



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA • OCTOBER 3, 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 22-61, regarding the Cambridge Birth Center.  
***CMA 2022 #183***

This communication is in response to this [policy order](#), filed by Councillor Nolan, and co-sponsored by Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, and myself urging the Cambridge Health Alliance to reopen the Cambridge Birthing Center. The [report](#) states that the Birthing Center was closed to comply with Massachusetts State regulations at the onset of the COVID19 pandemic. Since the Birthing Center is licensed as an outpatient center, and not an emergency center, services were ordered to stop immediately. Due to staffing, cost, and programming issues, CHA is still not able to reopen the Birthing Center nearly two years after the onset of the pandemic. While I and others on the Council were happy to receive this quick update on the status of the Birthing Center, we recognize that it is not enough to simply state that the center must remain closed due to staffing and other issues. Councillor Nolan motioned for this report to be sent back to the City Manager's office for further research, discussion, and review.

This communication was referred to the City Manager's office.

2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 22-41, regarding establishing evening off-leash dog hours at Hoyt Field.  
***CMA 2022 #184***

This communication is in response to this policy order filed by Councillor McGovern asking the City Manager to work with the relevant departments to create off-leash dog hours at Hoyt Field when the park is not being used for other programming. The [report](#) not only shares an update on Hoyt Field, but also on Paine Park. While the City recognizes the need for open space and opportunities for dog-owners to let their pets run off-leash, it also recognizes the challenges of sharing space with heavily-programmed parks such as Hoyt Field and Paine Park. Hoyt Field is home to the Moore Youth Center, baseball and softball leagues, ultimate frisbee, tennis, and many more. Adding off-leash dog hours to this mix would not be feasible due to the plethora of programs that already happen and the difficulty surrounding enforcing off-leash dog hours and shared use. Additionally, Paine Park is used primarily by several daycares and preschools in the area, making off-leash dog hours unsafe at this park. Instead, dog owners can use Joan Lorentz Park from 8 A.M. to 10 A.M., Greene-Rose Heritage Park from 6 A.M. to 9 A.M., and Gold Star

Mothers (Gore Street) Park, from 6 A.M. to 9 A.M. In the future, more community processes around the use of Hoyt Field will be scheduled.

This communication was placed on file.

3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Policy Order 2022 #167, regarding the meal program continuation.  
***CMA 2022 #185***

This communication is in response to this [policy order](#) filed by Councillor McGovern and Councillor Zondervan asking the City Manager to extend the Meals Program for the unhoused community for an additional six months. The program was initiated in March 2020 at the onset of the pandemic to aid both restaurants and the unhoused and food insecure community in Cambridge. It was funded through the CARES Act, ARPA funding, and free cash appropriations from the City. The current program was set to expire on October 2nd, and the City Manager's office is happy to announce that the program can continue through December 4th, 2022 through a \$146,000 appropriation from the ARPA Negative Economic Impacts Category – Homelessness Support Programs. Although this is not a full six-month extension, the City is beginning to transition back to normal, pre-pandemic business. This 2-month extension will allow time for conversations to happen around meal sites transitioning back to volunteer-based staffing and reduced need for meals. To read the full report, click [here](#).

This communication was placed on file.

4. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to an update on new positions.  
***CMA 2022 #186***

This communication from the City Manager outlines three new positions City Manager Huang plans to introduce before the end of the calendar year. The following new positions each seek to fill gaps in the City's organizational structure, and bring Cambridge into a more modern workforce.

- Chief People Officer
  - This person will begin the modernization process for the City's administrative services and serve as a head of the Personnel/Human Resources Department to help oversee the onboarding, offboarding, professional development, and day to day processes of the 1,000+ full time employees in the City.
- Director of Community Engagement
  - This person position is intended to provide overall leadership and coordination across the community engagement function. The first priority for the Director of Community Engagement will be to develop a standardized, transparent, and cohesive community engagement plan for the City. This person will also connect and work closely with the City

Manager's office to create a standard set of best practices for outreach within the City across departments.

- Director of Emergency Management
  - This person will be responsible for preparing the City for emergency events, such as future pandemics, mass-unhousing events (fires, flood, natural disasters, etc), and other unforeseen emergencies. They will work closely with the Emergency Communications Department and the Fire and Police Departments to develop communications plans in the event of an emergency.

