

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to an update from the Human Resources Department. (CM24#221) [[text of report](#)]
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment of **Diane Smith** as a member of the Cambridge Human Rights Commission for a term of three years. (CM24#222)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-39, regarding the feasibility of utilizing the large screen televisions in the community rooms of CHA buildings to enable seniors living in these buildings to participate in (via public comment) and view City Council meetings as they are held. (CM24#223)
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-50, regarding a review on the Short Term Rentals Ordinance in Cambridge. (CM24#224) [[text of report](#)]
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-57 regarding the issue of leaking substances from DPW garbage trucks. (CM24#225)
6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-44 regarding a legal opinion on restricting the use of a solar system. (CM24#226) [[text of report](#)]
7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the Planning Board Report regarding the BZA Dormers Zoning Petition. (CM24#227)
8. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-51 regarding automated parking enforcement. (CM24#228) [[text of report](#)]
9. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-20, regarding recommendations for amendments to the Parking and Transportation Demand Management (PTDM) and Zoning Ordinances. (CM24#229) [[text of report](#)]
10. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Policy Order Number 24-50, regarding proposed amendments to the Cycling Safety Ordinance to extend the deadline associated with the completion of those sections of the ordinance that are required to be completed by May 1, 2026. (CM24#230) [[text of report](#)]

ORDERS

1. That the regular City Council meeting scheduled for Oct 28, 2024 is changed to a Joint Roundtable with the City Council and School Committee to discuss macro-economic trends in Cambridge and the City's budget. Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern (PO24#140)
2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Law Department and the Community Development Department to work with the Board of Zoning Appeal to clean up language and come back to the Ordinance Committee with

clarifications and amendments to requirements related to adding dormers to nonconforming one- and two-family dwellings. Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Nolan (PO24#141)

3. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department to provide an update on the status of the report's recommendations, including progress on implementation and planned next steps. Councillor Siddiqui, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Wilson (PO24#142)

ON THE TABLE

1. That the City Manager is requested to explore the feasibility of delaying the Mass Avenue reconstruction project to minimize its impact upon the busy season for restaurants and other affected businesses, and, should this not be found feasible, a method of providing financial assistance to the impacted businesses to cover the costs of removing their outdoor dining structures, designed to mitigate some of the financial impacts upon them, should be established. [Charter Right – Simmons, June 3, 2024; Tabled as Amended June 10, 2024] (PO24#70)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. An Ordinance 2023 #8B has been received from City Clerk, relative to Amend Chapter 14.04 – Fair Housing. [Passed to 2nd Reading Oct 2, 2023; Amended Nov 6, 2023; to remain on Unfinished Business pending legislative approval of Special Act needed prior to ordination] (ORD23-8B)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication from Andrew King, regarding Letter to support PO#1 for Yes on ballot question 2.
2. A communication from Andrew Solomon, regarding Please lower the speed limit on Memorial Drive.
3. A communication from Anna Zapaishchykova, regarding Make all of Memorial Drive safer now - expand the park path with Jersey barriers (2).
4. A communication from Caleb Hurst-Hiller, regarding opposition to PO24#139.
5. A communication from Carol Lee Rawn, regarding Support redesign of Mem. Dr. travel lanes.
6. A communication from Catalina Arboleda, regarding Cambridge has become dangerous for pedestrians.
7. A communication from Colette Stergios, regarding Make all of Memorial Drive safer now - expand the park path with Jersey barriers (4).
8. A communication from Mike Connolly, Rep. (HOU), regarding Memorial Drive updates.
9. A communication from Danielle Makarious, regarding YES on 2.
10. A communication from Ethan Frank, regarding Making Memorial Drive safe quickly & cheaply.
11. A communication from Federico Muchnik, regarding Walden Sq. Road - Winn Development.
12. A communication from Jessie Wenning, regarding PO#139.
13. A communication from Judy Somberg, regarding Urging you to expand the park paths and shrink car lanes on Memorial Drive.
14. A communication from Madonna Kinne, regarding Make all of Memorial Drive safer now - expand the park path with Jersey barriers (3).

