

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of an FY22 State 911 Department Support and Incentive Grant, received from the Massachusetts State 911 Department in the amount of \$494,531 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Salaries and Wages account (\$425,081), and to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$69,450) which will support the costs of Emergency Communications Center personnel salaries and overtime and annual maintenance costs of dispatch-related software.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a recommendation of the Cambridge Historical Commission to approve the [final Landmark Designation Report](#) for the Alberta V. Scott House at 28 Union Street.

Agenda Item Number 2 Aug 2, 2021

ORDERED: That the Alberta Scott House at 28 Union Street, Cambridge be designated as a protected local landmark pursuant to Chapter 2.78, Article III, Section 2.78.180 of the Code of the City of Cambridge, as recommended by vote of the Cambridge Historical Commission on May 6, 2021. The premises so designated is the land defined as parcel 61 of assessor's map 79 and the structures thereon and the premises described in a deed recorded in book 76401, page 174 of the South Middlesex Registry of Deeds; and be it further

ORDERED: This designation is justified by the property's important historical associations with Alberta V. Scott (1875-1902) who became the first Black graduate of Radcliffe College during her residence in the home. The house, built in 1866, exhibits the broad architectural and economic history of the Cambridgeport neighborhood as an example of residential construction during the early industrialization period of the area's development. It is also significant for its important associations with the Woods, Scott, and Payne families during the post-Civil War period when the Black population of Cambridge was increasing rapidly; and be it further

ORDERED: The effect of this designation shall be that review by the Cambridge Historical Commission and the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness, Hardship or Non-Applicability shall be required before any construction activity can take place within the designated premises or any action can be taken affecting the appearance of the premises, that would in either case be visible from a public way. In making determinations, the Commission shall be guided by the terms of the Final Landmark Designation Report, dated June 30, 2021, with respect to the designated premises, by Section VII, Standards and Criteria of said report, and by the applicable sections of Chapter 2.78, Article III, of the Cambridge Municipal Code.

3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant in the amount of \$875,999.00 funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$150,499.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$725,500.00) for the operation of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program serving Cambridge and Somerville.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Adult and Community Learning Services grant received from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in the amount of \$1,190,717.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$1,145,357.00), to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$44,535.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$825.00) which will be used for ESOL services.
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Family Shelter grant received from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$664,250.33 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be subcontracted to the Cambridge YWCA.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-41, regarding a report on closing Mass Ave from Prospect Street to Sidney Street on Friday and Saturday evenings. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN IN COUNCIL JUNE 28, 2021]
2. City Council endorsement of the Agassiz Neighborhood name being changed to the Baldwin Neighborhood in honor of Maria L. Baldwin. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR NOLAN IN COUNCIL JUNE 28, 2021]

ON THE TABLE

3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-13, regarding next steps on implementation of Universal Pre-K. [Placed On The Table in Council May 17, 2021]
4. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to determine the feasibility of establishing a pilot reparations program that would take a to-be-determined percentage of revenue from local cannabis sales and distribute these monies to local Black-owned businesses and to economic empowerment applicants. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Zondervan in Council June 21, 2021; Placed On The Table in Council June 28, 2021]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Ricky Zeng representing Moge Tee, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 605 Massachusetts Avenue approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.
2. An application was received from Gregory McCarthy, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 747 Cambridge 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.
3. An application was received from James J. Rafferty, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 600-624 Main 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Elizabeth Greywolf, regarding Unfinished Business #6 CMA2021 #50.
2. A communication was received from Susan Labandibar, regarding Policy Order 143.
3. A communication was received from Steve Wineman, regarding Tobin School trees.
4. A communication was received from Scott Kilcoyne, regarding AHO.
5. A communication was received from Mary Baine Campbell, regarding The cutting of mature city trees.
6. A communication was received from Mark Boswell, regarding POR 2021 #143 tree removal at Tobin School Site.
7. A communication was received from Jen Fuchel, regarding Concerns re development in Cambridge - house on Montgomery and Clifton St.
8. A communication was received from Jamie Lichtenstein, regarding Don't cut down large oak trees at Tobin.
9. A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, regarding Written Comment for the Official Record.
10. A communication was received from Carol Weinhaus, regarding Please save the three oak trees near the Tobin School.
11. A [communication was received from Peter Valentine](#), regarding life security.
12. A communication was received from Charles Rinaldo, 2200 Massachusetts Avenue, regarding the proposal to remove the parking spaces along most of Massachusetts Avenue as part of a bicycle safety project.
13. A communication was received from Thomas Lucey, regarding Communication for the August 3rd meeting of the City Council.

