



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA • AUGUST 1, 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 Owen C. O'Riordan, Acting City Manager, relative to a COVID-19 and Monkeypox update.  
*CMA 2022 #147*

Testing Update: Testing is still 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. There was discussion about rapid test kits for families in the Cambridge Public Schools to assist with testing before the September return to school. It was shared that the City has already received one shipment of tests and is awaiting another to be delivered for distribution. 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 (July 18 – August 1) moving average in Cambridge is [20.8 confirmed cases per day per 100,000](#) people and the test positivity rate currently sits at 7.32% for the two-week period ending on August 1. 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 and now Monkeypox as well.

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

Monkeypox Update: The rules were suspended to bring policy order #13 forward with this item. There are currently 117 total cases of Monkeypox in Massachusetts, and none in Cambridge, but

that does not mean the City is not preparing for a response to this new virus. The Cambridge Department of Public Health has already partnered with the Mass Department of Public Health for contact tracing and outreach. In addition, the City is working with CEOC and Food For Free to provide food to residents who may become infected with Monkeypox and need to be isolated.

This policy order was adopted, and this communication was placed on file.

This item was placed on file.

2. A communication transmitted from Owen C. O'Riordan, City Manager, relative to a summary report of all requests for approval of Surveillance Technology Impact Reports (STIRs) received by the City Council since the last summary report date.  
***CMA 2022 #148***

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

3. A communication transmitted from Owen C. O'Riordan, City Manager, relative to a Surveillance Technology Impact Report which describes social work case management software, requested by the Library.  
***CMA 2022 #149***

The library is requesting permission to use a HIPAA-compliant software, CharityTracker from Simon Solutions, to house case information for social work done through the Library. Due to the Surveillance Technology Ordinance, the library must submit a Surveillance Technology Impact Report (STIR) to the Council to outline how sensitive information will be gathered and stored. This software will help the library social worker keep track of client information in one accessible spot. There was discussion about why personal information is collected at all, and the Library assured the Council that as little information as possible is collected, but always kept private. You can find out more information about our Library Social Worker, Marie Mathieu, [here](#).

This communication was placed on file.

4. A communication transmitted from Owen C. O'Riordan, Acting City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the Cambridge Election Commission regarding the assignment of thirty-two (32) police officers and any additional officers as required to the City's polling locations for all elections in FY23, pursuant to G.L. c. 54, §72.  
***CMA 2022 #150***

There was discussion about whether or not this was standard practice for all elections, and it was shared with the Council that 32 officers are always assigned to polling locations around the City for every election, and that this is the new notification process, per the updated Municipal Code.

5. Transmitting communication from Owen C. O'Riordan, Acting City Manager, relative to a request from the Board of Election Commissioners recommending the relocation of the Ward 1 Precinct 1 polling site, 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 #151***

The new polling site for Ward 1 Precinct 1 is at Cambridge Community Charter School, located at 222 Jacobs Street, in the conference center of the school. For more information on updated polling locations, click [here](#).

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

6. Transmitting communication from Owen C. O'Riordan, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the MassDOT Winter Recovery Assistance Program (WRAP) grant, in the amount of \$402,397.94 to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account, which will be used to support additional paving projects.

***CMA 2022 #152***

This appropriation comes from the State legislature in the form of a Winter Recovery Assistance Program grant to help cities fix their streets after harsh winter. There was discussion about allocating some of these funds to more infiltration pavement to increase drainage and add catch basins. Kathy Watkins, Department of Public Works Engineer, shared that this grant is being used primarily for spot repavement of streets, and the DPW has begun looking at infiltration drainage as well.

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

7. Transmitting communication from Owen C. O'Riordan, Acting City Manager, relative to the appointment of Michael Shear as a new member of the Cambridge Health Alliance Board of Trustees for a 1-year term.

***CMA 2022 #153***

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

8. Transmitting communication from Owen C. O'Riordan, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Cambridge Food Pantry grant received from the Cambridge Health Alliance for \$15,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to support the Cambridge Food Pantry Network.

***CMA 2022 #154***

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

9. Transmitting communication from Owen C. O'Riordan, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Cambridge Public Health Department \$1,000 mini grant to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used for healthy eating and physical activity classroom materials.

