

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on COVID-19.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-59, regarding adding the memorial dedication process and criteria to the City Council webpage.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Partnership Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$8,000 to the Grant Fund Human Rights Other Ordinary Maintenance Account which will be used for proposed fair-housing related outreach efforts, including: an information session on COVID-specific fair housing issues and related materials, a fair housing "Know Your Rights" seminar with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office and related materials, and a new CHRC "At a Glance" informational bulletin.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of of the Fair Housing Assistance Program Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$39,534 to the Grant Fund Human Rights Salary and Wages Account (\$19,034) and the Travel and Training Account (\$20,500) which will be used to cover a portion of the salary of the Cambridge Human Rights Commission (CHRC) Attorney-Investigator, who works on Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) cases.

ON THE TABLE

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-13, regarding next steps on implementation of Universal Pre-K. [Placed on the Table In Council May 17, 2021]
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-41, regarding a report on closing Mass Ave from Prospect Street to Sidney Street on Friday and Saturday evenings. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor McGovern In Council June 28, 2021; Tabled In Council Aug 2, 2021]
3. An application was received from Paulo Correia, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 851 Cambridge Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey In Council Sept 13, 2021; Placed On The Table by Councillor Toomey In Council Sept 20, 2021]
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-56, regarding improvements to Jerry's Pond and along Rindge Avenue. [Placed On The Table by Mayor Siddiqui In Council Sept 13, 2021]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. That the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge be amended to allow the service of postoperative care for a dog (Ordinance #2021-16). [Referred to Committee In Council June 28, 2021; Passed to a Second Reading In Council Sept 13, 2021; To Be Ordained on or after Sept 27, 2021]

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Murat and Alexandra Varinli, regarding a Thank You letter thanking the Cambridge Police.
2. A communication was received from Franziska Amacher FAIA LEED, regarding Support the Monument Marker.
3. A communication was received from Jacquelyn Smith, regarding Policy Order #5.
4. A communication was received from Gordon Fellman, regarding linkage fee.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Ross and Aviva Benson on the birth of their daughter Adelaide Muriel Benson. Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan
2. Thanks to Michael Monestime for his five years of work as Executive Director of the Central Square Business Association and best wishes in his future endeavors. Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern, Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui
3. Thanking Izzy's For 41 Years of Serving Up Terrific Food. Councillor Simmons
4. National Diaper Need Awareness Week. Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui
5. Congratulations to the 2021 Tribute to Outstanding Women Honorees. Councillor Simmons
6. Resolution on the death of Rob Williams. Councillor Simmons
7. Resolution thanking Cameron Monagle for his actions and congratulating him for his recent award. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Mallon
8. Resolution congratulating Amrit Chaudhuri for the growth of his company SmartLabs and wishing him luck in his future endeavors. Mayor Siddiqui
9. Resolution congratulating Teddy and Alyssa Applebaum on the birth of their son Oliver Lemont Applebaum. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. Resolution Condemning the Treatment of Haitian Immigrants in Texas. Councillor Simmons
2. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to reach out to the owner of 689 Massachusetts Avenue to inquire about the prospect of selling this building to the City of Cambridge, and to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner. Councillor Simmons
3. Affirming Reproductive Freedom. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons

4. That the City Manager direct the Department of Human Service Programs to issue a report, including but not limited to, the specific changes in programming that were made this year. Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan
5. End Title 42 Deportations. Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Carlone
6. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the staff at the Cambridge Historical Commission, the DCR Commissioner, and members of Cambridge's state delegation to approve, fund and execute the design and installation of a suitable historic marker by April 2022 to recognize the vision of Frederick Law Olmsted and others in transforming the Cambridge riverfront landscape, and report back on their progress before the end of the current Council term. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Zondervan

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Ordinance Committee met to conduct a public hearing on Apr 8, 2021 to discuss the Cambridge Missing Middle Housing Zoning Petition (Ordinance #2021-2).

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Sept 27

5:00pm The City Council will conduct a special meeting to receive a presentation from several young civic designers regarding potential revisions of the representation found in the Ackermann Room. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Sept 29

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

Mon, Oct 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 13

5:00pm The Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the long-term plan for school buildings, including a systemwide summary of status of plans, update on current projects, any plans for future relocations, and projections for enrollment changes over time. (REMOTE HEARING)

Mon, Oct 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Sept 27, 2021

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: In recent days, Americans have looked on in horror and outrage as [thousands of Haitian immigrants](#) – who have fled the [multiple crises](#) in their home country and are seeking asylum in the United States – have made their way to Del Rio, TX, and have been forced to take shelter from the scorching heat [under a bridge](#) while being inhumanely treated by US Border Patrol officers; and

WHEREAS: The horrific situation these Haitian immigrants were experiencing, already heartbreaking, was made all the more disturbing as images of [US Border Patrol agents on horseback](#) appearing to whip migrants attempting to enter the country from Mexico were broadcast across the country; and

