

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to reappointments and new appointments of members of the Transit Advisory Committee for a term of 2-years, effective Nov 22, 2021.
Reappointments: **John Attanucci** (Strawberry Hill), **Kelley Brown** (Representative of MIT), **Matthew Coogan** (West Cambridge), **Devin Chaussee** (Representative of Cambridge Housing Authority), **Jim Gascoigne** (Representative of Charles River TMA), **Kristiana Lachiusa** (Representative of Livable Streets Alliance), **Bill McAvinney** (The Port), **Katherine Rafferty** (Representative of Mount Auburn Hospital), **Sylvia Parsons** (Riverside), **Arthur Strang** (West Cambridge), **Saul Tannenbaum** (Cambridgeport), **Melissa Zampitella** (Representative of Alewife Transportation Management Association)
New appointments: **Casey Berg** (Mid-Cambridge), **Jackson Moore-Otto** (West Cambridge), **Carl Rothenhaus** (Strawberry Hill), **Peter Septoff** (Mid-Cambridge)
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointments and new appointments of members of the Pedestrian Committee for a term of 2-years, effective Nov 22, 2021.
Reappointments: **Robin Bonner** (North Cambridge), **Debby Galef** (Agassiz), **Sandy Goldberg** (Riverside), **Sean Peirce** (North Cambridge), **Morgan Pinney** (MIT), **Jenine Turner-Trauring** (Baldwin),
New Appointments: **Emily Gruber** (The Port), **Raymond Hayhurst** (North Cambridge), **Arnav Murulidhar** (Neighborhood Nine), **Elizabeth Paden** (North Cambridge), **Jeannine Powers** (Harvard), **Brooke Williams** (North Cambridge), **Sarah Willis** (Neighborhood Nine)
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointments and new appointments of members of the Bicycle Committee for a term of 2-years, effective Nov 22, 2021.
Reappointments: **Mark Boswell** (North Cambridge), **John Ellersick** (North Cambridge), **Amy Flax** (Cambridge Highlands), **Alison Harris** (Mid Cambridge), **Todd Robinson** (MIT), **Randy Stern** (Cambridgeport)
New Appointments: **Eli Becker** (North Cambridge), **Brennan Biemann** (West Cambridge), **Guido Cuperus** (Mid-Cambridge), **Silivia Del Carmen Castanos** (MBTA Representative), **Anna Frebel** (Cambridgeport), **Diane Gray** (Harvard University), **Conor Henrie** (The Port), **Scott Kilcoyne** (North Cambridge), **Eitan Norman** (Neighborhood Nine), **Rahi Patel** (Mid-Cambridge), **Thomas Randall** (West Cambridge), **Julia Somerdin** (Cambridgeport), **Carola Voelker** (Wellington-Harrington), **Pamela Yang** (Strawberry Hill)
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointments of the following members of the Planning Board, effective Nov

22, 2021: **Mary Flynn, Louis Bacci, Jr., Catherine Preston Connolly and H. Theodore Cohen.**

5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-80, regarding a report on redesign work done at Carl Barron Plaza.
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-62, regarding the feasibility of installing lights at all Cambridge dog parks.
7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-61, regarding a report on the City's rodent and pest control efforts since February 2020, to outline what metrics are being used to determine the effectiveness of these efforts, and to issue recommendations as to whether increasing the budget for these efforts, as well as creating new incentives and penalties to ensure community compliance with regulations around rodent control, would lead to a greater level of success in resolving this issue.
8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-76, regarding a report on the incident involving the Cambridge Police Officers outside Central Square YMCA on Oct 17, 2021.
9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the Board of Election Commissioners for the City Council to vote to authorize in-person early voting for the Dec 14, 2021 Special State Primary, in accordance with Chapter 255 of the Acts of 2020, as amended by Chapter 5 of the Acts of 2021 and Chapter 29 of the Acts of 2021.

