

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to votes necessary to seek approval from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue of the tax rate for FY2021. [[Manager's Letter](#)]
Agenda Item Number 1A Oct 5, 2020
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is authorized to use \$22,000,000 in Free Cash to reduce the Fiscal Year 2021 tax rate.
Agenda Item Number 1B Oct 5, 2020
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 2021 tax rate.
Agenda Item Number 1C Oct 5, 2020
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is authorized to use \$8,000,000 from the City Debt Stabilization Fund to be used as a revenue source to the FY2021 Adopted Budget.
Agenda Item Number 1D Oct 5, 2020
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.
Agenda Item Number 1E Oct 5, 2020
ORDERED: That the City Council hereby adopts a minimum residential factor of 60.9858% for the purpose of distributing the property tax levy.
Agenda Item Number 1F Oct 5, 2020
ORDERED: That the City Council approves a thirty (30) percent residential exemption for owner-occupied homes.
Agenda Item Number 1G Oct 5, 2020
ORDERED: That the City Council vote to double the normal value of the statutory exemptions for Fiscal Year 2021.
Agenda Item Number 1H Oct 5, 2020
ORDERED: That the City Council vote the Fiscal Year 2021 exemption allowed under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D of \$341.00.
Agenda Item Number II Oct 5, 2020
ORDERED: That the City Council vote the Fiscal Year 2021 asset limits allowed under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17E of \$67,379.
Agenda Item Number 1J Oct 5, 2020
ORDERED: That the City Council vote the income and assets limits for elderly persons to income limits of \$27,860 for those who are single and \$41,792 for those who are married, asset limits of \$55,718 for those who are single and \$76,612 for those who are married, as allowed under General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D.
Agenda Item Number 1K Oct 5, 2020
ORDERED: That the City Council vote the income limit for deferral of real estate taxes by elderly persons to the amount

determined by the Commissioner of Revenue for the purposes of MGL Chapter 62, Section 6, subsection (k) for a single person (\$60,000) and for those who are married (\$90,000) as allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A.

- Agenda Item Number 1L Oct 5, 2020
ORDERED: That the FY2021 General Fund Employee Benefits Budget (Salary & Wages Account) be rescinded by \$5,000,000.
Agenda Item Number 1M Oct 5, 2020
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is authorized to use \$2,400,000 from the City Agency Fund to be used as a revenue source to the FY2021 Adopted Budget.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following person as a member of the Police Review & Advisory Board for a term of five years, effective Oct 5, 2020: Dr. Beverly C. Sealey.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following persons as a members of the Commission on Immigrant Rights & Citizenship for a term of three years, effective Sept 18, 2020: Alejandro Epstein-Santoyo and Karin Lin.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the Net Zero Action Plan Task Force for a term of nine-months.
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, submitting for approval the attached revised STIR showing proposed updates to the Rapid SOS technology currently used by the Emergency Communications Department ("ECD"), pursuant to Chapter 2.128 ("the Surveillance Technology Ordinance"), Section 2.128.030 of the Cambridge Municipal Code.
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-43, regarding a report on trash left out on Columbia Street.
7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-29, regarding distributing physical library materials to Cambridge youth over the summer.
8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-26, regarding a report on placing four little free libraries.
9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-47, regarding a report on heat lamps and outdoor dining during the COVID-19 public health crisis.
10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-137, regarding a [report on determining if Inspectional](#)

[Services can be given authority to issue citations for smoking in non-smoking buildings.](#)

11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a response to City Council request at the Special Meeting relative to COVID-19 Update of Sept 29, 2020, to provide [opinions on the question of eviction moratoria applicability.](#)
12. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-41, regarding a [report on the feasibility of an alternative Public Safety Crisis Response System.](#)

ON THE TABLE

1. An application was received from David Biancaville, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 10 Acorn Park Drive; 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 ZONDERVAN IN COUNCIL JULY 27, 2020]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-108, regarding a report on offering early voting in City Council and School Committee Elections. [PENDING RESPONSE FROM LEGISLATURE]
3. That the "2020 Cycling Safety Ordinance" be forwarded to the Ordinance Committee for discussion and recommendation. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL SEPT 14, 2020. TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER OCT 5, 2020]
4. 100% Affordable Housing Overlay Zoning Petition 2020. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL SEPT 14, 2020. TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER OCT 5, 2020]
5. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City of Cambridge Law Department to review the above changes to the language of the Domestic Partnerships Ordinance and report back to the Council. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL JULY 27, 2020. TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER SEPT 14, 2020]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Anthony Papatonis, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 159 Allston Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Response has been received from the neighborhood association.
2. An application was received from Ron Witte, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 33

Bristol 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.

