

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$95,000 from the General Fund Library Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Library Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and anticipated medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for the remainder of the fiscal year.
2. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$18,803.68 received from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition's Community Safety Initiative through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account (\$9,963.70) and the Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$8,839.98), funds will be used for hot spot patrols in support of youth violence reduction strategies and the Focused Deterrence program and the Teen Media Public Art Program at the Community Art Center.
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to an amendment to the proposed Home Rule Petition for a special act regarding a fire cadet program for the City of Cambridge Fire Department. [[Manager's Communication](#)] [[Redlined version w/amendments](#)] [[Clean copy w/amendments](#)] [[Proposed Order](#)]
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board report with a recommendation to adopt the Emissions the Accounting Zoning Petition (Version 3) with clarifying comments. [[Planning Board report](#)]
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board Zoning Petition to consider adoption of the attached Climate Resilience Zoning. [[Planning Board Zoning Petition](#)]
6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the [City Manager's 90 Day Report](#).
7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to asking the Department of Conservation and Recreation to suspend the Saturday closures of Memorial Drive between Greenough Boulevard and Western Avenue for the remainder of this year.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. 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. [Charter Right - Zondervan, Nov 21, 2022]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. 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]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from John Piacitelli representing AP Brattle Square LP, requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 31 Brattle Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters proof of mailings has been provided.
2. An application was received from John Piacitelli representing AP Brattle Square LP, requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 25 Brattle Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters proof of mailings has been provided.
3. An application was received from Lauren Delarda representing Herbwel Cannabis, requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 1686 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters proof of mailing has been provided.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Abra Berkovitz, regarding P.O. 17 - freeze Carl Barron destruction to empower, engage and prevent displacement. (Nov 21)
2. A communication was received from Andy Zucker, regarding Affordable Housing Overlay. (Nov 28)
3. A communication was received from Annie Brandt, regarding Affordable Housing Overlay. (Nov 21)
4. A communication was received from Barbara Rubel, regarding the Upzoning Proposal. (Nov 21)
5. A communication was received from Beryl Minkle, regarding affordable housing. (Nov 21)
6. A communication was received from Bjorn Poonen, regarding the Affordable Housing Ordinance amendment. (Nov 21)
7. A communication was received from Bill Cullen, regarding the proposal to change the size requirements of buildings as part of the Affordable Housing Overlay. (Nov 23)
8. A communication was received from Brad Bellows, regarding Affordable Housing Overlay. (Nov 21)
9. A communication was received from Carolyn Shipley, regarding the proposed amendment to Affordable Housing Overlay. (Nov 21)
10. A communication was received from Catalina Arboleda, regarding affordable housing. (Nov 22)
11. A communication was received from Cathie Zusy, regarding the Citywide Zoning Petition. (Nov 21)
12. A communication was received from Dan Cohn, regarding public safety, housing ordinance, and bike lanes. (Nov 28)
13. A communication was received from David Mazumder, regarding support for the Green New Deal for Cambridge Proposal. (Nov 21)
14. A communication was received from Dena Feldstein, regarding the up-zoning amendment. (Nov 21)
15. A communication was received from Don Giller and Pam Giller, regarding Affordable Housing Overlay upzoning proposal. (Nov 21)
16. A communication was received from Gleb Bahmutov, regarding support for the Green New Deal for Cambridge. (Nov 29)
17. A communication was received from Elaine Spatz-Rabinowitz and Morris Rabinowitz, regarding affordable housing. (Nov 22)
18. A communication was received from Elisabeth Werby, regarding the proposed new zoning regulations. (Nov 21)