***CMA 2022 #155***

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

10. Transmitting communication from Owen C. O'Riordan, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Adult and Community Learning Services grant received from DESE in the amount of \$1,270,049.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$1,237,716.00), to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$31,508.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$825.00) which will be used for core English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and additional services. **CMA 2022 #156**

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

11. Transmitting communication from Owen C. O'Riordan, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) grant in the amount of \$79,992.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$47,084.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$32,908.00) which will be used to provide an integrated education and training program to adults who want to start a career in the Information Technology field.  
**CMA 2022 #157**

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

12. Transmitting communication from Owen C. O'Riordan, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the MassSTEP (MA Skills, Training and Education Programs) Adult and Community Learning Services grant received from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), in the amount of \$117,990.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$61,154.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$56,836.00) which provides funding for 2 CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) training programs for second language learners.  
**CMA 2022 #158**

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

13. Transmitting communication from Owen C. O'Riordan, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP) grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 which will be used annually to supplement fuel assistance payments.  
**CMA 2022 #159**

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

14. Transmitting communication from Owen C. O'Riordan, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of MASSCAP Inc. funds received in the amount of \$356.39 which will be used to provide fuel assistance to fuel assistance clients.  
**CMA 2022 #160**

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

15. Transmitting communication from Owen C. O'Riordan, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$84,942 in funds received from the Cambridge Housing Authority to the Grant Fund Human Service Department Programs Salary and Wages account which will be used to maintain the capacity of the Cambridge Employment Program.

***CMA 2022 #161***

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

16. Transmitting communication from Owen C. O'Riordan, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Shannon Grant received from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition/Shannon Community Safety Initiative through the Executive Office of Public Safety, in the amount of \$24,800.00, to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$22,800.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,000.00), which will be used to support the design and implementation of the City Peace program.

***CMA 2022 #162***

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

17. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, requesting a reduction of \$18,654 in the allocated amount for the FY23 Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) funding due to a lower HUD allocation than estimated.

***CMA 2022 #163***

The City is requesting a reduction in the amount of money allocated in the FY23 Budget for the Community Development Department Block Grant Funding. The reduction request is because the CDD overestimated the amount of funding that would be allocated from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by \$18,654. These funds are used for affordable housing, revitalizing neighborhoods, and expanding economic opportunities to low and moderate-income persons. There was discussion about why this money could not be moved to free cash, and it was explained that this is going to be a repository amount that will go back to the City.

This communication was placed on file.

18. A communication transmitted from Owen C. O'Riordan, Acting City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 22-31, regarding funding received through the housing linkage program.

***CMA 2022 #164***

This communication is in response to this [policy order](#) from May, asking the City Manager to work with the Community Development Department to compile a report on funding received from the linkage program to the Affordable Housing Trust, and to report that funding yearly as well as projected earnings from the fund. Linkage fees are funds collected from commercial and residential real estate development that gets allocated for affordable housing. They serve as a link between market rate and inclusionary or affordable housing rates. The report includes all funds

received since the onset of the program in 2019, and projected funds to be received from future projects through FY2026. The report from Community Development outlined the following tables:

*Table 1: HOUSING CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED*

Year	Housing Contribution (\$)
FY2019	2,109,726
FY2020	6,568,355
FY2021	9,768,279
FY2022	25,919,687
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,366,047</b>

**Table 2: PROJECTED FUTURE HOUSING CONTRIBUTIONS**

Year	Housing Contribution (\$)
FY2023	10,622,000

Year	Housing Contribution (\$)
FY2024	30,353,000
FY2025	11,039,000
FY2026	13,240,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,254,000</b>

This communication was placed on file.

19. A communication transmitted from Owen C. O'Riordan, Acting City Manager, relative to the submission of the Affordable Housing Overlay Annual Report.

***CMA 2022 #165***

This communication is the very first annual report on the Affordable Housing Overlay. This report provides a summary of affordable housing development in the City currently. There was discussion about properties that were rejected, and it was determined it would be best to refer this item to the Housing Committee for further discussion there. To read the full report, click [here](#).

This communication was referred to the Housing Committee for a hearing.

20. A communication transmitted from Owen C. O'Riordan, Acting City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-35 regarding options to update the HomeBridge and Homeownership Programs. ***CMA 2022 #166***

This communication is in response to this [policy order](#) from May 2021 asking the City Manager to work with the Community Development Department, the Affordable Housing Trust, and other relevant departments to provide options to update the HomeBridge and Affordable Home Ownership Programs to better align with the City's values, and promote racial equity and socioeconomic justice. This [report](#) shares that the CDD has allocated \$5.5 million dollars through a shared-equity program which can help with a down payment for 12-18 purchases. There was discussion about whether or not this was a fixed amount, since the need for affordable home

ownership is great, and more than 18 properties will be needed. Chris Cotter from CDD shared that the CDD looked at current commitments to the HomeBridge program to get an idea of how much to allocate. The report also outlines proposed changes to the program, and the CDD assured the Council that they are also working with current and past applicants to ask for feedback on the program.

