



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA • OCTOBER 17, 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 a public health update.

CMA 2022 #191

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. While walk-in sites are currently not available, Director Neal of the Public Health Department assured us that the City would monitor test positivity and open sites as needed. For more information on testing, 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. For children under 5, the last group to be eligible for a vaccine, Cambridge's vaccination rate is 35%, 10 percentage points higher than the State average. The CDC has approved the Bivalent booster, which directly targets the highly dominant and contagious BA5 variant, for all age groups. This booster is available at pharmacies, clinics, and doctor's offices, and is strongly recommended. The Department of Public Health held vaccine clinics at the King Open School, Reservoir Church, and the Pisani Center, all of which were well attended. As a result, the DPH was able to vaccinate nearly 1,000 individuals with initial shots, second doses, or boosters. There was discussion about using Cambridge Public Schools' ParentSquare program to communicate vaccine information and availability to parents, and Director Neal noted that his team would look into working closely with them to share that information with parents.

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

For more information on upcoming vaccine clinics, check back [here](#).

Public Health Update: The 7-day (October 3 – October 17) moving average in Cambridge is [13.1 confirmed cases per day per 100,000](#) people and the test positivity rate currently sits at 7.27% for the two-week period ending on October 17. Although it is assumed that case counts are widely underreported due to more individuals taking personal responsibility for testing, the numbers still show that COVID19 is moving through communities. 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. Cambridge's COVID19 test positivity and case count has remained steady since August, but our Department of Public Health is anticipating a rise in cases as the fall months progress and more people spend more time indoors. Masking is still a premier method for mitigating transmission and is highly recommended in indoor spaces.

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

Monkeypox Update: Cambridge has maintained incredibly low Monkeypox infection numbers, but the Department of Public Health remains vigilant.

This communication was placed on file.

2. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's (EOPSS) Municipal Road Safety (MRS) Program in the amount of \$64,950.00 to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account. **CMA 2022 #192**

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

3. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Partnership Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$15,000 for fair-housing related outreach efforts.
CMA 2022 #193

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

4. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Fair Housing Assistance Program Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$35,609. The grant is used to cover a portion of the salary of the Cambridge Human Rights Commission (CHRC) Attorney-Investigator.
CMA 2022 #194

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

5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 22-59, regarding repairing the grass at Greene-Rose Heritage Park, and to establish a long- term plan of action.
CMA 2022 #195

This communication is in response to this [policy order](#) filed by Councillor Simmons asking the City to look into ways to repair and preserve the grass at Greene-Rose Heritage park. The [report](#) outlines efforts from the Department of Public Works to maintain the grass through scheduled cleaning and trash pick-ups, as well as reinforcing the grass through improved irrigation systems.

This communication was placed on file.

6. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Children's Trust Fund grant for the Center for Families program in the amount of \$179,500, to support a portion of salary and benefit costs of staff who lead parenting education and support programming across the city. Funds will also be used for staff training, technology upgrades and direct support to families, including participation incentives and parenting books.

CMA 2022 #196

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

7. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$80,731.00 funded by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and administered in Massachusetts by the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development. This is the first of a number of Fuel Assistance grants that DHSP will receive for FY23.

CMA 2022 #197

There was discussion about how the Fuel Assistance Program will deal with rising fuel costs, and stressed the need for thorough outreach to all residents who are eligible for assistance. It was shared that the program has enough funds to meet the rising costs and that outreach is always at the forefront of the staff.

This communication was placed on file.

8. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) National Board Program grant in the amount of \$12,000. These funds are used annually to supplement fuel assistance payments.

CMA 2022 #198

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

9. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to an additional appropriation of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. ***CMA 2022 #199***

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

10. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Housing Contribution made under the Incentive Zoning provisions of the Zoning Ordinance in the amount of \$1,565,953 from DIV 35 CPD, LLC to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

CMA 2022 #200

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

11. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Action Grant, in the amount of \$150,000. The

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program is an initiative of the Commonwealth to foster greater preparedness and resilience at the municipal level to natural disasters and climate change.

