

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a COVID-19 update.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the Board of Election Commissioners for the City Council to vote to authorize in-person early voting for the Nov 2, 2021 Municipal Election, in accordance with Chapter 255 of the Acts of 2020, as amended by Chapter 5 of the Acts of 2021 and Chapter 29 of the Acts of 2021.

Agenda Item Number 2 Sept 13, 2021

WHEREAS: At a meeting held on Wed, Sept 1, 2021 at 5:30pm, the Board of Election Commissioners voted 3 in favor, 0 against, and 1 absent to submit a recommendation to the City Council requesting the City Council vote to authorize early in-person voting and the early voting locations, dates, and hours for the Nov 2, 2021 Municipal Election; and

WHEREAS: In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 255 of the Acts of 2020, as amended, the Board recommends early in-person voting begin on Sat, Oct 23, 2021 and end on Fri, Oct 29, 2021 during the hours and at the locations indicated below:

Locations

Cambridge Water Department - 250 Fresh Pond Parkway
Cambridge Main Library – 449 Broadway
Cambridge Valente Library – 826 Cambridge Street, Side Entrance on Berkshire Street

Hours

Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 10am to 3pm

Sunday, October 24, 2021 – CLOSED

Monday, October 25, 2021 from 11am to 7pm

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 from 10am to 5pm

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 from 11am to 7pm

Thursday, October 28, 2021 from 10am to 5pm

Friday, October 29, 2021 from 10am to 5pm

Now, therefore be it

ORDERED: That in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 255 of the Acts of 2020, as amended by Chapter 5 of the Acts of 2021 and Chapter 29 of the Acts of 2021, upon request of the Board of Election Commissioners, the City Council hereby authorizes early voting in-person for the Nov 2, 2021 Municipal Election for the hours and locations outlined above.

3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request from the Board of Election Commissioners recommending the relocation of polling sites for the Nov 2, 2021 Municipal Election.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Leadership Scholarship Program Grant funded from the State 911 Department in the amount of \$10,000 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Salaries and Wages account (\$3,500) and to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Travel and

Training account (\$6,500) which will to cover personnel costs, training fees, and travel costs for the employee who receives the scholarship to attend a designated Leadership Certification Program.

5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of an FY22 State 911 Department Training grant in the amount of \$127,597 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Salary and Wages account (\$89,449), and to the Travel and Training account (\$38,148) which will support training of Emergency Communications Center personnel, classroom fees, and training materials.

6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to authorization to grant street obstruction approvals.

Agenda Item Number 6 Sept 13, 2021

ORDERED: That from Sept 13, 2021 to June 30, 2022, due to the significant adverse impacts the COVID-19 Pandemic has had upon local businesses including restaurants and lower risk of transmission associated with outside activities, and consistent with Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, an Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, which temporarily waives some of the time-consuming procedural requirements for restaurants that are licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption that are applying to operate outdoor dining services, temporarily waives the requirement that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission approve such requests, and temporarily waives zoning requirements that may prohibit outdoor dining services, and to allow the City to continue to respond to the restaurant community's need for outdoor dining in an expeditious manner, including in the spring as restaurants resume outdoor dining pursuant to the City's normal outdoor dining process, all approvals for temporary street obstructions will hereby be referred to the City Manager with authorization to act.

7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-21, regarding a report on traffic calming options in the vicinity of Pemberton Street and Fairfield Street.
8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-56, regarding improvements to Jerry's Pond and along Rindge Avenue.
9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as new Associate Members of the Planning Board for a term of five-years, effective Sept 1, 2021: Alan Price and Ashley Tan.
10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a reappointment and appointment of new members of the Central Square Advisory Committee for a term of three years, effective July 1, 2021 - Reappointments: Esther Hanig, Robert Winters, Michael

Monestime, Joel Alstein, Tahir Kapoor; New Appointments: Saffana Anwar and Christopher Fort

