



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA • JUNE 27, 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 COVID-19 update.
CMA 2022 #135

Testing Update: As Middlesex County moves into the “low” category risk, and Cambridge moves into the “medium” category, walk-in testing will pause on July 6th until the demand rises again. Testing will still be available 7 days a week by appointment through CIC. To schedule an appointment at the CIC site, click [here](#). Testing can also be scheduled over the phone by calling 877-280-2937. The City is also set to receive an additional 43,000 rapid test kits that will be distributed for free to residents. For more information on delivery, check the City’s [COVID homepage](#).

Vaccine Update: So far, 77% of Cambridge residents are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. 94% 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. Additionally, 50% of Cambridge residents have received their boosters. The CDC has recently approved initial vaccines for children over 6 months, and the Cambridge Health Department will work the School Department on outreach to families over the summer, possibly offering a vaccine clinic before the start of school. The Health Department’s weekly appointment-only COVID19 vaccine clinic at the Windsor Street CHA will be extended through August 10th to help accommodate those who want to get initial vaccines or boosters. In response to the discussion about vaccine clinics at City-sponsored events, the Fire Department has been actively using their mobile vaccine van, and will continue to do so at events throughout the summer.

To schedule a vaccine appointment, click [here](#).

Public Health Update: The 7-day (June 13 – June 27) moving average in Cambridge is [32.4 confirmed cases per day per 100,000](#) people and the test positivity rate currently sits at 6.47% for the two-week period ending on June 27. Cambridge is currently in the “medium risk” category. While the City Manager and Director of Public Health are currently issuing a mask advisory, they are not reinstating a mask mandate at this time, but are meeting with health officials to determine the best mitigation practices to implement. Both the City Manager and Director of Public Health did assure the Council that if cases continue to rise rapidly, then it is possible the mandate can be reinstated. Director Neal reiterated to the Council that the focus now is on education and outreach

to make sure we are reaching all members of our community and presenting them with all options to combat COVID19.

For all COVID related city data, click [here](#).

This item was placed on file.

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to new appointments and reappointments of the following persons as members of the Cambridge Health Alliance Board of Trustees.

CMA 2022 #136

Harvard Professor, and former candidate for Governor, Danielle Allen and former Mayor of Somerville, Joseph Curtatone will be appointed to 1 year and 3 year terms, respectively, to serve on the Cambridge Health Alliance Board of Trustees. To read more about the nominees, click [here](#) to read the full communication. Lori Lander, Claire Laporte, and Bryan Simmons will all be reappointed to 3 year terms.

This item was adopted.

3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request from the Board of Election Commissioners recommending the relocation of polling sites, in accordance with Chapter 255 of the Acts of 2020, as amended by Chapter 5 of the Acts of 2021 and Chapter 29 of the Acts of 2021.

CMA 2022 #137

This communication outlines the new proposed polling stations to accommodate the redistricting in Cambridge. The 2020 Federal Census showed an increase in Cambridge's population, which prompted the Election Commission to re-precinct the entire City for more equitable representation. As a result, Cambridge now has 9 new sub-precincts in addition to its original 11 wards and 33 precincts. In order to ensure smooth election days, 24 polling sites will be in operation going forward, with 4 of them being relocated and one sub-precinct polling site being established before the next election. See the chart below for the 4 affected sites, and click [here](#) to learn more about the change in polling locations.

Precinct	2021 Polling Location & Reason for Relocation	Polling Place Relocation
1-1	Community Charter School of Cambridge 245 Bent Street	To be determined
4-2 and 4-2A (new sub-precinct)	City Hall 803 Mass Ave – Insufficient	St. Peter's Church

	space for a precinct and sub-precinct	
9-1	Trinity Church – under renovations	Lexington Firehouse – Temporary change for 2022
10-3	Cambridge Friends School – Returning to Cadbury Commons	Cadbury Commons

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 the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$227,438.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$17,057.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$210,381.00) which will be used for shelter operating costs; providing essential services to homeless persons outside of the shelter setting; and rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention case management needed to gain or retain permanent housing.

CMA 2022 #138

This communication asks for approval of the appropriation of funds for homeless shelter operating costs around the City. These costs include: services to members of the unhoused community outside of shelters, re-housing, and case management.

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 \$5,952,650 received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$374,538.00), to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$5,574,612.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Services Travel and Training account (\$3,500.00) which will be used to contract with homeless services providers and cover the costs related to serving homeless persons in Cambridge.

CMA 2022 #139

This is another communication requesting approval of funds for homeless shelter providers around the City to cover more costs associated with serving the unhoused population in Cambridge.

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

6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 22-32 relative to an update on progress made in regard to LGBTQ+-Friendly Housing efforts.