CMA 2022 #201

There was discussion about how the City will measure the effectiveness of this program. Acting Deputy City Manager Owen O’Riordan shared that he will research and come back to the Council with a detailed answer.

This communication was placed on file.

12. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, regarding the Accessory Parking Requirements Zoning Petition.

CMA 2022 #202

This communication outlines possible conflicts that may arise as a result of the Accessory Parking Requirements Zoning Petition if the petition is adopted in its current form. The Community Development Department prepared this [memo and report](#) to highlight the potential repercussions, and notes that they will not be able to solve every problem immediately. It was decided that CDD would clean up the Special Districts portion of the petition at a later date because they did not think it was within the scope of the Council’s ask to remove the section at this time.

The rules were suspended to bring Unfinished Business Item #5 (possible amendment) forward with this item for discussion.

That amendment passed by a vote of 7-1-1. Councillor Toner voted no, and Councillor Carlone was marked present.

This communication was referred to the petition.

13. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Policy Order O-12 dated October 3, 2022, regarding review of recent proposed amendments to the Incentive Zoning Rate Petition.

CMA 2022 #203

The rules were suspended to bring Unfinished Business Items #3,4,6 forward for discussion with this communication.

There was discussion about the definition of renovation vs. demolition in regards to how it affects linkage fee payment. No linkage fees are to be paid on renovated buildings, and linkage fees are to be paid on demolished buildings that are later rebuilt. The Community Development Department explained that the difference in the fee payment structure would only apply if the proposed amendments were adopted and the language was only left in the memo to the Council to show the options. Councillor Toner put forward the following amendment (yellow highlight):

Article 2 - Definitions

Incentive Project. Any new development that consists of at least thirty thousand (30,000) square feet of Gross Floor Area devoted to one or more of the following uses listed in Section 4.30 of the Zoning Ordinance: Sections 4.31 i-2 (Hotel or motel), 4.32 f (Radio and television studio), 4.33 b-5 (College or University not exempt by statute, specifically including those uses and facilities listed in Subsection 4.56 c-4, c-5, and c-6), 4.33 c (Noncommercial Research Facility), 4.33 d (Health Care Facilities), 4.33 e (Social Service Facilities), 4.34 (Office and Laboratory Use), 4.35 (Retail or Consumer Service Establishments), 4.36 (Outdoor Retail or Consumer Service Establishments), 4.37 (Light Industry, Wholesale Business and Storage), and 4.38 (Heavy Industry). For the purpose of this definition, new development shall mean (1) construction of new buildings or additions to existing buildings to accommodate uses in the above list, (2) substantial rehabilitation of buildings to accommodate uses in the above list for which the buildings were not originally used, or (3) Gross Floor Area whose use is changed from a use not included in the above list to a use included in the above list. In no case shall Gross Floor Area devoted to a Municipal Service Facility or Other Government Facility be considered an Incentive Project. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this definition shall not apply to existing floor area that is demolished and **has obtained a building permit for reconstruction** ~~subsequently rebuilt~~ **WITHIN THREE YEARS** as part of a building project **SO LONG AS THERE IS NO CHANGE OF USE**

This amendment was adopted by a vote of 5-4. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, and myself voted no.

Councillor Azeem proposed a friendly amendment to add the language “within three years” to the above section. That amendment was adopted 6-3. Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, and myself voted no.

An amendment was put forward to adopt clarifying language from the Community Development Department (final sentence). This amendment was adopted unanimously.

An amendment was put forward to strike the entire last sentence from the above section. That motion failed 5-4, leaving the language in the Ordinance. Councillors Azeem, Carlone, Nolan, Simmons, and Toner voted no.

