



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA • MAY 16, 2022

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 \$2,500 donated from the Carl Barron Awards for Administrative Excellence, to the Fire Department Grant Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to support a presentation ceremony in the coming month to recognize outstanding service of members of the Fire Department.

***CMA 2022 #109***

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

2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$37,372 received from the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to the Grant Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account which will be used to purchase rescue saws for the Ladder Companies and a Rescue Company.

***CMA 2022 #110***

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

3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the State Executive Office of Public Safety for \$11,275 to the Grant Fund Fire Salaries and Wages account (\$9,275), and to the Grant Fund Fire Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,000) to provide funds to continue the Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program that educates students in the dangers of fire and its effect on people, property, and the environment.

***CMA 2022 #111***

*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 State Executive Office of Public Safety for \$3,655 to the Grant Fund Fire Salaries and Wages account (\$3,000) and to the Grant Fund Fire Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$655.00) to provide funds for the Senior SAFE Program that educates seniors on the dangers of fire and its effect on people, property, and the environment.

***CMA 2022 #112***

*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 \$58,600 from Free Cash to the General Fund Veterans' Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover additional costs associated with the 2022 Memorial Day ceremony. **CMA 2022 #113**

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

6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, in response to a question raised at the May 9, 2022 Council Meeting concerning the Alewife Overlay Development Zoning Petition. **CMA 2022 #114**

There was discussion about special permits granted to projects and whether they would be affected by the zoning changes. It was determined that projects that received special permits before the zoning changes will not be impacted by the new zoning in the Alewife Overlay District when it goes into effect.

This item was referred to Calendar Item #3.

## II. CALENDAR

### ON THE TABLE

1. Section 11.202(b) of Article 11.000 Special Regulations linkage fee., be amended by substitution. (Ordinance #2022-14)  
**PLACED ON THE TABLE IN COUNCIL MAY 9, 2022**  
**POR 2022 #84**  
**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No action was taken.

2. That Article 20.90- Alewife Overlay Districts 1-6 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance be amended to insert a new section entitled Section 20.94.3- Temporarily prohibited uses. (ORDINANCE #2022-1)  
**PLACED ON THE TABLE IN COUNCIL MAY 2, 2022**  
**TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER MAY, 23 2022 POR 2022 #2**

No action was taken.

3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$14,600,000 to provide funds for the Municipal Facilities Improvement Plan.  
**PASSED TO SECOND READING IN COUNCIL MAY 2, 2022**  
**TO BE ADOPTED ON OR AFTER MAY 23, 2022 CMA 2022 #91**

No action was taken.

4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$15,000,000 to provide funds for the design and construction of a multi-use paths Danehy/New Street Path, Linear Park and Grand Junction Path, which runs from Henry Street to Gore Street on both City, MIT and MassDot property. **PASSED TO SECOND READING IN COUNCIL MAY 2, 2022  
TO BE ADOPTED ON OR AFTER MAY 23, 2022 CMA 2022 #90**

No action was taken.

5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,800,000 to provide funds for the replacement of existing gas boilers at the Morse and Cambridgeport schools. **PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL MAY 2, 2022  
TO BE ADOPTED ON OR AFTER MAY 23, 2022 CMA 2022 #87**

No action was taken.

6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$78,500,000 to provide funds for the construction of sewer separation, storm water management and combined sewer overflow reduction elimination improvements within the Port, Alewife and Central Square areas as well as the Sewer Capital Repairs Program and climate change preparedness efforts. **PASSED TO SECOND READING IN COUNCIL MAY 2, 2022  
TO BE ADOPTED ON OR AFTER MAY 23, 2022  
CMA 2022 #89**

No action was taken.

7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$13,000,000 to provide funds for the reconstruction of various City streets, sidewalks and bike facilities. **PASSED TO SECOND READING IN COUNCIL MAY 2, 2022  
TO BE ADOPTED ON OR AFTER MAY 23, 2022  
CMA 2022 #88**

No action was taken.