19. A communication was received from Elizabeth Houghteling, regarding voting no on massive re-zoning. (Nov 21)
20. A communication was received from Gabriela Romanow, regarding opposing the affordable housing up-zoning. (Nov 21)
21. A communication was received from Hanneke van Deursen, regarding support for Affordable Housing Overlay (PO22#306). (Nov 21)
22. A communication was received from Deepti Nijhawan, regarding reconsidering the proposed Affordable Housing Overlay up-zoning plan. (Nov 23)
23. A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, regarding letter of thanks from the White House. (Nov 23)
24. A communication was received from Heather Hoffman, regarding the City Council rules. (Nov 21)
25. A communication was received from Helen Hardacre, regarding Affordable Housing Overlay. (Nov 21)
26. A communication was received from Jae Storozum, regarding Keep Garden St Bike Lanes. (Nov 19, 20)
27. A communication was received from James Zall, regarding prompt action on AHO improvements is needed. (Nov 21)
28. A communication was received from Jane Zimmerman, regarding Cambridge Up Zoning. (Nov 22)
29. A communication was received from Janet Kinasewich, regarding upzoning petition. (Nov 21)
30. A communication was received from Janet Reckman, regarding Opposition to new AHO petition. (Nov 21)
31. A communication was received from Jay Wickersham, regarding written comments on public safety hazards caused by City's changes to Garden Street. (Nov 29)
32. A communication was received from Jean H. Leventhal, regarding rezoning attempt to introduce 25-story buildings on major Cambridge arteries. (Nov 21)
33. A communication was received from Jean Spera Anna Spera, regarding Rezoning Petition. (Nov 21)
34. A communication was received from Jeanne Koopman, regarding AHO up-zoning proposal. (Nov 21)
35. A communication was received from Jeff Keating, regarding Amendments to the Affordable Housing Overlay. (Nov 21)
36. A communication was received from Joan Pickett, regarding Proposed AHO amendments are not right for Cambridge. (Nov 20)
37. A communication was received from John Hanratty, regarding AHO Proposed Amendment Should Not Pass without Community Participation. (Nov 21)
38. A communication was received from John Hawkinson, regarding Law Dept's OML response is poor you should push them harder. (Nov 18)
39. A communication was received from John Patrick, regarding Public Comment Form Submission Confirmation. (Nov 21)
40. A communication was received from Judy Hunt, regarding Radical citywide up-Zoning Petition. (Nov 22)
41. A communication was received from Judy Singer and Beth Gamse, regarding You must do more than listen; you must ACT. (Nov 30)
42. A communication was received from Karen Falb, regarding Against proposed up-zoning proposal as it now written. (Nov 21)
43. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding Reject Policy Order 15 - Amendments to the Affordable Housing Overlay. (Nov 21)
44. A communication was received from Kavish Gandh, regarding Public Comment 11/21/2022. (Nov 21)
45. A communication was received from William Bloomstein, regarding STOP trying to build 25-story monstrosities. (Nov 21)
46. A communication was received from Virginia Coleman, regarding AHO proposal. (Nov 21)
47. A communication was received from Vickey Bestor, regarding Under the cloak of affordable housing. (Nov 21)
48. A communication was received from Suzanne Watzman, regarding NO! To CITYWIDE UP-ZONING PETITION. (Nov 22)
49. A communication was received from Suzanne Blier, regarding Replacement letter - AHO Up-zoning Petition - counting the dots. (Nov 20)
50. A communication was received from Shelagh Hadley, regarding NO to new AHO proposal. (Nov 20)
51. A communication was received from Sharon Stichter, regarding radical new upzoning petition. (Nov 20)
52. A communication was received from Scott Kilcoyne, regarding AHO Updates. (Nov 20)
53. A communication was received from Rosemary Booth and Jerry O'Leary, regarding oppose AHO zoning petition. (Nov 21)
54. A communication was received from Robin Greeley, regarding NO to AHO Up-Zoning proposal. (Nov 19)
55. A communication was received from Robert Camacho, regarding AHO Up-zoning Amendment. (Nov 20)
56. A communication was received from Robert and Lisa Camacho, regarding Comments for meeting tonight 11/21/2022. (Nov 21)
57. A communication was received from Rob Straus, regarding Affordable Housing Ordinance. (Nov 26)
58. A communication was received from Rob Everts, regarding Please oppose the Affordable Housing Overlay proposal. (Nov 20)
59. A communication was received from Rabbi Yoni, regarding City Manager Yi-An Huang Issues in Cambridge Pertaining to Inclusionary Housing Landlords. (Nov 27)
60. A communication was received from Phyllis Simpkins, regarding AHO amendment. (Nov 20)
61. A communication was received from Peter Kroon, regarding AHO Amendment Petition - Please Reject. (Nov 21)
62. A communication was received from Pete, regarding Writing in Support of the GND for Cambridge. (Nov 20)
63. A communication was received from Paula Cortes, regarding AHO proposal. (Nov 21)
64. A communication was received from Paul J. Macdonald, regarding Up-Zoning. (Nov 22)
65. A communication was received from Paul E. Fallon, regarding In Support of Extending AHO Opportunities. (Nov 20)
66. A communication was received from Patrick W. Barrett III, regarding AHO Expansion. (Nov 20)
67. A communication was received from Keith Foster, regarding Green New Deal for Cambridge. (Nov 20)
68. A communication was received from Kelly Dolan, regarding Linear Park Proposal. (Nov 19)
69. A communication was received from Lawrence G. Cetrulo, regarding Current Proposed Amendment to AHO. (Nov 18)
70. A communication was received from Liz McNerney, regarding Linear Park. (Nov 30)
71. A communication was received from Lynn Cetrulo, regarding Radical citywide upzoning petition. (Nov 20)
72. A communication was received from Macky Buck, regarding Increased height for low income overlay in opposition. (Nov 21)
73. A communication was received from Mal Malme, regarding In Support of Cambridge Green New Deal. (Nov 20)
74. A communication was received from Margery Blacklow, regarding AHO comment. (Nov 20)
75. A communication was received from Marie Elena Saccoccio, regarding Opposition to Extension of AHO. (Nov 21)
76. A communication was received from Marilee Meyer, regarding letter against AHO Amendments. (Nov 21)
77. A communication was received from Marty Baral, regarding The Linear Park proposal. (Nov 20)
78. A communication was received from Marya Danihel, regarding Citywide upzoning proposal is a terrible idea!. (Nov 22)
79. A communication was received from Michael Volles, regarding I oppose the AHO amendment. (Nov 21)