To read the full report, click [here](#).

This communication was referred to the Housing Committee.

21. A communication transmitted from Owen C. O'Riordan, Acting City Manager, relative to a request that the City Council extend its prior authorization for the City Manager to grant street obstruction approvals, which are required for restaurants to operate outdoor dining on the sidewalk or street until June 30, 2023.

***CMA 2022 #167***

This communication asks for permission for the City Manager to grant street obstruction approvals, along with any other necessary approvals for temporary obstructions until June 30, 2023. This allows restaurants to continue to operate outdoor dining on sidewalks on the same timeline as the State, as outlined by Governor Baker. Acting City Manager O'Riordan asked that restaurants submit clear renderings of their outdoor dining, and be mindful of accessibility on sidewalks for the disabled and limited mobility community. The permits that will be granted will be good for next year as well.

This communication was placed on file.

## **II. CALENDAR**

### **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of 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.

**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN  
IN COUNCIL JUNE 27, 2022**

***CMA 2022 #142***

The rules were suspended to bring policy order #11 and communication from other officers #7 forward with this item.

There was discussion about the community engagement process; what will it look like, how long will it take, and who will be involved? The council was assured that as many community members as possible will be able to have a say in the future purpose of this building, and the process has not yet begun. There was also discussion about the \$4,500,000 million dollar appropriation, and it was explained to the Council that this amount is to conduct the community



engagement process, determine possible design, and make immediate repairs (roof, foundation, abatement, etc.) for stability before construction begins. Once the use of the building has been determined, the Finance Department will be back before the Council to ask for a larger appropriation to begin formal construction. There was discussion about possibly amending the original order to delete City Offices as a potential use for the building at some point. It was decided that it would be best to table both the appropriation for this project, and the original policy order so changes can continue to be made.

This policy order was placed on the table.

This appropriation was placed on the table.

Policy order #11 was adopted.

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.

**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
IN COUNCIL JUNE 27, 2022  
POR 2022 #126  
ON THE TABLE**

The original policy order asked the City Manager to redirect the \$5,000,000 million dollar rebate from the Green Line Extension project to traffic improvements throughout the City, and specifically at Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, and portions of Bay Street, Cambridge Park Drive, Concord Avenue, Garden Street, Green Street, Franklin Street, Kinnaird Street, Linnaean Street, Mt. Auburn Street, Putnam Avenue, Sherman Street, Third Street, Washington Avenue, and Windsor Street. This order was in response to resident concerns, and seeks to improve the safety conditions of our streets.

An amendment by substitution was presented to the Council:

Whereas: The design principle behind the engineering of urban roads has changed significantly over the last 70 years; and

Whereas: Initially focusing (since the mid-1950's) on promoting a maximum of vehicles moving through the city at relatively high speeds and minimally interrupting this flow with pedestrian crossings, stop signs, and traffic lights at key intersections; and

Whereas: After repeated requests, the state finally allowed Cambridge to lower speed limits to 25 miles per hour on main connector streets and 20 miles per hour on neighborhood streets.

Whereas: Although most drivers generally follow these speed limits, approximately 15% or one out of 7 vehicles (cars, vans, and trucks) travel significantly faster on our by-ways - raising the likelihood of accidents and serious injuries to others using the public way; and

Whereas: Cambridge has begun redesigning and reconstructing its road network to promote greater safety and lowering vehicle speed on major connecting streets including the award- winning Western Avenue Project; and

Whereas: Over recent years a growing number of residents have complained of the increasing number of speeding cars and trucks on their residential streets including but not limited to Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, and portions of Bay Street,

Cambridge Park Drive, Concord Avenue, Garden Street, Green Street, Franklin Street, Kinnaird Street, Linnaean Street, Mt. Auburn Street, Putnam Avenue, Sherman Street, Third Street, Washington Avenue, and Windsor Street; and

Whereas: The \$800,000,000 city budget for 2023 has continued to include very limited funds to increase safety on these residential streets as follows: Traffic Calming \$250,000, Traffic Signals \$350,000, and Vision Zero \$300,000; and

Whereas: In late 2021, Cambridge was reimbursed \$5,000,000 by the MBTA for the construction of the Lechmere Green Line Train Station; now therefore

Ordered: That the City Manager and his staff more fully review the dramatically growing need for expanded Traffic Calming, Traffic Signals and Vision Zero infrastructure through the city; and

Ordered: That the above \$5,000,000 refund be redirected toward those residential streets that require Traffic Calming, coordinated Traffic Signals and Vision Zero improvements as soon as possible.

