

Swearing-In of Cathie Zusy to fill vacancy created due to passing of Councillor Joan Pickett

CITY MANAGER’S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to recommendations of the Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC) for FY2024. (CM24#203) [[text of report](#)]
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to an update on the Temporary Respite Center at the Registry of Deeds. (CM24#204)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report 24-35, re: an update on the Children Savings Accounts Program with the East Cambridge Savings Bank. (CM24#205)
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-46, re: the water bubbler at Anderson Tennis Courts on Pemberton Street. (CM24#206)
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-52, re: 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. (CM24#207) [[text of report](#)]
6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report 24-43 re: conducting outreach to Cambridge colleges and universities and coordinating with the MBTA on promoting the MBTA’s new University Pass Program. (CM24#208) [[text of report](#)]

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to work with the MBTA to prioritize addressing housing affordability in the redevelopment of the Alewife garage. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Siddiqui (PO24#126)
2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to schedule at least one hazardous waste day and one paper shredding event per year to be held on a Sunday. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Nolan (PO24#127)
3. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate DPW officials to immediately address this issue so that foul substances no longer leak from the DPW garbage trucks. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Toner (PO24#128)
4. City Council support for the construction of the North-South Rail Link. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Azeem, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Siddiqui (PO24#129)
5. That the City Manager is requested to publicize Dyslexia Awareness Month and dyslexia resources in its regular publications during October and in lieu of lighting up City Hall red, encourage residents and staff to wear red in October for Dyslexia awareness and acknowledge October as Dyslexia Awareness Month in the City of Cambridge.

Councillor Nolan, Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern (PO24#130)

6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Finance Department, Law Department, and other relevant departments to explore the feasibility of a successor program to Rise Up Cambridge. Councillor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler (PO24#131)

ON THE TABLE

1. 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)
2. 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

3. 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 Sign Design representing Citizens Bank, requesting permission for a projecting blade sign at the premises numbered 265 Main Street approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters proof of mailing has been provided. (AP24#35)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication from Aaron Rosenthal, re: Aaron Rosenthal Support of New Zoning.
2. A communication from Aidan Kaminer, re: Cambridge Zoning Proposals.
3. A communication from Aileen O. Erickson Joseph Barbieri, re: 2nd email re: the Proposed Up-Zoning.
4. A communication from Ajay Sonalkar, re: Affordable Housing.
5. A communication from Alejandro Paz, re: Support for zoning changes and multifamily housing (policy orders 118 and 117).
6. A communication from Alex Riina, re: in support of Charter Right #1 (PO24#117).
7. A communication from Alicia von Rekowsky, re: Vote against zoning change tonight.
8. A communication from Alina Vrabioiu, re: Oppose up-zoning.
9. A communication from Alisha Rajan, re: Ending Exclusionary Zoning in Cambridge.
10. A communication from Amira Valliani, re: Writing in support of ending exclusionary zoning.
11. A communication from Amy Salomon, re: City Upzoning.

