

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 22-61, regarding the Cambridge Birth Center. (CM22#183)
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 22-41, regarding establishing evening off-leash dog hours at Hoyt Field. (CM22#184)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Policy Order 2022 #167 (Awaiting Report Item Number 22-65), regarding the meal program continuation. (CM22#185)
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to an update on new positions. [responds to Awaiting Report Items 22-37 and 22-40] (CM22#186)  
**Chief People Officer**  
**Director of Community Engagement**  
**Director of Emergency Management**
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 22-62, regarding requests for a legal opinion and additional analysis on linkage fee rate increase discussion. (CM22#187)
6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board report with a [recommendation not to adopt the Incentive Zoning Rate Increase Petition](#). (CM22#188)
7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a [communication received from the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust regarding the Incentive Zoning amendment](#). (CM22#189)

## MANAGER'S AGENDA – TAX RATE HEARING

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to votes necessary to seek approval from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue of the tax rate for FY2023. [[Tax Rate Orders](#)] [[Tax Rate Letter](#)] (CM22#190)  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is authorized to use \$19,000,000 in Free Cash to reduce the Fiscal Year 2023 tax rate.  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is authorized to use \$2,500,000 in Overlay Surplus Reserve to be used as a revenue to reduce the Fiscal Year 2023 tax rate.  
ORDERED: That the City Council classifies property within the City of Cambridge into five property classes allowed for the purpose of allocating the property tax levy.  
Additionally, that the City Council hereby adopts the 150% Shift and a Minimum Residential Factor of 65.0000.  
ORDERED: That the City Council approves a thirty (30) percent residential exemption for owner-occupied homes.  
**Required Votes:**
  - Authorize \$19,000,000 in Free Cash to Reduce the FY23 Tax Levy.
  - Transfer of Excess Overlay Balances.
  - Classify Property and Establish Minimum Residential Factor.
  - Residential Exemptions.

## CHARTER RIGHT

1. 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. [Charter Right – Azeem, Sept 19, 2022] (PO22#169)
2. 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. [Charter Right – Simmons, Sept 19, 2022] (PO22#171)

## ON THE TABLE

3. That the City Council refer the zoning petition regarding lab use to the Ordinance Committee and Planning Board for a hearing and report. [Tabled Sept 19, 2022] (PO22#161)

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. 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)
5. 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 Ordained on or after Oct 3, 2022] (CM22#142)
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. That the City Council schedule a hearing of the Ordinance Committee for the purposes of amending the Ordinance #2022-3 Wage Theft of the City of Cambridge to insert the language. [Passed to 2nd Reading Sept 19, 2022; To Be Ordained on or after Oct 3, 2022] (PO22#175)
8. 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).
9. The Ordinance Committee held a public meeting on September 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 Derek Jones, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 11 Channing 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.  
(AP22#45)

