



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA • APRIL 12, 2021

Regular Meeting

Sullivan Chamber

5:30 PM

Cambridge City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139

I. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on the COVID-19 vaccination rollout.

CMA 2021 #69

City staff gave a COVID update.

Schools Update: Since October 2020, 24,823 COVID tests have been administered to 1,495 CPS staff members as part of CPS' voluntary testing program. An additional 5,663 tests have been given to 1,368 student athletes and students who developed symptoms during the school day. 59 tests have been identified through this PCR testing, and CPS is continuing conduct pool testing, with 1,570 students having been swabbed on April 5th. As we welcome in warmer weather, 18 tents have been ordered for several elementary and upper schools to ensure youth centers and out of school time providers can use outdoor space at schools to safely offer programming. The School Committee is exploring the idea of purchasing tents for CRLS as well. Teens aged 16 and 17 will all be eligible for the vaccine starting on April 19th, but as the Pfizer vaccine is the only option for those under 18, CPHD is recommending that parents contact their child's primary care physician and ask about receiving the vaccine through them.

Vaccine Update: Since Monday, April 5th, residents aged 55+ or with one qualifying health condition have been eligible for the vaccine, and can [click here to pre-register](#) to receive the vaccine at a mass-vaccination site, or [click here](#) to find other appointments. All residents should pre-register ahead of April 19th, when the general public aged 16+ will become eligible, regardless of current eligibility. 34% of Cambridge residents have received at least one dose so far, and we have a slightly higher vaccine uptake rate among black and Latinx residents than the statewide averages. Massachusetts has been receiving more doses from the federal government than it previously did, but we still haven't received the doses needed to launch the Metro North COVID Vaccine Partnership and locally operated vaccine clinics open to the general public.

Thanks to the hard work of the Cambridge Pandemic Collaborative, 3,297 people have been vaccinated at City-run clinics, ranging from first responders to homeless neighbors. CPHD is continuing to vaccinate residents onsite at senior and disabled public housing buildings, and has already vaccinated 91 homebound residents as part of the City's [Homebound Vaccination Program](#). Last Saturday, April 10th, CPHD was at Reservoir Church in North Cambridge for a vaccine clinic targeting Rindge Towers

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residents. 250 doses were administered, 91% of which went to Cambridge residents. More clinics were scheduled for this week, but are being postponed amid [the federal pause](#) on the J&J vaccine. I wanted to share a statement from Mayor Siddiqui on the J&J vaccine:

"Many of you may have heard that the Federal Drug Administration is asking states to temporarily halt using J&J's COVID-19 vaccine after six people in the U.S. developed a rare blood-clotting disorder. I want you to know that this reaction is extremely rare. It has been reported only 6 times out of 4 million people who received the vaccine. The cases occurred in women ages 18 to 48, with symptoms developing six to 13 days after they received the shot— this type of blood clot normally occurs only in women in the general population.

I, myself, received the J&J vaccine on Wednesday last week at Inman Pharmacy after I became eligible. The Centers for Disease Control has a meeting scheduled for tomorrow to determine next steps, and we will keep you posted of any additional updates. Local pharmacies and the Cambridge Pandemic Collaborative (CPC) clinics in North Cambridge are temporarily suspending use of J&J vaccine out of an abundance of caution while awaiting further guidance from the federal government.

Reach out to my Office with any questions or concerns: 617-349-4264"

As we approach April 19th, CPHD is ramping up its communications campaign to share that the vaccine is effective and free. A citywide mailer is going out this week in multiple languages, and there will be continued follow-up on eligibility and how to access the vaccine. More community forums with the Clinician Speakers Bureau are being planned for immigrants and the faith community, and CPHD will micro-target messaging in neighborhoods most impacted by COVID as needed. For the latest information on the vaccine, [click here](#).

Testing Update: The City is continuing to offer [free, daily COVID testing](#). Appointments are encouraged, but not required, and you can make yours [by clicking here](#) or calling 617-349-9788. More than 5,000 tests were administered through this testing program in the first week of April.

