

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to new appointments and reappointments of the following persons as members of the Cambridge Health Alliance Board of Trustees: Jane Licurse (appointment); Rae Simpson, Paula Paris, Michael Shear, Ben Milligan, Bill Lahey. (CM23#193)
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of Ethridge King as an Election Commissioner for a term of four years. (CM23#194)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Policy Order #23-123, regarding an explanation of the legal standard that is used to compel changes or deny projects reviewed by the Historical Commission or Neighborhood Conservation District Commissions. [\[text of response\]](#) (CM23#195)
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to proposed amendments to Ch. 2.78, Art III of the Cambridge Municipal Code, the Neighborhood Conservation Districts (NCD) and Landmarks Ordinance. [\[text of response\]](#) (CM23#196)
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Scott Walker to the Open Data Review Board as a City staff member. (CM23#197)
6. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$494,531 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Salaries and Wages account (\$401,853), and to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$92,678). This formula-based reimbursement grant will support the costs of Emergency Communications Center personnel salaries, overtime and annual maintenance costs of dispatch-related software. (CM23#198)
7. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$15,603.12 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Other Ordinary Maintenance Account. Funds will be used for quality assurance (call review) for the emergency medical protocol used by staff to provide pre- and post-dispatch instructions for medical emergencies. (CM23#199)
8. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Cambridge Public Health Department in the amount of \$1,000, to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account. Funds will be used for Windsor's Let's Get Moving: Play Through Motion! Project. (CM23#200)
9. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$5,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account. These funds are used annually to supplement fuel assistance payments. (CM23#201)

10. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$557,720 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account. Funds will be used to provide nutritious meals to Cambridge youth at over 50 meal sites throughout the City during the summer months when schools are closed. (CM23#202)
11. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointments and reappointments of the following persons as members of the Climate Committee – Appointments: Joseph Adiletta, Mallorie Barber, Wendy DeWolf, Hajer Hyte, Michelle Holmes, Pasang Lhamo, Katharine Lange, Catarina Martinez, Rachel Mural, Joel Nogie, Tom Rawson, Vandana Sareen, Allie Shepard, Ming Su, and Neheet Trivedi. Reappointments: Keith Giamportone, Lyn Huckabee, Steven Nutter, and David Rabkin. (CM23#203)
12. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the Cannabis Amendments Special Permit zoning petition. [\[text of response\]](#) (CM23#204)
13. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$735,939 to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$662,346) and to the Grant Fund Community Development Salary & Wages account (\$73,593). Development activities may include acquisition, moderate rehabilitation, substantial rehabilitation and new construction of housing units for low- and moderate- income families and individuals. (CM23#205)
14. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$2,443,644 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 (\$2,358,117) and to the Grant Fund Community Development Department Salaries and Wages Account (\$85,527). Funds will be used for assisted living programs and supportive services, shelter services, rental assistance and housing search services. (CM23#206)
15. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-53, regarding a request that the City Manager work with relevant City Departments on how Cambridge might participate in [PACE Massachusetts](#) pursuant to the PACE Act, including exploring all Options for incentivizing participation. (CM23#207)

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ORDERED: That the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 23M, the property Assessed Clean Energy Act ("PACE"), as amended, are accepted by the City Council by majority vote, and that the City Manager is authorized to work with the Commonwealth and its agencies to implement the PACE program in the City of Cambridge.

16. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the [project update on the Central Square Municipal Property Needs Assessment and Planning Study](#). (CM23#208)
17. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the submission of the [2023 Affordable Housing Overlay Annual Report](#). (CM23#209)
18. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$34,000, funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), to the Grant Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account. The equipment purchased through this grant will enhance operations, advance data reliability, and improve real time reporting capabilities. (CM23#210)
19. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 23-42, regarding irrigation at Danehy Park. [\[text of response\]](#) (CM23#211)
20. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointments and reappointments of the following persons as a members of the Committee on Public Planting for a term of two years; Appointments: Uriel Bulow, Raymond Fahrner, Gretchen Friesinger, Robb Johnson, Amira Valliani, Achana Venkataraman, and Angela Zhong. Reappointments: Margaret Booz, Cindy Carpenter, Sara Cohen, Chantal Eide, Sophia Emperador, Sandra Fairbank, Ahron Lerman, Ruth Loetterle, Tracy Orr, and Cynthia Smith. (CM23#212)
21. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a [report from the Police Executive Research Forum](#) (PERF) which makes recommendations regarding the release of an officer's name after a critical incident. (CM23#213)
22. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a response to Policy Order 2022 #278, regarding the legal opinion for a public speaker to state their name, address, and phone number for the record. [\[text of response\]](#) (CM23#214)
23. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$113,479.79 in unexpended Public Investment balances from capital projects related to public buildings that have been completed, the balances from which are now available for redistribution to other projects. These funds will support deferred capital improvements consistent with the Municipal Facilities Capital Improvement Plan (MFIP). (CM23#215)
24. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$46,510.75 in unexpended Public Investment balances from capital projects related to equipment, that have been completed, the balances from which are now available for redistribution to other related projects. These funds will support capital expenditures related to equipment purchases. (CM23#216)

25. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the Transfer of \$72,252.17 in unexpended Public Investment balances from capital projects related to streets and public ways, that have been completed, the balances from which are now available for redistribution to other related projects. These funds will support capital expenditures related to streets and public ways. (CM23#217)
26. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to possibility of acquiring the property at 450 Concord Avenue, owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Commonwealth") and utilized by the National Guard Armory of Cambridge. [\[text of communication\]](#) (CM23#218)
27. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a request to move to Executive Session 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 public body. (CM23#219)

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to consider measures to improve the Cycling Safety Ordinance Business Impact Study. [Charter Right – Toner, June 26, 2023] (PO23#127)
2. That the City Council go on record in enthusiastic support of H.R.1433, the Philippine Human Rights Act, and in urging Representatives Katherine Clark and Ayanna Pressley to co-sponsor the existing bill. [Charter Right – Zondervan, June 26, 2023] (PO23#129)
3. Policy Order Re Creating A BEUDO Compliance Advisory Committee. [Charter Right – Azeem, June 26, 2023] (PO23#130)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. An Ordinance has been received from the City Council, relative to Fossil Fuel-Free Demonstration (Ordinance 2023-3). [Passed to 2nd Reading as Amended by Substitution June 26, 2023; To Be Ordained on or after July 17, 2023] (ORD23#3)

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Pardis Saffari, Director of Economic Opportunity and Development, Community Development Department requesting permission for twenty-five (25) temporary pole banners along Inman Square to celebrate and promote the Inman Square commercial district. The banners will be hung in the Summer 2023 and be taken down around the Summer 2025. (AP23#38)
2. An application was received from Denise A. Jillson, Executive Director, Harvard Square Business Association requesting permission for six (6) temporary banners along Harvard Square to celebrate and welcome people from across the globe to Harvard Square. The banners will be hung from Aug 15, 2023 through Dec 31, 2024. (AP23#39)
3. An application was received from Andrew Baldizon, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 100 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. (AP23#40)
4. An application was received from Andrew Baldizon, requesting permission for a curb cut (1 of 4) at the premises numbered 200 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. (AP23#41)
 5. An application was received from Andrew Baldizon, requesting permission for a curb cut (2 of 4) at the premises numbered 200 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. (AP23#42)
 6. An application was received from Andrew Baldizon, requesting permission for a curb cut (3 of 4) at the premises numbered 200 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. (AP23#43)
 7. An application was received from Andrew Baldizon, requesting permission for a curb cut (4 of 4) at the premises numbered 200 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. (AP23#44)
 8. An application was received from Stuart Pitchel representing Vico Style, requesting permission for a projecting blade sign at the premises numbered 73 Mt. Auburn Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters. (AP23#45)
 9. An application was received from John Peterson representing Union Square Donuts, requesting permission for a projecting blade sign at the premises numbered 15 JFK Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters. (AP23#46)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Agnes Murphy Criss regarding BEUDO Amendments.
2. A communication was received from Amy Oliver regarding BEUDO amendments.
3. A communication was received from Ann Stewart regarding support for BEUDO.
4. A communication was received from Arthur MacEwan regarding Please pass the BEUDO amendments motion.
5. A communication was received from Barbara Anthony regarding Policy Order #5.

