

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a Surveillance Technology Impact Report (STIR). (CM24#198)
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-41, regarding a request to work with the City of Somerville to address the parking signage on Seven Pines Avenue. (CM24#199)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-42, regarding amending the Do Not Enter sign at the entrance of Whittemore Avenue from Alewife Brook Parkway to include an exception for abutters. (CM24#200)
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-48, regarding a request which directed City staff to enact policy that will extend the priority period for Social Equity and Equity Empowerment cannabis business applicants. (CM24#201) [[text of report](#)]

Agenda Item No. 4 Sept 16, 2024

ORDERED: 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 is an emergency involving the health and safety of the people of Cambridge or their property, pursuant to G.L. c.43, §20.

5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Council Order PO24#121, which requested that the City Manager work with relevant staff to provide an update on the status of the Vail Court property and associate litigation in Said S. Abuzahra, Trustee of Equity Realty Trust, et al. v. City of Cambridge, in Executive Session if necessary, at a future meeting. (CM24#202)

ORDERS

1. That the City of Cambridge assist companies, institutions, and other organizations in adopting truck safety requirements for their fleets and finding trucking vendors who are able to comply by providing an informational resource and publicizing those that comply. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Azeem (PO24#124)
2. That the City Manager is hereby requested to work with relevant departments to review Cambridge's curb cut policies and report back on if they can be improved to help meet the City's transportation and sustainability goals with some proposed updates and draft ordinance language designating City staff as the final approval authority for curb cuts. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Wilson (PO24#125)

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager direct the Community Development Department (CDD) and the Law Department to draft zoning

language based on the proposal discussed at the Housing Committee to eliminate exclusionary zoning and allow up to six stories of multifamily housing in all residential districts. [Charter Right – Toner, Sept 9, 2024] ([PO24#117](#))

2. That the City Manager directs CDD to hold public meetings to inform the Cambridge community about the proposed changes before any public hearings of the Ordinance Committee and the Planning Board on this topic. [Charter Right – Azeem, Sept 9, 2024] ([PO24#118](#))

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3. That the City Manager is requested to explore the feasibility of delaying the Mass Avenue reconstruction project to minimize its impact upon the busy season for restaurants and other affected businesses, and, should this not be found feasible, a method of providing financial assistance to the impacted businesses to cover the costs of removing their outdoor dining structures, designed to mitigate some of the financial impacts upon them, should be established. [Charter Right – Simmons, June 3, 2024; Tabled as Amended June 10, 2024] (PO24#70)
4. Requiring a 2/3rds vote for approving changes to be forwarded to the legislature and the voters on a future ballot. [Tabled Sept 9, 2024] (PO24#102)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. An Ordinance 2023 #8B has been received from City Clerk, relative to Amend Chapter 14.04 – Fair Housing. [Passed to 2nd Reading Oct 2, 2023; Amended Nov 6, 2023; to remain on Unfinished Business pending legislative approval of Special Act needed prior to ordination] (ORD23-8B)

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application from Jason Parillo representing Bred, requesting permission for a projecting blade sign at the premises numbered 730 Main Street, approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter response has been provided. (AP24#34)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication from Andy Zucker, re: Winn Development's "F" rating on BBB.
2. A communication from Aram Harrow, re: please legalize more housing.
3. A communication from Adele Pressman, re: Question of "upzoning".
4. A communication from AJRL, re: Stop with the upzoning!
5. A communication from Al Disidoro, re: zoning.
6. A communication from Alessandro Doria, re: Zoning Proposal PO24#117.
7. A communication from Alice Hoffman, re: opposing the rezoning for six story buildings in Cambridge.
8. A communication from Alison Williams, re: In Support of Bold Action on Housing.
9. A communication from Amanda Lee, re: Opposing Community Development Up-Zoning Ordinance to allow 6-story housing city-wide.
10. A communication from Amy Prussack, re: New zoning proposal.