11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board report with no positive or negative recommendation on Article 22.000 Emissions Accounting Zoning Petition.
12. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board report on the Post-Operative Animal Care zoning petition, which recommends the adoption of an alternative zoning amendment to effect the proposed change.
13. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of members to the newly formed BIPOC Business Advisory Committee for a term of one-year, effective Sept 1, 2021.
14. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Action Grant in the amount of \$268,820 to the Grant Fund Community Development Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account. The City is working with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), which manages the Metro Mayors collaboration, to conduct a regional project titled Building Resilience to Climate Driven Heat in Metro Boston and will reimburse MAPC for their expenses following receipt of grant disbursements to the City by the Commonwealth.
15. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$39,292 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures Account (\$33,399), and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$5,893) which will assist with providing affordable housing, revitalize neighborhoods, and expand economic opportunities to low and moderate-income persons.
16. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$2,024,011 received from HUD as part of the Housing Opportunities for People with Aids (HOPWA) Grant to the Grant Fund Community Development Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account which will be used for assisted living programs and supportive services; shelter services, rental assistance and housing search services.
17. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointments of the following members of the Cambridge Health Alliance Board of Trustees, effective July 1, 2021:
3-year terms - Yvette Verdieu, James Henderson, Marian Darlington-Hope, Barbara Guthrie, Katherine Kosinski.
1-year term: Joshua Posner, Alexander White.
18. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$88,895 received from the Cambridge Housing Authority, to the Grant Fund Human Service Department Programs Salary and Wages account for the Cambridge Employment Program which will be used to maintain the capacity of the Cambridge Employment Program by continuing to fund a vocational case manager to provide career counseling and case management services to Cambridge residents seeking employment, particularly those residing in public housing.
19. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Children's Trust Fund grant for the Center for Families program in the amount of \$18,375 to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$16,560) and to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,815) which will be used by the Center for Families to support family programs targeting parents of children up to eight years, which include a variety of family support and parent education programs and resources.
20. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of various donations to the Council on Aging in the amount of \$1,585 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$985) and to the Travel and Training account (\$600), which will be used to support services for Cambridge Seniors, including virtual classes and instruction, gift cards, and the provision of minor home adaptation equipment.
21. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Cambridge in Motion Grant for \$1,000 from the Cambridge Public Health Department to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to support the Munching and Moving Program at the Morse Preschool.
22. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$9,615 for the Center for Families program funded by the Cambridge Public Health Commission, Agenda for Children to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to provide Family programming and curriculum development, pre-bagged refreshments for outside and in-person events and activity bag giveaways.
23. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of funds for the College Success Initiative from the Cambridge Community Foundation for \$15,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account which will be used to support part of the salary costs associated with a college success coach who will provide individualized college coaching for students attending UMass Boston and for graduates of the Community Learning Center's Bridge to College program who attend Bunker Hill Community College.
24. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) grant in

the amount of \$79,992 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$47,084), and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$32,908) which will be used to provide an integrated education and training program to adults in the Metro North area who want to start a career in the Information Technology field and work as Computer User Support Specialists, Help Desk Technicians, etc.

25. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant funded by the Cambridge Community Foundation in the amount of \$4,500 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account which will be used to support the distribution of Chromebooks to CLC students and provide technical assistance to them to connect with the CLC zoom classrooms.

26. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance grant funded by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$118,723.49 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$101,480.49), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$14,243), and to the Travel and Training account (\$3,000) which will be used for costs related to the Carey Men's Permanent Supported Housing Program operated by the Multi-Service Center.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments on how the City can change practices such that all projects will treat trees as essential infrastructure. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey in Council Aug 2, 2021]

ON THE TABLE

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-13, regarding next steps on implementation of Universal Pre-K. [Placed on the Table in Council May 17, 2021]

3. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to determine the feasibility of establishing a pilot reparations program that would take a to-be-determined percentage of revenue from local cannabis sales and distribute these monies to local Black-owned businesses and to economic empowerment applicants. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Zondervan in Council June 21, 2021; Placed on the Table in Council June 28, 2021]

4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-41, regarding a report on closing Mass Ave from Prospect Street to Sidney Street on Friday and Saturday evenings. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor McGovern in Council June 28, 2021; Placed on the Table in Council Aug 2, 2021]

5. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to establish a restitution program that would take a to-be-determined percentage of revenue from local cannabis sales and distribute these monies to current and former Cambridge residents who have been harmed by the war on drugs, with a targeted launch date of July 2022. [Placed on the Table in Council Aug 2, 2021]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. Order to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Cambridge to insert new section Restricting the Use of Chemical Crowd Control Agents and Kinetic Impact Projectiles. [Passed to a Second Reading in Council Aug 2, 2021]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Carol Fournier representing Abroad Modern, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 292 Concord Avenue. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.
2. An application was received from Christopher Vuk representing Rock & Roll Daycare, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 1969 Massachusetts Avenue approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.
3. An application was received from Paulo Correia, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 851 Cambridge Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.
4. A [Zoning Petition has been received from Francis Donovan, regarding Advancing Housing Affordability \(AHA\) zoning petition.](#)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Michael H. Collupy, regarding Delta Variant and breakthrough cases.
2. A communication was received from Kavish Gandhi, regarding support for Condominium Conversion Ordinance
3. A communication was received from Jill R. Crittenden, Ph.D, regarding Vaccine mandates and incentives.
4. A communication was received from Jamie Lichtenstein, regarding mandate Vaccinations for all city employees.
5. A communication was received from Gerardo Carcamo-Oyarce, regarding disappointing news from The Department of Human Services (DHSP).
6. A communication was received from Christopher Schmidt, regarding Condo Conversion Ordinance.
7. A communication was received from Allan Sadun and Becca Schofield, regarding ABC support for condo conversion ordinance
8. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding the Charles River White Geese and

power plays of MIT, Harvard and the Cambridge City Council.

9. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, regarding how wonderful your work is.
10. A communication was received from Eleanor MacLellan, regarding cutting of mature trees.
11. A communication was received from Janet Stone, regarding the sale of “airplane” liquor.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Richard P. “Lefty” Fields. Councillor Toomey
2. Congratulations to Lorraine Vendetti on her retirement from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toomey
3. Congratulations to Molly Seidel on earning a Bronze Olympic Medal. Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Nolan
4. Resolution on the death of David W. Costa. Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of Brian T. McMahon. Councillor Toomey, Councillor McGovern
6. Resolution on the death of Antonio Jose Correia. Councillor Toomey
7. Condolences to Pat Taylor on the death of her son Kirk Taylor. Councillor Simmons
8. Resolution on the death of Joseph M. Patten. Councillor Simmons
9. Resolution on the death of Margaret M. “Peggy” M. Creamer. Councillor Toomey
10. Condolences to the family of Wilhelmina Haynes. Councillor Simmons
11. Congratulations to Christine Elow on being named Acting Commissioner for the Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Toomey
12. Resolution on the death of Herbert “Herbie” Kuelzer. Councillor McGovern
13. Resolution on the death of Michael S. Medeiros. Councillor Toomey
14. Thanks to Ann and Taft Murray for their hard work and dedication the community both at Thomas Graves Landing and beyond and wish them the best of luck in future endeavors. Councillor Toomey
15. Congratulations to Paloma Sequeira, Imogen Cabot, and Lettie Cabot for their well-earned and remarkable victories in the 2021 ‘World Rowing Junior Championships’ in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, and the Under-23 World Rowing Championships in Racice, Czech Republic. Councillor Nolan

ORDERS

1. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request for a street corner dedication at the corner of 159 Lakeview Avenue at Huron Avenue in honor of John and Carol Donaghy. Councillor Toomey

2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to create a new section on the City Council’s webpage devoted to clearly outlining the various steps of the dedication request process. Councillor Simmons
3. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Director of the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department and the City Solicitor to review the City’s residential parking permit program to determine whether the criteria for this program can be modified to speak to the above-referenced concerns and to develop recommendations that speak to these modifications. Councillor Simmons
4. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City departments to draft a report on the City’s rodent and pest control efforts since February 2020, to outline what metrics are being used to determine the effectiveness of these efforts, and to issue recommendations as to whether increasing the budget for these efforts, as well as creating new incentives and penalties to ensure community compliance with regulations around rodent control, would lead to a greater level of success in resolving this issue. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey
5. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate City departments regarding the feasibility of installing lights at all Cambridge dog parks. Councillor McGovern
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department regarding the feasibility of installing speed bumps on Inman Street. Councillor McGovern
7. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request for a suitable dedication for William “Bill” Sage. Councillor Toomey
8. That the City Council go on record as being willing to work with the Governor’s Office and any nonprofits in helping to settle Afghan refugees in Cambridge should it be needed. Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Community Development Department, Cambridge Department of Human Service Programs, Department of Public Works, local non-profit organizations, Cambridge businesses dedicated to locally sourced produce, farmers, and resident gardeners to study the feasibility of spending Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to address food insecurity by installing raised garden beds throughout Cambridge and providing free, fresh, locally-grown food for residents in need. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone
10. That the City Council go on record recognizing September, 2021 as Recovery Awareness Month in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
11. That the City Manager is requested to work with all relevant City departments, the City Council, the Black

