

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Policy Orders 2022 number 290 & 291, regarding continuing the outdoor dining season and considering the extension of the reduced fee schedule. (CM22#228)
2. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY23 Local Cultural Council grant made by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) in the amount of \$33,500 to the Grant Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Other Ordinary Maintenance account, funds will be used to support the Arts Council's Artist Grant Program which provides financial grant opportunities and partnership from Cambridge Arts. (CM22#229)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-90, regarding a request for various City departments in coordination with the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to identify spaces in Central Square that would support the creation and protection of cultural and human services. (CM22#230)
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Reports Items Numbered 16-111, 18-38, and 20-61, regarding Municipal Property Inventory. (CM22#231) [\[Report\]](#)
5. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$200,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures account to be used for professional services related to a Central Square area municipal property needs assessment and planning study. (CM22#232)
6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the City of Cambridge resuming the use of the city-owned water supply on Nov 19, 2022. (CM22#233)
7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 22-77, regarding a [review of the proposed language for Ordinance #2022-18, the Incentive Zoning Rate Study Petition](#), as amended in Committee and report of findings back to the City Council. (CM22#234)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. That the Ordinance Committee refer Categories M (Shared Vehicle) and N (Publicly-accessible, Privately-owned Electric Vehicle Charging System) of the Cambridge Transportation Decarbonization and Congestion Mitigation Bill, along with definitions, to the full City Council with a favorable recommendation. Ordinance #2022-13 as Amended. [Expired Sept 27, 2022] (PO22#150)
2. An Ordinance has been received, relative to Reevaluation of Housing Contribution Rate, Incentive Zoning Petition, Section 11.202 (d) of Article 11.000 entitled SPECIAL REGULATIONS, Ordinance #2022-18, as amended.

[Passed to 2nd Reading Oct 31, 2022; To Be Ordained on or after Nov 21, 2022] {ORD22#18}

3. The Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee met on Oct 25, 2022, to discuss potential changes to the City Council Rules. The Committee voted favorable to recommend several amendments to the Rules of the City Council related to Rule 15, Rule 21(resulting in Rule 21, 21A and 21B), Rule 22, Rule 24B, Rule 24C.1b, Rule 27-Economic Development and University Relations Committee, Rule 27-Housing Committee, Rule 27-Civic Unity Committee, Rule 32 (adding new Rule 32D), Rule 38.8, and adding a new Rule 40.1. The Committee also voted favorably to replace "he" and "she" with gender neutral language. Rule 36B. No amendments or additions to the rules may be enacted until at least seven days have elapsed from the date of the submission of the proposed changes or additions and require a majority vote of the entire membership of the City Council.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Heritage Flag American Repertory Theater requesting permission for a eight (8) temporary pole banners on Broadway and eighteen (18) along Massachusetts Avenue on Electrical poles announcing ARTS's upcoming production of Life of Pi, from Dec 1, 2022 through Jan 31, 2023. (AP22#56)
2. An application was received from Sam Batchelor, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 309 Pearl 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. (AP22#57)
3. An application was received from Raymond Thill representing Blank Street Coffee, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 1380 Massachusetts Avenue approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter proof of mailing has been provided. (AP22#58)
4. An application was received from Jason Parillo representing The Engine, requesting permission for a projecting blade sign at the premises numbered 750 Massachusetts Avenue. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter proof of mailing has been provided. (AP22#59)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Wesley Donohoe, regarding requesting Data for Pre- and Post-Rerouting of Garden St.
2. A communication was received from Ali Sullo, regarding Garden Street Safety Improvement Project.
3. A communication was received from Alison Anna Bensted, regarding Traffic changes to Garden Street.

