4. A communication was received from Jenny Payette, regarding Progress report on the Cycling Safety Ordinance.

5. A communication was received from Jenny Payette, regarding Lawsuit.
6. A communication was received from Ellery St. homeowners Diane Reposa, Dana Tighe, George Lanzillo, regarding Cambridge Streets for All.
7. A communication was received from Ellen Sebring, regarding Cambridge Cycling Safety Ordinance.
8. A communication was received from Candace Young, regarding Transportation.
9. A communication was received from Annette LaMond, regarding Comments on Brattle Street Bike Lane Proposal .

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution on the death of Abney Bourne. Councillor Simmons
2. Congratulations to Kimberly Massenburg on her recent engagement. Councillor Simmons
3. Congratulations to Puja Krantz Howe and Seri Roth on their engagement. Councillor Simmons
4. Congratulations to Margaret Buckley on her retirement from The Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner
5. Resolution on the death of Gary Reddick. Councillor Simmons
6. Congratulations to Karen Leighton on her retirement from CRLS. Councillor Toner
7. Retirement of Susan Ruff from her position as Director of Cambridge Youth Soccer. Councillor McGovern
8. Congratulations to Louis A. DePasquale on his retirement from his position as City Manager for the City of Cambridge. Councillor Toner, Councillor Simmons
9. Congratulations and thank you to Reverend Adam Lawrence Dyer as he leaves his position of Lead Minister at The First Parish in Cambridge. Councillor Simmons
10. Congratulations to Deborah Avant on her retirement from the position of Cambridge Youth Soccer Registrar. Councillor McGovern
11. Congratulations to James P. Maloney on the occasion of his retirement from the position of Chief Operating Officer of the Cambridge Public Schools. Councillor Toner, Councillor Simmons
12. That the City Council go on record congratulating Fatimah Asghar on her accomplishments as a writer, poet, and screenwriter. Mayor Siddiqui
13. Congratulations to Liz Walker and Matt Coogan on the birth of their daughter, Margot Walker Coogan. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan
14. Congratulations to Arthur Goldberg on his retirement from the position of Deputy City Solicitor for the City of Cambridge. Councillor Toner
15. Congratulations to James Monagle on his retirement from the position of City Auditor for the City of Cambridge. Councillor Toner

## ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Parks Department and Department of Public Works to compile a report on City fields outlining what the field is currently used for and amenities at the fields such as: lighting, dugouts, batting cages, benches, etc. Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Toner, Councillor Azeem
2. That the City Manager is requested to more fully review the dramatically growing need for expanded Traffic Calming, Traffic Signals and Vision Zero infrastructure through the city. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui
3. City Council support of H.2088 and in commendation of the efforts of Representatives Decker and Fernandes. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Azeem
4. That the City Manager is requested to work with all relative City departments and the residents surrounding Paine Park on St. Mary's Street, to allow off leash dog hours from 7 to 9am in the park. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Azeem
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, and the Harvard Square Advisory Committee on a plan for piloting more street closures for pedestrianization. Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor Mallon

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee met on Apr 5, 2022 to conduct a public hearing on Ordinance #2022-8, an ordinance amending Parking minimums and maximums.
  - A. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct staff from the Community Development and Law Departments to examine the Zoning Ordinance and provide amendment language for consideration by the City Council to remove all other references to parking minimums, including in Articles 13.000, 14.000, 15.000, 16.000, 17.000, and 20.000. Councillor Azeem, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern [Charter Right – Simmons, Feb 7, 2022; Referred to Committee Feb 28, 2022]

## COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity.
2. A communication was received from Councillor Simmons, transmitting Citizen Petition re Hoyt Field.
3. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee.

## HEARING SCHEDULE

[Sullivan Chamber & Zoom unless otherwise noted]

### Thurs, June 23

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

### Mon, June 27

4:30pm The City Council will hold a Virtual Special Meeting to conduct a strategy session in preparation for contract negotiations with the new City Manager. The meeting will commence in Open Session and then move to enter Executive Session for the above stated purpose. In addition, in the Executive Session the City Council will review minutes from a prior Executive Session that was held on March 7, 2022 to “discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property as discussion in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the City Council.” (Virtual Meeting, not televised)

5:30pm City Council Meeting

### Tues, June 28

12:30pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the recent MBTA bus network redesign.

### Wed, June 29

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

### Wed, July 27

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

### Mon, Aug 1

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting

### Mon, Sept 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting

### Mon, Sept 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting

### Mon, Oct 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting

### Mon, Oct 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting

### Mon, Oct 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting

### Mon, Oct 31

5:30pm City Council Meeting

### Mon, Nov 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting

### Mon, Nov 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting

### Mon, Nov 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting

### Mon, Nov 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, Dec 5**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, Dec 12**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, Dec 19**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 June 27, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR TONER

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: The City has many recreational fields that are used for a wide range of activities, and the conditions of these fields vary across the city; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Parks Department and Department of Public Works to compile a report on City fields outlining what the field is currently used for, and available amenities at the fields such as: lighting, dugouts, batting cages, benches, etc.; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back by the August 1, 2022 summer City Council meeting.

