CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a federal update including an update on relevant court cases. (CM26#320) [text of report]
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, conveying a response to AR26-39 regarding traffic calming devices on Raymond Street, Buckingham Street, and other roadways surrounding Garden Street. (CM26#319) [text of report]
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to appointments to the **Commercial Parking Control Committee**. (CM26#321) [text of report]
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of $64,989 from the Municipal Road Safety Program. (CM26#322) [text of report]

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant departments to provide an update to the City Council on the construction schedule and to include whether there is any potential delay from the Dec 31, 2026 reopening date for Linear Park. Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern (PO26#215)
2. That the Cambridge City Council acknowledges the valuable contributions of the City employees represented by Teamsters Local 25 and affirms its support for a fair and timely collective bargaining agreement between the City of Cambridge and Teamsters Local 25. Councillor Flaherty, Councillor Simmons (PO26#216)
3. That the City Manager and his staff work with relevant departments to update the Council on the status of amendments to the MFH ordinance and a likely timeline for reviewing and eventually potential adoption of zoning language for proposed amendments. Councillor Zusy, Councillor Nolan (PO26#217)
4. Amending the Cycling Safety Ordinance to Close Gaps in Cambridge's Bicycle Network. Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler (PO26#218)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Aileen Callahan – PO#5
2. April Boss – 11/9/26 City Council Meeting, PO26#206 and Planning Board PB-412
3. Benjamin Goodwin – CRLS threatened me after I told them I was sexually assaulted by a student
4. Carolyn Magid – Support for PO#1 on tonight's Council Agenda
5. Cynthia W Smith – Increased Private Property Tree Removal Tracking
6. Dan Sprague – Linear Park: reopen it and explain where the money went
7. Joanne Murphy – Sherman St installation of safety measures and traffic calming issue
8. Kathy Watkins – Support for PO#1
9. Lee Farris – Residents Alliance support condo conversion update PO#1
10. Louise Venden – PO26#206
11. Margaret Ann Brady – Support for PO#1 Condo conversion protections
12. Marion Foster – PO#5
13. Nan Elder – Sherman Street Cambridge MA installation of flashing yellow lights, speed bumps
14. Neil Miller – CM#8 PeopleSoft ERP modernization
15. Robert Hale – Public Comment Support for Zusy/Flaherty CDD Amendments to the MFHO Infrastructure Traffic Impact
16. Young Kim – Charter Right Exercised, PO26#206 - Please Consider the Attached Proposed Substitute
17. Young Kim – Reject PO#3 Leave Development Permit Sequencing to Developer's Discretion
18. Robert O'Neil on behalf of Michael Yogman – November 2026 Interim Report on the Action Network Petition to Amend the MFH Ordinance to Moderate its Negative Impacts that has been signed by more than 4,800 residents of Cambridge requesting substantive amendments to the Multi-Family Housing Ordinance to substantially reduce its negative impacts.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution congratulating Tom Cahill on his retirement. Councillor Simmons
2. That the City Council expresses its deepest gratitude and appreciation to Diane Alicandro for her extraordinary thirty-seven years of dedicated service to the City of Cambridge and its residents. Councillor Flaherty

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Interim City Clerk Paula Crane, regarding an update regarding legislative activity. (COF26#138)

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Nov 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Nov 23

12:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing to discuss CM26#281, regarding a report on the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Nov 24

12:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing to discuss CM26#214, regarding curb cut applications, including proposed regulations for the curb cut approval process.

Mon, Nov 30

4:00pm The City Council will hold a Roundtable/Working Meeting to discuss the future uses of City-owned properties.

Wed, Dec 2

11:00am The **Health and Environment Committee** will hold a public hearing to review and discuss residential

decarbonization strategies in Cambridge including decarbonization utility, energy audits per PO26#152, rental registry, grid modernization, and non-gas utilities and stoves.

3:00pm The **Finance Committee** will hold a public hearing to discuss the established City Council budget priorities for the FY28 Budget and the continued conversation of the City's long-term financial planning.

Mon, Dec 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Dec 8

12:30pm The **Government Operations, Rules, and Claims Committee** will hold a public meeting to discuss CM26#283, regarding food vending in City parks, including proposed regulations and establishment of a pilot vending program.

Mon, Dec 14

4:00pm The City Council will hold a Roundtable/Working Meeting to discuss the importance of the innovation ecosystem to city economies, with a focus on its impact in Cambridge.

Tues, Dec 15

1:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public meeting to discuss PO26#185, regarding a proposed Tenant Notification of Property Sale Ordinance.

Mon, Dec 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Dec 22

3:00pm The **Transportation and Public Utilities Committee** will hold a public meeting to discuss managing residential parking permits as the City grows, including CM26#202, which outlines potential policy options for restricting eligibility for on-street resident parking permits.