12. A communication from Amy Waltz, re: Environmental study (most essentially climate impacts, mitigation plan) needs to happen Prior to major zoning changes.
13. A communication from Andrew Solomon, re: supporting abundant housing.
14. A communication from Andrew Strassman, re: support to end exclusionary zoning.
15. A communication from Ann Stewart, re: PO24#117 and PO24#118.
16. A communication from Anna Lashevskaya, re: Prevent city wide upzoning.
17. A communication from Annalisa Martinek, re: Please do not support city-wide height increases for housing.
18. A communication from Anne Hawley, re: Opposition to citywide upzoning proposal.
19. A communication from Anne Lowell, re: UPZONING.
20. A communication from Anne, Anand and Rowan Sundaram, re: No Rules Zoning.
21. A communication from Annette LaMond & Joe Moore, re: OPPOSED to Citywide Upzoning.
22. A communication from Annmarie Flynn, re: Rezoning.
23. A communication from Ausra Kubilius, re: new construction-height proposal - please vote NO.
24. A communication from Bernice Buresh, re: PO118 and PO117.
25. A communication from Beth Gamse & Judy Singer, re: Vote no on upzoning proposal.
26. A communication from Betty Lee Saccoccio, re: Opposition to Proposed Language for Largest Zoning Change in the History of the City of Cambridge.
27. A communication from Beverly Seidenberg, re: up zoning proposal.
28. A communication from Bill McAvinney, re: Please pass CR #1 (aka PO24#117) Stop Displacement! Save our city!
29. A communication from Suzanne Blier, re: No Rules Zoning - Sketches from a City Housing Architect on Impacts and More.
30. A communication from Camilla Brinkman, re: Proposed citywide upzoning plan.
31. A communication from Carol Weinhaus, re: Strongly oppose the upzoning of Cambridge.
32. A communication from Caroline Lowenthal, re: Support for Housing Committee's proposal.
33. A communication from Carolyn, re: Cambridgeport Question Enthusiastic Support for Ending Exclusionary Zoning and Prioritizing Inclusionary Housing.
34. A communication from Carolyn Fuller, re: Please pass CR #1 (aka PO24#117) and end exclusionary zoning.
35. A communication from Carolyn Shipley, re: Charter Righted City Upzoning.
36. A communication from Carrie Jones, re: AHO.
37. A communication from Central Square Tenants, re: Enthusiastic Support for Ending Exclusionary Zoning and Prioritizing Inclusionary Housing.
38. A communication from Charles Merrill & Sandra Spanier, re: Please Vote 'NO' on current upzoning proposals - Current neighborhoods will be hurt.
39. A communication from Chris Cullen, re: please allow multifamily housing throughout Cambridge - begin to ameliorate this housing crisis.
40. A communication from Claudia Majetich, re: Opposed City-wide Upzoning.
41. A communication from Crystal Komm, re: City Wide Upzoning.
42. A communication from Crystal Leslie, re: Upzoning.
43. A communication from Dan Rose, re: Opinion on proposed 6-story zoning.
44. A communication from Dan Sprague, re: Support City Wide Upzoning POR#117 & #118.
45. A communication from Darren Buck, re: Writing in support of zoning freedom.
46. A communication from David Levy, re: Against the current citywide upzoning proposal.
47. A communication from David Mankins, re: proposed citywide upcoming.
48. A communication from Deborah Zucker, re: Proposed changes to building zoning ordinances for the city.
49. A communication from Diana Yousef, re: Please do not support city-wide height increases for housing.
50. A communication from Dominick Jones, re: Charter-righted City Upzoning today.
51. A communication from Don Michaelis, re: Housing.
52. A communication from Eileen McCullough, re: Please vote for equity and PARKING included in Multi-Family Housing Vote.
53. A communication from Elisabeth Meurer, re: City-wide up-zoning proposal.
54. A communication from Elizabeth Klerman, re: Proposed Zoning changes.
55. A communication from Elizabeth Kon, re: Elimination of historical sites and upzoning.
56. A communication from Elizabeth Van Ranst, re: Up-zoning Proposal.
57. A communication from Ember Sawady, re: Support for legalizing 6-story buildings city-wide.
58. A communication from Emily Ma, re: Proposed up-zoning.
59. A communication from Esme Martinek, re: Please do not support city-wide height increases for housing.
60. A communication from Ethan Frank, re: Supporting legalizing housing.
61. A communication from Francesca Gordini, re: Opposition to Zoning Proposal.
62. A communication from Friedrich von Gottberg, re: Zoning Proposal - Multi Family City Wide.
63. A communication from Gaylen Morgan, re: Upcoming proposal on Walden Sq project at tonight's meeting.
64. A communication from Gleb Bahmutov, re: End exclusionary zoning in Cambridge.
65. A communication from Guillemette Simmers, re: Up-zoning.
66. A communication from H. Fleishon, re: Housing Committee's proposal to allow triple-deckers, fourplexes, and homes up to 6-story buildings throughout Cambridge.
67. A communication from Hallie Trial, re: In support of PO #118 and PO #117.
68. A communication from Harold J. Bursztajn, re: Fiduciary Care for Cambridge City residents.
69. A communication from Helen Abraham, re: Significant Housing Issues.