11. A communication from Amy Waltz, re: "Please Refuse 75' Buildings by Zoning Right throughout Cambridge!" Large buildings need special siting & environmental considerations!
12. A communication from Andrea and Ted Killory, re: Plea to vote AGAINST the rezoning proposal.
13. A communication from Andrew Jankowich, re: Upzoning Proposal Comment.
14. A communication from Andrew Meyer, re: Yes! to upzoning.
15. A communication from Andrew S. Karsch, re: City Council's Upzoning Plans.
16. A communication from Andy Zucker, re: New 6-story zoning proposal.
17. A communication from Ann Haycox, re: Zoning proposal.
18. A communication from Ann Stewart, re: PO24#117 (O-6) comment.
19. A communication from Anna Gosline, re: Zoning proposal tonight: zoning changes yes, citywide 6-story buildings needs more discussion.
20. A communication from Anna Kelsey, re: Zoning proposal.
21. A communication from Annalisa Martinek, re: Please do not support city-wide height increases for housing.
22. A communication from Anne Hawley, re: citywide upzoning proposal.
23. A communication from Anne Jeka, re: Please oppose the new housing zoning proposal.
24. A communication from Anne Leslie, re: Zoning Proposals.
25. A communication from Anne Lowell, re: Proposed zoning change.
26. A communication from Anne Marie Reardon, re: Housing zoning votes.
27. A communication from Anne Sundaram, re: No to seven sorry buildings in Cambridge, MA.
28. A communication from Anne Warner, re: No - to zoning allowing 6 story buildings on every street!
29. A communication from Annette LaMond and Joe Moore, re: OPPOSED to Citywide Upzoning.
30. A communication from Annie Michaelis, re: writing in support of ending exclusionary zoning.
31. A communication from Anthony P. Sager, re: Better upzoning than this please.
32. A communication from Aran Nathanson, re: Proposed amendments to city zoning to be discussed Sept 9th.
33. A communication from Audrey Cunningham, re: [board] Zoning Proposal.
34. A communication from Barbara Elfman, re: City Neighborhood upzoning proposal.
35. A communication from Barbara Rubel, re: Proposed city-wide zoning for new housing.
36. A communication from Beth Gamse, re: Say no to up-zoning proposal.
37. A communication from Beth Kon, re: Upzoning.
38. A communication from Betty Lee Saccoccio, re: Proposed Language for Largest Zoning Change in the City of Cambridge.
39. A communication from Bill Dines, re: Housing Committee/Exclusionary Zoning.
40. A communication from Bjorn Poonen, re: multifamily housing.
41. A communication from Bonnie Mioduchoski, re: Community Development Department's draft multifamily zoning (9/9/24 meeting).
42. A communication from Brian Conway, re: Opposition to PO24#117.
43. A communication from Bruce Pritchard, re: Citywide upzoning proposals - Oppose.
44. A communication from Caleb Cochrane, re: support for up-zoning efforts.
45. A communication from Camille Preston, re: For tonight's meeting on housing, zoning, density.
46. A communication from Candace Young, re: Citywide up-zoning.
47. A communication from Carol Lynn Alpert, re: Please slow down and moderate upzoning proposal.
48. A communication from Carol Weinhaus, re: Strongly oppose upzoning items.
49. A communication from Carolyn Shipley, re: Cambridge City Council Proposes killing trees and reducing the tree canopy.
50. A communication from Carolyn Shipley, re: Cambridge proposes to hinder children's mental and physical development, and to destroy its tree canopy.
51. A communication from Carolyn, re: Central Square Rezoning – Community Meeting 3.
52. A communication from Carolyn, re: Reminder- Oppose Massive City Upzoning Mon, Sept 9.
53. A communication from Carrie Jones, re: Housing debates.
54. A communication from Casey Szilagyi, re: Policy order 6 and 7.
55. A communication from Cassandra Cole, re: Let Cambridge build more housing.
56. A communication from Catalina Arboleda, re: Citywide Upzoning Proposal.
57. A communication from Cathy and Leighton Collis, re: Citizen Comment: Materials for the public record/tonight's city council meeting.
58. A communication from Catherine Havasi, re: Support for Zoning Proposal.
59. A communication from Catherine Hoffman, re: multi-family proposal.
60. A communication from Central Square Tenants, re: Support the Six Story Buildings Throughout Cambridge - to Save the Children!
61. A communication from Central Square Tenants, re: Passionate Support to eliminate exclusionary zoning and allow up to six stories of multifamily housing in all residential districts.
62. A communication from Charles T. Hinds, re: PO24#117 - Opposition.
63. A communication from Charles Teague, re: OPPOSE PO24#117 for city-wide upzoning for "up to six stories".
64. A communication from Zack Goldberg, re: Citywide upzoning_ NO.
65. A communication from Chiara Gerhardinger, re: Zoning Proposal PO24#117.
66. A communication from William Bloomstein, re: Upzoning for 6-7 story buildings.
67. A communication from Will Erickson, re: In Support of Bold Action on Housing.
68. A communication from Whitney Van Praagh, re: opposed to the unzoning proposal.