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Nov 16, 2026

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is undertaking the redesign and reconstruction of Linear Park between the Russell Field Fieldhouse and the Cambridge-Somerville city line, just north of Mass Ave; and

WHEREAS: Linear Park between Russell Field and the Somerville line has been closed for reconstruction since Oct 27, 2025, and the City's project page says it "will make every effort to temporarily reopen the path" once the base layer of pavement is in, and binder paving was logged in May 2026; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant departments to provide an update to the City Council on the construction schedule and to include whether there is any potential delay from the Dec 31, 2026 reopening date for Linear Park; and be it further

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

O-2 Nov 16, 2026

COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The Teamsters Local 25 represents approximately 320 employees of the City of Cambridge who provide essential public services to residents across numerous departments and functions, including the Department of Public Works, trash collection and street cleaning, building and library custodial services, electrical and clerical operations, water treatment, parking enforcement, parks and recreation, emergency dispatch, painting, carpentry, and traffic operations; and

WHEREAS: The employees represented by Teamsters Local 25 are dedicated public servants whose work is vital to the health, safety, and quality of life of Cambridge residents; and

WHEREAS: The collective bargaining agreement between Teamsters Local 25 and the City of Cambridge expired on June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS: Members of Teamsters Local 25 and representatives of the City of Cambridge have participated in seven bargaining sessions over a seven-month period in an effort to negotiate a successor agreement; and

WHEREAS: Many City employees represented by Teamsters Local 25 face increasing economic pressures as the cost of living in Cambridge continues to rise; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long recognized the important role that organized labor plays in advancing workplace fairness, economic security, and social justice; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a proud history of supporting workers' rights and human rights; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council acknowledges the valuable contributions of the City employees represented by Teamsters Local 25 and affirms that all municipal employees deserve to be treated with dignity, fairness, and respect; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record respectfully urging the City of Cambridge and Teamsters Local 25 to continue negotiating in good faith toward a fair and timely agreement that ensures equitable wages, protects longevity benefits, and preserves existing workplace language and protections consistent with municipal collective bargaining standards; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the leadership of Teamsters Local 25.

O-3 Nov 16, 2026

COUNCILLOR ZUSY

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: The City Council passed citywide zoning reform in February of 2025 to address the need for more housing, and is reviewing the impact to ensure the results are producing housing units and affordable units with attention to the city goal of livability and environmental justice; and

WHEREAS: City staff have been working on possible amendments to the Multifamily Housing Ordinance to address issues that have been raised as counter to the city goals, including increasing flexibility on setbacks and disincentivizing developers from only building larger projects with few units; and

WHEREAS: It is important to understand where this project fits in the city's workload and when Community Development will

present draft amendments, for the council to consider; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager and his staff work with relevant departments to update the Council on the status of amendments to the MFH ordinance and a likely timeline for reviewing and eventually potential adoption of zoning language for proposed amendments.

O-4 Nov 16, 2026

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: The Council commends City staff for their sustained and much lauded work to achieve Vision Zero, adopted in 2016 to prevent traffic deaths and serious injuries, a commitment whose urgency is underscored by recent deaths of people walking and biking in Cambridge and Boston; and

WHEREAS: The Council welcomes the City's work to make pedestrian crossings safer through the Intersection Safety Program and its work through the Cambridge Access and Mobility Plan (CAMP) process to develop an updated transportation plan; and

WHEREAS: By April 2026, the City had installed or begun construction on nearly 19 lane-miles of separated bicycle lanes under the Cycling Safety Ordinance; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has one of the nation's highest shares of residents who walk or bike to work, and the City's regular count locations recorded 250% more bicycle trips in 2024 than in 2004 and nearly four times as many children riding or traveling as passengers as in 2014, while the citywide rate of reported crashes per estimated mile bicycled fell 41% from 2004 to 2024; and

WHEREAS: Closing gaps has long been a priority of the Cambridge Bicycle Plan, and on December 2, 2024, the Council unanimously adopted PO24#152 calling for an update to the 2020 Bicycle Plan requesting a plan to complete missing gaps in the bicycle network with coordination of routes in neighboring communities; and

WHEREAS: For a family biking to school or a student riding from Cambridge Rindge and Latin School to practice at Danehy Park, one busy crossing can rule out the whole trip; and

WHEREAS: Closing gaps in the bicycle network is necessary to help the City meet its Zero Emissions Transportation Plan goal of increasing commuting and everyday cycling; and

WHEREAS: Using a combination of traffic-calming approaches to neighborhood streets and separated bicycle lanes, the proposed amendment should require at least three credited network miles each year from 2027 through 2031, for at least 15 miles in all; and

WHEREAS: The amendment should require the City to provide continuous, separated bicycle travel in both directions with safe crossings on the Cambridge portions of three routes by the end of 2028:

- from the Boston University Bridge to Union Square in Somerville,
- from Kendall Square through Lechmere to Cambridge Crossing, and
- from Cambridge Rindge and Latin School to the playing fields at Danehy Park;

and by the end of 2030:

- from Cambridge Rindge and Latin School to Brattle Street bike lanes,
- from Mt. Auburn Hospital to Porter Square; and

Additional miles beyond the above miles may be qualified traffic-calmed neighborhood streets not requiring full separation; and

WHEREAS: With the goal of connecting every school to the bicycle network, the amendment would give schools and school-related destinations, including playing fields and afterschool programs, priority for the remaining mileage, using separated lanes or neighborhood streets where traffic calming and diversion achieve verifiably low vehicle speeds and volumes; and

WHEREAS: The City may draw on public engagement, the CAMP process, the Intersection Safety Program, or existing transportation plans or programs to select bicycle routes, identify opportunities to improve transit accessibility or give buses priority, and identify pedestrian improvements such as safer crossings; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council schedule an Ordinance meeting as soon as possible to consider amendments that include the above-mentioned changes to Chapter 12.22 of the Cambridge Municipal Code, the Cycling Safety Ordinance.