6. A communication was received from Barbara Englesberg regarding Support strong BEUDO amendments,
7. A communication was received from Becky Sarah regarding Please pass BUEDO with strongest final amendments.
8. A communication was received from Claudia Rizzini regarding Support strong BEUDO amendments.
9. A communication was received from Cynthia Hibbard regarding Support for Strong BEUDO Amendments.
10. A communication was received from David Buck regarding Please support strong BEUDO amendments.
11. A communication was received from David Rabkin regarding Perspective on BEUDO Support from the Climate Committee.
12. A communication was received from David Sullivan regarding BEUDO amendment.
13. A communication was received from Deb Mandel regarding PLEASE PASS FINAL VERSION OF BEUDO AMENDMENTS!
14. A communication was received from Elena Fagotto regarding Please pass a strong version of BEUDO.
15. A communication was received from Emily Siar regarding Supporting Strong BEUDO Amendments.
16. A communication was received from Erik Sarno regarding Starlight Square Update.
17. A communication was received from Gabriela Romanow regarding BEUDO.
18. A communication was received from Ginger Ryan and Peter Kelsey regarding Support Strong BEUDO Amendments.
19. A communication was received from Gordon Thompson and Paula Gutlove regarding BEUDO Vote June 26th 2023.
20. A communication was received from Hannah Mahoney regarding Please Support a Strong Set of BEUDO amendments.
21. A communication was received from Helen Walker regarding Please exempt large rental housing from BEUDO 2035 retrofit timeline.
22. A communication was received from Jack Hanson regarding Critical Climate Votes on Monday.
23. A communication was received from Joan Pickett regarding PO#5 NO MORE DELAY in Economic Impact assessment.
24. A communication was received from Joan Pickett regarding Support BEUDO Amendment.
25. A communication was received from Johanna Cockburn regarding We need strong BEUDO Amendments.
26. A communication was received from John Hanratty regarding VOTE NO PO109 - Increasing the scope of impact study does not work.
27. A communication was received from John MacDougall regarding BEUDO amendments.
28. A communication was received from Jonathan Harris regarding Act now on climate - we need strong BEUDO amendments.
29. A communication was received from Judy Hikes regarding Support strong BEUDO amendments.
30. A communication was received from Judy Somberg regarding Support strong BEUDO amendments.
31. A communication was received from Kelly Dolan regarding Policy Order #5 Business Impact Study.
32. A communication was received from Kelsey Wirth regarding Support strong BEUDO amendments!
33. A communication was received from Kristine Jelstrup regarding Please Support Strong BEUDO Amendments.

34. A communication was received from Kristine Jelstrup regarding Congratulations and Thank You!
35. A communication was received from Kristine Jelstrup regarding Comments to City Council on Ordinance #26 - BEUDO Amendments
36. A communication was received from Kristine Jelstrup regarding 6.26.23 Comments to the City Council in support of BEUDO amendments.
37. A communication was received from Lee Farris regarding Residents Alliance supports strong BEUDO.
38. A communication was received from Lois Markham regarding BEUDO Amendments.
39. A communication was received from Lowry Hemphill regarding Please pass strong BEUDO amendments on Monday.
40. A communication was received from Luca Passamonti regarding Support strong BEUDO amendments.
41. A communication was received from Mahsa Abadian regarding Support strong BEUDO amendments.
42. A communication was received from Margery Davies regarding PLEASE PASS the BEUDO Amendments.
43. A [communication was received from Marie Elena Saccoccio](#) regarding Submission in Opposition to Amendment to Chapter 2.78 entitled Historical Buildings and Landmarks.
44. A [communication was received from Marie Elena Saccoccio](#) regarding PO23#14 Revisited Vote No on BEUDO.
45. A communication was received from Marilee Meyer regarding Support Beudo amendments and protect NCDs.
46. A communication was received from Marta Bianciardi regarding Support strong BEUDO amendments.
47. A communication was received from Mary Baine Campbell regarding BEUDO Amendment June 26 City Council Meeting.
48. A communication was received from Mary Jane Kornacki regarding Support for BEUDO exemptions.
49. A communication was received from Mel Abrams regarding Strong BEUDO amendments please!
50. A communication was received from Melissa Ludtke regarding the need for strong BEUDO amendments.
51. A communication was received from MIT Divest -- students of MIT and concerned citizens of Cambridge, MA regarding Support strong BEUDO amendments.
52. A communication was received from Nancy Kilburn regarding Pass STRONGEST BEUDO Amendments tonight!!
53. A communication was received from Nina Porzucki regarding Strong BUEDO amendments.
54. A communication was received from Pablo Argüeso regarding Support strong BEUDO amendments.
55. A communication was received from Perri Sheinbaum regarding Support for BEUDO.
56. A communication was received from Peter A. Crawley regarding Public comment re BEUDO ordinance June 26 2023.
57. A communication was received from Quentin Seemuller regarding Support strong BEUDO amendments.
58. A communication was received from Rachel Wyon regarding Support strong BEUDO amendments.
59. A communication was received from Sahithi Madiredy regarding Support strong BEUDO amendments.
60. A communication was received from Sara Mae Berman regarding Support for strong BEUDO amendments.
61. A communication was received from Sharon deVos regarding Strong BEUDO Amendments.
62. A communication was received from Sue Stafford regarding Please support strong amendments to BEUDO.
63. A communication was received from Sukia Akiba regarding Urgent Call to Pass Strong Amendments to the Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance (BEUDO).
64. A communication was received from Vanessa Azzone regarding Support strong BEUDO amendments.
65. A communication was received from Virginia Greene regarding 6/26/23 BEUDO Amendments.
66. A communication was received from Young Kim regarding City Manager Agenda Item #7 (6.26.23 City Council meeting).
67. A communication was received from Young Kim regarding My Oral Comment for 62623 City Council Meeting.
68. A communication was received from Young Kim regarding Reject Policy Order #5 re measures to improve the CSO Business Impact Study.
69. A communication was received from Ann Dix regarding Please support BEUDO amendments.
70. A communication was received from Young Kim regarding Survey To Be Issued to Businesses to Understand Impacts from Separated Bike Lane Installations.
71. A communication was received from Karen Falb regarding the elderly and needing better free width at driveway 245 Brattle St. between concrete barriers and safely backing onto Brattle.
72. A communication was received from Larry Cetrulo regarding bike pledge.
73. A communication was received from Jean Pascoe urging everyone to vote against the "HOV 2" proposal and the degradation of the neighborhood conservation districts.
74. A communication was received from John Trever regarding Affordable Housing Overlay expansion.
75. A communication was received from Candace Young regarding bike pledge.
76. A communication was received from Alice Carré-Seemuller regarding support for PO23#115.
77. A communication was received from Lois Markham regarding Support for PO23#115.
78. A communication was received from Young Kim regarding New Vulnerable Road Users Law.
79. A communication was received from Becky Sarah regarding Please support PO23#115—It doesn't make sense to allow new fossil fuel powered buildings.
80. A communication was received from Dave Buck regarding Please Support PO23#115.
81. A communication was received from Amandine Lariepe regarding Support PO23#115.
82. A communication was received from Melissa Ludtke regarding Urge support for PO23#115 sponsored by Mayor Siddiqui and Councillors Nolan Zondervan and Carlone.
83. A communication was received from Judy Somberg regarding Please Support PO23#115.
84. A communication was received from Judy Hikes regarding 2023 Policy Order #115.
85. A communication was received from Elena Fagotto regarding Support of PO 2023 #115.