3. An application was received from the Mayor's Office requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue in front of City Hall announcing Cambridge Celebrates Indigenous People's Day from Oct 9, 2020 thru Oct 16, 2020.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Stephanie Guirand, regarding reform, defunding or complete abolition of Police Departments.
2. A communication was received from Mike Nakagawa, regarding City Charter Council meeting.
3. A communication was received from Jim Kang, regarding Special meeting comments.
4. A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, regarding review the Rev. Dr. Bennett situation.
5. A communication was received from Marilee Meyer, 10 Dana Street, regarding comments 9-22-2020 City Manager contract ETC.
6. A communication was received from Margie Yates, 36 Upland Road, regarding City Manager's contract.
7. A communication was received from Rebecca Ferber, 48 Standish Street, regarding bike lanes.
8. A communication was received from Kim Young, regarding opposing 100% Affordable Housing Overlay amendment.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Retirement of Eva Martin Blythe from YWCA Cambridge. Councillor Simmons
2. Resolution on the death of Harold B. Conrad. Councillor Toomey
3. Congratulations to Leila Quinn and Megan Berkowitz. Councillor Simmons
4. Resolution Sending Condolences to the O'Toole Family. Councillor Simmons
5. Resolution on the death of Ralph W. Chapman, Jr. Councillor Toomey
6. Resolution on the death of Manuel N. Cardoso. Councillor Toomey
7. National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons
8. Resolution on the death of Deputy Fire Chief Ralph Chapman. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon
9. That the City Council go on record to state its continued observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day on Oct 12, 2020. Mayor Siddiqui

ORDERS

1. Policy Order Re Dedication Request for Ruby Pearson.
Councillor Simmons
2. That the City Manager work with the Department of Traffic and Parking to conduct an evaluation of speeding on Kinnaird Street, from Western Avenue to Putnam Avenue; Hancock Street, from Massachusetts Avenue to Kinnaird Street; Green Street, from Pleasant Street to Putnam Avenue; and Franklin Street, from Putnam to Pleasant Street; and to consider ways to reduce speed, including raised crosswalks and additional signage. Councillor McGovern
3. That the Council go on record requesting the Secretary of Transportation Stephanie Pollack consider an I-90 lane reduction and at-grade design during the final decision-making process. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern
4. That the Cambridge City Council adopt the following amendments to Chapter 5.50 of the Municipal Ordinances of the City of Cambridge entitled "CANNABIS BUSINESS PERMITTING". Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan
5. That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to work with the Public Health Department and the Law Department to amend Cambridge's Moratorium on Eviction Enforcement to make clear that it remains in effect after October 17 and until at least the end of the state of emergency is declared. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone
6. That the City Manager confer with the Budget Office and other relevant departments to discuss the feasibility of installing the remaining flashing crosswalks as outlined in the PB4 proposal, particularly on Broadway and Norfolk Street and provide an update to this Council by Oct 26, 2020. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Zondervan
7. The City of Cambridge and its institutions including Harvard, MIT, and Cambridge Hospital have a long history of direct medical and scientific faculty and student exchanges as well as direct collaboration with Cuba, working together for many years on breakthrough treatments and medical approaches, such as the search for a vaccine for Dengue Fever and the development of treatments for drug resistant infections. Councillor Carlone, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan
8. Cannabis Delivery-Only Zoning Ordinance. Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan
9. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Historical Commission and other relevant City Departments to ensure that any report or

- recommendation for a new Neighborhood Conservation District in Cambridge presented to the City Council include an analysis of the potential effects on City housing affordability based on current research, as well as any mitigations that the Cambridge Historical Commission recommends, so that the City Council may holistically evaluate the matter. Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui
10. That the City Council go on record supporting the Roe Act and restate its commitment to the protection of abortion rights, reproductive health care rights, and individuals' rights to make reproductive decisions about their own bodies. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
 11. That the City Council go on record supporting the high school students' open letter requesting leadership to protect Asian American students from this onslaught of racial bullying and abuse. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan
 12. That the Council go on record supporting the passage of S.2500 and H.4933 and to support the inclusion of the following in the final bill: 1) The development of a net zero stretch code by DOER (S.2500, § 30-31, 54) 2) The consideration of geographically diverse communities, including low-income communities, in the development of a net zero stretch code (S.2500, § 54) 3) The increase in membership and the establishment of term limits for the Board of Building Regulations and Standards (H.4933, § 15A-F). Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
 13. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Transportation Department and Solicitor to provide the City with an update on the progress toward a draft Ordinance as soon as possible and with the draft of an Ordinance by Oct 19, 2020. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Toomey

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting a memorandum regarding Communicating information from the School Committee.
2. A communication was received from Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, regarding the Cycling Safety Ordinance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A report of the Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Aug 26, 2020 regarding Green Energy Analysis Zoning Amendments. [minutes have not yet been posted]
 - A. Green Energy Analysis Zoning Amendments
Councillor Carlone