80. A communication was received from Nancy Shapiro, regarding AHO-petition. (Nov 20)
81. A communication was received from Nancy Wareck, regarding Up zoning. (Nov 20)
82. A communication was received from Niels Peetz-Larsen, regarding Resident voice against proposed AHO amendments. (Nov 21)
83. A communication was received from Nonie Valentine, regarding Please REJECT AHO Amendment Petition. (Nov 21)

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Rich Sevieri on his Retirement from the Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Toner
2. Resolution on the death of Rita F. Doty. Councillor Toner
3. Resolution on the death of Rita Ann (Delaney) Reagan. Councillor Toner
4. Resolution on the death of Mike Nechaj. Councillor Toner
5. Congratulations to Representative Katherine Clark on being named number two House Democrat as part of the new Democratic House leadership team in Washington. Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern
6. Congratulations to the CRLS Girls Cross Country Team on placing 3rd in the MIAA Cross Country State Championship. Mayor Siddiqui
7. Best wishes to Paul Parravano as he transitions into the role of Director of Special Projects in the Office of the Executive Vice President and Treasurer. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern
8. Thanks to MIT administration for recent changes to the building access policy. Councillor Azeem

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to work with the residents at 931 Massachusetts Avenue to identify and provide a short-term parking spot in front of 931 Massachusetts Avenue. Councillor Toner, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Cambridge Department of Public Health, the Law Department, and the Fire Department to provide at least one vaccine clinic in December which will provide gift cards to residents who receive a COVID19 vaccination or booster. Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui
3. That the City Manager is requested to work with the appropriate departments to conduct street cleaning without towing starting with the 2023 season. Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Azeem

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The **Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee** held a public meeting on Nov 22, 2022 to discuss the City Manager's Annual Evaluation process. [[text of report](#)]
Present: Mallon, Carlone, Nolan, Toner
Also Present: Siddiqui
Absent: Simmons

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Vice Mayor Mallon, transmitting information regarding the City Manager Annual Review process. [[City Manager Performance Review](#)] [[Proposed City Manager Annual Performance Review Process](#)] [[City Manager Draft Annual Performance Review Template](#)]
2. A communication was received from Councillor Nolan and Councillor Carlone, transmitting information regarding a Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Thurs, Dec 15, 2022 at 11:00am to discuss the City Council's budget priorities and to discuss how to incorporate those priorities into the FY24 budget ahead of the FY24 budget cycle.
3. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee.
4. A communication was received from Diane P. LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity. [[Hearing Schedule](#)] [[HomeRulePetitionH3858update](#)] [[Pending Municipal Ordinances Chart](#)] [[PENDING HOME RULE PETITIONS UPDATE](#)] [[Pending Zoning Ordinances Chart](#)] [[2022-2023 Referral List](#)]

HEARING SCHEDULE

[Sullivan Chamber & Zoom unless otherwise noted]

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** (Zoom only)

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

- 5:00pm Roundtable/Working City Council Meeting to discuss Open Space Planning and Programming including the Public Space Lab.

Tues, Dec 13

- 1:00pm The **Housing Committee** will conduct a public meeting to discuss the results of the Inclusionary Housing Resident Experience Study.

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.