CMA 2022 #140

This communication is in response to this policy order resubmitted in [May](#) of this year, and originally submitted in [September](#) of 2021 asking for an update on City efforts to create LGBTQ+ friendly housing. In response, the City Manager is establishing an advisory LGBTQ+- Friendly Housing Task Force that will be tasked with considering the following areas around LGBTQ+ housing: market demand, and whether demand is focused in a particular age group or income level; lessons learned from other municipalities' efforts to establish LGBTQ+-friendly housing; and legal constraints and considerations related to housing financing, fair housing and resident selection preferences, supportive housing, or other mechanisms by which housing could be characterized as LGBTQ+-friendly. Housing Liaison, Maura Pensak, and Executive Director of the LGBTQ+ Commission, Jennifer Matthews will serve as the interim chairs of the Task Force. For more information on potential members of the task force, read the full communication [here](#).

The original policy orders also asked for a report on the City's efforts to tackle this issue. In response, the City will create a new section on the City website where information on initiatives and progress can be outlined and tracked by both the public, and members of the task force. This new page will be up and running before the first task force meeting.

There was discussion about the use of private entities vs. public entities, and it was shared by the original motion maker that private contractors have fewer restraints when it comes to income limits for rent, who can rent, and who can be approved. It was also shared that private contractors have more experience with creating this specific type of housing.

This item was placed on file.

7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$500,000, from Free Cash to the Public Works Public Investment Fund Extraordinary Expenditures account to fund the purchase of a Mack LR Electric rubbish packer.
CMA 2022 #141

This communication requests approval for appropriation of a Mack LR Electric rubbish packer for the Department of Public Works. This purchase will be supplemented with existing funds so an order can be placed immediately. There was discussion about applying for rebate grants once the vehicle is delivered to help offset the cost, and the City fully intends to take advantage of those. A fully electric vehicle of this kind is a welcome addition to the DPW's fleet, as we move to meet our aggressive climate goals throughout the City and adapt our apparatuses to do so. To prepare for this purchase, the DPW visited New York City, who has also begun to electrify their fleet of vehicles through a pilot program. While the goal is to completely electrify the entire fleet, the DPW is cautiously moving forward due to the wear and tear these vehicles will have to endure in the snow, cold, and other conditions.

This appropriation was adopted and placed on file.

8. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$4,500,000 to provide funds for the design and construction of building renovations to the vacant City owned property at 105

Windsor Street.
CMA 2022 #142

This communication asks for approval for an appropriation of \$4,500,000 to renovate 105 Windsor Street, which has served many purposes in the City in the past. The building was originally built as a brick schoolhouse, and now has the opportunity to once again be a gathering space in the City, specifically in the Port neighborhood for programming. There was discussion about the allocation of funds, and Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs David Kale assured the Council that this project is still in the design phase, where the City will see what can be accomplished in the building for the funds set aside. Before any designs can be implemented or changes to the cost can be made, the City Manager's office will come before the Council once more for an amended appropriation. Right now, there is a \$20 million placeholder amount in the bond schedule set aside for the complete cost of the project, if additional funds are needed later on. There was also discussion about involving the Cambridge Redevelopment Association and MXD (mixed use development) funding, and it was shared that while that was the City's original intent years ago, a follow-up conversation must be had.

Councillor Zondervan exercised his Charter Right on this item, halting all discussion until the next City Council meeting on August 1, 2022.

9. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$720,106 from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the HOME Program to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$648,095.40) and to the Grant Fund Community Development Salary & Wages account (\$72,010.60) which will continue the development and rehabilitation of affordable housing in the City of Cambridge. ***CMA 2022 #143***

The funds allocated to the City through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are part of a federal grant sent to cities on an annual basis. The Community Development Department plans to use the funds for the continued development and rehabilitation of affordable housing in the City. While no single project has been identified as a sole recipient, the CDD will use the funds to supplement existing projects in the Affordable Housing Overlay as well as for uses outlined in the final paragraph of their communication: "Development activities may include acquisition, moderate rehabilitation, substantial rehabilitation and new construction of housing units for low- and moderate- income families and individuals."

This appropriation was approved and placed on file.

10. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$2,216,183 received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of the Housing Opportunities for People with Aids (HOPWA) Grant to the Grant Fund Community Development Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$2,149,697.51) and to the Grant Fund Community Development Department Salaries and Wages Account (\$66,485.49) which will be used for assisted living programs and supportive services, shelter services, rental assistance and housing search services as well as for the Community

Development Department's administration of the HOPWA program.

CMA 2022 #144

This is a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development specifically to be used for the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program. As the most populous city in Middlesex county, Cambridge is the recipient of this grant and the manager of the program for the entire county. The funds will be used for assisted living programs and supportive services, shelter services, rental assistance and housing search services. The majority of the HOPWA funds, \$2,149,697.51 will be used towards those activities and \$66,485.49 will be used for the Community Development Department's administration of the HOPWA program.

This appropriation was approved and placed on file.

11. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the authorization of a spending limit of \$1,650,000 for Fiscal Year 2023, for the Renewable Energy and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction revolving fund (Revolving Fund), pursuant to Chapter 3.24 of the Municipal Ordinance titled "Departmental Revolving Funds."

