

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Dennis Jen as a member of the Open Data Review Board for a term of two-years. (CM23#271)
2. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$2,950,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account. This appropriation will fund the purchase of a 105' Pierce Aerial Ladder truck and a Pumper Truck. Both apparatuses will feature new Cummings X-10 engines, which comply with the latest emissions standards, and will come with idle reduction technology. (CM23#272)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a Home Rule petition regarding the Fire Chief position. (CM23#273)

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the position of Fire Chief of the City of Cambridge shall be exempt from Chapter 31 of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this act shall not impair the civil service status of any incumbent holding the office of Fire Chief of the City of Cambridge on the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. This act supersedes and replaces Chapter 262 of the Acts of 1937.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Agenda Item Number 3 Nov 20, 2023

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record directing the City Clerk to file the attached Home Rule petition to the General Court entitled: AN ACT EXEMPTING THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS.

4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 23-72 regarding mechanisms to support Cannabis Business in Cambridge. (CM23#274) [[text of report](#)]
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the Planning Board's recommendation on the Hen-keeping Zoning Petition and amended zoning text. (CM23#275) [[text of report](#)]
6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to PO23#207, regarding Inman Square Apartments. (CM23#276)
7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the East Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Study. (CM23#277) [[text of report](#)]
8. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to an Equity Inclusion Fall 2023 Update. (CM23#278) [[text of report](#)]

9. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the American Freedmen Commission Ordinance. (CM23#279) [[text of report](#)]
10. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report 22-40, regarding a Community Engagement Update. (CM23#280) [[text of report](#)]
11. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the 2023 Cambridge Resident Satisfaction Survey Results. (CM23#281) [[text of report](#)]
12. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$500,000, from Free Cash, to the Public Investment Fund Executive Extraordinary Expenditures account to support an evaluation of the Rise Up Cambridge Cash Assistance for Families Program. (CM23#282) [[text of report](#)]

ON THE TABLE

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; Tabled Nov 6, 2023] (AP23#55)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. 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; Eligible to be Ordained] (ORD23#6)
3. ORD23#8A To amend Chapter 2.76 – Human Rights Commission and Chapter 2.119 Domestic Partnerships. [Passed to 2nd Reading Oct 2, 2023; Further Amended Nov 6, 2023; Eligible to be Ordained as Amended]
4. ORD23#8B To amend Chapter 14.04 – Fair Housing. [Passed to 2nd Reading Oct 2, 2023; Further Amended Nov 6, 2023; to remain on Unfinished Business until State Legislature approves Special Act needed before ordination]
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 hen-keeping 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; Eligible to be Ordained; Expires Jan 8, 2024] (ORD23#9)
6. An Ordinance 2023 #10 has been received from City Clerk, relative to the Municipal Code of the City of Cambridge be amended in Chapter 8.16.081, Leaf Blowers. [Passed to 2nd reading Nov 6, 2023; Eligible to be Ordained on or after Nov 28, 2023] (ORD23#10)

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application from William Senne, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 16 Porter 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. (AP23#58)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication from Alice Carré, regarding Support the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
2. A communication from Charles “Seeking Relevance” Franklin, regarding Late Policy Order.
3. A communication from Charles Hinds, regarding Letter from ECPT to the City Council Regarding the Cub Cut Application for 63 Sixth St - Disapproval.
4. A communication from Dan “Seeking Patronage Job” Totten, regarding Inman Square Apartments.
5. A communication from Ethan Frank, regarding Climate Pollution Reduction Grants.
6. A communication from Ethan Frank, regarding Excited for leaf-blower phase-out (Report Item Number 23-65).
7. A communication from Evelyn Ketterer, regarding Cambridge Day mentions Fresh Pond May be on docket this Monday - FYI. Image could not be opened file not loaded.
8. A communication from Melissa Ludtke, regarding Support the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
9. A communication from Meredith Stoddard, regarding Note of support the Proposed BEUDO Amendment for New Buildings.
10. A communication from Timothy Flaherty, regarding Cambridge Day mentions Fresh Pond may be on docket this Monday - FYI.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Michael R. Brennan. Councillor Toner
2. Resolution on the death of John R. Clover Jr. Councillor Toner
3. Resolution on the death of Teresa Solano Neighbor. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons

ORDERS

1. Special Meeting on City Manager Review. Mayor Siddiqui (PO23#208)
2. Automated Parking Enforcement. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Azeem, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone (PO23#209)
3. Resolution in support of Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley’s Call for a Ceasefire. Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui (PO23#210)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Housing Committee** held a public hearing on Sept 13, 2022 to discuss potentially allowing multifamily housing to be built citywide.
2. A public meeting of the Cambridge City Council’s **Ordinance Committee** was held on Thurs, Nov 9, 2023, to

consider changes to the Cambridge Municipal Code that would establish the American Freedmen Commission. The Committee approved a motion that the City Manager be and is hereby requested to direct the Law Department and any other relevant department to review the proposed ordinance language to create the Freedmen Commission and provide any recommendations in writing to the City Council by Nov 20, 2023. The Committee voted favorably to send the proposed language to the City Council with a favorable recommendation that it be passed to a second reading.