community, and the general public in Cambridge to implement the attached proposal to establish a Commission of Racial Justice and Equity. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon

12. In response to the Election Commission request for a summary argument in support of proposed charter amendments, that the City Council authorize Mayor Siddiqui and Councillor Nolan to submit language to the Election Commission before the deadline on Sept 20, 2021. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler

13. Ordinance #2021-19 - Amendments to the Cannabis Business Permitting Ordinance. Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Carlone

14. That the City Manager is requested to work with the relevant City departments, the contractor, and the community to take another look at ways in which Sennott Park construction could be contained or compartmentalized in such a way that would allow for various sections or elements of the park to remain safely accessible during the construction period while they are not actively being worked on. Councillor Zondervan

15. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Law Department to review the proposed ordinance regarding Renter Choice (Ordinance #2021-18) and provide feedback on implementation. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Ordinance Committee met on Jan 27, 2021 to conduct a public hearing regarding the KSURP financial Analysis.
2. The Human Services and Veterans Committee met on Apr 7, 2021 to conduct a public hearing to discuss plans for reopening of after school programs and summer camp opportunities through the City of Cambridge.
3. The Civic Unity Committee met on May 27, 2021 to conduct a public hearing to discuss the recently released 'Social Equity Legislation in Cannabis: A National Study of State and Local Approaches' by the Initiative organization.
4. The Ordinance Committee met on Sept 1, 2021 to conduct a public hearing on the petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance by inserting a new row in section 4.31 "Residential Uses" regarding the service of post-operative care for a dog.
 - A. Motion to amend the petition to incorporate the recommendations from the Ordinance Committee.
 - B. That the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge be amended to insert a new row in section 4.31 "Residential Uses" regarding the service of post-operative care for a dog. Councillor McGovern, Vice Mayor Mallon

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from City Clerk, Anthony I. Wilson, transmitting communications from Tanya Ford, Executive Director of the Cambridge Election Commission regarding support and in opposition of the proposed charter

amendments to be included in a mailing to voters prior to the Nov 2, 2021 Municipal Election.

2. A communication was received from City Clerk, Anthony I. Wilson, transmitting a memorandum regarding the current three-year term as City Clerk expiring on May 31, 2022.

Sept 2, 2021

Dear City Council,

My current three-year term as City Clerk will expire on May 31, 2022 and I will not be seeking another term. As City Clerk I am proud to have helped citizens and legislators with such varied tasks as starting a business, acquiring vital records, and enacting local legislation. I have spent a combined six years in the role of City Clerk for the 3rd and 4th largest cities in Massachusetts and I believe it is time to return to the practice of law.

It has been a pleasure to work with the staff in my office, the City Manager's Office, and other City departments. They have always proven to be hardworking, collaborative, and thoughtful. I have enjoyed my time with the Council as well. I have been able to work with each Councillor as you have worked passionately for your constituents and the betterment of the City as a whole.

With your help and that of many others, the City Clerk's office remained open and operational throughout the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. We have improved office functions through the use of customer kiosks, digital applications and simplified record keeping. There remain several projects in progress, like digitizing historical records and new agenda software. I believe that we can make substantial progress on these projects during the remainder of my term.

I hope that by giving you this information now, you will have sufficient time to find the next City Clerk to serve this wonderful City.

