CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a **Police Review and Advisory Board** reappointment. (CM26#324) [text of report]
2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to appointments to the **Family Policy Council**. (CM26#325) [text of report]
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to AR26-71 regarding an update on Linear Park construction. (CM26#326) [text of report]
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of $2,033,273 from the Community Development Block Grant. (CM26#327) [text of report]
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of $2,542,851 from the Housing Opportunities for People with Aids Grant. (CM26#328) [text of report]
6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of $231,909 from the Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Grant. (CM26#329) [text of report]
7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of $650,816.43 from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the HOME Program. (CM26#330) [text of report]

ORDERS

1. Graduate and Workforce Housing (Harvard University). Councillor Al-Zubi, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler (PO26#219)
2. That the City Manager is requested to take steps to improve security and safety at the Green Street Garage. Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui (PO26#222)

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Amending the Cycling Safety Ordinance to Close Gaps in Cambridge's Bicycle Network. [Charter Right – Zusy, Nov 16, 2026] (PO26#218)

APPLICATIONS

1. An application was received from John Dowd representing AFC Urgent Care, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 1400 Cambridge Street approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter response with proof of mailing has been provided. (AP26#79)
2. An application was received from Mathew Heller-Trulli representing Root For You, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 1175 Cambridge Street approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter response has been provided. (AP26#81)
3. An application was received from Mathew Heller-Trulli representing CINI, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 1175 Cambridge Street approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter response has been provided. (AP26#83)
4. An application was received from Mathew Heller-Trulli representing Momma's Grocery & Wine, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 1175 Cambridge Street approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter response has been provided. (AP26#85)
5. An application was received from Mathew Heller-Trulli representing Green Tiger, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 1175 Cambridge Street approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter response has been provided. (AP26#87)
6. An application was received from Shane Signs, on behalf of the Locke Gallery at Harvard University, requesting permission for 14 single temporary pole banners around Cambridge Commons announcing "An Introduction to Van Leve" from December 2026 through October 2027. (AP26#89)
7. An application was received from Shane Signs, on behalf of the Harvard Art Galleries, requesting permission for 9 single temporary pole banners around Quincy Street and Cambridge Street promoting the masterbrand campaign from December 2026 through October 2027. (AP26#91)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Young Kim – PO26#215: Linear Park Cedar Street Drainage Issue
2. Young Kim – PO26#217: Please Amend Before Tonight's Vote
3. Adam Black – Please support expanding the CSO and closing gaps in Cambridge's bike network
4. Amy Bates Markham – Cycling safety
5. Becky Harmon – MFHO Public Health Concern & Time Sensitivity
6. Brian Goodell – Bike Lanes Are Super Awesome!
7. Carol Lee Rawn – Strong support for PO#4
8. Caroline Lowenthal – Please support expanding the CSO and closing gaps in Cambridge's bike network
9. Charles Hinds – Cambridge Charges 6x Times the Greater Boston Average for Parking Permits V2
10. Chelsea Bathurst – Please support expanding the CSO and closing gaps in Cambridge's bike network
11. Dan Sprague – Thank you for the linear park PO
12. Darren Buck – Support with suggested amendments for PO26#218
13. Dev Ahuja – City Council 11/16 Public Comment