The final amended ordinance was put before the Council:

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including those uses and facilities listed in Subsection 4.56 c-4, c-5, and c-6), 4.33 c (Noncommercial Research Facility), 4.33 d (Health Care Facilities), 4.33 e (Social Service Facilities), 4.34 (Office and Laboratory Use), 4.35 (Retail or Consumer Service Establishments), 4.36 (Outdoor Retail or Consumer Service Establishments), 4.37 (Light Industry, Wholesale Business and Storage), and 4.38 (Heavy Industry). For the purpose of this definition, new development shall mean (1) construction of new buildings or additions to existing buildings to accommodate uses in the above list, (2) substantial rehabilitation of buildings to accommodate uses in the above list for which the buildings were not originally used, or (3) Gross Floor Area whose use is changed from a use not included in the above list to a use included in the above list. In no case shall Gross Floor Area devoted to a Municipal Service Facility or Other Government Facility be considered an Incentive Project. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this definition shall not apply to existing floor area that is demolished and subsequently rebuilt as part of a building project.

This final version of the ordinance was adopted as amended.

Unfinished Business Items #3 and #4 were placed on file.

This communication was placed on file.

A motion was made to vote on reconsideration, making all actions on this item final tonight.

Reconsideration failed 1-8. Councillor Zondervan voted yes.

II. CALENDAR

CHARTER RIGHT

1. An application was received from Derek Jones, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 11 Channing Street, said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.

**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR NOLAN IN COUNCIL OCTOBER 3, 2022
APP 2022 #45**

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

2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department to meet with and receive input from the Vision Zero, Pedestrian, Bicycle Committee, the Council on Aging, the Transit Advisory Committee, the Commission for Persons with Disabilities Advisory Board, Cambridge Police Department, and any other departments, 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.

CHARTER EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN IN COUNCIL OCTOBER 3, 2022.
POR 2022 #180

Councillor Zondervan submitted the following amendments (red ink) to this policy order:

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is seeking to encourage residents and visitors to the city to use multiple modes of transportation and move away from a reliance on automobiles; and

WHEREAS: There has been an increase in traffic levels due to the influx of students to the city with the return to in-person work schedules; and

WHEREAS: There is an additional increase in mode shift expected from the new state legislation formally legalizing E-Bikes, and more residents are using micro-mobility 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 educate and inform all road users of best practices to safely traverse our roads and keep all 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 avoiding 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, Parking, and Transportation Department to meet with and receive input from the Vision Zero, Pedestrian, Bicycle Committee, the Council on Aging, the Transit Advisory Committee, the Commission for Persons with Disabilities Advisory Board, 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 safety and enforcement and report back to the Council no later than March 15, 2023.

Councillor Zondervan also presented his original amendment to the 5th "whereas" that was first put forward at the October 3rd Council meeting.

Councillor Simmons made a motion to vote on all the amendments together as one. That motion failed 5-4. Councillors Azeem, McGovern, Nolan, and Mayor Siddiqui voted no. The amendments were voted on separately.

A motion was made to adopt the proposed amendment to the first “whereas.” That motion failed 1-8. Councillor Zondervan voted yes.

A motion was made to adopt the proposed amendment to the second “whereas.” That motion passed 8-1. Councillor Simmons voted no.

A motion was made to adopt the proposed amendment to the “ordered” paragraph. That motion passed 8-1. Councillor Simmons voted no.

The policy order was adopted as amended.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. 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).

The rules were suspended to bring this item forward with City Manager Agenda Item #13.

4. 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.

The rules were suspended to bring this item forward with City Manager Agenda Item #13.

5. 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 (Ordinance #2022-5)

**PASSED TO A SECOND READING AS AMENDED ON OCTOBER 3, 2022. TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 24, 2022
EXPIRES NOVEMBER 1, 2022
POR 2022 #19**

The rules were suspended to bring this item forward with City Manager Agenda Item #12.

6. 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 THE OCTOBER 17, 2022 OR OCTOBER 24, 2022
CITY COUNCIL MEETING. POR 2022 #84**

The rules were suspended to bring this item forward with City Manager Agenda Item #13.

7. Fur Sales Ban (Ordinance #2022-17).
PASSED TO A SECOND READING AS AMENDED IN COUNCIL OCTOBER 3, 2022 TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 24, 2022.
POR 2022 #132

No action was taken.