WHEREAS: The Biden Administration, while expressing remorse over the images of the US Border Patrol agents and empathy with the plight of the Haitian immigrants, has done little to actually alleviate the situation, and in some ways has worsened the situation by seeking to [deport many of these asylum-seekers back to Haiti](#); and

WHEREAS: There is no suggestion that any quick or easy answers to this humanitarian crisis exist, and while it is recognized that the members of the Biden Administration likely have personal empathy for the plight of these Haitian asylum-seekers, it is clear that the Biden Administration must immediately change course towards enacting a more deliberate, empathetic, and humane method of resolving this humanitarian crisis, while striving to meet the high ideals that the United States has long espoused; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council formally go on record in standing in solidarity with the plight of the Haitian asylum-seekers in Texas, and in urging the Biden Administration to immediately recalibrate its approach to resolving this humanitarian crisis in Texas by [treating these asylum-seekers with the humanity and basic decency](#) they deserve; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Edward Markey, Congresswoman Katherine Clark, and Congresswomen Ayanna Pressley on behalf of the entire City Council, in the hopes that they will continue to share these sentiments with the Biden Administration.

O-2 Sept 27, 2021

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the City Council's attention that the building located at 689 Massachusetts Avenue, which currently is home to the Citizen's Bank Central Square Branch, will be going on the market for sale in the near future; and

WHEREAS: This prime location could be utilized in a myriad of ways and potentially meet any number of critical needs if it were to come under the City's ownership and control; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to reach out to the owner of 689 Massachusetts Avenue to inquire about the prospect of selling this building to the City of Cambridge, and to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-3 Sept 27, 2021

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Abortion care is essential health care and health care is a fundamental human right; and

WHEREAS: Equal access to abortion care everywhere is essential to social and economic participation, reproductive autonomy, and the right to determine one's future; and

WHEREAS: Equitable access to comprehensive reproductive health care—including abortion care—is fundamentally a racial and economic justice issue; and

WHEREAS: The landmark Supreme Court ruling *Roe v. Wade* upholds the constitutional right to privacy, including in health care decisions and the right to access abortion care; and

WHEREAS: The rights established in *Roe v. Wade* have been relied upon in this country for nearly 50 years with nearly 7 in 10 Americans agree with the decision that established a woman's right to an abortion; and

WHEREAS: In 2020, the ROE Act was passed into law in the Commonwealth, abolishing unnecessary abortion restrictions and codifying the principles of reproductive freedom in Massachusetts state law; and

WHEREAS: Over the last decade reproductive rights and freedom have been under attack across the nation and since 2011, anti-abortion lawmakers throughout the country have pushed nearly 500 restrictive laws through state legislatures to make abortion difficult and at times completely impossible to access; and

WHEREAS: These abortion bans and restrictions have become more extreme and have aimed to restrict abortion as early as 6 and 8 weeks of pregnancy—before many people even know they are pregnant; and

WHEREAS: Abortion bans do not stop abortion, they merely push safe, necessary care out of reach of the most vulnerable and disproportionately impact Black, Indigenous, and People of Color and those struggling to make ends meet; and

WHEREAS: On Sept 1, 2021 the Supreme Court denied an emergency request to block Texas S.B. 8, a blatantly unconstitutional and radical six-week abortion ban that also incentivizes vigilantism and provides a \$10,000 reward for private citizens who sue their neighbors on suspicion of abetting abortion; and

WHEREAS: The Texas SB 8 bill will not be the last attack on reproductive freedom; this fall, the Supreme Court is scheduled to consider another case from Mississippi that takes direct aim at the core protections of *Roe v. Wade*; and

WHEREAS: It is clear that the ultraconservative majority on the Supreme Court is not interested in defending abortion rights and access from these constant attacks and has now helped to advance the agenda to end access to safe abortion; and

WHEREAS: Congress can and must act to pass legislation that affirms reproductive rights, freedom and justice and codifies protections in *Roe v. Wade* in federal law once and for all; and

WHEREAS: The Women's Health Protection Act, co-introduced by Massachusetts's own Representative Ayanna Pressley along with Representative Judy Chu is the legislative solution that would fight back against these ultraconservative attacks on abortion access and codify the right for doctors to provide and patients to access abortion care free from medically unnecessary bans and restrictions; and

WHEREAS: Each day that goes by without Congressional action means that more people—disproportionately Black, Indigenous,

and People of Color, members of the LGBTQIA+ community and those struggling to make ends meet-- will be denied their constitutional right to abortion; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley's Women's Health Protection Act as the legislative solution to fight back against the calculated attacks on reproductive rights and freedom across the country; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council urges President Biden to swiftly sign the Women's Health Protection Act into law and continue to use the full power of the Presidency to affirm reproductive rights and justice for all; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the Cambridge delegation and President Biden on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-4 Sept 27, 2021