Public Health Update: Cambridge's [COVID case count](#) currently stands at 5,849 cases, 16.4% of which are positive. While we're holding steady at 121 devastating deaths, our .59% positivity rate and average of 20.8 cases per 100,000 residents, per day, indicate that cases are steadily rising in Cambridge, mirroring statewide trends. Part of this increase is likely due to the B.1.1.7 variant, which, based on data from [the City's wastewater surveillance program](#), is likely already circulating in Cambridge. As we continue to weather this pandemic as we await mass-vaccination and herd immunity, it's critical for all residents to stay vigilant on mask use, physical distancing, and good hand hygiene.

[Click here](#) for CPHD's full presentation.

This item was placed on file.

2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the State Executive Office of Public Safety, Department of Fire Services, in the amount of \$187,500 to the Grant Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account which will be used for hazmat responders Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including respiratory equipment, chemical protective clothing, flash protection and gloves; decontamination supplies and detection devices; warrantees, calibration gasses and Confidence Tests for detection devices; research equipment to assist with identifying hazardous materials; and to repair or replace related equipment as needed.

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CMA 2021 #70

This item was adopted on the consent agenda (no discussion).

3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Shannon Grant received from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition's Community Safety Initiative through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, in the amount of \$33,585.19, to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account (\$25,875.19) and the Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$7,710.00) which will be dedicated to hot spot patrols, Metro Gang Task Force participation, and the Focused Deterrence program.

CMA 2021 #71

This allocation will go towards a comprehensive, multi-faceted approach to community safety, focusing on law enforcement, youth and mental health, music and the Arts, community mobilization, and more.

This item was adopted.

4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$300,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to continue the COVID-19 sewer testing program through the end of calendar year 2021.

CMA 2021 #72

This appropriation will be used to continue the City's COVID-19 wastewater testing program through the end of 2021. [Data from this program is published](#) weekly, and, alongside other metrics, can be used as an early warning system to detect case spikes. The City is also participating in Biobot's opioid surveillance program, and this platform could be used to detect other public health biomarkers, like metabolic health, to address a wide range of public health issues.

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$1,771,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used for snowstorm related expenses associated with snow plowing and snow removal contracts, salt, and other materials.

CMA 2021 #73

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$650,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to fund the procurement of three pieces of equipment for use in snow and ice operations.

CMA 2021 #74

This item was adopted.

7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$400,000 from Free Cash to the Public Works Public Investment Fund Extraordinary Expenditures account to fund snowstorm related street repairs.

CMA 2021 #75

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

8. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of funds of the Mass Housing and Shelter Alliance Grant from the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other

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Ordinary Maintenance account in the amount of \$3,200.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account to be used to purchase gifts for the men in the Carey Program which will allow them to purchase food and other household items such as laundry detergent and cleaning supplies.
CMA 2021 #76

The Carey Program is an invaluable resource run by the City and the YMCA that offers transitional housing and case management for homeless men. These funds were originally allocated to support meals and other food-related purchases for Carey Program participants, but will now be used instead to purchase gift cards for them. In my work at Food For Free, we've moved the Weekend Backpack Program towards offering gift cards too, which are more convenient and appropriate amid COVID, address specific dietary needs and cultural food preferences, grant them access to other household items, like laundry detergent, and give families more autonomy, so I was glad to see that the City is continuing to pivot its services during this pandemic to respond to our community's needs.

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

9. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of funds of the Children's Trust Fund grant from the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account in the amount of \$2,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account which will enable the purchase of gift card incentives for Cambridge parents participating in the Center for Families' Parent Workshops and Parent Child Activities.
CMA 2021 #77

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

10. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of funds of the Low-Income Heating Assistance Program Grant from the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account in the amount of \$1,940.88 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to purchase operating supplies for the program's administration.
CMA 2021 #78

The City's [Fuel Assistance Program](#) helps qualifying low-income families heat their homes during the winter months. These funds were originally allotted for a training conference that was canceled this year due to COVID, and will instead go towards purchasing operating supplies for the program's administration, as recommended by the funder, the state Department of Housing and Community Development.

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

11. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant increase from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Adult and Community Learning Services, in the amount of \$58,950.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$42,660.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$16,290.00). With this increase the total grant amount is now \$901,880.00 which will be used to support costs associated with implementing program services during the COVID-19 pandemic.
CMA 2021 #79

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

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12. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation a grant from the Cambridge Community Foundation in the amount of \$25,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used for the purchase of Chromebooks, hotspots, and webcams for Community Learning Center (CLC) students to connect to their classes.

