



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA • DECEMBER 20, 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 COVID-19.

CMA 2021 #280

Testing Update: While the City offers free COVID19 testing 5 days a week, we know that testing is in extreme demand as a result of the holiday season and the Omicron surge. To combat these issues, the City Manager has announced that testing hours will be extended this Wednesday the 21st, next Monday the 27th, and the following Wednesday the 29th. We have also introduced this [policy order](#) asking the City Manager to work with Derrick Neal, our new Director of Public Health, to expand testing in January and February. Saturday testing is still available by appointment only at the CIC site located at 295 Third Street. There are 400 appointments available each week and you can register for them [here](#). As the appointments are limited, we ask that if you are unable to make an appointment, you cancel ahead of time so someone else can take the appointment. Due to the holidays, there will be **NO** testing on the following days:

- Thursday, December 23, 2021
- Saturday, December 25, 2021
- Thursday, December 30, 2021
- Saturday, January 1, 2022

For a complete list of testing sites and days, click [here](#).

Vaccine Update: There will be another clinic for ages 5+ to receive the Pfizer COVID19 vaccine on:

January 5: Cambridge Rindge & Latin School Field House 3:30pm-7:30pm

Appointments are required and you can sign up [here](#).

So far, 73% of Cambridge residents are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. 86% of Cambridge residents have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, which is higher than many large cities in the State, and these percentages continue to rise. The Department of Public Health in Cambridge is happy to report that their COVID-19 vaccine clinic at CRLS is still up and running. CRLS Students can receive COVID19 vaccines at the Teen Health Center every Friday from 9am-1pm, by appointment. To schedule an appointment, please call 617-665-1548 or visit the clinic. For students 12-15, a parent or guardian will need to accompany them to the

appointment, and for students 16-17, they may come alone, but two signed consent forms are required: [State](#) and CHA (click here for [English](#), [Haitian Creole](#), [Portuguese](#), [Spanish](#))

The CPHD's Moderna booster clinics have been operating smoothly at the Cambridgeside Galleria location during the last month. To schedule a booster appointment, click [here](#). For all COVID related city data, click [here](#).

Public Health Update: The 7-day (December 7 - 19) moving average in Cambridge is [68.2 confirmed cases per day](#) per 100,000 people and the test positivity rate currently sits at 0.85% for the two-week period ending on December 19. There are 1207 active cases within the City and a total of 9631 cases to date. Cambridge remains in the "high risk" category, with the infection rate tripling since Thanksgiving. Masks remain tantamount to reducing the spread, and the CPHD advises mask-wearing indoors as much as possible with a warning about the efficacy of cloth masks. If you can, wear a filtering mask, or double up to increase your protection. The CPHD advised us all to remember that although more children 5-11 are getting vaccinated they are still the most vulnerable, especially those under 5 who are not eligible for a vaccine. As the new Omicron variant spreads and possibly mutates again, it is important that we stay vigilant and continue to encourage vaccination as it's the best way to reduce viral transmission and reduce severity of symptoms if infected.

Reopening Update: Following Boston's vaccine requirement for select public places, there was discussion about whether or not Cambridge would follow suit, as many of our neighbors such as Somerville and Brookline are looking to follow in Boston's footsteps. The City Manager informed us that we are not quite there yet with a vaccine requirement, but he and the Mayor have been in talks with our regional partners to determine a unified approach. Yesterday, the City received 21,000 at-home rapid testing kits (each with two tests) and they were quickly distributed to our most vulnerable community members: senior buildings and centers, the YWCA, CHA locations, Transition House, the Multi-Service Center, and other locations around the City that provide services to the unhoused community. Testing kits were also given to seniors as part of the Cambridge Police Department's Senior Secret Santa event. If you are in need of a home testing kit, or know someone who is, please visit this [site](#), which is available in 8 languages.

This item was placed on file.

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following persons as Constables for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2022: Ronald DiGiorgio and Burton Malkofsky.

CMA 2021 #281

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

3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$70,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Animal Commission Extraordinary Expenditures account which \$70,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment

Fund Animal Commission Extraordinary Expenditures account.

CMA 2021 #282

A question was asked about the possibility of securing an electric vehicle so the City can remain in line with the aggressive climate goals that have been set. We were informed that all efforts will be made to purchase an e-vehicle.