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Oct 5

5:00pm Special City Council Meeting the City Council enter executive session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation known as Revolutionary Clinics II, Inc. v. City of Cambridge, Middlesex Superior Court C.A. No. 1981CV03035 (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

6:30pm Tax Rate Hearing (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 7

10:00am Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing on the Surveillance Technology Impact Reports and annual reports on ShotSpotter, BRIC, and COPLINK, and other outstanding surveillance annual reports, time permitting (Sullivan Chamber)

2:00pm The Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning; Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public hearing on the reappointment of Christopher Bator to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a term of five years and to discuss the Envision Masterplan, and review how to set priorities and goal setting based on the Envision Masterplan. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 13

3:00pm The Health & Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss amending the Tree Protection Ordinance based on the findings of the Urban Forest Master Plan Task Force. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 14

10:00am The Public Safety Committee will meet to discuss traffic enforcement and PO 2020 #178. (Sullivan Chamber)

2:00pm The Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning; Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the process for conducting the feasibility study for municipal broadband and the Request for Proposal. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 21

2:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the Harvard Square Conservation District Study Committee Report. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Oct 22

5:30pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing to receive an update from the Community Development Department and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund on potential changes made to the eligibility preferences for the Inclusionary Housing program. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 28

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the Real Estate Transfer Home Rule Petition. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Nov 12

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the PUD-CDK District Zoning. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Nov 19

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the KSURP Zoning Ordinance Amendment. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Oct 5, 2020

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Erinn Pearson for a street corner dedication in the vicinity of the corner of Putnam Avenue and Sidney Street in honor of her grandmother, Ruby Pearson, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday; and be it further

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

O-2 Oct 5, 2020

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: In November of 2019, the City of Cambridge reduced the speed limit on most city-owned streets from 25 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS: Reducing the speed limit is a key part of the city's Vision Zero strategy to eliminate all crashes that result in serious or fatal injuries; and

WHEREAS: Despite the reduced speed limit, there are certain streets in Cambridge where residents feel that motorists continue to speed, such as: Kinnaird Street, from Western Avenue to Putnam Avenue; Hancock Street, from Massachusetts Avenue to Kinnaird Street; Green Street, from Pleasant Street to Putnam Avenue; and Franklin Street, from Putnam to Pleasant Street; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a vested interest in ensuring the safety of pedestrians, bikers, and other motorists from speeding drivers; therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager work with the Department of Traffic and Parking to conduct an evaluation of speeding on Kinnaird Street, from Western Avenue to Putnam Avenue; Hancock Street, from Massachusetts Avenue to Kinnaird Street; Green Street, from Pleasant Street to Putnam Avenue; and Franklin Street, from Putnam to Pleasant Street; and to consider ways to reduce speed, including raised crosswalks and additional signage.

O-3 Oct 5, 2020

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The Allston Multimodal project is a vast, billion-dollar reconstruction that will have a long-lasting impact on the entire region, especially Cambridge and other surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS: Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack recently [wrote](#), “A key decision point is coming this fall when MassDOT will decide on one of three proposals for the project for the remainder of the federal and state environmental review processes,” and did not include any lane reduction in those three proposals; and

WHEREAS: Numerous community groups and stakeholders have been united in support of an all at-grade design with lane reductions from I-90; and

WHEREAS: In 2019, the City Manager signed [a letter](#) to the Transportation Secretary asking for the design to prioritize sustainable transit and provide additional parkland, and take the visual and noise impacts on Cambridge into account; and

WHEREAS: The decision making process on the final design was [recently pushed back](#) to provide more time for feedback and public comment; now therefore be it ordered

ORDERED: That the Council go on record requesting the Secretary of Transportation Stephanie Pollack consider an I-90 lane reduction and at-grade design during the final decision-making process; and

ORDERED: That the City Clerk prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution and transmit it to the Secretary of Transportation Stephanie Pollack and to the Cambridge legislative delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-4 Oct 5, 2020

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: On May 28, 2020, the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission [began receiving applications](#) for prospective Delivery-only Marijuana Establishments, which will be exclusively available to certified Economic Empowerment Applicants and Social Equity Program Participants for a minimum of two years; and

WHEREAS: In 2019, the City Council passed the [Cannabis Business Permitting Ordinance](#), creating a separate local permitting requirement for Cannabis businesses operating within the City of Cambridge, that did not include delivery-only; and

WHEREAS: While residents of Cambridge are currently able to receive cannabis deliveries, the deliveries cannot come from businesses operating with the City of Cambridge, hurting the local, Economic Empowerment Applicants who wish to include Delivery-only in their business model; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council adopt the following amendments to Chapter 5.50 of the Municipal Ordinances of the City of Cambridge entitled “CANNABIS BUSINESS PERMITTING”

Amend section 5.50.010 to read as follows:

This Chapter is intended to create a separate local permitting requirement for Cannabis Retail Store, Cannabis Cultivator, Cannabis Product Manufacturer, [Cannabis Microbusiness](#), [Cannabis Delivery-Only Retailer](#) and/or Cannabis Transporter (collectively “Cannabis Business”) applicants to certify compliance with certain conditions in the public interest prior to being permitted to operate a Cannabis Business in the City. The City deems it to be in the public interest to give initial permitting preferences for Cannabis Businesses to Priority Applicants, as defined herein.

