

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a federal update and the Law Department will provide an update on relevant court cases. (CM25#177) [[text of report](#)]
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the Board of Election Commissioners for the City Council to vote to authorize in-person early voting for the November 4, 2025 Municipal Election, in accordance with "The VOTES Act". (CM25#178) [[text of report](#)]
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the 2024 Transportation Demand Management Program Report. (CM25#179) [[text of report](#)]
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 25-30, regarding a review of barriers to housing production, a timeline for next Inclusionary Housing Study, and the feasibility of additional development incentives. (CM25#180) [[text of report](#)]
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 25-36, regarding a request that the language of the Welcoming Community Ordinance be amended to clarify that City employees shall not participate in federal immigration enforcement operations and that the sole role of City employees during any action by ICE is only to protect public safety, and be amended to clarify that if Cambridge Police Department Officers respond to the scene of ICE action, CPD Officers should document the actions of ICE including their badge numbers. (CM25#181) [[text of report](#)]
6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to an update on the first half of 2025. (CM25#182) [[text of report](#)]
7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the 2025 Goals and Metrics for the Annual City Manager Performance Review. (CM25#183) [[text of report](#)]
8. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment of **Florrie Darwin**, **Scott Kyle**, and **Michael Rogove**; and the reappointments of **Chandra Harrington**, **Joseph Ferrara**, **Kyle Sheffield**, **Gavin Kleespies**, **Paula Paris**, **Elizabeth Lyster**, and **Yuting Zhang** as members of the **Cambridge Historical Commission**. (CM25#184) [[text of report](#)]

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments to explore creative solutions that reduce car dependency, while expanding access to parking options nearby Broadway. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zusy, Councillor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor McGovern (PO25#100)

2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the City Solicitor to ensure that the wording for the proposed amendment to Section 5.40 Footnote #2 is in line with the City Council's intention to continue to include the inclusionary requirement for any nonreligious use property that is going above four stories, and to strike "except for religious purposes" used from Section 5.40 Footnotes #1 and #37. Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Nolan (PO25#101)
3. That the Mayor is hereby appointing a committee, to be announced in the coming days, to screen applicants for the position of City Clerk. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Toner (PO25#102)
4. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments to continue to work with stakeholders in the area including Harvard University and the Harvard Square Business Association to pursue options for pedestrianization on Lower Bow Street and to report on the option for automatic bollards for Winthrop and/or Bow Street. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler (PO25#103)
5. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments to prepare an interim report on demolition requests and building permit applications, in order to facilitate a discussion on the outcomes observed during the first six months of the new Multifamily Housing Zoning. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Azeem (PO25#104)
6. That the Human Services and Veterans Committee hold a meeting in Fall 2025 and extend an invitation to the Superintendent of Cambridge Public Schools and the School Committee to discuss the progress and future direction of the Cambridge Preschool Program. Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Wilson, Vice Mayor McGovern (PO25#105)

ON THE TABLE

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 25-22, regarding a request to work with the School Department, the Department of Public Works, and other relevant departments to open the publicly owned parking at the King Open/Cambridge Street Upper School Complex for either residential free parking or commercial parking opportunities during "off" hours. [Tabled – May 5, 2025] (CM25#113)
2. That the City Manager is requested to explore with the Government Operations Committee whether the functions of the Peace Commission may be improved and enhanced by bringing them within another City Commission or Department, such as the Human Rights Commission, and report back in a timely manner. [Charter Right – Simmons, May 19, 2025; Tabled June 2, 2025] (PO25#76)
3. That the City Council go on record thanking SEIU 32BJ for their vigilance, partnership and advocacy on behalf of

unionized workers. [Charter Right – Simmons, June 16, 2025; Tabled – June 23, 2025]

4. That the City Council go on record expressing its profound disappointment over Apex Clean Energy’s decision to forgo the use of local union labor on the Bowman Wind Project. [Tabled as Amended June 23, 2025] (PO25#94)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a revised draft of the “Eastern Cambridge Community Enhancements” Zoning Petition. [Placed on Unfinished Business, June 9, 2025] (CM25#153)
6. An Ordinance has been received from City Clerk, relative to East Cambridge Community Enhancement Overlay District (“ECCE Overlay District”), which is governed by the regulations and procedures specified in this Section 20.1200. It is the intent of this Section that these regulations will apply to land within the ECCE Overlay District. [Passed to 2nd Reading, June 9, 2025] (ORD25#10)
7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to an amendment to the Fresh Pond Golf Pro Shop Fund ordinance to enable the funds to be used to cover the purchase of office supplies for the shop and the purchase of supplies and services for the care, maintenance, and improvement of the golf course, shop, and parking lot. [Placed on Unfinished Business, June 9, 2025] (CM25#151)
8. An Ordinance has been received from Interim City Clerk, relative to Fresh Pond Golf Course Revolving Fund Amendments to Section 3.24.070 – Authorized Revolving Funds. [Passed to 2nd Reading, June 9, 2025] (ORD25#11)