4. A communication was received from Deb Biba, regarding YES on PO22#282 with Amendments.
5. A communication was received from Derrick Jackson, regarding Eagle Scout Congratulations Letters Troop 56 (at St. James Episcopal Porter Square).
6. A communication was received from Douglas Bauer, regarding Traffic flow on Garden Street and as a result Walker Street.
7. A communication was received from Elena Fagotto, regarding Thank you for the bike lanes on Garden Street.
8. A communication was received from Ellen Harkavy, regarding Garden Street.
9. A communication was received from James Mahoney, regarding Right-on-Red Policy Order PO22#283.
10. A communication was received from John Bright, regarding Comment feedback on Garden St and overall bicycle plan.
11. A communication was received from Karen Davis, regarding Policy Order Regarding Traffic Flow on Garden Street.
12. A communication was received from Kate Flaim, regarding Please support PO22#282.
13. A communication was received from Margery Davies, regarding Policy Order #289 Cambridge Community Electricity Program -- City Council meeting Nov 14 2022.
14. A communication was received from Michael Whelan, regarding Thank you for Garden Street bike lane.
15. A communication was received from Paul Germanotta, regarding GND and Green Jobs Ordinance.
16. A communication was received from Rachel Wyon, regarding Policy Order #289 Cambridge Community Electricity Program -- City Council meeting Nov 14 2022.
17. A communication was received from Richard Macnair, regarding Garden Street Reconfiguration.
18. A communication was received from Rob Everts, regarding Please vote YES on PO22#282 with amendments.
19. A communication was received from Todd Zickler, regarding Bike lanes on Garden St.
20. A communication was received from Patricia Illingworth, regarding Curb cut approval for 17 Fresh Pond Parkway.
21. A communication was received from Pat Furion, regarding Environment, fur and pedestrian safety.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Deputy Superintendent Rick Riley on his retirement from the Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Toner
2. Happy 90th Birthday to Xonnabel Clark. Councillor Simmons
3. Resolution on the death of Henry Rosovsky. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Carlone
4. Resolution on the death of Kathleen R. Norris-Kenney "Kathy Foote". Councillor Toner

5. Resolution on the death of Lucille N. Salvato. Councillor Toner
6. Resolution on the death of Lorna Rose Rossi. Councillor Toner

ORDERS

1. That the Rules of the City Council be amended by substitution to replace Rule 21 with the following language: Rule 21. All matters of whatever description, except Applications and Petitions, which require action by the City Council at its meeting shall be presented to the City Clerk by 12:00pm on the Thursday preceding the regular meeting. During a week in which a legal holiday falls on a Friday, said matters shall be presented to the City Clerk by 12:00pm on the Wednesday preceding the regular meeting. Communications submitted later will be held over for the next regular meeting, except that where the City Manager believes that emergency or exigent circumstances require him or her to present to the City Council a matter which was not presented to the City Clerk by the 12:00pm deadline, the City Manager may present such matters to the City Council at its meeting in writing as part of a Supplemental Agenda of the City Manager. Vice Mayor Mallon (PO22#292)
2. That the Rules of the City Council be amended by adding Rule 21A to read: Applications and Petitions which require action by the City Council at its meeting shall be presented to the City Clerk by 3:00pm on the Wednesday preceding the regular meeting. During a week in which a legal holiday falls on a Friday, said matters shall be presented to the City Clerk by 3:00pm on the Tuesday preceding the regular meeting. Applications and Petitions submitted later will be held over for the next regular meeting. Vice Mayor Mallon (PO22#293)
3. That the Rules of the City Council be amended by adding Rule 21B to read: In the event of City Hall closure the City Clerk, after consultation with the City Manager, may change the deadlines accordingly for when matters must be presented to the City Clerk for inclusion on the agenda. Vice Mayor Mallon (PO22#294)
4. That the Rules of the City Council, Rule 22 be amended by adding "The City Clerk shall include with the minutes of the meeting any Communications from the public that were received at the meeting during Public Comment." at the end. Vice Mayor Mallon (PO22#295)
5. That the Rules of the City Council, Rule 24B be amended to strike the words "not limited to" from the first sentence and replace them with "no more than". Vice Mayor Mallon (PO22#296)
6. That the Rules of the City Council, Rule 27, Economic Development and University Relations Committee be amended by substitution. Vice Mayor Mallon (PO22#297)
7. That the Rules of the City Council, Rule 27, Housing Committee be amended to delete the language in the first bullet and replace it with the following language: To develop policies for the maintenance and development of

