



# ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

## COMMITTEE MEETING

~ MINUTES ~

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

5:30 PM

Sullivan Chamber  
795 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, MA 02139

### Call to Order

| Attendee Name     | Present                             | Absent                              | Late                     | Arrived |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Burhan Azeem      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Dennis J. Carlone | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Alanna Mallon     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Marc C. McGovern  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Patricia Nolan    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| E. Denise Simmons | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Paul F. Toner     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Quinton Zondervan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Sumbul Siddiqui   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |

### MINUTES OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2022

A public hearing of the Cambridge City Council's Ordinance Committee was held on Wednesday, June 29, 2022. The hearing was Called to Order at 5:30 p.m. by the Chair, Councillor McGovern. Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2022 adopted by the Massachusetts General Assembly and approved by the Governor, this public hearing was hybrid, allowing participation in person, in the Sullivan Chamber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA and by remote participation via Zoom.

#### Deputy City Clerk Crane called the roll.

Councillor Azeem – Present/Remote

Councillor Carlone – Present

Vice Mayor Mallon – Present/Remote

Councillor McGovern – Present/Remote

Councillor Nolan – Present/Remote

Councillor Simmons – Absent

Councillor Toner – Present/Remote

Councillor Zondervan – Present/Remote

Mayor Siddiqui – Present/Remote

**Present-8, Absent 1. Quorum established.**

Councillor McGovern stated the Call of the Hearing was to discuss a zoning petition from Craig A. Kelley titled The Cambridge Transportation De-Carbonization Congestion-Mitigation. (Ordinance #2022-13). He stated that the Committee will first hear from the petitioner, Craig A. Kelley, followed by the Community Development Department, Public Comment and Committee discussion.

Councillor McGovern introduced Mr. Kelley. It was noted that Mr. Kelley was experiencing technical difficulties.

Councillor Nolan stated that the City Council received a communication from Mr. Kelley regarding substituted language that he would like to present to the Committee. She asked about the process of submitting that language in advance. Councillor McGovern stated that the Committee will begin with the presentation and then Mr. Kelley can introduce the substituted language.

**A motion to recess was made by Councillor McGovern at 5:39 p.m. in order to allow Mr. Kelley to resolve his technical issues.**

Deputy City Clerk Crane called the roll.

Councillor Azeem – Yes

Councillor Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Mallon – Yes

Councillor McGovern – Yes

Councillor Nolan – Yes

Councillor Simmons – Absent

Councillor Toner – Yes

Councillor Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-8, Absent 1. The hearing was recessed.**

**Councillor McGovern made a motion to reconvene the hearing at 5:41 p.m.**

Deputy City Clerk Crane called the roll.

Councillor Azeem – Yes

Councillor Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Mallon – Yes

Councillor McGovern – Yes

Councillor Nolan – Yes

Councillor Simmons – Absent

Councillor Toner – Yes

Councillor Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-8, Absent 1. The hearing was reconvened.**

Craig Kelley made a presentation “Cambridge Transportation Decarbonization and Congestion Mitigation Bill” (ATTACHMENT A) that ended at approximately 6:00 p.m.

After completion of the presentation, Councillor McGovern asked the Deputy City Clerk if anyone had signed up for Public Comment. Deputy City Clerk Crane responded that there were no public commenters signed up for the public hearing.

Councillor McGovern introduced Jeff Roberts, Director of Zoning and Development, Community Development Department (CDD), who introduced Susanne Rasmussen, Director of Environment and Transportation Planning and Stephanie Groll, Parking and Transportation Demand Management Officer. He stated that the Planning Board held a public hearing on this petition on May 24, 2022 and voted to send a recommendation to the City Council that was received by the City Council on June 13, 2022. He

said that the Planning Board believed that there are important issues being raised by the petition and ones deserving of study. They agreed that the zoning amendment process is not the best way to address the issues that are being raised.

**Councillor McGovern made a motion to close Public Comment at approximately 6:10 p.m.**

Deputy City Clerk Crane called the roll.