70. A communication from Helen Snively, re: I am sick of your giveaways to rich people! NO to this upzoning.
71. A communication from Helen Walker, re: Multifamily Housing Citywide Must Respond to Resident Concerns.
72. A communication from Helene Bank, re: Citywide upzoning proposal.
73. A communication from Hugh Warren, re: _ Up Zoning.
74. A communication from Ira Nichols-Barrer, re: support for PO #117 & #118.
75. A communication from Jacqueline Berthet, re: Up-zoning citywide.
76. A communication from Jacqueline Kung, re: Please vote yes for housing Sept 16.
77. A communication from Jacquelyn Fahey Sandell, re: Please oppose the upzoning proposal to 6 stories as a right and the 18 stories in Central.
78. A communication from James Stathis, re: Zoning.
79. A communication from Jane Morse, re: Please vote no on the city-wide upzoning proposal.
80. A communication from Janet Stein, re: Support for PO#118 and PO#117.
81. A communication from Janice Snow, re: City-wide Up-zoning Proposal.
82. A communication from Jean G. Krulic, re: oppose the proposed radical city upzoning.
83. A communication from Jennifer Miles, re: UPZONING.
84. A communication from Joan D. Krizack, re: City Upzoning.
85. A communication from Joan Doolittle and Steve Barylck, re: City-wide Upzoning Proposal.
86. A communication from John MacDougall, re: Waldern Sq-2 proposal.
87. A communication from John Pena, re: Proposed continued up-zoning modifications.
88. A communication from John Trever, re: Against up-zoning for 6-story buildings.
89. A communication from Joseph Antebi, re: City Up zoning.
90. A communication from Josh Talbot, re: Support Multifamily Housing.
91. A communication from Josiah Bonsey, re: Supporting zoning for 6+ stories citywide.
92. A communication from Joyce Klein Mal Slavin, re: Opposition to proposed zoning laws.
93. A communication from Justin Saif, re: Strong Support for Ending Exclusionary Zoning.
94. A communication from Kadir Teoman Uysal, re: Vote NO to the up-zoning of housing in Cambridge.
95. A communication from Karan Arakotaram, re: Ending exclusionary zoning.
96. A communication from Karen Eton, re: Up-Zoning of Cambridge.
97. A communication from Karen Falb, re: Tonight's proposed up-zoning - think citywide_ think zoning stability.
98. A communication from Katiti Kironde, re: Opposition to radical city upzoning.
99. A communication from Kelsey Harris, re: In support of Charter Right #1 (PO24#117).
100. A communication from Kesara Martinek, re: Please do not support city-wide height increases for housing.
101. A communication from Kevin Grinberg, re: PO #117, #118.
102. A communication from Kevin Leiby, re: Support for ending exclusionary zoning.
103. A communication from Laurie Beth Gaines, re: Corcoran Park project.
104. A communication from Leyla Uysal, re: A local voice.
105. A communication from Lisa Coen, re: Up-zoning vote.
106. A communication from Lisa Glover, re: Citywide upzoning proposal – please limit to major corridors.
107. A communication from Maple Goh, re: PO117 & 118.
108. A communication from Margaret Flanagan, re: Opposition to upzoning.
109. A communication from Marie Elena Saccoccio, re: Proposed Language for Largest Zoning Change in the History of Cambridge.
110. A communication from Marilee Meyer, re: please vote down this reiteration of multi-family policy.
111. A communication from Marilee Meyer, re: misplaced letter.
112. A communication from Mark Goodman, re: Zoning change.
113. A communication from Mark Kon, re: Elimination of historical sites and upzoning of Cambridge Residents.
114. A communication from Mark Steffen and Sharanya Iyer, re: Support PO 117 and 118 at next meeting Monday.
115. A communication from Martin Breu, re: A note in support of PO #117 and #118.
116. A communication from Mary Jane Kornacki, re: Citywide upzoning..._no_ no_ no_ no and no!.
117. A communication from Mary Zieger and Donald Baltus, re: Oppose city upzoning proposal.
118. A communication from Masato Kocberber, re: Support for housing bill.
119. A communication from Maxwell Solet, re: Proposed Upzoning.
120. A communication from Michael Weymouth, re: Support for Policy Orders 117 and 118.
121. A communication from Mike Rowland, re: In support of ending exclusionary zoning.
122. A communication from Mike Volles, re: Oppose up-zoning.
123. A communication from Molly Trowbridge, re: Testimony_ I support multifamily housing Citywide.
124. A communication from Muireann Glenmullen, re: Rezoning proposals.
125. A communication from Nancy Berliner, re: Upzoning Comment.
126. A communication from Nancy Johnson, re: Upzoning.
127. A communication from Ned Codd, re: Support for Multifamily Zoning Proposal.
128. A communication from Noah Harper, re: Letter In Support of Upzoning and a More Inclusive Cambridge.
129. A communication from Nonie Valentine, re: No to 75 ft heights around Cambridge once again.
130. A communication from Olga-Louiza Tague, re: Opposition to Cambridge Upzoning Proposal Today.
131. A communication from Pamela Lipson, re: Opposition to upzoning proposal.
132. A communication from Patrick Ledwith, re: Strong support to move forward with six stories city wide.
133. A communication from Patrick TaylorIn, re: Support of Bold Action on Housing.

