



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA • MAY 2, 2022

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Regular Meeting

Sullivan Chamber 5:30 PM

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

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## I. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the FY2023 submitted budget and appropriation orders.

***CMA 2022 #86***

The [FY2023](#) proposed budget was presented to the Council. The City Manager was proud to present this budget as a testament to responding to Council concerns. Some specific large increases in this year's budget are; affordable housing which will see a 17.5% increase in funding, and early childhood education, which will see a 26% increase in funding. For more information on the FY2023 budget please visit the City's website [here](#).

This item was referred to the Finance Committee for discussion at the May 10th and 17th Committee meetings at 9am. The Cambridge Public School budget will be discussed separately next Wednesday, May 11th at 6pm. All meetings will be available to watch on zoom, or CityView22 and will be recorded and available on the [granicus](#) page.

2. 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.

***CMA 2022 #87***

This appropriation is to replace existing gas boilers at the Morse and Cambridgeport Schools with new, electric boilers. This is a step toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions in our schools and making them more energy efficient for the future.

This item was passed to a second reading.

3. 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.

***CMA 2022 #88***

For specific streets that will be reconstructed, please refer to the "[Key Initiatives](#)" section of the budget, pages I-35 and I-36.

This item was passed to a second reading.

4. 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.

***CMA 2022 #89***

This sewer repair project will be concentrated primarily at the Tobin School reconstruction site as part of the mitigation effort there. While there is much work to be done to remedy the ongoing flooding and water problems throughout the City, the Department of Public Works assured the Council that all sewer repair projects focus on decreasing storm water on our streets and improving water quality across the City. For other areas of focus please refer to [Section I](#) page I-40.

This item was passed to a second reading.

5. 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.

***CMA 2022 #90***

The construction and design of these projects will be funded through CPA funds that were appropriated. For specifics on the projects and paths, head to [page I-42](#) of the Budget. To kick off the community engagement portion of this process, the City is sponsoring a community walk of the New Street path and Linear Path this week, to join click [here](#). To learn more about the Linear Path redesign, click [here](#). To learn more about the planned path at New Street/Danehy Park connector, click [here](#).

This item was passed to a second reading.

6. 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.

***CMA 2022 #91***

There was discussion about which City buildings would be included in this plan. Department of Public Works Commissioner Owen O’Riordan mentioned upgrades to City Hall Annex’s geothermal walls, replacing gas boilers with electric ones in multiple City buildings, adding electric charging stations to Police, Fire, and other City buildings, and replacing leaky windows at the O’Connell Library to help with energy efficiency.

This item was passed to a second reading.

7. 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.  
***CMA 2022 #92***

This renovation project at [Cambridge Fire Headquarters](#) was originally valued at \$25,000,000 for an “alteration” to the building, but after beginning the project, it was determined a full renovation would be needed and an additional \$37,000,000 to complete the work properly. Construction of a new data center is scheduled to begin in the fall of this year with construction of the main building beginning in mid 2023. The estimated date of completion is late 2025.

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

8. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$600,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account which will fund the purchase a training structure to be located in the rear of the East Cambridge fire station. ***CMA 2022 #93***

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

9. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$150,000 from the General Fund Electrical Department Salary and Wages Account to the General Fund Electrical Travel and Training Account (Judgments and Damages) to cover medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for personnel injured in performance of their duties. ***CMA 2022 #94***

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

10. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a supplemental allocation from the Office of the Attorney General, Local Consumer Aid Fund for \$5,000 to the Grant Fund License Commission (Consumer’s Council) Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to allow the Consumers' Council to continue the mediation of consumer complaints from individuals in Cambridge as well as in Somerville, Arlington, Belmont, Watertown and Waltham which do not have their own complaint mediation program. ***CMA 2022 #95***

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

11. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$1,500,000 from the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account from MIT Development for Volpe Project (\$500,000) and Alexandria RE Equities/Design & Construction (\$1,000,000) and will be used to support the design and construction of the Grand Junction Multi-use Path. ***CMA 2022 #96***

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

12. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$253,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures Account to be used for a City of Cambridge Disparity Study.

***CMA 2022 #97***

As former chair of the Economic Development Committee, I worked to bring a consulting company to perform a Disparity Study to determine whether a [Sheltered Market Program](#) can be put in place, which can only happen if the study finds a significant disparity within the City's procurement practices. The results of this study would allow Cambridge to solicit bids directly from minority and/or women-owned businesses who are typically left out of critical funding. The initial [RFP](#) was put out in October of 2021, and the City Manager's office is happy to announce that Griffin & Strong P.C. consulting will be handling the study. The final report is anticipated to include: legal requirements, data collection, availability study, utilization analysis, procurement practice review, and information on the items needed for the City to implement a sheltered market program (if warranted). This study is scheduled to begin in the spring of this year and be complete by next year.