Amend the definition of “Cannabis Business” in section 5.50.020 to read as follows:

“Cannabis Business.” A Cannabis Retail Store, Cannabis Cultivator, Cannabis Product Manufacturer, [Cannabis Microbusiness](#), [Cannabis Delivery-Only Retailer](#) and/or Cannabis Transporter.

Amend section 5.50.020 to insert the following definitions:

“Cannabis Delivery-Only Retailer.” An entity licensed by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission to deliver directly to Consumers from a Cannabis or Marijuana Retailer licensed by the Cannabis Control Commission or Registered Qualifying Patients or Caregivers from a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center licensed by the Cannabis Control Commission and that does not provide a retail location accessible to the public.

“Cannabis Microbusiness.” A co-located Cannabis or Marijuana Establishment that can be either a Tier 1 Marijuana Cultivator or a Product Manufacturer or both, pursuant to 935 CMR 500.00, in compliance with the operating procedures for each license and, if in receipt of a Delivery Endorsement issued by the Cannabis Control Commission, may deliver Cannabis or Cannabis Products produced at the licensed location directly to Consumers in compliance with established regulatory requirements for retail sale as it relates to delivery. A Microbusiness that is a Cannabis Marijuana Product Manufacturer may purchase no more than 2,000 pounds of marijuana per year from other Cannabis or Marijuana Establishments, pursuant to 935 CMR 500.000.

Amend section 5.50.030 to read as follows:

This Chapter shall apply to any proposed Cannabis Cultivator, Cannabis Product Manufacturer, Cannabis Retail Store, [Cannabis Microbusiness](#), [Cannabis Delivery-Only Retailer](#) or Cannabis Transporter that is seeking licensure from the Cannabis Control Commission on or after the effective date of this Chapter. This Chapter shall not apply to RMDs that have already been permitted in the City and are not seeking licensure as a Cannabis Retail Store for retail cannabis sales prior to the effective date of this Chapter (“Existing RMD”).

Amend section 5.50.040 to read as follows:

The City shall issue a Cannabis Business Permit pursuant to this Chapter only to Priority Applicants. For the first two years after the Effective Date of this Chapter as stated in Section 5.50.100 below, the City shall issue a Cannabis Business Permit to operate a Cannabis Retail Store [or for a Cannabis Delivery-Only Retailer](#) only to Group A Priority Applicants who are Economic Empowerment Applicants certified as such by the Commonwealth’s Cannabis Control Commission.

O-5 Oct 5, 2020

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Massachusetts currently has a statewide eviction moratorium to promote housing stability during the COVID-19 pandemic, the lack of which could increase the spread of the coronavirus; and

WHEREAS: Governor Charlie Baker [has indicated](#) that he will not extend the state's eviction moratorium beyond its current expiry date of Oct 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS: While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recently enacted a national eviction moratorium, [gaps and ambiguities](#) in the order are leading to evictions continuing to be carried out across the country; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has enacted its own local "Moratorium on Eviction Enforcement" order, which remains in places "until further notice" but does not currently guarantee protections until the end of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS: Without an eviction moratorium, Cambridge residents who have lost jobs or income due to the pandemic could lose their housing, exposing themselves and the community to greater risk of transmitting COVID-19; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to work with the Public Health Department and the Law Department to amend Cambridge's Moratorium on Eviction Enforcement to make clear that it remains in effect after October 17 and until at least the end of the state of emergency is declared; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to widely publicize to residents, property owners, and community groups that Cambridge's Moratorium on Eviction Enforcement remains in effect and how its provisions overlap and differ with the protections that have been provided by the Massachusetts Eviction Moratorium, which is expiring on October 17; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council as soon as possible and before the expiration of the statewide eviction moratorium on Oct 17, 2020.