134. A communication from Paul E Fallon, re: Vote YES!!! on Six-Story Residential Zoning.
135. A communication from Paul Maschhoff, re: End exclusionary zoning.
136. A communication from Pavan (“Tem”) Bendapudi, re: Eliminating exclusionary zoning.
137. A communication from Phillip Rothman, re: opposition to upzoning.
138. A communication from Phyllis Simpkins, re: Upzoning proposal.
139. A communication from Rabbi Yoni, re: Six Stories Citywide across all Residential Neighborhoods + At Least 20% Inclusionary Units.
140. A communication from Rachael Coleman, re: Exclusionary zoning.
141. A communication from Rebecca Pries, re: Please oppose upzoning for luxury 6 story building!
142. A communication from Richard Goldberg, re: Rezoning.
143. A communication from Richard Homonoff, re: Cambridge City Council -My opposition to the Massive Cambridge Upzoning Proposal Today.
144. A communication from Richard Krushnic, re: Multifamily zoning.
145. A communication from Robert Camacho, re: 9-15-2024 response to more buildings.
146. A communication from Ronald Suleski, re: Strongly Suggest AHO Issues as Below.
147. A communication from Rosalind Michahelles, re: Up-zoning objection.
148. A communication from Ruth Loetterle, re: Vote NO on the proposed up-zoning proposal.
149. A communication from Rosalind Michahelles, re: Up-zoning objection.
150. A communication from Ruth Loetterle, re: Vote NO on the proposed upzoning proposal.
151. A communication from Ruth Ryals, re: I am very uncomfortable with the current upzoning proposal.
152. A communication from William Graham, re: Zoning changes.
153. A communication from Wayne Welke, re: In Support of More Multifamily Housing in Cambridge.
154. A communication from Vickey Bestor, re: Over-board Upzoning.
155. A communication from Doina Contescu and Jesse Winder, re: VEHEMENT OPPOSITION to radical and greedy city upzoning.
156. A communication from Vaughn Sills, re: Upzoning for 6 story buildings.
157. A communication from Varun, re: Cambridge Zoning and Cambridge Rezoning.
158. A communication from Vanessa Azzone Dhanji, re: Please reconsider Massive City Upzoning.
159. A communication from Ty Wilson, re: Let’s keep breaking down barriers to new housing construction.
160. A communication from Trevor Burnham, re: Support for ending exclusionary zoning.
161. A communication from Tina LLeu, re: support multi-family home zoning.
162. A communication from Timothy O’Donnell, re: Opposition to current AHO Ordinance & Up zoning proposal for Cambridge.
163. A communication from Tim and Sara Cabot, re: Approve Upzoning
164. A communication from Thomas Briggs, re: Citiwide Upzoning Proposal.
165. A communication from Suzanne Watzman, re: I am opposed to the proposed radical city up-zoning.
166. A communication from Suzanne Hopkins, re: Charter-righted City Upzoning proposal up for discussion Sept 16, 2024.
167. A communication from Susan Ringler, re: Oppose moving forward with citywide up-zoning.
168. A communication from Susan M. Carter, re: Corrected blog link: Reminder - Charter-righted City Upzoning Mon, Sept. 9.
169. A communication from Susan Cory, re: yet ANOTHER attempt at up zoning Mon, Sept. 16.
170. A communication from Central Square Tenants, re: Strengthening Prioritization of Continued Cambridge Residency Against Retaliation.
171. A communication from Stephen Fitzsimmons and Orawan Saejao Fitzsimmons, re: Please reject the up-zoning Cambridge housing proposal.
172. A communication from Stephen Diamond, re: In Support of Bold Action on Housing.
173. A communication from Sophie Fisher, re: Support for policy orders #117 and #118/allowing 6-story buildings in Cambridge.
174. A communication from Shippen Page, re: Proposed upzoning Proposal.
175. A communication from Shellburne Thurber, re: upzoning.
176. A communication from Shannon Canavin, re: In Support of Bold Action on Housing.
177. A communication from Sergio Coronado, re: Support of PO 117 and 118.
178. A communication from Sean Hart, re: Extreme Support for Upzoning Proposal.
179. A communication from Sarah Stone, re: In Support of Bold Action on Housing.
180. A communication from Sam Polzin, re: Support for Multifamily Housing Citywide.
181. A communication from Sam Allon, re: Unburdened by what has been - Upzone all of Cambridge.
182. A communication from Carol Greenwood, re: Housing city - wide zoning.
183. A communication from Ann Elliott-Holmes, re: Upzoning decision – meeting tonight.
184. A communication from Ellen Crocker, re: City wide zoning proposal.
185. A communication from Rolf Erikson, re: Tree removal in violation of City Municipal Code allowed.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Bruce Irving on his Retirement from the Cambridge Historical Commission. Vice Mayor McGovern
2. Wishing Marvin Gilmore a Happy 100th Birthday. Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Toner
3. Congratulations to Marie Jean-Michel Dubuisson on her retirement from the Cambridge Public Schools. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee** held a public hearing on Mon, Sept 9, 2024 to discuss truck safety in Cambridge. [[text of report](#)]