Agenda Item Number 9 Nov 22, 2021

WHEREAS: At a meeting held on Fri, Nov 12, 2021 at 5:30pm, the Board of Election Commissioners voted 3 in favor, 0 against, and 1 absent to submit a recommendation to the City Council requesting the City Council vote to authorize early in-person voting and the early voting locations, dates, and hours for the Dec 14, 2021 Special State Primary; and

WHEREAS: In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 255 of the Acts of 2020, as amended, the Board recommends early in-person voting begin on Mon, Dec 6, 2021 and end on Fri, Dec 10, 2021 during the hours and at the locations indicated below:

Location

Cambridge Election Commission Office, 51 Inman Street

Hours

Mon, Dec 6, 2021 from 8:30am – 8pm

Tues, Dec 7, 2021 from 8:30am – 5pm

Wed, Dec 8, 2021 from 8:30am – 5pm

Thurs, Dec 9, 2021 from 8:30am – 5pm

Fri, Dec 10, 2021 from 8:30am to 12pm

Now, therefore be it

ORDERED: That in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 255 of the Acts of 2020, as amended by Chapter 5 of the Acts of 2021 and Chapter 29 of the Acts of 2021, upon request of the Board of Election Commissioners, the City Council hereby authorizes early voting in-person for the Dec 14, 2021 Special State Primary for the hours and locations outlined above.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to new appointments of members of the Foundry Advisory Committee for a term of three years, effective Nov 8, 2021. [Charter Right - Councillor Simmons, Nov 15, 2021]
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to new appointments and reappointments of the following persons as members of the Citizens Committee on Civic Unity, effective Nov 1, 2021 for three year terms. [Charter Right - Councillor Simmons, Nov 15, 2021]

ON THE TABLE

3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-13, regarding next steps on implementation of Universal Pre-K. [Tabled May 17, 2021]
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-41, regarding a report on closing Mass Ave from Prospect Street to Sidney Street on Friday and Saturday evenings. [Charter Right - McGovern, June 28, 2021; Tabled Aug 2, 2021]
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-56, regarding improvements to Jerry's Pond and along Rindge Avenue. [Tabled - Siddiqui, Sept 13, 2021]
6. That the attached Home Petition titled "Petition For An Act Authorizing The City Of Cambridge To Enact An Ordinance To Limit And Monitor Campaign Donations In Local Elections By Individuals Seeking Financial Reward From The City Of Cambridge" be forwarded to the General Court for adoption. [Tabled Nov 8, 2021]
7. That the City Council adopt a municipal ordinance to reduce or limit campaign donations from donors seeking to enter into a contract, seeking approval for a special permit or up-zoning, seeking to acquire real estate from the city, or seeking financial assistance from the city; Ordinance #2020-27. [Tabled Nov 8, 2021]

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding Drive Times on Dudley St to Alewife Brook Pkwy.
2. A communication was received from Thomas C. Owen, regarding Support for the Advancing Housing Affordability (AHA) petition.
3. A communication was received from Percy Tzelnic, regarding Support for the Donovan Petition.

4. A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, regarding Elisa Marielissa MHD Wishlist.
5. A communication was received from Catherine S. Alexander, regarding Support the Advancing Housing Affordability (AHA) Petition (Donovan Petition).