8. 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
EXPIRED ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 POR 2022 #150

This petition expired. No action was taken.

9. Ordinance #2022-3 Wage Theft.
PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 10, 2022.
POR 2022 #175

The rules were suspended to bring Communications from Other Officers #2 forward for discussion with this item.

The Wage Theft Ordinance was voted on at the October 3, 2022 Council meeting due to a clerical error. Not enough time had passed for advertisement, so the Wage Theft Ordinance was not officially ordained on October 3 and is instead before the council tonight for ordination.

This ordinance was ordained.

10. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 22-61, regarding the Cambridge Birth Center.
CMA 2022 #183

III. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A Zoning Petition Has been received from Suzanne P. Blier, et. al Harvard Square Zoning Petition Modification regarding Frontage of Financial Institutions
APP 2022 #46

This petition was referred to the Planning Board and Ordinance Committee.

2. An application was received from Joseph Correia representing Central Rock Gym and F45, requesting permission for a projecting blade sign at the premises numbered 20 Brattle Street approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community

Development Department and abutter response has been received.

APP 2022 #47

This application was approved.

3. An application was received from Duncan MacArthur, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 52 Standish Street; 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 with questions that have been answered by the applicant with notification to the neighborhood association.

APP 2022 #48

Councillor Nolan exercised her Charter Right on this item, halting all discussion and action until the next regular Council meeting on October 24.

V. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Beverly Anne Courtney.

Councillor Toner, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Azeem

RES 2022 #261

This resolution was adopted.

2. Congratulations to The Matignon School Celebrating its 75th Anniversary

Councillor Toner, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons

RES 2022 #262

This resolution was adopted.

3. Congratulations to Paul and Margaret Materazzo on Receiving the Cheverus Award

Councillor Toner

RES 2022 #263

This resolution was adopted.

4. That the City Council go on record thanking Joe Barr for his service.

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

RES 2022 #264

Director Barr has been an integral part of many large projects that have increased our multi-modal transportation system over the last 7 years, and I cannot imagine where we would be as a City without his direction. This is a bittersweet goodbye, as I wish him all the best at Amtrak.

This resolution was adopted.

5. Support for Harvard Law Students Advocating for Reproductive Curriculum
Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan
RES 2022 #265

It is critically important that we support reproductive curriculum at all times, but especially at a time like this when the United States is in the midst of a reproductive rights crisis.

This resolution was amended to include the entire Council as cosponsors.

This resolution was adopted as amended.

6. Resolution Wishing Jean MaGuire a Swift Recovery
Councillor Simmons
RES 2022 #266

This resolution was adopted.

7. Congratulations to Jo-Ann and Neil Campbell on their 50th Wedding Anniversary
Councillor Toner
RES 2022 #267

This resolution was adopted.

8. Resolution Re Renaming Vassal Lane Upper School
Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui
RES 2022 #268

This effort was brought up during the last School Committee meeting as the City is aware that both Vassal Lane and Vassal Lane Upper School are named after John Vassal Jr., a known slave owner. The School Committee will undertake a community process to rename the school as construction progresses.

This resolution was adopted.

9. Condolences To The Family of Randolph James Williams Jr.
Councillor Simmons
RES 2022 #269

This resolution was adopted.

VI. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

1. That the City Manager direct the City Solicitor and City Clerk to update the posted City Council rules on the website and other locations where posted, to properly reflect the change made to Rule 24 c that adds the sentence “individuals will be heard in the order that they signed up whether they are participating in person or remotely.” and to report back to the Government Operations,

Rules and Claims committee when complete.

Vice Mayor Mallon

POR 2022 #265

The rules were suspended to bring Committee Report #1 forward with this policy order for discussion and possible adoption.

This policy order is a product of the April 28, 2022 Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee meeting where we discussed possible amendments and additions to the City Council Rules. We actually voted on 3 rules changes in the meeting. Those were also contained in the committee report. We accepted and placed the committee report on file.