This appropriation was approved and the communication was placed on file.

4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$60,000 from the Water Fund Salary and Wages account to the Water Fund Travel and Training (Judgment & Damages) account to cover the costs related to a disability retirement settlement.

CMA 2021 #283

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

5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$500,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Law Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and future disbursements related to settled or otherwise resolved cases.

CMA 2021 #284

A question was asked about the details of the cases this money will be disbursed to. Solicitor Glowa informed the Council that while she cannot go into detail on private matters, \$300,000 of the \$500,000 is allocated to one settlement and the remaining \$200,000 is to cover a few other resolved cases.

This appropriation was adopted.

6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-95, regarding sending out voter notification cards for both primary and general special elections.

CMA 2021 #285

Commissioner Tanya Ford-Crump reported that the election commission needs advance notice of 10-12 weeks before sending out voter notification cards to registered voters. This gives them the time to find updated addresses, registration status, and a vendor to print the cards. In the most recent special election for the senate, the election commission received 10 weeks notice, which barely gave them enough time to complete all of the abovementioned tasks. Because of these time constrictions, Commissioner Ford-Crump informed us that voter reminder cards for every election would unfortunately not be possible. While this is not the outcome we were looking for, I am hopeful we will continue to work to a better solution so voters can be as informed as possible for every election.

This communication was placed on file.

7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$6,665,859 from Free Cash to the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund which will be used to fund specific future projects, which will require separate individual appropriations by the City Council. ***CMA 2021 #286***

The City Manager explained that this amount of money comes into the City as “free cash,” then must be moved to the mitigation fund, per the Department of Revenue guidelines.

This appropriation was approved.

8. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$392,350 from the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account which will be used for the purchase and expenses of Bluebikes bikeshare equipment. ***CMA 2021 #287***

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

9. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$188,650 received in donations to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures account from funds received from various sources that will be used for costs associated with the BlueBikes bikeshare system. ***CMA 2021 #288***

Councillor Carlone asked if this money was a donation to the City. The City Manager assured it was not a donation.

This appropriation was approved.

10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-73, regarding clarifying truck restrictions on Alewife Brook Parkway north of Massachusetts Avenue towards the Cambridge/Somerville border. ***CMA 2021 #289***

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

11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-82, regarding a report on improvements Harvard Bridge. ***CMA 2021 #290***

Councillor Zondervan asked when we will know what the State plans to do and when they plan to do it. The City Manager informed us that the City is working closely with State partners, and we should know more about the bridge improvements soon.

This item was placed on file.

II. CALENDAR

ON THE TABLE

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

We voted to take this item off of the table so it could be discussed with item #5.

I proposed an amendment to the ordinance that would change the activation date, allowing us to ordain the ordinance, but it would not go into effect until we hear back from the State legislature. This would protect our ordinance, as Solicitor Glowa suggested to us many times. We have modeled our ordinance on Somerville's, but chosen to go above and beyond what their ordinance, so the use of a home rule, the special legislation that strengthens our ordinance, is essential to make sure this ordinance will hold up in the courts.

The motion to amend the ordinance failed 5-4. Councillors Carlone, Nolan, Toomey, Zondervan, and Mayor Siddiqui voted no.

5. 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

The ordinance was adopted without the amendment 7-2. Councillor Simmons was marked present and Councillor Toomey voted no.

A motion for reconsideration was brought forward. Reconsideration failed, making all decisions up until this item final.

III. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Jenn Robichaud representing Harbor One Bank, requesting permission for a projecting illuminating sign at the premises numbered 1739 Massachusetts Avenue approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.

APP 2021 #48

This application was approved.

2. An application was received from Todd Dery representing DIG, requesting permission for a projecting illuminating sign at the premises numbered 2 Broad Canal Way approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter. ***APP 2021 #49***

This application was approved.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Yena Do, DPM, regarding petition from the disabled community.

COM 727 #2021

This communication was placed on file.

2. A communication was received from Bev Schwartz, Assistant Director of Public Policy, Hope For The Day, thanking the City Council for joining the National Suicide Prevention & Action

Month Proclamation project this year.

COM 728 #2021

This communication was placed on file.

3. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding Contract Irregularities for Separated Bike Lane.

COM 729 #2021

This communication was placed on file.

4. A communication was received from Graham Jones, regarding Supporting the Green New Deal.

COM 730 #2021

This communication was placed on file.

5. A communication was received from Beryl Minkle, regarding loss of parking on Mass.Ave.

COM 731 #2021

This communication was placed on file.

V. RESOLUTIONS

1. Thanks to Manikka Bowman for her years of service on the Cambridge School Committee.

Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui

RES 2021 #307

Vice Chair Bowman served 3 terms on the School Committee and her impact has been deep and wide. I am grateful for her service to this community, and for her commitment to equitable outcomes for all of our children. She will be deeply missed on the School Committee, but I wish her all the best in her future endeavors!

This resolution was adopted.

2. Thanks to Councillor Tim Toomey For his years of service to the City of Cambridge and its residents.

Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui

RES 2021 #308

Councillor Toomey has served the city of Cambridge with pride since 1985 on the School Committee, City Council, and as a State Representative, the latter two he did simultaneously for 24 years. Councillor Toomey has been a leader and wealth of knowledge and support for members of the city council as we come and go, and is rightfully held in extreme high regard by all who come into contact with him. His gentle demeanor and steadfast commitment to the residents of Cambridge will be deeply missed, and I wish him the very best in his retirement.

Councillor Toomey was presented with the key to the City.

This resolution was adopted.

3. Condolences to the family of Antony “Tico” Garcia.

Councillor Simmons

RES 2021 #309

Antony “Tico” Garcia was a child of Cambridge who served his City each day with a smile and warm personality. As a Parking Control Officer, Tico enforced regulations without making enemies – a feat not many can successfully accomplish. Tico’s absence will be felt throughout the entire City, and I extend my deepest condolences to his family.

This resolution was adopted.

4. That the City Council go on record expressing its tremendous gratitude to the entire 8th Floor Staff at Boston Children’s Hospital for their exemplary work in helping to save the life of, and prepare a long and bright future for, Montero “Monty” K. Campbell.

Councillor Simmons

RES 2021 #310

This resolution was adopted.

5. Resolution on the death of Bill Wiercinski.

Mayor Siddiqui

RES 2021 #311

This resolution was adopted.

6. Thanks to City Councillor Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler for his public service.

Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone

RES 2021 #312

Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler faced an unprecedented amount of challenges during his first term – nearly all of which occurred during a pandemic. I have marveled at Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler’s collaborative but focused personality. He took on the role of being the voice of tenants in Cambridge and worked tirelessly to bring their concerns to the Council. He was instrumental in passing the Affordable Housing Overlay, a piece of legislation that is going to have positive impacts on Cambridge residents for years to come. Even in disagreement, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler remained poised, kind, and open to conversation, which is not something that is often found. I will miss his passion on the council and can’t wait to see what he does next. All the best to him.

This resolution was adopted.

7. Resolution on the death of Rosemarie Roderick.

Councillor Toomey

RES 2021 #313

This resolution was adopted.

8. Congratulations to Lydia Edwards on her recent victory in First Suffolk and Middlesex Senate District State Senate Democratic primary.
Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern
RES 2021 #314

This resolution was adopted.

9. Resolution on the death of Mary S. (Grassia) Magliozzi.
Councillor Toomey
RES 2021 #315

This resolution was adopted.

VI. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

1. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to appoint a 20-25 person Cycling Safety Ordinance Implementation Advisory Committee to advise and improve upon the implementation of the citywide bicycle safety infrastructure and to establish recommendations on mitigating any concerns raised in regard to this infrastructure, with the appointments to be announced no later than January 31, 2022. **Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey**
POR 2021 #276

This policy order asks for a citizens advisory council to be created, much like the one created in 2000 to discuss the indoor tobacco ordinance. A council of this sort would create a space for residents to voice their concerns directly so that all information may be brought to the table before work is done, rather than after the plans are already set in motion.

2. That the City Manager is requested to convene meetings between his office, the Director of the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department, and with the heads of the Neighborhood Business Associations, with the Neighborhood Associations, and within each of the Cambridge Housing Authority's senior buildings, to ensure that these stakeholders are given the opportunity to collaborate on devising new plans that will inform the City's approach going forward in establishing citywide bicycle-safety infrastructure that works for bicyclists, motorists, pedestrians, seniors, those with mobility impediments, the local business community, and all our residents.
Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey
POR 2021 #277

This policy order asks the City Manager to meet with essential stakeholders who will be directly affected by the implementation of a bike lane in an effort to create a standardized plan for creating and implementing new bike lanes.

We suspended the rules to bring this policy order forward with POR 2021 #276.

Councillor Zondervan exercised his charter right for both policy orders, tabling any discussion until the next regular council meeting on January 10, 2022.

3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department on measures that may be taken to ensure the safety of residents, whether they be flashing lights, increased signage or other safety measures in the area of Huron Avenue and Sparks Street.

Councillor Nolan

POR 2021 #278

This policy order asks the City Manager to work with the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department to increase the safety measures for all residents in the Huron Ave and Sparks Street area as this has been the location of a several serious collisions, the most recent in September 2018 where part of a brick wall was destroyed by a car that drove into it.

This item was adopted.

4. That the Cambridge City Council go on record requesting that Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust create a portfolio option as soon as possible for all municipalities that has no exposure to fossil fuels or prisons or their funders.

Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone

POR 2021 #279

This resolution asks the City Council to request the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust to create an alternative option for cities, like Cambridge, that want to fully divest from fossil fuels and prisons. The council passed a [policy order](#) in April of this year asking the City to make sure it's funds were aligned with the progressive goals that were outlined in the new budget policy.

This item was adopted.

5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to ensure multi-family properties on the market are reviewed as quickly as possible as potential affordable housing acquisitions.

Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Vice Mayor Mallon

POR 2021 #280

This policy order asks the City Manager to work with the necessary departments to inquire about purchasing all multi-family properties currently on the market to be used for affordable housing. These properties could be essential for helping the City address its housing crisis.

This item was adopted.

6. That the City Council go on record urging the Baker Administration and the Legislature to reverse course and changes and do whatever it takes to continue the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and Residential Assistance for Families in Transition program as they are currently operating, and making use of additional ARPA funds as needed.

Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui
POR 2021 #281

The funds from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and Residential Assistance for Families in Transition program are critical for many Cambridge families who currently benefit from the assistance provided. If these funds stop, families in our community will be left in an uncompromising position. This resolution asks the City Council to stand in support of its continuance and urges Governor Baker to take action.

This item was adopted.

7. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider a request from Councillor Quinton Zondervan for a suitable dedication in the vicinity of 147 Magazine Street in honor of longtime Cambridge resident Lita Long.

Councillor Zondervan
POR 2021 #282

Lita Long was a longtime Cambridge resident who served the City in many ways. This policy order asks the Executive Assistant to the City Council work with the Dedication Committee to find a location near 147 Magazine street, where Ms. Long lived, for a dedication.

This item was adopted.

8. That the City Manager is hereby requested to consult with relevant city departments, the Cambridge Housing Authority, non-profits, and homeless shelters on a plan to distribute Cambridge's allotment of at-home rapid test kits equitably to the highest need individuals.

Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons
POR 2021 #283

This policy order asks the City Manager to work with the relevant departments to make sure these critical home testing kits are distributed to members of our most vulnerable communities. These at-home testing kits will allow people to obtain COVID19 results in minutes without waiting in long lines outside in the cold, and also help reduce the spread of infection.

This item was adopted.

9. That the City Manager is requested to work with Derrick Neal, Chief Public Health Officer of the Cambridge Public Health Department, to expand current testing hours for January and February.

Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan
POR 2021 #284

This policy order asks the City Manager and Director of Public Health Derrick Neal to work to expand COVID19 testing hours in January and February. Currently, residents are waiting in line for 2+ hours, often in the cold. Although testing is available 5 days a week, the hours are limited. By extending the hours, we can make this a more streamlined and pleasant process for all.

This item was adopted.

10. That all items pending before the City Council and not acted upon by the end of the 2020-2021 Legislative Session be placed in the files of the City Clerk, without prejudice provided that those proposed ordinances which have been passed to a second reading, advertised and listed on the Calendar under "Unfinished Business" during the 2020-2021 City Council term, along with any other pending matters on the Calendar listed as "Unfinished Business," shall be forwarded to the next City Council and further provided that any items pending in committee or appearing on the City Manager's "Awaiting Report List" may, at the discretion of the appropriate body, be forwarded to the next City Council. **Mayor Siddiqui**
POR 2021 #285

This policy order allows all unfinished business and awaiting report items to be carried over to the next council term so they can continue to be acted upon then. This refers to anything that has not been acted on in this current term, or earlier.