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: Over the course of the past several months the Department of Human Services programs have made changes to after school programming, including changing to a lottery system for enrollment; and

WHEREAS: The DHSP made other changes, including Community School admission, and staffing issues; and

WHEREAS: These changes resulted in families not being notified regarding their acceptance or non-acceptance into after school programs until right before the start of the 2021-2022 school year, leaving many families scrambling for after school placements for their children; and

WHEREAS: These changes and communications issues have left many families feeling angry and frustrated; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager direct the DHSP to issue a report, including but not limited to the specific changes in programming that were made this year, how many students are being served compared to previous years, demographic information on the children being served, any obstacles to providing additional after school programming, the new lottery system, why there was a delay in notifying parents, and the feasibility of appointing a parent advisory board to DHSP help in future programmatic changes; and be it further

ORDERED: That this report be sent to the Human Services and Veteran's Committee of the City Council for a public meeting.

O-5 Sept 27, 2021

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the Biden administration is continuing to use a Trump-era policy known as Title 42 to expel tens of thousands of individuals and families seeking asylum at the southern border, including 16,000 in August 2021 alone; and

WHEREAS: A federal judge [has ordered](#) the Biden administration to stop this practice, ruling that the Title 42 policy does not authorize the expulsion of migrants and also that it does not allow for those removed to be denied the opportunity to seek asylum in the US; and

WHEREAS: The Biden administration is [actively appealing](#) the ruling and continues to defend their aggressive use of Title 42 in court; and

WHEREAS: Rhetoric around public health and the pandemic should not be used as pretext to quickly expel immigrants from our country; and

WHEREAS: Most recently, the Biden administration has made use of Title 42 to expedite and accelerate the deportation of more than 15,000 Haitian people who have sought asylum in Del Rio, Texas in the aftermath of a severe earthquake and political turmoil caused by the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse in September 2021; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is proud to be home to a substantial Haitian community, and these recent events have caused immense pain and trauma; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council cannot be silent as the Biden administration continues to enforce and defend a racist Trump-era immigration policy and deny the rights of Haitian people and others coming across the border to request asylum; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record urging the Biden administration to completely stop their inappropriate use of the Title 42 policy, and to allow those seeking asylum to enter the US; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to President Joseph Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, and Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-6 Sept 27, 2021

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The 200th anniversary of the birth of Frederick Law Olmsted, widely recognized as the founder of American landscape architecture, will be celebrated nationally as the “Olmsted Year” on April 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS: Along with Charles Eliot, F.L. Olmsted envisioned the stately allée of “sycamore” (*plantanus orientalis*) trees, the first of which was planted on April 22, 1897, along the stretch of Memorial Drive that is now known as Riverbend Park; and

WHEREAS: The People for Riverbend Park Trust, the non-profit organization founded by Isabella Halstead in 1975 to establish a place for peaceful recreation along the Charles River by eliminating vehicular traffic on Memorial Drive on Sundays, has proposed placing a historic marker at the site where the first sycamore tree was planted; and

WHEREAS: The Trust proposes that the marker be dedicated in late April 2022 in conjunction with the Olmsted Year celebration and when Riverbend Park typically opens for weekend recreation; and

WHEREAS: The Trust provided the City’s Community Preservation Act Committee with conceptual renderings (provided by landscape architect Gary Hilderbrand) of a granite marker and an estimate that it would cost about \$24,000 to fabricate and install; and

WHEREAS: The proposed inscription on the marker reads:

AT THIS SITE THE FIRST OF THE TREES FORMING THE ALLÉE OF PLATANUS ORIENTALIS WAS PLANTED ON 22 APRIL 1897 AS PART OF THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE CAMBRIDGE RIVERFRONT BASED ON PLANS DATED THAT YEAR BY F. L. OLMSTED AND J. C. OLMSTED FOR THE CAMBRIDGE PARK COMMISSION FOLLOWING THE VISION AND INTENTIONS OF FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED (1822-1903) AND CHARLES ELIOT (1859-1897)

WHEREAS: The proposed Olmsted marker did not receive CPA funding due to a surplus of requests for historic preservation grants exceeding the available funds; and

WHEREAS: The People for Riverbend Trust very much hopes that another source of municipal funding can be found for the marker, and that the City can help secure the necessary support and cooperation from the State’s Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), under whose jurisdiction Memorial Drive falls; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the staff at the Cambridge Historical Commission, the DCR Commissioner, and members of Cambridge’s state delegation to approve, fund and execute the design and installation of a suitable historic marker by April 2022 to recognize the vision of Frederick Law Olmsted and others in transforming the Cambridge riverfront landscape, and report back on their progress before the end of the current Council term.