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Marie T. (Kelly) Flynn. Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of Elio Pantanella. Councillor Toomey
3. Welcoming Derrick Neal to the City of Cambridge as the new Chief Public Health Officer. Councillor Simmons
4. Congratulations to Kelsey Perkins and Tim Depin on the birth of their daughter Molly Louise Depin. Councillor McGovern
5. Congratulations to Tiya Miles for being awarded the non-fiction book prize at the 72nd National Book Awards. Councillor Simmons
6. Resolution on the death of Philip J. Mastrangelo. Councillor Simmons
7. Congratulations to the members of the Universal Design Park Working Group. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern
8. Best wishes to Nazni Velji on her retirement. Councillor Simmons
9. Congratulations to Lamplighter Brewing Company on a successful five years in operation and wishing them many more years of success. Councillor Toomey
10. Congratulations to Clube Desportivo Faialense on a successful 50 years in service and wishing them many more years of success. Councillor Toomey
11. Resolution on the death of Julio Lugo. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to meet with the Public Health Department, the Department of Human Service Programs, and the Recreation & Aquatics Department to look into providing a suitable practice space for the Cambridge Synchronized Swimming Team for Cambridge residents. Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui
2. That the City Council go on record strongly urging Harvard and its property service contractors to offer a fair contract that ensures wage increases to the workers of 32BJ SEIU. Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern
3. That the City Manager is requested to direct City staff to work with partners including the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) and the Central Square Business Improvement District on identifying spaces in Central Square that would support the creation and protection of cultural and human service spaces that align with the City's goals. Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Housing Committee** met on Nov 10, 2021 to conduct a public hearing to discuss the Sept 20, 2021 Policy Order that seeks to amend the Zoning Ordinance via potentially raising the linkage fee.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from City Solicitor Nancy E. Glowa, transmitting a response of City of Cambridge to Open Meeting Law Complaint of Heather Hoffman dated Nov 3, 2021.
 - A. Motion to approve the proposed response by the City Solicitor to Heather Hoffman's Open Meeting Law Complaint.
2. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, communicating information from the School Committee.
3. A communication was received from City Solicitor Nancy E. Glowa, transmitting memorandums regarding Home Rule Petition on Transfer Fee amendment.
 - A. Motion to adopt the amended Transfer Fee Home Rule petition as drafted by the City Solicitor.
4. A communication was received from Anthony Wilson, City Clerk, transmitting legislative files.
5. A communication was received from Councillor Dennis Carlone transmitting recommendations regarding the Alewife Quadrangle urban design and zoning.
6. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, regarding the 2022 City Council Inauguration. Nov 18, 2021
Dear Councillors,
This communication is regarding the planning of the upcoming 2022 City Council Inauguration. In planning conversations with the Executive Assistant to the City Council, Naomie Stephen, we feel it would be prudent to observe a modified version of the usual event.
The swearing-in ceremony can take place in-person on January 3, 2022, in the Sullivan Chamber, with masks and distancing observed. We would request that Councillors have a reduced number of invited guests and encourage the public to watch the event via the livestream/ZOOM.
Given that the Inauguration will be observed soon after the holiday season (when we might anticipate a spike in virus spread), we propose postponing the usual reception to a later date, when an event can be planned outdoors, or when case numbers have improved.
Please let me know your thoughts, or any questions you have regarding the Inauguration.
Thank you,
Sumbul Siddiqui
Mayor

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Nov 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 29

5:30pm The City Council and the School committee will conduct a joint Roundtable meeting to discuss the past election, including but not limited to new practices and polling locations is Cambridge with the City Manager, Election Commission, and any other relevant departments. (Zoom)

Wed, Dec 1

2:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing to receive updates from the Community Development Department, the Cambridge Housing Authority, Homeowners Rehab, Inc., and Just A Start on the continued work they are currently engaged in, and the impact of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic upon their operations. (Zoom)

5:30pm The Finance Committee will meet to receive an overview and update on funds received from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery (American Rescue Plan Act) Grant. (Zoom)

Mon, Dec 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Dec 8

10:00am The Health & Environment Committee and the Human Services & Veterans Committee will meet to discuss the redesign of Carl Barron Plaza with a special focus on the needs of the unhoused community and the ideas presented within Communication #10 from the Oct 18, 2021 regular meeting. (Zoom)

5:30pm The Ordinance committee will meet to conduct a public hearing on the Yard Setback Zoning Petition (Ord #2021-22). (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Dec 15

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to conduct a public hearing on the Off-Street Parking Zoning petition (Ord #2021-23). (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Nov 22, 2021

VICE MAYOR MALLON

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The War Memorial is open with limited capacity to Cambridge Residents only; and

WHEREAS: Pre-pandemic, the [Cambridge Synchronized Swimming Team](#) previously held multiple practices per week at the War Memorial; and

WHEREAS: The Synchronized Swimming Team has not been allowed to return to the War Memorial for practice as their membership is comprised of members from neighboring cities and towns as well as Cambridge residents; and

