

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

COMMITTTEE MEETING

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Wednesday, August 3, 2022

5:30 PM

Sullivan Chamber 795 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge, MA 02139

The Ordinance Committee will meet to conduct a public hearing on Ordinance #2022-5, an ordinance amending Parking minimums and maximums.

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Burhan Azeem		V		
Dennis J. Carlone				
Alanna Mallon				
Marc C. McGovern				
Patricia Nolan		V		
E. Denise Simmons		V		
Paul F. Toner				
Quinton Zondervan				
Sumbul Siddiqui				

MINUTES OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

A public meeting of the Cambridge City Council's Ordinance Committee was held on Wednesday August 3, 20222.

The meeting was Called to Order at 5:30 p.m. by the Chair, Councillor Zondervan. Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2022 adopted by Massachusetts General Assembly and approved by the Governor, this public meeting was hybrid, allowing participation in person, in the Sullivan Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA and by remote participation via zoom.

Chair Zondervan called the meeting to order.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Absent

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Present/Remote

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Present/Remote

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Present/Remote

Councillor Patricia Nolan - Absent

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Absent

Councillor Paul Toner – Present/In Sullivan Chamber

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Present/Remote

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui - Present/Remote

Present-6, Absent-3. Quorum established.

Chair Zondervan noted that this was a public hearing on proposed Ordinance # 2022-5 (Policy Order # 2022-19), that would eliminate parking minimums. The Chair recognized the following individuals who provided comments related to this public hearing by remote participation:

Allan Sadun, 237 Elm Street, Cambridge, MA David Halperin, 14 Valentine Street, Cambridge, MA James Zall, 203 Pemberton Street, Cambridge, MA Vickey Bester, 149 Upland Road, Cambridge, MA Heather Hoffman, 213 Hurley Street, Cambridge, MA

The Chair recognized Iram Farooq, Assistant City Manager for Community Development who spoke briefly and acknowledged the work of her team. Jeff Roberts, Director of Zoning Development made brief comments and noted that the Planning Board would not be meeting on this matter until August 16, 2022. It was noted that as written the parking maximums in the current ordinance would not carry over if the proposed ordinance was adopted as presented. The Chair stated that it was not the intent to change the maximums. Stephanie Groll spoke about the traffic study underway and outreach efforts being made. Susanne Rasmussen was also present. The Assistant City Manager and her team answered questions and addressed comments made by the Mayor, Vice Mayor Mallon and all Councillors present.

Vice Mayor Mallon made a motion that Chair Zondervan and Councillor Azeem send a communication to the Planning Board and the Ordinance Committee clarifying that the intent of the petition is only to modify the minimum accessory parking requirements, and to include a redlined version of the proposed zoning amendments.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Absent

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone - Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon - Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern - Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan - Absent

Councillor E. Denise Simmons - Absent

Councillor Paul Toner - Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan - Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui - Yes

Yes-6, No-0, Absent-3. Motion passed.

Chair Zondervan made a motion to recess noting that the Public Hearing would remain open.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Absent

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone - Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon - Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern - Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan - Absent

Councillor E. Denise Simmons - Absent

Councillor Paul Toner - Yes

Councillor Ouinton Y. Zondervan - Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui - Yes

Yes-6, No-0, Absent-3. Motion passed. The Committee recessed at approximately 6:27 p.m.

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That section 6.36 entitled, Schedule of Parking and Loading Requirements, of Article 6.000, entitled OFF STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS AND NIGHTTIME CURFEW ON LARGE COMMERCIAL THROUGH TRUCKS, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge be amended CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR IN COUNCIL SIMMONS FEBRUARY 7, 2022 (Ordinance #2022-5)