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Alice E. Kidder, regarding meals program of Solutions at Work.
2. A communication was received from Allan Sadun, 237 Elm Street, regarding thanking the Council for their continued action on removing parking minimums.
3. A communication was received from Andrew Solomon, 3 Linnaean Street, regarding eliminating parking minimums.
4. A communication was received from Anna Bensted, regarding important changes in Cambridge needing better community input.
5. A communication was received from Anna Spera and Jean Spera, 12 Sciarappa Street, expressing support for Policy Order 2022 #171 which addresses changes to the “Rules of the Road”.
6. A communication was received from Arthur MacEwan, 35 William Street, regarding the proposal to eliminate parking space requirement for new buildings.
7. A communication was received from Beth Gamse and Judy Singer, 14 Walker Street, regarding upcoming Policy Orders.
8. A communication was received from Betty Desrosiers, 142 Dudley Street, regarding North Mass Ave Policy Order #169.
9. A communication was received from C. Barrett, 44 Clarendon Avenue, regarding the proposal to eliminate all parking minimums for residential and commercial properties in the city.
10. A communication was received from Carol O’Hare, 172 Magazine Street, regarding City Council: Taming & “Saning” Rules of the Road, Policy Order 7 (PO22#171).
11. A communication was received from Charles R. Norris, 446 Huron Avenue, regarding opposition to revised parking requirements: Council vote on Oct 3, 2022.
12. A communication was received from Diana Yousef, urging support for POR 169 and POR 171.
13. A communication was received from Ed Abrams, 80 Wendell Street, regarding rules of the road policy order.
14. A communication was received from Frank Kramer, 7 Avon Street, regarding the Rules of the Road policy order.
15. A communication was received from Frank LoGerfo, 71 Fresh Pond Lane, regarding the PO submitted by Councilors Toner, Simmons, and Carlone.
16. A communication was received from George Beal, regarding the Rules of the Road policy order.
17. A communication was received from Heidi Gitelman, Chestnut Street, regarding bicyclists.
18. A communication was received from James Mahoney, 234A Walden Street, regarding Councillor Toner’s upcoming Road-Rules Policy Order.
19. A communication was received from Jim Stewart, expressing support for continuing City support for the meal distribution program that is scheduled to end Oct 2, 2022.
20. A communication was received from Joan Pickett, 59 Ellery Street, regarding Ebike action needed.
21. A communication was received from Joan Pickett, 59 Ellery Street, regarding support for PO #171.
22. A communication was received from John Pitkin, 18 Fayette Street, regarding Policy Order #171.
23. A communication was received from John Trevor, 156 Richdale Avenue, regarding parking minimums.
24. A communication was received from Karen Klein, 416 Mount Auburn Street, regarding proposal terminating parking minimums.
25. A communication was received from Keith Cooper, regarding permitting preferences for priority applicants.
26. A communication was received from Marie Elena Saccoccio, Esq. and Betty Lee Saccoccio, 55 Otis Street, regarding Policy Order #171 and Charter Right Labs #2.
27. A communication was received from Mark Steffen, 120 Montgomery Street, regarding letter in support of Policy Order POR 2022 #171.
28. A communication was received from McKelden Smith, 153 Upland Road, regarding parking minimums.
29. A communication was received from Michael McIntosh, 2397 Massachusetts Avenue, regarding support for Policy Order #171 - “Rules of the Road”.
30. A communication was received from Nancy Donohue, regarding linkage fees.
31. A communication was received from Patrick W. Barrett III, regarding BEUDO Meeting Recap.
32. A communication was received from Paul Sullivan and Paul Ciampa, regarding the Little League Field Proposal.
33. A communication was received from Phyllis Simpkins, 249 Huron Avenue, regarding proposed parking changes.
34. A communication was received from Shelagh Hadley, regarding parking minimums.
35. A communication was received from Victoria Lyon Bestor, 149 Upland Road, regarding Policy Order #171 and Charter Right Labs #2.
36. A communication was received from Victoria Ruff, 30 Sciarappa Street, regarding banning the sale of new fur in Cambridge.
37. A communication was received from Vivek Sikri, Allston Street, regarding parking minimums.
38. A communication was received from Walter McDonald, 172 Magazine Street, regarding City Council: Taming & “Saning” Rules of the Road, Policy Order 7 (PO22#171).

39. A communication was received from Young Kim, Norris Street, regarding: Amend and Approve Policy Order Item #7 to revise Cambridge Street Code: Rules and Etiquette.
40. A communication was received from Nancy E. Donohue, Director of Government and Community Relations, Cambridge Chamber of Commerce regarding joint Business/Institutional BEUDO letter. [[Joint Business/Institutional BEUDO letter](#)] [[BEUDO April 2022 letter](#)] [[BEUDO questions from 9-15-22](#)] [[BEUDO Amendment Requirements](#)]

