

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$120,000 from the General Fund Traffic, Parking and Transportation Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Traffic, Parking and Transportation Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account. (CM23#266)
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report #23-61, regarding the demographic information of dues-paying members of the municipal golf course. (CM23#267)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 23-65, regarding a phased ban on the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in Cambridge. (CM23#268) [[text of communication](#)]
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to an additional response to Calendar Item No. 1 (POR 2023-97) of June 5, 2023, requesting that the City Manager work with the Law Department and Human Rights Commission and all other Relevant Departments to Provide Comments on the Draft Amendments to the Cambridge Human Rights Ordinance and the Cambridge Fair Housing Ordinance. (CM23#269) [[text of communication](#)]
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 23-63, regarding a proposed Home Rule Petition relative to amendments to the Fair Housing Ordinance. (CM23#270) [[text of communication](#)]

CHARTER RIGHT

1. An application from Nina Quinlan, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 63 Sixth 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. [Charter Right – Nolan, Oct 30, 2023] (AP23#55)
2. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Law Department and other relevant City departments and prepare a report regarding the efficacy of establishing a dual reporting system for the Director of Public Health, the process by which the City could establish by ordinance a Commissioner of Public Health who would report directly to the City Manager, and the reestablishment of a Health Policy Board. [Charter Right – Simmons, Oct 30, 2023] (PO23#201)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. An Ordinance has been received from City Clerk, relative to proposed changes to Cannabis Business Permitting Proposed Ordinance 2023-6. [Passed to 2nd Reading Oct 16, 2023; To Be Ordained on or after Nov 7, 2023] (ORD23#6)
4. An Ordinance has been received from City Clerk, relative to 2.76.020 enacted is to protect the human rights of all the

residents of the City Protect Family Inclusion and Relationship Diversity. [Passed to 2nd Reading Oct 2, 2023; Eligible To Be Ordained] (ORD23#8)

5. An Ordinance has been received from City Clerk, relative to a Zoning Petition by the Cambridge City Council to amend Articles 2.000, 4.000, 5.000, and 23.000 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of allowing henkeeping as a permitted accessory use to principal residential (excluding transient accommodations as defined in Section 4.31.i), religious, and educational uses; with limitations and subject to regulation and permitting by the Cambridge Public Health Department. [Passed to 2nd Reading Oct 16, 2023; To Be Ordained on or after Nov 7, 2023; Expires Jan 8, 2024] (ORD23#9)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication from Ethan Frank, regarding POR 2023 #200_ Supporting climate change superfund.
2. A communication from Jason Stockmann, regarding Application for curb cut_ Council 10/30/23 Agenda item AP23#56.
3. A communication from Joe and Genevieve Coyle, regarding 350 MASS Make Polluters Pay S.481, H.872.
4. A communication from Margery Davies, regarding PLEASE VOTE IN FAVOR of PO#10 -- Endorse the Massachusetts Clean Heat Platform.
5. A [communication from Patrick W Barrett III](#), regarding Policy Orders 192, 193, 194, 195, and 196.
6. A communication from Ethan Frank, regarding Reusable bottle ad & Eversource substation.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of William E. Daley, Jr. Councillor Toner
2. Resolution on the death of Wayne Jeffrey Bingham. Councillor Toner
3. Congratulations to George R. Greenidge Sr. Councillor Toner

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to more fully explore the Commonwealth's recommendations from the Separated Bike Lane document, especially for all squares and along small business districts, schools, and key park entries, and with a focus also on the integration of pedestrian and biking infrastructure. Councillor Carlone (PO23#202)
2. That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to direct CDD, the Law Department and any other relevant Departments to review this citizens zoning petition and provide any recommendations in writing to the Ordinance Committee on Nov 29, 2023. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan (PO23#203)
3. World Children's Day. Mayor Siddiqui (PO23#204)
4. Stomach Cancer Awareness Day. Mayor Siddiqui (PO23#205)
5. Transgender Day of Remembrance. Mayor Siddiqui (PO23#206)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Transportation and Public Utilities Committee** met on May 5, 2022, to discuss municipal broadband. [[text of report](#)]
2. The **Human Services Committee** conducted a public hearing on June 16, 2022, to discuss the recent MBTA bus network redesign. [[text of report](#)]
3. The **Transportation and Public Utilities Committee** conducted a public hearing on June 28, 2022, to discuss the recent MBTA bus network redesign. [[text of report](#)]
4. The **Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee** and the **Health and Environment Committee** held a joint meeting on Tues, Oct 17, 2023, to discuss the relationship between the City and the Cambridge Health Alliance, the budget of the Public Health Department, and best ways to serve the community's public health needs. [[text of report](#)]
5. The **Health and Environment Committee** held a public meeting on Wed, Oct 25, 2023, to discuss, review, and evaluate the Zero Waste Master Plan and plan reports and updates, and to discuss possible ways to further reduce waste in Cambridge including exploring how the city might eliminate single-use plastics including but not limited to nips, bottled water, and utensils. [[text of report](#)]