CMA 2021 #80

This pandemic has laid bare the inequities in our community, especially surrounding internet access as the ways we work, learn, and socialize have almost unilaterally moved to virtual platforms. This appropriation will help bridge the digital divide for Community Learning Center students who wouldn't otherwise be able to access their remote classes, and as we continue to find new ways to get residents connected to the internet, I hope the City Manager will move quickly on conducting an RFP on a feasibility study for municipal broadband. The City's Digital Equity Study will also be released on April 20th.

This item was adopted.

13. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Family Shelter grant received from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$165,650.08 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be subcontracted to the Cambridge YWCA and used to operate its family shelter from April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 (final quarter FY21), including the provision of case management and housing search and stabilization services for ten homeless families at a time as referred by the DHCD.

CMA 2021 #81

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

II. CALENDAR

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$130,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Electrical Extraordinary Expenditures account which will fund the purchase of a new aerial bucket truck.

**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR NOLAN IN
COUNCIL APRIL 5, 2021
CMA 2021 #65**

Last week, Councillor Nolan exercised her charter-right (discussion ended, no vote was taken, and it appears on the next agenda) on this item as she had some unanswered questions. This week, the City Council moved forward with adoption.

This item was adopted.

ON THE TABLE

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-64, requesting Home Rule language to allow for acoustic live entertainment performances in small businesses under certain conditions without a license.

**TABLED IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 22, 2021
CMA 2021 #32**

No action was taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-108, regarding a report on offering early voting in City Council and School Committee Elections.

**PENDING RESPONSE FROM LEGISLATURE
CMA 2018 #286**

No action was taken.

III. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Shoshanah Garber, Black Sheep Bagels requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 101 Magazine Street approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.
APP 2021 #13
This application was approved on the consent agenda.
2. An application was received from Brooke Garber, Mint Julep requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 43 Brattle Street. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.
APP 2021 #14
This application was approved on the consent agenda.

IV. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

1. Policy Order re Making Remote Participation Permanent
Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan
POR 2021 #68

Earlier this year, I joined Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, and Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler in sponsoring [a policy order](#) calling for a permanent remote participation option for public City meetings. Political participation has long been a function of privilege, but after Governor Baker issued [an executive order](#) in March 2020 allowing remote participation for public meetings, more residents, especially historically underrepresented residents, have been able to share their perspectives on important community issues. The Government Operations, Rules, and Claims Committee [convened for a hearing](#) last week on our policy order, and this item is a policy order originating from that Committee meeting. It has the City Council formally go on record in support of a permanent remote participation option at public City meetings, asks the City Manager for an update on the first policy order, and ask the City Solicitor to determine the legal path forward to creating a permanent remote participating option, whether it be drafting Home Rule Petition language, or partnering with other municipalities to advocate for statewide change. From residents with mobility disabilities to parents needing to provide childcare, a remote participation option would open the door to civic engagement for countless residents and enable them to share their unique perspectives, so I hope we can determine a path forward quickly.

This order was adopted.
2. Policy Order Re Making Remote Public Participation Easier
Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern
POR 2021 #69

This order also originated from last week's [Government Operations, Rules, and Claims Committee hearing](#), and responds to issues residents raised during public comment at that meeting. It asks the City Manager to explore new ways to make remote participation more accessible, like making it easier to sign up for public comment. Remote participation is a critical tool that can help us reach more residents when we need feedback on crucial community issues, but there can be gaps in internet access, familiarity with technology, and more that serve as barriers to access, so it's important for the City to address and resolve these impediments.

This order was adopted.
3. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate City personnel to reestablish funding for a visiting attorney to be situated in the Multi Service Center and/or the Senior Center, with a focus on services provided to the unhoused community, to seniors, and to veterans
Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Toomey, Mayor Siddiqui
POR 2021 #70

The [Multi Service Center](#) (MSC), a critical resource that supports homeless and at-risk residents with all housing issues, used to host legal students to offer legal advice to MSC's clients, but this service was discontinued due to a lack of funding. As we prepare for the eventual easing of the eviction moratorium, bringing this service back would greatly benefit

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low-income residents, seniors on a fixed income, and other vulnerable neighbors. That's why this order asks the City Manager to re-establish funding for a visiting attorney for MSC or the Senior Center to ensure these residents have a free option to turn to for legal advice, guidance, and direction. As a reminder, [Cambridge's eviction moratorium](#) remains in effect. This order was amended to add Councillor Zondervan as a co-sponsor.

