



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA • DECEMBER 13, 2021

Regular Meeting

Sullivan Chamber 5:30 PM

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

I. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$64,230 from Free Cash to the General Fund Elections Department Salary and Wages account (\$24,700), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$38,930) and to the Travel and Training account (\$600), to cover the additional costs associated with the Special State Primary and Special State Election for the 1st Suffolk and Middlesex Senate District to fill the vacancy formerly held by State Senator Joseph A. Boncore.

CMA 2021 #274

This item was placed on file in the consent agenda. No discussion took place.

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Kimberly Massenburg, PH.D., Executive Director of the Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House as a member of the Community Benefits Advisory Committee for a term of three years, effective December 13, 2021, as recommended by the Cambridge Nonprofit Coalition.

CMA 2021 #275

This item was placed on file in the consent agenda. No discussion took place.

3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Police Department Deputy Superintendent Frederick Cabral as a member of the Human Services Commission for a term of three years, effective December 13, 2021.

CMA 2021 #276

This item was placed on file in the consent agenda. No discussion took place.

4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-87, regarding a report on senior scam prevention efforts.

CMA 2021 #277

This communication answers [Policy Order #245](#) from the November 8 Council Meeting asking the City Manager to direct the Police Department and other relevant departments to make sure seniors have the necessary information to protect themselves from scams. As outlined in the policy order, the amount of seniors who have fallen victim to harmful scams has been increasing. Before the pandemic, the Police Department would host informational sessions in senior

buildings to arm them with tactics for spotting scammers, and Commissioner Elow was happy to report that these in-person sessions will resume with the advice of the new Public Health Director in the new year. There is a virtual session already set for January 13, 2022 and informational flyers will be available in multiple languages for maximum outreach.

This item was placed on file.

5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to new appointments and reappointments of the following persons as members of the Cambridge Immigrant Rights & Citizenship for a term of three years, effective December 13, 2021 - New Appointments: Eva Gottschalk, Abhishek Raman and Joe Manok. Reappointments: Karim El Razzaz and Jennifer Sparks.

CMA 2021 #278

This item was placed on file in the consent agenda. No discussion took place.

6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to new appointments and reappointments of the following persons as a members of the Human Rights Commission for a term of three years, effective December 13, 2021 - New Appointments: Stephen Curran and Judith Laguerre and Reappointments: Yasmin Padamsee Forbes.

CMA 2021 #279

This item was placed on file in the consent agenda. No discussion took place.

II. CALENDAR

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CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Clerk is requested to forward the Home Rule Petition establishing a Net Zero emissions requirement for building construction in Cambridge in accordance with its Net Zero Action Plan, adopted in 2015, to the entire state legislative delegation for immediate adoption.

**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
IN COUNCIL DECEMBER 6, 2021 POR 2021 #264
ON THE TABLE**

Councillor Zondervan exercised his Charter Right at the last council meeting to allow more time for possible amendments and discussion. A Net Zero emissions requirement would ban all fossil fuel from new construction in the City, helping to greatly reduce emissions. As the order stated “Net Zero emissions building construction is now an established and achievable standard, practiced by Cambridge’s own municipal construction, and in various proposed and constructed private sector buildings in Cambridge, utilizing a combination of passive house, LEED or other energy efficient building design, ground source (geothermal) or air source heat pumps, building

electrification (no on-site combustion of fossil fuels), renewable energy (solar PV and/or hot water) systems, and 100% renewable electricity purchasing contracts”

Although this Home Rule petition has a long and tough road ahead in the legislature, if it is adopted, it has the potential to help us achieve our emissions goals more quickly by allowing us to draft language around requirements. Councillor Zondervan submitted amendments to the original policy order tonight that clarified some of the language (see ‘Communications From Other Officers Item #3 in the agenda).

The motion to amend the policy order passed unanimously. The policy order was adopted as amended.

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item 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 Awaiting Report Item Number 21-41, regarding a report on closing Mass Ave from Prospect Street to Sidney Street on Friday and Saturday evenings.
CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
IN COUNCIL JUNE 28, 2021
PLACED ON THE TABLE IN COUNCIL AUGUST 2, 2021
CMA 2021 #176

No action was taken.

4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-56, regarding improvements to Jerry's Pond and along Rindge Avenue.
PLACED ON THE TABLE BY MAYOR SIDDIQUI IN COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 13, 2021
CMA 2021 #193

No action was taken.