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Yung Chen, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 527 Green Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Response has been received from the neighborhood association. (AP25#25)
2. An application was received from representing Lou’s Harvard Square, requesting permission for a projecting blade sign at the premises numbered 13 Brattle Street. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter. (AP25#26)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Aaron Rosenthal, re: Policy Order #94 (Apex Clean Energy) Written Testimony and Report.
2. Ashley Gaschk, re: ND AFL-CIO comments on Policy Order #94 (Apex Clean Energy).
3. Catherine Forde-Augustine, re: Policy orders 2025-88 & 89 rejected.
4. Darrin Korte, re: Letter of Support for Amendment to Community Benefits Ordinance.

5. Erin Shackelford, re: Support for Policy Order #94 (Apex Clean Energy).
6. Heather Hoffman, re: Larkin v. Grendel’s Den, Inc., 459 U.S. 116 (1982).
7. Kirsten Spalding, re: Policy Order #94 (Apex Clean Energy),
8. Luis Mejias, re: Reject pending NCD appointments.
9. Marilee Meyer, re: Government Operations rules... term limits CHC NCDs.
10. Marilee Meyer, re: vetting in public NCDs and CHCs.
11. Nonie Valentine, re: Support historical commission and conservation districts.
12. Rachel Plummer, re: In Support of Policy Order #3 Amendments to Community Benefits Ordinance.
13. Sarah L. Merin, re: Please!! The Heat Is On.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Caron Courier on her retirement from the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
2. Congratulations to Jimmy Hamamoto on his retirement from the Cambridge Public Schools. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
3. Congratulations to Margaret Ranstrom on her retirement from the Department of Transportation. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
4. Congratulations to Linda Vierboom on her retirement from the Water Department. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
5. Congratulations to Dennis Vigilante on his retirement from the Cambridge Fire Department. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
6. Congratulations to Firefighter Donald Johnson on his retirement from the Cambridge Fire Department. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
7. Congratulations to Robert Anderka on his retirement from the Department of Transportation. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
8. Congratulations to Joseph Grassi on his retirement from the Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
9. Congratulations to Captain Robert Jutras on his retirement from the Cambridge Fire Department. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
10. Congratulations to Steven Kelley on his retirement from the Cambridge Fire Department. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
11. Congratulations to Lieutenant Miguel Torres on his retirement from the Cambridge Fire Department. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
12. Congratulations to Sergeant Beth C. Halloran on her promotion to the rank of Lieutenant in the Cambridge Police

- Department. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
13. Congratulations to Sergeant Timothy P. Lawton on his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant with the Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
 14. Congratulations Sergeant Sean Norton on his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant with the Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
 15. Congratulations to Officer Michael A. Bonilla on his promotion to the rank of Sergeant with the Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
 16. Congratulations to Officer Stephen Lenkauskas on his promotion to the rank of Sergeant with the Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
 17. Congratulations to Officer Kyle Galuski on his promotion to the rank of Sergeant with the Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
 18. Congratulations to Officer Robert P. Reardon on his promotion to the rank of Sergeant with the Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
 19. Congratulations Officer Pamela Morris on her promotion to the rank of Sergeant with the Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
 20. Congratulations to Superintendent Pauline Wells on being awarded the 2025 Massachusetts Association of Women in Law Enforcement Organization Heritage Award. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
 21. Congratulations to Kelly Tarney on her retirement from the Cambridge Public School Department. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
 22. Congratulations to Richard Kelly on his retirement from the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
 23. Condolences to the family of John Diamond. Councillor Toner
 24. Congratulations to Donald “Ducky” Down on his retirement from the Department of Public Works. Councillor Toner, Vice Mayor McGovern