WHEREAS: Synchronized swimming is the only female and gender non-binary sport available through Cambridge Aquatics; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Synchronized Swimming Team has had to move practices as far as Babson College in Wellesley, creating a travel burden for team members and parents who reside in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Synchronized Swimming Team leadership has expressed interest in meeting with the Department of Human Services and the Recreation & Aquatics department to

discuss a number of creative ways to ensure our residents who are involved in this program have access to the War Memorial pool including, but not limited to; creating a novice/beginner class for Cambridge residents only, and creating smaller training sessions for the Intermediate Age Group for Cambridge residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to meet with the Public Health Department, the Department of Human Service Programs, and the Recreation & Aquatics Department to look into providing a suitable practice space for the Cambridge Synchronized Swimming Team for Cambridge residents; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council by the Dec 6, 2021 regular City Council meeting.

O-2 Nov 22, 2021

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The collectively bargained agreements covering 1,000 essential cleaners and security officers at Harvard University who are members of 32BJ SEIU, and who have ensured cleanliness and safety on campus throughout the pandemic, are set to expire on Dec 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS: Harvard, as both Cambridge's largest employer and the world's wealthiest university – netting \$13 billion in income and maintaining net financial assets of \$63 billion during fiscal year 2021 – is well-placed to play an important role in setting responsible employment standards, enabling more members of our community to have family-sustaining pay and benefits; and

WHEREAS: These essential workers, mostly immigrants and people of color, have shouldered an outsized share of the economic burden on their communities, which have felt the worst health and socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the civil and human rights injustices highlighted throughout the past several years; and

WHEREAS: These workers, despite being the members of the Harvard community least able to bear the economic burden, shared in the sacrifices made during the pandemic and have not received any wage increase during 2021; and

WHEREAS: This holiday season poses the opportunity to give our thanks for the contributions and often dire sacrifices that essential workers have made for all of our benefit during this difficult time in our city's long history; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record strongly urging Harvard and its property service contractors to offer a fair contract that ensures wage increases to these essential workers for the next several years so that they, their families, and their communities can best recover from this pandemic; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Lawrence Bacow, President of Harvard, and to the members of the Harvard Corporation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-3 Nov 22, 2021

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: In recent years, there has been a significant reduction in the number of Arts spaces in and around the City, but especially in Central Square, due to an exponential increase in commercial rental rates; and

WHEREAS: These exponential rental rates, combined with increased development has led to a risk of losing community-based nonprofits in Central Square that serve vulnerable residents, as well as create and maintain critical community infrastructure stability; and

WHEREAS: As these spaces are critical to the ongoing growth and development of Central Square and the City, it is imperative that we find a way to ensure these services and uses survive and thrive within the area; and

WHEREAS: The [Cambridge Redevelopment Authority](#) (CRA) is committed to revitalizing City spaces through innovation and mindfulness of the surrounding area to create space for community-based infrastructure; and

WHEREAS: The CRA's stated mission is that they are "an independent, agile public authority bringing a unique set of redevelopment tools to work in close partnership with the City of Cambridge and other organizations"; and

WHEREAS: The CRA has been successful in the revitalization of several projects in the City centered around the Arts, community, connectivity, and growth including the purchase and rehabilitation of non-profit row at 99 Bishop Allen Drive giving The Algebra Project, BARCC, Cambridge Community Foundation, Cambridge Camping, Next Step, the Sustainable Business Association of Massachusetts, and many other vital non-profits updated and below market office spaces; and

WHEREAS: There exists additional opportunities in Central Square to meet stated City Council goals that the CRA can be helpful in identifying and partnering with the City to help realize; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct staff of the Department of Human Services Programs, the Community Development Department and the Arts Council to work with partners including the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) and the Central Square Business Improvement District on identifying spaces in Central Square that would support the creation and protection of cultural and human service spaces that align with the City's goals, and advise how partners including the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority and the Central Square Business Improvement District could assist the City in actualizing these goals; 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.