Councillor Azeem – Yes

Councillor Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Mallon – Yes

Councillor McGovern – Yes

Councillor Nolan – Yes

Councillor Simmons – Absent

Councillor Toner – Yes

Councillor Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-8, Absent 1. Public Comment was closed.**

After Mr. Roberts's remarks, the Chair acknowledged Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Nolan, Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, and Councillor Toner for questions/comments.

Councillor Zondervan made a motion to amend the petition by substitution with language provided by Mr. Kelley (ATTACHMENT B).

Deputy City Clerk Crane called the roll.

Councillor Azeem – Yes

Councillor Carlone – Absent

Vice Mayor Mallon – Yes

Councillor McGovern – Yes

Councillor Nolan – Yes

Councillor Simmons – Absent

Councillor Toner – Yes

Councillor Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-7, Absent 2. The petition was amended by substitution.**

Councillor Zondervan made the following motion:

ORDERED: That the Ordinance Committee refer Categories M (Shared Vehicle) and N (Publicly-accessible, Privately-owned Electric Vehicle Charging System) of the Cambridge Transportation Decarbonization and Congestion Mitigation Bill, along with definitions, to the full City Council with a favorable recommendation.

Deputy City Clerk Crane called the roll.

Councillor Azeem – Yes

Councillor Carlone – Absent

Vice Mayor Mallon – Yes

Councillor McGovern – Yes

Councillor Nolan – Yes

Councillor Simmons – Absent

Councillor Toner – Yes

Councillor Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-7, Absent 2. The motion passed.**

Vice Mayor Mallon made the following motion:

ORDERED: That the City Solicitor be and hereby is requested to provide a legal opinion on the proposed zoning amendments of the Cambridge Transportation Decarbonization and Congestion Mitigation Bill, including whether the City Council could limit the electric vehicle charging station sharing to holders of residential parking permits only.

Deputy City Clerk Crane called the roll.

Councillor Azeem – Yes

Councillor Carlone – Absent

Vice Mayor Mallon – Yes

Councillor McGovern – Yes

Councillor Nolan – Yes

Councillor Simmons – Absent

Councillor Toner – Yes

Councillor Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-7, Absent 2. The motion passed.**

The following individuals were present to address questions and comments from City Councillors; Susanne Rasmussen, Director of Environment and Transportation Planning and Stephanie Groll, Parking and Transportation Demand Management Officer, and Megan Bayer, City Solicitor's Office.

Vice Mayor Mallon made a motion to adjourn the hearing.

Deputy City Clerk Crane called the roll.

Councillor Azeem – Yes

Councillor Carlone – Absent

Vice Mayor Mallon – Yes

Councillor McGovern – Yes

Councillor Nolan – Yes

Councillor Simmons – Absent

Councillor Toner – Yes

Councillor Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-7, Absent 2. The hearing was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.**

Attachment A: Presentation petition from Craig A. Kelley titled The Cambridge Transportation De-Carbonization Congestion-Mitigation. (Ordinance #2022-13).

Attachment B: Substitution language provided by Mr. Kelley (ATTACHMENT B).

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

**A Zoning Petition Has been received from Craig A. Kelley regarding The Cambridge Transportation De-Carbonization and Congestion-Mitigation Bill. (Ordinance #2022-13) REFERRED TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE AND PLANNING BOARD IN COUNCIL APRIL 25, 2022**

**A communication was received from Craig Kelley, regarding Suggested modifications to EV charging, vehicle share and MM zoning language.**

**That the Ordinance Committee refer Categories M (Shared Vehicle) and N (Publicly-accessible, Privately-owned Electric Vehicle Charging System) of the Cambridge Transportation Decarbonization and Congestion Mitigation Bill, along with definitions, to the full City Council with a favorable recommendation.**

**That the City Solicitor be and hereby is requested to provide a legal opinion on the proposed zoning amendments of the Cambridge Transportation Decarbonization and Congestion Mitigation Bill, including whether the City Council could limit the electric vehicle charging station sharing to holders of residential parking permits only.**