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Ordinance Committee** held a public hearing on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 to continue the discussion on a Zoning Petition by Mushla Marasao, et al. to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance in Sections 5.28.21, 8.22.1, 8.22.2, and Table 5.1 with the intent to remove gross floor

area (GFA) and floor area ratio (FAR) limitations for religious uses, permit conforming additions to nonconforming structures without limitation for religious uses, and permit religious uses with the same dimensional limitations as residential uses except that in a Residence C-1 district permeable open space would not be required, buildings would be permitted up to 6 stories and 74 feet above grade without meeting inclusionary housing requirements, and buildings taller than 35 feet and 3 stories above grade would not be required to notify neighbors and hold a meeting. The Ordinance Committee voted favorably to forward the Mushla Marasao, et al. Zoning Petition to the full City Council with no recommendation. [\[text of report\]](#)

A. An Ordinance has been received from Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk, relative to the Marasao Mushla et al Zoning petition in regard to Article 5.28.21, 8.22.1, 8.22.2, Tbl 5.1. (ORD25#12)

2. The **Government Operations, Rules, and Claims**

Committee held a public hearing on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 to discuss term limits and appointments to Neighborhood Conservation Districts and the Historical Commission, CM25#145, CM25#146, and CM25#147. The Government Operations, Rules, and Claims Committee voted favorably to forward CM25#145, CM25#146, and CM25#147 to the full City Council with no recommendation. [\[text of report\]](#)

A. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointments of Florrie Darwin, Scott Kyle, and Michael Rogove and the reappointments of Chandra Harrington, Joseph Ferrara, Elizabeth Lyster, Yuting Zhang, Gavin Kleespies, Paula Paris, and Kyle Sheffield. (CM25#145)

B. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment Sarah Holt, Emily Oldshue, and Ruth Webb and the reappointments of Marie-Pierre Dillenseger, Donna Marcantonio, and Peter Schur to the Half Crown-Marsh Neighborhood Conservation District Commission. (CM25#146)

C. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Nondita Mehrotra, and the reappointments of Constantin von Wentzel, Heli Meltsner, McKelden Smith, Theresa Hamacher, and Freweyni Gebrehiwet to the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Commission. (CM25#147)

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF25#100)

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, June 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Aug 4

5:30pm Special (Midsummer) City Council Meeting

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 June 30, 2025

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR ZUSY

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Safe, efficient, accessible, and sustainable transportation is a stated goal of the City Council and the City of Cambridge, with a citywide network of bicycle facilities – including separated bike lanes – as a key part of that vision, and being sensitive to the needs of all residents including those who rely on cars and walking; and

WHEREAS: Per the Cycling Safety Ordinance, passed in 2019 and amended in 2020, the installation of separated bike lanes as part of the [Broadway Safety Improvement Project](#) is scheduled for 2025 and 2026, and to ensure safe transit, will reallocate much of the public way on Broadway which will reduce as much as 60% of on-street parking spaces; and

WHEREAS: Many residents – as well as City employees and vehicles – continue to rely on parking along Broadway and its adjacent side streets near the City Hall Annex, the Department of Public Works, and nearby schools; and

WHEREAS: In order to help mitigate parking impacts of the Cycling Safety Ordinance, the City Council has requested that the City open up parking access at City-owned facilities – particularly school complexes – for public use, as outlined in [PO25#38](#) and [PO25#72](#), which are currently under consideration by the School Department and the School Committee; and

WHEREAS: There are several creative strategies that could improve parking access and/or reduce parking demand, including:

- Consolidating existing shuttle services to establish a citywide free shuttle, as is currently being explored by the Transportation Department;
- Expanding BlueBike stations along Broadway;
- Supporting and expanding car-sharing options;
- Assess if flexible parking should be expanded to more areas of the city;
- Exploring opportunities to make city-owned and privately-owned parking lots, such as Harvard's Felton Street garage, available for resident use during off-hours; and

WHEREAS: Such options could help mitigate the impact of reduced on-street parking and provide alternatives for those who rely on motor vehicles; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments, including the Community Development, the Department of Transportation, and Public Works Departments, to explore creative solutions that reduce car dependency, while expanding access to parking options nearby Broadway, including the temporary use of City-owned lots and privately-owned facilities during the Port Infrastructure Improvement Project; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City staff to engage in intensive outreach to residents, businesses, schools, and other property owners along Broadway to communicate the option of Commercial Parking Permits; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments to develop incentives for City employees to commute by means other than single-occupancy vehicles; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a report back to the City Council in a timely manner on progress made toward implementing these measures.

O-2 June 30, 2025

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: The Ordinance Committee met on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 and voted favorably; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to ensure that the wording for the proposed amendment to Section 5.40 Footnote #2 is in line with the City Council's intention to continue to include the inclusionary requirement for any nonreligious use property that is going above four stories, and to strike "except for religious purposes" used from Section 5.40 Footnotes #1 and #37.

