



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA • SEPTEMBER 19, 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 Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 22-45, regarding current City fields use and amenities such as: lighting, dugouts, batting cages, benches.

CMA 2022 #180

This communication is in response to this [policy order](#) I, along with Councillors McGovern, Toner, and Azeem submitted in June of this year asking the City Manager to work with the Department of Human Service Programs Recreation Division and the Department of Public Works to compile a report on current field use and amenities around the City. The [report](#) includes a comprehensive spreadsheet (see Park info – 2022) of every park in the City, the responsible managing agency, amenities, and usage. In addition to the spreadsheet, the report states that the Girlx in Sports Committee, which was created in 2019 to discuss, promote and provide greater support to young athletes who identify with girlhood in Cambridge, will begin meeting again on the matter on October 13th. Over the summer, City staff met with Girls Youth Softball to do a walkthrough of the fields at Danehy Park, and were able to identify several improvement projects such as fencing, yellow-capping, and replacing field surfaces, and the Council should expect to see those appropriation requests in the coming months. It was also noted that some projects such as improving the drainage system will take a longer time to complete due to Danehey being a former landfill. There was also discussion about doing a long-term study on Danehey Park, as the open space just celebrated its 32nd year. I wanted to bring the disparity between offerings for girls' sports and boys' sports to the Council's attention. The spreadsheet of field amenities shows that the majority of softball fields only have benches, while the baseball fields have benches, dugouts, batting cages, and lights. This is unacceptable, and sends a clear message to our girls that they are not equal. It is imperative that we as a City work hard to show our girls that they belong here, and that they deserve decent playing surfaces. Adam Corbiel, Director of Recreation, assured us that DHSP is working hard to rectify these inequities, and is open to changing field assignments as softball teams request them in the meantime.

This item was placed on file.

2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-145, regarding a report on City's Policies and Procedures relating to the procurement, installation, and disposal of artificial turf.

CMA 2022 #181

This communication is in response to this [policy order](#) from 2019 submitted by former Vice Mayor Jan Devereux, former Councillor Kelley, Councillor Carlone, and Councillor Zondervan asking the City Manager to work with the Department of Public Health, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Human Services and any other relevant staff to review all the City's policies and procedures related to the procurement, installation and disposal of artificial turf. Currently, there are 5 fields in the City at Danehy Park and Graham & Parks School that contain crumb rubber turf, which has been identified as a carrier of PFAS chemicals. In both 2015 and 2019, the Cambridge Department of Public Health and the Environmental Protection Agency released reports about artificial turf. The findings of both these reports show that there is no "no unacceptable levels of cancer or non-cancer risk" in the artificial turf fields. The City will continue to look for alternative materials that may become available in the future as well.

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

3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Council Order No. O-13 of 9/12/22, regarding a report on a legal opinion on the following questions regarding Policy Order #11 (proposed amendments to the Cannabis Business Permitting Ordinance) from the September 12, 2022 City Council meeting.

CMA 2022 #182

The rules were suspended to bring Charter Right Item #3 forward with this communication.

This communication is in response to policy order #11 from last week's meeting submitted by Councillor Toner asking for a legal opinion on extending the moratorium and declaring a special emergency:

Ordered: Request that the City Manager ask the City Solicitor to prepare a legal opinion on the following questions regarding Policy Order #11.

1. Does this qualify as an "emergency involving the health and safety of the people of Cambridge or their property"?
2. Are we able to forgo following the normal ordination process and notification process?
3. How quickly could we amend the ordinance to extend the moratorium if we followed the normal "non-emergency" process?
4. If we follow the normal ordinance procedure and we do not meet the current September 23rd expiration date, is there any danger of any none EE or SE cannabis candidates getting permitted in the brief interim it would take for us to follow the normal process?
5. Does this extension of the moratorium violate the state cannabis law in anyway?
6. Does such an extension put the City in jeopardy of legal action by other parties?
7. If yes to question 6, what is the potential liability to the city if such parties are successful in their legal challenge?