CMA 2022 #145

This communication asks for the Council to approve the yearly spending limit for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction revolving fund, as outlined in the November 2019 Departmental Revolving Funds Ordinance. The funds in this account were used to pay for photovoltaic panels on the roof of the Graham & Parks School. Since this is a revolving fund, the Council has to approve the yearly spending limit based on anticipated future projects for the next year.

This appropriation was approved and placed on file.

12. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request from Boston Properties Limited Partnership ("Boston Properties") asking to modify two existing open space restrictive covenants on two parks, Broadway Park (also known as South Park) and Binney Park (also known as North Park). Boston Properties has indicated that this request is being made to facilitate the relocation of Eversource's proposed electrical substation from its property at 135 Fulkerson Street to the so-called "Blue Garage" site within the Mixed-Use Development (MXD) District in Kendall Square owned by affiliates of Boston Properties Limited Partnership ("BPLP"), as contemplated by the zoning amendment ordained by the City Council on February 3, 2021 as Ordinance No. 2020-17 (the "2021 MXD Amendment") and the further build-out of this site as described below and will include replacement of the open space that will be lost due to this project.

CMA 2022 #146

The rules were suspended to bring supplemental items 12A, 12B, and 12C forward with this communication.

This communication asks for permission to change two open space covenants in East Cambridge at Broadway Park and Binney Park. These sites are where Eversource plans to move their electrical substation from its current location at 135 Fulkerson Street. Boston Properties, the

contractors for the project, will work with the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to create this new space. The open space that will be lost due to the relocation will be replaced, as programming, planning, and design is already set to begin for a rooftop open space on top of the substation. The existing covenant would expire in 2080, protecting the open space's use until then when the next Council would have to vote again to continue protecting it. To read more about this project and see the current design plans, click [here](#).

12A:

ORDERED: Pursuant to Section 2.110.010(g) of the Cambridge Municipal Code, the City Council hereby orders that the City Council shall utilize a diminished process for 1) the approval of modifications to two Open Space Restriction Covenants that relate to Danny Lewin Park, which park is comprised of two parcels of land shown as "Tract IVA" and "Tract IVB" on a plan entitled "Master Easement Plan, Tract IVA & Tract IVB of Parcel 3, Cambridge, MA", sheets E-1 through E-2, prepared by Allen & Major Associates, Inc. and dated January 9, 1998 (the "Easement Plan"), which Easement Plan is recorded with the Registry as Plan No. 263 of 1998 in Book 28297, Page 277, and 2) the approval to terminate the "Open Space Restriction Covenant North Park" (also known as Binney Park) and the "Open Space Restriction Covenant South Park" (also known as Broadway Park)..

12B:

WHEREAS: Boston Properties Limited Partnership ("Boston Properties") has requested the approval of modifications to two Open Space Restriction Covenants that relate to Danny Lewin Park in Cambridge, Massachusetts (the "Covenants"), which park is comprised of two parcels of land shown as "Tract IVA" and "Tract IVB" on a plan entitled "Master Easement Plan, Tract IVA & Tract IVB of Parcel 3, Cambridge, MA", sheets E-1 through E-2, prepared by Allen & Major Associates, Inc. and dated January 9, 1998 (the "Easement Plan"), which Easement Plan is recorded with the Registry as Plan No. 263 of 1998 in Book 28297, Page 277; and

WHEREAS: Contained within Tract IVA is a parcel of land containing 4,955 square feet, more or less, which is shown as the "Tract IVA Public Open Space Easement Area" on sheet E- 2 of the Easement Plan; and

WHEREAS: Contained within Tract IVB is a parcel of land containing 4,807 square feet, more or less, which is shown as the "Tract IVB Public Open Space Easement Area" on sheet E- 2 of the Easement Plan; and

WHEREAS: The approved modifications to the two Covenants will extend the duration of both Covenants by forty-three (43) years. The current expiration date is March 10, 2038, and the modifications would extend the Covenants until March 10, 2081. The purpose of the modifications to extend the duration of the Covenants is to increase availability of the public open space in these areas as an element of the overall proposal to facilitate the relocation of Eversource's proposed electrical substation from its current location at 135 Fulkerson Street to the so-called "Blue Garage" site within the Mixed-Use Development (MXD) District in Kendall Square owned by affiliates of Boston Properties, and includes the creation of new open space which will consist of 28,455 total square that is larger in area and more functional for public use than the existing Open Space Restriction Covenants at North Park (also known as Binney Park) and South Park (also known as Broadway Park); and

WHEREAS: The City Council has determined that the approval of the modifications to the Covenants for the purpose of extending the duration of the Covenants by forty-three years to March 10, 2081, would not derogate from the public interest or the public purposes for the areas now in question; now therefore be it.

