

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a Surveillance Technology Impact Report (STIR). (CM24#209)
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment of **Anne B. Odera** as a member of the Commission on Immigrant Rights and Citizenship for a term of three years. (CM24#210)
3. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$1,700, to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account. These funds were awarded to the Moses Youth Center and will be used to support the safe option filled closet where teens in the community will feel welcomed to use. (CM24#211)
4. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$54,360 received from the Cambridge Community Foundation Alice Wolf Early Education and Care Fund to support the city's early childhood efforts, to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$34,360) and to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$20,000). These funds will be used to provide continuing support for training and professional development for early childhood educators and those entering the field. (CM24#212)
5. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$55,000 received from the Cambridge Community Foundation to support the Agenda for Children Out of School Time Initiative to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$5,000) and to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$50,000). The Foundation supports a small portion of the salary of the Agenda for Children Youth Connector who works with the Upper Schools and Youth Programs to support young people and their families in accessing services and programs. (CM24#213)
6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a Preservation Restriction at 90 Brattle Street. (CM24#214) [[text of report](#)]
7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the Half Crown-Marsh NCD Decennial Review Report. (CM24#215) [[text of report](#)]
8. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to request that the City Council authorize the purchase of a parcel of land located within the town of Lexington identified as 0 Cambridge/Concord Turnpike in Lexington, Massachusetts. (CM24#216) [[map](#)]
9. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-52, regarding an evaluation of the legal feasibility of the following proposals and analyze how much housing could be created under the following proposals. (CM24#217) [[text of report](#)]

## ORDERS

1. City Council support of a fair union contract for Cambridge Hospital residents and calls on CHA leadership to swiftly settle a contract that reflects the value of the resident physicians, the patients they serve, and the crucial importance of Cambridge Hospital to our community. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Toner, Councillor Siddiqui (PO24#134)
2. The City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City departments to assess the feasibility of installing speed control bumps on Antrim Street. Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern (PO24#135)
3. City Council support of the Week Without Driving challenge and specifically designate Oct 3, 2024 as a day in which participants are encouraged to use alternative transportation options such as public transit, biking, carpooling, and walking. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Azeem, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Siddiqui (PO24#136)
4. That the City Manager is requested to work with the appropriate departments to produce the petition(s) necessary to accomplish the goal of lowering the speed limit as much as possible on all state highways that fall within Cambridge's geographic boundaries, including and especially Memorial Drive. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Vice Mayor McGovern (PO24#137)
5. That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to report back to the City Council on the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) NOFO as soon as possible. Councillor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler (PO24#138)

## CHARTER RIGHT

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-52, regarding 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](#)]
2. That the Council accept Multi Family Zoning Petition -Part 1, as presented in CM24#207, as a City Council Zoning Petition. [Charter Right – Nolan, Sept 23, 2024] (PO24#132) [[text of report](#)]
3. That the Council accept Multi Family Zoning Petition - Part 2, as presented in CM24#207, as a City Council Zoning Petition. [Charter Right – Nolan, Sept 23, 2024] (PO24#133) [[text of report](#)]

## ON THE TABLE

4. 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)

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 Craig Murphy representing THE COMEDY STUDIO, requesting permission for a projecting blade sign at the premises numbered 5 JFK Street approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and proof of abutter’s mailing and response has been provided. (AP24#36)

### COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication from Michael Whelan, regarding Please support POs 117 and 118.
2. A communication from Ajay Sonalkar, regarding Affordable Housing.
3. A communication from Amina Sheikh, regarding Please end exclusionary zoning!
4. A communication from Amira Valliani, regarding Sending the upzoning proposal to ordinance committee.
5. A communication from Andy Nash, regarding CMA #5.
6. A communication from Annalisa Martinek, regarding Please don’t send current zoning proposal to the Ordinance Committee.
7. A communication from Annette LaMond and Joe Moore, regarding Upzoning Proposals Need Further Study.
8. A communication from Beth Gamse and Judy Singer, regarding Please build in sufficient time and process for vote on city-wide up-zoning.
9. A communication from Bill McAvinney, regarding End the Cruel Housing “Musical Chairs” Displacement Support the CDD’s proposed zoning changes.
10. A communication from Bob Dall and Margaret Ann Brady, regarding CMA #5: Multifamily up-zoning
11. A communication from Brennan Waters, regarding End Exclusionary Zoning- Make Cambridge A Better Place To Live.
12. A communication from Candace Young, regarding housing.
13. A communication from Carla Ashton-Cohen, regarding City Neighborhood Upzoning Proposal at City Council Monday Sept. 16, 5:30.
14. A communication from Carol Greenwood, regarding upzoning.
15. A communication from Carolyn Fuller, regarding In Support of Bold Action on Housing.
16. A communication from Carolyn Magid, regarding Please send draft multifamily zoning to a special meeting CMA#5.
17. A communication from Carolyn Shipley, regarding Six Stories everywhere (75 feet) and destruction of All Open Space.
18. A communication from Casey Szilagyi, regarding Ending exclusionary zoning.
19. A communication from Catherine Hoffman, regarding Solidarity with the Salvadoran People - a sister city connection since 1987.