O-3 June 30, 2025

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

COUNCILLOR TONER

ORDERED: That the Mayor is hereby appointing a committee, to be announced in the coming days, to screen applicants for the position of City Clerk; and be it further

ORDERED: That this committee shall be charged with reviewing applications, interviewing candidates, and recommending finalists for consideration by the full City Council.

O-4 June 30, 2025

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: The City Council and the community have expressed support for more street closures in the area of Harvard Square, including [PO22#129](#), [PO20#188](#), and [PO19#321](#), and the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee held a meeting in [November of 2020](#) about increased pedestrianization of Harvard Square; and

WHEREAS: Additionally, the FY26 Budget appropriates money towards a Harvard Square Pedestrianization Study, showing a commitment by the City Manager to pursuing long term pedestrianization strategies; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has also asked the City Manager to consider the use of permanent automatic bollards in Harvard Square as a means of implementing further pedestrianization options, per [PO23#108](#); and

WHEREAS: Lower Bow Street, which has been closed to vehicle traffic due to construction for over a year that is expected to be completed soon, provides a timely opportunity to consider a pedestrian zone with possible option for times for deliveries modeled after the success of Winthrop Street in Harvard Square

and would be a good opportunity to utilize permanent automatic bollards for ease of maintenance; and
WHEREAS: City staff are actively working with local property owners to assess operational needs for vehicle access in the area; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments to continue to work with stakeholders in the area including Harvard University and the Harvard Square Business Association to pursue options for pedestrianization on Lower Bow Street and to report on the option for automatic bollards for Winthrop and/or Bow Street; 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 on progress.

O-5 June 30, 2025

COUNCILLOR NOLAN
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: On February 10, 2025, the Cambridge City Council voted to adopt two zoning petitions to allow [multifamily housing citywide](#) with the goals of promoting the creation of more housing, removing barriers that have made it more difficult to build multifamily housing, and continuing to encourage the creation of permanently affordable housing; and
WHEREAS: Part Two of the Multifamily Housing Petition amended Article 1.000 of the Zoning Ordinance to establish Section 1.80, which creates a structured process for [ongoing review and public reporting](#) of housing production across the city, with an annual housing report beginning in 2026 to track year-over-year changes in the housing stock, and a five-year evaluation beginning in 2030 to assess on longer-term trends as well as other public planning objectives; and
WHEREAS: The intended outcomes of the zoning changes include the creation of more housing overall and increased affordable housing, as well as the preservation of existing affordable housing; and
WHEREAS: An interim report would provide a timely update to the Council and the community on the changing housing production landscape and an early understanding of whether newly proposed projects align with these goals; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments to prepare an interim report on demolition requests and building permit applications, in order to facilitate a discussion on the outcomes observed during the first six months of the new zoning; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council by September 2025.

O-6 June 30, 2025

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR WILSON
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long recognized the importance of accessible and high-quality early childhood education, with the City Council committed to pursuing a Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program in 2017; and
WHEREAS: In Fall 2024, the Cambridge Preschool Program (CPP) officially launched, welcoming over 800 four-year-olds and some three-year-olds across 12 Cambridge Public Schools (CPS) sites, 7 Department of Human Service Programs (DHSP) sites, and 23 community-based programs across 42 locations; and
WHEREAS: The program utilizes a family-choice-based system that enables each eligible family to select from a range of preschool options, with priority given to low-income families; and
WHEREAS: According to the [March 2025 data snapshot from the Office of Early Childhood](#), 789 children were matched with CPP placements for the 2025–2026 school year, with enrollment numbers to increase through the summer; and
WHEREAS: Of these children, 44% had priority status, with 96% of priority families and 92% of non-priority families receiving one of their top three choices, and 89% of priority families and 75% of non-priority families receiving their first choice of preschool placement; and
WHEREAS: The City’s long-term goal is to expand the CPP to serve all three-year-olds and to explore refinements to the means-testing structure in order to enhance equitable access; and
WHEREAS: At a [joint Roundtable of the City Council and School Committee in January 2025](#), a number of policy decisions were identified that will need to be addressed to support implementation in Year 3 and to further refine the long-term vision and impact of the CPP; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the Human Services and Veterans Committee hold a meeting in Fall 2025 and extend an invitation to the Superintendent of Cambridge Public Schools and the School Committee to discuss the progress and future direction of the Cambridge Preschool Program.