O-6 Oct 5, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge's Participatory Budgeting process is a democratic initiative that gives Cambridge community members the power to decide how to spend funds each fiscal year to improve the Cambridge community; and

WHEREAS: This is the 7th year that Cambridge has initiated the Participatory Budgeting process, with past projects including laundry access in schools, solar panels for the Main Library roof, bike repair stations, a freezer van for prepared food rescue, street trees, water bottle fill stations and more; and

WHEREAS: One of the winning projects from the fourth year of the Participatory Budgeting process was the "flashing crosswalks for safer streets" project – a project to increase pedestrian safety by funding rapid flashing beacons at 10 high pedestrian risk crosswalks; and

WHEREAS: These beacons would increase the visibility of pedestrians, especially at night, by alerting drivers to crossing pedestrians, thereby preventing crashes; and

WHEREAS: The "flashing crosswalks for safer streets" project has not been implemented or provided with updates since winning approval from the City 3 years ago; and

WHEREAS: Two of the proposed intersections in the "flashing crosswalks for safer streets" project are the intersection of Broadway and Norfolk Street and Elm and Hampshire Street, which was outlined in the project as 2 of the 10 intersections that drivers speed through, creating risk if injury or even death; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager provide an update as to the progress of the 10 approved flashing crosswalks as outlined in the PB4 by Oct 26, 2020; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager confer with the Budget Office and other relevant departments to discuss the feasibility of installing the remaining flashing crosswalks as outlined in the PB4 proposal, particularly on Broadway and Norfolk Street and provide an update to this Council by Oct 26, 2020.

O-7 Oct 5, 2020

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The United States has the highest number of Covid-19 cases in the world; and;

WHEREAS: Cuba with a population of almost double that of Massachusetts has had 4,459 cases compared to Massachusetts' 123,181, as of Sept 10, 2020 with just over 1% the number of Commonwealth deaths; and

WHEREAS: In the face of the worldwide menace of SARS-Cov-2 Covid-19, the situation calls for the utmost international cooperation and solidarity; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is home to some of the most nationally prestigious and successful medical, public health, pharmaceutical and life sciences research and teaching institutions; and

WHEREAS: Cuba has developed in its own internationally respected biopharmaceutical industry and successfully used at home and abroad treatment regimens in previous outbreaks of Ebola, Zika, Chikungunya and other of the novel virus; and

WHEREAS: Cuba has used several successful treatment protocols in controlling COVID-19 developed by its biopharmaceutical industry, affording that country an extremely favorable fatality and recovery rate; and that these treatment protocols include the Cuba produced drugs of Biomodulina T, Heberon Interferon Alfa 2B human recombinant, Itolizumab, and Jusvinza (CIGB 258); and

WHEREAS: Although more than 42 countries are in the process of acquiring or have already acquired pharmaceutical products such as these from Cuba, none are available in the United States due to ongoing and increased restrictions against collaboration with and imports from Cuba; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge and its institutions including Harvard, MIT, and Cambridge Hospital have a long history of direct medical and scientific faculty and student exchanges as well as direct collaboration with Cuba, working together for many years on breakthrough treatments and medical approaches, such as the

search for a vaccine for Dengue Fever and the development of treatments for drug resistant infections; and

WHEREAS: There is an ongoing national awareness and work towards similar Cuban collaborative initiatives in other cities and states, such as recent resolutions passed by the City of Cleveland, the City of Richmond, and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, calling also for lifting of the U.S. embargo on Cuba that has severely restricted collaboration on scientific and medical research; and

WHEREAS: The people of Cambridge, the rest of the country and the world would benefit from U.S.- Cuban biopharmaceutical, medical and public health collaboration and exchange; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City of Cambridge actively explore collaboration with Cuba to jointly face the Covid-19 pandemic, including re-initiating knowledge transfer and joint collaboration in public health prevention methods; methods for preventing infection of health workers; innovative treatments; and development of new treatments, vaccines and protocols, between Cambridge and Cuban institutions; and

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council actively calls upon the Massachusetts State Legislature and the Governor of the Commonwealth to actively pursue such exchanges, knowledge transfers, and collaboration, including but not limited to collaboration on further and joint development of drugs and treatment protocols in pursuit of control of the COVID-19 virus; and

ORDERED: That the City of Cambridge calls on the Congress and President of the United States, with the support of the Governor of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts State Legislature, with the active support of the State's U.S. Senators and Representatives, to lift restrictions on access to Cuban medical and biopharmaceutical expertise, in order to more effectively combat the COVID-19 pandemic, by suspending relevant US economic and travel sanctions against Cuba.

O-8 Oct 5, 2020

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: On May 28, 2020, the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission began receiving applications for prospective Delivery-only Marijuana Establishments, which will be exclusively available to certified Economic Empowerment Applicants and Social Equity Program Participants for a minimum of two years; and

WHEREAS: In 2019, the City Council passed the Cannabis Business Permitting Ordinance, creating a separate local permitting requirement for Cannabis businesses operating within the City of Cambridge, that did not include delivery-only; and

WHEREAS: While residents of Cambridge are currently able to receive cannabis deliveries, the deliveries cannot come from businesses operating with the City of Cambridge, hurting the local, Economic Empowerment Applicants who wish to include Delivery-only in their business model; and

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council adopt the following amendments to Chapter 2.000 of the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Cambridge entitled "DEFINITIONS" as follows:

Amend section 2.000 to insert the following definition:

Cannabis Delivery-Only Retailer. An entity licensed by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission to deliver directly to Consumers from a Cannabis or Marijuana Retailer licensed by the Cannabis Control Commission or Registered Qualifying Patients or Caregivers from a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center licensed by the Cannabis Control Commission and that does not provide a retail location accessible to the public.