The City Solicitor provided a satisfactory [legal opinion](#), stating that it is within the purview of the Council to declare a special emergency, and Councillor Toner was happy to move this item forward.

A motion to declare a special emergency involving the health and safety of the people of Cambridge or their property passed unanimously.

A motion to amend the municipal code (see below) passed unanimously:

5.50.040 Permitting Preferences for Priority Applicants

The City shall issue a Cannabis Business Permit pursuant to this Chapter only to Priority Applicants. For the first ~~five~~^{three} years after the Effective Date of this Chapter as stated in section 5.50.100 below, the City shall issue a Cannabis Business Permit to operate a Cannabis Retail Store only to Group A Priority Applicants. The effect of this provision is to extend the preference period for Economic Empowerment Applicants from ~~three~~^{two} years to ~~five~~^{three} years, and to provide a ~~three~~^{one} year preference period for all other Group A Priority Applicants to run concurrently with the ~~third, fourth and fifth~~^{third} years of the preference period for Economic Empowerment Applicants.

This item was placed on file.

II. CALENDAR

CHARTER RIGHT

1. An application was received from Lewis Colten, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 318 Concord Avenue; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Response has been received from the neighborhood association.

**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR NOLAN IN COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022
APP 2022 #42**

There was discussion about the amount of parking as well as the location of the parking at this residence. In addition, the neighborhood association did not receive any notice about the potential curb cuts.

This application was denied. Councillors Carlone, McGovern, Nolan, Simmons, and Zondervan voted no.

2. That the City Council refer the zoning petition regarding lab use to the Ordinance Committee and Planning Board for a hearing and report.

**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR TONER
IN COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 12, 2022
POR 2022 #161**

Councillor Toner proposed an amendment to the original policy order. There was discussion about the need to define “labs” in order to make the order more clear. Councillor Toner withdrew his amendment instead, and the item was placed on the table so further discussion can be had in the coming weeks.

This item was tabled.

3. That the Ordinances of the City of Cambridge be amended as it relates to Permitting Preferences for Priority Applicants.

CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR TONER

IN COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

POR 2022 #162

ON THE TABLE

The rules were suspended to bring this item forward with City Manager Item #3. See above.

This policy order was passed.

4. 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.

PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

TO BE ADOPTED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 3, 2022

CMA 2022 #142

No action was taken.

5. An application was received from Andy layman representing Tasty Burger, requesting permission for three (3) projecting signs at the premises numbered 23 Prospect Street. approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.

PLACED ON THE TABLE IN COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 APP 2022 #37

While many members on the Council are pleased to see this space that has been vacant for over 10 years finally be filled, there was discussion about possibly setting a precedent for signage, wherein businesses will begin asking for signage further and further away from their businesses. As this application followed all the sign ordinance rules on size and placement only on the building where the business was located, the majority of the City Council voted to approve this sign application. It's exciting to see a locally owned business expand into Central Square, and I am happy to welcome Tasty Burger to Prospect Street.

This application was approved by a vote of 7-2. Councillors Carlone and Nolan voted no.

6. That the Ordinance Committee refer Categories M (Shared Vehicle) and N (Publicly-accessible, Privately-owned Electric Vehicle Charging System) of the Cambridge Transportation Decarbonization and Congestion Mitigation Bill, along with definitions, to the full City Council with a favorable recommendation. Ordinance #2022-13 as Amended

PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 TO BE

ORDAINED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 3, 2022

POR 2022 #150

This petition will expire and the petitioner will refile at a later date.

7. The Ordinance Committee held a public hearing on July 27, 2022 to continue discussions around an Ordinance potentially raising the linkage fee rates. (#2022-14).

No action was taken.

8. The Ordinance Committee held a public meeting on September 7, 2022 to continue the discussion around Ordinance # 2022-14, Section 11.202(b) of Article 11.000 Special Regulations Linkage Fee, proposal to amend by substitution, raising linkage fee rates.

