

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the findings of the 2024 Cambridge Resident Satisfaction Survey. (CM24#237) [[text of report](#)]
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the City Manager's LGBTQ+ Friendly Housing Task Force Final Report. (CM24#238) [[text of report](#)]
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointments of members to the **Cambridge Street Safety Improvement Project Working Group**. [Kaleb Abebe, Carmen Baskauf, Brian Cafferelli, Christopher Cassa, Joshua Croom, Helen Fu, Helen Gibbons, Keisha Greaves, Christopher Herlich, Charles Hinds, Patrick Magee, James McSweeney, Sky Rose, Marie Saccoccio, Amanda Sindel-Keswick] (CM24#239)
4. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$283,725 funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$181,607), to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$88,118), and to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$14,000). This grant is awarded annually to the Department of Human Service Programs Council on Aging Division and is used to provide funding for department staff and services, including transportation for seniors through Door to Door, and part time Senior Center staff. Funds also support instructors and group facilitators who provide services virtually to seniors. (CM24#240)
5. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$9,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$9,000). The funds, received by the Friends of the CLC through individual donations, will be used to support ESOL instruction. (CM24#241)
6. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$30,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$25,367), to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$3,633), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$1,000). The funds, raised by the Friends of the CLC, will be used to support the advising and coordination of the Bridge to College Program, as well as support for ESOL teaching. The grant period is from July 2024 through June 2025. The funds partially support staff salaries and program supplies. (CM24#242)
7. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$4,350 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$1,347), to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$103), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$2,900). The funds, received by the Friends of the CLC through a First Literacy mini-grant will be used to support an ESOL part-time teacher/advisor to offer the Eco Club class to CLC students, as well as pay for incentives for students who participate in the Student Leadership project this year. (CM24#243)
8. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$48,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$41,194), to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$4,268), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$2,538). The grant is provided through funds from the Jacobs Foundation, and will provide support for Bridge Program advising, coaching and mentoring, advising and outreach for the ESOL/Certified Nursing Assistant Program, and career advising for other CLC students. The funds partially support staff salaries and program supplies. (CM24#244)
9. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$153,808.92 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$107,139.83), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$46,669.09). Funds will be used for costs related to the Carey Men's Permanent Supported Housing Program operated by the Multi-Service Center. This program assists homeless men to end their homelessness by providing housing at the Cambridge YMCA and counseling and case management services through the Multi-Service Center. Carey Program participants are assisted with issues that may have prevented them from maintaining stable housing, such as substance abuse, legal issues, mental health challenges, employability and more. Funds will be allocated for staff at the Multi Service Center, a contract with Eliot Community Human Services to provide Recovery Coach support, and supplies. (CM24#245)
10. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Erik Sarno and Andrea Taylor and the reappointment of Saffana Anwar, Christopher Fort, Tahir Kapoor, and Esther Hanig to the **Central Square Advisory Committee** for a term of three years. (CM24#246)
11. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointments of Gareth Dohety, Ivy Moylan, Henry Grabar, Chad Bonney, and Ryan Clinesmith Montalvo and the reappointments of Matthew Simitis, Kari Kuelzer, John DiGiovanni, Nicola Williams, Alexandra Offiong, and Allison Crosbie to the **Harvard Square Advisory Committee** for a term of three years. (CM24#247)
12. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 24-36, regarding coordinated and timely communication related to interjurisdictional transportation projects. (CM24#248) [[text of report](#)]

13. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to provide an update on the employee engagement survey that we launched early this fall. (CM24#249) [[text of report](#)]

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments to prepare a draft home rule petition to authorize the City of Cambridge to implement automated parking enforcement technology; and to continue to work with the City of Boston to collaborate on the home rule process. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler (PO24#148)
2. Resolution in Support of H.823 and S.551, Paint Stewardship and Recycling. Councillor Wilson, Councillor Nolan (PO24#149)

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments to prepare a Home Rule Petition to enact legislation which would allow the City of Cambridge to prohibit associations from unreasonably restricting the use of a solar energy system. [Charter Right – Nolan, Nov 4, 2024] (PO24#144)
2. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Law Department to draft a home rule petition for the creation of a Cambridge Jobs Training Trust, and report back to the City Council in a timely manner. [Charter Right – Toner, Nov 4, 2024] (PO24#146)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. 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)
4. An Ordinance has been received from City Clerk, relative to ARTICLE 2.000 DEFINITIONS Dormer. A roofed projection built out from a sloping roof, containing a window or windows. ARTICLE 8.000 NONCONFORMITY 8.22.1h. Construction of a dormer or dormers to a nonconforming one- or two-family dwelling. [Passed to 2nd Reading Nov 4, 2024; Eligible To Be Ordained on or after Nov 25, 2024] (ORD24#9)

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application from Mario Massimino, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 67 Inman 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. (AP24#38)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication from Amira Valliani, regarding Safety at Intersection at Columbia & Bishop Allen.
2. A communication from Edward Loveall, regarding City Council 2024-11-04 comments.