There was discussion about renaming the Director of Emergency Management to better reflect the responsibility of creating resiliency plans, and that change was noted by the City Manager. There was also discussion about ensuring that diversity, equity, and inclusion are at the forefront of these hiring processes. City Manager Huang shared that his office is currently interviewing for the first two positions he created, Chief of Staff to the City Manager and Chief of Strategy and Implementation. These three additional positions should be posted soon, and he hopes to have hires by the end of the calendar year. The salaries for each will not affect the FY23 budget.

If you or someone you know is interested in any of these positions, check back on the City's [job board](#) to apply.

This communication was placed on file.

5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 22-62, regarding requests for a legal opinion and additional analysis on linkage fee rate increase discussion.

***CMA 2022 #187***

The rules were suspended to bring City Manager Agenda Items #6 and #7, Unfinished Business Item #4, and Communications from Other Officers #1 forward with this item for discussion.

This communication is in response to this [policy order](#) sponsored by the entire Council asking the City Manager to direct the Law Department to provide a legal opinion and analysis of raising the linkage fee. In her analysis, Solicitor Glowa advised that the Council should determine whether or not the amendments to the zoning petition brought forward by Councillor Azeem altered the intent of the petition. If so, the Council would need to refile and re-advertise this petition. She also advised the Council to conduct a new Nexus study before moving forward with proposed amendments in order to determine the most accurate impact of different size buildings on the Incentive Zoning Ordinance.

To read the full report and responses from the City Solicitor and Community Development Department, click [here](#).

Councillor McGovern introduced the following amendment in his communication from other officers:

Housing Contribution Rate. The Housing Contribution Rate effective upon ordination shall be ~~twenty dollars and ten cents (\$20.10)~~ **thirty-three dollars and thirty-four cents (\$33.34)** per square foot of Gross Floor Area, **excluding the first 30,000 square feet for buildings less than 60,000 square feet in total size**, devoted to the uses that qualify the new development as an Incentive Project. The effective rate shall be subject to annual escalation equal to annual percentage increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) Housing Index for Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT or similar index to reflect changes in dollar values over time; however, annual decreases in CPI shall not cause the contribution rate to be decreased. The table below is intended to administratively track changes to the Housing Contribution Rate as it is adjusted over time.”

This amendment was adopted.

This communication, as well as City Manager Agenda Items #6 and #7 were referred to the petition.

6. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board report with a recommendation not to adopt the Incentive Zoning Rate Increase Petition.  
***CMA 2022 #188***

The rules were suspended to bring this item forward for discussion with City Manager Agenda Item #5.

This communication contains a report from the Planning Board with a negative recommendation to not adopt the Incentive Zoning Rate Increase Petition. This petition would raise the housing contribution rate to \$33.34. While the Planning Board is in favor of raising the rate, it came to the conclusion that the amendments presented by Councillor Zondervan were outside of the scope of the original petition, and would therefore need to be refiled and readvertised before adoption. Additionally, the Planning Board would like more research and findings on the impact raising the rate would have on housing affordability as well as other methods for raising the rate, such as a gradual increase.

This communication was referred to the petition.

7. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a communication received from the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust regarding the Incentive Zoning amendment.  
***CMA 2022 #189***

The rules were suspended to bring this item forward for discussion with City Manager Agenda Item #5.

This communication from the Affordable Housing Trust outlines the committee’s praise for the proposed linkage fee increase, and its hesitation regarding the proposed amendments to exclude the first 30,000 square feet of construction, and the deduction of floor area if a developer were to demolish and later rebuild it.

This communication was referred to the petition.

## II. CALENDAR

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2022

#### CHARTER RIGHT

1. 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.

**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR AZEEM IN COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022.  
POR 2022 #169**

Councillor Toner withdrew this policy order.

2. 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.

**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS POR 2022 #171**

Councillor Toner withdrew this policy order.

#### ON THE TABLE

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

**PLACED ON THE TABLE IN COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 19, 2022  
POR 2022 #161**

This item was taken off of the table by a vote of 8-1. Councillor Zondervan voted no.