86. A communication was received from Daniele Levine regarding Support PO23#115.
 87. A communication was received from Pablo Argüeso regarding Support PO23#115.
 88. A communication was received from Johanna Cockburn regarding PO23#115.
 89. A communication was received from Mahsa Abadian regarding Support PO23#115.
 90. A communication was received from Mary Baine Campbell regarding BEUDO.
 91. A communication was received from Rachel M Wyon regarding Support PO23#115.
 92. A [communication was received from Patrick W. Barrett III](#) regarding Reject Gas Ban Pilot.
 93. A communication was received from Mina Reddy regarding Support PO23#115.
 94. A communication was received from John MacDougall regarding BEUDO--PO23#115.
 95. A communication was received from Barbara Englesberg regarding Support PO23#115.
 96. A communication was received from Susan Redlich regarding support PO23#115.
 97. A communication was received from Becky Sarah regarding Please do not exempt restaurants from fossil fuel ban.
 98. A communication was received from Annette LaMond regarding Accident at Brattle and Appleton 8.1.23.
 99. A communication was received from Matthew Sutton regarding Accident at Brattle and Appleton 8.1.23.
 100. A communication was received from Robert Filene regarding Support of Councilor Quinton Zondervan's Request that the City Review and Consider an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to Allow Chicken Keeping and Add Standards for Chicken Keeping to Article 23 (Urban Agriculture) of the Ordinance.
 101. A communication was received from Sharon deVos regarding Support PO23#115.
 102. A communication was received from Missy Carter regarding Accident at Brattle and Appleton 8.1.23.
 103. A communication was received from Margery Davies and Lowry Hemphill regarding PLEASE SUPPORT PO23#115 -- New commercial institutional buildings net zero by 2030.
 104. A communication was received from Ginger Ryan and Peter Kelsey regarding Support PO23#115.
 105. A communication was received from Ruth Loetterle regarding Support Policy Order Encouraging De-Paving Throughout the City.
 106. A communication was received from Catherine Coleman regarding Support Policy Order Encouraging De-Paving Throughout the City.
 107. A communication was received from John MacDougall regarding Cambridge's appeal against the Lexington Tracer Lane solar project.
 108. A communication was received from Gabriel Robinson regarding Cambridge's appeal against the Lexington Tracer Lane solar project.
 109. A communication was received from Charles Teague regarding Support Policy Order Encouraging De-Paving Throughout the City.
 110. A communication was received from Madeleine Aster regarding Please Support Policy Order Encouraging De-Paving Throughout the City.
 111. A communication was received from Rebecca Ramsay regarding Cambridge DePaving.
 112. A communication was received from Suzanne Blier regarding NCDS - for the Council Meeting package this coming Monday.
 113. A communication was received from Kathleen Moore regarding Eliminate the use of fossil fuels.
 114. A communication was received from Julie Ray regarding Support Policy Order Encouraging DePaving Throughout the City.
- ## RESOLUTIONS
1. Congratulations on the retirement of Patricia Royster-Peterson from the Cambridge Public Schools. Councillor Toner
 2. Resolution on the death of Agnes M. Dattero. Councillor Toner
 3. Congratulations to Superintendent Pauline Wells of the Cambridge Police Department on her recent promotion. Councillor Toner
 4. Congratulations on the retirement of Oral Bynoe from the Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Toner
 5. Resolution on the death of Edward J. "Ted" Hoff. Councillor McGovern
 6. Congratulations to Ingrid Nowak on her Retirement. Councillor Toner
 7. Thanks and appreciation to Cambridge School Committee Member Fred Fantini for his service to the students and families in Cambridge for 40 years. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toner, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui
 8. Congratulations to Superintendent Rob Lowe on his retirement from the Cambridge Police Department and on his new Appointment as Chief of the Boston University Police Department. Councillor Toner
 9. Congratulations to Heidi Lyle on her retirement from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner
 10. Congratulations to Fernanda Botelho on her retirement from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner
 11. Congratulations to Firefighter Robert A. Walsh on his retirement. Councillor Toner
 12. Congratulations to Miriam Figueroa on her retirement from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner
 13. Congratulations to Pauline McGrath on her retirement from the Cambridge Public Schools. Councillor Toner
 14. Congratulations to Paul Tully on his Retirement from The Department of Public Works. Councillor Toner
 15. Congratulations to Henry Williams on his retirement of The Department of Public Works. Councillor Toner
 16. Resolution on the death of Dominic P. Calioro. Councillor Toner
 17. Resolution on the death of Edward Hoff. Councillor Toner
 18. Resolution on the death of Dolores F. DiBiase. Councillor Toner

19. Resolution on the death of Eugene A. “Geno” Walcott Jr.
Councillor Toner
20. Resolution on the death of Margaret Burnieika.
Councillor Toner
21. Resolution on the death of Edward T. Cheevers.
Councillor Toner
22. Resolution on the death of Antonio J. De Sousa.
Councillor Toner
23. Resolution on the death of Mary Ann Mangone.
Councillor Toner
24. Resolution on the death of Donald W. “Don” Holland Sr.
Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui
25. Congratulations to organizers of the Cambridge Jazz
Festival 2023. Councillor Simmons
26. Condolences to the family of Mary Travers. Councillor
Simmons, Councillor Toner
27. Congratulations to City Councillor E. Denise Simmons on
receiving the 2023 Pride Freedom Trailblazer Award.
Councillor Toner, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui

ORDERS

1. That the City Council go on record recognizing August to
be “National Black Business Month.” Councillor Simmons
(PO23#131)
2. That the City Council recognize August 7 as Purple Heart
Day on an annual basis. Councillor Simmons (PO23#132)
3. That the City Manager is requested to work with the
relevant departments to provide the City Council with
possible projections, based on stated assumptions, of
expected outcomes in Alewife for total housing,
commercial, open space and public amenities, over the next
twenty years, if the proposed zoning were adopted.
Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern (PO23#133)
4. Canopy Loss & Developing a Replacement Strategy.
Councillor Carlone, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan,
Councillor Zondervan (PO23#134)
5. Standards for Chicken Keeping. Councillor Zondervan,
Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan
(PO23#135)
6. Encouraging De-Paving Throughout The City. Councillor
Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone,
Councillor Azeem (PO23#136)
7. Aligning Parking Fees With Climate and Transportation
Goals. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Azeem (PO23#137)
8. Recognize September 2023 as Suicide Prevention Month in
the City of Cambridge and that the City Manager is
requested to direct the appropriate City staff to light up City
Hall purple for the week of Sept 18, 2023 in honor of
Suicide Prevention Month. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor
Carlone, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Toner
(PO23#138)
9. Recognize Aug 31, 2023, as International Overdose
Awareness Day and September 2023 as National Recovery
Month in the City of Cambridge and that the City Manager
is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to light City

Hall up purple from Aug 31 through Sept 30, 2023, in
recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day and
National Recovery Month. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor
McGovern, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Nolan
(PO23#139)

10. That the City Manager is requested to work with the
Cambridge Public Library to create an Induction Stoves
Loaner Program and help residents access experience using
induction stoves. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan,
Councillor Zondervan (PO23#140)
11. That the City Manager is requested to finalize the grant
agreement with Bunker Hill Community College and
appropriate the \$50,000 in contributions made by MIT and
Harvard University to the College Success Initiative to
provide scholarships for 30 students entering Bunker Hill
Community College. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor
McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Nolan
(PO23#141)
12. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Law
Department and CPD to report to the City Council on all
outstanding and recent (last 5 fiscal years:
FY’23,’22,’21,’20,’19) lawsuits involving the CPD or
individual members of CPD that the City is expending or
has expended resources on, including an estimate of how
much has been spent on these lawsuits to date in FY24.
Councillor Zondervan (PO23#142)
13. That the City Manager is requested to consult with
relevant departments on an enhanced communication
strategy to inform residents about the implementation of the
Cycling Safety Ordinance. Councillor Nolan, Councillor
Carlone (PO23#143)
14. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant
City departments to review the Across Sidewalk Electric
Vehicle Charging (EV) Permit Pilot Program and remove
the \$200 permit fee associated with the pilot program.
Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern (PO23#144)
15. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant
departments and agencies to design and implement a pilot
program providing subsidized, on-demand transit to low-
income residents, people with disabilities and seniors, with a
goal of expanding the program to service the region in ways
that supplement the MBTA system via fare-free, on-demand
transit for everyone. Councillor Zondervan (PO23#145)
16. That the City Manager is requested to meet with Governor
Healey, DCR Commissioner Arrigo and Secretary Rebecca
Tepper to discuss resuming Saturday closures to traffic this
summer and mitigating the traffic impacts, including by
making potential traffic signal adjustments. Councillor
Zondervan (PO23#146)
17. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the
City Council on whether change in language to the CSO is
necessary to enable installation of permanent, seasonal,
and/or temporary outdoor dining and pop-ups alongside
separated bicycle lanes consistent with Cycling Safety
Ordinance that address concerns about the current situation.

Councillor Nolan, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Toner (PO23#147)

18. City Council support of graduate student workers of Northeastern University and their effort to form a union. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Azeem, Councillor McGovern (PO23#148)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Committee met on Dec 4, 2019 at 2:00pm to discuss Policy Order #7, regarding Open meeting law review and Policy Order # 11, regarding Council Budget- Private Attorney. [\[text of report\]](#)

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

Committee met on Nov 17, 2020 to conduct a public hearing on Decorum of the Council, as well as the Rules Around and Duties of the Council Aides. [\[text of report\]](#)

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

Committee met on Mar 16, 2021 at 3:00pm to discuss the initial steps that must be undertaken to establish the search process for the next City Manager. [\[text of report\]](#)

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

Committee met on Apr 7, 2021 at 2:00pm to discuss the policy order seeking to make remote participation in City Council meetings permanent. [\[text of report\]](#)

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

Committee met on July 12, 2021 at 5:30pm to continue discussing the hiring of the next City Manager. [\[text of report\]](#)

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

Committee met on Aug 4, 2021 to continue discussing the hiring of the next City Manager. [\[text of report\]](#)

7. The **Civic Unity Committee** held a public hearing on Sept 29, 2022 to discuss the two Aug 1, 2022 Policy Orders exploring ways to improve the lives of Cambridge's African American/Black residents. [\[text of report\]](#)

8. The **Health and Environment Committee** held a public meeting on Nov 16, 2022 to discuss how the City can act on the recently passed Massachusetts climate bill, including specifically how the City can implement a ban or restriction on fossil fuels in new construction projects as part of the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources 10 city pilot program and how quickly the city can adopt the state's newly promulgated energy stretch code for buildings. [\[text of report\]](#)

9. The **Ordinance Committee** held a public meeting on Apr 26, 2023, to continue the discussion of potential changes to Chapter 2.78 Historical Buildings and Landmarks, proposed Ordinance #2022-11. The meeting was recessed and reconvened and concluded on June 21, 2023. The Committee voted to send proposed Ordinance 2022 #11, as amended, amending the City of Cambridge Municipal Code, Chapter 2.78 Historical Buildings and Landmarks, to the Full City Council with a favorable recommendation to Pass to a 2nd Reading. [\[text of report\]](#)

10. The **Public Safety Committee** held a public meeting on June 7, 2023 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm to discuss the Police Review and Advisory Board, including CM23#27. [\[text of report\]](#)

11. The City Council's **City Manager Evaluation Sub-Committee** held a public meeting on June 22, 2023, from 10:00am to 11:00am to discuss the City Manager Evaluation Process. [\[text of report\]](#)

12. The **Ordinance Committee** held a public hearing on June 27, 2023, relative to the City Council Petition to amend Article 4.30 and Article 11.800 of the Zoning Ordinance. The Committee voted favorably to send the Petition as amended to the City Council with a favorable recommendation to Pass to a 2nd Reading. [\[text of report\]](#)

13. The **Ordinance Committee** held a public hearing on July 19, 2023, to discuss a City Council Zoning Petition relative to the proposed Alewife Overlay District: Quadrangle (AOD-Q) and design guidelines. The Committee approved a motion requesting that the City Manager work with the relevant departments to provide the City Council with possible projections, based on stated assumptions, of expected outcomes in Alewife for total housing, commercial, open space, and public amenities, over the next twenty years, if the proposed zoning were adopted and to report back to the Full City Council by Sept 11, 2023. See Policy Order on this Agenda. The Committee approved a motion to forward the City Council Zoning Petition relative to the proposed Alewife Overlay District: Quadrangle (AOD-Q) and design guidelines, to the Full City Council with a favorable recommendation to Pass to a 2nd Reading. [\[text of report\]](#)

14. The **Economic Development and University Relations Committee** held a public meeting on July 20, 2023 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm to discuss the update on the Community Development Department's Economic Impact Study regarding the implementation of the Cambridge Cycling Safety Ordinance. [\[text of report\]](#)