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF23#189)
2. A communication from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee. (COF23#190)

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Nov 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Nov 7

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** (Zoom only)

Wed, Nov 8

3:00pm The **Public Safety Committee** will hold a public hearing from 3:00pm-5:00pm to discuss the results of the inquest regarding the Police shooting of Arif Sayed Faisal. [**Cancelled**]

Thurs, Nov 9

1:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing from 1:00pm to 3:00pm to consider changes to the Cambridge Municipal Code that would establish an American Freedmen Commission, PO23#185.

Mon, Nov 13

3:00pm Roundtable/Working City Council Meeting to receive an update from the City Manager and relevant departments on the Central Square City Lots Study.

Tues, Nov 14

12:30pm The **Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee** will hold a public hearing from 12:30pm-2:30pm to have presentations and discussion on the City's proposed Linear Park redesign, which includes widening of the existing

pathway, its potential impact on the viability of existing trees, and additional planting, with input from residents/neighborhood landscape architects on their concerns and recommendations.

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** (Zoom only)

Wed, Nov 15

3:00pm The **Public Safety Committee** will hold a public hearing from 3:00pm-5:00pm to discuss and receive updates from the Community Safety Department and HEART.

Mon, Nov 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Nov 21

12:30pm The **Transportation and Public Utilities Committee** will hold a public hearing from 12:30pm-2:30pm to discuss bicycle ridership and bike lane usage data.

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** (Zoom only)

Tues, Nov 28

12:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public meeting from 12:00pm to 2:00pm to continue the discussion on an amendment to the Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance that would require new covered properties to achieve net zero by 2030.

Wed, Nov 29

2:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing at 2:00pm on a Zoning Petition by Allene R. Pierson et al. to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge by amending Section 4.31(i)(3) of the Table of Use Regulations such that "Lodging House" is changed from a permitted use ("Yes?") to a prohibited use ("No") in the Residence C, C-1, C-1A, C-2, C-2A, C-2B, C-3, C-3A, and C-3B zoning districts.

Mon, Dec 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Dec 5

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** (Zoom only)

Wed, Dec 6

12:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will meet from 12:00pm to 2:00pm to hold a public hearing on potential changes to the Cambridge Municipal Code, Chapter 12.22 Cycling Safety Ordinance as detailed in Policy Order PO23#147 and the City Manager's response to PO23#147. Detailed in CM23#256.

3:00pm The **Health and Environment Committee** and the **Transportation and Public Utilities Committee** will hold a public hearing from 3:00pm-5:00pm to discuss PO23#137, which asks the Health and Environment and Transportation and Public Utilities Committees to hold a public hearing to discuss options for amending parking fees and regulations throughout the City in order to further support the City's goals of low carbon travel.

Mon, Dec 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Dec 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Dec 19

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** (Zoom only)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Nov 6, 2023

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: In 2020, the City Council [amended the 2019 Cycling Safety Ordinance](#) to set requirements for a planned 25 miles of separated bike lanes to be completed within five to seven years; and

WHEREAS: Most of the separated lanes installed to date are delineated from parked and moving cars solely by painted asphalt and white flex-posts, in line with the city's quick build, expedited implementation process; and

WHEREAS: Many of these flex-posts have been hit/broken by moving vehicles, indicating a need for a safer method of separation; and

WHEREAS: While, according to the [Third Annual Cycling Safety Ordinance Progress Report](#) covering the period from May 1st, 2022-Apr 30th, 2023, roughly 40% of the separated bike lane network has been completed to date, no long-term plan for a safer and greener final stage of the proposed built out system has been presented to the public; and

WHEREAS: In 2015, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation published an award-winning publication, [Separated Bike Lane: Planning & Design Guide](#) in 2015 (cover attached), that shows how a planted separation buffer enhances safety and aesthetics by replacing lengths of asphalt with green zones for low plantings and with trees at wider sections; and