Thurs, Dec 15

11:00am The **Finance Committee** will conduct a public meeting to discuss the City Council's budget priorities and to discuss how to incorporate those priorities into the FY24 budget ahead of the FY24 budget cycle.

Mon, Dec 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Tues, Dec 20

5:30pm The **Charter Review Committee** (Zoom only)

Tues, Jan 3

4:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing on Citizens Zoning Petition from Patrick Barrett et al. North Mass Ave BA-5 Zoning District Petition (AP22#52).

Wed, Jan 4

5:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will hold a public hearing on Citizens Zoning Petition from Duane Callender, et al. Cambridge Lab Regulation Zoning Amendment (AP22#53).

Wed, Jan 11

3:00pm The **Government, Operations, Rules, and Claims Committee** will hold a public meeting for the purpose of reviewing recent report of Boards and Commissions from the City Manager which are subject to City Council approval, and to discuss the City Clerk's request for a dedicated email address for City Council communications.

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Dec 5, 2022

COUNCILLOR TONER

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: At 931 Mass Avenue, there are 52 units with no loading platform, and large trucks with appliance and furniture deliveries are required to either illegally double park in front of 931 Massachusetts Avenue and block traffic, or park across the street and endanger the delivery person crossing in traffic, all of which expose the delivery service personnel to injury, insurance liability, and ticketing by Cambridge Police; and

WHEREAS: It is not sustainable to have movers and delivery drivers park one or two streets away or across the street and deliver large or multiple items; and

WHEREAS: Residents need one temporary time-limited loading zone in front of 931 Massachusetts Avenue to allow for the safe, scheduled delivery of large appliances and moves; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to work with the residents at 931 Massachusetts Avenue to identify and provide a short-term parking spot in front of 931 Massachusetts Avenue and report back to the Council by Mar 15, 2023.

O-2 Dec 5, 2022

VICE MAYOR MALLON

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge's second COVID19 booster rates have remained low, and is currently at approximately [24% of all residents](#); and

WHEREAS: The [bivalent COVID19 booster](#) is a powerful tool against the Omicron variant, and has been available to residents for several months; and

WHEREAS: The winter and holiday season is upon us, which means more residents will be gathering indoors and may not be adequately protected from the COVID19 Omicron variant; and

WHEREAS: The State [recently announced booster clinics](#) which offer a \$75 gift card to various retail locations, and this program has caused a significant uptake in the level of vaccinations at those locations; and

WHEREAS: These booster clinics are located in areas that are determined to be "Vaccine Equity Communities" or VEI's, and Cambridge did not qualify for this designation; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge should incentivize its residents to vaccinate themselves against COVID19, particularly with the bivalent booster to keep our community safe this winter; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Department of Public Health, the Law Department, and the Fire Department to provide at least one vaccine clinic in December which will provide gift cards to residents who receive a COVID19 vaccination or booster; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter as soon as possible.

O-3 Dec 5, 2022

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

WHEREAS: Cambridge is required by law to conduct regular street [cleaning](#) in order to remove leaf litter and meet our stormwater [phosphorus](#) quality requirements; and

WHEREAS: Other cities have been able to achieve satisfactory results during street cleaning without regularly towing vehicles each month as part of the process; and

WHEREAS: Fees associated with getting towed for street cleaning include a \$100 initial towing fee, a \$30 ticket issued by the Traffic & Parking Department, an accumulating surcharge of \$35 for each day that the vehicle is not picked up, and a \$25 letter in the mail if the vehicle is not picked up within 48 hours, all in addition to potentially having to use rideshare to get to the tow yard itself; and

WHEREAS: The burden of retrieving a towed vehicle and paying these fees disproportionately impacts lower income residents, and the daily accumulating surcharge requires people to immediately come up with the money or face an ever-increasing fine; and

WHEREAS: Tow trucks emit polluting particulates that have adverse public health consequences and their idling and operation on street cleaning days contributes emissions to our city's air and detracts from efforts to reduce emission pollution; and

WHEREAS: More thought should be given to less punitive measures that would allow for an effective cleaning of the streets without a towing process that can be devastating, including (but not limited to) escalating ticketing fees and continuing to tow vehicles that repeatedly fail to comply; and

WHEREAS: It may take time to see satisfactory and consistent results after changes are made; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate departments to conduct street cleaning without towing starting with the 2023 season, and to employ other methods that would continue to incentivize compliance including (but not limited to) an escalating ticketing schedule; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council no later than Dec 31, 2022 on the feasibility of eliminating regular towing as part of the street cleaning process.