Anthony Ivan Wilson, Esq.
City Clerk
City of Cambridge
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

3. A communication was received from Councillor Zondervan, transmitting an explanation of the proposed amendments to the Cannabis Business Permitting Ordinance.
4. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, communicating information from the School Committee.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Sept 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Sept 21

3:30pm The Ordinance committee will meet to continue a hearing on an amendment to Article 22 of the City of

Cambridge Zoning Ordinance “Emissions Accounting” (Ord # 2021-13). (Remote Hearing)

Mon, Sept 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Sept 29

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to discuss the Neighborhood Conservation District citizen’s petition.
(Remote Hearing)

Mon, Oct 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Sept 13, 2021

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Jennifer Dever Wood for a street corner dedication at the corner of 159 Lakeview Avenue at Huron Avenue in honor of John and Carol Donaghy; and be it further

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

O-2 Sept 13, 2021

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The process for dedicating street corners, benches, and other City landmarks in honor of notable individuals currently requires that members of the public ask a City Councillor to formally sponsor a dedication request at a City Council meeting, which, if approved by the City Council, is then forwarded to the Dedication Committee for further review and ultimate approval or rejection; and

WHEREAS: The [criteria used by the Dedication Committee](#) to determine whether or not to approve a dedication request is not shared with those making the request until after the policy order has been approved and forwarded to the Dedication Committee; and

WHEREAS: That fact has occasionally led to confusing situations where those making the dedication requests have mistakenly believed that, since their request was favorably voted upon by the City Council, the request has therefore been approved, when in fact there are additional steps in this process and final approval is not a foregone conclusion; and

WHEREAS: For the sake of greater clarity and transparency in this process, it would be helpful to devote a section of the City Council website to clearly outline the various steps of the dedication request process, and to post the criteria by which these requests are determined by the Dedication Committee; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to create a new section on the City Council’s webpage devoted to clearly outlining the various steps of the dedication request process, to post the criteria by which these requests are determined by the Dedication Committee, and to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-3 Sept 13, 2021

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has recently come to the City Council’s attention of at least one instance in which an individual has obtained residential parking permits for perhaps ten vehicles, all of which are parked on the residential streets near this individual’s home and all of which are primarily utilized not for this individual’s personal use, but instead for the purpose of being rented out (in a concept similar to the [peer-to-peer car share model](#)) as a business enterprise; and

WHEREAS: Under [existing City parking guidelines](#), this is an allowable use of the residential parking permit program, as there are currently no limits placed upon the number of vehicles a Cambridge resident can obtain a residential parking permit for, nor are there any rules prohibiting residential parking permits from being issued to vehicles that are solely or primarily utilized for commercial purposes; and

WHEREAS: While commercial ventures such as this may technically adhere to the rules governing our residential parking program, they nonetheless violate the spirit of a program that is intended to provide an opportunity for residents who own vehicles for their personal use to secure a residential parking space reasonably close to where they reside; and

WHEREAS: Due to the continual scarcity of residential parking in Cambridge, it would be appropriate for the City to review the policies governing our residential parking permit program to determine whether, and how, the language for this program might be modified to limit the issuance of residential parking permits to vehicles that are primarily utilized for personal, non-commercial use, with

reasonable exceptions being made for specific situations in which the permit holder utilizes their vehicle for business purposes (such as for individuals who are employed as food delivery drivers, or who drive for companies such as Uber or Lyft); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Director of the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department and the City Solicitor to review the City's residential parking permit program to determine whether the criteria for this program can be modified to speak to the above-referenced concerns, to develop recommendations that speak to these modifications, and to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-4 Sept 13, 2021

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: A number of Cambridge residents have recently voiced strong concerns about the City's ongoing rat, rodent, and pest mitigation efforts, charging that the City's strategies have been ineffective due to the lack of sufficient incentives for individuals to comply with City guidelines, and due to the lack of sufficient penalties for those who do not comply with City guidelines, which are all part of the necessary collective effort to tame the ongoing rodent conundrum; and

WHEREAS: The City's website, which has a [page devoted to rodent control](#), lists a variety of things that residents can do to make their property less inviting to rodents, such as urging people to "bring trash and compost barrels to the curb as close to pick-up time as possible" and to "Make sure you have enough trash barrels with tight lids to hold trash between pickups ...[and]...if you have tenants, insist that they use the trash barrels"; and