8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$37,000,000 to provide additional funds for the construction of improvements at the Fire Station Headquarters Building located at 491 Broadway. **PASSED TO SECOND READING IN COUNCIL MAY 2, 2022  
TO BE ADOPTED ON OR AFTER MAY 23, 2022 CMA 2022 #92**

No action was taken.

### III. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Cheryl Yennaco representing Investments Limited, requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 2368 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters proof of mailing has been provided.

***APP 2022 #22***

This application was approved.

2. An application was received from City of Cambridge Budget Department requesting permission for 25 temporary banners, Massachusetts Avenue from Prospect Street to Trowbridge Street, announcing Participatory Budget from June 2022 through December 2022.

***APP 2022 #23***

This application was approved.

3. An application was received from Gail Wang, Boston Dragon Boat Festival, Inc. requesting permission for a temporary banner across JFK Street at Mount Auburn Street announcing Hong Kong Boston Dragon Boat Festival from May 30, 2022 through June 12, 2022.

***APP 2022 #24***

This application was approved.

## **V. RESOLUTIONS**

1. Congratulations to Philip Carey on his retirement from the Water Department.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #113***

This resolution was adopted.

2. Resolution on the death of Joseph J. Ferolito.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #114***

This resolution was adopted.

3. Resolution on the death of Helena Margarida Pimentel (Furtado) Silva.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #115***

This resolution was adopted.

4. Resolution on the death of Virginia M. (Richardson) McDonough.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #116***

An amendment was put forward to add myself to this resolution as a cosponsor.

This resolution was adopted as amended.

5. Congratulations to Jayne R. Murphy on receiving the Boston Dance Alliance's 2022 Unsung Hero Award.

**Vice Mayor Mallon**

**RES 2022 #117**

This resolution was adopted.

6. Congratulations to Sisters on the Runway for their dedication to Domestic Violence awareness and wish them great success with their fashion show.

**Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui**

**RES 2022 #118**

This resolution was adopted.

7. Congratulations to Sucharita Varanasi, Lead Counsel at MassMutual, on being recognized as a 2022 In-House "Leader in the Law" by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly.

**Mayor Siddiqui**

**RES 2022 #119**

This resolution was adopted.

## VI. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

1. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide an update to the City Council by the final week of June 2022 on any progress that has been made regarding LGBTQ+ Friendly Housing.

**Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui**

**POR 2022 #89**

This policy order asks the City Manager to provide an update on LGBTQ+ friendly housing. The City Council [voted unanimously](#) in September 2021 to direct the City Manager to work with the Community Development Department to determine the feasibility of creating LGBTQ+ housing, as done in Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Boston, and to create a report that outlines the efforts that have been made as well as the hindrances. LGBTQ+ friendly housing is especially crucial to members of the community who lose their homes in the wake of coming out or are unable to find housing because of their status.

This policy order was adopted.

2. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Executive Director of the Council on Aging, Somerville and Cambridge Elder Services, and the Executive Director of Cadbury Common to determine the feasibility of re-establishing some form of the Kate's Café Monthly

LGBTQ+ Community Dinners either at Cadbury Common or at another suitable location, and to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

**Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui**

***POR 2022 #90***

This policy order seeks to re-establish Kate's Cafe, a monthly LGBTQ+ community dinner that has not occurred since 2019 due to the ongoing pandemic. These dinners were especially meaningful to the senior LGBTQ+ community in Cambridge and served as an opportunity for socializing and community-building.

This policy order was adopted.

3. That the City Manager is requested to work with appropriate City staff to determine the feasibility of hiring a dedicated Executive Director for the LGBTQ Commission who would report directly to the City Manager's office, and provide the necessary funding for this department.

**Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons**

***POR 2022 #91***

This [policy order](#) asks the City Manager to work with the relevant departments and staff to determine the feasibility of hiring a dedicated Executive Director of the LGBTQ Commission. Cambridge has long been a bold leader in LGBTQ+ inclusion and protective policy, yet the LGBTQ+ Commission shares an executive director with the Commission on Immigrant Rights and Citizenship as well as the Human Rights Commission. With a dedicated Executive Director, the LGBTQ+ Commission could tackle many more of the projects and initiatives that are so needed.

The following amendment was put forward (in blue):

WHEREAS: The LGBTQIA+ community in Cambridge should have dedicated leadership in the commission primarily focused on the specific needs of this community, which will help expand access to programs, services and critical short term and long term needs that include, but are not limited to:

- Advising steps to declare a sanctuary or refuge status in Cambridge
- An action plan, with necessary steps, to become the most LGBTQIA+ friendly City in the Country
- LGBTQ+ friendly ~~elderly~~ housing options, **including and especially for seniors and unhoused youth, such as the City Council called for on September 20, 2021**
- Working with the Community Development Department to ensure that safe space needs to support our LGBTQIA+ residents is discussed as part of new development
- Making Cambridge a refuge for transgender children and their families from other states as they access critical medical care
- Providing access to LGBTQIA+ focused legal assistance and mental health services; now therefore be it

This policy order was adopted as amended.

4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with all relevant City departments, consultants, and the Alewife Quad Working Group on any and all progress on the Terminal Road connection and any related projects.

**Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Toner**

***POR 2022 #92***

This [policy order](#) seeks an update on the progress on the Terminal Road connection in the Alewife Quad area. For many years, residents in the area have advocated for a connection at the road that could help make the area more walkable and offer immediate relief to bikes and pedestrians going to the Alewife T, Danehy Park, shopping areas, and more. The 55 Wheeler Street project appropriated funds to study the possibility of a connection, making this an opportune time to begin this project.

An amendment was put forward to add Councillor Carlone as a cosponsor.

This policy order was adopted as amended.

5. That the City Council recognizes Wednesday, May 18, 2022, as Haitian Flag Day in Cambridge and encourages residents to take part in Haitian Flag Day celebrations throughout the City to honor the Haitian community, its history, and its role in and contributions to Cambridge.

**Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Zondervan**

***POR 2022 #93***

Haitian Flag Day is Wednesday, May 18th. Cambridge is home to a large, vibrant, and proud Haitian community, and this [policy order](#) seeks to celebrate their history by recognizing the day the Haitian Flag was created in 1803, after the success of the Haitian Revolution.

This policy order was adopted.

6. That the City Manager is requested to work with all relevant staff to ensure that every possible material used in construction projects is as safe and healthy and free of potential toxins as possible, and ensure that all construction and manufacturing vendors commit to disclosing all ingredients and using non-toxic materials.

**Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon**

***POR 2022 #94***

This [policy order](#) seeks to ensure that no toxins are used in the construction of any building or project within the City in Cambridge. In a recent [Boston Globe](#) article, one Cambridge-based contractor, HMFH Architects, is in the process of reviewing lists of chemicals that may be used in new construction that could be potentially harmful. Although the City of Cambridge has strict regulations, it is always the goal of the Council to double-check and make sure our buildings are safe for contractors, as well as the staff and students who will use these buildings for years to come. There was discussion about drafting another policy order to send to Cambridge's state delegation to strengthen the support.

This policy order was adopted.

7. That the City Manager is requested to allocate the remaining ARPA funding, in compliance with the Final Rule, across community-serving applicants.

**Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone**

***POR 2022 #95***

This [policy order](#) asks the City Manager to allocate the remaining \$33 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to all proposals submitted by community non-profits. There was discussion about spending all the remaining money, and what that could mean for future projects. There was also discussion about department-submitted proposals and whether or not they would receive any funding under this policy order.