14. A communication was received from Kendall Square Association, regarding Kendall Square Association, representing the large and small businesses that make up the Kendall community. I want to thank and commend you both for your leadership in convening the Safe Streets, Safe City community meeting on July 21, 2021 in response to recent gun violence in our City.
15. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding Abridged Analysis of the Department of Conservation and Recreation on the Charles River.
16. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding Open Space, Tree, and other Environmental Actions with City Council Support.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Manuel "Manny" S. Resendes. Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of William P. Lane. Councillor Toomey
3. Congratulations to The Loop Lab for their expansion into Kendall Square, and thanking them for their years of dedicated service to the Cambridge community. Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui
4. Speedy Recovery wishes to Mike Monestime. Councillor Simmons
5. Speedy Recovery wishes to Priscilla Lee. Councillor Simmons
6. Congratulations to Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins for being nominated to serve as US Attorney from Massachusetts by President Joseph R. Biden. Councillor Simmons
7. Resolution on the death of Neil Olken. Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon
8. Resolution on the death of Priscilla McMillan. Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone
9. Resolution on the death of George W. Gendron. Mayor Siddiqui
10. Resolution on the death of Robert Moses. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Zondervan
11. Resolution on the death of Robert R. "LB" Favreau, III. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey
12. Congratulations and Best Wishes to Erinn Pearson and Christopher Breedy on their recent wedding. Councillor Simmons
13. Thanks to Branville G. Bard, Jr. for his four years of service to the Cambridge Community, and in wishing him great success as he enters his exciting next chapter. Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui
14. Congratulations to David Shane Lowry for being newly hired to serve as MIT's first ever Distinguished Fellow in Native American Studies. Councillor Simmons

15. That this City Council go on record expressing its appreciation to Gail Ranere Nunes for her many years of dedicated service to the citizens and to the City of Cambridge. Councillor McGovern

16. Amaya Bros Comics Congratulations Resolution. Councillor Toomey

17. Farewell and Best Wishes to Matthew McLaughlin. Councillor Carlone

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Human Service Programs, the Peace Commission, and other relevant City departments to explore the feasibility of providing Equity Roadmap with regular funding for Friday Night Hype. Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons

2. City Council support of HD.3457 and SD.2309, An Act Relative to Electric Bicycles. Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler

3. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to designate a suitable street corner, square or the Pemberton Basketball Courts in honor of Xavier Louis-Jacques. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons

4. Policy Order Re Addressing Increased Gun Activity. Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon

5. Support for Replenishing the Restaurant Revitalization Fund. Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Toomey

6. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments on how the City can change practices such that all projects will treat trees as essential infrastructure. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui

7. That the City Manager instruct the Community Development Department to draft zoning amendments requiring special permits be required for research and development, laboratory and research facilities in the districts noted in the attached memorandum to ensure a robust community process. Councillor Carlone

8. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to establish a restitution program that would take a to-be-determined percentage of revenue from local cannabis sales and distribute these monies to current and former Cambridge residents who have been harmed by the war on drugs, with a targeted launch date of July 2022. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Nolan

9. That the City Manager confer with the Department of Public Works, the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, the Community Development Department, and other relevant City staff to discuss the feasibility of committing financial resources to assist in redesigning and/or reshaping the outdoor public ways, natural space and infrastructure including sidewalks, protected bike lanes and tree canopy at

the southern edge of Jerry's Pond along Rindge Avenue to make it more accessible, more green and more equitable and to create a welcoming entryway to Cambridge from the west. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan

10. That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to report back to the City Council on how the city is working to get City staff to 100% vaccinated and decrease the likelihood that COVID-19 spreads via City staff and in City Buildings. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Public Safety Committee and the Human Services & Veterans Committee met on Jan 19, 2021 to hear from community experts on possible ways to design a community-centered public safety response service.