WHEREAS: On that same page, it is written that "Rats are a community problem, but the solution is found on each property," and that people should "talk with your neighbors [and]...share what you learned about rat control and ask everyone around you to help," yet there is no mention made as to whether the City might impose any penalties to those who flagrantly disregard their portion of this effort; and

WHEREAS: The City cannot solely be responsible for deploying resources to each individual property where a rodent infestation has been reported, yet it must be recognized that the municipal government does play a role in allowing for the kinds of conditions that allow for rodent activity to proliferate, such as the greenlighting of numerous large construction projects across the community (as [construction projects](#) tend [to increase](#) the [likelihood of rodent activity](#)); and

WHEREAS: While the [local government has worked](#) to tackle this issue in recent years, it is clear that the City must review whether the efforts already made have achieved the desired results, and the City must ultimately make a more aggressive, concerted effort in working with residents across

the community to collaboratively resolve this issue; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Department of Public Works, the Department of Public Health, and other appropriate departments to designate one individual to serve as the point of contact for rat and rodent complaints and information, and to serve as the general liaison on this matter to both the public and to the City Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City departments to draft a report on the City's rodent and pest control efforts since February 2020, to outline what metrics are being used to determine the effectiveness of these efforts, and to issue recommendations as to whether increasing the budget for these efforts, as well as creating new incentives and penalties to ensure community compliance with regulations around rodent control, would lead to a greater level of success in resolving this issue; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-5 Sept 13, 2021

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Cambridge dog parks are heavily used; and
WHEREAS: Cambridge dog parks close at "dusk," which varies depending on the time of year; and

WHEREAS: In the Fall and Winter, dusk can be as early as 4:00 p.m., meaning that dog owners cannot use dog parks after returning home from work; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate city departments on the feasibility of installing lights at all Cambridge dog parks and report back to the City Council.

O-6 Sept 13, 2021

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Residents of Inman Street have raised concerns regarding cars speeding; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has Vision Zero initiative to make our streets safe; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department regarding the feasibility of installing speed bumps on Inman Street.

O-7 Sept 13, 2021

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request for a suitable dedication for William "Bill" Sage; and be it further

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

O-8 Sept 13, 2021

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR NOLAN
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: In August 2021, the Biden Administration ended the longest war in American history by pulling American troops out of Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS: This decision has resulted in thousands of

Afghan residents fleeing Afghanistan for their safety; and

WHEREAS: Governor Baker has indicated that Massachusetts is willing to accept Afghan refugees; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has prided itself on being a welcoming community to people from around the World; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record as being willing to work with the Governor's Office and any non-profits in helping to settle Afghan refugees in Cambridge should it be needed.

O-9 Sept 13, 2021

MAYOR SIDDIQUI
VICE MAYOR MALLON
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: As of February 2021, [10.75% of Cambridge households](#) enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which is an 18.28% increase from 2019; and

WHEREAS: Since 2016, approximately 45% of Cambridge Public Schools students register for the free or reduced lunch programs each year, showing that food insecurity is a significant issue in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: To address [food insecurity in Boston](#), the City developed the "Raised Beds Program," which partnered with local farms and gardeners to provide residents and community organizations with raised garden beds to grow their own food, while simultaneously addressing access to affordable, sustainable, and healthy food; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge City Growers has done work to address food insecurity through their community fridge, seeds and seedlings distribution, peer mentor support, and raised beds across the City, and Green Cambridge has helped build [communal gardens and urban farms](#); and

WHEREAS: Since many Cambridge families and children are experiencing food insecurity at higher levels due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Cambridge has an obligation to further alleviate food insecurity, promote quality and sustainable food sources, host educational workshops, and provide additional green space for communities in need; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Community Development Department, Cambridge Department of Human Service Programs, Department of Public Works, local non-profit organizations, Cambridge businesses dedicated to locally sourced produce, farmers, and resident gardeners to study the feasibility of spending Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to address food insecurity by installing

raised garden beds throughout Cambridge and providing free, fresh, locally-grown food for residents in need; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-10 Sept 13, 2021

MAYOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR NOLAN
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: National Recovery Month is a national observance held every September to raise awareness on how substance use treatment and mental health services can enable those with substance use disorders to live healthy and rewarding lives; and

WHEREAS: National Recovery Month celebrates the gains made by those in recovery, just as we celebrate improvements made by those who are managing other health conditions; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge and the Cambridge Public Health Department are in full support of National Recovery Month and believe in the importance of mental health and recovery programs for those struggling from addiction; and

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

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record recognizing September, 2021 as Recovery Awareness 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 20, 2021, in honor of National Recovery Month.