A. Section 11.202(b) of Article 11.000 Special Regulations linkage fee., be amended by substitution. (Ordinance #2022-14)

PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 3, 2022

POR 2022 #84

No action was taken.

III. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Patricia Chiang requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue in front of City Hall announcing 13th Annual Dance for World Community Festival from September 19, 2022 through September 26, 2022.

APP 2022 #43

The Jose Mateo Ballet Theater is hosting the 12th annual [Dance for World Community Festival](#) on Saturday, September 24 from 12pm – 8pm. Come out to Mass Ave between Bow Street and Putnam Ave to see a variety of performances, take part in a dance lesson, and indulge in the many food vendors. This is a wonderful community event, and I hope to see you all there!

This application was approved.

2. An application was received from MIT Museum requesting permission for a temporary banner across Main Street to Broadway, Broadway to Third Street, Galileo Galilei Way, Memorial Drive to Sydney Street inbound, Sydney Street to Memorial Drive outbound and Ames Street and Logfellow Bridge announcing the re-opening of the MIT Museum in Kendall Square on September 30, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

APP 2022 #44

This application was approved.

V. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Elie Yarden.
Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons
RES 2022 #231

This resolution was adopted.

2. Resolution on the Death of Michael J. “Bo” Fields
Councillor McGovern
RES 2022 #232

This resolution was amended to add Councillor Toner as a cosponsor. This resolution was adopted as amended.

3. Happy 90th Birthday to Ms. V
Councillor Simmons
RES 2022 #233

This resolution was adopted.

4. That the City Council go on record congratulating the 2022 YWCA Outstanding Women Honorees.
Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan
RES 2022 #234

This resolution was adopted.

5. Happy Birthday wishes to Ilse Heyman.
Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Carlone
RES 2022 #235

This resolution was adopted.

6. Resolution on the death of Paul D. Powers.
Councillor Toner
RES 2022 #236

This resolution was adopted.

7. That the City Council go on record congratulating Guitar Stop for their 60 years in business in Cambridge.
Councillor Toner
RES 2022 #237

This resolution was adopted.

8. Resolution on the death of Sheila Brass.
Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Mallon
RES 2022 #238

Sheila Brass was an extraordinary woman who, along with her sister, used her love of cooking to share great food with all. They authored several cookbooks, and had a cooking show on PBS called "[Food Flirts](#)." She touched everyone she came into contact with, and will be deeply missed by the entire Cambridge community. I extend my deepest condolences to her sister Marilyn, and the entire Brass family.

This resolution was adopted.

9. That the City Council go on record observing National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 – October 15, 2022.
Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Zondervan
RES 2022 #239

This resolution was adopted.

VI. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

1. That the City Council refer the attached zoning petition regarding the Housing Contribution Rate to the Ordinance Committee and Planning Board for a hearing and report.
Vice Mayor Mallon
POR 2022 #165

This policy order is in response to last week's discussion on raising the linkage fee. This order asks for the Ordinance Committee to amend the Incentive Zoning ordinance to allow a new Nexus Study to be conducted every three years. Previously, the ordinance stated that a Nexus Study could only happen every 3 years from the last time the Council raised the linkage fee. If this language were not be amended, then we would not be able to hold another Nexus Study until 2025. It is imperative that we both raise the linkage fee and conduct a new Nexus Study so we can reevaluate where we are as a City and determine how many funds can be allocated to affordable housing.

This policy order was adopted.

2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to compile a report detailing how other comparable municipalities handle their street corner dedication processes.
Councillor Simmons
POR 2022 #166

This policy order asks the City Manager to report back on the process for street corner dedications, and to cross reference the process with other municipalities. Right now, the street corner dedication process is both tedious and somewhat misleading to the public and this order

seeks to clarify any confusion, while also looking for a way to amend the process to make it easier.

This policy order was adopted.

