CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ●MARCH 7, 2022

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 a recommendation that in accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), the Cambridge City Council adopt an order for the Statement of Interest Form for the replacement of the Amigo School building roof.
   CMA 2022 #37

   There was discussion about the age of the Amigos School building, which is one of the oldest in the City. It was noted that the roof is the most pressing repair at this time, and in the future after the Tobin School construction is completed, more funds can be directly allocated to the Amigos School building for other necessary repairs.

   This item was adopted.

2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Emergency Management Performance Grant from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency in the amount of $39,600.00 to the Grant Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account which will be used to support the purchase of a new vehicle for the Emergency Preparedness and Coordination office.
   CMA 2022 #38

   It was asked if an electric vehicle was considered for purchase instead of the hybrid that was picked out. Councillor Nolan exercised her Charter Right on this item, halting all discussion until the next regular Council meeting on March 21, 2022.

3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of MASSCAP Inc. funds in the amount of $1,665.38 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to provide assistance to Cambridge and Somerville residents with natural gas heating bills.
   CMA 2022 #39

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

4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the MassHire Metro North Workforce Board for $74,847.11 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account ($29,939.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account ($44,908.11) which will be

used to reimburse the City for salary and program costs associated with enrolling income-eligible youth in the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program.
CMA 2022 #40

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

5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant in the amount of $348,301.00 funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used for DHSP to operate LIHEAP serving Cambridge and Somerville.
CMA 2022 #41

There was discussion about ensuring that low-income families can heat their homes in an environmentally friendly manner through this program.

This item was adopted.

6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of funds for the College Success Initiative from the Cambridge Housing Authority for $12,500.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Department Programs Salary and Wages account which will be used to support a portion of the salary costs for one of the college success coaches who works with students attending Bunker Hill Community College.
CMA 2022 #42

The college success coaches are paid through a grant agreement called Stillworks that the City has been in partnership with for years. This allows the success coach salaries to be partially paid for by the grant, and partially paid for through the City's salary fund.

This item was adopted.

7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Children's Trust Fund grant for the Center for Families program in the amount of $53,000.00 to the Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account ($12,350.00), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account ($26,400.00), and to the Travel and Training account ($14,250.00) which will be used by the Center for Families to support family programs targeting parents of children up to eight years, which include a variety of family support and parent education programs and resources.
CMA 2022 #43

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

8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-42, regarding a report on reviewing Cambridge's corporate contracts and purchases to identify any vendors or manufacturers whose products are used to perpetuate

violations of International Human Rights Laws and Cambridge's policy on discrimination.
CMA 2022 #44

This item is in response to this policy order that was passed in May of 2021 that asked the City Manager and Purchasing Department to review all corporate contracts to identify those who violate human rights. It was also decided that the goal of the original policy order was to make sure the City is not blindly supporting companies who are doing bad things.

This item was placed on file.

9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation (DCR) to reactivate the parking meters installed last year on segments of Memorial Drive near the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and along Cambridge Parkway.
CMA 2022 #45

A question was raised about the City's involvement with these parking meters. It is required by law for the governing body to approve the reactivation of the parking meters, so that is why this request came before the Council. A question was also raised about split revenue with the DCR, and it was shared that split revenue has not yet been talked about, but is an option that could be explored.

Councillor Azeem exercised his Charter Right on this item, halting all discussion until the next regular Council meeting on March 21, 2022.

10. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of $75,000 from the General Fund Traffic, Parking and Transportation Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Traffic, Parking and Transportation Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and anticipated medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for the remainder of the fiscal year for Traffic and Parking personnel injured in the performance of their duties.
CMA 2022 #46

This appropriation is for medical expenses that must be covered under Worker's Compensation for Traffic, Parking & Transportation employees who get hurt while working.

This item was placed on file.

11. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of $730,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Traffic and Parking Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account ($700,000), and to the General Fund Traffic and Parking Department Extraordinary Expenditures account ($30,000) for additional costs associated with the implementation of the Cycling Safety Ordinance.
CMA 2022 #47

The rules were suspended to bring CMA# 12 and Communication #1 forward with this item.

There was discussion about providing the cost of the already completed portions of Mass Ave, as well as predicted costs of the upcoming portions, and an estimated date of completion. It was also requested that Porter Square crash data be made available in a report for the public to review. There was discussion about the delay of implementation, and it was reitieratied that the City should do everything possible to remain on-track for the construction season.

This item was placed on file.

12. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on the status of our planned implementation of cycling safety improvements in Porter Square along Massachusetts Avenue between Beech Street and Roseland Street.
CMA 2022 #48

This item was placed on file by a vote of 8-1. Councillor Zondervan voted no.

13. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the Talbot Street Easement Disposition.
CMA 2022 #49

There were two votes in this communication: both passed unanimously.

This item was placed on file.

14. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request to approve the disposition of property located at 35 Cherry Street (the "Property") to the Affordable Housing Trust to facilitate the development of affordable housing.
CMA 2022 #50

The Community Development Department is considering using this property for a first-time homeownership opportunity. This project has been long awaited in the Port neighborhood and it is great to see this project will potentially benefit members of the neighborhood as well.