69. A communication from Chris Brokaw, re: Opposition to Citywide Upzoning Proposal PO24#117.
70. A communication from Wen Chyi Shyu and James Hook, re: Upzoning changes proposals.
71. A communication from Chris Deng, re: In Support of Bold Action on Housing.
72. A communication from Weldon Pries, re: Please support the following in any upzoning considerations.
73. A communication from Chris Herlich, re: Resident Comments on Proposed Citywide Zoning Changes.
74. A communication from Wayne Welke, re: In Support of More Multifamily Housing in Cambridge.
75. A communication from Chris McElroy and Howard Bauchner, re: Against the Upzoning.
76. A communication from Vaughn Sills, re: New proposal for housing.
77. A communication from Vanessa Azzone Dhanji, re: Please reconsider Massive City Upzoning.
78. A communication from Christine Falzone and Stefan Tullius, re: Info for tonight's meeting.
79. A communication from Urs Gauchat, re: Upzoning proposal.
80. A communication from Tricia Carney, re: Against Current City Upzoning Proposal on Mon, Sept 9.
81. A communication from Tom Sanfilippo, re: Upzoning.
82. A communication from Christine Korsgaard, re: Upzoning.
83. A communication from Crystal Komm, re: Opposition to City Wide Upzoning.
84. A communication from Tim Russell, re: In Support of Bold Action on Housing.
85. A communication from Tim Albright, re: No Upzoning.
86. A communication from D. R. Biba, re: Please vote against citywide upzoning measure as currently proposed.
87. A communication from Dan Gauger, re: Central Square rezoning.
88. A communication from Dan Lenke, Limin and Lisan and Crystyl Mo, re: We four Cambridge voters advocate AGAINST upzoning.
89. A communication from Dan Tenney, re: Citywide Up-Zoning Proposal 9sept24.
90. A communication from Daniel B. Fisher, re: housing vote tonight.
91. A communication from Danielle Jankowich, re: Opposition to Upzoning Proposal.
92. A communication from David Halperin, re: Support 6 stories citywide.
93. A communication from David Hattis, re: In Support of Multifamily Housing.
94. A communication from David Levitt, re: Remove exclusionary zoning from ALL of Cambridge.
95. A communication from David Levy, re: Against the current citywide upzoning proposal.
96. A communication from Day Lenke, re: Opposition to upzoning.
97. A communication from Deborah Jane, re: I oppose Cambridge Up-Zoning plan.
98. A communication from Deborah Olken, re: Proposed citywide upzoning proposal.
99. A communication from Deborah Valenze, re: upcoming zoning determination.
100. A communication from Deborah Zucker, re: Proposed changes to building zoning/ordinances for the city.
101. A communication from Debra Fox, re: Please support affordable housing.
102. A communication from Deepak Singh, re: I Strongly oppose TWO items related to the upzoning.
103. A communication from Deepti Nijhawan, re: I Strongly oppose TWO items related to the upzoning.
104. A communication from Dena Feldstein, re: Opposition to City upzoning.
105. A communication from Diana Yousef, re: Please do not support city-wide height increases for housing.
106. A communication from Tigran Yesayan, re: 55 Harvey st Presentation on Curb Cut.
107. A communication from Thomas Saccardi, re: proposed upzoning proposal.
108. A communication from Thomas Miller, re: In support of PO24#117.
109. A communication from Theodore Live, re: Multifamily housing proposal.
110. A communication from Tania Kluzak, re: Opposing Massive City Upzoning.
111. A communication from Suzanne Watzman, re: New citywide ZONING proposal-NO no no_ Please no.
112. A communication from Diane C Norris, re: Multifamily Housing Citywide, PO24#117, PO24#118 for 9/9/24 Meeting.
113. A communication from Doina Contescu, re: We oppose the proposed city plan for upzoning in our area.
114. A communication from Suzanne Blier, re: It is counting time – PO#8, PO#9, PO#6, PO#7.
115. A communication from Susie Devins, re: Luxury housing proposal.
116. A communication from Elinor (Nellie) Goodwin, re: high rise buildings and the destruction of lower income housing.
117. A communication from Susan W Pitman Lowenthal, re: Opposition to proposed zoning height increase.
118. A communication from Susan Ringle, re: Oppose moving forward with citywide up-zoning.
119. A communication from Susan Leslie-Pritchard, re: City-Wide Upzoning (& Downzoning).
120. A communication from Susan Cory, re: Radical citywide upzoning proposal 9-9-24.
121. A communication from Sue and Rand Wentworth, re: Monday's Proposal for Citywide Upzoning.
122. A communication from Steven Calhoun, re: Get your tall ass buildings out of Somerville.
123. A communication from Steve Manos, re: The proposal for six story residential zoning.
124. A communication from Stephen York, re: End Exclusionary Zoning.
125. A communication from Stephen Tapscott, re: Upzoning_ no.
126. A communication from Shellburne Thurber, re: upzoning proposal.
127. A communication from Elisabeth Meurer, re: Upzoning proposal for 6-story buildings, citywide.
128. A communication from Shelagh Hadley, re: Proposed citywide up-zoning.
129. A communication from Sheila Butler, re: City Council's Upzoning Plans.