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

13. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$23,100,176 received from the U.S. Department of Treasury through the new Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) established by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), to the Grant Fund Finance Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used for a number of projects related to City Council priority areas particularly: homelessness and housing support, COVID testing, mental health services, job training, food insecurity, small business support, and infrastructure including items related to water, and broadband.

***CMA 2022 #98***

As the distribution process for these funds goes on, the City Council will continue to play a major role in disbursement of these funds, and the public will be kept informed and involved as much as possible through a strong community engagement effort. All submissions were due by 8pm on Monday, so the Finance and Budget Departments can begin this process.

Councillor Zondervan exercised his Charter Right, halting all discussion on this item until the May 9th regular Council meeting.

14. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request for approval to seek authorization from the Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General (the "IG") for the City to use the Construction Manager at Risk ("CMaR") procurement and construction method (the "CMaR Method") in connection with the Fire Department Headquarters Project.

***CMA 2022 #99***

This communication seeks approval from the Inspector General for use of the City Manager at Risk Method (CMaR) for the Fire Department Headquarters Project. The CMaR method allows

the City to use an alternative to the design-bid-build method, which also creates opportunity for multiple things to happen at once for construction projects.

The City has used the the CMaR method for previous projects including: 5 Western Avenue project, the Dr. Martin Luther King School on Putnam Avenue, the King Open/Cambridge Street Upper School and Community Complex, the Foundry project, the Multi-Department Relocation Plan and the Tobin Montessori and Vassal Lane Upper Schools.

The first step is the CMaR Method is submission of an application to the IG. The IG's response for approval or denial of the application is due in 60 days. Submission in May 2022 would place the IG approval in July 2022.

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

## II. CALENDAR

### CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on the feasibility of providing all Cambridge high school students with free Charlie Cards throughout the school year.

#### **CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS**

**IN COUNCIL APRIL 11, 2022**

**POR 2022 #64**

**ON THE TABLE**

This policy order was drafted on the floor of the April 11 regular Council meeting in response to this [order](#) asking the City Manager to investigate the feasibility of providing all CRLS students with free Charlie Cards for the school year. There was discussion about amending the language in the order to more specifically refer to Cambridge residents who are in high school, rather than all high school students in Cambridge which would include Cambridge Community Charter School, Prospect Hill Academy, and Buckingham Browne & Nichols School.

A motion was put forward to refer this item to the Transportation Committee. **That motion failed 4-3-1.** Councillors Carlone, Nolan, McGovern, and myself voted in the negative. Councillor Azeem was marked present.

This item was placed on the table by a vote of 7-2. Councillor Nolan voted in the negative. Mayor Siddiqui was marked absent. During discussion, Councillor McGovern expressed an interest in amending the language for the next City Council meeting to make more clear what the City Council would be asking of the City Manager with this policy order.

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.

**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR NOLAN IN COUNCIL MARCH 7, 2022.**

**CMA 2022 #38**

The rules were suspended to bring this item off of the table for discussion.

After working through the vehicle selection process with the Fire Department, Councillor Nolan was happy to move this appropriation forward with an [amended memo](#) that includes the plug in hybrid vehicle that will be purchased.

This item was adopted as amended.

### **III. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Ronald Santosuosso, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 650 East Kendall Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. One response has been received from the neighborhood association.

***APP 2022 #18***

This application was approved.

2. An application was received from Ronald Santosuosso, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 650 East Kendall Street/Linskey Way; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. One response has been received from the neighborhood associations.

***APP 2022 #19***

This application was approved.

### **V. RESOLUTIONS**

1. Congratulations to John Carew on his retirement from Cambridge College.

**Councillor Simmons**

***RES 2022 #104***

This resolution was adopted.

2. Resolution on the death of Lawyer Johnson.

**Councillor Simmons**

***RES 2022 #105***

This resolution was adopted.

3. Congratulations to the Cambridge Rotary Club on its 100th Anniversary.

**Mayor Siddiqui**

***RES 2022 #106***

This resolution was adopted.

4. Congratulations to the Outstanding Employee Award Winners.

**Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Carlone**

***RES 2022 #107***

This resolution was amended to include all of the Outstanding Employee Award winners.

This resolution was amended to add the entire City Council as cosponsors.