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations on the retirement of Melissa Coco from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner
2. Congratulations on the retirement of Brooke Coulter from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner
3. Congratulations on the retirement of John Meucci from the Cambridge Public Schools. Councillor Toner
4. Congratulations to Cambridge Police Lieutenant Joseph Murphy on the occasion of his promotion. Councillor Toner
5. Congratulations to Cambridge Police Lieutenant Darlene Pearson on the occasion of her promotion. Councillor Toner
6. Congratulations to Cambridge Police Sergeant Brian Hussey on the occasion of his promotion. Councillor Toner
7. Congratulations to Ms. Margaret Unger who received a perfect score in her AP US History exam. Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui
8. Congratulations to Emilia Sousa on her retirement from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner
9. Congratulations on the Retirement of Janet Snedeker from The Cambridge Public Schools. Councillor Toner
10. Congratulations to Jennifer and Peter Crane on the birth of their daughter, Mariah Jude Crane. Councillor McGovern
11. Congratulations to Thomas Nunziato on the occasion of his retirement from the Department of Public Works. Councillor Toner
12. Congratulations to Philip Rita on the occasion of his retirement from the Department of Human Services. Councillor Toner
13. Congratulations to Kondeleye Ross-Johnson on the occasion of her retirement from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner
14. Congratulations to Jay Stephens on the occasion of his retirement from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner
15. Congratulations to Samuel Tripp on the occasion of his retirement from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner
16. Congratulations to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish on its 180th Anniversary. Councillor Toner
17. Congratulations to Paula Cushner on the occasion of her retirement from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor McGovern
18. Happy 80th Birthday wishes to Bill Cunningham. Councillor Zondervan

## ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to convene an advisory group to determine ways in which the City can work to lift up the voices and experiences of the descendants of the Indigenous People who currently reside in our community. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Azeem, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Toner (PO22#179)
2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department to meet with and receive input from the Vision Zero, Pedestrian, Bicycle Committee, the Council on Aging, the Transit Advisory Committee, the Commission for Persons with Disabilities Advisory Board, Cambridge Police Department, and any other departments, to review and revise the Cambridge Street Code, promulgate the updated guide throughout the city, and develop recommendations for staffing and methods of improving traffic enforcement. Councillor Toner, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern (PO22#180)
3. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department to convene a North Massachusetts Avenue Corridor District Zoning Proposal Working Group by June 15, 2023. Councillor Toner, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Nolan (PO22#181)
4. That the City Manager is requested to work with appropriate City departments to complete a needs assessment of the entire Danehy Park complex. Councillor Toner, Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons (PO22#182)
5. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to affix the Indigenous Peoples' Day Banner above JFK Street and Mount Auburn Street beginning on Oct 4, 2022, for no less than one week and recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day on Oct 10, 2022. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Azeem (PO22#183)
6. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Department of Public Works, Inspectional Services and other relevant departments to produce a report outlining the efficacy of the Private Property Rodent Control Program and the SMART Digital Rodent Control Boxes, and any changes being contemplated to these current programs. Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui (PO22#184)
7. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Law Department to automatically provide an initial legal opinion to the City Council and the City Clerk at least three business days in advance of the first Public Hearing on any amendment to the Code of Ordinances formally introduced in the City Council. Councillor Zondervan, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern (PO22#185)

8. Amendment to section 22.25.1(c) of Article 22, entitled Sustainable Design and Development. Councillor Zondervan (PO22#186)
9. That the City Manager is requested to work with all relevant City departments to install a new irrigation system in Danehy Park as soon as possible and better prepare for tree watering efforts in the future and report on any needed or ongoing irrigation improvements to other parks across the city. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Toner, Councillor Zondervan (PO22#187)
10. That the City Council go on record stating its observance of Cybersecurity Awareness Month October 2022. Mayor Siddiqui (PO22#262)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1. The **Government Operations, Rules and Claims**

**Committee** met on Mar 9, 2022 for the purpose of reviewing next steps in the City Manager search process. [\[text of report\]](#)

**Present:** Mallon, Carlone, Nolan, Toner, Simmons (late), (Siddiqui, McGovern, Zondervan)

**Absent:** None

### 2. The **Human Services and Veterans Committee** conducted a public hearing on June 2, 2022 to receive an update from the City Manager's Opioid Task Force. [\[text of report\]](#)