3. A communication from Ethan Frank, regarding Solar, speed humps, and more.
4. A communication from Helen Walker, regarding Please Reduce Hazard of Bicycle/Pedestrian Crashes at Porter Square.
5. A communication from Itamar Turner-Trauring, regarding In support of a Jobs Training Trust.
6. A communication from Jane Williams, regarding zoning.
7. A communication from Margaret Ann Brady, regarding Jobs training trust.
8. A communication from Ned Melanson, regarding In support of the Job Training Trust.
9. A communication from Norman Daoust, regarding support for O#3, PO24#146 for a Cambridge Jobs Training Trust.
10. A communication from Sheli Wortis, regarding support for PO24#146.
11. A communication from Jackie Cornog, regarding Cambridge City Council Meeting, Job Training Trust Support.
12. A communication from Carrie Eason and Geeta Pradhan, regarding response to Jivan’s email about creating a Jobs Training Trust and Linkage Fee in Cambridge.
13. A communication from H. Kay Howard, regarding Letter of Support for the creation of a Cambridge Jobs Trust Fund.
14. A communication from Helen Walker, regarding PACE loans are not “free money”.
15. A communication from Carolyn Magid, regarding PO#3 on tonight’s agenda.
16. A communication from Brendan Hughes, regarding Public Comment in Support of a Jobs Training Trust and Linkage Fee in Cambridge.
17. A communication from Steven Nutter, regarding Support for Jobs Training Trust and Linkage Fee.
18. A communication from J. Stefan Kaczmarek, regarding Multifamily Housing.
19. A communication from Candace Young, regarding AHO and policy.
20. A communication from Cindy Marsh, regarding Proposed Zoning changes 6-story buildings.
21. A communication from Liz Byron Loya, regarding Critical Objection to Zoning for Multifamily Housing- Concerned Cambridge Family.
22. A communication from Helen Walker, regarding Citywide Multifamily Housing Zoning Petition.
23. A communication from Kelsey Haugh, regarding Improving bike & intersection safety.
24. A communication from Linda Moussouris, regarding Porter square Is Prof Jason Furman’s data in his Opinion letter to Boston Globe correct.
25. A communication from Lynne Reiss, regarding Proposed changes to allow multifamily housing in all city neighborhoods.

26. A communication from Melissa Bartick, regarding Proposal to eliminate zoning.
27. A communication from Nonie Valentine, regarding Cannot support 6 stories in all Cambridge neighborhoods.
28. A communication from Patrick Condon's, regarding latest post is quite impressive and emphatically speaks to the Cambridge plan to upzone.
29. A communication from Skip Schloming, regarding Testimony OPPOSING proposed upzoning.
30. A communication from Stratos Idreos, regarding Broadway.
31. A communication from Young Kim, regarding Is Prof Jason Furman's data in his Opinion letter to Boston Globe correct?
32. A communication from Dean Eckles, regarding Support for liberalizing zoning.
33. A communication from Catalina Arboleda, regarding City-wide Upzoning.
34. A communication from Muireann Glenmullen, regarding PETITION to REVIEW PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT at 28-30 WENDELL ST for COMMUNITY and FINANCIAL IMPACT.
35. A communication from Suzanne Blier, regarding Up-zoning - report more data.
36. A communication from Elisabeth Werby, regarding Upzoning Petition.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Cheryl Mason on her Retirement from the Cambridge Public School Department. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
2. Congratulations to June L. Hites on her Retirement from the Cambridge Public Schools. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
3. Congratulations to Robin L. Heafey on her Retirement from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
4. Condolences on the Death of Maureen F. Peck. Councillor Toner
5. Condolences on the Death of Sean P. Griffin. Councillor Toner

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Housing Committee** held a public hearing on Apr 30, 2024 to discuss the feasibility of municipally funded housing vouchers as referenced in Policy Order 2024 #24. The meeting was recessed and reconvened on Oct 15, 2024 to continue the discussion. [[text of report](#)]
2. The **Human Services and Veterans Committee** held a public hearing on Oct 23, 2024 to discuss issues facing homeless shelters in Cambridge and concerns raised by the unhoused community. [[text of report](#)]
3. The **Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee** held a public hearing on Oct 23, 2024 to hear specific ideas from

neighborhood leaders about revisions to the Multifamily Housing Proposal. [[text of report](#)]

4. The **Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee** held a public hearing on Oct 24, 2024 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. [[text of report](#)]
5. The **Economic Development and University Relations Committee** held a public hearing on Oct 31, 2024 to discuss the Economics of Real Estate: Housing, Zoning, and the Economic Impact of Zoning. [[text of report](#)]

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting a letter regarding the deadline for submission of agenda items for the Dec 2, 2024 City Council meeting. (COF24#142)
2. A communication from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF24#143)

HEARING SCHEDULE

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. This meeting will consist of staff presentation, Councillor questions, and discussion only.