This resolution was adopted as amended.

## **VI. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST**

1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to look into the feasibility of mailing “Watch for Bikes” stickers to residents who have applied for a residential parking permit for the next application cycle in 2023.

**Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Azeem, Councillor McGovern**

***POR 2022 #72***

“[Watch for Bikes](#)” stickers were previously mailed to residents who requested residential parking permits in 2016 following the tragic death of [Amanda Phillips in Inman Square](#) in June 2016.

These stickers serve as a helpful reminder to drivers to double-check their surroundings before turning, opening car doors, and switching lanes. Since adopting Vision Zero in May 2016, there have still been several fatalities and many near misses, and it is the goal of the City to continue working toward a future where no collisions occur.

This policy order was adopted.

2. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department, the Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department and the Department of Public Works to look into the feasibility of placing a covered bike rack at City Hall using FY23 Capital Budget Funding.

**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Azeem**

***POR 2022 #73***

As cycling to work has become a popular mode of transportation, the need for proper bike storage throughout the year has also increased. Covered bike racks will allow the growing number of City employees who bike to work to have a safe, dry place to store their bike in all seasons, regardless of the weather. City Hall is currently under construction, so this is prime time to allocate two parking spaces for the covered bike rack.

This policy order was adopted.

3. City Council support of H.938 and H.998/S.569, Extended Producer Responsibility for Paint and Mattresses.

**Councillor Azeem**

***POR 2022 #75***

This policy order asks for the Council's support for [House bill H.998/ Senate bill S.569](#), which removes the burden of recycling or safe disposal of products from taxpayers and leaves it entirely to the manufacturers, the retailers, and the consumers. If this bill passes, it would free up a substantial amount of money for Cities, money that can be used to fund other projects and initiatives.

This policy order was adopted.

4. City Council support of H.R.2644, the Green New Deals for Cities Act of 2021.

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

***POR 2022 #78***

This resolution asks for the Council's support of [H.R.2664, the Green New Deals for Cities Act of 2021](#) which would distribute \$1 trillion directly to states, municipalities, and tribes over four years, to be spent on a range of climate justice initiatives including replacing lead pipes, retrofitting water infrastructure, building bike lanes, installing electric vehicle charging stations, testing soil and water for contaminants, and phasing out fossil fuel infrastructure. This could greatly increase Cambridge's ability to achieve its aggressive climate goals, and also help work toward implementing a Green New Deal.

This policy order was adopted.

5. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate staff to light up City Hall and painting crosswalks for Pride Month 2022.

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

***POR 2022 #79***

June is Pride Month, and Cambridge has long been a pioneer and staunch celebrator of LGBTQ+ rights and achievements. This policy order reaffirms the Council's commitment to accepting and celebrating this community by refreshing the crosswalks and benches outside of City Hall as well as lighting City Hall up in the colors of the Pride Flag.

This policy order was adopted.

6. That the City Council go on record supporting Cambridge's commitment to being an ally of the Wampanoag Nation in The National Movement and declaring Thursday May 5th, 2022 the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Day of Action.

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

***POR 2022 #80***



This policy order asks for the Council's support and recognition of Thursday, May 5th 2022, the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Day of Action. The National Institute of Justice reports that more than four in five American Indian/Alaskan adults (83%) have experienced some form of violence in their lifetime and the City of Cambridge is committed to raising awareness for this issue so that more help can be allocated toward the cause.

This policy order was adopted.

## VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Ordinance Committee met on March 9, 2022 to conduct a public hearing on a petition to amend Article 20.90- Alewife Overlay Districts 1-6 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance by inserting a new section entitled Section 20.94.3- Temporarily prohibited uses. (ORDINANCE #2022-1)

This report was accepted and placed on file. The following policy orders that were drafted during this hearing are below:

A. That the City Manager is hereby requested to direct City staff to provide the certain information regarding the Alewife Zoning Petition to the City Council for discussion

***POR 2022 #74***

**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Toner, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui**

This policy order was adopted.

B. That the City Manager be and hereby is requests the City Manager to instruct the Community Development to respond to the Ordinance Committee with a list of projects and where they are in the permitting process

***POR 2022 #76***

**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Carlone, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Toner, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui**

This policy order was adopted.

C. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Community Development Department to report back to the Ordinance Committee with suggested language and edits to the proposed moratorium

***POR 2022 #77***

**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Carlone, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Toner, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui**

This policy order was adopted.

D. That the City Manager works with the City Solicitor to provide a legal opinion on how the council might, if so desired, allow buildings somewhere along in the process of development to be exempted from the Alewife moratorium and whether the current language applying to office and lab uses is appropriate.