3. That the City Manager is requested to continue to fund the meals program for the housed and unhoused members of the community for an additional six months.

Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan

POR 2022 #167

This policy order asks the City Manager to continue to fund the City's meals program for an additional six months. The program has been operating since the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic in March 2020, and serves both housed and unhoused members of our community at no cost. As there are many food insecure residents in Cambridge, the City-sponsored meals program has alleviated the stress of searching for the next meal for hundreds of Cambridge residents, and with rising inflation the program should continue to serve our neighbors who are struggling.

This policy order was adopted.

4. That the City Manager is requested to have the Parks and Recreation Department meet with representatives of each Little League, Babe Ruth, and Girls' Softball to develop a plan to install "Walls of Honor" at each home baseball and softball field in the city by June 1, 2023.

Councillor Toner, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Simmons

POR 2022 #168

This policy order asks the City Manager to direct the Parks & Recreation Department to meet with representatives from Cambridge Little League, Babe Ruth Baseball, and Girls' Softball to create "Walls of Honor" to pay homage to past coaches and volunteers. This order seeks for a "Wall of Honor" to be placed at each field.

This policy order was adopted.

5. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department to convene a North Massachusetts Avenue Corridor District Zoning Proposal Working Group Policy Order Proposing a North Massachusetts Avenue (NMA) Corridor Working Group for the purpose of developing comprehensive zoning recommendations.

Councillor Toner, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Nolan

POR 2022 #169

This policy order asks the City Manager to convene a North Massachusetts Avenue Corridor District Zoning Proposal Working Group to begin discussions on the development of North Mass Ave. The order seeks for the group to begin meeting by June 15th, 2023, and to be able to present new zoning language to be adopted by March 15, 2024.

Councillor Azeem exercised his Charter Right on this item, halting all discussion and action on the matter until the next regular Council meeting on October 3rd.

6. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department to work with Councillors Azeem and Simmons on all necessary preparations for the next meeting in the discussion on potentially allowing multifamily housing to be built citywide.

Councillor Azeem, Councillor Simmons

POR 2022 #170

This order seeks collaboration between the Community Development Department and Councillors Azeem and Simmons on the matter of multifamily housing to be built citywide.

This policy order was adopted.

7. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Traffic, Transportation and Parking Department to convene a series of meetings with the Vision Zero, Pedestrian Committee, Bicycle Committee, the newly appointed Bicycling Advisory Committee, Cambridge Police Department, and any other departments deemed necessary, to review and revise the Cambridge Street Code.

Councillor Toner, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Nolan

POR 2022 #171

This policy order asks the City Manager to direct the relevant departments to discuss and revise the [Cambridge Street Code](#) as needed. This order seeks to bring harmony to our streets as pre-pandemic traffic has resumed, and there are many forms of transportation moving on City streets simultaneously. While the intent of this policy order was to ensure shared accountability for all who use our streets (cars, cyclists, pedestrians, etc.) I asked my colleagues to be mindful of the impact of our language, as it truly is everyone’s responsibility to move safely and responsibly on the roads. I introduced this substitute amendment with Councillors McGovern and Zondervan:

WHEREAS:	The City of Cambridge is seeking to encourage residents and visitors to the city to use multiple modes of transportation and to move away from a reliance on automobiles; and
WHEREAS:	Transportation mode shift is increasing, as evidenced by record BlueBikes ridership numbers in 2020, 2021, and 2022, and city bike counts showing ever larger numbers of residents biking on City streets; and
WHEREAS:	There is additional increase in mode shift expected from the new state legislation formally legalizing E-Bikes, and more residents are using micromobility devices and other methods of transportation; and
WHEREAS:	There have been regular complaints in the community that due to a lack of education regarding the "rules of the road" by all road users in our increasingly distracted and multimodal environment, lack of clear signage and lack of enforcement of such rules there is increasing frustration among residents and concern that more crashes may occur; and
WHEREAS:	The City of Cambridge developed a Cambridge Street Code: Rules and Etiquette for Getting there Together in 2018, and there have been substantial changes made to our city streets and increasing mode shift, providing an opportunity to update the guide to inform drivers of best practices for operating within these new facilities, reminders about the serious dangers posed by unsafe and distracted driving as well as blocking crosswalks and bike lanes, and to remind all road users of best practices to move safely in the roads to keep vulnerable road users out of harm's way; and
WHEREAS:	There is a need to consider how best to enforce the rules of the road to improve safety for, all while recognizing the disparate socioeconomic and racial impacts of enforcement; now therefore be it
ORDERED:	That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Traffic, Transportation and Parking Department to receive input from the Vision Zero, Pedestrian Committee, Bicycle Committee, Cambridge Police Department, and any other departments deemed necessary, to review and revise the Cambridge Street Code, promulgate the updated guide throughout the city, and develop recommendations for staffing and methods of improving traffic enforcement and report back to the Council by March 15, 2023.

Councillor Simmons exercised her Charter Right on both the policy order and the amendment by substitution, halting all discussion and action on this item until the next Council meeting on October 3rd.

8. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request to dedicate a street corner in honor of John Briston Sullivan.

Councillor Toner

POR 2022 #172

This policy order asks the Executive Assistant to the City Council to work with the Dedication Committee to begin the request process for a street corner dedication to John Briston Sullivan.

This policy order was adopted.

9. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request to dedicate a street corner in honor of George W. McEachern III, DMD.

Councillor Toner

POR 2022 #173

This policy order asks the Executive Assistant to the City Council to work with the Dedication Committee to begin the request process for a street corner dedication to George W, McEachern III, DMD.

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

This policy order was adopted as amended.

10. That the City Manager is requested to meet with Solutions at Work, tour the facility at 2222 Massachusetts Avenue with relevant staff as soon as possible, and take all necessary steps to transition 2222 Massachusetts Avenue into a non-congregate homeless shelter with accompanying services **Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Azeem**

POR 2022 #174

This policy order asks the City Manager to meet with the team at [Solutions At Work](#), and to tour the proposed facility at 2222 Massachusetts Ave. Solutions at Work is a transitional housing program who seeks to convert the dorm building at 2222 Mass Ave into congregate housing for individuals transitioning out of homelessness. I am pleased to see this great endeavor come to life, and I am excited to welcome Solutions At Work to North Cambridge!

I proposed the following amendment:

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Department of Human Services, and other relevant departments as soon as possible to determine how the City can support the transition of ~~meet with Solutions at Work, tour the facility at 2222 Massachusetts Avenue with relevant staff as soon as possible, and~~

~~take all necessary steps to transition~~ 2222 Massachusetts Avenue into a non-congregate homeless shelter with accompanying services; and be it further

The amendment was adopted.

This policy order was adopted as amended.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Government Operations Rules and Claims Committee met on February 16, 2022 for the purpose of gathering resident and stakeholder feedback on the hiring of the next City Manager.

These minutes were accepted and placed on file.

2. The Civic Unity Committee held a public hearing on April 14, 2022 to discuss the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report by Working IDEAL.

These minutes were accepted and placed on file.

3. The Ordinance Committee held a public meeting on Wednesday September 14, 2022 to continue the discussion around Ordinance # 2022-3, Wage Theft Ordinance. The Public Hearing took place on March 30, 2022.

These minutes were accepted and placed on file.

A. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to provide a legal review of Policy Order #14 as amended in the Ordinance Committee on September 14, 2022.

POR 2022 #176

Councillor Zondervan

These amendments were passed to a second reading.

B. That the Ordinance Committee forward Policy Order 2022 #14 to the full City Council with a favorable recommendation to Pass to a Second Reading.

POR 2022 #177

Councillor Zondervan

This policy order was adopted.

C. That the City Council schedule a hearing of the Ordinance Committee for the purposes of amending the Ordinance #2022-3 Wage Theft of the City of Cambridge to insert the language.

