



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA • OCTOBER 24, 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 Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation \$1,409,562 from Free Cash to the Community Benefits Stabilization Fund.  
*CMA 2022 #204*

This communication is an appropriation request for the amount of \$1,409,562 to be moved from Free Cash to the Community Benefits Stabilization Fund. These funds were generated from MIT Cambridge Real Estate and will be available for City programs to apply for appropriation at later dates. Assistant Director of Human Service Programs Ellen Semenov shared with the Council that these funds will be used to help run a fourth year of programming that began in March of 2020.

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

2. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$2,050,000 from Free Cash to the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund which will be used to fund specific future projects, which will require separate individual appropriations by the City Council. *CMA 2022 #205*

This communication asks for an appropriation of \$2,050,000 to be moved from Free Cash to the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund. As Assistant City Manager of Finance David Kale explained, the funds were received in April of this year (FY22), and must be transferred over to the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund where they can be allocated to specific mitigation projects. The funds were generated from special permits.

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

3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 22-48, regarding a report on ID Badges for City Employees.  
*CMA 2022 #206*

This communication is in response to this [policy order](#) filed by Councillor Simmons and Councillor Azeem earlier this year asking the City Manager to look into creating ID badges for City employees. The [report](#) outlines that ID badges are currently available for any department to request, but not mandatory and will remain that way until a more streamlined ID process is introduced and implemented in the coming year. Additionally, the Personnel, Information Technology, Law, and Licensing departments are looking into making the ID badges double as

fobs for exterior and interior doors throughout City Hall, City Hall Annex, and 51 Inman Street. This add-on would be included in the FY24 budget.

This communication was placed on file.

4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report items numbered 21-52 & 22-25, regarding a report on Boards and Commissions.  
**CMA 2022 #207**

This communication is in response to this [policy order](#) filed by former Councillor Sobrihno-Wheeler, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, and myself in June of 2021 asking the City Manager to look into providing stipends for members serving on our boards and commissions. This report is also in response to this [policy order](#) filed by Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Carlone, Mayor Siddiqui, and myself in April of this year asking the City Manager to report back on several items regarding boards and commissions appointments that came out of the April 12, 2022 Government Operations, Rules, and Claims Committee meeting. The [report](#) from the City Manager provides a proposed updated process for recruitment, onboarding, training, term limits, and exit interviews. According to the report and discussion at last night's meeting, stipends will be available for the Board of Zoning Appeals, Historical Commission, and the Planning Board due to the extensive time commitment required for each board. These stipends will most likely be paid on a quarterly basis as a vendor's check. Board and commission members will remain volunteers who receive a stipend, and not City employees who pay into the Citywide retirement system.

Attachment A was referred to the Government Operations, Rules, and Claims Commission for further discussion.

Attachment F was referred to the Planning Board and Ordinance Committee for further discussion and drafting of language that removes language from the BZA, that states that members are unpaid. This needs to be amended in order to pay the members stipends.

This communication was placed on file.

## II. CALENDAR

### CHARTER RIGHT

1. Policy Order Seeking Development Analysis  
**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN IN CITY COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 17, 2022  
POR 2022 #267**

Councillor Zondervan presented the following amendment to the original [policy order](#):

While each of these policies addresses a very real need, it would be prudent for the City to take a moment to request that an analysis be conducted to determine what impact, if any, all

of these combined policies have had upon local commercial and residential development, and what impact may yet be felt by these combined policies in the near term, ~~before the City looks to enact further policies or initiatives related to development~~; now therefore be it

The amendment strikes the language in red from the policy order, in hopes of not hindering any other initiatives or projects while this study happens. There was discussion about CDD's workload, and it was suggested that the motion makers meet with CDD staff to learn how this would impact their calendar.

This amendment was adopted.

The policy order as amended was placed on the table.

2. 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.

**CHARTER EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR NOLAN IN CITY COUNCIL OCTOBER 17, 2022  
APP 2022 #48**

This application was approved 8-1. Councillor Zondervan voted no.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

3. 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 AS AMENDED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 24, 2022 EXPIRES NOVEMBER 1, 2022  
POR 2022 #19**

With tonight's vote, Cambridge will be the first in the state to eliminate required parking minimums – a huge win for the environment and affordable housing. As Cambridge and other cities move to a less car-centered life, it is important that we create policy that makes it possible for people to be less car-dependent. Adding parking to buildings comes at an incredibly high cost, which often goes unused since 1/3 of Cambridge residents do not own cars. Now, with this change and increased flexibility surrounding parking, we can build more housing and dedicate more land to open space that would have previously been reserved for on site parking. This wouldn't have been possible without former Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Nolan, and Mayor Siddiqui starting this important conversation last term, and Councillor Azeem, Councillor Zondervan, and Councillor McGovern continuing the hard work this term.

To read more about the positive impacts of removing required parking, check out [Councillor Azeem's Twitter thread](#).

Last evening, prior to ordination, Councillors Azeem and Zondervan presented the following small amendment (red ink) to section 6.30 Parking Quantity Requirements:

#### 6.30 PARKING QUANTITY REQUIREMENTS

**6.31 *Required Amount of Parking.*** Off street parking facilities shall be allowed for each use of a lot or structure in the amount specified in the schedule of parking requirements contained in Subsection 6.36. Said schedule specifies the maximum amount of accessory off street parking allowed for each type of land use listed in "Table of Use Regulations" in this Ordinance. The maximum amount of allowed parking is also based on the intensity of development permitted in the district in which the use is located. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Zoning Ordinance, the minimum accessory parking required for all uses shall be zero (0) parking spaces, including in all overlay districts.