130. A communication from Elizabeth and John Gilmore, re: Opposed to citywide upcoming.
131. A communication from Sharon Stichter, re: Please vote against massive citywide upzoning.
132. A communication from Elizabeth Hodder, re: upzoning discussion.
133. A communication from Sharon Bober, re: A need for balance_ this is not it.
134. A communication from Shannon Finley, re:_ Change in zoning in reference to creating of affordable housing.
135. A communication from Sarah Stone, re: In Support of Bold Action on Housing.
136. A communication from Ellen F. Wilson, re: City Neighborhood Upzoning Proposal.
137. A communication from Sarah Spademan, re: New building proposals.
138. A communication from Ellen Friedman, re: Citywide upzoning.
139. A communication from Sarah Smith, re: Upzoning Proposal.
140. A communication from Emily Fletcher, re: Eliminate Exclusionary zoning.
141. A communication from Sarah Merin, re: Zoning Changes.
142. A communication from Emily Goodling, re: Strong support of Cambridge Zoning Reforms.
143. A communication from Sarah Baker, re: No to Upzoning.
144. A communication from Esther Dominguez, re: Upzoning.
145. A communication from Ethan Frank, re: MIT fossil fuel disinvestment, automated parking enforcement, housing permitting.
146. A communication from Sandra Tropp, re: Meeting Today About Housing in our Wonderful City.
147. A communication from Sandra Allik, re: Citywide zoning change - 75 feet.
148. A communication from Fabrizio Gentili, re: Zoning Proposal.
149. A communication from Ruth Plaut Weinreb, re: Commenting on plans set forth in City Council's Neighborhood Upzoning Proposal at City Council 9/9/24.
150. A communication from Felicia Brady-Lopez, re: Opposing.
151. A communication from Ruth Perry, re: upzoning proposal.
152. A communication from Francesca Gordini, re: Opposition to Zoning Proposal.
153. A communication from Ruth Loetterle, re: Vote NO on the proposed up-zoning proposal.
154. A communication from Ron Jackson, re: Oppose the Envision (Upzoning) of Cambridge.
155. A communication from Gabriela Romanow, re: Vote no on the upzoning.
156. A communication from Made Fasciano, re: New city neighborhood upcoming proposal.
157. A communication from Genevieve Coyle, re: Upgrading of the City of Cambridge.
158. A communication from Gerry Swislow, re: PO#6 - Sep 9, 2024.
159. A communication from Roger Lowenstein, re: opposing upzoning proposal.
160. A communication from Glenna Lang and Alexander von Hoffman, re: We Strongly Oppose Massive City Upzoning!
161. A communication from Madeline Jacquet, re: Up-zoning proposal.
162. A communication from Robin Greeley, re: Oppose city neighborhood upzoning proposal.
163. A communication from Marc Holzer, re: Upzoning Proposal Presents Deliberate Ignorance and Ethical Flags.
164. A communication from Guillemette and William Simmers, re: Upzoning.
165. A communication from Hans-Peter Biemann, re: No relaxing of zoning without further study, and recognition of funders advocating for upzoning.
166. A communication from Margaret Booz, re: Up-zoning petition.
167. A communication from Margaret Hume, re: Please vote against upzoning proposal!
168. A communication from Robert Camacho, re: 9/8/24 Response to new upzoning plan.
169. A communication from Margaret McLallen, re: Strongly oppose zoning code change.
170. A communication from Rob Laurens, re: Please NO up-zoning!
171. A communication from Heather Hetherington, re: Proposed zoning changes.
172. A communication from Rob Everts, re: PLEASE oppose citywide upzoning measure as it currently stands.
173. A communication from Marie Elena Saccoccio, re: Proposed Language for Largest Zoning Change in the History of Cambridge.
174. A communication from Rebecca Pries, re: Please support the following in any upzoning considerations.
175. A communication from Mark Breneman, re: New upcoming proposal.
176. A communication from Rahel O'More, re: No on zoning proposal.
177. A communication from Mark DeJon, re: Oppose Massive City Upzoning Mon, Sept 9.
178. A communication from Raffi Freeman, re: Support for Multifamily Housing.
179. A communication from Mark Goodman, re: Citywide upzoning.
180. A communication from Quinton Zondervan, re: Inquiry regarding the American Freedmen Commission.
181. A communication from Mark Kon, re: upzoning of Cambridge residents.
182. A communication from Aileen O. Erickson and Joseph Barbieri, re: Votes AGAINST Upzoning to Allow 6 Story Market Rate Housing.
183. A communication from Mark Newhall, re: This evening's meeting on housing, zoning, density in Cambridge.
184. A communication from Phyllis Simpkins, re: Monday night upzoning proposal.
185. A communication from Heddi Siebel, re: No on City Upzoning Proposal.
186. A communication from Phillip Rothman, re: CDD zoning opposition!
187. A communication from Mary Anne C, re: Vote no on the upzoning proposal.
188. A communication from Phil Wellons, re: Oppose PO24#117.
189. A communication from Mary Jane Kornacki, re: PO24#117 - vote NO.
190. A communication from Helen Snively, re: please, no luxury housing rezoning.
191. A communication from Mary Jean Farrington, re: Zoning.