**Present:** McGovern, Azeem, Mallon, Zondervan

**Absent:** Toner

### 3. On Sept 20, 2022, at 3:00pm, the **Ordinance Committee**, Chaired by Councillor McGovern, held a public hearing on Ordinance #2022-16, Banning Limited Services Pregnancy Centers. This ordinance was originally proposed under POR 2022 #131. Councillor Zondervan made a motion that was approved by the Committee to continue the public hearing to a future date to be noticed in accordance with the open meeting law. [\[text of report\]](#)

**Present:** Azeem, Mallon, McGovern, Nolan, Simmons, Toner, Zondervan, Siddiqui

**Absent:** Carlone

A. That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to direct the City Solicitor to reach out to the Law Department in Somerville, MA to understand and report back to the Council on the legislation passed by the Somerville City Council banning limited services pregnancy centers. Vice Mayor Mallon (PO22#188)

### 4. On Sept 20, 2022, at 2:00pm, the **Ordinance Committee**, Chaired by Councillor Zondervan, held a public hearing on Ordinance #2022-17, adding a chapter 6.24 to the Cambridge Municipal Code titled Sale of Fur Apparel Products. This ordinance was originally proposed under PO22#132. Councillor McGovern made a motion that the Committee approved to amend Ordinance #2022-17 as originally submitted to change section 6.24.070 – Effective Date to read: This ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2023. Councillor McGovern made another motion that the Committee approved to further amend Ordinance #2022-17 as originally submitted to add the following language at the

bottom of section 6.24.050 – Penalty: The Director of the Animal Commission, Animal Control Officers, Police Officers and Sanitation Inspectors and Code Enforcement Inspectors detailed with the Public Health and Inspectional Services Departments shall have the authority of enforcing all sections of this chapter. All fines and penalties assessed and collected under this chapter may be enforced by issuance of non-criminal tickets pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 21D, or as otherwise authorized by law. Councillor Toner made a motion that was approved by the Committee to send Ordinance #2022-17 as amended to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation to pass to a second reading. [\[text of report\]](#)

**Present:** Azeem, Mallon, McGovern, Nolan, Toner, Zondervan, Siddiqui

**Absent:** Carlone, Simmons

A. That the Ordinance Committee of the City Council meet to amend the Cambridge Municipal Code by adding a chapter numbered 6.24, titled Sale of Fur Apparel Products (Ordinance #2022-17). Councillor McGovern (PO22#132)

### 5. On Sept 21, 2022, at 5:30pm, the **Ordinance Committee**, Chaired by Councillor McGovern, continued the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2022-5 that would eliminate parking minimums. This ordinance was originally proposed under POR 2022 #19. Councillor Zondervan made a motion that was approved by the Committee to amend the petition by substitution so that it adds the sentence underlined and in red below to section 6.30, and that this be the entirety of the petition: [\[text of report\]](#)

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

**Absent:** Simmons

## 6.30 - PARKING QUANTITY REQUIREMENTS

6.31 Required Amount of Parking. Off street parking facilities shall be provided for each use of a lot or structure in the amount specified in the schedule of parking requirements contained in Subsection 6.36. Said schedule specifies the amount of accessory off street parking required for each type of land use listed in "Table of Use Regulations" in this Ordinance. The amount of required parking is also based on the intensity of development permitted in the district in which the use is located. Notwithstanding any other provision in the zoning, the minimum accessory parking required for all uses shall be zero (0) parking spaces.

A. That section 6.36 entitled, Schedule of Parking and Loading Requirements, of Article 6.000, entitled "Off Street Parking and Loading Requirements and Nighttime Curfew on Large Commercial Through Trucks", of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge be amended. [Charter Right – Simmons, Feb 7, 2022] (Ordinance #2022-5) Councillor Azeem, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern (PO22#19)

6. On Sept 28, 2022, at 2:00pm, the **Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee**, Chaired by Councillor Carlone, held public hearing on the reappointment of Kathleen L. Born to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) for a term of 5 years, and received an update to the CRA's Strategic Planning Process from Executive Director Tom Evans. The Chair, Councillor Carlone made a motion that was approved by the Committee to send the Reappointment of Kathleen L. Born to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a 5-year term to the Full City Council with a favorable recommendation. [[text of report](#)]