***POR 2022 #81***

**Councillor Zondervan**

*This policy order was adopted.*

E. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Community Development Department and the City Solicitor's office to report back to the City Council on Community Development's current zoning workload and how long Community Development would need to it advance Alewife zoning.

***POR 2022 #82***

**Councillor Azeem, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Toner, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan**

*This policy order was adopted.*

2. The Ordinance Committee met on April 7, 2022 to continue a public hear on a petition to amend Article 20.90- Alewife Overlay Districts 1-6 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance by inserting a new section entitled Section 20.94.3- Temporarily prohibited uses. (ORDINANCE #2022-1)

A. 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)

***POR 2022 #2***

**Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Azeem**

*This ordinance was passed to a second reading.*

## **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 #54***

*This communication was placed on file.*

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

***COF 2022 #55***

Summer is around the corner! Use these interactive resources from the Elementary School Network and Middle School Network to find summer opportunities for your students.

[K-5 Summer Programs 2022](#)

[6-8 Middle School Summer Programs 2022](#)

This communication was placed on file.

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

### **Councillor McGovern**

WHEREAS: Bill Kane from Biomed Reality is being honored with the 2022 Carl F. Barron Catalyst for Change Award by CASPAR; and

WHEREAS: This award is named in honor of Carl F. Barron, a long-time supporter of CASPAR and is presented each year to recognize an individual and/or group who brings positive change to the community by supporting our most vulnerable community members; and

WHEREAS: Bill, is President of East Coast and UK Markets at BioMed Reality, who operates 14 million square feet of laboratory and office space; and

WHEREAS: Bill and Biomed Reality are active community partners who support numerous non- profits in Cambridge through their philanthropy; and

WHEREAS: Bill comes from a long line of change makers, including his father who was a Rockport minister who counseled members of the prison community, and founded a medical mission in the Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS: Through his family, Bill learned at an early age that it was incumbent upon those who had more, to support those who had less, and to work to not only make individual lives better, but to make their community better and the word more just; and

WHEREAS: Bill has had a special relationship with CASPAR and has supported the organization in numerous ways from building support with fellow Cantabrigians for the Strengthening Our Community event, volunteering with members of the BioMed team to serve meals at the Emergency Services shelter, providing furniture and exercise equipment for CASPAR's residential programs, or hosting donation drives to collect many of the essential needs of the individuals CASPAR serves each day, Bill and BioMed have always been there to support CASPAR's vital services; and

WHEREAS: Bill Kane has made a truly positive impact on the lives of some of Cambridge's most vulnerable neighbors through his work with CASPAR, and he and BioMed Realty are most deserving recipients of the Carl F. Barron Catalyst for Change Award; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record congratulating Bill Kane on this recognition and thanking him for his tremendous and unwavering commitment to those in Cambridge who struggle to meet their most basic needs; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be sent to Bill Kane in honor of his service to the Cambridge community.

**This resolution was adopted.**

**Councillor Toner**

**Councillor McGovern**

**Councillor Simmons**

WHEREAS: Construction workers deserve to earn family-supporting wages and benefits; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Prevailing Wage Law for public works projects G.L. c. 149, §§ 26 - 27 ("The Prevailing Wage Law") establishes minimum wage rates for workers on public construction projects; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge recognizes the importance of prevailing wage laws to protect workers and the public's investment in construction services; and

WHEREAS: Construction workers installing, rehabilitating, and servicing our underground utility infrastructure on City of Cambridge streets deserve the same minimum prevailing wage standards for wages and benefits as other workers on Commonwealth and City of Cambridge funded projects; and

WHEREAS: The safety of the public and the integrity of utility infrastructure in our City must be protected and maintained by a skilled, trained, safe, and local workforce; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council offers its support for a City Council Ordinance requiring prevailing wage rates for private utility construction; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council recognizes the right for all workers to exercise their Section 7 rights under the National Labor Relations Act to freely join a union.

**This order seeks to ensure that all workers are paid properly for their work, and also have the right to join a union to protect their rights as workers.**

**This policy order was adopted.**

ORDERED: That, in accordance with the provisions of an ordinance relative to placing and maintaining banners, the Commissioner of Public Works be and hereby is authorized to grant a permit to the City of Cambridge Budget Department.

This order seeks permission from the Council for the Budget Department to hang a banner at 795 Massachusetts Ave to remind residents of the upcoming Participatory Budgeting cycle.

This policy order was adopted.