192. A communication from Peter Lubetsky, re: Oppose New Zoning Proposal.
193. A communication from Marzyeh Ghassemi, re: Opposing City Upzoning.
194. A communication from Peter Levitt, re: Citywide upzoning.
195. A communication from Maureen Mueller, in opposition of new zoning.
196. A communication from Peter Klinefelter, re: Citywide Multifamily Housing Zoning Proposal.
197. A communication from Peter Dunn, re: Please take a methodical approach to affordable housing measures.
198. A communication from Maxwell Moore re: PO24#117.
199. A communication from Maxwell Solet, re: Proposed Upzoning.
200. A communication from Pei Pei, re: Opposition to Massive City Upzoning Ordinance Changes.
201. A communication from Helen Walker, re: City Council Confirmation.
202. A communication from McKelden Smith, re: Input on Cambridge upzoning.
203. A communication from Paul Rajcok, re: Letter in Opposition to Central Square Overlay Rezoning Project as it presently stands.
204. A communication from Patricia Illingworth, re: Letter of objection.
205. A communication from Helena Taylor, re: Disagree with Upzoning Plan.
206. A communication from Melisa Burns, re: Upzoning Proposal.
207. A communication from Patricia Bull, re: Up-zoning Proposal.
208. A communication from Michael Koran, re: Please do not approve the upscale zoning proposal.
209. A communication from Holly Stoehr, re: Opposing Citywide Upzoning Proposal.
210. A communication from Pamela Lipson, re: Zoning changes.
211. A communication from Pam Winters, re: Please do not change the look of the city by removing setback limitations and allowing for extra height in buildings.
212. A communication from Omar Eton, re: AGAINST Cambridge City Neighborhood Up-Zoning Proposal by Cambridge City Council.
213. A communication from O. Robert Simha, re: Zoning Proposal.
214. A communication from Lynne Reiss, re: zoning proposal.
215. A communication from Hugh L Warren, re: Upzoning.
216. A communication from Lucille ('Lucy') Wilhelm, re: upzoning on today's Council agenda.
217. A communication from Lowry Pei, re: Opposing proposed upzoning plan.
218. A communication from Hunter, re: In Support of Bold Action on Housing.
219. A communication from Lora Farkas, re: City council agenda items on residential building height and zoning changes.
220. A communication from Isaac Rockafellow, re: In Support of Bold Action on Housing.
221. A communication from Iuliu Balibanu, re: Please end exclusionary zoning in Cambridge.
222. A communication from Liz Cabot, re: zoning petition up for discussion at 3:00pm today.
223. A communication from Jack Silversin, re: PO24#117.