This amendment was adopted 8-1. Councillor Carlone was marked present.

This ordinance was ordained 8-1. Councillor Carlone voted no.

A motion was made for reconsideration. Reconsideration failed, making all votes on this matter final tonight.

4. Fur Sales Ban (Ordinance #2022-17).

**PASSED TO A SECOND READING AS AMENDED IN COUNCIL OCTOBER 3, 2022 TO BE ORDAINED AS AMENDED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 24, 2022  
POR 2022 #132**

The sale of fur is not only inhumane, but also poses a serious threat to the environment by endangering many species specifically to harvest their fur and creating opportunities for waste runoff to contaminate soil and water supplies. Over 100 million animals are captured annually for their fur and are forced to breed while living in cramped cages without proper food or nutrition. Cambridge has not ever had fur shops, and now with this ban we can rest assured that fur will never be sold in Cambridge.

To read the original policy order and full ordinance, click [here](#).

This ordinance was ordained as amended.

5. 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 has expired.

### III. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Stuart Pitchel representing Grafton Street Pub & Grill, requesting permission for a projecting blade sign at the premises numbered 59 JFK Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, and Community Development Department. No abutter response has been received, but proof of mailing has been provided.

***APP 2022 #49***

***This application was approved.***

2. An application was received from Jason Parillo representing The Shade Store, requesting permission for a projecting blade sign at the premises numbered 49 Brattle Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, and Community Development Department. No abutter response has been received, but proof of mailing has been provided.

***APP 2022 #50***

***This application was approved.***

### V. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Richard A. Ferreira.

**Councillor Toner, Councillor McGovern**

***RES 2022 #270***

***This resolution was adopted.***

2. Resolution on the death of Alfred M. DeVito Sr.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #271***

***This resolution was adopted.***

3. Resolution on the death of Nancy Price.

**Councillor Toner, Councillor Simmons**

***RES 2022 #272***

***This resolution was adopted.***

4. Resolution on the death of Randolph J. Williams.

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #273***

***This resolution was adopted.***

5. Resolution on the death of Frank V. Gages, Jr. .

**Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #274***

This resolution was adopted.

6. Congratulations to Officer Oswaldo Ortiz

**Councillor McGovern, Councillor Toner, Councillor Simmons**

***RES 2022 #275***

This resolution was adopted.

7. Congratulations to Officer Michael Padua

**Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #276***

This resolution was adopted.

8. Congratulations to Officers Charles McNeill and James Costa

**Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toner**

***RES 2022 #277***

This resolution was adopted.

9. Resolution on the death of Father John Horgan.

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

***RES 2022 #278***

This resolution was adopted.

10. Retirement of Jane Hirschi from CitySprouts.

**Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan**

***RES 2022 #279***

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

This resolution was adopted as amended.

11. Resolution on the death of John Jarcho, M.D.

**Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan**

***RES 2022 #280***

This resolution was amended to add an additional “whereas” to include Dr. Jarcho’s work at Brigham & Women’s Hospital.

This resolution was adopted as amended.

12. Congratulations to Dr. Sally Kornbluth on being elected the 18th President of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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

***RES 2022 #281***

This resolution was adopted.

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

1. That the Rules of the City Council be amended to add the following sentence at the beginning: “The rules of the City Council should be reviewed and provisionally adopted towards the beginning of every new City Council term.”

**Vice Mayor Mallon**

***POR 2022 #272***

This policy order is a result of the April 28th Government Operations, Rules, and Claims Committee. This rule change, and the following two, were proposed as rule changes during the meeting, pulled out of the committee notes last week when the meeting notes were placed on the agenda, and now they are before the full body for discussion and possible adoption.

This rule change asks the City Council to review the rules at the beginning of every term and provisionally adopt any rule changes at the beginning of the term.

This policy order was adopted.

2. That the Rules of the City Council be amended to add the following sentence at the end of Rule 5: “All motions made by any members of the Council should require a second prior to debate.”

**Vice Mayor Mallon**

***POR 2022 #273***

This policy order is a proposed rule change that would require any motion put forward to have a second before moving forward for discussion during meetings.

This policy order failed 1-8. Councillor Simmons voted yes.

3. That the Rules of the City Council be amended to add the following sentence at the end of Rule 12: “During debate each Councillor will state their comments clearly and concisely with the understanding that other members are waiting to present their comments.”

**Vice Mayor Mallon**

***POR 2022 #274***

This policy order is a proposed rule change that asks all Councillors to be mindful of others’ time when presenting their ideas and arguments.

This policy order was adopted.

4. That the City Manager is requested to work with all relevant City departments to develop a communication on the most environmentally responsive and responsible methods of yard waste, and utilize the City website and other communication avenues to publicize best practices for leaf disposal. **Councillor Nolan, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan**  
***POR 2022 #275***

This policy order asks the City Manager to work with the relevant departments such as the Department of Public Works, and the Communications Office to improve City communications on the best practices for yard waste removal. This communication would be sent to both residents and commercial properties, as leaf and yard waste removal methods impact the entire City and the environment.

This policy order was adopted.

## **VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS**

1. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee.  
**Mayor Siddiqui**  
***COF 2022 #128***

This communication was placed on file.

2. A communication was received from Diane P. LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting update regarding legislative activity and a letter regarding how communications are received.  
***COF 2022 #129***

This communication is two parts: one outlines legislative activity updates, and the other is a letter from the City Clerk detailing the need for a dedicated email to be created for residents who want to submit items for the Council agenda.

This communication was placed on file, and the communication regarding the email was referred to the Government Operations, Rules, and Claims Committee for further discussion.