Councillor Toner submitted the following amendment to the final ordered paragraph:

Ordered: That the City Council refer the attached zoning petition to the Economic Development and University Relations Committee and the Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee for review and discussion and report back to the Council on by March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 on whether to move the zoning petition forward.

I offered a friendly amendment to strike the language “whether to move the zoning petition forward” so as to not have suggestive language within the order. Councillor Toner was amenable to this change.

This policy order was amended by a vote of 8-1. Councillor Azeem voted no.

This policy order was adopted as amended by a vote of 8-1. Councillor Zondervan voted no.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

4. 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**

The rules were suspended to bring this item forward for discussion with City Manager Agenda Item #5.

This item was left in unfinished business to allow for more responses from the Law Department and CDD. The expiration date is 10/25, so we have time to ordain it prior to expiration..

5. 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**

This item was adopted.

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 EXPIRED ON  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022  
POR 2022 #150**

No action was taken.

7. Ordinance #2022-3 Wage Theft.

**PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 TO BE  
ORDAINED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 3, 2022.  
POR 2022 #175**

This item was ordained.

8. 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.

9. 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.

No action was taken.

### III. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

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.

#### *APP 2022 #45*

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

### VI. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

1. That the City Manager is requested to convene an advisory group to determine ways in which the City can work to lift up the voices and experiences of the descendants of the Indigenous People who currently reside in our community.

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

#### ***POR 2022 #179***

The Indigenous Community has long been excluded from many opportunities to advocate for their community. This policy order seeks to remedy that transgression by directing the City Manager to work with the necessary departments in the City to determine ways to uplift Indigenous voices and experiences within our City.

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

This order was adopted as amended.

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.

**Councillor Toner, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern**

***POR 2022 #180***

This policy order is a new version of the previous order submitted at the last Council meeting asking the City Manager to direct the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department to work with the Vision Zero, Pedestrian, & Bicycle Committee, the Council on Aging, the Transit Advisory Committee, the Commission for Persons with Disabilities Advisory Board, the Cambridge Police Department, and any other relevant departments to revise the Cambridge Street Code. This revised version of the policy order addresses concerns around sharing the streets, and seeks not to place blame on only one group, but to instead take a holistic approach to creating safer streets.

Councillor Zondervan proposed an amendment to the 5th “whereas” before exercising his Charter Right, which halted all discussion and further action on this order until the next regular Council meeting.

3. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department to convene a North Massachusetts Avenue Corridor District Zoning Proposal Working Group by June 15, 2023. **Councillor Toner, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Nolan**  
***POR 2022 #181***

This policy order is a revised version of the order that was previously submitted at the last Council meeting.

This policy order was adopted.

4. That the City Manager is requested to work with appropriate City departments to complete a needs assessment of the entire Danehy Park complex.  
**Councillor Toner, Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons**  
***POR 2022 #182***

This policy order asks the City Manager to work with the necessary departments to conduct a needs assessment of Danehy Park in its entirety. There was discussion about moving toward more environmentally friendly materials in the park, particularly on the fields in the future, as well as a plea to the City to **not** put other projects on hold in the park while this assessment is being conducted.

This policy order was adopted.

5. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to affix the Indigenous Peoples’ Day Banner above JFK Street and Mount Auburn Street beginning on October 4, 2022, for no less than one week and recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day on October 10, 2022.  
**Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Azeem**  
***POR 2022 #183***



This policy order asks for the Indigenous Peoples' Day banner to be placed at the intersection above JFK and Mount Auburn Street from October 4th to October 10th in honor of the holiday. Cambridge was the first city in the nation to begin celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day, a move that would shift the honor of the holiday to the Indigenous Tribes that were on this land first.

This policy order was amended to add Councillor McGovern and Councillor Nolan.

6. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Department of Public Works, Inspectional Services and other relevant departments to produce a report outlining the efficacy of the Private Property Rodent Control Program and the SMART Digital Rodent Control Boxes, and any changes being contemplated to these current programs.

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

***POR 2022 #184***

This order seeks an update on the rodent mitigation efforts that were introduced earlier this year. It also seeks an update on the open position of rat liaison, someone who will be solely responsible for fielding constituent concerns about rodents.