2. The Ordinance Committee met on June 2, 2021 to conduct a public hearing on an order to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Cambridge to insert new section Restricting the Use of Chemical Crowd Control Agents and Kinetic Impact Projectiles.

A. Motion to amend the proposed Ordinance as recommended by the Ordinance Committee

B. Order to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Cambridge to insert new section Restricting the Use of Chemical Crowd Control Agents and Kinetic Impact Projectiles. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan

3. The Economic Development and University Relations Committee met on June 8, 2021 to conduct a public hearing to discuss strategies and opportunities to alleviate permit and license fees for small businesses, through possible consolidation or elimination.

4. The Government Operations committee met on June 29, 2021 to discuss the hiring of the next City Manager.

A. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to appropriate sufficient funding to hire a City Manager Search Firm consultant. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan

B. That Councillor Simmons and Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler of the government operations committee review any RFPs or other search process produced to hire a city manager search firm consultant. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Zondervan

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui transmitting information from the School Committee.

2. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui and Councillor Nolan, transmitting information about the Attorney General's ruling on Calendar Item #3 (Charter Amendments). [[City Solicitor's Letter](#) (July 19)] [[Atty. General's Letter](#) (July 26)] [[Proposed Charter Amendments](#)]

3. A communication was received from Mayor Siddique and Councillor Nolan, communication regarding the formation of a Climate Crisis Working Group.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Aug 2

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting (Remotely Held for No Good Reason)

Wed, Aug 4

11:00am The Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee will meet to continue discussing the hiring of the next City Manager. (Remotely Held for No Good Reason)

Wed, Aug 11

5:30pm The Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee will meet to continue discussing the hiring of the next City Manager. (Remotely Held for No Good Reason)

Tues, Aug 24

1:00pm The Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebrations Committee and the Housing Committee will conduct a joint follow-up hearing to continue the discussion on the elimination of single and two-family only zoning and restrictions on the type of housing that can be built city-wide. (Remotely Held for No Good Reason)

Mon, Aug 30

11:00am The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the proposed Condominium Conversion Ordinance as adopted at the June 28, 2021 City Council Meeting. (Remotely Held for No Good Reason)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Aug 2, 2021

VICE MAYOR MALLON

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Cambridge and the Greater Boston community is experiencing a devastating uptick in gun violence, with the recent, tragic murders of Xavier Louis-Jacques and Robert Favreau, as well as [several more injuries](#); and

WHEREAS: To counteract this increasing gun violence, we must leverage existing organizations with deep local connections and well-earned community trust to guide youth both engaged and not engaged in gun violence, connect their families to resources, and build a comprehensive support network, separate from interventions developed by the Police Department; and

WHEREAS: [Equity Roadmap](#) is a local non-profit that hosts [Friday Night Hype](#), a mentorship program offering our middle school students opportunities to connect with community leaders in therapeutic, engaging activities, including life skills training, self-care sessions, hot meals, and more; and

WHEREAS: Friday Night Hype currently relies on donations and the organizers' own funds to do this critical work, preventing it from expanding beyond its monthly model to reach as many students as possible, and preventing its mentors, primarily BIPOC residents, being fairly compensated for their work; and

WHEREAS: As funding is conducive to programmatic stability and reliability, which in turn promotes community trust, Friday Night Hype's mentorship model that helps students stay on or get onto the right path would be more effective with regular funding; and

WHEREAS: With a lens towards closing the opportunity gap for scholars and keeping or getting students onto the right path, Friday Night Hype is playing an invaluable role in supporting our vulnerable youth, and the City should provide it with a stable

funding stream as part of a comprehensive, multi-faceted, proactive approach to preventing gun violence; now therefore be it ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Human Service Programs, the Peace Commission, and other relevant City departments to explore the feasibility of providing Equity Roadmap with regular funding for Friday Night Hype; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council by the Sept 13, 2021 regular City Council meeting.

