

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 22-45, regarding current City fields use and amenities such as: lighting, dugouts, batting cages, benches. (CM22#180)
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-145, regarding a report on City's Policies and Procedures relating to the procurement, installation, and disposal of artificial turf. (CM22#181)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Council Order No. O-13 of 9/12/22, regarding a report on a legal opinion on the following questions regarding Policy Order #11 (proposed amendments to the Cannabis Business Permitting Ordinance) from the Sept 12, 2022 City Council meeting. [[City Solicitor response](#)] (CM22#182)

## CHARTER RIGHT

1. An application was received from Lewis Colten, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 318 Concord Avenue; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Response has been received from the neighborhood association. [Charter Right – Nolan, Sept 12, 2022] (AP22#42)
2. That the City Council refer the zoning petition regarding lab use to the Ordinance Committee and Planning Board for a hearing and report. [Charter Right - Toner, Sept 12, 2022] (PO22#161)
3. That the Ordinances of the City of Cambridge be amended as it relates to Permitting Preferences for Priority Applicants. [Charter Right - Toner, Sept 12, 2022] (PO22#162)

## ON THE TABLE

4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of appropriation and authorization to borrow \$4,500,000 to provide funds for the design and construction of building renovations to the vacant City owned property at 105 Windsor Street. [Passed to 2nd Reading Sept 12, 2022; to be Adopted on or after Oct 3, 2022] (CM22#142)
5. An application was received from Andy layman representing Tasty Burger, requesting permission for three (3) projecting signs at the premises numbered 23 Prospect Street. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter. [Tabled - Sept 12, 2022] (AP22#37)

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. That the Ordinance Committee refer Categories M (Shared Vehicle) and N (Publicly-accessible, Privately-owned Electric Vehicle Charging System) of the Cambridge Transportation Decarbonization and Congestion Mitigation Bill, along with definitions, to the full City Council with a favorable recommendation. Ordinance #2022-13 as

Amended. [Passed to 2nd Reading, Sept 12, 2022; to be Ordained on or after Oct 3, 2022] (PO22#150)

7. Section 11.202(b) of Article 11.000 Special Regulations linkage fee, be amended by substitution. (Ordinance #2022-14) [Passed to 2nd Reading Sept 12, 2022; to be Ordained on or after Oct 3, 2022] (PO22#84)
  - A. The Ordinance Committee held a public hearing on July 27, 2022 to continue discussions around an Ordinance potentially raising the linkage fee rates (#2022-14).
  - B. The Ordinance Committee held a public meeting on Sept 7, 2022 to continue the discussion around Ordinance # 2022-14, Section 11.202(b) of Article 11.000 Special Regulations Linkage Fee, proposal to amend by substitution, raising linkage fee rates.

## APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Patricia Chiang requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue in front of City Hall announcing 13th Annual Dance for World Community Festival from Sept 19, 2022 through Sept 26, 2022. (AP22#43)
2. An application was received from MIT Museum requesting permission for a temporary banner across Main Street to Broadway, Broadway to Third Street, Galileo Galilei Way, Memorial Drive to Sydney Street inbound, Sydney Street to Memorial Drive outbound and Ames Street and Longfellow Bridge announcing the re-opening of the MIT Museum in Kendall Square on Sept 30, 2022 through Dec 31, 2022. (AP22#44)

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Harold Hayward, regarding concern with Housing Affordability.
2. A communication was received from Rebecca Frank Hayward, regarding concern with Housing Affordability.
3. A communication was received from Abra Berkowitz regarding Support the Zondervan Amendment (COF22#106) - consider people and data.
4. A communication was received from Ana Hurka-Robles, regarding in support of linkage fee increase.
5. A communication was received from Andrew Ray, regarding Expressing dismay re Parking Ordinance Recommendation.
6. A communication was received from Andrew Ray, regarding Planning Board's Recommendation re Parking Ordinance.
7. A communication was received from Andy Nash, regarding linkage fees.
8. A communication was received from Andy Rogers, regarding support for COF22#106.
9. A communication was received from Ashley Hammell, regarding Please support linkage fee increase.
10. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, regarding Short Plea 1 (not 3) Tasty Burger projecting signs in Central Sq.!
11. A communication was received from Carolyn Fuller, regarding 105 Windsor St. building
12. A communication was received from Catherine Forde-Augustine, regarding Charter Right item re: 105 Windsor Community Process.
13. A communication was received from Catherine LeBlanc, regarding COF22#106.