This amendment was adopted.

The policy order was adopted as amended.

3. 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.

4. 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.

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

1. An application was received from Karine Ernest representing Le Macaron, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 1374 Massachusetts Avenue approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter. **APP 2022 #33**

This application was approved.

2. An application was received from Erica Swartz representing Planet Fitness, requesting permission for Two (2) projecting sign at the premises numbered 625 Massachusetts Avenue approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community

Development Department and proof of abutters mailing has been provided.

***APP 2022 #34***

This application was approved.

3. An application was received from Ricky Zeng representing Brooklyn Bagel factory, requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 168 Hampshire Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.

***APP 2022 #35***

This application was approved.

4. An application was received from Edward Batten representing El Jefer's Taqueria, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 14 Brattle Street approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.

***APP 2022 #36***

This application was approved.

5. An application was received from Andy layman representing Tasty Burger, requesting permission for three (3) projecting signs at the premises numbered 353 Prospect Street. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.

***APP 2022 #37***

The correct address for this application for 23 Prospect Street, was not available in the online permitting system when the applicant submitted their initial application, which resulted in the applicant using the wrong address on Prospect Street. The correct address has now been updated in the online permitting system, and it was advised by the Clerk's Office that this application be tabled until the applicant can reapply with the correct address so the proper abutters can be notified. This address is the former CCTV space that has been vacant for over a decade, and I am pleased to see a small locally owned business, Tasty Burger, moving in!

This application was placed on the table.

6. An application was received from Anna Haluch representing Insomnia Cookies, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 65 Mount Auburn Street approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters proof of mailing has been provided.

***APP 2022 #38***

This application was approved.

7. An application was received from MIT List Visual Arts Center requesting permission for 35 temporary banners to be placed on lamp posts across Ames Street, Memorial Drive to Main Street. Ames Street, Main Street to Broadway. Broadway, Ames Street to Third Street. Third Street, Broadway to Main Street. Main Street, Third Street to Broadway announcing Symbionts from September 1, 2022 through February 15, 2023.

***APP 2022 #39***

This application was approved.

## **V. RESOLUTIONS**

1. Congratulations on the retirement of Sarah Drewicz from the Cambridge Police Department.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #160***

This resolution was adopted.

2. Congratulations on the retirement of Deputy Chief Patrick Haggerty from the Cambridge Fire Department.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #161***

This resolution was adopted.

3. Congratulations on the retirement of Lieutenant Antonio Ayala from the Cambridge Police Department.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #162***

This resolution was adopted.

4. Congratulations on the retirement of Joseph Pagliaro as Head Golf Coach of CRLS.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #163***

This resolution was amended to add Councillor Simmons as a cosponsor.

This resolution was adopted as amended.

5. Congratulations on the retirement of Richard Moschner from Emergency Communications.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #164***

This resolution was adopted.

6. Congratulations on the retirement of Mary Shinkwin from CRLS.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #165***

**This resolution was adopted.**

7. Congratulations to Maria Rondeau, JuanMa Calderón, and La Royal on being named 2022 Best of Boston Best New Restaurant.

**Vice Mayor Mallon**

***RES 2022 #166***

**This resolution was adopted.**

8. Congratulations on the retirement of Linda Prosnitz from the Community Development Department.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #167***

**This resolution was adopted.**

9. Congratulations on the retirement of Lolita Roland from the Cambridge Health Alliance.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #168***

**This resolution was adopted.**

10. Congratulations on the retirement of Jose Silva from the Water Department.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #169***

**This resolution was adopted.**

11. Congratulations on the retirement of Karen Cooke from the Cambridge Health Alliance.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #170***

**This resolution was adopted.**

12. Congratulations on the retirement of Linda Costa from the Cambridge Public Schools.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #171***

**This resolution was adopted.**

13. Congratulations on the Retirement of Cheryl DePasquale from the Cambridge Public Schools.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #172***

This resolution was adopted.