O-2 Aug 2, 2021

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: Electric bicycles will prove to be a powerful tool in meeting our environmental goals, promoting transit justice, and expanding accessibility, as they offer cyclists of all ability levels an easy, sustainable way to commute longer distances, travel over hills or other arduous terrain, and bring children along, but state law currently lacks adequate electric bicycle regulations; and

WHEREAS: State Representatives Dylan Fernandes and Steven Owens and State Senator Sal DiDomenico recently introduced two companion bills in their respective chambers, [HD.3457](#) and [SD.2309](#), An Act Relative to Electric Bicycles; and

WHEREAS: Under this bill, low-speed electric bicycles would be regulated as manually-powered bicycles are, meaning that the same rules of the road concerning speed, proper passing, local traffic laws, posted speed limits, and other ordinances that apply to traditional bicycles would also apply to electric bicycles; and

WHEREAS: If enacted, this bill would also separate electric bicycles into different regulatory classes based on top speeds, intentionally exclude electric bicycles from the definitions of "motorized bicycles" and "motor vehicles" to avoid conflation with motorcycles or mopeds, require standardized labeling of each electric bicycle specifying its type and wattage, and more; and

WHEREAS: With this change, the Commonwealth would advance beyond regulating electric bicycles under antiquated definitions aimed at combustion engine vehicles, more closely align with [federal standards and best practices implemented in 42 other states](#), and prevent confusion among those interested in using electric bicycles as an accessible, sustainable mode of transportation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in strong support of HD.3457 and SD.2309, An Act Relative to Electric Bicycles; and be it further

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

O-3 Aug 2, 2021

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: In March 2021, Cambridge tragically lost CRLS graduate Xavier Louis Jacques to senseless gun violence; and

WHEREAS: Since then, his life and memory have been commemorated through candles, flowers, and messages of love and support with phrases such as "legends live forever" at the corner of Pemberton Street near the basketball courts behind Rindge Avenue Upper Campus; and

WHEREAS: As an athlete, Xavier spent much of his time at the Pemberton basketball courts with friends and other CRLS classmates; and

WHEREAS: Xavier's memory will also live on permanently through the "Legends Live Forever, Xavier Louis-Jacques Scholarship Fund," its name inspired by the youth who consistently chalk in honor of their friend, and created by Xavier's mother, Rayschell McCants, in partnership with the Cambridge Community Foundation; and

WHEREAS: In addition to these commemorative acts led by the Cambridge community and nonprofit organizations, the City has honored Cambridge residents at parks, and other sites after residents who have made a lasting impact in the community; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to designate a suitable street corner, square or the Pemberton Basketball Courts in honor of Xavier Louis-Jacques whose young life touched so many in the Cambridge community; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward this order to the Dedication Committee for review and approval.

O-4 Aug 2, 2021

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: In recent weeks, there has been an alarming uptick in the amount of reported gunshots and gun incidents in the Port Neighborhood, in the Wellington-Harrington Neighborhood, and in North Cambridge leaving many neighborhood residents concerned about the sense that crime, overall, is increasing in the area; and

WHEREAS: This violence echoes an alarming increase in such activity [that the City Council called for an end to in June 2018](#), and it is clear that a longer-term strategy is needed to ensure that we break this vicious cycle; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Cambridge Police Commissioner to assess what is driving this new activity, and to deploy the necessary resources to tamp down on the gun violence being seen in the above referenced areas; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to convene a meeting with the appropriate officials in Somerville to determine what measures can and should be implemented to short circuit the cycle of gun violence that appears to be circulating between our two cities; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Cambridge Health Alliance and other appropriate City staff to establish an emergency drop-in clinic in the Port Neighborhood, in North Cambridge, and in the Wellington-Harrington Neighborhood for individuals who are being affected by this latest wave of gun violence in order to adequately address the mental and emotional burdens these residents are experiencing, and that additional mental health resources should be made available to those engaging in this behavior; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to establish a direct engagement and consultation with members of the Port Neighborhood, in North Cambridge, and of the Wellington-Harrington Neighborhood to gain a better sense of what social support services these individuals are currently lacking that they feel would be most helpful to them at this time; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Cambridge Health Alliance, other appropriate

City departments, and the area CBOs to develop a new program that targets our population of men ages 18 – 30 who are most at risk to provide them with the necessary intensive support services that can place them on a more positive, gainfully employed, holistic path in life; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on this matter to the City Council and to the community as soon as possible.