20. A communication from Charles Franklin, regarding Praise for the CDD’s Zoning Overhaul Draft (CMA #5).
21. A communication from Crystal A. Leslie, regarding Upzoning.
22. A communication from Dan Phillips, regarding In support of more housing.
23. A communication from Daniel Hidalgo, regarding New Zoning Language.
24. A communication from Daniel Mascoop, regarding In Support of the Zoning Petition under Consideration - Forward to Ordinance Committee.
25. A communication from David Halperin, regarding Support multi-family zoning citywide.
26. A communication from David Hattis, regarding In support of Ending Exclusionary Zoning.
27. A communication from David Levy, regarding Against Upzoning Proposal without Responsible Guardrails.
28. A communication from Diana Yousef, regarding Please don’t send current zoning proposal to the Ordinance Committee.
29. A communication from Dominick Jones, regarding upzoning tonight.
30. A communication from Doug Brown, regarding Zoning Concerns.
31. A communication from Elisabeth Meurer, regarding Opposition to current upcoming proposal with no responsible guardrails.
32. A communication from Elizabeth Kon, regarding The impact of upzoning in Cambridge.
33. A communication from Esme Martinek, regarding Please don’t send current zoning proposal to the Ordinance Committee.
34. A communication from Ethan Frank, regarding Exciting new zoning language.
35. A communication from Francesca Gordini, regarding Opposition to Zoning Proposal.
36. A communication from Guillemette and William Simmers, regarding Up-zoning petition.
37. A communication from Helen Walker, regarding Oppose stealth changes to AHO through Multifamily Housing Citywide.
38. A communication from Hilary McGhee, regarding Upzoning Blog and Ordinances.
39. A communication from Jacqui Fahey Sandell, regarding Please oppose upzoning proposal.
40. A communication from Jerome Ryan, regarding Support for more housing.
41. A communication from Jessica Sheehan and Quentin Smith, regarding please pass zoning proposal to Ordinance - people need homes.
42. A communication from John Buten, regarding Draft Zoning Language.
43. A communication from John Trever, regarding Please hold off sending the 6-story upzoning proposal to the Ordinance Committee.
44. A communication from Jonathan Cohen and Sienna Durbin, regarding Please forward zoning language to ordinance committee.
45. A communication from Joyce Klein, regarding STOP the zoning petition.
46. A communication from Julia Schlozman, regarding Support Ending Exclusionary Zoning.
47. A communication from Justin Saif, regarding Please Send Zoning Language to End Exclusionary Zoning to Ordinance!