14. A communication was received from Charles Franklin, regarding Today's Comments.
15. A communication was received from Chris Brokaw, regarding Linkage fee increase.
16. A communication was received from Deborah Belle, regarding Linkage Fees.
17. A communication was received from Diana Meservey Thomas Dinwoodie, regarding Support for Zondervan's amendment.
18. A communication was received from Emily Anesta, regarding Support for PO22#160 Cambridge Birth Center.
19. A communication was received from Genevieve Coyle, regarding COF2022#106.
20. A communication was received from Gerald Bergman, regarding Birthing Center resolution before the Council.
21. A communication was received from Jacquelyn Smith, regarding Linkage Fee.
22. A communication was received from Jimena Bermejo, regarding Linkage Fee Increase.
23. A communication was received from Joshua Resnick, regarding Cambridge Fur Ban.
24. A communication was received from Kathy Watkins, regarding Support linkage amendment COF22#106.
25. A communication was received from Kevin Crane, regarding Streets.
26. A communication was received from Lee Farris, regarding Residents Alliance supports Zondervan's linkage amendment COF22#106.
27. A communication was received from Luis Mejias, regarding City Manager's Agenda Item CM22#173.
28. A communication was received from Madeline Lee, regarding Incentive Zoning Rate Increase.
29. A communication was received from Manraj Gill, regarding Public Comment on Linkage Fee.
30. A communication was received from Maria Fong, regarding Please support Zondervan's amendment contained in COF22#106.
31. A communication was received from Meredith Moore, regarding Linkage Fee Increase.
32. A communication was received from Michael H. Lewis, regarding the developer linkage fee.
33. A communication was received from Nance Goldstein, regarding I ask you to support Zondervan's amendment COF22#106.
34. A communication was received from Nancy Donohue, regarding Policy Order #10.
35. A communication was received from Nancy E. Phillips, regarding linkage fee.
36. A communication was received from Nancy Ryan, regarding 3 Orders on Tonight's Council Agenda.
37. A communication was received from Nasim G. Memon, regarding support the Linkage Fee Increase as per Councillor COF22#106.
38. A communication was received from Patrick Barrett, regarding Vote NO on Zondervan's Amendment to incentive zoning.
39. A communication was received from Rachel Wyon, regarding Linkage Fee COF22#106 - We need more affordable housing.
40. A communication was received from Richard Delacy, regarding fur ban in Cambridge.
41. A communication was received from Sarah Gallop, regarding Lab Use Petition Testimony.

42. A communication was received from Sharmil Modi, regarding FOR THE RECORD re Policy Order PO22#161 re: banning lab use in business districts.
43. A communication was received from Sheli Wortis, regarding Please support PO22#161 and COF22#106.
44. A communication was received from Steven E. Miller, regarding Linkage Fees in support of COF22#106.
45. A communication was received from Susan Turner, regarding Linkage fee increase.
46. A communication was received from Theodora Skeadas, regarding Writing in support of Zondervan's linkage amendment COF22#106.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Elie Yarden. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons
2. Resolution on the Death of Michael J. "Bo" Fields. Councillor McGovern
3. Happy 90th Birthday to Ms. V. Councillor Simmons
4. That the City Council go on record congratulating the 2022 YWCA Outstanding Women Honorees. Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan
5. Happy Birthday wishes to Ilse Heyman. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Carlone
6. Resolution on the death of Paul D. Powers. Councillor Toner
7. That the City Council go on record congratulating Guitar Stop for their 60 years in business in Cambridge. Councillor Toner
8. Resolution on the death of Sheila Brass. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Mallon
9. That the City Council go on record observing National Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept 15 - Oct 15, 2022. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Zondervan

## ORDERS

1. That the City Council refer the attached zoning petition regarding the Housing Contribution Rate to the Ordinance Committee and Planning Board for a hearing and report. Vice Mayor Mallon
2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to compile a report detailing how other comparable municipalities handle their street corner dedication processes. Councillor Simmons
3. That the City Manager is requested to continue to fund the meals program for the housed and unhoused members of the community for an additional six months. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan
4. That the City Manager is requested to have the Parks and Recreation Department meet with representatives of each Little League, Babe Ruth, and Girls' Softball to develop a plan to install "Walls of Honor" at each home baseball and softball field in the city by June 1, 2023. Councillor Toner, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Simmons

5. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department to convene a North Massachusetts Avenue Corridor District Zoning Proposal Working Group Policy Order Proposing a North Massachusetts Avenue (NMA) Corridor Working Group for the purpose of developing comprehensive zoning recommendations. Councillor Toner, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Nolan
6. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department to work with Councillors Azeem and Simmons on all necessary preparations for the next meeting in the discussion on potentially allowing multi-family housing to be built citywide. Councillor Azeem, Councillor Simmons
7. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Traffic, Transportation and Parking Department to convene a series of meetings with the Vision Zero, Pedestrian Committee, Bicycle Committee, the newly appointed Bicycling Advisory Committee, Cambridge Police Department, and any other departments deemed necessary, to review and revise the Cambridge Street Code. Councillor Toner, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Nolan
8. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request to dedicate a street corner in honor of John Briston Sullivan. Councillor Toner
9. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request to dedicate a street corner in honor of George W. McEachern III, DMD. Councillor Toner
10. That the City Manager is requested to meet with Solutions at Work, tour the facility at 2222 Massachusetts Avenue with relevant staff as soon as possible, and take all necessary steps to transition 2222 Massachusetts Avenue into a non-congregate homeless shelter with accompanying services. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Azeem

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Government Operations Rules and Claims Committee** met on Feb 16, 2022 for the purpose of gathering resident and stakeholder feedback on the hiring of the next City Manager. [[text of committee report](#)]  
**Present:** Mallon, Carlone, Nolan, Simmons  
**Absent:** Toner
2. The **Civic Unity Committee** held a public hearing on Apr 14, 2022 to discuss the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report by Working IDEAL. [[text of committee report](#)]  
**Present:** None  
**Remote Present:** Simmons, Carlone, Mallon  
**Absent:** Toner, Zondervan
3. The **Ordinance Committee** held a public meeting on Wed, Sept 14, 2022 to continue the discussion around Ordinance # 2022-3, Wage Theft Ordinance. The Public Hearing took place on Mar 30, 2022. [[text of committee report](#)]  
**Present:** None

**Remote Present:** Carlone, Mallon, McGovern, Nolan, Toner, Zondervan, Siddiqui

**Absent:** Azeem, Simmons

A. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to provide a legal review of Policy Order #14 as amended in the Ordinance Committee on Sept 14, 2022. Councillor Zondervan (PO22#176)

B. That the Ordinance Committee forward Policy Order 2022 #14 to the full City Council with a favorable recommendation to Pass to a Second Reading. Councillor Zondervan (PO22#177)

## COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Diane P. LeBlanc City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF22#110)
2. A communication was received Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee. (COF22#111)

## HEARING SCHEDULE

[Sullivan Chamber & Zoom unless otherwise noted]

### Mon, Sept 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting

### Tues, Sept 20

2:00pm The Ordinance Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Ordinance # 2022-17, Adding a chapter 6.24 to the Cambridge Municipal Code titled Sale of Fur Apparel Products.

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Ordinance # 2022-16, Banning Limited Services Pregnancy Centers.

### Wed, Sept 21

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to continue the Public Hearing on Ordinance # 2022-5, that would eliminate parking minimums. The Public Hearing Notice was published on July 14, 2022, and again on July 22, 2022. The Public Hearing was opened and recessed on Aug 3, 2022.

### Wed, Sept 28

2:00pm The Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the reappointment of Kathleen L. Born to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) for a term of 5 years, effective June 26, 2022, and to receive an update to the CRA's Strategic Planning Process.

### Thurs, Sept 29

5:00pm The Civic Unity Committee shall meet to discuss the two Aug 1, 2022 policy orders exploring ways to improve the lives of Cambridge's African American/Black Residents.

### Mon, Oct 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting

### Wed, Oct 12

2:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the issue of water quality from the Cambridge water supply including PFAS levels, and comparison with the MWRA system, the long-term strategy for ensuring water quality standards for all users and all other water quality related issues and concerns.

### Mon, Oct 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, Oct 24**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, Oct 31**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, Nov 7**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, Nov 14**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, Nov 21**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, Nov 28**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, Dec 5**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, Dec 12**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

**Mon, Dec 19**

5:30pm City Council Meeting

## TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Sept 19, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: The last [Incentive Zoning Nexus study report](#) was presented in December of 2019, pre-pandemic, and there have been a number of factors that have changed since that report; and

WHEREAS: There is a strong desire to perform a new Nexus study, to ascertain a number of data points related to an appropriate housing contribution rate, as well as a potential workforce development contribution rate; and

WHEREAS: As currently written, the [Incentive Zoning ordinance](#) (11.2) states that: “The City shall initiate a reevaluation of the Housing Contribution Rate and any other aspect of these Incentive Zoning Provisions at an interval of no less than three (3) years from the time the rate was last amended by the City Council”; and

WHEREAS: The City Council will be amending the Housing Contribution Rate this Fall, which would prevent us from performing a subsequent Nexus study until 2025; and

WHEREAS: The spirit and intention of the current wording of the ordinance is to ensure that Nexus studies have an appropriate length of time between them to allow for careful data collection, and this amendment would represent that spirit with greater flexibility; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council refer the attached zoning petition to the Ordinance Committee and Planning Board for a hearing and report.