- A. An Ordinance 2023 #11 has been received from City Clerk, relative to Chapter 2.131 – American Freedmen Commission. (ORD23#11)

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF23#203)
2. A communication from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee. (COF23#204)
3. A communication from Councillor Nolan, transmitting proposed amendments to the Gas-powered Leaf Blowers Ordinance. (COF23#205)

HEARING SCHEDULE

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.

3:00pm The **Health and Environment Committee** will hold a public hearing from 3:00pm-5:00pm to get an update on plans and timeline for the distribution of electric power by Eversource in the city including the substation in East Cambridge to all accounts and discuss ways the city can accelerate expansion of the grid capacity and ensure that electrification efforts which are critical to meet the city’s climate commitments, will be feasible and not delayed.

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.

3:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing from 3:00pm-5:00pm to discuss proposed Ordinance language that would lead to a phased-out ban of the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in Cambridge (Ordinance 2023-10)

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

Wed, Dec 13

3:00pm The **Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee** will hold a public hearing from 3:00pm-5:00pm to continue the discussion from the recessed meeting on Sept 27, 2023, which was on the future treatment of Jerry's Pond, specifically the Rindge Avenue edge as it effects the community.

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 20, 2023

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

ORDERED: That the City Council will hold a Special Meeting on Mon, Dec 18, 2023, at 2:00pm to discuss the final City Manager evaluation.

O-2 Nov 20, 2023

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: In recent years, the City Council has worked to enact local legislation which would allow for automated traffic enforcement, most recently in a [June 2023 policy order](#), and over time has reaffirmed its desire to implement automated traffic enforcement as a public safety goal; and

WHEREAS: The automatic enforcement of moving violations, which includes speeding, disobeying traffic signals, and other forms of reckless driving, requires state legislation while parking violation enforcement is under the purview of municipal governments; 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

WHEREAS: Somerville has recently implemented a pilot program to institute "[MPS SafetyStick](#)" technology that is able to conduct automated parking enforcement and reduce parking violations throughout the city all while preserving privacy and since the Somerville pilot, Massachusetts cities like Lynn and Everett have started using SafetySticks; and

WHEREAS: During Somerville's pilot program, the SafetySticks installed in Davis Square identified an average of 7 parking infractions a day over a 67-day period, showcasing the frequency of infractions in that area; and

WHEREAS: This technology 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 direct relevant departments to review the results of Somerville's pilot program and make a recommendation on whether the City should develop a similar pilot program in Cambridge; and be it further

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

O-3 Nov 20, 2023

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: There has been a growing national movement of activists, artists, human rights organizations, city councils, and members of Congress, including Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, calling for [a ceasefire and the deployment of humanitarian aid to Gaza](#); and

WHEREAS: All human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians is a violation of international humanitarian law; and

WHEREAS: Since October 7th, 2023, the Hamas attack has claimed the lives of more than 1,200 Israelis, as well as the taking of over hundreds of hostages, and the response from the Israeli government has taken the lives of more than 11,000 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and Occupied West Bank, more than half of whom are women and children, and wounded thousands more; and

WHEREAS: Over 2 million Palestinian people live under siege in the Gaza Strip, have been instructed to leave immediately without having anywhere to go, and are facing heavy bombardment by the Israeli armed forces in one of the most densely populated areas on the planet; and

WHEREAS: The Israeli government's collective punishment of the Palestinian people, aided by billions in US taxpayer dollars, has also entailed shutting off all access to basic necessities in the Gaza Strip including electricity, drinking water, food, means of communication and humanitarian aid, thereby creating a humanitarian crisis and an inoperable healthcare system; and

WHEREAS: The taking of hostages and principle of collective punishment is contrary to international law, and the impact of this conflict on civilian populations emphasizes the need for immediate diplomatic and humanitarian intervention; and

WHEREAS: Millions of lives are at risk without an immediate ceasefire; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council calls upon President Biden to use his extensive political and financial leverage to demand an immediate ceasefire and the immediate deployment of humanitarian aid to Gaza and the immediate release of all hostages and prisoners of war; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council calls on everyone to respect the rights of freedom of speech and peaceful protest, and to not retaliate against anyone for expressing solidarity with the human rights of Palestinians or Israelis; and be it further

ORDERED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the offices of The President of the United States, Joseph Biden, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Ed Markey, and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley.