



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA • JUNE 7, 2021

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Regular Meeting

Sullivan Chamber

5:30 PM

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

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## I. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

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

**CMA 2021 #140**

City staff gave a COVID update.

**Reopening Update:** The City Manager [recently announced](#) that City buildings would open for walk-in access on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning on June 15th, and this access will continue to expand incrementally before all City buildings are opened for walk-ins during regular business hours on July 12th. Both employees and residents are required to wear masks in City buildings until June 15th, and will be encouraged to wear masks after that date. The Massachusetts state of emergency will also end on June 15th, and the City is resuming its permitting for events in City parks and other public spaces.

[More details on CPL's reopening schedule](#) were also announced, after the Main Library opened with limited in-person services last week. While I'm happy to see we're moving forward with reopening this critical resource for our residents, I'm disappointed to see that all libraries won't be fully reopened until June 28th. Our residents have gone over a year without in-person access to the libraries, and this has left a gap for many of our residents, like low-income children who don't have books at home and need guidance from librarians, those who don't have internet access and come to the library to fill out job applications online, and our unhoused residents who escape the summer heat in our libraries. I was also disappointed to hear that the City doesn't plan on opening cooling centers this season. The excuse for not opening cooling centers is usually that the library is an open space for all, but amid this heat wave where temperatures have reliably been over 90 degrees for a week, we need to step up and provide this resource for our vulnerable community members in need. That's why I filed a late policy order calling for an expedited reopening schedule for the libraries, and I hope to hear back soon.

**Vaccine Update:** Everyone who lives, works, or studies in Massachusetts who's 12+ is now eligible for the vaccine, a safe, free, and effective way to protect you, your loved ones, and your community from the spread of COVID. The state is closing its mass vaccination sites in the Greater Boston area, and is instead focusing on a hyperlocal approach to reaching those who either haven't yet been able to access the vaccine due to barriers, or those who have reservations about the vaccine. Many vaccine sites, including CVS, no longer require appointments for vaccines, but you can make one [by clicking here](#). If

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you need any assistance, from making an appointment to securing transportation to a vaccine site, don't hesitate to contact my office by emailing [amallon@cambridgema.gov](mailto:amallon@cambridgema.gov).

More than 6,500 doses have been administered at City-run clinics so far, and there are [several upcoming clinics](#) that residents can get vaccinated at. Moving forward, the City is considering using a mobile vaccine van, an idea I previously suggested to connect with hard-to-reach residents, and pop-up clinics in neighborhoods throughout Cambridge. These include a clinic at the Alewife Station Parking Lot on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 12-3pm, and a clinic at Trader Joe's/Microcenter Parking Lot on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 12-3pm, both offering the single-shot J&J vaccine.

We continue to outpace the state in vaccination rates among black and Latinx residents, as well as in each gender and most age categories. So far, 70% of Cambridge residents have received at least one dose, a testament to the dedication of CPHD. The real work, however, starts now, as we work towards reaching those who are hesitant and who lack access to the vaccine. CPHD is using its multi-pronged communications campaign to connect with these residents, and is advertising resources available, such as free Uber, Lyft, and Blue Bikes rides to and from vaccine sites, as well as employer-sponsored clinics. Going forward, they'll continue to monitor local and statewide health trends, though these COVID updates will soon move to a biweekly schedule.

**Testing Update:** Due to declining demand, the City pivoted at the beginning of the month to offer [free testing](#) four days a week, rather than seven days a week. Appointments are recommended, but not required, and can be made [by clicking here](#) or calling (617) 349-9788. While there was a slight uptick in testing after Memorial Day, the demand for testing has reliably gone down since the start of the year.

**Public Health Update:** Cambridge's [COVID case count](#) currently stands at 6,274 cases, 4.5% of which are active. With an average of 1.9 daily cases per 100,000 residents and a positivity rate of .1%, we remain a low-risk community. Statewide, no municipality is currently classified as a high-risk community. While 35 variant cases have been detected in our community, and there are likely more that haven't been detected, CPHD expects this downward trend to continue.

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

This item was placed on file.

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-39, regarding the status of the Gold Star Mothers Pool opening plans for the June through September summer season of 2021.

### ***CMA 2021 #141***

This communication announces that the Gold Star Mothers Pool will open for Cambridge residents on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Weather permitting, the pool will be open for open swim 3pm-7pm on weekdays, and 11am-7pm on weekends and holidays, serving as an invaluable resource for our families.

This item was placed on file.

3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as new members of the Public Art Commission for a term of three years, effective June 7, 2021: Alexis Boylan, Jared V. Fine, Katherine Higgins, Anne Labadie, Kai Smith and Sabrina Zanella-Foresi.

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### ***CMA 2021 #142***

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

4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a summary of a Planning Board Meeting on the 2020 Town-Gown Reports and Presentations.

### ***CMA 2021 #143***

The annual Town Gown reports from local universities ensure the Planning Board understands the programming needs of these educational institutions, and, in turn, future development of the campuses. [Click here to read](#) the Planning Board's summary of the 2020 Town Gown reports.

This item was placed on file on the consent agenda.

5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to new appointments and reappointment of members of the Harvard Square Advisory Committee.

### ***CMA 2021 #144***

This item was placed on file on the consent agenda.

6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation not to adopt the Missing Middle Housing (Fuller, et al.) Zoning Petition.

### ***CMA 2021 #145***

This letter communicates the Planning Board's recommendation that the City Council not adopt the [Missing Middle Housing petition](#), and you can [read their reasoning here](#). The [Ordinance Committee is meeting](#) to discuss this petition again on Thursday, June 10th at 5:30pm, and ahead of that, I submitted a late policy order asking the City Solicitor to opine on whether the petitioner's suggested amendments would change the fundamental nature of the petition. This concern was raised in the Planning Board's report, and, if the fundamental nature was changed by these amendments, the petition may have to be refiled and readvertised.

This item was placed on file.

7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-20, regarding a report on coordinating efforts to formally recognize and promote National Black Business Month in August and Women's Small Business Month in October.

### ***CMA 2021 #146***

Earlier this year, Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern and I submitted [a policy order](#) asking City staff to formally recognize and promote National Black Business Month in August as well as Women's Small Business Month in October. Minority and women-owned businesses have been hit especially hard by this pandemic, and as we head into economic recovery, it's critical that the City do anything it can to uplift our local small businesses. [This report](#) outlines the City's plan to uplift these businesses through a comprehensive web, social media, and traditional media campaigns, special events, and additional signage.

This item was placed on file on the consent agenda.

8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-2, regarding the possibility of implementing a Sheltered Market Program, and Awaiting Report Item Number 21-4, regarding conducting a Spending Disparity Study on City Purchasing.

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### ***CMA 2021 #147***

This communication reports back on two policy orders I filed that came from a previous [Economic Development Committee Hearing](#), [one calling for a spending disparity study](#) to be conducted on City purchasing to identify any potential disparities, and [the other asking the City](#) to consider creating a [sheltered market program](#), which would set aside a certain contract or certain type of contract for historically disadvantaged vendors. In this report, the City Solicitor recommends conducting a spending disparity study, and, if disparities are identified, to use that data as a basis for implementing a sheltered market program. State law requires evidence that a sheltered market program would remedy the current impacts of past discrimination, so having this data on hand would make any sheltered market program that we implement stronger. Although I had hoped that we could move forward more quickly on these issues, as the spending disparity study will take some months at the least, I'm excited to see this effort move forward as we take steps to uplift historically disadvantaged vendors.

This item was placed on file.

9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request for support for the City of Cambridge to join in the formation of a Boston Cambridge Tourism Destination Marketing District.

### ***CMA 2021 #148***

In this communication, the City Manager asks for the City Council's support in forming a [Boston Cambridge Tourism Destination Marketing District](#). Under this district, Cambridge hotels would be able to charge customers an assessment that would then be reinvested back into destination marketing. Almost 80% of Cambridge hotels support forming this Tourism Destination Marketing District, so I was glad to see this effort be approved. Cambridge is a lively, vibrant community, with something for people of all ages, backgrounds, abilities, and interests, and this additional marketing will help attract tourists to enjoy all we have to offer, and help our small businesses on their road to economic recovery.

This item was adopted.

10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a response regarding the City Council having its own budget for outside legal research.

### ***CMA 2021 #149***

In April, Councillors Sobrinho-Wheeler, Carlone, and Zondervan, and Mayor Siddiqui sponsored a [policy order](#) calling for the City Council to have its own budget for outside legal research. The City Solicitor previously prepared a memo arguing that City Councillors conferring with outside legal counsel would break the City's charter. However, City Councillors often already consult with outside lawyers in drafting policy, and this order simply asks that this process be formalized to increase transparency, and that the lawyers be paid for their work. When we work with lawyers, it's often to gain insight and get help drafting ordinances, which are the most direct tool we have to implement change in our community, and ensuring we have ready, formal access is an important part in moving towards our goals for Cambridge. For these reasons, the City Council pushed back and insisted on moving forward, and this communication from the City Solicitor suggests a process where the City Council would vote at a public meeting to obtain outside legal counsel on an issue, with this legal counsel reporting to the City Solicitor. The legal counsel's work would then be passed through the City Solicitor and onto the City Council, helping ensure we have the outside resources we need to be productive legislators.