14. Congratulations on the retirement of William Hansis from the Cambridge Public Schools.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #173***

This resolution was adopted.

15. Congratulations on the retirement of Stephen Hardy from the Water Department.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #174***

This resolution was adopted.

16. Congratulations on the retirement of Joanne Johnson.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #175***

This resolution was adopted.

17. Congratulations on the retirement of Yanny Kavanagh from the Cambridge Health Alliance.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #176***

This resolution was adopted.

18. Congratulations on the retirement of Maria Cabral from the Cambridge Health Alliance.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #177***

This resolution was adopted.

19. Congratulations on the retirement of Evelyn Garcia from the Cambridge Health Alliance.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #178***

This resolution was adopted.

20. Congratulations on the retirement of Gene Gnerre from the Department of Public Works.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #179***

This resolution was adopted.

21. Congratulations on the retirement of Yanick Lubin from the Cambridge Health Alliance.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #180***

This resolution was adopted.

22. Congratulations on the retirement of Lester Starr from the City Manager's Office.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #181***

This resolution was adopted.

23. Congratulations on the retirement of Patricia Lewis from the Cambridge Health Alliance.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #182***

This resolution was adopted.

24. Congratulations to Coach Lance Dottin on being inducted into the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #183***

This resolution was adopted.

25. Resolution on the death of James P. Rita.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #184***

This resolution was adopted.

26. Congratulations to Maya Reddi Lownie on the completion of her dance Arangetram.

**Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui**

***RES 2022 #185***

Miss. Maya Reddi Lownie has completed a milestone in her study of Indian Classical Dance, and has paid it forward by sharing her knowledge with young dancers coming up the ranks behind her. Congratulations again to Maya!

This resolution was adopted.

27. Resolution on the death of Mary E. "Mickey" (Garten) Greene.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #186***

This resolution was adopted.

28. Resolution on the death of Phyllis Glendora Brathwaite.

**Councillor Toner, Councillor Simmons**

***RES 2022 #187***

This resolution was adopted.

29. Resolution on the death of Paul B. Courtney.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #188***

This resolution was adopted.

30. Resolution on the death of Jean L. Toomey.

**Councillor Toner, Councillor McGovern**

***RES 2022 #189***

This resolution was adopted.

31. Resolution on the death of Mary Galgay.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #190***

This resolution was adopted.

32. Resolution on the death Ronald F. Mason.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #191***

This resolution was adopted.

33. Resolution on the death of Carole R. Chaet.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #192***

This resolution was amended to add Councillor Simmons as a cosponsor.

This resolution was adopted as amended.

34. Happy 46th Anniversary to Robert and Sandra Murrell.

**Councillor Simmons**

***RES 2022 #193***

This resolution was adopted.

35. Resolution on the death of Frances C. Ciccolo.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #194***

This resolution was adopted.



36. Resolution on the death of Rosemary Dorothy O'Neill.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #195***

**This resolution was adopted.**

37. Congratulations on the Retirement of Thomas Mulford from the Housing Authority

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #196***

**This resolution was adopted.**

38. Congratulations on the Retirement of Denise Sullivan from the Cambridge Public Schools

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #197***

**This resolution was adopted.**

39. Congratulations on the Retirement of Maryellen Carvello from The City Manager's Office

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #198***

**This resolution was adopted.**

40. Congratulations on the Retirement of Denis DeOliveira from the Housing Authority

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #199***

**This resolution was adopted.**

41. Congratulations on the Retirement of Luis Ortiz from The Cambridge Housing Authority

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #200***

**This resolution was adopted.**

42. Congratulations on the Retirement of Thomas Riordan from The Department of Public Works

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #201***

**This resolution was adopted.**

43. In Appreciation of Marty Collins and His Family

**Councillor McGovern, Councillor Azeem**

***RES 2022 #202***

**This resolution was adopted.**

44. Congratulations to Firefighter Aaron Young  
**Councillor McGovern**  
*RES 2022 #203*

This resolution was adopted.

## VI. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

1. That the Ordinance Committee of the City Council meet to amend the Cambridge Municipal Code by adding a chapter numbered 6.24, titled Sale of Fur Apparel Products.