O-2 June 27, 2022

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The design principle behind the engineering of urban roads has changed significantly over the last 70 years; and

WHEREAS: Initially focusing (since the mid-1950's) on promoting a maximum of vehicles moving through the city at relatively high speeds and minimally interrupting this flow with pedestrian crossings, stop signs, and traffic lights at key intersections; and

WHEREAS: After repeated requests, the state finally allowed Cambridge to lower speed limits to 25 miles per hour on main connector streets and 20 miles per hour on neighborhood streets; and

WHEREAS: Although most drivers generally follow these speed limits, approximately 15% or one out of 7 vehicles (cars, vans, and trucks) travel significantly faster on our by-ways - raising the likelihood of accidents and serious injuries to others using the public way; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has begun redesigning and reconstructing its road network to promote greater safety and lowering vehicle speed on major connecting streets including the award-winning Western Avenue Project; and

WHEREAS: Over recent years a growing number of residents have complained of the increasing number of speeding cars and trucks on their residential streets including but not limited to Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, and portions of Concord Avenue, Garden Street, Linnaean Street, Sherman Street, Third Street, and Washington Avenue; and

WHEREAS: The \$800,000,000 city budget for 2023 has continued to include very limited funds to increase safety on these residential streets as follows: Traffic Calming \$250,000, Traffic Signals \$350,000, and Vision Zero \$300,000; and

WHEREAS: In late 2021, Cambridge was reimbursed \$5,000,000 by the MBTA for the construction of the Lechmere Green Line Train Station; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager, along with his staff, be and hereby is requested to more fully review the dramatically growing need for expanded Traffic Calming, Traffic Signals and Vision Zero infrastructure through the city; and be it further

ORDERED: That the above \$5,000,000 refund be redirected toward those residential streets that require Traffic Calming, Traffic Signals and Vision Zero improvements as soon as possible.

O-3 June 27, 2022

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: The ongoing, COVID 19 pandemic has greatly exacerbated and increased the challenges faced by those struggling with Substance Use Disorder; and

WHEREAS: The continuing contamination of nearly all substances available on our streets with fentanyl has significantly increased the risks and lethality faced by those seeking to cope with their chaotic drug use; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Department of Public Health released, earlier this month, demoralizing statistics indicating that overdose deaths in Massachusetts increased by 9% during 2021; and

WHEREAS: Among medical, public health and harm reduction experts-world wide-with near unanimity, agree that Safe Consumption Service (SCS) are a proven and effective tool for assisting those struggling with chaotic drug use; and

WHEREAS: State Representatives Marjorie Decker and Dylan Fernandes have introduced H. 2088; An Act Relative to Preventing Overdose Deaths And Increasing Access to Treatment, in the Massachusetts House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS: H. 2088 has been favorably reported out by the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery; and

WHEREAS: The services and support proposed in H. 2088 would provide those dealing with chaotic drug use with a means to avoid overdose death and injection related infections; and

WHEREAS: The services proposed in H. 2088 have been shown to also significantly increase participation in treatment and other forms of self-care by those availing themselves of them; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has consistently sought to support and promote the safety and health of all



citizens and residents of our community, including those with chaotic substance use; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in support of H.2088 and in commendation of the efforts of Representatives Decker and Fernandes; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitable engrossed of this resolution to the Speaker of the House and the president of the Senate of the Massachusetts General Court as a true expression of this Council's sentiments.

O-4 June 27, 2022

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: Mid-Cambridge and the Harrington-Wellington neighborhoods are densely populated and have limited open space; and

WHEREAS: This lack of open space has only been made more difficult with the ongoing renovations of Sennott Park; and

WHEREAS: This lack of open space has resulted in limited space for dog owners to have off-leash areas for their dogs and these neighborhoods lack fenced in dog parks; and

WHEREAS: This lack of open space has resulted in residents using parks for their dogs that is not allowed, causing issues with the Animal Commission; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all relative City departments and the residents surrounding Paine Park on St. Mary's Street, to allow off leash dog hours from 7 to 9am in the park; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all relative City departments and the Mid-Cambridge/Harrington-Wellington neighborhoods on identifying other off-leash opportunities and potential fenced in dog parks.

O-5 June 27, 2022

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: During the COVID-19 pandemic, the benefits of new ways to approach public spaces are evident, including enhancing outdoor spaces by creating on-street patios and closing certain streets to vehicular traffic for community enjoyment; and

WHEREAS: Cities often benefit from the pedestrianization of highly trafficked areas, including an increase in safety and an open space for restaurant seating, retail, and residents; and

WHEREAS: In the fall of 2019, the Council unanimously passed an [order](#) asking for the city to consider selecting streets in Harvard Square for closure to vehicle traffic on a select number of days in the summer of 2020; and

WHEREAS: In the fall of 2020, the Council passed an [order](#) asking that the City consult with stakeholders and implement a pilot program to close some streets on weekends and possibly weeknights in Harvard Square, as

well as establish a stakeholder committee to study traffic impacts; and

WHEREAS: At a Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebrations Committee [meeting](#) in November of 2020, there was discussion about a desire for implementation of a pilot program and increased pedestrianization of Harvard Square to move forward, and the steps taken to enliven Harvard Square include a Sunday market on Church Street which are positive developments that do not go far enough; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, and the Harvard Square Advisory Committee on a plan for piloting more closures and developing a long-term vision as quickly as possible; and be it further

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