WHEREAS: Two examples of new, separated lanes utilizing a raised curb and planted buffer have already been built in Cambridge, one around Inman Square's Vellucci Plaza (corner of Hampshire and Cambridge Streets), and another in Kendall Square, at the corner of Galileo Galilei Way and Broadway; and

WHEREAS: After years of testing the existing system, a planned final bike lane network could incorporate recommended changes to the existing system as needed to enhance its safety and coordination with its surrounding street and building infrastructure; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to more fully explore the Commonwealth's recommendations from the *Separated Bike Lane* document discussed above, especially for all squares and along small business districts, schools, and key park entries, and with a focus also on the integration of pedestrian and biking infrastructure; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report findings and recommendations back to the Council before the end of this term.

O-2 Nov 6, 2023

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The City Council received and forwarded to the Ordinance Committee AP23#51, Citizens Zoning Petition from Allene R. Pierson et al. to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge by amending Section 4.31(i)(3) of the Table of Use Regulations such that "Lodging House" is changed from a permitted use ("Yes⁷") to a prohibited use ("No") in the Residence C, C-1, C-1A, C-2, C-2A, C-2B, C-3, C-3A, and C-3B zoning districts; and

WHEREAS: The Ordinance Committee will hold a public hearing on the Citizen's Zoning Petition from Allene R. Pierson et al. on Nov 29, 2023; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct CDD, the Law Department and any other relevant Departments to review this citizens zoning petition and provide any recommendations in writing to the Ordinance Committee on Nov 29, 2023.

O-3 Nov 6, 2023

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: World Children's Day was founded in 1954 as Universal Children's Day and is celebrated on Nov 20 each year to promote awareness among children worldwide and improve children's rights; and

WHEREAS: On Nov 20th, 1959, the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child; and

WHEREAS: On Nov 20th, 1989, the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and

WHEREAS: On World Children's Day, children are encouraged to actively participate in events and activities actively, voicing their ideas and dreams for a better future; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge continues to promote children's rights; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record recognizing Nov 20th as World Children's Day; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to light up City Hall blue for the week of Nov 20th in honor of World Children's Day.

O-4 Nov 6, 2023

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Stomach Cancer Awareness Day is on Thurs, Nov 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS: Stomach cancer is the 4th leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the world, and in the U.S. alone, an estimated 27,000 people will be diagnosed with stomach cancer and approximately 11,000 people will die of this disease, yet there is very little awareness or research funding for this horrible disease that is often diagnosed at later stages; and

WHEREAS: The mission of Stomach Cancer Awareness Day is to raise awareness and provide peer-to-peer support so that no-one has to go through this difficult journey alone; and

WHEREAS: For the past six years, landmarks across the U.S. and internationally have been illuminated in periwinkle blue, which is the official color of stomach cancer awareness; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That City Hall be lit up periwinkle blue on Thurs, Nov 30, 2023, to raise awareness for Stomach Cancer Awareness Day.

O-5 Nov 6, 2023

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Transgender Day of Remembrance occurs every November to grieve our transgender, non-binary, and gender non-conforming community members whom we have lost; and

WHEREAS: We acknowledge that Transgender Day of Remembrance was started in 1999 by transgender advocate, Gwendolyn Ann Smith, as a vigil to honor the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman from Boston who worked on education around transgender issues and who was killed in 1998; the vigil commemorated not only Rita, but all the transgender people lost to violence since Rita's death, and began an important tradition; and

WHEREAS: We acknowledge the alarming rates of violence and harassment experienced by transgender community members, at work, at homeless shelters, in interactions with police and with family members, when accessing public accommodations, and in jails and prisons; we also acknowledge that murders of transgender people often go unreported, and the identity of transgender murder victims is often misreported and underreported; and

WHEREAS: Over the years, transgender advocates and LGBTQ+ organizations have called attention to the victims of anti-transgender violence by holding vigils and by turning their lights to colors to honor the memory of those lost and to signify the continued fight for a world free of transphobic violence, with equal rights, peace, safety, and inclusion for all; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record recognizing Nov 20 as the annual Light the World in Color initiative for Transgender Day of Remembrance; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to light up City Hall in light blue, light pink, and white from Nov 13, 2023 until Nov 20, 2023, in honor of Transgender Day of Remembrance.