POR 2022 #175

Councillor Zondervan

This policy order was adopted.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

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

COF 2022 #110

This communication was accepted and placed on file.

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

COF 2022 #111

This communication was accepted and placed on file.

IX. LATE RESOLUTIONS AND POLICY ORDERS

Councillor Simmons
Mayor Siddiqui
Councillor Toner
Councillor McGovern

WHEREAS: Over 600 essential custodians and facilities workers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), who are members of 32BJ SEIU, have been bargaining for a new union agreement, now under an extension since an initial expiration date of June 30; and

WHEREAS: These essential workers, by their sacrifices and efforts to keep the MIT campus clean and operational, [support the work of 12,000 students and 15,000 employees](#), and allow billions of dollars' worth of critical research to advance each year; and

WHEREAS: MIT, as Cambridge's second-largest employer, and the city's biggest commercial landlord—[increasing its net assets by over \\$12 billion](#) (50%) and maintaining total net financial assets of \$36 billion during the most recent reported fiscal year—is well- placed to play an important role in setting responsible employment standards, enabling more members of our community to have family-sustaining pay and benefits; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge and the Greater Boston metropolitan area have become one of the most expensive markets in the country, with housing and basic necessities becoming even more unaffordable as working people are struggling with a rapidly-rising cost of living; and

WHEREAS: Unions of essential workers, who could not work remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic, and who felt its hardest impacts on their families and on their own health, have promoted the economic recovery of communities like ours by collectively bargaining to raise wages and standards, and advocating higher standards for all working people and families; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council formally go on record in strongly urging MIT to offer a fair contract that ensures strong wage increases to these essential workers for the next several years so that they and their families can best recover along with the economy; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to MIT President L. Rafael Reif and to the members of the MIT Corporation.

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

This policy order was adopted as amended.

Vice Mayor Mallon

WHEREAS: Ms. Natalie Lang achieved a [lifetime dream](#) by swimming across the [English Channel](#) this summer; and

WHEREAS: This is an impressive feat to accomplish because of the endurance needed to persevere through the many challenges along the lengthy swim; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Lang's demonstration of meeting and overcoming challenges will serve as a shining example for her students; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Lang serves as the social worker at Kennedy-Longfellow School, where she works tirelessly day in and day out to connect families to much-needed resources; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Lang's dedication to our CPS families peaked during the height of the COVID19 pandemic when she volunteered every Friday at the City Hall Diaper Bank to ensure families has access to diapers, wipes, personal care products, children's books, and more; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the entire City Council go on record congratulating Ms. Natalie Lang on swimming across the English Channel; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Ms. Natalie Lang on behalf of the City Council.

This resolution was adopted.

Councillor Toner
Councillor McGovern
Councillor Simmons

WHEREAS: Cambridge Fire Chief Gerard Mahoney retired from The Cambridge Fire Department on August 17, 2022, after thirty-nine years of dedication to the citizens of The City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Chief Mahoney is the son of the late Paul Mahoney Sr. and Mary Jane Mahoney and grew up in Cambridge and comes from a family with a long and proud history of Cambridge Firefighters; and

WHEREAS: Chief Mahoney began his career assigned to Aerial Tower No. 1 and moved up the ranks as Acting Fire Lieutenant, Fire Lieutenant, Acting Captain, Fire Captain, Acting Deputy Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Assistant Chief and Acting Chief of Department; and

WHEREAS: Chief Mahoney in addition to his fire service, he also served as an adjunct faculty member at Merrimack College and Bunker Hill College; and

WHEREAS: Chief Mahoney is now happily spending more time with his wife Patty Mahoney and their three daughters - Katelyn, Courtney, and Krista - and is the proud new grandfather of Hayes Jamieson; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record thanking Chief Gerard Mahoney for his service; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to send a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Chief Gerard Mahoney on behalf of the entire City Council.

This resolution was adopted.