There were 3 policy orders within the committee report that were asks of city staff about language. The three asks appeared as policy orders within the committee report and will receive an answer for the October 25 Government Operations meeting. The asks of city staff to report back to the government ops committee will help us make informed decisions about possible rule changes when we convene again on October 25th at 10am.

To watch the second part of the Government Operations meeting, please visit the [Open Meeting Portal](#).

This policy order was adopted.

2. That the City Manager direct the City Solicitor to develop language to regulate car-sharing services that register vehicles to Cambridge residences

Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Simmons

POR 2022 #266

This policy order seeks to develop the proper language to make it easier for residents who want to take advantage of car-sharing apps and services to do so in Cambridge by registering vehicles to residential addresses. I was happy to submit this order with my colleagues Councillor Azeem and Councillor Simmons on the heels of Councillor Simmons' September 2021 policy order asking the City Manager, the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department, and the City Solicitor to look into what changes should be made to the residential parking permit program to accommodate and differentiate multi-car houses from residences where a car-sharing services are registered. It's important that we look for ways to make car-sharing more accessible in Cambridge if we want to move to a less car-dependent city, and it is equally important that we make it fair for everyone.

This policy order was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

3. Policy Order Seeking Development Analysis

Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toner, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Azeem

POR 2022 #267

This policy order asks the City Manager to direct the Community Development Department to conduct a cohesive study on how the many initiatives within the City affect and impact each other. There was discussion about the amount of work already on CDD's plate and what adding a study of this size could do to other projects in the pipeline.

Councillor McGovern exercised his Charter Right on this item, halting all discussion and action until the next regular Council meeting.

4. Supporting HD 5394

Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, Vice Mayor Mallon

POR 2022 #268

This policy order asks the entire Council to go on record supporting [HD 5394](#) filed by State Representative Mike Connolly. The bill seeks to cap individual tax refunds at \$6,500 and direct the remaining funds to residents who are in need of financial assistance. This would be a tremendous help to those still recovering from the devastating financial effects of the COVID19 pandemic.

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

This policy order was adopted as amended.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee met on April 28, 2022, to discuss potential changes to the City Council Rules.

The attached "RULES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, 2022-2023" shows the changes in red, that the Committee is putting forth to the City Council with a favorable recommendation to adopt.

The rules were suspended to bring this item forward with Policy Order #1 for discussion and possible adoption.

These minutes were accepted and placed on file.

A. That the City Manager direct the City Solicitor and City Clerk to determine appropriate wording for City Council rule 15 to reflect the conversation regarding "present" vs. "abstain", and whether it is appropriate to bifurcate into rules 15a and 15b as discussed, for the next Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee on this topic.

POR 2022 #269

Councillor Simmons

This policy order was adopted.

B. That the City Clerk provide guidance on how to add outstanding Home Rule petitions to the regular City Council agenda for the next Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee on this topic.

POR 2022 #270

Councillor Zondervan

This policy order was adopted.

C. That the City Manager direct the City Solicitor and City Clerk to provide language that properly reflects current public comment procedure for hybrid meetings in Rule 24 b for the next Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee on this topic.

POR 2022 #271

Councillor Toner

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 #125

This communication was placed on file.

2. A communication was received from Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting a letter regarding the Wage Theft Ordinance #2022-3.

COF 2022 #126

The rules were suspended to bring this item forward for discussion with Unfinished Business Item #9.

The Wage Theft Ordinance was voted on at the October 3, 2022 Council meeting due to a clerical error. Not enough time had passed for advertisement, so the Wage Theft Ordinance was not officially ordained on October 3 and is instead before the council tonight for ordination.

This communication was placed on file.

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

Mayor Siddiqui

COF 2022 #127

This communication from Mayor Siddiqui contains information from the latest School Committee meeting:

Election Day is around the corner! The following schools will be used as poll locations for the upcoming November 8th election:

· Morse School

- Martin Luther King Jr School
- CRLS
- Baldwin School
- Graham and Parks School
- Peabody School

There will be a Cambridge Police officer at every location. This is a designated staff professional development day-students will not be in school.

This communication was placed on file.