224. A communication from Lisan Mo, re: Housing proposal - Please consider this note before voting tonight.
225. A communication from Jacqueline Brown, re: vote against the proposal to allow 6-story housing.
226. A communication from Lisa McManus, re: I strongly oppose the proposal to allow up to 6 story residential housing city wide.
227. A communication from James Sperling, re: CDD residential zoning revision.
228. A communication from Lisa Glover, re: Please vote NO to current 6-story citywide upzoning proposal.
229. A communication from Jamie Sabino, re: zoning change.
230. A communication from Lisa Gamble, re: City upzoning.
231. A communication from Jane Martin, re: Zoning.
232. A communication from Jane Morse, re: Please vote no on the two agenda items related to upzoning.
233. A communication from Lisa Camacho, re: Upzoning.
234. A communication from Jean Berko Gleason, re: the new up-zoning plan.
235. A communication from Lindsay L. Greimann, re: tonight's vote on up-zoning.
236. A communication from Linda Selaya, re: Up-zoning Proposals.
237. A communication from Jeff Petrucelly, re: Upzoning Proposal.
238. A communication from Linda Mousseau, re: ACTION ALERT – City Neighborhood Upzoning Proposal at City Council Mon, Sept 9.
239. A communication from Jennifer Jones, re: Stop Rezoning Madness.
240. A communication from Lilly Havstad, re: In Support of Bold Action on Housing.
241. A communication from Jess Sheehan, re: thank you for continuing progress on eliminating exclusionary zoning.
242. A communication from Leslie Jeng, re: Opposing allowing up to 6 story buildings.
243. A communication from Jessie Wenning, re: Zoning Proposal.
244. A communication from Jill Slosburg-Ackerman, re: I do not support up-zoning in Cambridge.
245. A communication from Jim Kaufman, re: I oppose the 'upzoning proposal'.
246. A communication from Jimena Bermejo, re: Opposition to Citywide Upzoning Proposal PO24#117.
247. A communication from JJ Gonson, re: building height.
248. A communication from Joe Rose, re: Opposition to City wide upzoning.
249. A communication from Lenore Martin, re: citywide upzoning.
250. A communication from Lauren Curry, re: Proposed zoning changes opening the whole City to multi-family housing.
251. A communication from John Buten, re: Zoning.
252. A communication from Kristin Mugford, re: Deep concern with proposed zoning changes.
253. A communication from John Grady, re: Elimination of exclusionary zoning.
254. A communication from Kitty Gormley, re: Opposition to citywide upzoning.
255. A communication from Kit Lilly, re: Upzoning.
256. A communication from John Hovhannes Mesropyan, re: City Council meeting time and participation - 55 Harvey Street.