Present: Nolan, [Sobrinho-Wheeler](#)

Remote Present: Azeem, Siddiqui

Also Present: Wilson, Toner

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update re: legislative activity. (COF24#125)

HEARING SCHEDULE

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. ... 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 23, 2024

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR WILSON

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: This City Council recently learned about the MBTA's plans to redevelop the Alewife garage and passed [PO24#110](#) asking for the City Manager to keep the City Council apprised of any updates; and

WHEREAS: In [resident surveys conducted by the City](#), housing affordability is consistently ranked by most Cambridge residents as their top concern; and

WHEREAS: The Alewife redevelopment presents a unique opportunity to help address Cambridge's affordable housing challenges by providing significant additional transit-oriented housing as part of a mixed-use space in proximity to a major public transit hub; and

WHEREAS: If redevelopment plans at the Alewife garage were to prioritize parking and commercial space over addressing the region's housing affordability challenges, Cambridge could see traffic and housing prices exacerbated in the city; and

WHEREAS: The City has long recognized Alewife as a potential site for significant additional housing in Cambridge, including the largest affordable housing development in Cambridge—the Rindge towers—and in the recent Alewife Quad rezoning; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That, building on POR 2024 #110, the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the MBTA to prioritize addressing housing affordability in the redevelopment of the Alewife garage.

O-2 Sept 23, 2024

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: In 2024, Cambridge will have held four Hazardous Waste Days (April 6, June 8, August 24, November 2) and two Paper Shredding events (May 18, September 21), all of which have been scheduled for Saturdays; and

WHEREAS: Many members of Cambridge's practicing Jewish community observe the Sabbath, which prohibits activities such as driving, using public transit, operating electrical devices, or engaging in transactions on Saturdays, thus these residents are prevented from participating in these events; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to schedule at least one hazardous waste day and one paper shredding event per year to be held on a Sunday, and to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-3 Sept 23, 2024

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR TONER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that some garbage collection trucks operating in the "Friday" [quadrant of Cambridge](#), particularly along Inman Street and Bishop Allen Drive, have been leaking foul-smelling liquid waste; and

WHEREAS: The Public Works Department has acknowledged that this issue can sometimes occur due to gaskets on the garbage trucks needing adjustment, and the leakages have prompted numerous area residents to contact City Hall with concerns about the unpleasant odors left behind when they occur; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate DPW officials to immediately address this issue so that foul substances no longer leak from the DPW garbage trucks, and to report back to the City Council on this matter no later than Oct 14, 2024.