ORDERED: That the City Council, pursuant to Section 2.110.010 of the Cambridge Municipal Code, hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve, on behalf of the City of Cambridge, the modifications to the Covenants for the purpose of extending the duration of the Covenants by forty-three years to March 10, 2081, and to execute and deliver such modifications to the Covenants or other documents as necessary in such form and substance as the City Manager determines is necessary or advisable, subject to Boston Properties' fulfillment of the commitments set forth in Boston Properties' June 23, 2022 Letter to the City Manager, and subject to the requirement that Boston Properties enter into an escrow agreement with the City of Cambridge, to the satisfaction of the City Manager, to address the commitments made in Boston Properties' June 23, 2022 Letter to the City Manager, in such form and substance as the City Manager determines is necessary or advisable.

12C:

WHEREAS: Boston Properties Limited Partnership (“Boston Properties”) has requested approval to terminate the “Open Space Restriction Covenant South Park” (also known as Broadway Park), which relates to a parcel of land in Cambridge, Massachusetts, containing 13,970 square feet, more or less, as shown as the “Open Space Easement” on sheet 11 of “Master Easement Plan in Cambridge, MA, prepared for Boston Properties”, Sheets 1 through 12, prepared by Allen Demurjian Major & Nitsch and dated November 7, 1988 and finally revised April 5, 1989 (the “Easement Plan”), which is recorded as Easement Plan No. 253 of 1990 in Book 20443, Page 1; and

WHEREAS: Boston Properties has also requested approval to terminate the “Open Space Restriction Covenant North Park” (also known as Binney Park) (the two covenants collectively referred to herein as the “Open Space Covenants”), which relates to a parcel of land in Cambridge, Massachusetts, containing 7,815 square feet, more or less, which is shown as the “Open Space Easement” on sheet 11 of the “Master Easement Plan in Cambridge, MA, prepared for Boston Properties”, Sheets 1 through 12, prepared by Allen Demurjian Major & Nitsch and dated November 7, 1988 and finally revised April 5, 1989 (the “Easement Plan”), which is recorded as Easement Plan No. 253 of 1990 in Book 20443, Page 1; and

WHEREAS: The approved terminations of the Broadway Park Covenant and the Binney Park Covenant will help facilitate the relocation of Eversource’s proposed electrical substation from its current location at 135 Fulkerson Street to the so-called “Blue Garage” site within the Mixed-Use Development (MXD) District in Kendall Square owned by affiliates of Boston Properties, as contemplated by the zoning amendment ordained by the City Council on February 3, 2021 as Ordinance No. 2020-17 (the “2021 MXD Amendment”) and will include replacement of the open space that will be temporarily lost due to Boston Properties’ proposal to relocate the Eversource substation currently located at 135 Fulkerson Street (the “project”); and

WHEREAS: The construction of the proposed electrical substation will require the utilization of the areas where Broadway Park and Binney Park are currently located, resulting in a temporary reduction of 21,785 square feet, from 217,369 total square feet to 195,584 total square feet of the dedicated public open space created by the two parks, which are the subject of the Open Space Covenants, and which are part of the required open space in the MXD Zoning District, as set forth in Article 14, Section 14.42 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance. Boston Properties proposes that new open space within the MXD District will be provided as an element of the project. The project will completely reconfigure the “Blue Garage”, Broadway Park and Binney Park sites. The existing “Blue Garage” will be demolished, with the parking to be replaced in an underground facility on the site. A new residential building will be constructed on portions of the Broadway Park site and existing Blue Garage site, and a new commercial building will be constructed on portions of the Binney Park site and the existing garage site; and

WHEREAS: The proposed new open space, which will be protected by a new covenant that will be held in escrow until the completion of the subdivision and commencement of demolition of the Blue Garage, will consist of 28,455 total square feet (approximately 26,602 of usable square feet), which will result in a net gain of approximately 4,700 square feet of public open space in the area, which will also constitute an area that is more functional for public use than the existing Broadway and Binney Parks; and

WHEREAS: Boston Properties has agreed to enter into an escrow agreement with the City of Cambridge, to the satisfaction of the City Manager to address the commitments made in Boston Properties’ June 23, 2022 Letter to the City Manager, in such form and substance as the City Manager determines is necessary or advisable; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has determined that the approval of the termination of the Binney Park and Broadway Park Covenants will not derogate from the public interest or the public purposes for the areas now in question; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council, pursuant to Section 2.110.010 of the Cambridge Municipal Code, hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve, on behalf of the City of Cambridge, the termination to the Binney Park and Broadway Park Covenants for the purpose of helping to facilitate the relocation of Eversource’s proposed electrical substation from its current location at 135 Fulkerson Street to the so-called “Blue Garage” site within the Mixed-Use Development (MXD) District in Kendall Square that is owned by affiliates of Boston Properties, as contemplated by the zoning amendment ordained by the City Council on February 3, 2021 as Ordinance No. 2020- 17 (the “2021 MXD Amendment”), and for the purpose of creating a new open space covenant to replace the open space that will be temporarily lost due to the Project, which will be held in escrow until the completion of the subdivision and commencement of demolition of the Blue Garage, and which will consist of 28,455 total square feet (approximately 26,602 of usable square feet), and will result in a net gain

of approximately 4,700 square feet of public open space in the area, as well as an area that is more functional for public use than the existing Broadway and Binney Parks, subject to Boston Properties' fulfillment of the commitments set forth in Boston Properties' June 23, 2022 Letter to the City Manager, and subject to the requirement that Boston Properties enter into an escrow agreement with the City of Cambridge, to the satisfaction of the City Manager, to address the commitments made in Boston Properties' June 23, 2022 Letter to the City Manager, in such form and substance as the City Manager determines is necessary or advisable.