- housing, with an emphasis on affordable housing. Vice Mayor Mallon (PO22#298)
8. That the Rules of the City Council, Rule 27, Civic Unity Committee be amended to add a new bullet under purposes, at the end to read: This committee shall strive to work towards promulgating policies, practices, and procedures that promote Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity throughout our community. Vice Mayor Mallon (PO22#299)
 9. That the Rules of the City Council be amended to add Rule 32D to read: Rules for Public Comment should be posted in a visible and prominent place both in person and online for the benefit of those wishing to participate in Public Comment. Vice Mayor Mallon (PO22#300)
 10. That the Rules of the City Council, Rule 38 (8) be amended to add a new sentence at the beginning of Rule 38.8 to read: Every person addressing the City Council should speak into the microphone and should state the person's name and address in an audible tone of voice for the record. Vice Mayor Mallon (PO22#301)
 11. That the Rules of the City Council be amended to add Rule 40.1 to read: HOME RULE PETITIONS, Rule 40. 1. That Home Rule Petitions are sent to the entire Cambridge delegation. Vice Mayor Mallon (PO22#302)
 12. That the Rules of the City Council be amended by removing the words "he" and "she" and replacing them with gender neutral language. Vice Mayor Mallon (PO22#303)
 13. That the Rules of the City Council, Rule 24C.1b be amended by substitution to read: Procedure: An individual may sign up to speak before the City Council on-line via the City's website from 9:00am on the Friday before the meeting until 6:00pm the day of the meeting or via telephone to the City Council office on the day of the meeting from 9:00am to 5:00pm. On the day of the meeting, between 5:00pm and 6:00pm, a computer terminal will be available to the public in the City Council Office for online signup. There will also be a signup sheet in the Council Chamber from 5:00pm until 6:00pm on the day of the meeting. The individual should indicate on the signup sheet their name, address, and which item(s) they are planning to address. Individuals will be heard in the order that they signed up whether they are participating in person or remotely. Vice Mayor Mallon (PO22#304)
 14. That the Rules of the City Council, Rule 15 be amended by substitution. Vice Mayor Mallon (PO22#305)
 15. Amendments to the Affordable Housing Overlay. Councillor Azeem, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Zondervan (PO22#306)
 16. The City Manager is requested to work with the Finance and Assessing Departments to determine how the City could adopt G.L. c. 40, sec. 60B, created under the Municipal Modernization Act, which allows cities and towns, through their respective legislative bodies, to provide for Workforce Housing Special Tax Assessments Zones (WH-STAs) as an incentive to create middle-income housing. Mayor

Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern (PO22#307)

17. Roundtable on Open Space Planning and Programming including the Public Space Lab. Mayor Siddiqui (PO22#308)
18. That the memo from Charles Sullivan regarding Comments on Citizen's Petition to Amend Ch. 2.78, Article III, Neighborhood Conservation Districts and Landmarks and the memo from Charles Sullivan regarding the Proposed Friendly Amendments to Ch. 2.78, Art. III be forwarded to the full City Council with the recommendation to refer said memos to the Ordinance Committee for further discussion. Councillor Carlone (PO22#309)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Health and Environment Committee** conducted a public meeting on Oct 12, 2022 to discuss the issue of water quality from the Cambridge water supply including PFAS levels, and comparison with the MWRA system, the long-term strategy for ensuring water quality standards for all users and all other water quality related issues and concerns. [\[text of report\]](#)
Present: Nolan, Azeem, Carlone, McGovern, Zondervan
Also Present: Mallon, Siddiqui

2. The **Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning Committee** conducted a public meeting on Oct 25, 2022 to discuss the Neighborhood Conservation District Citizen's Petition: Historical Commission Proposed Response. [\[text of report\]](#)
Present: Carlone, Nolan, Zondervan, McGovern, Mallon

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee. (COF22#141)
2. A communication was received from City Solicitor Nancy E. Glowa, transmitting a [response of City of Cambridge to Open Meeting Law Complaint of John Hawkinson dated Nov 7, 2022](#). (COF22#142)
- A. Motion to approve the proposed response by the City Solicitor to John Hawkinson's Open Meeting Law Complaint.
3. A communication was received from Diane P. LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. (COF22#143)

HEARING SCHEDULE

[Sullivan Chamber & Zoom unless otherwise noted]

Mon, Nov 21

10:00am The **Health and Environment Committee** will conduct a public hearing to discuss how to expand the availability of electric vehicle charging across the City and to review the effectiveness and accountability built into the City's existing Green Fleet Policy.

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Nov 22

12:30pm The **Economic Development and University Relations Committee** will conduct a public meeting to receive an update on the BEUDO amendments from the Community Development Department and a discussion of the environmental and economic impact of BEUDO on residential, business and academic properties/communities.

3:00pm The **Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee** will hold a public meeting to discuss the City Manager's Annual Evaluation process.

5:30pm The Charter Review Committee (Remote)

Mon, Nov 28

5:30pm Roundtable/Working City Council Meeting to discuss Municipal Broadband Feasibility Study.

Tues, Nov 29

2:00pm The **Human Services and Veterans Committee** will conduct a public meeting to discuss the unhoused population in Cambridge and uptick in substance use in Central Square.

Wed, Nov 30

1:00pm The **Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee** will hold a public meeting to receive and update on the latest recommendations from the Alewife Zoning Working Group.