14. Elsa Beyer Krall – Please support expanding the CSO and closing gaps in Cambridge's bike network
15. Emilio Rosas Gutierrez – In favor of PO#4: Expanding the Cycling Safety Ordinance
16. Emmet von Stackelberg – Support the updated CSO!
17. Ethan Frank – Support for expanded cycling safety ordinance
18. Finn Ye – Please expand CSO
19. Fred Olsen – Multifamily Housing Ordinance Implementation, Demolition Oversight, and Neighborhood Communication
20. Giovanni Berlanda Scorza – Please support expanding the CSO and closing gaps in Cambridge's bike network
21. Hilary Fabre – Please support expanding the CSO and closing gaps in Cambridge's bike network
22. Hirak Parikh – Please support expanding the CSO and closing gaps in Cambridge's bike network
23. Jana Odette – statement for City Council proceedings for Nov 16, 2026
24. Jeff Luszcz – In favor of PO#4: Expanding the Cycling Safety Ordinance
25. Jeremy Burns – In support of PO#4
26. John Pitkin – Written version of my statement to City Council on PO#4 this evening for the record
27. Lily Linke – Expand the CSO!
28. Lizándro García – Please support expanding the CSO and closing gaps in Cambridge's bike network
29. Marilee Meyer – PO#3: Support MFZ amendments 11/16/26
30. Michael Yogman – testimony
31. Nicolaï Cauchy – statement for City Council proceedings for Nov 16, 2026
32. Noah Harper – Please support expanding the CSO and closing gaps in Cambridge's bike network
33. Patrick Magee – Opposition to PO26#218
34. Raphael Schoenle – Please support expanding the CSO and closing gaps in Cambridge's bike network
35. Salvatore Deangelo – Oppose parking removal on Cambridge Street
36. Sarah Block – Support for PO#4 YES can't wait
37. Seth Hurwitz – Renew the CSO please!
38. Shiran Dudy – Please support expanding the CSO and closing gaps in Cambridges bike network
39. Steve Crossman – Please support expanding the CSO and closing gaps in Cambridge's bike network
40. Thomas Collet – Support for expanding and continuing Cycling Safety Ordinance
41. Tim Toomey – Disappointing News not Seeing Grand Junction Connection
42. Xinghua Li – Please support expanding the CSO and closing gaps in Cambridge's bike network
43. Young Kim – PO26#218: Before Expanding the CSO, Account for the Current Implementation
44. Zachary Yaro – In favor of PO#4: Expanding the Cycling Safety Ordinance
45. Young Kim – Charter Right #1 (PO26#218) – Proposed Expansion of the Cycling Safety Ordinance

RESOLUTIONS

1. Condolences to the family of Joyce Lee Smith. Councillor Simmons
2. Congratulations to Congresswoman Katherine Clark on her historic election as Majority Leader of the United States House of Representatives. Councillor Simmons

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Health and Environment Committee** held a public hearing on Tues, Oct 20, 2026 to review and discuss the landscape of Thermal Energy Network (TEN) planning in Cambridge, including from the Cambridge networked geothermal feasibility study. [text of report]
   Present: Al-Zubi, Azeem, Nolan, Zusy
   Absent: McGovern
2. The **Public Safety Committee** held a public hearing on Tues, Nov 10, 2026 to discuss three Police Review and Advisory Board reports, CM26#85, CM26#216, and CM26#289. [text of report]
   Present: Al-Zubi, Nolan
   Remote Present: McGovern, Sobrinho-Wheeler, Simmons

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Interim City Clerk Paula Crane, regarding an update regarding legislative activity. (COF26#139)
2. Communication From Finance Co-Chairs Regarding FY28 City Council Budget Priorities and Long-Term Financial Planning. (COF26#140) [text of report]
3. A communication from Mayor Siddiqui transmitting a memorandum regarding information from the School Committee. (COF26#141) [text of report]

HEARING SCHEDULE

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 POR 2026-185, 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.

Tues, Jan 19

1:00pm The **Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee** will hold a hearing exploring the tension between building housing and historic preservation. We will consider criteria for preservation and successful models for projects which advance both goals: adding housing while preserving historic character.

Wed, Jan 20

3:00pm The **Human Services and Veterans Committee** will conduct a public hearing to review the City's spending on food access and to discuss food insecurity in Cambridge, as called for in PO26#116. The Committee will also discuss CM26#313, the City Manager's response to AR26-41 on food access.