Items 12A, 12B, and 12C were all adopted.

A motion was made for reconsideration on all items thus far. Reconsideration failed 0-9, making action on all items up to this point in the agenda final tonight.

II. CALENDAR

CHARTER RIGHT

1. An application was received from Joseph Correia representing Kittie Knox Community Cycle Center, requesting permission for an awning and blade sign at the premises numbered 181 Morgan Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.

CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS IN COUNCIL JUNE 13, 2022

APP 2022 #30

ON THE TABLE

After meeting with the applicant, it was determined that the Kittie Knox Community Cycle Center will be a bicycle tune-up spot, shower area, and gathering area. There was praise for DivcoWest's commitment to intentional inclusivity of BIPOC and women members of the community, as this new cycling center is named after a BIPOC woman who was integral to the cycling community in Cambridge.

This application was approved.

2. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Director of the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department to limit the blocking off of Memorial Drive to vehicular traffic to Sundays

CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR TONER

IN COUNCIL MAY 23, 2022

PLACED ON THE TABLE IN COUNCIL JUNE 6, 2022

POR 2022 #102

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No action was taken.

3. Amendment to Article 22 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge entitled "SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT" to insert a new section. **REFERRED TO**

COMMITTEE IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 7, 2022
POR 2022 #23

No action was taken.

4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$49,000,000 to provide additional funds for the construction of the Tobin Montessori and Vassal Lane Upper Schools project located at 197 Vassal Lane.

PASSED TO SECOND READING IN COUNCIL JUNE 13, 2022
TO BE ADOPTED ON OR AFTER JUNE 27, 2022
CMA 2022 #131

This appropriation was adopted 8-1. Councillor Zondervan voted no.

III. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from John Peterson representing The Harvard Shop, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 1380 Massachusetts Avenue. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and proof of mailing of abutter has been provided.

APP 2022 #31

This application was approved.

2. An application was received from Cameron Ingram requesting permission for two electrical pole banners and one temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue and Norfolk Street announcing the Central Square Farmer Market (Mass Farmers Markets) from May 16, 2022 through November 21, 2022.

APP 2022 #32

This application was approved.

V. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Abney Bourne.

Councillor Simmons
RES 2022 #145

This resolution was adopted.

2. Congratulations to Kimberly Massenburg on her recent engagement.

Councillor Simmons
RES 2022 #146

This resolution was adopted.

3. Congratulations to Puja Krantz Howe and Seri Roth on their engagement.

Councillor Simmons

RES 2022 #147

This resolution was adopted.

4. Congratulations to Margaret Buckley on her retirement from The Cambridge Health Alliance.

Councillor Toner

RES 2022 #148

This resolution was adopted.

5. Resolution on the death of Gary Reddick.

Councillor Simmons

RES 2022 #149

This resolution was adopted.

6. Congratulations to Karen Leighton on her retirement from CRLS.

Councillor Toner

RES 2022 #150

This resolution was adopted.

7. Retirement of Susan Ruff from her position as Director of Cambridge Youth Soccer.

Councillor McGovern

RES 2022 #151

This resolution was adopted.

8. Congratulations to Louis A. DePasquale on his retirement from his position as City Manager for the City of Cambridge.

Councillor Toner, Councillor Simmons

RES 2022 #152

Congratulations to Mr. DePasquale on a well-earned retirement. Over 5 years as City Manager and 47 total years of service to the City of Cambridge, Mr. DePasquale helped bring Cambridge into financial stability while advancing City goals and projects. His dedication to the City extends outside of City Hall, as a little-league baseball coach, where many young players are proud to learn from him. I want to thank Louie for his service and wish him a restful and happy retirement.

This resolution was adopted.

9. Congratulations and thank you to Reverend Adam Lawrence Dyer as he leaves his position of Lead Minister at The First Parish in Cambridge.

Councillor Simmons

RES 2022 #153

This resolution was adopted.

10. Congratulations to Deborah Avant on her retirement from the position of Cambridge Youth Soccer Registrar.

Councillor McGovern

RES 2022 #154

This resolution was adopted.

11. Congratulations to James P. Maloney on the occasion of his retirement from the position of Chief Operating Officer of the Cambridge Public Schools.