This order was adopted as amended.

4. That the City and CPD create laminated, information cards detailing how an individual can file complaints and concerns regarding their interactions with CPD

Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Mallon

POR 2021 #71

The City and the Cambridge Police Department (CPD) have a system in place that allows individuals to file complaints and raise concerns over their interactions with CPD, but many individuals don't know this system exists, or don't know how to access it. Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons and I sponsored this order to ask that cards with information on filing complaints be created and made readily available to the public, to ensure CPD and the entire City administration remains accountable.

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

5. That the Chair of Civic Unity schedule a meeting to discuss survey results, progress made to date, and recommendations to diversify City's Boards and Commissions

Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Simmons

POR 2021 #72

At last week's meeting, I raised concerns over the diversity on the City's boards and commissions. A 2019 survey conducted among members of Cambridge's boards and commissions confirmed what we all anecdotally knew to be true: that the City's boards and commissions are disproportionately white, older, and coming from more affluent neighborhoods. Although some progress has been made since these survey results were released, there's still a disconnect between the diversity of our residents, and the diversity of our boards and commissions. We need our boards and commissions to be as diverse as Cambridge is, which is why I've joined Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone, and Councillor Simmons in filing this policy order. By asking the Civic Unity Committee to hold a meeting to discuss these survey results, progress made since the survey was conducted, and recommendations to diversify City boards and commissions, we can restart this conversation, and move towards implementing reforms to make the recruitment process more accessible, offering financial support to members, ensuring remote participation remains a permanent option, and more.

This order was adopted.

6. That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to consult with the Water Department and report back to the City Council by the end of the month on plans for monitoring the situation, for early communication on conserving water and for instituting water savings measures, and to inform the Water Board of this request

Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan

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POR 2021 #73

Cambridge experienced a drought last summer, and as [75% of Massachusetts has moved from being categorized](#) as normal to abnormally dry in the past month, we have to be ready for another potential drought this summer. This order asks the City Manager and the Water Department to report back on plans for monitoring the system, for communication on water conservation, and long-term water supply needs based on post-pandemic conditions.

This order was adopted.

7. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department, the Law Department, and the City Manager's Housing Liaison to discuss and advise on ways to increase equity in the initial application process for tenants looking to rent in Cambridge that does not violate fair housing laws

Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler

POR 2021 #74

For low-income families, a low credit score or credit invisibility can prevent them from accessing safe, stable housing, whether it be inclusionary units or private apartments. As this pandemic has shown us just how critical housing is to public health, it's time for the City to lead the charge in creating more equitable practices for landlords to review potential tenants' applications. That's why Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, and Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler filed this order asking City staff to devise new ways to enhance equity in the housing application process for inclusionary units, like creating other tools to assess an applicant's ability to pay rent, and an appeals process if an applicant is denied solely based on their credit score. This is a critical step forward in promoting socioeconomic justice and addressing the pressing needs of our low-income neighbors. Due to a clerical error, I wasn't included as a co-sponsor on the original order, so this order was amended to add me as a co-sponsor.

This order was adopted as amended.

8. That the City Council shall have its own budget for outside legal research to be utilized at the discretion of the Council when designated by a majority of members in pursuance of the Council's authority to exercise the legislative powers of the City as specified in the City charter

Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Carlone, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan

POR 2021 #75

This order calls for a designated budget for the City Council to use outside lawyers to perform legal research, amounting to at least 5% of the Law Department's budget. Most City Councillors aren't lawyers, and with delays due to the Law Department's large workload, and potential conflicts in drafting policy language between the City Council and the City Manager, having access to outside legal research is critical in ensuring we can fully exercise our legislative powers. This idea [has been discussed](#) by the City Council before, and has been used in other municipalities to address these issues and ensure that policy is advanced swiftly. Councillor Simmons exercised her charter-right on this order before discussion.

Councillor Simmons exercised her charter-right.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Ordinance Committee met on February 4, 2021 to conduct a public hearing on the Green Roofs zoning petition.