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.

Thurs, Nov 21

3:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing on a Zoning Petition by the Cambridge City Council to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance in Articles 2.000, 4.000, and 6.000 with the intent to add a definition of "Flexible Parking Corridor" to Article 2.000, add footnotes 64 and 65 to Section 4.30 Table of Use Regulations, and add Section 6.25 Flexible Parking Corridor Regulations which would allow existing off street parking facilities and vacant lots to have less restrictive zoning limitations in order to serve parking needs in areas with limited on-street parking and would allow parking facilities on municipally owned lots to be used for automobile parking as a principal use. This public hearing is also to discuss amendments to the Parking and Transportation Demand Management Ordinance, and the Commercial Parking Space Permits Ordinance.

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, which will be a follow up meeting from the Nov 19, 2024 hearing, and will begin with public comment followed by Council discussion on housing zoning proposals.

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

Thurs, Dec 19

5:30pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing on Multi Family Zoning Petition – Part 1 and Multi Family Zoning Petition – Part 2.

Mon, Dec 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Dec 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Nov 18, 2024

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR WILSON

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: On numerous occasions, the City Council has requested forms of automated parking enforcement, including [PO23#209](#) and [PO24#123](#), and per [CM24#228](#), delivered on October 21, 2024, the City Solicitor recommends special legislation as the safest approach to authorize adoption of automated parking enforcement technology; and

WHEREAS: Parking violations are not victimless crimes and can affect disability parking access, transit service, loading zones, bicycle safety, and emergency vehicle access, and it is important for Cambridge to continue to improve street safety through enforcement of parking violations; and

WHEREAS: A number of other cities, in Massachusetts and elsewhere, have begun ticketing using camera-equipped bollards, and the City of Boston has also considered similar technology, although Boston and Cambridge have unique legal considerations in terms of Massachusetts municipalities under G.L. c.90, §20A½; and

WHEREAS: This technology would not cost the city any money, and could prove useful for enforcement in our commercial squares where parking violations are typically more prevalent and disruptive to other users of the space and where parking enforcement officers may not be able to keep up with the number of infractions; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments to prepare a draft home rule petition to authorize the City of Cambridge to

implement automated parking enforcement technology; and to continue to work with the City of Boston to collaborate on the home rule process; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-2 Nov 18, 2024

COUNCILLOR WILSON

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: Landfill capacity in Massachusetts has rapidly declined and no new capacity is expected; and

WHEREAS: The State goals are, using 2018 as a baseline, to reduce disposal 30% by 2030, reduce disposal 90% by 2050, and to reduce the toxicity of the solid waste stream; and

WHEREAS: The costs of hauling and disposal of waste materials have increased by over 30% in the last five years and are expected to continue increasing at similar rates; and

WHEREAS: A paint stewardship law would create a convenient and reliable collection network to properly manage architectural paints discarded by businesses and residents; and

WHEREAS: A paint stewardship law will divert paint from waste disposal to its best and highest use, whereby there will be a small but real decrease in the total waste going to landfills; and

WHEREAS: Paint stewardship laws have demonstrated their effectiveness in the neighboring states of Connecticut, Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont, and New York; and

WHEREAS: A law supporting discarding of latex and oil-based paints at participating retail stores and transfer stations has achieved public support; and

WHEREAS: Municipal waste management systems were established a century ago to manage wastes like ashes, food scraps and horse manure, rather than the wide array of manufactured goods, including paint, which dominate today’s municipal waste; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Municipal Association passed a resolution which supports statewide producer responsibility legislation in January 2019; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City of Cambridge City Council goes on record in support of and urges the Massachusetts General Court to pass H.823 “*An Act Relative to Paint Recycling*” and S.551 “*An Act Relative to Paint Recycling*” for purposes of enacting a Paint Stewardship program which reduces consumer and municipal costs, and reduces the amount of toxic chemicals entering the waste-streams and landfills of the Commonwealth; 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 delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.