Councillor Toner, Councillor Simmons

RES 2022 #155

During Mr. Maloney's tenure as Chief Operating Officer of Cambridge Public Schools, he provided extraordinary dedication to our students. During the height of the COVID19 pandemic, Mr. Maloney went the extra mile to drive around to each food site, ensuring our students had access to free meals during the most uncertain times. I wish him all the best on a well-earned retirement.

This resolution was adopted.

12. That the City Council go on record congratulating Fatimah Asghar on her accomplishments as a writer, poet, and screenwriter.

Mayor Siddiqui

RES 2022 #156

This resolution was adopted.

13. Congratulations to Liz Walker and Matt Coogan on the birth of their daughter, Margot Walker Coogan.

Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan

RES 2022 #157

This resolution was adopted.

14. Congratulations to Arthur Goldberg on his retirement from the position of Deputy City Solicitor for the City of Cambridge.

Councillor Toner

RES 2022 #158

I want to wish Attorney Goldberg a happy retirement. Over the years, I have enjoyed working with and learning from Attorney Goldberg both in and out of meetings. His dry humor will surely be missed!

This resolution was adopted.

15. Congratulations to James Monagle on his retirement from the position of City Auditor for the City of Cambridge.

Councillor Toner

RES 2022 #159

For over 20 years, Mr. Monagle served as an auditor for the City, providing quiet wisdom to the City. Although not always the loudest in the room, Mr. Monagle was always a welcome presence with his quiet wit. I wish him the very best in his retirement!

This resolution was adopted.

VI. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

1. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Parks Department and Department of Public Works to compile a report on City fields outlining what the field is currently used for and amenities at the fields such as: lighting, dugouts, batting cages, benches, etc.

Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Toner, Councillor Azeem

POR 2022 #125

Many of the playing fields in Cambridge are in varying conditions. Tonight, during public comment, we heard from many girls' softball players who shared how the poor conditions on their fields have affected their ability to play softball without impediment. Many of their fields do not have lights, so games have ended early, there is gravel instead of grass on the field, so they can't slide onto bases, the benches are split, giving the girls splinters, and many more inequities. Many of the girls and their coaches or parents who spoke also noted that the fields for boys' baseball are not in as poor condition. This policy order asks the Parks Department and Department of Public Works to report back on what each field in the City is used for as well as the current amenities at the field, so we may begin remedying the inequity. I am so proud of the girls who stood up, advocated for their needs, and will now get to see the result of their advocacy. There was also discussion about what immediate fixes could be made, in addition to considering eco-friendly grass or turf alternatives, and naming more of the fields after women so girls will feel adequately represented when they step on the field to play.

This policy order was amended to include the entire Council as cosponsors.

This policy order was adopted as amended.

2. That the City Manager is requested to more fully review the dramatically growing need for expanded Traffic Calming, Traffic Signals and Vision Zero infrastructure through the city.

Councillor Carlone, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui
POR 2022 #126

Many streets around the City are becoming increasingly dangerous, as the purpose of a road has changed to be less car-centric, and more collaborative between cars, bikes, and pedestrians. Although Cambridge was successful in lowering the City speed limit from 25 to 20 MPH, there are still many drivers who do not abide by the new limit. In the FY2023 budget, the City has allocated the following amounts to help with: Traffic Calming \$250,000, Traffic Signals \$350,000, and Vision Zero \$300,000, however more is needed to make a significant impact. This policy order asks the City to consider using some or all of the \$5,000,000 rebate from the GLX project to address the needed VisionZero improvements. There was discussion about amending the order to include language about community engagement, and Councillor Simmons shared she would work with the motion maker on adding such language.

This policy order was amended to include Councillor Zondervan as a cosponsor.

Councillor Simmons exercised her Charter Right on this item, halting all discussion until the next Council meeting on August 1, 2022.

3. City Council support of H.2088 and in commendation of the efforts of Representatives Decker and Fernandes.

Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Azeem
POR 2022 #127

This policy order is in support of House Bill [H.2088](#), which increases the access to treatment for substance abuse through multiple avenues, including safe-injection sites. The bill has already been favorably forwarded and praised by the Joint Committee on Mental Health, as treatment methods like the ones outlined in the bill have been proven to increase the likelihood of someone to seek treatment on their own. Many thanks to Representatives Decker and Fernandes for introducing this bill and working to help curb the addiction epidemic here in Massachusetts.

This policy order was amended to include Councillors Carlone, Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, and myself by a vote of 7-2. Councillors Toner and Simmons were marked present.

This policy order was adopted by a vote of 7-2. Councillors Toner and Simmons were marked present.

4. That the City Manager is requested to work with all relative City departments and the residents surrounding Paine Park on St. Mary's Street, to allow off leash dog hours from 7 to 9 a.m. in the park. **Councillor McGovern, Councillor Azeem**

POR 2022 #128

This policy order asks the City Manager to work with the relevant departments to create off-leash dog hours at Paine Park on St. Mary's Street from 7 – 9 am daily. This park is in the Port neighborhood, which already has less open space than the rest of the City, and with Sennott Park

under construction, the loss of open field space places a strain on dog-owners. This policy order seeks to provide them with a new space while Sennott Park is still under construction.

This policy order was adopted.

5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, and the Harvard Square Advisory Committee on a plan for piloting more street closures for pedestrianization.

Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor Mallon
POR 2022 #129

This policy order asks the City Manager to work with the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department as well as the Harvard Square Advisory Committee to come up with a plan to pilot more street closures for pedestrian activity in and around Harvard Square. Street closures have allowed people in the City more space to recreate outside of their homes, especially during the height of the COVID19 pandemic. In addition, street closures have brought increased foot traffic to shopping areas as demonstrated by Open Newbury and the SOWA Open Markets.

This policy order was amended to include the Harvard Square Business Association, the Office of Tourism, and other stakeholders in the final “ORDERED” paragraph.

This policy order was adopted as amended.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee met on April 5, 2022 to conduct a public hearing on Ordinance #2022-8, an ordinance amending Parking minimums and maximums.

A. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct staff from the Community Development and Law Departments to examine the Zoning Ordinance and provide amendment language for consideration by the City Council to remove all other references to parking minimums, including in Articles 13.000, 14.000, 15.000, 16.000, 17.000, and 20.000. **CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS**

IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 7, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 28, 2022 (Ordinance #2022-8)

POR 2022 #24

Councillor Azeem, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern

This policy order was adopted.

The rules were suspended to bring forward late policy order #2 with this item.

This ordinance change would remove all references to parking minimums, paving the way for homeowners and developers to not have to account for the extra space needed for parking.

This report was accepted and placed on file.

WHEREAS: Some residents in Cambridge drive and benefit from off-street parking spaces; not every resident, however, drives a car, and so the City should not require, but still allow, homes to have off-street parking spaces; and

WHEREAS: Parking minimums can force homeowners and residential & commercial developers to accommodate space for more parking than they deem necessary, leading to higher project costs and a decrease in the number of units or amount of open space; and

ORDERED: That section 6.36 entitled, Schedule of Parking and Loading Requirements, of Article 6.000, entitled OFF STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS AND NIGHTTIME CURFEW ON LARGE COMMERCIAL THROUGH TRUCKS, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge, be amended by substitution with the language attached.

This policy order was referred to the Planning Board and Ordinance Committees for hearing and report.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity.
COF 2022 #81

This communication was placed on file.

2. A communication was received from Councillor Simmons, transmitting Citizen Petition re Hoyt Field.
COF 2022 #80

This communication is a resident petition from direct abutters and other neighborhood members surrounding Hoyt Field. Residents in the area voiced their concerns regarding off-leash dog hours possibly beginning in the park, and this petition serves as their voice in the matter.

This item was referred to the City Manager for future discussion with the policy order.

3. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee.
COF 2022 #82

This communication was placed on file.

VIII. LATE POLICY ORDERS

MAYOR SIDDIQUI
VICE MAYOR MALLON
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: An individual's freedom to make reproductive decisions is vital to their safety, well-being, economic opportunity, and ability to participate equally in society; and

WHEREAS: The landscape of reproductive freedom in the United States has dangerously shifted with the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade; and

WHEREAS: The rights established in Roe v. Wade had been relied upon in this country for nearly 50 years with nearly 7 in 10 Americans agreeing with the decision that established a woman's right to an abortion; and

WHEREAS: The ultraconservative majority on the Supreme Court has now helped to advance the agenda to end access to safe abortion, which will disproportionately impact People of Color and those struggling to make ends meet; and

WHEREAS: Governor Charlie Baker issued an [executive order](#) that prohibits Massachusetts government officials from cooperating in the investigation or prosecution of women, their supporters, or their health care providers related to reproductive health care: and

WHEREAS: The executive order states:

1. No Assistance from Executive Department Agencies. Except as required by the order of a court of competent jurisdiction, no executive department agency and no employee, appointee, officer, or other person acting on behalf of any executive department agency may provide any information or expend or use time, money, facilities, property, equipment, personnel or other resources in furtherance of any investigation or proceeding initiated in or by another State that seeks to impose civil or criminal liability or professional sanction upon a person or entity for

1. the provision, securing, or receiving of, or any inquiry concerning reproductive health care services that are legal in this Commonwealth; or

2. any assistance given to any person or entity that relates to the provision, securing, receiving of, or any inquiry concerning reproductive health care services that are legal in this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge should similarly provide immediate protections for its residents and anyone working in the city; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager immediately issue the necessary policy directive to City staff and contractors implementing similar restrictions; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager direct the Law Department, or hire an outside attorney if necessary, to immediately draft a City Ordinance that codifies those restrictions into law; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record stating its enduring commitment to the protection of abortion rights, reproductive health care rights, and individuals' rights to make reproductive decisions about their own bodies; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council declare its support for the Executive Order signed by Governor Charlie Baker on June 24th, 2022.