Amend the definition of "Cannabis Microbusiness" to read as follows:

Cannabis Microbusiness. A co-located Cannabis or Marijuana Establishment that can be either a Tier 1 Marijuana Cultivator or Product Manufacturer or both, pursuant to 935 CMR 500.00, in compliance with the operating procedures for each license and, if in receipt of a Delivery Endorsement issued by the Cannabis Control Commission, may deliver Cannabis or Cannabis Products produced at the licensed location directly to Consumers in compliance with established regulatory requirements for retail sale as it relates to delivery. A Microbusiness that is a Cannabis Marijuana Product Manufacturer may purchase no more than 2,000 pounds of marijuana per year from other Cannabis or Marijuana Establishments, pursuant to 935 CMR 500.000.

Amend the definition of "Cannabis Production Facility" to read as follows:

Cannabis Production Facility. An establishment authorized to cultivate, manufacture, process, or package cannabis or marijuana products, in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations. A Cannabis Production Facility may be licensed to operate as a Cannabis Microbusiness, Cannabis or Marijuana Cultivator or Cannabis or Marijuana Product Manufacturer or registered as a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (also known as a Registered Marijuana Dispensary or RMD), or both, in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations.

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council adopt the following amendments to Chapter 4.30 of the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Cambridge entitled "TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS" as follows:

Amend section 4.37 to insert the following row:

[skipped – gist is that a "Cannabis Delivery-Only Retailer" would be permitted only in the Industry B-1 and B-2 zones]

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council adopt the following amendments to Chapter 11.800 of the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Cambridge entitled "CANNABIS USES" as follows:

Amend section 11.802.1 to read as follows:

- (a) Cannabis Retail Stores, Cannabis Delivery-Only Retailers and Cannabis Production Facilities shall be allowed only after the granting of a special permit by the Planning Board, subject to the requirements set forth in this Section 11.800, et seq.
- (b) Either Cannabis Retail Stores, Cannabis Delivery-Only Retailers or Cannabis Production Facilities, as defined in Article 2.000 of this Zoning Ordinance, may be established to provide cannabis products for medical or non-medical use, or both, in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations.
- (c) A Cannabis Retail Store, Cannabis Delivery-Only Retailer or Cannabis Production Facility that has previously received a special permit from the Planning Board only to authorize a Registered Marijuana Dispensary shall be required to amend its previously issued special permit to authorize the conversion to or co-location of a Cannabis Establishment for the non-medical use of cannabis or marijuana.

Amend section 11.802.3 to read as follows:

Limitation of Approval. A special permit authorizing the establishment of a Cannabis Retail Store, Cannabis Delivery-Only Retailer or Cannabis Production Facility shall be valid only for the licensed or registered entity to which the special permit was issued, and only for the site on which the Cannabis Retail Store, Cannabis Delivery-Only Retailer or Cannabis Production Facility has been authorized by special permit. If the license or registration for a Cannabis Use has not been renewed or has been revoked, transferred to another controlling entity, or relocated to a different site, a new special permit shall be required prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

Amend section 11.802.4 to read as follows:

Building. A Cannabis Retail Store, Cannabis Delivery-Only Retailer or Cannabis Production Facility shall be located only in a permanent building and not within any mobile facility, with the exception that Cannabis Microbusiness with a Delivery Endorsement and Cannabis Delivery-Only Retail may conduct mobile deliveries in accordance with 935 CMR 500.000. All sales, cultivation, manufacturing, and other related activities shall be conducted within the building, except in cases where home deliveries are authorized to serve qualified medical marijuana patients pursuant to applicable state and local regulations and except that Cannabis Microbusiness with a Delivery Endorsement and Cannabis Delivery-Only may conduct sales in accordance with 935 CMR 500.000.

Amend section 11.803.3 to read as follows:

Cannabis Delivery-Only Retailers shall be allowed only by Planning Board Special Permit in the Industry B-1 and B-2 districts, provided that the establishment is not greater than 10,000 square feet in Gross Floor Area.

Insert a new section 11.803.4 to read as follows:

Buffer Zones.