257. A communication from Kellie DeJon, re: Oppose Massive City Upzoning Mon, Sept 9.
258. A communication from John Kernochan, re: zoning petition.
259. A communication from Kathy Richman, re: Letter to City Council about zoning proposal up for discussion today.
260. A communication from John Pena, re: Please vote AGAINST the proposed upzoning modifications.
261. A communication from John R. Frank, re: NO upzoning.
262. A communication from Katherine L. Olivier, re: Changes to City Zoning Regulations.
263. A communication from Jonathan Cohen, re: Support to Increase Housing Options and Availability.
264. A communication from Kate Zamparelli, re: Please vote NO on upzoning.
265. A communication from Jonathan Harris, re: Oppose Citywide Upzoning.
266. A communication from Kate Gakenheimer, re: upzoning.
267. A communication from Karen Falb, re: Avoid citywide too fast, too understudied upzoning - aim for good holistic urban planning.
268. A communication from Karen Eton, re: Cambridge City Neighborhood Up-Zoning Proposal by Cambridge City Council.
269. A communication from Karen Cushing, re: I am against the upcoming proposal.
270. A communication from Jonathan Slate, re: 55 Harvey Street Curb Cut on Westley Avenue.
271. A communication from Michael Millner, re: Against many of the proposed house changes.
272. A communication from Michael Volles, re: Oppose upzoning.
273. A communication from Jordan Browne, re: Help End Exclusionary Zoning.
274. A communication from Monique Kahn, re: Cambridge Homeowner against Monday night's upcoming proposal.
275. A communication from Morris Wasserstein, re: upzoning proposal.
276. A communication from Joshua Hartshorne, re: In favor of PO24#117.
277. A communication from Muireann Glenmullen, re: Rezoning proposals.
278. A communication from Joyce Klein, re: Zoning Proposal.
279. A communication from Nancy Curtis, re: in favor of increasing affordable housing.
280. A communication from Nancy Johnson, re: Upzoning.
281. A communication from Julio Guerrero, re: Please, convey my opinions about this issue PO24#117.
282. A communication from Nancy Murray, re: The Community Encampment for Palestine, Aug 24-25.
283. A communication from Justin Saif, re: Strong Support for Ending Exclusionary Zoning.
284. A communication from Massachusetts & Northern New England Laborer' District Council, Legislative/Political Director, Tony Pini, re: Item 21 Wage Theft.
285. A communication from Leslie Cohen, re: Please end exclusionary housing!