15. On Aug 1, 2023, the **Ordinance Committee** held a public hearing relative to amending the Municipal Code for the City of Cambridge to add a new Chapter, 15.30, titled "Fossil Fuel Free Demonstration", proposed Ordinance 2023-3, and to consider a proposed amendment to BEUDO requiring new Covered Properties to achieve net zero by 2030. By a unanimous vote of all members present, a motion to recommend to the full City Council that the language passed to a second reading on June 26, 2023, proposed Ordinance 2023-3, Fossil Fuel Free Demonstration, be amended by substitution with the new language provided by CDD, was approved. [\[text of report\]](#)

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF23#135)
2. A communication was received from Brian Corr, Executive Director, Police Review & Advisory Board, transmitting a [Police Review & Advisory Board Report for the First Quarter of 2023](#). (COF23#136)
3. A communication was received from Kathleen Born, Chair, Charter Review Committee, transmitting an [update to the Cambridge City Council](#). (COF23#137)
4. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information regarding the Cambridge Promise Pilot. (COF23#138)
5. A communication was received from Councillor Nolan, transmitting [Proposed Amendments to the Fossil Fuel-Free Demonstration Ordinance Language](#). (COF23#139)

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Aug 7

5:30pm Special Summer Meeting – City Council

Tues, Aug 15

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** (Zoom only)

Wed, Sept 6

12:30pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing on Wed, Sept 6, 2023 from 12:30pm to 2:30pm to discuss potential amendments to the Municipal Code of the City of Cambridge to Protect Family Inclusion and Relationship Diversity, PO23#97.

Mon, Sept 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Wed, Sept 13

4:00pm The **Health and Environment Committee** will hold a public meeting on Wed, Sept 13, 2023 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm to discuss POR 2023 #73, which asks the City Manager to work to develop a policy that would lead to a ban on the use of gas-powered lawn equipment in Cambridge by residents, businesses, and city operations and develop incentive programs to support a policy.

Mon, Sept 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Oct 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Oct 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Oct 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Wed, Oct 25

3:00pm The **Health and Environment Committee** will hold a public meeting on Wed, Oct 25, 2023 from 3:00pm - 5:00pm to discuss, review, and evaluate the Zero Waste Master Plan and plan reports and updates, and to discuss possible ways to further reduce waste in Cambridge including exploring how the city might eliminate single-use plastics including but not limited to nips, bottled water, and utensils.

Mon, Oct 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Nov 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Nov 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Nov 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Nov 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Dec 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Dec 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Dec 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Aug 7, 2023

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge recognizes that a strong and diverse business community is key to the vitality, vibrancy, and inclusivity of our city; and

WHEREAS: The contributions of Black-owned businesses and entrepreneurs to the social, economic, and cultural fabric of Cambridge are invaluable and indispensable; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge appreciates the continued commitment of Black-owned businesses to creating local jobs, improving economic resilience, fostering innovation, and contributing to our unique and vibrant community; and

WHEREAS: The challenges and systemic barriers faced by Black entrepreneurs and business owners, including but not limited to inequities in access to capital and business networks, have historically and continue to persist; and

WHEREAS: National Black Business Month is observed annually in August, across the United States, to highlight the importance of Black businesses and their significant contribution to the growth and stability of the national economy, and it is important that we continue to recognize this month in Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record recognizing August to be “National Black Business Month” and in calling upon residents, local institutions, and businesses to recognize and support Black-owned businesses and entrepreneurs throughout our community.

O-2 Aug 7, 2023

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: August 7th is nationally recognized as [Purple Heart Appreciation Day](#), and the people of Cambridge have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the individuals who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces for the good of all; and

WHEREAS: The Purple Heart is the oldest American military decoration in present use and was created as The Badge of Military Merit on August 7, 1782 in Newburgh, NY by General George Washington – initially, it was made of purple cloth, shaped as a heart with the word “Merit” sewn upon it, and the heritage it represents is sacred to those who know the price paid to wear the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS: The individuals from Cambridge who have served in the Armed Forces have made vital contributions and sacrifices, and their bravery in the face of danger has been instrumental in preserving our nation’s freedoms and way of life since this country’s founding nearly 250 years ago; and

WHEREAS: Some Cambridge citizens serving in the Armed Forces have been killed in action and have been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, while others have been awarded the Purple Heart

for being wounded while engaged in combat, and all have made tremendous sacrifices for our country that are rightfully recognized; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record proclaiming the City of Cambridge to be a *Purple Heart City*, honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform that were wounded or killed while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in recognizing August 7 as Purple Heart Day on an annual basis going forward, and in urging the people and organizations of Cambridge to display the American Flag as well as other public expressions of recognition of our Purple Heart recipients on this day; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Department of Veterans Services and the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department to determine how and where it would be most appropriate to establish signs along the City's borders proclaiming Cambridge to be a *Purple Heart City*, and that he report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-3 Aug 7, 2023

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The Ordinance Committee met on July 19, 2023, and held a public hearing to discuss a City Council Zoning Petition relative to the proposed Alewife Overlay District, Quadrangle (AOD-Q) and Design Guidelines; and

WHEREAS: At the Ordinance Committee meeting on July 19, 2023, the Committee approved, by a unanimous vote of all members present, a motion to ask that the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the relevant departments to provide the City Council with possible projections, based on stated assumptions, of expected outcomes in Alewife for total housing, commercial, open space and public amenities, over the next twenty years, if the proposed zoning were adopted and report back to the Full City Council by Sept 11, 2023; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the relevant departments to provide the City Council with possible projections, based on stated assumptions, of expected outcomes in Alewife for total housing, commercial, open space and public amenities, over the next twenty years, if the proposed zoning were adopted and report back to the Full City Council by Sept 11, 2023.

O-4 Aug 7, 2023

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: A policy order calling for MIT to relocate trees demolished on its Volpe National Transportation development site passed with unanimous approval of members present at the City Council's May 22, 2023 meeting; and

WHEREAS: While there is urgent need for added tree canopy in the neighborhoods in question, financial and feasibility considerations make it unlikely that any substantial number of said trees will realistically be relocated; and

WHEREAS: Despite these difficulties, the Institute has a responsibility and an opportunity to enliven and provide resilience to its campus and the surrounding neighborhood, thus achieving both city and Institute goals; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge's Urban Forest Master Plan Technical Report Review (UFMP), published on Nov 12, 2019, highlights the city's major loss of tree canopy (an average loss of 16.4 acres per year since 2009); and

WHEREAS: The document articulates a goal of 25% minimum canopy cover per neighborhood, acknowledging that half of Cambridge neighborhoods are below this level, with Areas 1 and 2 the lowest respectively (Area 1/East Cambridge, including the MIT-owned Volpe site, is at 13% canopy cover, and Area 2/MIT main campus is at 17%); and

WHEREAS: Areas 1 and 2 have the highest concentrations of heat island hot spots in the city and high concentrations of populations at risk (minority, low income, non-English speaking), resulting in large numbers of high priority areas in both neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: The UFMP specifically calls out that it will be difficult to achieve its equity goal of 25% canopy cover in East Cambridge due to plantable area capacity; and

WHEREAS: The 10-acre MIT Volpe development site will eliminate most if not all its 130 55-60-year-old trees according to their redevelopment plans, which would reduce Area 1's already inadequate tree coverage to approximately 11%; and

WHEREAS: The Planning Board's review of MIT's Volpe plans, with input from the Community Development and Public Works departments, included a tree replacement analysis stating that MIT will be responsible for replacing approximately half of the total existing tree caliper loss (removing 2,200 caliper inches and planting 1,200, with mitigation required for the remaining caliper loss); and

WHEREAS: A public-private partnership opportunity exists whereas MIT will be required to plant an additional 1,000 caliper inches from their expected loss in Area 1 on the Volpe site; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager and Deputy City Manager review the opportunity to work with MIT leadership and their staff to meet its requirement of planting at least the required 1,000 caliper inches-worth of trees in the very much underplanted Area 2 (main campus) as soon as possible. This commitment could include relocation of healthy specimen trees and the retention of existing trees at the proposed Third Street/Broadway Park; and be it further

ORDERED: That a report on the status of such discussions and resulting strategy be given to the Council by the end of the term in December 2023 given the added urgency introduced by the growing environmental crisis.