48. A communication from Karan Arakotaram, regarding Sending the upzoning proposal to ordinance committee.
49. A communication from Karen Falb and Peter Falb, regarding We want responsible zoning - based on taking enough time for the right decision - we need to trust Councilors and our city government.
50. A communication from Kate Regal, regarding Please don't advance "up zoning".
51. A communication from Katherine F. Watkins, regarding Tree removal in violation of City Municipal Code allowed.
52. A communication from Kathy Watkins, regarding CM#5.
53. A communication from Kesara Martinek, regarding Please don't send current zoning proposal to the Ordinance Committee.
54. A communication from Laura Blacklow, regarding stop the zoning.
55. A communication from Linda Moussouris, regarding Decisions at tonight's City Council about Implementation of the Affordable Housing Overlay.
56. A communication from Marilee Meyer, regarding council policy cases.
57. A communication from Marilee Meyer, regarding Please do not send housing PO to Ordinance.
58. A communication from Marilee Meyer, regarding thank you for Dyslexia Awareness month.
59. A communication from Marilyn Wellons, regarding Cambridgeport Six Stories everywhere (75 feet) and destruction of All Open Space.
60. A communication from Mark Goodman, regarding Today's vote on up-zoning language.
61. A communication from Mark Kon, regarding upzoning and its effects on us in Cambridge.
62. A communication from Mary Tittmann, regarding Please support and end to exclusionary zoning in Cambridge.
63. A communication from Michael Gidding, regarding Homeowner Support for Inclusive Zoning and More Housing in Cambridge.
64. A communication from Michael Weymouth, regarding Support for advancing new zoning language.
65. A communication from Molly O'Brien, regarding zoning ordinance under discussion today.
66. A communication from Muireann Glenmullen, regarding Rezoning proposals.
67. A communication from Neil Miller, regarding Don't delay ending exclusionary zoning.
68. A communication from Nancy Seidman, regarding Opposing upzoning throughout Cambridge.
69. A communication from Omar Eton, regarding AGAINST Cambridge City Neighborhood Up-Zoning Proposal by Cambridge City Council.
70. A communication from Ottavio Siani, regarding In support of 6 story zoning city wide.
71. A communication from Pamela Lipson, regarding Opposition to upzoning proposal.
72. A communication from Patrick Ledwith, regarding Support for new zoning language; send to ordinance.
73. A communication from Rabbi Yoni, Central Square Tenants, regarding Enthusiastic Support for Ordinance Language Implementing Six Stories Residential Housing in All of Cambridge.
74. A communication from Rachel Plummer, regarding Testimony in SUPPORT of Policy Order #131 to Explore the Feasibility of a successor Program to Rise Up Cambridge.
75. A communication from Raffi Freeman, regarding Support for ending exclusionary zoning.
76. A communication from Rev. Kate Layzer, regarding In Support of Bold Action on Housing.
77. A communication from Richard Krushnic, regarding Do not pass to Ordinance.
78. A communication from Robert Camacho, regarding City wide up-zoning proposal.
79. A communication from Robin Just, regarding Monday zoning change petition.
80. A communication from Ronald Suleski, regarding City-Wide Up-Zoning, Not My Idea of Good Government.
81. A communication from Rosalind Michahelles, regarding city-wide up-zoning petition.
82. A communication from Sam Cohen, regarding Please end exclusionary zoning!
83. A communication from Sandra Tropp, regarding What Responsible Zoning Entails-- PLEASE Study This Document.
84. A communication from Santhi Hariprasad, regarding Discussion of zoning language for efforts to end exclusionary housing.
85. A communication from Sarah Stone, regarding Please adopt the zoning amendments.
86. A communication from Sharon Momburu, regarding UPZONING PROPOSAL.
87. A communication from Sharon Stichter, regarding Please stop massive citywide upzoning.
88. A communication from Shelagh Hadley, regarding City-wide up zoning.
89. A communication from Sophie Fisher, regarding Please send the new zoning language to ordinance!
90. A communication from Stephen Moss, regarding Ending Exclusionary Zoning.
91. A communication from Susan Carter, regarding Radical Citywide Upzoning.
92. A communication from Suzanne Blier, regarding Please read this one - re Housing and more.
93. A communication from Suzanne Watzman, regarding PLEASE hold off sending this petition to the Ordinance Committee.
94. A communication from Theodore Live, regarding Multifamily upzoning proposal needs study, input.
95. A communication from Tyler Etzel, regarding Support for advancing new zoning.
96. A communication from Vickey Bestor, regarding Proposed zoning changes.
97. A communication from Young Kim, regarding CM Agenda #5 & Calendar Item #1 on 9/23/2024 City Council Meeting.
98. A communication from Emily Goodling, regarding Continued strong support of affordable housing!
99. A communication from Abbie Cohen, regarding Please end exclusionary zoning!
100. A communication from Alex Jaffe, regarding In Support of Multi-family Housing.
101. A communication from Alex Lesman, regarding Proposed email.
102. A communication from Annmarie Flynn, regarding Tonight's meeting.