This item was placed on file.

15. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the Annual Surveillance Report concerning City Departments' use of Surveillance Technology or Surveillance Data.
CMA 2022 #51

This item was referred to the Public Safety Committee for further discussion and deeper analysis of the Surveillance Report.

16. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request to move to Executive Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property as discussion in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the

public body.
CMA 2022 #52

The City Council moved to Executive Session to discuss this matter privately, as an open meeting discussion could negatively impact the negotiation process.

The rules were suspended to bring late policy order #1 forward for discussion.

Late Policy Order #1:

> ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the findings of the "Future of Telework" Committee, and to explain the city's current policy regarding a remote work policy in the Weekly Digest this Friday, March 11th; and further be it
>
> ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to submit a full report with recommendations to the full City Council at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Monday March 21st.
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> There was discussion about the timeline of receiving an official, permanent remote work policy from the City Manager's office, and what that policy would look like. The City Manager assured the Council that his office is working diligently to develop this policy. The current hybrid remote work policy expires on Friday, March 11 for eligible City employees.
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> This item was adopted 5-2-1-1. Councillors Azeem and Toner voted no. Councillor Simmons was marked absent. Councillor Carlone was marked present.

II. CALENDAR

CHARTER RIGHT

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of Michael P. Gardner as a member of the Cambridge Retirement Board for a term of three years, effective March 1, 2022.
   CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY VICE MAYOR MALLON
   IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 28, 2022
   CMA 2022 #22

   This item was extraneously included in the Charter Right last week.

   This appointment was approved and the item was placed on file.

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Maxwell Solet as a new member of the Board of Trustee of the Cambridge Health Alliance for a term to expire June 30, 2024.

CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY VICE MAYOR MALLON
IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 28, 2022
CMA 2022 #23

This item was extraneously included in the Charter Right last week.

This appointment was approved and the item was placed on file.

3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to approval requested for new appointments and reappointment to Open Data Review Board for a term of two year.
CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY VICE MAYOR MALLON
IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 28, 2022 CMA 2022 #24

The rules were suspended to bring items 3-9 forward together.

There was discussion about the new process, per the charter amendment voted on in the November 3 election, for the City Council to approve of appointments from the City Manager which includes a 60-day review process. If no action is taken from the Council within the 60 days of the City Manager's appointment, the nominated persons automatically are approved. I stated that I would be happy to hear these appointments in a Government Operations, Rules, and Claims Meeting before approving their appointments.

This item was placed on the table.

4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to approval requested for reappointment and new appointment to the Water Board.
CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY VICE MAYOR MALLON
IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 28, 2022
CMA 2022 #26

This item was placed on the table.

5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to approval requested for reappointments to the Fresh Pond Master Plan Advisory Board.
CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY VICE MAYOR MALLON
IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 28, 2022
CMA 2022 #27

This item was placed on the table.

6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to approval requested for new appointments and reappointments to the Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Commission.
CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY VICE MAYOR MALLON
IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 28, 2022 CMA 2022 #29

This item was placed on the table.

7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to approval requested for a new appointment and reappointments to the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Commission.
CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY VICE MAYOR MALLON
IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 28, 2022 CMA 2022 #30

   This item was placed on the table.

8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to approval requested for reappointments to the Half Crown-Marsh Neighborhood Conservation District Commission.
CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY VICE MAYOR MALLON
IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 28, 2022 CMA 2022 #31

   This item was placed on the table.

9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to approval requested for a new appointment and reappointments to the Historical Commission. **CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY VICE MAYOR MALLON**
IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 28, 2022
CMA 2022 #32

   This item was placed on the table.

10. An application was received from MIT List Visual Arts Center requesting permission for 35 temporary banners across Ames Street Memorial Drive Main Street and Broadway announcing MIT List, New Art on View, Contemporary Art from February 2022 through October 2022.
CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR CARLONE
IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 28, 2022 APP 2022 #5

    The rules were suspended to bring items 10-14 forward together.

    It was agreed that there needs to be a more streamlined and effective process for curb cut applications to ensure that there is a response from the neighborhood.

    This application was approved.

11. An application was received from Dan Anderson, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 33 Webster Avenue 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.
CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR CARLONE IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 28, 2022
APP 2022 #6

This application was approved by a vote of 8-1. Councillor Zondervan voted no.

12. An application was received from Kelley Brown, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 301 Vasser 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.
CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR CARLONE IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 28, 2022
APP 2022 #7

    This application was approved.

13. An application was received from Dillon Lammers, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 1065 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.
CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR CARLONE IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 28, 2022
APP 2022 #8

    This application was approved.

14. A Zoning Petition Has been received from Craig A. Kelley regarding The Cambridge Transportation De-Carbonization and Congestion-Mitigation Bill. (Ordinance #2022-10)
CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR CARLONE
IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 28, 2022
APP 2022 #9

    This item was extraneously included in the Charter Right.

    This item was sent to the Ordinance Committee and Planning Board.

15. That the City Manager is requested to work with DCR to pilot an expansion of Memorial Drive closures along any segments east of Western Avenue that could be used as parkland. **CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS**
IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 28, 2022
POR 2022 #34

    "East of Western Avenue" was described as any area from Western Avenue to the end of Memorial Drive in East Cambridge. An amendment was proposed to add verbiage about reaching out to the impacted neighborhoods and obtaining feedback in an effort to ensure robust community engagement.

    The amendment to the order passed 8-1. Councillor Simmons was marked present.

    The order was adopted as amended 8-1. Councillor Simmons was marked present.

16. That the City Manager is requested to amend all existing Community Host Agreements previously issued by the City by reducing the Impact Fee to 0.05% of Gross Revenue and to refrain from placing this burden upon any future HCAs that may yet be issued.
CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 28, 2022 POR 2022 #27

Councillor Zondervan was added as a cosponsor to the original policy order.

This item was placed on the table.

III. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Ricky Zeng representing Gong Cha, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 50 Church Street approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and no abutter response, proof of mailing has been received.
APP 2022 #10

This application was approved.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Stephen Kaiser, regarding REPORT on Recent Design Plans for Mass Avenue Prepared by Stephen Kaiser March 1 2022.
COM 280 #2022

   This communication was placed on file.

2. A communication was received from Samantha Putoš, regarding Parking on Mass Ave.
COM 281 #2022

   This communication was placed on file.

3. A communication was received from Mike Goodman, regarding Cambridge Green New Deal.
COM 282 #2022

   This communication was placed on file.

4. A communication was received from Loren Crowe, regarding NCD Policy Order.
COM 283 #2022

   This communication was placed on file.

5. A communication was received from Erick Lynch, regarding DUDLEY TO BEACH parking removal.
COM 284 #2022

This communication was placed on file.

6. A communication was received from Dolan Murvihill, regarding Support ARPA funding for HEART!.
   COM 285 #2022

   This communication was placed on file.

7. A communication was received from Belinda Rathbone, regarding for City Council Meeting March 7.
   COM 286 #2022

   This communication was placed on file.

8. A communication was received from Anirudh Wodeyar, regarding Cambridge needs a Green New Deal.
   COM 287 #2022

   This communication was placed on file.

9. A communication was received from Allie Wainer, regarding ARPA for Cambridge Heart.
   COM 288 #2022

   This communication was placed on file.

10. A communication was received from Adam Simha, regarding Mass Ave changes re bikes.
    COM 289 #2022

    This communication was placed on file.

V. RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to the East Cambridge Business Association, Gather Here Stitch Lounge, and Commonwealth Alternative Care on the opening of the Inman Incubator.
Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Toner
RES 2022 #49

This resolution was adopted.

VI. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

1. Cancellation of the Regular City Council Meeting March 14, 2022.
   Mayor Siddiqui
   POR 2022 #37

This policy order asks for the Regular City Council meeting scheduled for March 14, 2022 to be cancelled since many council members will be at the 2020 Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C.

This resolution was adopted.

2. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Department of Public Works to introduce the SMART Box rodent control system in Cambridge.
Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui
POR 2022 #38

This policy order asks the City Manager and the Department of Public Works to implement SMART Box rodent control to add to current rodent mitigation efforts. The rat problem in Cambridge is persistent and must be attacked through as many avenues as possible, and the SMART BOX technology is not only environmentally-friendly, but also poses no harm to people.

This resolution was adopted

3. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Assistant City Manager for the Department of Human Service Programs and the head of DHSP Preschools to determine how to better integrate more parent response into their decision-making process as they make changes that can have undue impacts upon the families they serve.
Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern
POR 2022 #39

This policy order asks the City Manager to consult with the Assistant City Manager for the Department of Human Service Programs, Ellen Semenoff, and the head of DHSP Preschools to incorporate parent response into their decision making process, as their decisions have great effect on the parents and families they serve, particularly low-income families.

This resolution was adopted.

4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Libraries to provide free tickets to the Museum of African American History to Cambridge residents.
Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons
POR 2022 #40

This policy order asks the City Manager to work with the Director of Libraries to find a way to provide free museum passes to the Museum of African American History for Cambridge residents as was provided during Black History Month. These free passes would add to the multitude of free museum/attraction passes offered through the library.

This resolution was adopted

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Housing Committee met on December 1, 2021 to conduct a public hearing to resume its discussion of the September 20, 2021 Policy Order that seeks to amend the Zoning Ordinance via potentially raising the linkage fee.

This report was accepted and placed on file.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Anthony Wilson, City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity.
   COF 2022 #26

   This communication was placed on file.

2. A communication was received from Councillors Toner and Simmons, transmitting a memorandum regarding the search for the next City Clerk
   COF 2022 #27

   This communication was placed on file.

3. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee
   COF 2022 #28

   This communication was placed on file.