**Councillor McGovern**  
*POR 2022 #132*

This policy order asks the Ordinance committee to introduce language amending the Municipal Code to include a ban on Fur Apparel Products. Although there are currently no shops in Cambridge that sell animal fur, there is no language preventing a store from doing so. This policy order seeks to stop a potential future fur sale in Cambridge.

This policy order was adopted and will move to the Ordinance Committee for a hearing.

2. That the City Manager is requested to work with all relevant City Departments to either keep the restrooms at Russell Field open to the public during hours of operation or provide portable toilets, similar to those at Danehy Park.

**Councillor McGovern, Councillor Toner, Vice Mayor Mallon**  
*POR 2022 #133*

Russell Field is a highly active playing/practice field in the City throughout the spring, summer, and fall seasons, and bathrooms are an essential amenity for players, coaches, and parents who attend games and practices. This policy order asks for the restrooms to be open during the regular hours of operation of Russell Field, or for portable toilets to be made available.

This policy order was adopted.

3. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Emergency Communications Department and the Election Commission to use the Code Red Text Alerts to send out information regarding the new polling locations for the primary election, and all elections thereafter.

**Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui**  
*POR 2022 #134*

This policy order asks the City to enable the Code Red Text Alerts to send out important information regarding the new polling locations for the September 6th primary election, and every election thereafter. This is an effort to ensure all registered voters in Cambridge are not only aware of elections, but also know where they can cast their ballots.

To check your polling location, click [here](#).

This policy order was adopted.

4. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councillor McGovern to find a suitable location for a street sign dedication in the vicinity of 167 Windsor Street to honor Murrell Weeks.

**Councillor McGovern**  
***POR 2022 #135***

This policy order asks for a street corner in the area of 167 Windsor Street, where Mr. Murrell lived, in honor of Murrell Weeks, a longtime Cambridge resident.

This policy order was adopted.

5. City Council support of additional MBTA bus service in Alewife and East Cambridge.  
**Councillor Azeem, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan**  
***POR 2022 #136***

The MBTA is currently in the process of [redesigning](#) their bus service, and Cambridge will already benefit from increased service in Kendall and Central squares. This policy order asks the entire Council to go on record in support of more increased service in Alewife and East Cambridge, two areas that would benefit greatly from more MBTA accessibility. An amendment was brought forward by Councillor Nolan to add a final “WHEREAS” before the first “ORDERED” paragraph:

“Whereas these proposed changes that cause concern will have an adverse impact on residents who rely on public transit and who cannot afford vehicles, including many senior citizens and other residents of limited mobility and many public housing residents along the routes proposed to be reduced who will be further isolated if public transit options are reduced, instead of increased,”

This policy order was adopted as amended.

6. Policy Order re ID Badges For City Employees  
**Councillor Simmons, Councillor Azeem**  
***POR 2022 #137***

This policy order asks the City Manager’s office to determine the appropriate department to implement an employee ID badge system for all City employees to increase safety across City buildings.

This policy order was adopted.

7. Policy Order re Establishing a Task Force on Cambridge's African American/Black Residents  
**Councillor Simmons**  
***POR 2022 #138***

The rules were suspended to bring PO#8 forward with this policy order.

The Black/African American community in Cambridge has long been a victim of health, economic, and educational disparities, as well as high rates of gun violence, which have all been exacerbated by the Covid19 pandemic. While many organizations have attempted to quell these issues, they would be best served by a holistic approach from the City. This order seeks to re-establish a dedicated task force that will uncover the root causes of many of these issues within the Black/African American community.

This policy order was adopted, and referred to the Civic Unity committee for further discussion.

8. Black Men and Boys Commission  
**Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Azeem, Mayor Siddiqui**  
***POR 2022 #139***

The rules were suspended to bring this policy order forward with PO #7.

This policy order asks the City Manager to establish a Commission on the Status of Black Men and Boys during the FY23 budget year, and to use the proposal from [Yablo Consulting](#) as a guiding light for this commission. A Commission on Black Men and Boys would use a holistic approach to remedying the inequalities within Cambridge that negatively impact Black boys and men in the City. There was discussion about not neglecting Black women and girls as well, and the Council was assured that they would not be overlooked and would find a way to focus on Black women and girls through another avenue.

This policy order was amended to add Councillor Simmons as a cosponsor.

This policy order was adopted as amended, and referred to the Civic Unity committee.