O-11 Sept 13, 2021

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
MAYOR SIDDIQUI
VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: The history of the United States, starting with settler colonialism and genocide against the Native people, continuing with chattel slavery of African people, and continuing past the Civil War with Jim Crow, housing discrimination, mass incarceration and the war on drugs, is animated by a white supremacist ideology and anti-Black racism that continues to manifest in our society as disparate outcomes by race in almost any statistic measured, including health and wealth, and continues to be perpetuated through our laws, governments, economy and educational systems, including here in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Our deepening housing unaffordability crisis which is continuing to cause gentrification (influx of high-income, mostly white residents) and displacement (outflux of low-income, including many Black and Brown, residents) has its roots in the active discrimination against African people in the housing market in the 20th century, including

the so-called practice of “red lining”; and, leading to multigenerational poverty and a wealth disparity documented in a 2015 [study](#) with an average net worth of \$8 for Blacks and \$247,000 for whites in the city of Boston; and

WHEREAS: While financial reparations for slavery will primarily have to come from the federal government, Cambridge has the opportunity to advance the conversation locally and begin implementing forms of reparations and restitution that can point the way forward for our nation; and

WHEREAS: Other communities are beginning to explore these topics by forming departments, commissions and committees, including the Racial Equity and Social Justice [Committee](#) in Montgomery County, Maryland, the Boston Public Health [Commission](#), City of Oakland, CA’s [Department](#) of Race and Equity, Amherst, MA’s [fund](#) for reparations, and [Evanston, IL](#)’s effort; and

WHEREAS: No existing department or commission is currently tasked with examining these issues, including conducting research, engaging the community, and providing policy guidance, leading to a lack of progress and lack of action from City Government on issues of racial equity and justice; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all relevant City departments, the City Council, the Black community, and the general public in Cambridge to implement the [attached](#) proposal to establish a Commission of Racial Justice and Equity.

O-12 Sept 13, 2021

MAYOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: Pursuant to Chapter 630 of the Acts of 1989, the Election Commission invited the City Council to submit a consolidated argument in support of the proposed charter amendments to be included in a mailing to voters prior to the November 2, 2021, Municipal Election; now therefore be it

ORDERED: In response to the Election Commission request for a summary argument, that the City Council authorize Mayor Siddiqui and Councillor Nolan to submit language to the Election Commission before the deadline on September 20, 2021.

O-13 Sept 13, 2021

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
MAYOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The existing preference period for Economic Empowerment applicants established in the Cannabis Business Permitting Ordinance expires on September 23, 2021; and

WHEREAS: That the City Council finds that the adoption of the amendment to Cambridge Municipal Code Chapter 5.50 entitled Cannabis Business Permitting to extend and amend the provisions relating to the permitting preference period in

Section 5.50.040 and to add Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishments and Cannabis Courtier Establishment throughout Chapter 5.50 is an emergency involving the health and safety of the people of Cambridge or their property, pursuant to G.L. c.43, §20; and

WHEREAS: The City Council in recognition of the emergency waives the advertising provisions of Section 1.12.030 (b) of the Ordinances of the City of Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the ordinances of the City of Cambridge [be amended as follows](#):

O-14 Sept 13, 2021

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the Sennott Park Renovation Project will begin in September 2021 and is expected to last for at least one year; and

WHEREAS: Two public meetings were held in February 2020 and a [community survey](#) was conducted to seek input on the [renovations](#) which will include significant tree plantings, improvements to the field surface, a new fitness station, new playground elements, increased shading around the water play features, new adjustable basketball hoops, and much more; and

WHEREAS: The city has announced that there will be no park access throughout the renovations including the playground, the splash pad, the basketball court, and the field; and