5. That the attached Home Petition titled “PETITION FOR AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO ENACT AN ORDINANCE TO LIMIT AND MONITOR CAMPAIGN DONATIONS IN LOCAL ELECTIONS BY INDIVIDUALS SEEKING FINANCIAL REWARD FROM THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE” be forwarded to the General Court for adoption. **PLACED ON THE TABLE IN COUNCIL DECEMBER 6, 2021**
POR 2021 #248

No action was taken.

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6. That the City Council adopt a municipal ordinance to reduce or limit campaign donations from donors seeking to enter into a contract, seeking approval for a special permit or up-zoning, seeking to acquire real estate from the city, or seeking financial assistance from the city; Ordinance #2020- 27.

PLACED ON THE TABLE IN COUNCIL NOVEMBER 8, 2021

PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL DECEMBER 6, 2021

TO ORDAINED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 20, 2021

POR 2020 #240

No action was taken.

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III. COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission, regarding Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriation.

COM 700 #2021

This communication details the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission Fiscal Year 2021 appropriation. After a question from Councillor Nolan, the City Manager assured us that the City's pension fund is in excellent standing because of the City's debt diligence.

This communication was placed on file.

2. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding Review Comments for North Mass Ave Cycling Ordinance Implementation Contract in support of POR 2021 #259.

COM 701 #2021

This communication was placed on file.

3. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding Policy Order 1.

COM 702 #2021

This communication was placed on file.

4. A communication was received from Saul Tannenbaum, regarding As a matter of digital equity Carl Barron Plaza needs full and robust WiFi coverage.

COM 703 #2021

This communication was placed on file.

5. A communication was received from Robert Camacho, regarding Quick Build Bike Safety Ordinance.

COM 704 #2021

This communication was placed on file.

6. A communication was received from Lori DiLiddo, regarding To Human Services Veterans Meeting Re Carl Barron Plaza.

COM 705 #2021

This communication was placed on file.

7. A communication was received from Guillemette Simmers, regarding Green New Deal Petition.

COM 706 #2021

This communication was placed on file.

8. A communication was received from Annette Osgood, regarding Support Policy Order 259 For a business impact report an implementation process and an evaluation of the protected bike lanes.

COM 707 #2021

This communication was placed on file.

9. A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, regarding Homeless Persons' Memorial Day is commemorated annually.

COM 708 #2021

This communication was placed on file.

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IV. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Georgina Ober (Estrella).

Councillor Toomey

RES 2021 #300

This resolution was adopted unanimously.

2. Resolution on the death of Idalyn (Parise) Nicoloro.

Councillor Toomey

RES 2021 #301

This resolution was adopted unanimously.

3. Retirement of Loyd Lewis from the Cambridge Police Department.

Councillor Toomey

RES 2021 #302

This resolution was adopted unanimously.

4. Congratulations to Rachael Rollins

Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern

RES 2021 #303

Congratulations to Cambridge's own Rachael Rollins on her confirmation as US Attorney General for Massachusetts! This is a tremendous honor and victory for Black women especially, and should serve as an example for all women what the possibilities are for our future.

This resolution was adopted unanimously.

5. Wishing Danielle Mishkin a Happy Birthday

Councillor Simmons

RES 2021 #304

This resolution was adopted unanimously.

6. Congratulations to Dr. Norma Finkelstein

Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui

RES 2021 #305

This resolution was adopted unanimously.

7. Congratulating Silkroad Ensemble

Mayor Siddiqui

RES 2021 #306

This resolution was adopted unanimously.

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V. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

1. Fossil Fuel Special Permit Policy Order
Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
POR 2021 #268

This policy order asks the City Manager to work with Zoning staff to draft language for an incentive ordinance for fossil fuel free construction in Cambridge. The Special Permit that's being proposed through this order is based on the [bylaw](#) Brookline recently passed that has successfully incentivized electric construction by putting restrictions in place for construction that uses fossil fuel. Using a special permit will help the City achieve some of the aggressive climate goals that have been set while we wait for the Net Zero Home Rule petition to work its way through the legislature. Proposed language for the ordinance can be found [here](#).

This item was adopted.

2. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Election Commission to send voter notification cards for both primary and general special elections
Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui
POR 2021 #269

Special elections historically have lower voter turnouts, and they are not currently included in the Election Commission's reminder postcard mailing list. This policy order looks to add all elections to that list, as special elections are just as important as municipal and presidential ones.

This item was adopted.