O-5 Aug 7, 2023

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: The Community Development and Public Health Departments have been working in partnership with the Food and Fitness Policy Council as a jointly created [Urban Agriculture Task Force](#) to explore issues surrounding the development of urban agriculture in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: In December 2017, the Cambridge City Council ordained the [beekeeping zoning amendment](#), but did not legalize the keeping of chickens; and

WHEREAS: There is great interest among residents to be allowed to keep chickens and some residents have been keeping chickens for years without issue; and

WHEREAS: Some residents are being penalized for engaging in safe and unobtrusive chicken keeping; and

WHEREAS: It is a simple matter of justice to allow for the safe and healthy production and sale of food products from urban agriculture, properly regulated so as not to create a nuisance; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the relevant city departments including the Community Development, the Public Health Department and the Law Department to review the [attached Ordinance Language](#); and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back on this matter, including any proposed adjustments to the Ordinance language at the Sept 11, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting.

O-6 Aug 7, 2023

COUNCILLOR NOLAN
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
COUNCILLOR CARLONE
COUNCILLOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: The devastating effects of climate change can be clearly seen throughout Cambridge especially through increasing heat waves and increasing occurrences of extreme weather; and

WHEREAS: Pavement increases the local temperature and helps create “heat islands,” and reducing pavement areas can reduce stormwater run-off thereby helping with stormwater mitigation, which is important given the realities of excess sewer costs, water contamination, and local flooding; and

WHEREAS: By removing pavement in areas around the city and utilizing permeable surfaces where possible, Cambridge can reduce the effects of heat islands, promote more plant growth, and create more open space; and by de-paving driveways on private property homeowners can immediately reduce the effects of heat islands for themselves and their neighbors, provide more space for tree planting on private property, and help public street trees gain access to water; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has worked on de-paving many parts of the city using innovative design alternatives that accommodate space for trees, soil, and improved open space including recent projects in Linear Park, Tubman Square, and Cushing Plaza; and

WHEREAS: De-paving for a private property owner can be prohibitively expensive when accounting for the construction costs included in ripping up and recycling unneeded old pavement and replacing it with a permeable surface and/or healthy soil including fees levied by the Inspectional Services Department and the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department which can amount to \$300 and private dumpster rental fees of \$800 or more; and

WHEREAS: Volunteer organizations like [Green and Open Somerville](#) work to encourage and support de-paving in the area, focusing on climate resiliency goals and building community through shared goals and training volunteers to help physically remove asphalt; and

WHEREAS: The City should incentivize private property owners to work to reduce heat islands, increase open space, and improve green infrastructure on private land by encouraging property owners to de-pave unused or underutilized pavement areas on their property, and whenever a surface is to be redone encourage the use of permeable surface solutions (including e.g. cobblestones and pavers where a hard surface is required); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant departments to create a program to incentivize de-paving private property by which private property owners can receive a stipend to de-pave existing areas on their property and

waive additional permitting fees for de-paving projects; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant departments to review existing policy and guidelines on project design and review to determine whether there are opportunities to minimize new or additional pavement and encourage using permeable surfaces in public and private construction throughout the city; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on initial ideas around designing such a new program and which policies to review no later than Oct 31, 2023.

O-7 Aug 7, 2023

COUNCILLOR NOLAN
COUNCILLOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: Transportation is the second largest source of emissions in Cambridge and the largest source statewide and the city’s Net Zero Action Plan and Demand Managements transportation plans and the work of the Climate Committee and the [Climate Crisis Working Group](#) all identify that in addition to reducing emissions, helping people transition away from cars as a primary form of transportation would reduce deaths and injuries resulting from crashes, traffic congestion, noise, and air pollution (which has a disproportionate impact on low income neighborhoods); and

WHEREAS: The 2019 Citizens’ Climate Convention in France concluded: “Heavier vehicles have a much greater impact on the climate... They consume more fuel, require more materials to build... The accidents they cause are more serious, braking emits more fine particles, and they take up more public space, to the detriment of other, less polluting modes of transport”; and

WHEREAS: Cities like [Paris](#) and [Montreal](#) have recently taken steps to disincentivize the use of particularly large and high polluting vehicles by pricing parking at a higher rate for SUVs, which pollute more than smaller cars and add to parking scarcity, but have become increasingly popular in recent years; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has taken great strides to transition away from fossil fuel vehicles under municipal control through its [Clean Fleet Policy](#) and the Council has recently taken steps to incentivize car sharing through [zoning changes](#); and

WHEREAS: The fee for resident parking permits was raised in 2011 from \$8 to \$20 with a built in raise to \$25 in 2013, where the rate currently stands, despite [requests by council](#) to increase the fee for residents who are not low-income; and

WHEREAS: The parking permit fees, if possible, should reflect city values which could mean exploring whether fees for low-income residents and EV owners should be the same as other vehicles; and

WHEREAS: Other cities have enacted creative solutions to incentive low carbon travel such as limiting the number of parking permits for new residents, pricing parking permits at higher rates for multiple vehicles, adjusting fees based on size and weight of vehicles, and increasing fees for parking in urban core areas in order to encourage use of public transit and non-single occupancy vehicle travel; and

WHEREAS: In reviewing parking fees and regulations, Cambridge can incentivize low carbon forms of travel, reduce the number of gas-powered vehicles on the road, reduce parking scarcity, and increase public safety, while supporting goals of reducing emissions citywide; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Health and Environment and Transportation and Public Utilities Committees hold a public hearing to discuss options for amending parking fees and regulations throughout the city in order to further support the city’s goals of low carbon travel.

O-8 Aug 7, 2023

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR TONER

WHEREAS: Suicide Prevention Month is a national observance held every September to raise awareness, spread hope, and share vital information to people affected by suicide; and

WHEREAS: Suicide Prevention Month can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, or background; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge and the Cambridge Public Health Department are in full support of Suicide Prevention Month and believe in the importance of mental health, and the importance of being open about mental health; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge continues to raise awareness about mental and physical health while also providing solutions; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record recognizing September 2023 as Suicide Prevention Month in the City of Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to light up City Hall purple for the week of September 18th, in honor of Suicide Prevention Month.