9. Cannabis Industry Information PO  
**Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Azeem**  
***POR 2022 #140***

This policy order asks the City Manager to provide an update on the following regarding Economic Empowerment and Social Equity cannabis industry applicants: information on the number of Economic Empowerment (EE) and Social Equity (SE) applicants seeking to open in Cambridge and where they stand in the process, including how many Host Community Agreements have been signed, how many are being reviewed, and how many are expected, information on the ways in which city staff have worked with EE and SE applicants to help them get through the process as swiftly as possible, and Information on the total number of EE and SE operators that are open for business in Cambridge and local tax revenue generated by those businesses to date. This order asks for the update by the September 12 regular City Council meeting.

This policy order was adopted.

10. Incentive Zoning Program Data

**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Azeem**  
***POR 2022 #141***

This policy order asks the Community Development Department to provide a report on the \$44 million dollars that it has received since 2019 for the current Incentive Zoning Program by size of the project.

This policy order was adopted.

11. 105 Windsor Community Process  
**Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone**  
***POR 2022 #142***

The rules were suspended to bring this policy order forward with Charter Right Item #1.

This policy order asks the City Manager to work with relevant departments to begin the robust community engagement process for the property at 105 Windsor Street. This order also asks the City Manager to report back to the Council on the timeline and what the process will look like. Since the building has such a rich history in the Port neighborhood, it is important that the neighborhood and community members are included in the redevelopment process to the fullest extent.

This policy order was placed on the table.

12. Bristol and Cardinal Medeiros Intersection Improvements  
**Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Nolan**  
***POR 2022 #143***

The rules were suspended to bring Communication from Other Officers #8 forward with this policy order.

Many residents surrounding this intersection have long voiced concern about the lack of safety for pedestrians, cyclists, cars, and people in their own homes. This order asks the City Manager to work with the Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department to implement immediate changes to the intersection as well as make safety improvements to the intersection of Cardinal Medeiros Avenue and Binney and Bristol Streets.

This policy order was amended to add Mayor Siddiqui as a cosponsor.

This policy order was adopted as amended.

13. That the City Manager report back on ways in which we can prepare for a Monkeypox outbreak in the City of Cambridge.  
**Councillor Azeem, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui**  
***POR 2022 #144***

Monkeypox is an emerging epidemic across the world, and it is imperative that Cambridge prepare for an outbreak to best protect residents. This policy order asks the City Manager to report back to the Council on recommended ways to prevent and manage an outbreak through vaccine clinics, testing sites, public outreach, and more.

For information from the CDC on Monkeypox, click [here](#).

This policy order was adopted.

14. Water Drought Emergency

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

***POR 2022 #145***

The recent heatwave has created an immediate climate threat to Cambridge, and the entire state of Massachusetts is currently in drought conditions. This policy order asks the City Manager to work with the Water Department to report back on the long term effects of drought, as well as preventative measures that can be taken by residents and businesses. This order also asks the City Manager to work with the relevant departments to protect the tree canopy, and ensure trees still get watered within the restrictions of a drought. Lastly, this order asks the City Manager to declare a drought emergency across the City and asks residents to conserve water.

This policy order was adopted.

15. That the City Manager work with the City Solicitor to ask for a legal opinion on whether a tiered linkage fee system by square footage and/or a marginal rate system would be permitted under the current petition parameters and what was previously advertised.

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

***POR 2022 #146***

This policy order asks the City Manager to work with the City Solicitor to provide a legal opinion on restructuring the linkage fee system by including tiers. This was introduced before, and the Council wants to know the legal opinion since the Ordinance Committee is discussing the incentive zoning rates currently.

16. Policy Order to investigate shared free bus service and E bike delivery program

**Councillor Toner, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Azeem**

***POR 2022 #147***

This policy order asks the City Manager to work with the Community Development Department and the Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department to discuss potentially bringing a free shuttle service to Cambridge residents, as modeled by university partners within the City. This order seeks to increase the variety of reliable alternative transportation available to residents, and it has been proven that when accessibility increases, usership increases as well. This order also asks the City Manager to look into purchasing fully electric or hybrid vehicles that can be used to create a citywide free shuttle service. Lastly, the order asks the City Manager to look into creating a city-run e-bike delivery service to be used by local restaurants for delivery services to reduce

the cost of delivery as well as the carbon footprint associated with this service. There was discussion about removing the final “ordered” paragraph to create a new policy order, that way the City Manager’s office can compile separate reports as information becomes available.

This order was adopted to remove the final “ordered” paragraph, and introduce it as a separate late policy order. That late policy order was adopted.