This item was adopted.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Housing Committee met September 23, 2021 to discuss the Condo Conversion Ordinance.

A. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING PROTECTION FOR TENANTS FACING DISPLACEMENT BY CONDOMINIUM COOPERATIVE CONVERSION PURSUANT TO CITY'S AUTHORITY UNDER ST. 1983, C. 527 ORDINANCE #2021-27

POR 2021 #286

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

This item was amended to include Mayor Siddiqui as attendee of the meeting.

This item was referred to the Ordinance Committee by a vote of 7-2. Councillor McGovern was marked absent and Councillor Toomey voted no.

The minutes were accepted.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee
COF 2021 #116

The School Committee held a roundtable discussion on December 14 to discuss Interim Superintendent Greer's entry plan which is focused on Governance, Organizational Alignment, Student Success, Communications & Engagement, and Culture & Climate. These are the next steps Dr. Greer has laid out for CPS to take in order to meet the stated goals in the report:

- Share and communicate the findings with stakeholder groups.

- Continue work with Executive Leadership Team and district and school leaders to clarify areas of “loose and tight” expectations across schools
- Identify and communicate priority areas for district planning based on the data and information gathered during this process.
- Share an outline and timeline of the upcoming district planning process.
- Share draft FY23 budget guidelines.

If you would like to read the full presentation, you can do so [here](#).

In an abundance of caution as the Omicron variant continues to spread, CPS is limiting spectator capacity for home games to 50% beginning with the Winter sports season.

Next year’s budget meetings are set:

- **FY23 Budget Community Meeting 1:** Wednesday, February 2, 2022, 3-5PM
- **FY23 Budget Community Meeting 2:** Thursday, February 3, 2022, 5:30-7:30PM
- **FY23 Budget Community Meeting 3:** Saturday, February 12, 2022, 10-12PM

Stay tuned for more information to come about joining these meetings.

This communication was placed on file.

2. A communication was received from Anthony Wilson, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity.
COF 2021 #117

This communication was placed on file.

The following late Policy Orders were submitted:

Councillor Zondervan:

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is experiencing the highest COVID-19 case counts yet; and

WHEREAS: For the safety of city employees and the public interacting with them, it is imperative that we ensure maximum flexibility for staff to work remotely; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to allow all employees who are able to perform their duties remotely to work from home until further notice.

This item was adopted.

Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan, and Councillor Nolan

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is experiencing the highest COVID-19 case counts yet; and

WHEREAS: Boston has [announced](#) a proof of vaccination requirement for indoor venues that will go into effect on January 15, 2022, and Somerville and other neighboring municipalities have indicated they are following suit; and

WHEREAS: Residents will be more comfortable patronizing indoor venues if there is an indoor vaccination requirement and the policy would create a strong incentive for unvaccinated people to get the vaccine; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge should stay in alignment with Boston, Somerville, and neighboring municipalities by enacting such a policy; and

WHEREAS: The City Manager will be meeting with the business community to discuss what implementing such a policy would entail; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to establish a proof of vaccination requirement for certain activities and establishments in the City of Cambridge, including but not limited to indoor dining, bars, nightclubs, gyms and indoor entertainment venues; and report back to the City Council by its January 10th meeting.

This item was adopted.

LATE ORDER FROM COUNCILLOR SIMMONS, MAYOR SIDDIQUI, and COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: In recent days, the City has been presented with growing evidence of the extremely high transmissibility of the Omicron-variant of the Covid-19 virus; and

WHEREAS: At the same time as this new variant continues to run rampant, the City Council has been receiving anecdotal reports that people in our larger residential buildings have not been fully compliant with mask wearing; and

WHEREAS: The City does not currently have a mandate requiring those in larger residential buildings to wear masks to reduce the spread of the Covid-19 virus, and establishing such a mandate appears to be a wise measure in the City's continued efforts to reduce transmission of the virus; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the appropriate City

personnel in order to establish an indoor mask mandate for *all* buildings and indoor environments throughout the City of Cambridge, and that he report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

This item was adopted.