O-9 Aug 7, 2023

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: September is Overdose and Recovery Awareness Month and the City of Cambridge is dedicated to supporting its residents who may be struggling with the impacts of an overdose, commemorating those who have lost their lives, and recognizing the City's noble recovery community; and

WHEREAS: Every September, overdose and recovery organizations spend the month campaigning for overdose prevention and encourage individuals, organizations, and cities to remember those who have passed due to an overdose without stigma and to acknowledge the grief of the families and friends of those who have left us; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge, Cambridge Public Health Department, and overdose and recovery organizations are dedicated to contributing, raising awareness, and combating the stigmas around overdose and recovery; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is committed to keeping its residents safe through the Cambridge Heart Mental Health Working Group, which directly deploys emergency responders to those in need, as well as the Cambridge Police PARTNER Initiative, which is committed to providing first responder via phone, in the community or even at the home of overdose survivors; and

WHEREAS: There are approximately 200 overdoses in Cambridge and an average of 20 fatalities, confirming that this public health crisis is devastating for our city; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Public Health Department has scheduled events throughout the month of September in collaboration with the Harvard Art Gallery to commemorate the opening of the exhibition entitled, "Objects of Addiction: Opium, Empire, and the Chinese Art Trade," which will examine the relationship between the opium trade and the development of a market for Chinese art in the United States in the early 20th century; events include overdose prevention education at the

museum and a panel on the current state of the opioid crisis in Massachusetts; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record recognizing Aug 31, 2023, as International Overdose Awareness Day and September 2023 as National Recovery Month in the City of Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to light City Hall up purple from Aug 31 through Sept 30, 2023, in recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day and National Recovery Month.

O-10 Aug 7, 2023

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Brookline Public Library started an induction cooking library loan program to dispel misconceptions about induction cooking and give town residents the opportunity to try induction cooking without purchasing their own equipment first; and

WHEREAS: There is significant research on the harmful effects of gas appliances, particularly gas ranges, and the indoor air pollutants that they produce; and

WHEREAS: [Research shows](#) that 13% of all childhood asthma cases are attributable to gas stoves; and

WHEREAS: Induction cooking is much faster, has much more finely tuned control, requires much less ventilation, and does not produce the harmful emissions that gas cooking does; and

WHEREAS: The materials and an estimate of the cost of setting up a kit are outlined below:

- Portable induction single [burner](#) (\$115)
- Ten-inch frying [pan](#) with lid (\$60)
- Four quarts [saucepan](#) with lid (\$50)
- Tote bag, laminated instructions (\$10); and

WHEREAS: Creating a similar program with the Cambridge Public Library will allow Cambridge residents to try an induction stove and possibly purchase and electrify their homes; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Public Library to create an Induction Stoves Loaner Program and help residents access experience using induction stoves.

O-11 Aug 7, 2023

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: Across the country, cities and states are designing programs to decrease financial barriers that inhibit access to higher education for their residents; and

WHEREAS: In Cambridge, the city's adult population reflects a racial achievement gap in college completion, with Black and Latinx residents completing college less than white and Asian residents; and

WHEREAS: 80% of white and Asian residents in Cambridge hold bachelor's degrees, compared to 59.5% of Latinx and 38.4% of African American residents; and

WHEREAS: The college success gap widens along lines of race/ethnicity, and within six years, the college completion gap for the class of 2010 doubled to roughly 20 points, with 43% of white and Asian graduates obtaining a degree in comparison to 25% of African American and Latinx grads; and

WHEREAS: Mayor Siddiqui formed a working group and met with several College Promise programs, including the Boston Tuition-

Free Community College Fund, New Haven Promise, Tennessee Promise, and Tennessee Connect to learn from previous efforts and create a pilot in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The working group met with MIT and Harvard University, who have agreed to be founding members and provide funding for a last-dollar scholarship model that will provide scholarship funds for students after the Pell Grant and other aid has been applied; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Promise is similar to the Boston Tuition-Free Community College Fund, a program that pays for up to three years of tuition and fees for Boston residents — regardless of their age, income, or immigration status; and

WHEREAS: Governor Healey's budget was approved for \$38 million to create MassReconnect, a program that offers free associate degrees and high-quality certificates for students 25 or over starting in 2024; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has expressed interest in a tuition-free community college fund and has worked on initiating a similar program in the past; and

WHEREAS: The first pilot year will provide 30 students with free tuition at Bunker Hill Community College and a College Success Initiative coach; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to finalize the grant agreement with Bunker Hill Community College and appropriate the \$50,000 in contributions made by MIT and Harvard University to the College Success Initiative to provide scholarships for 30 students entering Bunker Hill Community College.

O-12 Aug 7, 2023

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that there are various lawsuits against members of the Cambridge Police Department (CPD); and

WHEREAS: It is alleged that the Cambridge Law Department is in some cases expending resources to defend or support members of CPD who are named as defendants in some lawsuits; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has a right to be informed as to the extent of such lawsuits and the costs incurred by the Law Department to defend them; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Law Department and CPD to report to the City Council on all outstanding and recent (last 5 fiscal years: FY'23, '22, '21, '20, '19) lawsuits involving the CPD or individual members of CPD that the City is expending or has expended resources on, including an estimate of how much has been spent on these lawsuits to date in FY24; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to furnish this report to the City Council no later than the Sept 11, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting.

O-13 Aug 7, 2023

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Through the Cycling Safety Ordinance (CSO), the Cambridge City Council seeks to ensure the safety of cyclists of all abilities and experience and ages through the installation of a network of separated bike lanes on a set timeline of approximately 25 miles of throughout the City, of which 14.54 miles are installed or close to complete; and

WHEREAS: Through the [dedicated City website](#), details on implementation requirements and timelines are outlined as well as a [map of required installations](#) of separated bike lanes under the

CSO and another map outlines the [current bicycle facilities](#) across the city; and

WHEREAS: The City has worked to update the Council, residents, and businesses in Cambridge regarding construction plans by posting notices, holding community meetings, and through regular online and email updates; however, many people in the community are unaware of the scope of projects planned through the CSO and surprised about changes to traffic, parking, and construction which leads to frustration and mistrust; and

WHEREAS: The City has made progress in improving communication with the community through direct mailing campaigns for programs like the [Cambridge Community Electric program](#) (CCE) and ordinance changes like the [Tree Protection Ordinance](#); and

WHEREAS: The City Council wants the City to improve its communication methods and better inform residents of upcoming changes to streets, construction schedules, and information about long- and short-term road safety improvements throughout the city; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with relevant departments on an enhanced communication strategy to inform residents about the implementation of the Cycling Safety Ordinance, which should include a dedicated mailer to all residents in the city informing them about the Cycling Safety Ordinance including a map of implementation; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council by September 2023 on the status of the mailer and the enhanced communication strategy.