O-4 Sept 23, 2024

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has been a national leader in promoting sustainable transportation options and decarbonization; and

WHEREAS: Our city and statewide climate goals require us to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 and an 86% reduction in transportation emission sectors by the same year; and

WHEREAS: The MBTA Commuter Rail has seen the most robust ridership recovery of any North American commuter rail network and is beginning to transition to electrified service; and

WHEREAS: Connecting North and South Stations through the North-South Rail Link would not only increase connectivity but allow faster and more frequent service; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge commuters would benefit from increased service and connectivity at both the Porter Square Station and a future Alewife infill station, and a direct ride to North Station, South Station, and points south and west; and

WHEREAS: The Rail Link would help meet our climate goals, increase economic connectivity and equity, and provide more transportation options to Cantabrigians; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its support for the construction of the North-South Rail Link; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Governor Healey, United States Senators Markey and Warren, the federal Cambridge delegation, and the Cambridge State House delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-5 Sept 23, 2024

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

MAYOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: October is Dyslexia Awareness Month, and a time to raise awareness of the condition, with the goal of changing the narrative when it comes to dyslexia and empower people with dyslexia and literacy differences all over the world; and

WHEREAS: Dyslexia is a brain-based issue that makes it hard to learn or read accurately and fluently, with as many as 17 percent of people showing signs of the condition; and

WHEREAS: Despite challenges in learning and reading, many successful people have dyslexia, which is not a problem of intelligence; and

WHEREAS: Advocates for people with dyslexia are urging folks to reclaim the color red, a color typically associated in schools with errors and corrections, and use the color to celebrate people with dyslexia and create positive change by focusing on ways to make our world more accessible and inclusive, as well as celebrating the amazing things that people with dyslexia and literacy differences can do; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record acknowledging October as Dyslexia Awareness Month and in expressing its gratitude to the Cambridge Public School staff and education professionals throughout Cambridge for their commitment to

helping those with dyslexia, the most common learning challenge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to publicize Dyslexia Awareness Month and dyslexia resources in its regular publications during October and in lieu of lighting up City Hall red, encourage residents and staff to wear red in October for Dyslexia awareness.

O-6 Sept 23, 2024

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR WILSON

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: Started as a pilot program in 2021 in response to the emergency needs worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic, Cambridge RISE (Recurring Income for Success and Empowerment), provided direct cash assistance to 130 single-caretaker households for 18 months; and

WHEREAS: As shown in the Cambridge Rise Final report, the treatment group reported lower income volatility, greater financial resilience, lessened housing cost burden rates, and lower food insecurity in addition to increased time and space for parenting; and

WHEREAS: With an investment of nearly \$19M in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in 2023, the program was relaunched as Rise Up Cambridge, an initiative with an expanded reach, serving 1,923 families through monthly \$500 cash payments, with goals including supporting financial stability, increased economic agency, and the overall well-being of 1,923 families living at or below 250% of the federal poverty level; and

WHEREAS: As demonstrated through the Rise Up program's impact, and similar programs nationally and around the world, unrestricted cash payments are a critical resource for the families that receive them and a proven anti-poverty solution, needed especially in a high-cost community such as Cambridge, enabling families to be able to stay in this opportunity-rich community and providing flexibility; and

WHEREAS: In alignment with the Cambridge City Council goals adopted in May 2024, the Rise Up program directly addresses the Council's goal of "Economic Opportunity and Equity," among many other Council priorities not specifically named in the newly adopted goals; and

WHEREAS: The Rise Up program will conclude in February 2025, and the program's success illustrates the impact of direct cash assistance to counteract city-wide poverty and position families more fully for economic mobility opportunities; now therefore be it:

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Finance Department, Law Department, and other relevant departments to explore the feasibility of a successor program to Rise Up Cambridge, and include in these considerations potential funding sources, possible other target populations in need, the program's potential impact on participants' eligibility for other types of local or state assistance, and efficiency of program implementation and administration; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council ahead of the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget process.