This report contains minutes from [the Ordinance Committee hearing on the Green Roofs zoning petition held on February 4th, 2021](#). This report was amended to fix an error where a question Mayor Siddiqui asked was misattributed to me. See Committee Reports Item #2C for further discussion.

This report was accepted as amended as placed on file.

- A. That the City Manager conduct a nexus study to determine the connection between building roofs and local climate impacts including urban heat island and stormwater impacts to determine the appropriate mitigation costs including through construction of biosolar and green roofs

POR 2021 #76

Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Toomey

See Committee Reports Item #2C for further discussion.

This order was adopted.

2. The Ordinance Committee met on March 31, 2021 to continue a public hearing on the Green Roofs zoning petition.

This report contains minutes from [the Ordinance Committee hearing on the Green Roofs zoning petition held on March 31st, 2021](#). See Committee Reports Item #2C for further discussion.

This report was accepted as amended as placed on file.

- A. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to propose an effective date for adopting the Green Roofs Zoning Petition and to provide a list of which projects would be unaffected by the new zoning as a result.

POR 2021 #77

Councillor Zondervan, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui

See Committee Reports Item #2C for further discussion.

This order was adopted.

- B. That the Green Roofs Zoning Petition is amended by substitution

POR 2021 #78

Councillor Carlone

This order contains substitute language for the Green Roofs zoning petition that Councillor Carlone introduced at the Committee hearing. [Click here](#) to read the amended language or see Committee Reports Item #2C for further discussion.

This order was adopted.

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- C. A Zoning Petition Has been received from Amy Oliver, regarding that the City require the installation of GREEN ROOFS vegetated or BioSolar on future construction and significant rehab of buildings that are 20,000 square feet and larger.

APP 2020 #46

This petition, championed by local advocacy group Mothers Out Front, would amend the City's current [Green Roofs Ordinance](#) to require vegetative or biosolar roofs be installed on all future construction projects over 25,000 square feet. Our climate crisis demands a sense of urgency, and the goals in this petition are laudable, but community and City staff feedback has revealed the need for amendments to this petition to include a full solar option, in addition to the Green Roof or "Bio-Solar" which is a combination of the two. Comprehensive zoning is difficult, and based on recommendations from the Community Development Department (CDD) and insight from local affordable and market-rate housing developers, I introduced an amendment that would allow a solar-only option. Without this option, it's likely that we'll see developers either choose between full green roofs, or pay their way out of these requirements. Either way, we'd lose the opportunity for the only onsite renewable energy generation option we have in urban areas through solar panels. As I said last evening, one of the greenest things we can do as a City is to mandate onsite renewable energy capture in our urban context through Solar Energy options. This amendment passed.

Councillors Simmons and McGovern introduced a late policy order asking CDD to determine where an amendment exempting affordable housing projects from these green roof requirements should be made in the petition. Affordable housing is developed on very tight margins, and any additional expenses like this would complicate the project and likely result in a loss of housing units. Projects built under the Affordable Housing Overlay also don't need approval from the Planning Board, but if an affordable project wasn't able to meet these green roof requirements, or building to Passive House requirements, they'd have to go before the Planning Board, opening them up to legal challenges and extending the development timeline by months. Our local affordable housing developers are committed to sustainability, and finding an alternative funding source to help them incorporate green roofs in projects is the best path forward towards achieving our environmental and affordable housing goals.

Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern and I also submitted a late order asking CDD to report back on the implications of removing the rooftop parking exemption from this petition. The amended petition was passed to a second reading, and will be back before the City council for final ordination in two weeks, on April 26th. There were a number of other issues that came up that need to be addressed in order to amend the language and clarify intent, but given the complexity of these issues, and the multi-departmental conversations that need to take place to work them out, CDD will work with ISD and the Law Department over the next two weeks to provide language for the 26th that can help us amend the petition further for final ordination.

This petition was passed to a second reading as amended.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, communicating information from the School Committee.

COF 2021 #34

Mayor Siddiqui submitted this communication to update the City Council on the work the School Committee is doing to support scholars, staff, and caregivers, continue with the search for the next Superintendent, and more. [Click here](#) to read her full letter.

This communication was placed on file on the consent agenda.

2. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting questions for the COVID-19 Update.

COF 2021 #35

This communication contains questions asked by City Councillors that were answered in the City Manager's COVID update (City Manager's Agenda Item #1).

This item was placed on file.