103. A communication from Emma Bouton, regarding Vote to approve the language to end exclusionary zoning.
104. A communication from Erica Yuen, regarding Support for multifamily housing everywhere in Cambridge.
105. A communication from Fiona Qu, regarding Support for advancing zoning language.
106. A communication from Henry H. Wortis, regarding Rezoning petition.
107. A communication from Jess Sheehan, regarding [Cambridgeport] Six Stories everywhere (75 feet) and destruction of All Open Space.
108. A communication from Katy Hartman, regarding Approve proposed zoning language for multifamily homes.
109. A communication from Lee Farris, regarding Multifamily zoning concern and support for Rise Up.
110. A communication from Perry Wasserbauer, regarding In Support of Bold Action on Housing.
111. A communication from Saranesh, regarding Support multifamily housing in Cambridge.
112. A communication from Sharone Small, regarding Ending Exclusionary Zoning.
113. A communication from Yunwei Sun, regarding Ending exclusionary zoning.
114. A communication from Shelly, regarding Approve 6 story buildings in Cambridge.
115. A communication from Dan Totten, regarding murder on Memorial Drive.
116. A communication from Ian Rudnick, regarding Take action to prevent more deaths due to dangerous roads.
117. A communication from Federick Muchnik, regarding request that Winn Development and the CDD work together to build the People's Proposal at Walden Square Road.
118. A communication from Young Kim, regarding Reject Awaiting Report Item Number 24-52, CM#4 from 9/23/24.
119. A communication from Annette LaMond & Joe Moore, regarding Walden Square – Please Support Muchnik Alternative to Winn Proposal.
120. A communication from Liz Merrill, regarding Corcoran Park concerns.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Roberta Beckford. Mayor Simmons
2. Condolences to Susan Pacheco on the passing of her brother. Mayor Simmons
3. Congratulations to Debra Copeland-Montout on her retirement. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons

## COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF24#126)

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### 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 30, 2024

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR TONER

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Cambridge Hospital is a historic community hospital that is a lifeline to patients in Cambridge and beyond, including communities of color, immigrants, refugees, unhoused community members and residents facing housing insecurity, and low-income patients; and

WHEREAS: Though bargaining began in April, 2024, the union contract between the Cambridge Health Alliance and

the resident physicians who work there, members of the Committee of Interns and Residents/SEIU, expired June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS: CHA residents, some of whom served our community during the worst times of the COVID-19 pandemic, are fighting for improved wages and working conditions; and

WHEREAS: Resident physicians work at the heart of patient care at Cambridge Hospital while experiencing severe financial and workplace stress, often working 80-hour weeks and exhausting themselves to provide great care to everyone who needs it; and

WHEREAS: Our healthcare system is strongest when our medical trainees, the doctors at the center of patient care, have what they need to thrive both inside and outside of the hospital, to ensure they are always at their best for the patients they serve, and to ensure CHA can continue to attract passionate doctors; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of a fair union contract for Cambridge Hospital residents and calls on CHA leadership to swiftly settle a contract that reflects the value of the residents, the patients they serve, and the crucial importance of Cambridge Hospital to our community; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Cambridge Health Alliance CEO Dr. Assad Sayah on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2 Sept 30, 2024

MAYOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: A number of residents in and around Antrim Street have reached out to City Hall citing concerns that motorists frequently travel at excessive speeds down this residential street, creating a danger for residents, pedestrians, and other road users; and

WHEREAS: Existing traffic control measures, including signage and traffic speed enforcement, have proven insufficient in reducing speeding on Antrim Street, and speed control bumps are an effective method for slowing down traffic in residential areas, contributing to improved safety for all street users; now therefore be it

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City departments to assess the feasibility of installing speed control bumps on Antrim Street and to take the necessary steps to implement this traffic calming measure; and be it further

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

O-3 Sept 30, 2024

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Cambridge has made significant strides in promoting transportation alternatives through its investment in pedestrian safety and biking infrastructure, and support for public transit, but much work remains to be done to ensure that these alternatives are as safe, reliable, and accessible as car travel; and

WHEREAS: The availability of safe, reliable, high-quality, efficient, and accessible transportation options is essential for mobility justice, a vision where people of all backgrounds and abilities feel safe using streets; and

WHEREAS: Over one-third of Cambridge households do not own a car, and in some neighborhoods, more than 50% of households are car-free, demonstrating a significant reliance on walking and rolling, public transit, and biking; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is deeply committed to reducing carbon emissions, traffic congestion, and vehicle miles traveled, all in line with its climate action goals and its vision for a more sustainable, livable city; and