- (a) A Cannabis Retail Store, Cannabis Delivery-Only Retailer or Cannabis Production Facility shall not be permitted within 300 feet of a pre-existing public or private school providing education in kindergarten or any of grades one through 12, except where the Planning Board, in issuing a special permit, approves a reduced distance upon finding that the location will cause no substantial adverse impact due to site-specific factors or other mitigating efforts agreed to in writing by the permittee and made conditions of the special permit.
- (b) A Cannabis Retail Store, Cannabis Delivery-Only Retailer or Cannabis Production Facility shall not be permitted within 300 feet of a pre-existing public children's playground, public youth athletic field, or public youth recreation facility, except where the Planning Board, in issuing a special permit, approves a reduced distance upon finding that the location will cause no substantial adverse impact due to site-specific factors or other mitigating efforts agreed to in writing by the permittee and made conditions of the special permit.

Amend section 11.804(e) to read as follows:

Logistics Plan: A plan identifying the on-site or off-site locations where deliveries and loading functions will take place and a narrative describing how deliveries to the site, loading, and other service functions will be conducted, including parking for home delivery vehicle(s), as well as a plan and narrative identifying the transportation options for customers and employees,

including public transportation services, on-site and off-site parking facilities, and bicycle facilities.

Amend section 11.805(e) to read as follows:

If the proposed Cannabis Retail Store, Cannabis Delivery-Only Retailer or Cannabis Production Facility is not proposed to include a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center, it will nevertheless provide programs to assist qualifying patients within the city or neighborhood who are registered through the Massachusetts Medical Use of Marijuana Program in obtaining services under that program.

Delete Section 11.806 which currently reads:

Effective Date. The provisions of this Section 11.800-11.805, as most recently amended on Dec 17, 2018, shall take effect on April 20, 2019, or upon passage of a "Cannabis Business Permitting Ordinance," whichever comes first.

O-9 Oct 5, 2020

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: During a public hearing on Oct 3rd, 2019, the Cambridge Historical Commission [voted to initiate](#) a Neighborhood Conservation District (NCD) Study for a portion of East Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: On Sept 10th, 2020, The Historical Commission voted to extend the Study for another year due to delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has a vested interest in ensuring that all stakeholders are given equal opportunity to attend and give input at East Cambridge NCD Study Meetings, as expanding and deepening community engagement is one of the City Council's stated goals; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has also affirmed that its first priority and goal is promoting housing affordability across Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: [Academic](#) and [professional research overwhelmingly suggests](#) that Neighborhood Conservation Districts and other such historical preservation districting have a secondary effect of generally increasing home prices within and even beyond their borders; and

WHEREAS: While these increases in property values may be beneficial to some residents, they can also lead to rent increases and displacement for other residents who do not own property; and

WHEREAS: Residents who rent should have the same rights and access to participate in public policy and decision making as property-owning residents, as overlooking the [68% of East Cambridge households who rent](#) and the [56.9% of City-wide households who rent](#) leaves out the majority of Cambridge residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge Historical Commission remain mindful that housing affordability is a regional issue, and that a new Neighborhood Conservation District anywhere in the City will likely result in higher housing prices elsewhere in the City; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with the Cambridge Historical Commission, other relevant City Departments and community partners to develop strategies to expand residents' access to and participation in the East Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Study Committee Meetings so that participation reflects the demographics of the

neighborhood, particularly as it pertains to property owners and tenants; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Historical Commission and other relevant City Departments to ensure that any access, outreach efforts, or opportunities to engage with the Neighborhood Conservation District Study process made available to homeowners be equal to those available to renters; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Historical Commission and other relevant City Departments to ensure that any report or recommendation for a new Neighborhood Conservation District in Cambridge presented to the City Council include an analysis of the potential effects on City housing affordability based on current research, as well as any mitigations that the Cambridge Historical Commission recommends, so that the City Council may holistically evaluate the matter.

O-10 Oct 5, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on *Roe v. Wade*, which recognized the fundamental principle that women's bodies are their own and guaranteed all people the right to safe and legal abortion; and

WHEREAS: An individual's freedom to make reproductive decisions is vital to their safety, wellbeing, economic opportunity, and ability to participate equally in society; and

WHEREAS: The constitutional right to abortion does not translate into equitable access to care as barriers to access are entrenched in discrimination, stigma, and political interference to keep safe, legal abortion out of reach and unaffordable for many people; and

WHEREAS: Nearly 1 in 4 women will have an abortion, but when denied abortion due to these barriers, women and their families suffer from well-being and economic opportunity, where studies have shown that a person denied access to abortion is more likely to fall into poverty than a person who can receive abortion; and

WHEREAS: Since 2011, politicians have passed over 400 new laws in 33 states to shame, pressure, and punish people seeking abortion; and

WHEREAS: These attacks have been bolstered by the current administration's assault on health care access and reproductive rights; and