15. A communication from Mark Goodman, regarding Tax Rate increase.
16. A communication from Nella LaRosa-Waters, regarding Tax rates.
17. A communication from Norman Daoust, regarding needed Memorial Drive changes.
18. A communication from Barbara Anthony, regarding Preserve the MCAS as a graduation requirement (6).
19. A communication from Quinton Zondervan, regarding Please support Policy Order PO24#137 in favor of bicycle and pedestrian safety.
20. A communication from Lee Farris, regarding Residents Alliance support for Charter Right #1.
21. A communication from Richard Goldberg, regarding Please see attached letter for public comment re PO24#139.
22. A communication from Sam Allon, regarding What's up with Kirkland Street.
23. A communication from Shelley Rieman, regarding Residents Alliance supports PO#1.
24. A communication from Suzanne Blier, regarding Taxes, Huge Property Value Increases, and Fair Housing.
25. A communication from Suzanne Blier, regarding, Please Support City Communications info & Making Smart use of our Daylily Update platform.
26. A communication from Trevor Kafka, regarding Urgent Call for Action - Support Memorial Drive Safety Improvements.
27. A communication from Trevor Kafka, regarding Urgent Need for Immediate Action on Cambridge Street for Bike Safety.
28. A communication from Valerie Fontana Shulman, regarding Making Memorial Drive Safe for All Commuters--Please reduce speeds and expand safety of our park paths!
29. A communication from Will Borchard, regarding Make all of Memorial Drive safer now - expand the park path with Jersey barriers (5).
30. A communication from Xinghui Hu, regarding Make all of Memorial Drive safer now - expand the park path with Jersey barriers (1).
31. A communication from Yuebin Huang, regarding 2Make all of Memorial Drive safer now - expand the park path with Jersey barriers (1).
32. A communication from Zachary Chu, regarding Make all of Memorial Drive safer now - expand the park path with Jersey barriers.
33. A communication from Lizzie Hudson, regarding Vote No on MCAS Q2.
34. A communication from Nella LaRosa-Waters, regarding Tax rates.
35. A communication from Richard Krushnic, regarding Yes on PO#1.
36. A communication from twenty-nine (29) Cambridge residents, regarding Recognize the Massachusetts Tribe as Original Cambridge Inhabitants.
37. A communication from Carolyn Blais Pinter, regarding Corcoran Park Proposal.
38. A communication from Catalina Arboleda, regarding Cambridge has become dangerous for pedestrians.

39. A communication from Steve Fitzsimmons, regarding So what is the status of Cambridge's potential damage from floods, hurricanes?
40. A communication from Suzanne Blier, regarding Petition: recognizing the Massachusetts as Cambridge landholders- now submitted.
41. A communication from Ian Rudnick, regarding Another person almost hit by car on Hampshire St.
42. A communication from Daniel Heller, regarding Danehy Park bike path.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations on the retirement of Feroza K. Bashar from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
2. Congratulations to Denise Costello on her Retirement from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
3. Condolences to the family of Paulette D. Jarvis. Mayor Simmons
4. Happy Anniversary to Tina and Albert Pacheco. Mayor Simmons
5. Resolution on the death of James Francis D'Antona. Vice Mayor McGovern
6. Congratulations to Amigos da Terça as they celebrate their 20th Anniversary with a Black-Tie Dinner Dance Fundraising Event on Oct 26, 2024. Councillor Toner
7. Condolences on the death of Thomas W. Riley. Councillor Toner
8. Condolences on the death of William J. "Billy" Megan, Sr. Councillor Toner
9. Condolences on the death of Susanne Collins. Councillor Toner
10. Congratulations to Dr. Romit Bhattacharya and Attorney Rima Pancholi. Councillor Siddiqui
11. That the City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of Stacy L. Moran at this time of such personal loss. Councillor Siddiqui
12. Congratulations to Geeta Aiyer on being recognized as Asian American and Pacific Islander Honoree by the Asian Community Fund at the Boston Foundation. Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Azeem

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Health and Environment Committee** held a public hearing on Oct, 8, 2024 to receive and update from City staff on BEUDO implementation and to review and discuss regulations, elements of BEUDO, and possible future updates. [[text of report](#)]

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF24#133)
2. A communication from Councillor Nolan and Councillor Toner, transmitting the Fall Schedule for Finance Committee Meetings. (COF24#134) [[text of report](#)]

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Oct 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Oct 22

11:00am The **Health and Environment Committee** will hold a public hearing to review and discuss the updates on the Zero Waste Master Plan (ZWMP).