O-14 Aug 7, 2023

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge recognizes the importance of Electric Vehicle infrastructure and acknowledge that electric vehicles (EVs) create less greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution than traditional gasoline-fueled vehicles and that EV drivers benefit from better fuel economy and financial incentives and contribute to cleaner air and better health for the community; and

WHEREAS: As of January 2023, there were over 5,000 EVs registered in Cambridge and the City should continue to work to expand access to charging citywide; and

WHEREAS: In response to the work of the CCWG, which recommended taking steps to expand EV charging options, on July 12, 2023, the City [announced](#) a new EV charging pilot program that will allow residents to apply for a \$200 permit to charge EVs across City sidewalks with proper protections to ensure safety and accessibility; and

WHEREAS: This charging [pilot program](#) supports the City's continued commitment to increasing public EV charging access and will act as a transitional piece for meeting the overall publicly accessible EV charging goals; and

WHEREAS: To receive a permit, residents have to follow strict guidelines, buy an approved cover, and have appropriate outdoor electric outlet which can be expensive to install; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has recognized that removing barriers in the form of fees advances city goals of equity and support for residents and small businesses, and by removing permit fees Cambridge can incentivize use of electric vehicles and ensure more equitable access to electric vehicle charging infrastructure for all residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments to review the Across Sidewalk Electric Vehicle Charging (EV) Permit Pilot Program and remove the \$200 permit fee associated with the pilot program and report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-15 Aug 7, 2023

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The Cambridge [Vehicle Trip Reduction Ordinance](#) states that “*Measures to discourage, and provide alternatives to, vehicle trips and trips by single-occupancy vehicles made by residents of and visitors to Cambridge are also necessary to further the goals of the Clean Air Act.*”; and

WHEREAS: Simple logic dictates that the more convenient and less costly transit alternatives are, the more likely they are to displace and eliminate single-occupancy vehicle trips and private vehicle ownership; and

WHEREAS: The City Council requested via a [policy order](#) last year that the City Manager develop a local transit pilot, but no official response has been received by the City Council; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor and Councillor Azeem have formed a [Fare Free Bus Pilot Working Group](#) to study the feasibility of piloting fare free transit in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Several Councillors have had extensive discussions with the City Manager and staff regarding the feasibility of piloting a fare free, on-demand transit system available to all residents and visitors in Cambridge, but the Council as a whole has not yet been briefed on this effort; and

WHEREAS: Cities including [Newton](#) and [Salem](#) have implemented on-demand transit services; and

WHEREAS: [Via Transit](#) already operates shuttle services in Cambridge, including the [Harvard shuttle buses](#); and

WHEREAS: To the extent that there is concern about on-demand transit competing with regional transit and private on-demand services, these concerns can be addressed through appropriate program design and reasonable limitations on pick-up and destination points; and

WHEREAS: There are various programs in Cambridge that provide limited, subsidized transportation options for seniors and people with disabilities, but suffer from inconveniences and shortcomings; and

WHEREAS: Staff have voiced concern that while Cambridge may be able to consolidate these programs for seniors and people with disabilities, doing so could lead to service degradation in surrounding communities that also participate in these programs if Cambridge were to stop subsidizing them; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge, working with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) has already demonstrated the ability to lead on developing new regional transit options with the highly successful [Bluebikes](#) program and could similarly consult with neighboring municipalities on how to best move forward with fare-free, on demand transit in the Boston metro area including Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant departments and agencies including MAPC, the Department of Traffic and Transportation, Public Works, Community Development and Human Services to design and implement a pilot program providing subsidized, on-demand transit to low-income residents, people with disabilities and seniors, with a goal of expanding the program to service the region in ways that supplement the MBTA system via fare-free, on-demand transit for everyone; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on this matter no later than Sept 30, 2023 with an initial update on how the City Manager plans to proceed with implementing such a pilot program.

O-16 Aug 7, 2023

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: On April 24, 2023, following a decision released by Commissioner Douglas Rice of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) dated April 3, 2023 not to continue Saturday closures of Riverbend Park, the City of Cambridge committed to the extended access to Riverbend Park by passing [Policy Order PO23#68](#) by a margin of 7-2; and

WHEREAS: There was a recent disclosure of documents related to the state’s decision not to open Riverbend Park to pedestrians and cyclists on Saturdays in addition to the statutorily required Sundays that revealed substantial misinformation on the part of State officials; and

WHEREAS: Sufficient access to open space is crucial for the health and well-being of Cambridge residents, and a matter of social equity and justice particularly for underserved communities that may have limited access to these amenities in denser neighborhoods; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to meet with Governor Healey, DCR Commissioner Arrigo and Secretary Rebecca Tepper to discuss resuming Saturday closures to traffic this summer and mitigating the traffic impacts, including by making potential traffic signal adjustments; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on this matter to the City Council no later than the Sept 11, 2023 Regular Meeting of the City Council.

O-17 Aug 7, 2023

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR TONER

WHEREAS: The Cycling Safety Ordinance was passed in 2019 and amended in 2020 in order to reduce injuries and deaths of people riding bicycles, by requiring safer streets designs with separated bicycle lanes; and

WHEREAS: Outdoor dining and events have become increasingly popular, providing additional public space and additional revenue for restaurants and small business owners, and have strong support in the cycling community; and

WHEREAS: Separated bicycle lanes and outdoor dining have been installed in a complementary way in some locations in Cambridge and neighboring cities yet the current situation is not the best solution; and

WHEREAS: Some concerns have been raised regarding the ability to implement seasonal outdoor dining and separated bicycle lanes on the same streets; including the potential to seasonally change these installations to allow for parking and loading uses during the winter, how to add new outdoor dining in locations where parking-protected bike lanes have already been installed, and the ability to maintain existing outdoor dining installations by aligning a separated bike lane around them; and

WHEREAS: It is not clear if the existing CSO allows for seasonal changes that protect cyclists and support small businesses seeking to use public space outdoors in the public way; now therefore be it

WHEREAS: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back as soon as possible and no later than Sept 11, 2023 on whether change in language to the CSO is necessary to enable installation of permanent, seasonal, and/or temporary outdoor dining and pop-ups alongside separated bicycle lanes consistent

with Cycling Safety Ordinance that address concerns about the current situation; and be it further
ORDERED: That if an amendment to the current CSO language is necessary, that the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with relevant City departments on whether the attached language is sufficient to protect cyclists and support the goal of enabling flexible use of public ways and if not what language could meet these goals and report back as soon as possible on this matter.

O-18 Aug 7, 2023

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: A majority of graduate student workers at Northeastern University filed for a union election with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) on February 6, 2023, in order to secure better pay, overwork protections, dental insurance, and protections from racial and sexual discrimination, and ensure equal treatment of domestic and international students, among other improvements to their working conditions; and

WHEREAS: The City Council recognizes the critical value of unionized workers and is home to many of the 4,000 Northeastern graduate student workers; and

WHEREAS: Administrators at Northeastern have untruthfully stated during the NLRB process that graduate researchers, teaching assistants, and graders at the university are not workers and therefore do not have the rights of workers; and

WHEREAS: The law firm Seyfarth Shaw LLP is arguing on Northeastern's behalf to the NLRB that all graduate students across the country should be undemocratically denied their union representation at private universities in what would be a ruinous precedent for labor organizing; and

WHEREAS: Northeastern has taken several anti-union actions by repeatedly attempting to coerce graduate student workers out of organizing through spreading disinformation about graduate worker unions and using campus police to illegally threaten false charges for participating in protected concerted union activity; and

WHEREAS: An election has finally been scheduled for Sept 19, 2023, allowing all eligible masters and doctoral graduate students to vote on creating a union; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in enthusiastic support of the graduate student workers of Northeastern University and their effort to form a union; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging the university to bargain in good faith with the union after the election; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Tim Rupprecht of GENU-UAW and Joseph E. Aoun, President of Northeastern University on behalf of the entire City Council.