3. COVID19 Expert Advisory Panel
Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
POR 2021 #270

This policy order asks the City Manager to work with the Public Health Department and other relevant departments to reconvene the Covid19 Expert Advisory Panel with a focus on combating variants. As the Coronavirus continues to mutate, it is imperative that the City stay abreast with new developments and information so we can make informed decisions to keep people safe.

This item was adopted.

4. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Department of Human Service Programs, the Cambridge Police Department, and other relevant departments to create a publicly accessible, comprehensive list of violence prevention programs that exist in the city and to place this list on the City's website
Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern
POR 2021 #271

At last week's meeting Assistant City Manager for Human Services Ellen Semenoff spoke about the success of City Peace, one of the violence prevention programs currently running in the City

out of the Moses Youth Center. As many of us know, there were several tragic incidents over the summer and violence prevention programs are key to not repeating history. In order for these programs to be most effective, it would be helpful to have an accessible list on the City's website so people know what programs are running, where, who they serve, and when they run. This policy order asks for that list to be created.

I pulled this policy order to add Mayor Siddiqui as a cosponsor. The motion passed unanimously.

This item was adopted as amended.

5. Reaffirming Commitment to the Goal of 100% Renewable by 2035
Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Nolan
POR 2021 #272

This policy order asks the City Council to reaffirm its commitment to the goal of 100% renewable energy by 2035 and asks the City Manager to report on the City's progress toward this goal as he did in 2018. This is a critical time for the City to buckle down on these goals, with amendments to the Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance (BEUDO) possibly coming soon.

This item was adopted.

6. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Director of Traffic, Parking, and Transportation and Divco West regarding the spending plan and possible reallocation for the anticipated GLX refunds, and to report to the City Council on the use of GLX Project Participation Agreement funding in a timely manner.
Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan
POR 2021 #273

Cambridge contributed \$25 Million, half of which came from Divco West (Cambridge Crossing developer), to the Green Line Extension project, but since that project came in under budget, we will be receiving a refund. The City has the opportunity to allocate these funds to other transit short comings, and this policy order asks the City Manager to meet with the relevant departments to develop a spending plan so we can create impactful transit infrastructure for our residents.

A motion was put forward to make this policy order unanimous. The motion passed.

This item was adopted as amended.

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VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Ordinance Committee met on September 9, 2021 to discuss the possibility of amending the ordinance to extend the preference period, and to explore what additional financial assistance the City

may be able to help Economic Empowerment applicants obtain during that extended period, and to provide an opportunity to hear from stakeholders on this.

A. That the City manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the city solicitor to provide a report to the city council on ways either the city or another entity can provide financial assistance to Group A Priority applicants in order to assist them in opening their businesses

POR 2021 #274

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

B. That the City manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Community Development Department in collaboration with EE and SE applicants create a standard operating procedure document and that the city determine a single point of contact throughout the process to assist applicants in streamlining the application process

POR 2021 #275

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

Items A and B were adopted. This communication was placed on file.

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VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Anthony Wilson, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity.

COF 2021 #111

This communication was placed on file.

2. A communication was received from Councillor Simmons, transmitting an update to the members of the City Council and to the public on the process around the search for the City's next city manager.

COF 2021 #112

An update on the timeline regarding the search for the City's next city manager was provided by Councillor Simmons, who has been leading the search effort as chair of the Government Operations Committee. A firm has been selected to facilitate the search, but since no action can be taken from now until the end of the year, more details will follow in January.

This communication was placed on file.

3. A communication was received from Councillor Zondervan, transmitting proposed amendments to Calendar #1.

Councillor Zondervan

COF 2021 #113

See Charter Right Item #1

This communication was placed on file.

4. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting Communication from the School Committee

COF 2021 #114

This communications provided a brief synopsis of the School Committee's most recent meeting and what CPS is currently working on. Following the student-led walkout at CRLS in support of sexual assault survivors, CPS has come up with an action plan to address the issue.

In the coming weeks, CPS will:

- Review the status and impact of actions implemented over the last several years
- Designate 2 CRLS staff members to receive specialized training and serve as in-house investigators
- Launch a formal, independent assessment of alleged misogyny, discrimination (including gender discrimination), sexual harassment and sexual assault at CRLS, as well as related policies, procedures, and practices

There is a roundtable discussion tonight where CPS Interim Superintendent Dr. Greer will present her findings from the Entry Plan and discuss next steps in the re-entry process.

This communication was placed on file.