O-5 Aug 2, 2021

VICE MAYOR MALLON

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Through mandatory closures, widespread layoffs, and some residents' reluctance to return to the public sphere, our small businesses and restaurants have been hit incredibly hard by this pandemic, with many closing permanently and others struggling to hold on; and

WHEREAS: Earlier this year, Congress approved the \$28.6 billion [Restaurant Revitalization Fund](#) to support the restaurant industry as it attempts to recover from far reaching economic devastation; and

WHEREAS: While this funding was certainly a step in the right direction, approximately 265,000 of 370,000 [applicants for financial assistance](#) under the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, or 72% of applicants, were turned away, with [the overwhelming demand for grants more than twice the available funding](#) and nearly 3,000 minority and women-owned restaurants having [their promised funding rescinded](#), demonstrating the intense need for support; and

WHEREAS: Representative Blumenauer recently introduced the [Restaurant Revitalization Fund Replenishment Act of 2021](#), which would allocate an additional \$60 billion in funding for restaurants, and provide us with an opportunity to offer our small businesses a much-needed lifeline; and

WHEREAS: Even with expanded indoor and outdoor dining, [municipal grant and loan programs](#), a [15% cap on third-party delivery service fees](#), and other supports, our restaurants are struggling under the weight of debts incurred to keep their businesses afloat when their operations were significantly limited by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS: As we enter the new normal and an economic recovery phase, we must invest in our small businesses to protect the vitality of our Main Street economy, uplift our local restaurant owners, employees, and their families, and assist the small businesses that make up the heart and soul of our community, before they disappear; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in strong support of the Restaurant Revitalization Fund Replenishment Act; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Representative Pressley, Representative Clerk, Senator Warren, and Senator Markey on behalf of the City Council.

O-6 Aug 2, 2021

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Tree canopy is an essential part of urban infrastructure because of its positive impact on heat islands, air quality and psychological well-being cannot be overlooked; and

WHEREAS: The lack of tree canopy is especially acute in low- and moderate-income communities, and neighborhoods where many

Black and Brown people, immigrants and other underserved community members reside, including in Cambridge, constituting an environmental injustice; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is continuing to lose a large number of trees in a range of projects, including municipal and private developments, affordable housing projects, and individual residences; and

WHEREAS: After years of planning, a [report](#) was recently released on the Tobin Montessori and Vassal Lane Upper School regarding the removal of 94 of the existing 129 trees on the site; and

WHEREAS: The report included the planned removal of three oak trees that are well outside the footprint of the building plans on the west side of the property, which are not included on the city's [list of trees to be removed due to decline](#), despite the fact that those three trees alone account for 25% of the total canopy loss; and

WHEREAS: The City Council recently ordained the Tree Protection Ordinance with a specific goal to not destroy significant trees; and

WHEREAS: If Cambridge is going to be in a position to fight the impending climate crisis, we must do everything we can to preserve our tree canopy, and the City must lead by example and treat trees as essential infrastructure on all City property; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all relevant City departments on how the City can change practices such that all projects will treat trees as essential infrastructure and will go out of its way to prevent the removal of significant trees on City property and all property whose development the city can influence; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with any recommendations or proposals for City staff in a timely manner.

O-7 Aug 2, 2021

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is a worldwide hub of science and technological advancement; and

WHEREAS: Biological laboratories and technical facilities compete over purchasing land to construct their buildings within the City of Cambridge for the prestige of the City's reputation and availability of its talented workforce; and

WHEREAS: Laboratories and technical facilities are presently allowed in 22 of the city's 34 base zoning districts; and

WHEREAS: Technical offices, laboratories and research facilities have unique characteristics that may be detrimental to residential neighborhoods, such as: twenty-four-hour on-site activity, all night light pollution, thirty-foot tall rooftop mechanical equipment, greater shadows and blocking of sunlight, noise and chemical odors generated from extensive exhaust systems, limited manufacturing on site allowed (up to 60% of gross floor area) as an accessory use and large floor plates inconsistent to most surroundings; and

WHEREAS: These impacts are particularly harmful to public open space and low-density residential districts; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager instruct the Community Development Department to draft zoning amendments that ensure no technical office or research and development, and laboratory and research facility shall be within 250-feet of a low-density residential district or publicly owned open space in the districts designated in the attached memorandum; be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager instruct the Community Development Department to draft zoning amendments requiring special permits be required for research and development,

laboratory and research facilities in the districts noted in the attached memorandum to ensure a robust community process.