Wed, Oct 23

11:30am The **Human Services and Veteran's Committee** will hold a public hearing to discuss issues facing homeless shelters in Cambridge and concerns raised by the unhoused community.

3:00pm The **Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee** will hold a public hearing to hear specific ideas from neighborhood leaders about revisions to the Multi-Family Housing Proposal.

Thurs, Oct 24

3:00pm The **Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee** will hold a public hearing to discuss research on four-day work week pilot programs with businesses, government agencies, and non-profits and models for a four-day work week that have been implemented locally.

Mon, Oct 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Thurs, Oct 31

12:00pm The **Economic Development and University Relations Committee** will hold a public hearing to discuss the Economics of Real Estate: Housing, Zoning, and the Economic Impact of Zoning Proposals.

Mon, Nov 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Wed, Nov 6

5:30pm The **Human Services and Veterans Committee** will hold a public hearing to receive an update on Afterschool programming in Cambridge.

Mon, Nov 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Nov 19

2:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing on Multi-Family Zoning Petition – Part 1 and Multi-Family Zoning Petition – Part 2.

Wed, Nov 20

1:00pm The **Finance Committee** will hold a public hearing to review and discuss the Operating Budget in advance of the FY26 budget season.

Mon, Nov 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Dec 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Wed, Dec 4

2:30pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing on Multi-Family Zoning Petition – Part 1 and Multi-Family Zoning Petition – Part 2.

Mon, Dec 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Wed, Dec 11

3:00pm The **Finance Committee** will hold a public hearing for an update and discussion on Public Investment Planning.

Mon, Dec 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Dec 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Dec 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Oct 21, 2024

MAYOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the regular City Council meeting scheduled for Oct 28, 2024 be and hereby is changed to a Joint Roundtable with the City Council and School Committee to discuss macro-economic trends in Cambridge and the City's budget.

O-2 Oct 21, 2024

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: The Ordinance Committee met on Oct 15, 2024 and voted favorably to request that the City Manager direct the Law Department and the Community Development Department to work with the Board of Zoning Appeal to clean up language and come back to the Ordinance Committee with clarifications and amendments; now therefore be it

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O-3 Oct 21, 2024

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR WILSON

WHEREAS: In 2020, the City of Cambridge's Community Development Department (CDD) partnered with Case Western Reserve University's National Initiative on Mixed-Income Communities (NIMC) to study the experiences of Cambridge residents in inclusionary housing programs (IHP); and

WHEREAS: This collaboration produced the [Resident Experiences of Inclusion and Bias in Inclusionary Housing](#)

[in Cambridge](#) report, which was published in December 2022; and

WHEREAS: The findings from the report highlight the City's commitment to IHP and underscore the need to improve the quality of life for residents in inclusionary housing; and

WHEREAS: While many residents express a sense of belonging, disparities exist, with some experiencing exclusion and bias, particularly among vulnerable populations, including those who are low-income, Black, Hispanic or Latino, female, have children, speak a primary language other than English, and have a disability or health problem; and

WHEREAS: The report included several recommendations aimed at improving the IHP by (1) strengthening relationships between CDD, residents, and other stakeholders, (2) expanding communication and engagement with IHP participants, and (3) adopting intentional strategies to increase racial equity and inclusion in these programs; and

WHEREAS: A key priority of the City Council is to work with the City Manager and City staff to address the ongoing housing crisis, with the expansion of mixed-income inclusionary housing programs being critical to increasing the city's affordable housing supply; and

WHEREAS: The City's investment in this study is a reflection to its commitment to improving the inclusionary housing program and fostering more inclusive communities; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Community Development Department to provide an update on the status of the report's recommendations, including progress on implementation and planned next steps; and be it further

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