This order further adopted to add “that the City Manager report back on this matter before the end of September.

This policy order was adopted as amended.

17. That the City Council goes on record in support of the alternative route (S11C) instead of the preferred route (S1A) for Eversource’s plans to connect the proposed substation to existing substations. **Councillor Azeem**  
***POR 2022 #148***

This policy order asks the entire Council to go on record in opposition of Eversource adding high voltage lines to Hampshire Street, instead of using the route along the train tracks between Cardinal Medeiros Avenue and Fulkerson Street. Since the alternate route (Cardinal Medeiros) is already along train tracks, it would cause far less construction and disruption to the neighborhood and community members.

This policy order was adopted.

## **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. The Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee met on March 17, 2022 to conduct a public hearing to discuss the appropriateness of laboratories in neighborhood retail districts.

This report is from the March 2022 Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee meeting where lab space was discussed in relation to neighborhood planning.

This report was accepted and placed on file.

2. The Human Services and Veterans Committee met on March 23, 2022 to hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the final report from the Ad Hoc Working Group on Homelessness released on January 31, 2022.

These minutes were accepted with minor edits, and placed on file.

3. The Ordinance Committee met on June 22, 2022 to continue a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance (Ordinance #2021-26).

These minutes were accepted with minor edits, and placed on file.

## VIII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Diane P. LeBlanc City Clerk, transmitting an update regarding legislative activity.

***COF 2022 #89***

This communication was placed on file.

2. A communication was received from Councillor Nolan, transmitting updated version of the final CCWG report, amended per the last Health & Environment Committee meeting.

***COF 2022 #90***

This communication was placed on file.

3. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui and Councillor Azeem, transmitting information regarding the Fare Free Working Group.

***COF 2022 #91***

This communication outlines the report from the Fare Free Working Group that has met over the last few months. The City is currently partnering with Boston to continue fare free ridership on the #1 bus route, and is looking to expand fare free service to the #68 and #69 bus routes as well. In Boston, there has been a 40% increase in ridership now that multiple lines have been made free, and Cambridge hopes to see this increase as well so more residents will take advantage of alternative transportation.

To read the full report, click [here](#).

This communication was placed on file.

4. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information regarding the Charter Review Committee.

***COF 2022 #92***

This communication outlines details about the Charter Review Committee. Members of the committee were selected on July 1, 2022, and the City is currently working to create a dedicated webpage for the Charter Review Committee. The Committee will be tasked with reviewing the current Plan E Charter, holding community forums, and gathering input from all stakeholders and residents.

To read the Mayor's press release on the Charter Review Committee finalists, click [here](#).

This communication was placed on file.



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

***COF 2022 #93***

This communication was placed on file.

6. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting updates from the UPK Ad-Hoc meetings.

***COF 2022 #94***

The Universal Pre-K Ad-Hoc committee, comprised of Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Alanna Mallon, City Councilor Dennis Carlone, City Councilor Marc McGovern, School Committee Member David Weinstein, School Committee Ayesha Wilson, Dr. Lisa Grant, Executive Director, Birth to 3rd Grade Partnership, Dr. Carolyn Turk, Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Michelle Madera, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools, Ellen Semonoff, Assistant City Manager for Human Services and Michelle Farnum, Assistant Director, Children Youth and Families met on June 16th, 2022 to discuss the early steps of establishing universal pre-k in Cambridge. Right now, the Office of Early Childhood Education is working with Harvard University to conduct a study on the need for pre-k throughout the City. The next meeting will be on September 22, 2022.

To read the Mayor's full statement, click [here](#).

This communication was placed on file.

7. A communication was received from Councillor Zondervan, transmitting historical information about the city-owned property at 105 Windsor Street.

***COF 2022 #95***

The rules were suspended to bring this item forward with Charter Right Item #1.

This communication includes historical photographs and descriptions of the property at 105 Windsor Street throughout the years, and its many uses in the neighborhood.

To read the full report, click [here](#).

This communication was placed on file.

8. A communication was received from Councillor Zondervan, transmitting information about the long history of traumatic crashes at the intersection of Cardinal Medeiros, Bristol, and Binney.

***COF 2022 #96***

The rules were suspended to bring this item forward with policy order #12.

This communication outlines details of a crash at the home of Councillor Zondervan, who lives at the intersection in question. To read the full report, click [here](#).

This communication was placed on file.