O-8 Aug 2, 2021

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: In addition to and separate from reparations for slavery, Cambridge also needs to grapple with its historic and ongoing complicit role in the racist war on drugs that has traumatized thousands of Black and Brown residents, and cheated many of their freedom, education, economic prospects, and in some cases their very lives, necessitating both an apology for the harms done and an effort to offer restitution; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to establish a restitution program that would take a to-be-determined percentage of revenue from local cannabis sales and distribute these monies to current and former Cambridge residents who have been harmed by the war on drugs, with a targeted launch date of July 2022; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on any progress made toward this endeavor by October 4, 2021.

O-9 Aug 2, 2021

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Jerry's Pond was fenced off to public access in 1961, leaving families and working-class neighboring residents without access to this great natural resource; and

WHEREAS: This site provides an opportunity for the City of Cambridge to address environmental justice and equity, climate change, sustaining ecosystems, tree canopy, habitat and providing much needed green space for Cambridge residents in this area; and

WHEREAS: With the current development underway in that area, IQHQ has made significant efforts to collaborate with residents on bringing the community's vision of Jerry's Pond to life; and

WHEREAS: In addition to IQHQ's transparent community process, the City has an opportunity to further advance: (1) [Resilient Cambridge](#), which is Cambridge's plan to make the city more prepared for and resilient to the impacts of climate change while improving the quality of life and enhancing the city, as well as advance (2) Cambridge Redevelopment Authority's [Rindge Neighborhood Open Space Vision for Improved Connectivity](#), with a shared vision and goal of making the Rindge Avenue neighborhood achieve better connections within the neighborhood and to the larger Alewife district; and

WHEREAS: From Friends of Jerry's Pond and Reservoir Church's community surveys, 97% of respondents living in Rindge Towers stated they would like to see a community gathering space, such as a park with more shade trees added to the Jerry's Pond area along Rindge Avenue; and

WHEREAS: While initial conversations about rebuilding the area are underway, there is a tremendous opportunity to restructure the public ways and public resources along Rindge Avenue, including bike paths, sidewalks, trees, and seating in collaboration with the work that's already being proposed by IQHQ; and

WHEREAS: Preliminary testing results from the Environmental & Geotechnical Consulting Firm, Haley & Aldrich (site LSP), reported promising information about the silt on the south side of Jerry's Pond, noting that there were non-factory uses on that side

of the pond; and that “neither the surface water nor the sediment pose significant risk to humans or wildlife”; and
WHEREAS: Currently, the proposed space for people and the proposed tree canopy along Rindge Avenue are insufficient for our environmental goals, our cycling safety goals and our equity goals; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager confer with the Department of Public Works, the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, the Community Development Department, and other relevant City staff to discuss the feasibility of committing financial resources to assist in redesigning and/or reshaping the outdoor public ways, natural space and infrastructure including sidewalks, protected bike lanes and tree canopy at the southern edge of Jerry’s Pond along Rindge Avenue to make it more accessible, more green and more equitable and to create a welcoming entryway to Cambridge from the west; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the Council on this matter by Sept 13, 2021.

O-10 Aug 2, 2021

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: Last week, the Cambridge Public Health Department [warned residents](#) of an uptick in COVID-19 cases and recommended “wearing a mask and practice physical distancing in situations where transmission is likely and when around unvaccinated people”; the state of Massachusetts is weighing how to respond to the spread of the Delta variant and the CDC has been revising guidelines in many states due to the recent increase in cases; and

WHEREAS: New York City and California recently [announced a plan](#) to mandate vaccines or weekly testing for all employees in an attempt to protect city and state workers and the residents that they work with, [President Biden announced](#) similar requirements for all civilian federal employees, and employers including Google and Facebook, which both have Cambridge offices, are requiring vaccinations for all employees; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has been a leader in responding to the pandemic based on science and has one of the highest percentages of vaccination rates in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS: With City buildings fully open and no mask requirement, getting 100% of City staff vaccinated is an excellent way for the city to model responsible COVID-19 practices which will ensure COVID-19 cannot easily spread; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to report back to the City Council on how the city is working to get City staff to 100% vaccinated and decrease the likelihood that COVID-19 spreads via City staff and in City Buildings; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the council with a plan by the Sept 13, 2021 meeting.