**Present:** [Carlone](#), Nolan, Zondervan, McGovern, Mallon

**Absent:** None

A. A communication transmitted from Louis A.

DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of Kathleen Born as a member of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a term of five years, effective June 26, 2022. [Referred to the Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee; Apr 25, 2022] (CM22#85)

## COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Councillor Marc McGovern, transmitting a [proposed amendment to the linkage fee](#). (COF22#119)
2. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee. (COF22#120)
3. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting UPK Ad-Hoc Communication. (COF22#121)
4. communication was received from Diane P. LeBlanc City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF22#122)

## HEARING SCHEDULE

[Sullivan Chamber & Zoom unless otherwise noted]

### Mon, Oct 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting

6:30pm 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 2023, including the granting of the residential exemption.

### Tues, Oct 11

1:00pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss station expansion, rebalancing, and e-bike implementation with the BlueBikes system.

### 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

### Tues, Oct 25

10:00am The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss potential amendments to the Rules of the City Council.

### Wed, Oct 26

1:00pm The Ordinance Committee will hold a public hearing on a Zoning Petition to amend Section 11.202(d) of Article 11.000, entitled SPECIAL REGULATIONS, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge, by substitution with the following text: "(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 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."

### 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 Oct 3, 2022

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR TONER

WHEREAS: It has long been taught as established history that the

City of Newtowne, which would be renamed to the City of Cambridge in 1638, [was colonized by the English in 1630, a process which in fact continues to this day](#); and

WHEREAS: While this is historically accurate, for centuries the story of [those who already lived](#) in and occupied this land has been all but whitewashed out of existence, subject to erasure, and the story of how this land was stolen from them has been conveniently swept aside, transforming their very existence into a mere historical footnote as the forerunner of when the "real" story of this region began; and

WHEREAS: Such historical whitewashing is disrespectful of those who originally called this land home, and a great distortion of the historical record of the lives, legacies, and achievements of the very real people who originally lived on this land; and

WHEREAS: Indeed, it is critical that, as we consider this matter from the vantage point of 2022, we acknowledge that this touches upon not just the theft of land, but the erasure of actual people; and

WHEREAS: In recent years, there has been growing momentum for municipalities like Cambridge to formally acknowledge the fact that our cities have been built upon stolen land, and while there is much to admire about the community that Cambridge has evolved into over the centuries, our story is incomplete without acknowledging those that our predecessors wrongfully displaced, and while we cannot undo the sins of the past, we can and must incorporate the stories of those who preceded the English colonialists into our larger historical narrative, and we must strive to do right by the descendants of those Indigenous Peoples; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council formally go on record in acknowledging that the City of Cambridge occupies land that was once home of the Massachusetts Tribe, a vibrant and thriving community of people who were wrongfully displaced from their homeland, among other indigenous peoples who lived here; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record acknowledging that while the modern day City of Cambridge cannot go back and undo the sins committed by our predecessors almost four centuries ago, we can and must incorporate a more nuanced, more truthful telling of our historical narrative to ensure that the stories of the indigenous peoples who originally occupied this land are not lost to history; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review the current cultural sensitivity training for all City employees and ensure that it explicitly includes and highlights the experiences of Indigenous Peoples in all cultural sensitivity trainings going forward; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to convene an advisory group to determine ways in which the City can work to lift up the voices and experiences of the descendants of the Indigenous People who currently reside in our community, and in which the City can engage in purposeful relationships/relationship building with the Indigenous People of this area; and be it further

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

O-2 Oct 3, 2022

COUNCILLOR TONER

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

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

WHEREAS: There is an additional increase in mode shift expected from the new state legislation formally legalizing E-Bikes, and more residents are using micro-mobility devices and other methods of transportation; and