WHEREAS: Many residents have raised concerns about the timing of this renovation project as the pandemic has created an urgent need for safe outdoor recreation space; and

WHEREAS: Children under 12 are not yet eligible for any COVID vaccine, have experienced an unreasonable amount of social isolation due to the pandemic, and have limited outdoor recreation and after school options available to them even under the best of circumstances; and

WHEREAS: Sennott Park is an important space for children who attend the Moses Youth Center; and

WHEREAS: The improvements proposed as part of the Sennott Park Renovation Project will greatly improve the quality of the park but the city needs to balance these improvements with a need to retain public access to this cherished community space as much as possible during the renovation, even if it means the project will take a little longer to complete; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the relevant city departments, the contractor, and the community to take another look at ways in which construction could be contained or compartmentalized in such a way that would allow for various sections or elements of the park to remain safely accessible during the construction period while they are not actively being worked on; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council by October 1, 2021 on any adjustments made as a result of these additional

conversations that will better balance the important renovation project with the critical need to retain access to as much of Sennott Park as possible over the course of the next year.

O-15 Sept 13, 2021

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Rent in Cambridge is at an all-time high and is a significant barrier to many individuals and families who want to live in this city; and

WHEREAS: The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a huge amount of economic uncertainty to many Cambridge residents, pushing financial stability even further out of reach; and

WHEREAS: According to the Federal Reserve's most recent [Report on the Economic Well-Being of U.S. Households](#), over 25% percent of Americans were one \$400 financial setback away from being unable to pay their bills; and

WHEREAS: Security deposits are required by most landlords and are usually equal to one month's rent, which can serve as a barrier to housing for many renters; and

WHEREAS: Nationwide, [over \\$45 billion](#) is currently locked up in cash security deposits, unable to be accessed by either renters and landlords; and

WHEREAS: Certain insurance programs allow renters to forgo an upfront security deposit while still protecting property owners from excessive damages with a payment of as little as \$5 per month for an apartment that rents for \$1,000 per month; and

WHEREAS: Millions of Americans already use rental insurance to avoid an upfront security deposit, but only in instances where the property owner offers a choice; and

WHEREAS: Legislation requiring property owners to give renters a choice would provide far more financial flexibility to the over 60% of Cambridge residents who currently rent; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Law Department to review the proposed ordinance and provide feedback on implementation; and be it further

ORDERED: That the ordinance language below be referred to the Ordinance Committee for deliberation and discussion:

(a) Upon a tenant's request, all landlords who own and/or control more than ten rental units and require a security deposit more than sixty percent (60%) of the monthly rental rate charged for the subject rental unit shall offer to accept one of the two following options in lieu of the required security deposit:

(1) Rental security insurance that satisfies the following criteria:

(i) The insurance provider is an approved carrier licensed by, and in good standing with, the Division of Insurance of the State of Massachusetts;

(ii) The insurance provider, policy, and coverage amount must be submitted to and approved by the

landlord as an acceptable option in lieu of the required security deposit;

(iii) The coverage is effective upon the payment of the first premium and remains effective for the entire lease term;

(iv) The insurance must permit the payment of premiums on a monthly basis unless the tenant selects or agrees to a different payment schedule;

(v) The coverage provided per claim is no less than the amount the landlord requires for security deposits; and

(vi) A tenant who chooses this option in lieu of security deposit shall not be required to provide additional security or insurance coverage per claim in an amount greater than the amount required for security deposits.

(2) Payment of the security deposit over a series of no less than three (3) equal monthly installment payments, which installments shall be due on the same day as the monthly rent payment and which may be paid together with the monthly rent payment in a single transaction, absent separate agreement by the landlord and tenant; or

(b) Prior to entering into a rental agreement which requires a security deposit more than sixty percent (60%) of the monthly rental rate charged for the subject rental unit, a landlord shall provide the tenant written notice of the available alternatives.

(c) The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to a deposit placed with a landlord to secure the availability of a rental unit more than sixty days prior to the commencement of the rental period.

(d) The provisions of this paragraph shall not limit a landlord's ability to require standard credit, income or other qualifications upon application for a new rental agreement.