This item was placed on file.

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11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-23, regarding a report on permanently extending remote participation in City Council and board and commission meetings.

### ***CMA 2021 #150***

This communication responds to [a policy order](#) Mayor Siddiqui and I filed with Councillor Simmons and Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler calling for a permanent remote participation option for public City meetings, so long as residents are allowed to physically attend meetings as well. Political participation has long been a function of privilege, but it doesn't have to be. It's incumbent on us to re-imagine structures, break down barriers, and enhance accessibility wherever possible, which is why I was happy to see this report back, where the City Solicitor opines that we can allow a remote participation option for the public with just a simple rules change, rather than special legislation to the state legislature, a long process. The City Manager is also exploring the feasibility of allowing a remote participation option for boards and commissions, to allow residents to give public comment virtually, and we expect to hear more soon. Before the pandemic fundamentally changed our lives, residents were only able to give public comment at City meetings in person, making it nearly impossible for many residents, like those with children, mobility disabilities, and those lacking reliable transportation, to weigh in on important community issues. As we approach mass-vaccination and a new normal, we must ensure that remote participation doesn't end with the pandemic, and while this hybrid model for public participation will need thoughtful planning, it's more than worthwhile to ensure we hear diverse perspectives.

This item was placed on file.

## II. CALENDAR

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### CHARTER RIGHT

1. Cambridge HEART Proposal.

**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN IN  
COUNCIL MAY 25, 2021  
POR 2021 #114**

At our last meeting, Councillor Zondervan exercised his charter-right (discussion ended, no vote was taken, and it appears on the next agenda) on this policy order, which asks the City Manager to consider and provide funding for the [Holistic Emergency Alternative Response Team \(HEART\) proposal](#) that was drafted by community advocates. As the original sponsor of [the policy order that initiated the conversation](#) on creating an alternative public safety response, I was excited to see this proposal before us. This proposal is similar to [the recommendations developed](#) by the City's Future of Public Safety Task Force, which also suggests redirecting certain 911 calls, like those involving homelessness, mental health emergencies, and substance misuse, away from police officers and towards trained, trauma-informed staff. This was just the first of many community conversations on these proposals, and I'm looking forward to hearing more voices, and moving towards the best option for Cambridge, that will make public safety feel safe for everyone. This order was amended to add Councillor Zondervan as a co-sponsor.

This order was adopted as amended.

### ON THE TABLE

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting ReportItem Number 21-13, regarding next steps on implementation of Universal Pre-K.

**PLACED ON THE TABLE IN COUNCIL MAY 17, 2021**

**CMA 2021 #123**

No action was taken.

3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to further proposed amendments to the Tree Protection Ordinance and draft regulations.

**TABLED IN COUNCIL MAY 17, 2021**

**CMA 2021 #124**

No action was taken.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. 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.

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5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$5,000,000 to provide funds for the reconstruction of various City streets and sidewalks.

**PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL MAY 10, 2021 TO BE ADOPTED ON OR AFTER MAY 24, 2021**

**CMA 2021 #111**

Calendar items #5-8 all request authorization from the City Council to borrow funds for public investment projects, and were passed to a second reading at the May 10th City Council meeting. This final vote will authorize the City to borrow these funds, after [the May 18th budget hearing](#) on these projects.

This item was adopted.

6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$10,000,000 to provide funds for the Municipal Facilities Improvement Plan. Funds will support improvements at the Department of Public works Complex, Moses Youth Center HVAC Design, fire notification system installation at 11 buildings, Coffon building bathroom rehab and upgrades and MFIP study. Also, included is funding to support fire station improvements including: Lafayette Square fire station improvements (floor slab, kitchen and gym flooring replacement), Taylor Square fire station improvements (decontamination showers, installation and parapet improvement), East Cambridge fire station improvements (sanitary storm system replacement and generator installation) and Lexington Ave. fire station driveway construction.

**PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL MAY 10, 2021 TO BE ADOPTED ON OR AFTER MAY 24, 2021**

**CMA 2021 #110**

See Calendar Item #5 for further discussion.

This item was adopted.

7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,800,000 to provide funds for various Schools for projects that include: asbestos abatement in various schools, replace the front plaza and failing masonry wing walls and recaulking the building at the Haggerty School, replace emergency generator and extend exhaust at Cambridgeport, recaulking precast panels at CRLS Field House, unit vents engineering at the Fletcher Maynard Academy and Longfellow building and replace the gym floor at the Amigos School.

**PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL MAY 10, 2021 TO BE ADOPTED ON OR AFTER MAY 24, 2021**

**CMA 2021 #109**

See Calendar Item #5 for further discussion.

This item was adopted.

8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$28,500,000 to provide funds for the construction of sewer separation, storm water management and combined sewer overflow reduction elimination improvements within River Street and Harvard Square areas as well as the Sewer Capital Repairs Program and climate change preparedness efforts.



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**PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL MAY 10, 2021 TO BE ADOPTED ON**  
**OR AFTER MAY 24, 2021**  
**CMA 2021 #108**

See Calendar Item #5 for further discussion.

This item was adopted.

9. Zoning Amendments related to Retail and Consumer Service Establishments as amended on May 17, 2021 (Ordinance # 2021-3)  
**PASSED TO A SECOND READING ON MAY 17, 2021 TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER JUNE 7, 2021**  
**APP 2021 #24**

After a long and labor intensive process, with Mayor Siddiqui and I leading the charge within the Economic Development Committee with City staff for the last two terms, we submitted a petition earlier this year to comprehensively update Cambridge's retail zoning. By clarifying the definitions of certain uses, expanding or creating new uses to reflect the changing face of retail, and removing onerous requirements, updating the table of land use is a critical way the City can reduce the burden of starting or expanding a small business in Cambridge. With the Home Occupation amendment, small business owners, especially cottage food cooks, will be able to work out of their homes, instead of renting a commercial kitchen. Now that the struggles of our small business community have been exacerbated by this pandemic, I'm grateful that these reforms we've pushed for were finally ordained into law. The time, stress, and cost of setting up shop here has long forced many small business owners to open in or move to other communities, and if we want to ensure we maintain a lively, vibrant Main Street economy, removing these barriers to entry and updating our zoning to reflect the changing face of retail is a critical step forward.

This petition was ordained.

10. Zoning Amendments related to Home Occupations (ORDINANCE #2021-4)  
**PASSED TO A SECOND READING ON MAY 17, 2021 TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER JUNE 7, 2021**  
**APP 2021 #25**

See Calendar Item #9 for discussion.

This petition was ordained.



### III. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

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1. An application was received from Carol Egidio, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 448 Cambridge 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 association.

***APP 2021 #30***

**This application was approved.**

2. An application was received from Heather Dudko representing Bank of America, requesting permission for 3 projecting signs at the premises numbered 1414 Massachusetts Avenue. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter forms are included.

***APP 2021 #31***

**This application was approved.**

3. An application was received from Adam Knauer representing Love Pop, requesting permission for a one projecting sign and one wall sign at the premises numbered 18 JFK Street. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.

***APP 2021 #32***

**This application was approved.**

## VI. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

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1. That the City Manager direct the Traffic and Parking Department to conduct a traffic study in the Riverside neighborhood to determine any actions or changes, including, but not limited to new signage, speed bumps or enforcement measures that may be helpful in creating a more safe environment

**Councillor McGovern**

***POR 2021 #115***

*This order was adopted.*

2. That the City Manager work with the City Solicitor and the Animal Commission to take all necessary steps to waive the dog license fee for all senior citizens in Cambridge

**Councillor McGovern**

***POR 2021 #116***

*As the hour was late and he believes other residents, not just seniors, would benefit from having dog license fees waived, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler exercised his charter right.*

*Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler exercised his charter right.*

3. Caribbean-American Heritage Month

**Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan**

***POR 2021 #117***

*This order asks the City Council to declare June 2021 to be Caribbean-American Heritage Month, and to recognize the rich history and culture of our local Caribbean-Americans through safe celebrations, including lighting up City Hall in red, green, and gold.*

*This order was adopted on the consent agenda.*

4. That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to consult with the Department of Public Health on this issue and work with relevant City departments to determine what the safest and most effective mosquito management program for Cambridge

**Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern**

***POR 2021 #118***

*This order was adopted on the consent agenda.*

5. Live Acoustic Entertainment Ordinance

**Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Carlone**

***POR 2021 #119***

*I joined Councillors Sobrinho-Wheeler, McGovern, and Carlone in introducing this ordinance that would allow any business to host live acoustic performances without a license. Then-Councillor Devereux filed a policy order on this idea in 2017, and I followed with [my own order](#) calling for this change last November, but my colleagues and I were disappointed to see the License Commission's refusal to consider a pilot. Not wanting to lose this opportunity to remove an onerous barrier that our small businesses face, this ordinance would implement the change without the need for approval from the License Commission or City Manager. This effort was envisioned as a creative way to help*

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struggling small businesses that don't typically have live entertainment, like bookstores, attract new customers and create a welcoming, vibrant environment. As we transition into a long path towards recovery, simple yet effective solutions like these are key in reducing time, stress, and costs for small businesses, while also uplifting musicians, so I was glad we moved this proposal forward.