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Nov 23, 2026

COUNCILLOR AL-ZUBI

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: Housing is a basic human need; and

WHEREAS: The region's largest educational institutions draw thousands of graduate students, researchers, and workers to the area, and when those institutions do not house them, their neighbors bear the cost through higher rents and displacement pressure; and

WHEREAS: Harvard University has long recognized this responsibility: since at least 2005 it has aimed to house half of its graduate students, and its 2025 Town Gown report states that it now has the capacity to do so, yet in spring 2025, 3,897 of the 6,526 Harvard graduate students living in Cambridge lived in housing that Harvard does not own or operate; and

WHEREAS: Harvard has spent decades assembling land in Allston, where it now owns roughly 360 acres, and in June 2026 completed the first phase of its Enterprise Research Campus, including lab buildings, a hotel, and a conference center, an expansion that has not come with a plan to meet the housing needs of Cambridge and Boston residents; and

WHEREAS: Harvard University holds roughly 190 acres of tax-exempt property in Cambridge, according to its 2025 Town Gown report, and since its 1650 charter has been largely exempt from the local property taxes that fund the City's schools, streets, and public services, making instead a voluntary Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT); and

WHEREAS: Harvard's last PILOT agreement with the City expired in June 2025, its payment of about $6 million for fiscal year 2026 was a one-time contribution, and Bloomberg News estimated that tax exemptions saved Harvard about $158 million on its 2023 property tax bills in Boston and Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: On April 30, 2024, the Cambridge City Council endorsed state legislation, House Bill 2963, that would allow the City to require large tax-exempt institutions to pay 25 percent of the property tax they would otherwise owe; the bill was refiled as House Bill 3264 and sent to a study order on March 16, 2026, leaving the City without that tool this session; and

WHEREAS: Harvard cites the jobs, businesses, and economic activity it generates as justification for its role in the region, yet the people who do that work, including researchers, lab and dining staff, custodians, administrators, and graduate student workers, must compete for housing in a market that the University's growth helps drive up when not properly addressing working class needs; and

WHEREAS: The graduate students addressed in this order are only a portion of the people drawn to the area by Harvard's operations: Harvard reports a Cambridge-based workforce of at least 15,828, including faculty, staff, postdocs, and student employees, before counting the contracted custodial, security, and dining workers who also keep the University running, and the University's housing commitments should match the full scope of that demand; and

WHEREAS: Harvard University Housing, the University's roughly 3,000-unit rental portfolio, leases only to full-time graduate students and to faculty, staff, and postdocs eligible for full University benefits, so part-time and contract workers cannot rent it at all; and

WHEREAS: Harvard's newest graduate housing, 100 South Campus Drive in Allston, lists rents from $2,952 a month for a studio to $7,716 for a four-bedroom apartment, which Harvard University Housing says it calculates "based on the current market," so even University-built housing tracks the market rather than relieving pressure on it; and

WHEREAS: A well-resourced, tax-exempt institution expanding its campus and commercial footprint has both the means and the responsibility to make sure its growth sustains, rather than erodes, the economic diversity of its host cities; and

WHEREAS: Past decisions about University housing have too often been made without those most affected at the table, as the late Saundra Graham, later a City Councillor and State Representative, showed in 1970 when she led Riverside residents to Harvard's Commencement to stop a dormitory expansion that would have displaced them; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to convene Harvard University and other area institutions with large graduate student and workforce populations, and to invite the City

of Boston to take part, to develop a plan to house their graduate students and broader workforce in a way that relieves, rather than adds to, pressure on the surrounding rental market, with graduate students, University workers and their unions, tenants, and residents of the neighborhoods most affected at the table in shaping that plan, including public meetings in Cambridge before any agreement is reached; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ask Harvard for full, public data on graduate enrollment and on its workforce, including faculty, staff, postdocs, and contract workers; how many students and employees live in University-owned housing, and at what rents; the housing in its development pipeline; and its plans for new development in Allston and Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to seek, in the ongoing PILOT negotiations, a new agreement that reflects the University's current wealth and the full impact of its workforce and development on City services and housing, with a portion dedicated to affordable housing for residents and for the workers who sustain the University, and to more accessible transit, including fare-free options, for the workers whose housing costs have pushed them outside of Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on these discussions within ninety (90) days of adoption of this Order.

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COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The Green Street Garage has experienced a number of illegal activities, including drug dealing and vandalism of cars and bicycles; and

WHEREAS: Customers of the garage should feel confident that they and their property are safe in a City facility; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Police Department and any other relevant departments to take steps to improve security and safety at the Green Street Garage, including, but not limited to, the installation of a secure, locked bicycle storage facility; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the actions that will be taken to improve security and safety at the garage.