The actions of the Supreme Court are abhorrent and we cannot allow ourselves to go back to the time before Roe. This policy order declares the Council's support for Governor Baker's Executive Order protecting the right to abortion and those seeking it, and asks the Law Department to draft similar language protecting Cambridge residents and employees through an ordinance change.

This policy order was amended to include the entire Council as cosponsors.

This policy order was adopted as amended.

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that Somerville recently banned limited services pregnancy centers that present themselves as providing pregnancy related services but instead seek to persuade people against having an abortion; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge should join Somerville in ensuring that any such establishment operating within city limits with a primary purpose of providing services to clients who are or have reason to believe they may be pregnant, including mobile facilities, must either directly provide or provide referrals for abortions or emergency contraception; and

WHEREAS: While there do not seem to be any limited services pregnancy centers operating in Cambridge, several exist regionally including (but not limited to) Downtown Boston, Brighton, Brookline, Brockton, Lawrence, Quincy, Revere, and Natick; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That Chapter 5 of the Municipal Code be amended by inserting the following section:

5.60 - Limited Services Pregnancy Centers Finding of Facts

5.60.10 - Definitions

The following definitions shall apply to this article:

So called "Crisis Pregnancy Centers," which often present themselves as providing services to pregnant people, instead seek to persuade people against having an abortion. This practice is both

deceptive and unwanted, and the City Council finds it necessary to prohibit such activities from being permitted in the City of Cambridge.

Abortion means the termination of a pregnancy for purposes other than producing a live birth. "Abortion" includes, but is not limited to, a termination of a pregnancy using pharmacological agents.

Client means an individual who is inquiring about or seeking services at a pregnancy services center.

Clinical laboratory services means the microbiological, serological, chemical, hematological, biophysical, cytological or pathological examination of materials derived from the human body for the purpose of obtaining information for the diagnosis, prevention or treatment of disease or the assessment of a health condition.

Emergency contraception means one or more prescription drugs: a) used separately or in combination for the purpose of preventing pregnancy; b) administered to or self-administered by a patient within a medically recommended amount of time after sexual intercourse; c) dispensed for such purpose in accordance with professional standards of practice; and, d) determined by the United States Food and Drug Administration to be safe for such purpose.

Health information means any oral or written information in any form or medium that relates to health insurance or the past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of a client. Licensed health care provider means a person licensed under the provisions of federal or state law to provide health care or other medical services.

Limited services pregnancy center means a pregnancy services center that does not directly provide, or provide referrals for, abortions or emergency contraception.

Pregnancy-related service means any medical or health counseling service related to pregnancy or pregnancy prevention, including, but not limited to, contraception and contraceptive counseling, pregnancy testing, pregnancy diagnosis, pregnancy options counseling, obstetric ultrasound, obstetric sonogram and prenatal care.

Pregnancy services center means a facility, including a mobile facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide services to clients who are or have reason to believe they may be pregnant and that either: a) offers obstetric ultrasounds, obstetric sonograms, pregnancy testing or diagnosis or prenatal care to pregnant clients, or; b) has the appearance of a medical facility by virtue of having two or more of the following factors present: (i) Staff or volunteers who wear medical attire and uniforms; (ii) one or more examination tables; (iii) a private or semiprivate room or area containing medical supplies or medical instruments; (iv) staff or volunteers who collect health information from clients; or (v) the facility is located on the same premises as a licensed health care facility or licensed health care provider or shares facility space with a licensed health care provider.

Prenatal care means services consisting of a physical examination, pelvic examination or clinical

laboratory services provided to a client during pregnancy.

5.60.20 - Prohibition

5.60.30 - Deceptive practices.

The City Manager shall not issue any permits or licenses for Limited Services Pregnancy Centers that seek to prevent abortions.

No limited services pregnancy center, with the intent to perform a pregnancy-related service, shall make or disseminate before the public, or cause to be made or disseminated before the public, in any newspaper or other publication, through any advertising device, or in any other manner, including, but not limited to, through use of the Internet, any statement concerning any pregnancy-related service or the provision of any pregnancy-related service that is deceptive, whether by statement or omission, and that a limited services pregnancy center knows or reasonably should know to be deceptive.

5.60.040 - Enforcement.

The provisions of this article shall be enforced by a noncriminal disposition pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 21D. Each failure to comply with the requirements set forth in this Ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense.

This policy order seeks to introduce ordinance language that would ban deceptive pregnancy crisis centers that mislead people seeking pregnancy care. These types of centers present as treatment centers, but actually play a large role in delaying one's ability to receive an abortion or explore other options. There are currently over 30 of these types of deliberately deceptive centers in operation in Massachusetts, yet none in Cambridge. Somerville has already taken steps to ban these centers, and it's imperative that Cambridge follow suit to protect reproductive rights and the right to abortion. To read more about these centers and the policy order, check out my Twitter thread [here](#).

This policy order was amended to include Councillor Nolan and Mayor Siddiqui.

This policy order was adopted unanimously.

The proposed Ordinance language was referred to the Ordinance Committee for reading.