The following amendment was put forward (in blue):

That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to allocate the remaining ARPA funding, in compliance with the Final Rule, across all of the following applicants: Breakthrough Greater Boston, Cambridge Camping, Cambridge Community Center, Cambridge Housing Authority, Cambridge/Somerville Healthcare for the Homeless, Charles River Conservancy, Food For Free, Friends of Jerry's Pond, Friends of Magazine Beach, Green Cambridge, Green Street Shelter, HEART, Just A Start, Poppportunity Program, Project Right to Housing, Reservoir Church Soccer Nights, Starlight Square, Sustainable Business Network, and any other community-serving applicants that submitted their ideas before the deadline **and any projects proposed in line with City Council goals as previously discussed**; and be it further

This amendment was adopted.

Councillor Zondervan exercised his Charter Right on this policy order, halting all discussion until the May 23 regular Council meeting.

## **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 2022 #59***

This communication was placed on file.

2. A communication was received from Vice Mayor Alanna Mallon, transmitting information regarding the City Auditor Search.

**Vice Mayor Mallon**

***COF 2022 #60***

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



WHEREAS: The Council voted on March 28, 2022, to appoint Vice Mayor Mallon as chair of the Preliminary Screening Committee and for the Committee to begin the application and interviewing process for the new City Auditor, and to report back to the full City Council, as required by law, for the public interviewing of recommended finalists for the City Auditor position; and

WHEREAS: The Preliminary Screening Committee has completed its work and is bringing forward finalist candidates for a public interview and vote to the full City Council on May 23, 2022; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council delegate the drafting and finalization of the questions for the interview of the City Auditor finalists, scheduled for May 23rd, 2022, to the chair of the City Auditor Preliminary Screening Committee.

This communication contains an update to the City Auditor search. During the City Auditor search, an internal applicant was identified. Mr. Joseph McCann has been with the City of Cambridge's Auditing Department since 2021, and has a long, diverse employment history as an auditor. The screening committee has chosen to present him as a finalist for the position, and will be presenting him to the Council to be interviewed on May 23, 2022. This policy order asks for the ability to draft the final questions to be asked during the final interview. To read Mr. McCann's cover letter and resume, click [here](#).

This policy order was adopted.

This communication was placed on file.

3. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee.

***COF 2022 #61***

This communication was placed on file.

## **VIII. LATE POLICY ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Councillor Toner  
Councillor Simmons

WHEREAS: The Council voted on February 7, 2022, to appoint Councillors Simmons and Toner as co-chairs of the Preliminary Screening Committee and for the Committee to begin the application and interviewing process for the new City Clerk, and to report back to the full City Council, as required by law, for the public interviewing of recommended finalists for the City Clerk position; and

WHEREAS: The Preliminary Screening Committee has completed its work and is bringing forward finalist candidates for a public interview and vote to the full City Council on March 23rd, 2022; now therefore be it

WHEREAS: That the City Council delegate the drafting and finalization of the questions for the interviews of the City Clerk finalists scheduled for May 23rd, 2022 to the co-chairs of the City Clerk Preliminary Screening Committee.

The Preliminary Screening Committee for the City Clerk search has selected finalists to be interviewed by the City Council. This policy order asks for the ability to draft the final questions to be asked during the final interview of the City Clerk finalists, which will be on Monday, May 23, 2022.

This policy order was adopted.

Councillor Simmons

WHEREAS: The City Council, like those across the nation, was horrified by the unconscionable actions that took place in Buffalo, NY this past weekend; now therefore be it

WHEREAS: That the City Council stand in support of the statement (<https://www.ourmayors.org/News/African-American-Mayors-Statement-on-Mass-Shooting-in-Buffalo-NY>) that was released by the African American Mayors Association Statement on the Mass Shootings in Buffalo, New York.

This policy order seeks to stand in solidarity with the City of Buffalo, NY and condemn the racist attack that took place over the weekend. The policy order was amended to add condolences to Raymond Hornsley on the death of his son, one of the victims, and to add the entire Council as cosponsors.

This policy order was adopted as amended.