Mon, Dec 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Dec 6

1:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will conduct a public hearing on a Zoning Petition by the City Council to amend Article 22.000, Section 22.25.1, Paragraph (c) of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge.

3:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will conduct a public hearing to continue the discussion of Banning Limited Services Pregnancy Centers, Ordinance #2022-16.

5:30pm The Charter Review Committee (Remote)

Wed, Dec 7

1:00pm Joint meeting of the **Economic Development and University Relations Committee** and the **Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebrations Committee** to review and discuss the attached proposed zoning petition regarding lab use.

Mon, Dec 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Wed, Dec 14

12:30pm The **Ordinance Committee** will conduct a public hearing on a Zoning Petition by the City Council to amend Article 10.000, Section 10.12 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge.

1:30pm The **Ordinance Committee** will conduct a public hearing on a Zoning Petition by Suzanne Blier, et al., to amend Section 20.54.9.

3:00pm The **Public Safety Committee** is holding a public meeting to discuss the implementation of the new Community Safety Department and integration with HEART.

Mon, Dec 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Dec 20

5:30pm The Charter Review Committee (Remote)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Nov 21, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON

ORDERED: That the Rules of the City Council be amended by substitution to replace Rule 21 with the following language:

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O-2 Nov 21, 2022

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O-3 Nov 21, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON

ORDERED: That the Rules of the City Council be amended by adding Rule 21B to read:

In the event of City Hall closure the City Clerk, after consultation with the City Manager, may change the deadlines accordingly for when matters must be presented to the City Clerk for inclusion on the agenda.

O-4 Nov 21, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON

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O-5 Nov 21, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON

ORDERED: That the Rules of the City Council, Rule 24B be amended to strike the words “not limited to” from the first sentence and replace them with “no more than”.

O-6 Nov 21, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON

ORDERED: That the Rules of the City Council, Rule 27, Economic Development and University Relations Committee be amended by substitution to read as follows:
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- A committee of five City Councillors – the quorum shall be three members.
Purposes - To consider all issues regarding the relationship between the city, educational institutions, employers, business associations, and other partners within the city, to develop policies and programs that will enhance economic development, tax revenue and expand career and employment opportunities for Cambridge residents;
- To develop policies that will facilitate the regular and timely exchange of information between educational institutions, employers, business organizations, and other partners in the community, and the city administration and City Council, and monitor implementation of agreed-on policies and programs;
- To review and evaluate agreements between the city and institutions for payments made by institutions in lieu of property taxes (PILOT), develop policies to ensure that the agreements are fair and equitable, and monitor implementation; - To monitor and improve existing employment, diversity of opportunity, career and workforce development programs.

O-7 Nov 21, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON

ORDERED: That the Rules of the City Council, Rule 27, Housing Committee be amended to delete the language in the first bullet and replace it with the following language:
• To develop policies for the maintenance and development of housing, with an emphasis on affordable housing.

O-8 Nov 21, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON

ORDERED: That the Rules of the City Council, Rule 27, Civic Unity Committee be amended to add a new bullet under purposes, at the end to read:
• This committee shall strive to work towards promulgating policies, practices, and procedures that promote Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity throughout our community.

O-9 Nov 21, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON

ORDERED: That the Rules of the City Council be amended to add Rule 32D to read: Rules for Public Comment should be posted in a visible and prominent place both in person and online for the benefit of those wishing to participate in Public Comment.

O-10 Nov 21, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON

ORDERED: That the Rules of the City Council, Rule 38 (8) be amended to add a new sentence at the beginning of Rule 38.8 to read: Every person addressing the City Council should speak into the microphone and should state the person’s name and address in an audible tone of voice for the record.

O-11 Nov 21, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON

ORDERED: That the Rules of the City Council be amended to add Rule 40.1 to read: HOME RULE PETITIONS, Rule 40.1. That Home Rule Petitions are sent to the entire Cambridge delegation.

O-12 Nov 21, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON

ORDERED: That the rules of the City Council be amended by removing the words “he” and “she” and replacing them with gender neutral language.

O-13 Nov 21, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON

ORDERED: That the Rules of the City Council, Rule 24C.1b be amended by substitution to read:
Procedure: An individual may sign up to speak before the City Council on-line via the City’s website from 9:00 a.m. on the Friday before the meeting until 6:00pm the day of the meeting or via telephone to the City Council office on the day of the meeting from 9:00am to 5:00pm. On the day of the meeting, between 5:00pm and 6:00pm, a computer terminal will be available to the public in the City Council Office for on-line sign up. There will also be a sign up sheet in the Council Chamber from 5:00pm until 6:00pm on the day of the meeting. The individual should indicate on the sign up sheet their name, address, and which item(s) they are planning to address. Individuals will be heard in the order that they signed up whether they are participating in person or remotely.