WHEREAS: Even in Massachusetts, access to safe, legal abortion is still dictated by a person's income, insurance status, and whether a young person's household supports their right to make their own, private medical decisions; and

WHEREAS: With a U.S. Supreme Court ripely poised to further erode or eliminate *Roe v. Wade*, Massachusetts must strengthen its commitment to reproductive rights and modernize its laws so every person has access to safe, legal abortion and can decide for themselves if and when to become a parent; and

WHEREAS: Senator Harriette L. Chandler and Representatives Patricia A. Haddad and Jay D. Livingstone have introduced the Roe Act (S. 1209, H. 3320) to address these inequalities and ensure safe abortion access in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: The Roe Act will improve access to affordable abortion by removing unnecessary, burdensome provisions that delay and deny care by:

- Eliminating the burdensome judicial bypass process teenagers must navigate to access safe, legal abortion, aligning young people's ability to access abortion with their ability to access all other pregnancy-related care;
- Bolstering access to safety-net coverage for abortion regardless of a resident's income or legal status, which already exists for all other pregnancy-related care;
- Expanding access to abortion after 24 weeks of pregnancy in cases of fatal fetal anomalies;
- Eliminating unwarranted government intrusions and criminal penalties;
- Ending intrusive reporting requirements that jeopardize physician safety and patient privacy; and
- Reforming state laws and language to codify principles of reproductive freedom; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting the Roe Act and restate its commitment to the protection of abortion rights, reproductive health care rights, and individuals' rights to make reproductive decisions about their own bodies; and be it further;

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this Resolution to U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, U.S. Senator Edward J. Markey, Senator Harriette L. Chandler, Representatives Patricia A. Haddad and Jay D. Livingstone and Massachusetts Governor Charles Baker.

O-11 Oct 5, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The COVID-19 pandemic has unleashed an explosion of anti-Asian racism in the United States, ranging from derogatory slurs, to blaming the outbreak on Chinese people, to violent physical attacks; and

WHEREAS: On Sept 21, 2020, a coalition of Asian American students submitted an open letter to school educators and superintendents in Boston, Malden and Quincy urging them to address the surge of anti-Asian racism that followed the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS: Since the beginning of the pandemic, Stop AAPI Hate has recorded about 2,500 incidents of anti-Asian discrimination across the United States, with 61 such incidents in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: Stop AAPI Hate released a report that looks at 341 incidents reported by youth, with 24 involving physical assault. In 56% of these cases, perpetrators employed anti-Chinese hate speech, including blaming China and Chinese as the source of the virus and mocking Chinese dietary habits; and

WHEREAS: As our students return to school, it is important to protect and keep our students safe from both the spread of COVID-19 and racist attacks; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting the high school students' open letter requesting leadership to protect Asian American students from this onslaught of racial bullying and abuse; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this Resolution to Stop AAPI Hate, the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center and the Superintendents of the School Districts in Boston, Malden and Quincy.

O-12 Oct 5, 2020

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: Cambridge has a Net Zero Action Plan and has taken a number of steps to address the climate crisis, take climate mitigation steps and adopt resiliency efforts; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge understands the need for taking action in a more urgent timeframe and include frontline communities in all efforts to address the climate crisis; and

WHEREAS: On Dec 21, 2009, the Cambridge City Council voted to adopt the Stretch Energy Code, one of the first municipalities in the state to adopt the Stretch Energy Code, which has been an important part of the city's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS: Mass Climate Action Network (MCAN), 350 Mass, and other climate organizations are [encouraging municipal officials](#) to go on record supporting the passage of S.2500 and H.4933; and

WHEREAS: Having the state allow municipalities the option of adopting a net zero stretch code is a necessary tool for Cambridge to use in meeting its sustainability goals; and would establish one uniform building code for all communities that want to exceed the base Massachusetts building code with a specialized stretch energy code they can adopt; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Council go on record supporting the passage of [S.2500 and H.4933](#) and to support the inclusion of the following in the final bill:

- 1) The development of a net zero stretch code by DOER (S.2500, § 30-31, 54)
- 2) The consideration of geographically diverse communities, including low-income communities, in the development of a net zero stretch code (S.2500, § 54)
- 3) The increase in membership and the establishment of term limits for the Board of Building Regulations and Standards (H.4933, § 15A-F); and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge state delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-13 Oct 5, 2020

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Cambridge has witnessed two the deaths of Cambridge residents killed by large trucks in Harvard Square in the past year; and

WHEREAS: A Truck Safety Ordinance would provide requirements for safety improvements made to trucks owned by companies which have contracts with the City; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston currently already has a Truck Safety Ordinance and a similar ordinance in Cambridge is something that

has been talked about for multiple years in Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Transportation Department and Solicitor to provide the City with an update on the progress toward a draft Ordinance as soon as possible and with the draft of an Ordinance by Oct 19, 2020.