WHEREAS: The Week Without Driving initiative was launched in 2021 by Disability Rights Washington, expanding nationally in 2023 in partnership with America Walks; and

WHEREAS: The National Coalition for a Week Without Driving is launching a nationwide initiative from Sept 30, 2024 to Oct 6, 2024, inviting individuals, decisionmakers, and community leaders to experience daily life without driving, fostering an understanding of the challenges faced by nondrivers due to disability, age, economic circumstances, or personal choice; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of the Week Without Driving challenge and specifically designate Oct 3, 2024 as a day in which participants are encouraged to use alternative transportation options such as public transit, biking, carpooling, and walking; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council encourages participants to try forms of transportation they may not typically use to help identify how Cambridge can improve its transportation options to make any mode of travel easy, comfortable, and reliable, and advance mobility justice; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate staff to promote the Week Without Driving challenge, with an emphasis on providing resources, education, and support that make alternative transportation more accessible, reliable, and safe for all; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the National Coalition for a Week Without Driving on behalf of the entire City Council, recognizing Cambridge as a proud partner of this nationwide initiative.

O-4 Sept 30, 2024

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: As previously requested by the City Council with [PO23#87](#), the December 2022 roadway safety bill, “An Act to Reduce Traffic Fatalities”, contains a provision which allows municipalities to seek state approval to modify the speed limit on a state highway within their geographic boundaries; and

WHEREAS: The [tragic traffic fatality](#) of a bicyclist on Memorial Drive last week highlights the danger present on sections of Memorial Drive and the limitations of Cambridge’s ability to make essential safety improvements within the City; and

WHEREAS: The danger presented by the current design has long been evident, and [both advocates and state legislators](#) have been calling on the state’s Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to create a full-width shared-use path that can provide adequate space and protection for the significant numbers of pedestrians and cyclists that use the path; and

WHEREAS: In alignment with the City’s longstanding commitment to Vision Zero, the City Council is in full support of lowering the speed limit as much as possible on all state highways that fall within Cambridge’s geographic boundaries; as well as review potential improvements to pedestrian and cyclist safety by implementing infrastructure improvements and further separation; and

WHEREAS: In order to guarantee safety improvements are made on Memorial Drive, a state-owned roadway, coordination with relevant state agencies responsible for those projects is essential; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate departments to produce the petition(s) necessary to accomplish the goal of lowering the speed limit as much as possible on all state highways that fall within Cambridge’s geographic boundaries, including and especially Memorial Drive; and to meet with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to discuss additional measures to improve safety along Memorial Drive that can be implemented in the short term; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in support of redesigning Memorial Drive to expand green space, improve road crossings and sidewalks, and replace two motor vehicle travel lanes with protected multi-use paths along the full length of Memorial Drive, which will allow sidewalks on both sides of Memorial Drive to be designated for pedestrian use; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate departments and prepare a communication to Commissioner Arrigo of the Department of Conservation and Recreation for immediate updates on the next phases of the Memorial Drive Greenway

Improvements and urge DCR to prioritize pedestrian and bicycle safety measures within the improvement projects; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council by November 2024.

O-5 Sept 30, 2024

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR WILSON

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that HUD has issued a NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity) for a second competitive funding round of its “[Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing \(PRO Housing\)](#)” which appropriates \$100 million for competitive grant funding for the identification and removal of barriers to affordable housing production and preservation for eligible communities across the country; and

WHEREAS: On June 26, 2024, The White House and HUD announced 21 awards totaling nearly \$85 million under the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) Fiscal Year 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity; and

WHEREAS: PRO Housing provides grant funding to communities that have been actively taking steps and demonstrating progress in addressing local housing barriers such as outdated local regulations and land use policies, inadequate infrastructure, lack of available financing for development, and risks associated with extreme weather and an aging housing stock; and

WHEREAS: The application deadline for this grant opportunity is Oct 15, 2024, with minimum \$1 million grants to maximum \$7 million dollar grants available; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has taken many steps to addressing local housing barriers and could be eligible for this opportunity; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to consult with the Community Development Department about this grant opportunity and apply if feasible; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to report back to the City Council on the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) NOFO as soon as possible; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council with details of an organized process for tracking such grant activities, including but not limited to application, status tracking, and post-award activity.