This ordinance was passed to a second reading.

6. That City Manager be and is hereby requested work with the Law Department to provide an analysis of what impact the recently enacted state Housing Choices law has on the Missing Middle Housing Zoning petition

**Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Mallon**

***POR 2021 #120***

Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Simmons, and I filed this order to ask the City Manager to provide an analysis of how the recently enacted Housing Choice laws will impact the Missing Middle Housing petition. The state Housing Choice laws allow municipalities to make zoning changes with a simple majority, rather than the typical  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority, so this order also asks the City Manager to analyze the different types of zoning petitions that could be passed with a simple majority, and what petitions would still need a supermajority.

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

7. That the City Manager and staff be requested to examine car storage policies and discuss potential updates with the City Council at a meeting of the Transportation Committee

**Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan**

***POR 2021 #121***

This order asks the City Manager to develop options to eliminate parking minimums, add parking maximums near transit hubs, examine policies surrounding curb cut applications, and consider the residential parking permit fee structure in relation to actual parking costs. It also directs the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee to convene a meeting to discuss these options. One of the few bright spots of the pandemic was seeing parking spaces transformed to activate the public realm, whether it be offering additional outdoor seating space for small businesses, to creating Starlight Square in a municipal parking lot. Up to 30% of parking spaces in the area go unused, but still take away space that could otherwise be used for affordable housing, retail space, expanding the City's tree canopy, and more. As the City moves away from cars and towards more sustainable, safer modes of transportation, examining our parking policies is an important way we can support our environment, affordable housing, transit safety, and economic development goals, so I look forward to hearing from the City Manager, and discussing the options he provides at a Committee meeting.

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

## VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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1. A communication was received from Anthony I. Wilson, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair and Councillor Dennis J. Carlone Chair of the Finance Committee, for a public hearings held on May 11, 2021 commencing at 9:00 A.M. and May 18, 2021 commencing at 10:00 A.M. and on May 19, 2021 commencing at 6:00 P.M. to discuss Fiscal Year 2022 budget.

***CRT 2021 #1***

[This communication](#) gives a basic outline of the votes that the City Council took during this year's budget hearings.

This report was accepted and placed on file.

- A. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the FY2022 submitted budget and appropriation orders.

***CMA 2021 #100***

This communication includes the appropriation orders for the upcoming fiscal year, and with their adoption, the budget will be approved. The City Council previously held budget hearings on [May 11th](#), [May 18th](#), and [May 19th](#). [Click here](#) to read the full appropriation orders or [click here](#) to read the full budget.

This item was adopted.

- B. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to amend the Investment Policy section of the fiscal year 2022 budget book by adding this sentence: "Within six months of adoption of this budget, the investment committee will provide recommendations on any revisions to the investment policies to ensure that all city owned investments follow the council's directive to avoid investments with or in institutions, companies or organizations invested in or funding fossil fuel endeavors or private prisons."

***POR 2021 #122***

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

This order asks the City Manager to amend the budget to move towards divesting in companies that are connected to fossil fuel and private prisons. Councillor Nolan led the effort for this inclusion in the budget through [a policy order](#) she submitted with Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone, and Councillor Zondervan earlier this year.

This order was adopted

2. Neighborhood & Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee - Committee Meeting - May 26, 2021 10:00 AM

This committee report contains minutes from the Neighborhood & Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebrations Committee held on May 26th, which focused on the pilot to close streets in Harvard Square, and the reappointment of Conrad Crawford to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority.

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These minutes were accepted and placed on file.

- A. That the City Council confirm the reappointment of Conrad Crawford to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA).

***POR 2021 #123***

**Councillor Nolan**

This order was adopted.

## VIII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

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1. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information about Homelessness Working Group  
*COF 2021 #59*  
This communication announces a Homelessness Working Group that will be chaired by Councillor McGovern, made up of stakeholders, and will be charged with developing short-term and long-term recommendations to address issues facing our unhoused community.  
  
This communication was placed on file.
2. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, Communicating information from the School Committee.  
*COF 2021 #60*  
This communication from Mayor Siddiqui outlines the work she and the entire School Committee is doing to support CPS scholars, educators, and staff. [Click here to read her full update.](#)  
  
This communication was placed on file.
3. A communication was received from Councillor Zondervan, transmitting information on the FY22 police budget.  
*COF 2021 #61*  
This communication was placed on file.
4. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, transmitting questions for the COVID-19 Update.  
*COF 2021 #62*  
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 communication was placed on file.