WHEREAS: There have been regular complaints in the community that due to a lack of education regarding the “rules of the road” by all road users in our increasingly distracted and multimodal environment, lack of clear signage, and lack of enforcement of such rules there is increasing frustration among residents and concern that more crashes 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, providing an opportunity to update the guide to educate and inform all road users of best practices to safely traverse our roads and keep all users out of harm’s way; 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, Parking, and Transportation Department to meet with and receive input from the Vision Zero, Pedestrian, Bicycle Committee, the Council on Aging, the Transit Advisory Committee, the Commission for Persons with Disabilities Advisory Board, Cambridge Police Department, and any other departments deemed necessary, to review and revise the Cambridge Street Code, promulgate the updated guide throughout the city, and develop recommendations for staffing and methods of improving traffic enforcement and report back to the Council no later than March 15, 2023.

O-3 Oct 3, 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 neighborhood 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/urban design process to encourage the creation of more housing, improve transportation, support retail, and neighborhood-oriented 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 existing 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/urban design 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, tested and guided by urban design plan, for the Alewife Quad and the Inman Square Cambridge Street Corridor that will lead towards drafting new zoning for adoption by March 15, 2024. **Nothing in this policy order should be construed as to delay the progress of any current or future development projects along the North Massachusetts Avenue Corridor prior to completion of the working group's recommendations.**

O-4 Oct 3, 2022

COUNCILLOR TONER  
COUNCILLOR NOLAN  
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Danehy Park was first opened more than 30 years ago; and

WHEREAS: The park serves as a primary site for high school, youth league, and amateur sports, as well as open space for residents and visitors alike, to enjoy and recreate all year long; and

WHEREAS: The needs of the city and recreational opportunities have changed in 30 years such that now is a good time to consider how Danehy can best meet the needs of the current residents; and

WHEREAS: The fields, grounds, and facilities are all in need of attention, upgrading, and improvement; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Department of Human Services, Parks and Recreation, and Department of Public Works and any other department or staff deemed appropriate to complete a needs assessment of the entire Danehy Park complex, including upgrades to the dog park, and submit recommendations and a proposed budget for improvements to the City Council no later than September 2023 for consideration and planning in the 2025 budget process.

O-5 Oct 3, 2022

MAYOR SIDDIQUI  
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE  
COUNCILLOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: On June 6, 2016, the City Council resolved to recognize every subsequent second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: There are over [600 Native Nations in the United States](#), where 6.8 million Americans identify as Native American, including 250 in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is on land belonging to the Massachusetts People; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge believes that the culture of Indigenous people is one to be promoted, and the rich and diverse history is worthy of celebration; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge will continue to observe Indigenous Peoples' Day on the second Monday in October to promote the beautiful and diverse Native American and Indigenous cultures that exist in Cambridge and recognize the violence that Indigenous Nations have been subjected to; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record stating its continued observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day on October 10, 2022; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to affix the Indigenous Peoples' Day Banner above JFK Street and Mount Auburn Street beginning on October 4, 2022, for no less than one week; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this Resolution to the Massachusetts Commission on Indian Affairs, the Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness, and the Natives at Harvard College on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-6 Oct 3, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON  
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN  
MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has deployed several rat population mitigation strategies over the past several years to decrease the rat population including: implementing [Curbside Composting](#) in 2018, distributing new rodent-proof trash barrels to private residences in 2022, installing Big Belly Solar trash bins in squares and along major thoroughfares, implementing a [Private Property Rodent Control Program](#) in fall of 2021, and deploying [SMART Digital Rodent Control Boxes](#) earlier this year; and

WHEREAS: Various residents and environmental groups have raised concerns about the impacts of rodenticides on wildlife populations, and the safest possible alternatives should be considered; and

WHEREAS: Residents have continued to report high levels of rodent activity around the City despite the introduction of these programs; and

WHEREAS: In order to understand the efficacy of these new programs; the Private Property Rodent Control Program and SMART Digital Rodent Control Boxes, we must look at the data to determine how and if changes should be made; and

WHEREAS: The City has committed to hiring a "Rat Liaison" to work on this issue, however, one has not yet been hired and the person who was filling this role in the interim has left the City recently, and it's unclear who, or if anyone, has taken up this responsibility; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Department of Public Works, Inspectional Services and other relevant departments to produce a report outlining the efficacy of the Private Property Rodent Control Program and the SMART Digital Rodent Control Boxes, and any changes being contemplated to these current programs; and be it further

ORDERED: That this report includes the status of the Rat Liaison position; and be it further

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

O-7 Oct 3, 2022

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN  
VICE MAYOR MALLON  
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: It is prudent for the City Council to evaluate legal advice from the Law Department each time it considers an amendment to the Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS: The legislative process is most efficient when the Law Department provides an initial opinion on the amendment in advance of the first Public Hearing, so that Councillors have time to review and prepare more specific questions; and

WHEREAS: Additional opinions can always be requested with a majority vote as the process unfolds, but an initial legal opinion

prior to the first Public Hearing should be routine; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Law Department to automatically provide an initial legal opinion to the City Council and the City Clerk at least three business days in advance of the first Public Hearing on any amendment to the Code of Ordinances formally introduced in the City Council; and be it further

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

O-8 Oct 3, 2022

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

ORDERED: That section 22.25.1(c) of [Article 22](#), entitled

Sustainable Design and Development, be amended as follows:

(c) Net Zero Narrative: A written description of how the Green

Building Project is being designed in response to the City's Net Zero Action Plan, which seeks to neutralize greenhouse gas emissions resulting from buildings by reducing their energy use intensity and promoting renewable sources of energy. This information is provided for advisory review by CDD staff, and CDD may provide a questionnaire template to the developer for completing this narrative. At a minimum, this narrative shall include the following information:

1. Anticipated building envelope performance, including roof, foundation, walls and window assemblies, and window-to-wall ratio;
2. Anticipated energy loads, baseline energy simulation tool assumptions, and proposed energy targets, expressed in terms of site energy use intensity ("EUI"), source EUI (expressed as British Thermal Unit (BTU) per square foot per year), and ~~total~~ annual greenhouse gas emissions projected until 2050, expressed as Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalents (MTCO2e), and calculated in accordance with the standards and requirements established in Chapter 8.67 of the Municipal Code ("Building Energy Use") and associated regulations. If anticipated tenant plug loads (EUI and emissions) are provided, they shall be separately broken out and clearly identified as such;
3. A description of ways in which building energy performance has been integrated into aspects of the Green Building Project's planning, design, and engineering, including building use(s), orientation, massing, envelope systems, building mechanical systems, on-site and off-site renewable energy systems, and district- wide energy systems;
4. A description of the technical framework by which the Green Building Project can be transitioned to net zero emissions ~~prior to 2050 in the future~~ (acknowledging that such a transition might not be economically feasible at first), including future net zero emissions options for building envelope, HVAC systems, domestic hot water, interior lighting, and on- and off-site renewable energy sources;
5. A description of programs provided by local utility companies, government agencies, and other organizations that provide technical assistance, rebates, grants, and incentives that can assist in achieving higher levels of building performance, summarizing which entities have been contacted and which programs could be utilized in the Green Building Project; and
6. An assessment of the technical and financial feasibility to meet the projected HVAC and domestic hot water demands of the building (as set forth in Paragraph (2) above) using energy systems that do not consume carbon-based fuels on-site (to

include solar photovoltaics and hot water, ground source, water source or air source heat pumps, district energy, geothermal systems, and/or similar systems) compared to code-compliant energy systems that consume carbon-based fuels on-site (including, where applicable, the construction or expansion of energy plants controlled by the developer that may be necessary to produce energy for that specific building), which shall include the cost of installation, maintenance and upkeep of the energy system and its components (incorporating programs and incentives as set forth in Paragraph (5) above). This paragraph will become effective on February 23, 2021.