11.202

(d) Reevaluation of Housing Contribution Rate. The City shall initiate a reevaluation of the Housing Contribution Rate and any other aspect of these Incentive Zoning Provisions at an interval of no less than three (3) years from the time ~~the rate was last amended by the City Council of~~ **the previous reevaluation**. Such reevaluation shall include a report provided to the City Council reviewing economic factors including but not limited to development activity, commercial rents per square foot, employment growth, housing trends measured in terms of, but not limited to,

vacancy rates, production statistics, and prices for dwelling units, and the nexus between Incentive Projects and housing.

O-2 Sept 19, 2022

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: [For decades](#), the City of Cambridge has sought to acknowledge and honor those Cantabrigians who have helped make their mark upon our community or society at large by dedicating street corners in their honor; and

WHEREAS: The process for enacting a dedication begins with a City Councilor sponsoring a policy order to nominate an individual for consideration – usually at the behest of a community member – and once the order is voted upon favorably by the Council, a group of City employees comprising the Dedication Committee then determines whether or not that individual meets the criteria for this recognition; and

WHEREAS: [There have been hundreds of these dedications over the years](#), and the criteria by which the Dedication Committee makes their determination has recently [been posted online](#) in an effort to make this process more transparent to the public, and in order to clarify that having the City Council vote favorably upon these nominations does not automatically mean that the nomination will be approved; and

WHEREAS: Nonetheless, the system as it currently stands still misleads many members of the public to believe that a City Councilor’s sponsorship of such a request does mean that their loved one shall be recognized with a street corner dedication – and this has led to great disappointment among those whose dedication requests have ultimately been denied, as well as to confusion as to why their loved one would be denied this recognition; and

WHEREAS: It is important that the City do a better job of communicating, at the outset, that not all individuals who are nominated for street corner dedications will meet the criteria to be so recognized, that the City is in fact running out of street corners in which to satisfy all the incoming dedication requests – and that even those individuals who do not meet the criteria for a street corner dedication may yet deserve some form of permanent recognition from this community; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to compile a report detailing how other comparable municipalities handle their street corner dedication processes, making recommendations on how the City might improve its dedication request and review process, and making recommendations on ways to honor those individuals who may not ultimately have a street corner named after them but who nonetheless deserve to have their names and accomplishments recognized and memorialized by the City in some way; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter by the final City Council meeting of 2022.



O-3 Sept 19, 2022

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Since the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Cambridge has been supporting programs that provide meals to unhoused and housed members of the community; and

WHEREAS: These programs continue to be an essential resource for many who struggle with hunger; and

WHEREAS: This support is scheduled to end at the end of September 2022; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to continue to fund this meals program for an additional six months.

O-4 Sept 19, 2022

COUNCILLOR TONER

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a long and proud tradition in regard to Little League Baseball, Babe Ruth and Girls' softball; and

WHEREAS: Many lifelong friendships were formed there. Many kids found confidence through baseball and softball which helped them grow in life. Values such as teamwork, hard work, fair play, and discipline were instilled; and

WHEREAS: These values and traits were instilled by coaches and volunteers who had a love of the game, and

WHEREAS: Members of the baseball and softball community have requested the creation of a way to honor their past and current coaches and volunteers for selflessly giving their time to inspire young people, now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to have the Parks and Recreation Department meet with representatives of each Little League, Babe Ruth, and Girls' Softball to develop a plan to install "Walls of Honor" at each home baseball and softball field in the city by June 1, 2023.

O-5 Sept 19, 2022

COUNCILLOR TONER

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: Massachusetts Avenue from Harvard Square to the Arlington border currently serves many vital uses, including as a hub of commercial activity, residential neighborhoods, and home to many residents, and as a transportation corridor that serves many different communities and modes; and

WHEREAS: There is a pressing need for a long-term planning process to encourage the creation of more housing, improve transportation, support for retail and commercial growth, and meeting the needs of current and future residents; and

WHEREAS: The community, property owners, businesses, developers, City staff, and the City Council have all expressed their interest in engaging the North Massachusetts

Avenue (NMA) community in drafting and enacting comprehensive and holistic zoning for the North Massachusetts Avenue Corridor that meets the expressed goals of:

- Increasing housing supply by allowing additional housing density along Massachusetts Avenue
- Improving mobility infrastructure and safety to incentivize sustainable transportation choices
- Increasing open space resources
- Supporting NMA's diverse small businesses, restaurants, and hospitality community
- Improving streetscape design
- Incorporating public art
- Preserving the unique qualities of the area, including the business and resident diversity and neighborhood character; and

WHEREAS: The Community Development Department is currently fully engaged in planning processes with the Inman Square and Cambridge Street Corridor and the Alewife Quad working groups; and

WHEREAS: All parties want to begin a meaningful and robust process of community engagement and thoughtful planning in pursuit of these expressed goals; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department to convene a North Massachusetts Avenue Corridor District Zoning Proposal Working Group by June 15, 2023 comprised of all stakeholders (residents, neighborhood and business associations, commercial property owners, small business owners, developers, and other parties as deemed appropriate) to engage stakeholders and City leaders in a process similar to that employed in developing zoning principals for the Alewife Quad and the Inman Square Cambridge Street Corridor that will lead towards drafting new zoning for adoption by Mar 15, 2024.

O-6 Sept 19, 2022

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department to work with Councillors Azeem and Simmons on all necessary preparations for the next meeting in the discussion on potentially allowing multifamily housing to be built citywide; and be it further

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

O-7 Sept 19, 2022

COUNCILLOR TONER

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is seeking to encourage residents and visitors to the city to use multiple modes of transportation and move away from a reliance on automobiles; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has installed separated bike lanes and priority bus lanes across the city with more to be installed over the next few months and several years to improve the safety of our roads for cyclists and encourage the use of mass transit; and

WHEREAS: The state has passed legislation formally legalizing E-Bikes and more residents are using E-Bikes, E-Scooters, E-Skateboards, and other methods of transportation; and

WHEREAS: There has been an increase in traffic back to pre-pandemic levels due to the influx of students to the city and with the return to in-person work schedules; and

WHEREAS: There have been numerous reports of bicycle, pedestrian, and automobile accidents over the course of the past several months of the summer across the city; and

WHEREAS: There have been regular complaints in the community by pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists that due to a lack of education regarding the "rules of the road" in our increasingly multimodal environment, lack of clear signage, and lack of enforcement of such rules there is increasing frustration among residents and concern that more near misses and accidents may occur; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge developed a [Cambridge Street Code: Rules and Etiquette for Getting there Together](#) in 2018 and there have been substantial changes made to our city streets and increasing mode shift; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to consider how best to enforce the rules of the road to improve safety for, all while recognizing the disparate socioeconomic and racial impacts of enforcement; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Traffic, Transportation and Parking Department to convene a series of meetings with the Vision Zero, Pedestrian Committee, Bicycle Committee, the newly appointed Bicycling Advisory Committee, Cambridge Police Department, and any other departments deemed necessary, to review and revise the Cambridge Street Code, promulgate the updated code throughout the city, and develop recommendations for staffing and methods of improving traffic enforcement and report back to the Council by Mar 15, 2023.

O-8 Sept 19, 2022

COUNCILLOR TONER

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request to dedicate a street corner in honor of John Briston Sullivan; now therefore be it

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

O-9 Sept 19, 2022

COUNCILLOR TONER

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request to dedicate a street corner in honor of George W. McEachern III, DMD; therefore, be it further

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

O-10 Sept 19, 2022

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the nonprofit Solutions at Work has identified an opportunity at 2222 Massachusetts Avenue to expand non-congregate shelter capacity and services for local unhoused residents; and

WHEREAS: This facility is ideally configured to accommodate 16 residents in spacious individual rooms and is suitable for immediate use without any required major renovations or capital investment; and

WHEREAS: This facility would expand on the success of the non-congregate facility at 11 Green Street, also operated by Solutions at Work, and would offer residents a wide range of services including (but not limited to) meals, laundry, case management, and mental health services; and

WHEREAS: There is enormous emergency need for this type of facility and current options are almost always at capacity with a waiting list; and

WHEREAS: This type of transitional housing is referenced and recommended in the report issued by the "Addressing Homelessness in Cambridge, MA" task force chaired by Councillor McGovern; and

WHEREAS: The city must do everything possible to address Cambridge's homelessness emergency, and this is an incredible opportunity with immediate impact that we simply cannot afford to pass up; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to meet with Solutions at Work, tour the facility at 2222 Massachusetts Avenue with relevant staff as soon as possible, and take all necessary steps to transition 2222 Massachusetts Avenue into a non-congregate homeless shelter with accompanying services; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter as soon as possible.