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Janet Amphlett, recipient of the Herb Epstein Volunteer Excellence Award. Councillor Siddiqui

2. Congratulations to Katie Labrie on her new position as Executive Director of Cambridge Local First. Vice Mayor McGovern
3. Condolences on the death of John "Buddy" Harold Earle, III. Councillor Toner
4. Condolences on the death of Sally A. Drewicz. Councillor Toner
5. Resolution on the death of Rita Grassi. Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Toner
6. Condolences on the death of Maria C. Branco. Councillor Toner
7. Condolences on the death of Francis P. "Red" McGrail. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF24#122)

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Sept 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Sept 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Sept 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Oct 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting

6:30pm **PROPERTY TAX RATE CLASSIFICATION** - The

Cambridge City Council will conduct a public hearing related to setting the property tax rate classification. The purpose of said public hearing is to gather testimony, information and public input concerning the property tax rate classification. All persons wishing to be heard shall be afforded the opportunity. Under the laws of the Commonwealth, the City has the option of taxing residential and commercial/industrial property at different tax rates. At this public meeting, the City Council will review tax rates/classifications proposed by the City Manager and the Board of Assessors. The votes taken will result in property tax rates that reflect the city's property tax levy for Fiscal Year 2025, including the granting of the residential exemption.

Tues, Oct 8

11:00am The **Health and Environment Committee** will hold a public hearing to receive an update from city staff on BEUDO implementation and to review and discuss regulations, elements of BEUDO, and possible future updates.

Mon, Oct 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Oct 22

11:00am The **Health and Environment Committee** will hold a public hearing to review and discuss the updates on the Zero Waste Master Plan (ZWMP).

Mon, Oct 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Nov 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Nov 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Nov 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Dec 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Dec 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Dec 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Dec 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Dec 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Sept 16, 2024

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: While large trucks make up only 4% of large vehicles on the road in the United States, their crashes result in a disproportionately high share of fatalities, especially in urban areas like Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: In just the past 10 years, Cambridge has had nine truck crashes that resulted in the fatalities of pedestrians and cyclists, including two in June of this year, and others that have resulted in serious injuries; and

WHEREAS: In 2020, the City Council passed the Truck Safety Ordinance requiring side guards and other safety features on City-owned or contracted trucks; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge does not have the legal authority to require that other trucks driving in Cambridge have side guards and other safety features, which would have to come from state or federal legislation; and

WHEREAS: Having implemented truck safety requirements for its own fleet and found vendors who comply with Cambridge's Truck Safety Ordinance, the city has relevant expertise that can be shared about the procurement, costs, and implementation of truck safety requirements; and

WHEREAS: There are additional resources for implementing truck safety requirements through the Commonwealth, other municipalities, and the US DOT's Volpe Center; and

WHEREAS: Some organizations in Cambridge have already implemented similar truck safety requirements, including Food for Free, Harvard, and MIT; and

WHEREAS: Given the large number of fatalities and injuries caused by truck crashes in Cambridge and the response by community members after the two recent deaths in June, there is significant interest in the Cambridge community for improving truck safety; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City of Cambridge create an informational resource to assist companies, institutions, and other organizations in adopting truck safety requirements for their fleets and finding trucking vendors who are able to comply; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City of Cambridge publicize the companies, institutions, and other organizations in Cambridge that have adopted truck safety requirements, work with those organizations to further spread adoption of truck safety equipment, and set a goal for voluntary compliance; 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.

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COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

COUNCILLOR WILSON

WHEREAS: While curb cuts are necessary for transportation of people and goods in Cambridge, they also reduce curb space that could be available for other uses on streets – including street parking, bus stops, flex posts, and other uses—and as such curb cuts require an [application](#) and review process; and

WHEREAS: [Current requirements for curb cuts](#) include there be no more than one curb cut for properties with less than 100 feet of street frontage and they be no more than 20 feet wide for residential properties; and

WHEREAS: Other cities have additional requirements for approving curb cuts that would reduce public curb space – such as that for a curb cut to be approved, the parking area or driveway must be permeable in order to deter flooding and that private curb cuts that would be used by a small number of people should be approved only if it replaces an existing curb cut or if there is a need for a reasonable accommodation like a disability; and

WHEREAS: Currently, the Cambridge City Council must approve every curb cut application submitted by a resident or business in Cambridge, unlike in other cities such as Somerville and Boston; and

WHEREAS: This City Council has previously passed policy orders (including [PO22#18](#) and [PO22#61](#)) related to examining the policy requirements for receiving a curb cut and updating the authorization process for their approval, which were cleared from the awaiting reports list before a response was received; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to work with relevant departments to review Cambridge's curb cut policies and report back to the City Council on if they can be improved to help meet the City's transportation and sustainability goals with updates such as those referenced above in a timely manner; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Solicitor and other relevant city departments to draft ordinance language designating City staff as the final approval authority for curb cuts and report back to the City Council in a timely manner.