7. Embodied Emissions: A full lifecycle analysis of the estimated emissions generated by the construction of the Green Building Project. The Department shall promulgate regulations for how these estimated emissions are to be reported. Such regulations shall include at minimum the required reporting of estimated lifecycle emissions generated by the use of major building materials, including but not limited to wood, concrete, steel, aluminum and glass, using Passive House or other acceptable energy and emissions modeling software and industry standards. This paragraph will become effective on January 1, 2023, and shall not impose a requirement on any Green Building Project that is a project of the Affordable Housing Trust or otherwise for the construction of low and moderate-income housing meeting the standards established pursuant to any City, State or Federal housing program designed to assist low and moderate-income households.

O-9 Oct 3, 2022

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR TONER

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts experienced critical drought conditions for much of the summer in 2022 and on September 22, 2022 the US Drought Monitor categorized Cambridge as in [Extreme Drought](#), with concerns about Cambridge's watershed raised as early as May when conditions started evidencing signs of drought, and even with recent rainfall the commonwealth is 20 inches below 2021 precipitation levels; and

WHEREAS: The irrigation system at Danehy Park has been a concern for many years and suggestions from staff for upgrading it including installing state of the art systems that are more sustainable and water conscious have not led to a change, and the system broke in June 2022, leaving hundreds of trees susceptible to underwatering and possibly killing dozens of trees; and

WHEREAS: Along with Danehy Park, the City has struggled to effectively water its trees throughout the City including in parks and other public spaces as well as street trees, and a Council order asked that the city use all means possible to ensure watering of trees; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has asked the city administration for a more comprehensive and effective response to drought conditions including implementing many of the recommendations from the Urban Forest Master Plan; and

WHEREAS: There has been a decline in our tree canopy which has environmental justice implications and future public health consequences, which has prompted the city to plant thousands of trees the last few years, which are at risk during the current drought and all future droughts and need watering on a consistent basis; and

WHEREAS: The City Council wants the City to protect its tree canopy and be prepared for future drought conditions; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all relevant departments of the city on installing a new irrigation system in Danehy Park as soon as possible and better prepare for tree watering efforts in the future and report on any needed or ongoing irrigation improvements to other parks across the city; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with an implementation and status update on the Urban Forest Master Plan which was adopted by the council and includes recommendations and actions to ensure the city maintains a healthy and holistic approach to caring for our urban environment; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this issue no later than April 2023.

O-10 Oct 3, 2022

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective safety and privacy; and

WHEREAS: Critical infrastructure is increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS: Cybersecurity education and awareness are crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, the home user, and anyone who connects to the internet; and

WHEREAS: Monitoring your accounts, being conscientious of what you share online, keeping computer software up to date, creating unique passwords and changing them regularly, installing anti-virus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices safely are ways you can protect yourself from phishing, viruses, malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is dedicated to providing individuals and organizations in the City of Cambridge the information and resources to support the understanding, implementation, and success of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month to help residents and workers in the City of Cambridge stay safe online and connect with confidence; and

WHEREAS: The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Cybersecurity Awareness Program serves as the national cybersecurity public awareness campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit, government organizations, and academic institutions working together to increase the public's understanding of cyber threats and empowering Americans to be safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Workforce Framework is a free resource to help organizations (both large and small, public, and private) improve their cybersecurity practices through a practical approach to addressing the ever-evolving cybersecurity threats and challenges; and

WHEREAS: Maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of the City of Cambridge's information, infrastructure, and economy; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge Information Technology Department Security office was established in 2019 to enhance and protect the City of Cambridge's cybersecurity ecosystem; and

WHEREAS: The Federal Government of the United States of America, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency ([www.cisa.gov](http://www.cisa.gov)), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center ([www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac](http://www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac)), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers ([www.nascio.org](http://www.nascio.org)), and the National Cyber Security Alliance ([www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org)) all recognize October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these websites, along with the City of Cambridge's ITD security site [www.cambridgema.gov/staycybersafe](http://www.cambridgema.gov/staycybersafe) and the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign website ([www.cisa.gov/about-cisa-cybersecurity-awareness-program](http://www.cisa.gov/about-cisa-cybersecurity-awareness-program) or [www.stopthinkconnect.org](http://www.stopthinkconnect.org)) to learn about cybersecurity to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record stating its observance of Cybersecurity Awareness Month October 2022.