

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a federal update including an update on relevant court cases. (CM25#305) [[text of report](#)]
2. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$1,172,577 to the Grant Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account. Funds will be used to purchase detection and metering equipment which will help identify the newest biological and chemical hazards as well as detect radiation. Funds will also support the acquisition of new firefighting gear which will allow the department to outfit front-line firefighters with updated safety gear. (CM25#306)
3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following members to the **Board of Zoning Appeal (BZA)** effective Dec 22, 2025. (CM25#307) [[text of report](#)]
4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to AR#25-61, regarding cleanliness and safety in the area on Alewife Paths near Russell Field. (CM25#308) [[text of report](#)]
5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to combined sewer overflows. (CM25#309) [[text of report](#)]
6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a revised Massachusetts Avenue zoning petition. (CM25#310) [[CDD memo](#) (this is for Cambridge St.)]
7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a revised Cambridge Street zoning petition. (CM25#311) [[CDD memo](#)] [[Revised Cambridge St Petition \(Markup\)](#)][[Revised Cambridge St Petition \(Clean\)](#)][[Revised Cambridge St Map](#)][[Revised Cambridge St Map Descriptions](#)][[Combined Mass Ave/Cambridge St. amendments \(Markup\)](#)][[Combined Mass Ave/Cambridge St. amendments \(Clean\)](#)]

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager works with the Government Operations and Civic Unity Committee to hold hearings to discuss new ideas to honor and remember individuals (i.e. communal memorial garden, wall or path), criteria for eligibility, a committee structure with diverse representation of the city residents, and a means for recording and maintaining our current and future memorials. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Zusy (PO25#172)
2. Restricting Eligibility for On-Street Resident Parking Permits in New Transit-Oriented Developments. Councillor Zusy, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Nolan (PO25#173)

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Community Development Department to reduce the recommendations for the Massachusetts Avenue subdistrict (MAS-12) from a maximum of 12 stories to 11 stories with ground floor active use/retail as consistent with the recommendation of the Mass Ave Planning Study. [Charter Right – Siddiqui, Dec 15, 2025] (PO25#171)

ON THE TABLE

2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to AR #25-22, regarding a request to work with the School Department, the Department of Public Works, and other relevant departments to open the publicly owned parking at the King Open/Cambridge Street Upper School Complex for either residential free parking or commercial parking opportunities during “off” hours. [Tabled – May 5, 2025] (CM25#113)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. An Ordinance has been received from Interim City Clerk Paula M. Crane, relative to amend the Zoning Map and Articles 2.000, 3.000, 4.000, 5.000, 6.000, 11.000 17.000, and 20.000 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance as follows with the intent of establishing four new zoning districts for the Massachusetts Avenue corridor. [Passed to 2nd Reading, Dec 8, 2025; Eligible to be Ordained Dec 22, 2025; Expires Jan 28, 2026] (ORD25#16) [[Revised](#)][[Published](#)]
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APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Reed Sisson, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 138 Irving 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 associations. (AP25#44)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Amy Thompson, re: Please vote NO on the proposed upzoning.
2. Andy Nash, re: PO25#131.
3. Andy Zucker, re: Cambridge is not Manhattan.
4. Ariella Katz, re: Support 12-story zoning on N. Mass Ave (PO#2).
5. Arthur Strang, re: Please vote NO on the proposed upzoning.
6. Arti Pandey, re: Please vote NO on the proposed upzoning.
7. Beth Gamse, re: Please hit pause on upzoning.
8. Carole Stern, re: Please vote NO on the proposed upzoning.
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10. Charles Hinds, re: Cambridge St. Zoning Amendment.
11. David Halper, re: in Oppose reducing heights on Northern Mass Ave.
12. David Hattis, re: Support of 12 Stories of Height for Housing in Porter Square.
13. Elisabeth Werby, re: zoning.
14. Estelle Disch, re: Firing the Women's Commission.
15. Ethan Frank, re: Strong support for Roadway Safety Audit Program.
16. Frank Scibilia, re: NO to Up-Zoning Mass Ave and Cambridge Street.
17. Heather Hoffman, re: upzoning – improved list of questions you should get answers to.
18. Hermine Muskat, re: Recent Women's Commission Firings.
19. Hunter Aldrich, re: Please vote NO on the proposed upzoning.
20. Jack Silversin, re: vote no to up-zone north Mass. Ave and Cambridge St.
21. Janet Reckman, re: Mass. Ave & Cambridge St zoning petitions.
22. John Hanratty, re: Vote YES for lower building heights for Mass Ave (PO#2) & Cambridge Street (PO25#165).
23. John Klensin, re: Mass Ave building height petitions.
24. John Trever, re: Please vote NO on the proposed upzoning.
25. Joseph Rose, re: Cambridge St Zoning Amendment (ORD25#17).
26. Judith D. Singer, re: Please vote NO on the proposed upzoning.
27. Kathy Greeley, re: Attacks on the Women's Commission, Peace Commission and others.
28. Kelsey Harris, re: I continue to support increasing housing (and retail) density in squares and corridors.
29. Kenneth Kronenberg, re: Please vote NO on the proposed upzoning.
30. Kimberly Simonsen, re: Vote NO to upzoning.
31. Laney Bank, re: Please vote NO on the proposed upzoning.
32. Laura Zimmerman, re: Unjust firings of seven valuable city employees.
33. Lois Markham, re: PO25#131.
34. Lynne Hall, re: The Outrageous Firing of 7 Cambridge Employees.
35. Margaret Ann Brady, re: Allow the zoning proposals to expire!
36. Marjory Wunsch, re: upzoning.
37. Martha Stasa, re: Please vote NO on the proposed upzoning NO.
38. Mary Jane Kornack, re: In support of PO25#131.
39. Molly Trowbridge, re: letter to the council.
40. Mrs. Martha Stasa, re: NO on upzoning Massachusetts Avenue.
41. Nadia Mykolayevych, re: Please vote NO on the proposed upzoning.
42. Nan Stein, re: the shocking elimination of the Women's commission and other commissions.
43. Neil Miller, re: Support 12-story zoning on N. Mass Ave (PO#2).
44. Nicolai Cauchy, re: Here's why ... they're leaving Mass. in 2026.
45. Nonie Valentine, re: Pause on extreme upzoning on Mass. Ave. and Cambridge St.
46. Peter Crawley, re: Please vote NO on the proposed upzoning of Cambridge Street.
47. Phyllis Bretholtz, re: Let Up Zoning on Cambridge Street expire.
48. Richard Krushnic, re: zoning amendments and general zoning compromise position.
49. Robert C McCarthy, re: Please vote NO on the proposed upzoning.
50. Ruth Hobeika, re: Please vote NO on the proposed upzoning.
51. Steve Fitzsimmons, re: Manhattanization of Cambridge.
52. Tine Christensen, re: Social Housing Support.
53. Valerie A. Bonds, re: Social Housing: Towards the Betterment of our Community.
54. William A. Graham, re: Please vote NO on the proposed upzoning.
55. Young Kim, re: ADA Accessibility Concerns — Mass Ave & Cambridge St Zoning Petitions.
56. Young Kim, re: Oral Comment Dec. 15, 2025.
57. Zion Sherin, re: Please vote NO on the proposed upzoning.
58. Nadia Colburn, re: I oppose the new zoning.
59. Nella LaRosa-Waters, re: dismantling of commissions.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Susan Cyr on her retirement from the Cambridge Public Schools. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
2. Congratulations to Migdalia Garcia on her retirement from The Cambridge Public Schools. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
3. Congratulations to Floride Noelsaint on her retirement from the Department of Human Services. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
4. Congratulations to Kathleen Rawlins on her retirement from the Historical Commission. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
5. Congratulations to Patrol Officer Nicole Pacheco on her retirement from The Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Toner, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
6. Congratulations to James Ryan on his retirement from the Department of Public Works. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
7. Congratulations to James Shaughnessy on his retirement from the Department of Transportation. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
8. Congratulations to Sergeant Angel Barbosa on his retirement from the Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
9. Congratulations to Patrol Officer to Devon Brooks on his retirement from the Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons

10. Congratulations to Patrol Officer David Szeto on his retirement from the Cambridge Police Department.
Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
11. Congratulations to Sergeant Stephen Sennott on his retirement from the Cambridge Police Department.
Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
12. Congratulations to Cecilia Stevens on her retirement from the Cambridge Retirement Department. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
13. Congratulations to Nicholas Vella on his retirement from the Department of Transportation. Councillor Toner, Mayor Simmons
14. Congratulations to Paul Villeneuve on his retirement from The Department of Human Services. Councillor Toner, Councillor Wilson, Mayor Simmons
15. Condolences on the death of Brian G. "Duke" Walsh.
Councillor Toner

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Interim City Clerk Paula M. Crane, transmitting a memorandum re: COF25#154 in Council Dec 8, 2025 re: pending Awaiting Reports that it wished to be carried forward to the newly elected City Council for their consideration in the next legislative terms. (COF25#164)
2. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Interim City Clerk, transmitting an update re: legislative activity. (COF25#165)

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Dec 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting

Mon, Jan 5, 2026

10:00am **City Council Inauguration** (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Dec 22, 2025

COUNCILLOR TONER

MAYOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR ZUSY

WHEREAS: The City Council suspended the [Street Sign and Bench Dedication](#) program at its meeting on Dec 16, 2024 [PO24#160](#); and

WHEREAS All previous requests for consideration that were voted on and approved by the City Council prior to December 16, 2024, are being reviewed and processed by the Dedication Committee; and

WHEREAS: There is a desire to end the practice of naming Streets and Benches and consider new opportunities and criteria to honor and commemorate residents in our public spaces; now therefore, be it,

ORDERED: The City Manager and Dedication Committee permanently end the Street and Bench Dedication program

and work to process any remaining outstanding requests; and be it further

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O-2 Dec 22, 2025

COUNCILLOR ZUSY

COUNCILLOR AZEEM

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: Increased automobile ownership associated with new residents moving into the City raises concerns related to traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions, while also affecting residents who rely on automobiles, including families with young children, individuals with disabilities, seniors, and service workers; and

WHEREAS: It is estimated that a substantial share of residents in new transit-oriented developments (within a half mile from the MBTA) will nonetheless own vehicles, increasing demand for limited on-street resident parking spaces; and

WHEREAS: The City seeks to encourage the use of public transit and other sustainable modes of transportation, while recognizing that some residents are choice-limited and unable to forgo car ownership; and

WHEREAS: The City of Somerville has addressed similar challenges by making most residents of new transit-oriented developments ineligible for on-street resident parking permits, while providing exemptions through an application process for choice-limited residents, including individuals with disabilities and residents of affordable housing units, pursuant to Somerville Traffic Rules and Regulations, Article XV, Section 15-2.1; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager request legal, transportation and planning staff to identify policy options to achieve the above stated goals and communicate the impact of proposed policy choices on other stated City goals so Council can make an informed decision on how to move forward by March 1, 2026.