O-14 Nov 21, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON

ORDERED: That the Rules of the City Council, Rule 15 be amended by substitution to read: Rule 15. When a question is put, every member present shall vote yes, no or present and their vote shall be accepted by the chair and so recorded. A member that is recusing themselves from voting shall announce that they are recusing themselves prior to any discussion or deliberation of the matter and shall state the reason for recusal (a conflict of interest or to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest). A member that has recused themselves shall not participate in the discussion while the matter is being deliberated and if present shall leave the Council Chamber or if participating remotely shall turn off their microphone and video during discussion and deliberation on the matter. Their recusal shall be accepted by the chair and so recorded.

O-15 Nov 21, 2022

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The Affordable Housing Overlay (AHO) has so far generated a healthy pipeline of six projects since it was first ordained in 2020; and

WHEREAS: Though there is much to celebrate about the work that has been done, two years of implementation have also revealed that the somewhat inflexible dimensional requirements of the AHO have proven to be more of an obstacle than expected; and

WHEREAS: The recent [annual report](#) revealed ten instances where affordable housing providers “decided not to pursue” and four instances where they actually made an offer but it was rejected; and

WHEREAS: The proposal to build 49 affordable units at 2072 Mass Ave was not able to take advantage of the AHO and was withdrawn in August 2021 after it became apparent that a feasible version of the project wouldn’t be approved under 40B; and

WHEREAS: It is clear that some refinements to the AHO would result in more new affordable housing and fewer missed or stalled opportunities; and

WHEREAS: Offering substantially relaxed dimensional requirements on a citywide network of corridors and squares will allow more projects to advance, especially considering the recent linkage fee increase; and

WHEREAS: Permitting additional height when green area open space is protected or expanded will add flexibility and expand options around providing such space without sacrificing any affordable housing production; and

WHEREAS: The active affordable housing developers in Cambridge are in agreement that these changes will make a big difference; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council refer the [attached zoning petition](#) to the Ordinance Committee and Planning Board for a hearing and report.

O-16 Nov 21, 2022

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The Envision Cambridge Housing recommendations cite a goal to “Maintain and expand affordable rental and homeownership opportunities to enable Cambridge to thrive as a mixed-income community that includes very low-, low-, moderate, and middle-income individuals and families”; and

WHEREAS: According to the Envision Dashboard, Cambridge already is falling behind in the category of “Share of Low- to Middle-Income Households”; and

WHEREAS: Workforce Housing Special Tax Assessment Zones (WH–STA) are intended to encourage and facilitate the development of middle-income housing; and

WHEREAS: Under G.L. c. 40, sec. 60B, cities and towns may, through their respective legislative bodies, provide for a WH–STA Zone to encourage and facilitate the increased development of middle-income housing; and

WHEREAS: The WH–STA Zone is an area in which the City identifies opportunities for increased development of middle-income housing and provides property tax relief to developers during construction and for up to five years, in exchange for all units being rented at a pre-established rate targeting middle-income renters; and

WHEREAS: The WH–STA plan may exempt owners from property taxes during a 3–year stabilization period following construction; provided, that the exemption may be up to 75 per cent of property taxes during a first year of stabilization, up to 50 per cent of property taxes during a second year of stabilization, and up to 25 per cent of property taxes during a third year of stabilization; now therefore be it

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Finance and Assessing Departments to determine how the City could adopt G.L. c. 40, sec. 60B, created under the Municipal Modernization Act, which allows cities and towns, through their respective legislative bodies, to provide for Workforce Housing Special Tax Assessments Zones (WH–STA) as an incentive to create middle-income housing and report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-17 Nov 21, 2022

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

ORDERED: That the City Council schedule a roundtable on Mon, Dec 12, 2022, from 5pm - 7pm to receive an update on Open Space Planning and Programming including the Public Space Lab.

O-18 Nov 21, 2022

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

ORDERED: That the memo from Charles Sullivan regarding Comments on Citizen’s Petition to Amend Ch. 2.78, Article III, Neighborhood Conservation Districts and Landmarks and the memo from Charles Sullivan regarding the Proposed Friendly Amendments to Ch. 2.78, Art. III be forwarded to the full City Council with the recommendation to refer said memos to the Ordinance Committee for further discussion.