This policy order was adopted.

7. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Law Department to automatically provide an initial legal opinion to the City Council and the City Clerk at least three business days in advance of the first Public Hearing on any amendment to the Code of Ordinances formally introduced in the City Council. **Councillor Zondervan, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern**

***POR 2022 #185***

This order asks the City Manager to work with the Law Department to prepare legal opinions for the City Council at least three business days in advance of the first Public Hearing in an effort to better prepare the Council for discussion. This would give the Council more time to consider all outcomes of proposed amendments, and allow them to make more informed decisions, while also passing ordinance amendments more efficiently.

This policy order was adopted.

8. Amendment to section 22.25.1(c) of Article 22, entitled Sustainable Design and Development.

**Councillor Zondervan**

***POR 2022 #186***

This policy order seeks to amend the City Ordinance section 22.25.1(c) of Article 22 entitled Sustainable Design and Development to include a new section on Embodied Emissions. To read the full amendment, click [here](#).

This policy order was adopted, and this moves forward for a hearing at the Ordinance Committee and Planning Board..

9. That the City Manager is requested to work with all relevant City departments to install a new irrigation system in Danehy Park as soon as possible and better prepare for tree watering efforts in the future and report on any needed or ongoing irrigation improvements to other parks across the city.

**Councillor Nolan, Councillor Toner, Councillor Zondervan**  
***POR 2022 #187***

This order seeks a new irrigation system to be installed in Danehy Park as soon as possible, as well as prepare for future tree watering efforts to be improved throughout the City. The tree canopy in Cambridge is delicate, yet essential to combating rising temperatures as a result of climate change, and a new irrigation system will help protect the trees in the park.

This policy order was amended to include Mayor Siddiqui and Councillor Carlone as cosponsors.

This policy order was adopted.

10. That the City Council go on record stating its observance of Cybersecurity Awareness Month October 2022.

**Mayor Siddiqui**  
***POR 2022 #262***

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month! To learn ways you can keep yourself and your devices safe from cybersecurity threats, be sure to visit the City's dedicated [webpage](#).

This policy order was adopted.

## **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee met on March 9, 2022 for the purpose of reviewing next steps in the City Manager search process.

*These minutes were accepted and placed on file.*

2. The Human Services and Veterans Committee conducted a public hearing on June 2, 2022 to receive an update from the City Manager's Opioid Task Force.

*These minutes were accepted and placed on file.*

3. Ordinance On September 20, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. the Ordinance Committee, Chaired by Councillor McGovern, held a public hearing on Ordinance #2022-16, Banning Limited Services Pregnancy Centers. This ordinance was originally proposed under POR 2022 #131. Councillor Zondervan made a motion that was approved by the Committee to continue the public hearing to a future date to be noticed in accordance with the open meeting law.

**Vice Mayor Mallon made a motion that the Committee approved to adopt a new policy order that the City Manager be and is hereby requested to direct the City Solicitor to reach out to the Law department in Somerville, MA to understand and report back to the Council**

**on the legislation passed by the Somerville City Council banning limited services pregnancy centers.**

A. That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to direct the City Solicitor to reach out to the Law Department in Somerville, MA to understand and report back to the Council on the legislation passed by the Somerville City Council banning limited services pregnancy centers.

***POR 2022 #188***

**Vice Mayor Mallon**

*These minutes were accepted and placed on file.*

*This policy order was adopted.*

4. Ordinance On September 20, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., the Ordinance Committee, Chaired by Councillor Zondervan, held a public hearing on Ordinance #2022-17, adding a chapter 6.24 to the Cambridge Municipal Code titled Sale of Fur Apparel Products. This ordinance was originally proposed under POR 2022 #132. Councillor McGovern made a motion that the Committee approved to amend Ordinance #2022-17 as originally submitted to change section 6.24.070 – Effective Date to read: This ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2023. Councillor McGovern made another motion that the Committee approved to further amend Ordinance #2022-17 as originally submitted to add the following language at the bottom of section 6.24.050 – Penalty: The Director of the Animal Commission, Animal Control Officers, Police Officers and Sanitation Inspectors and Code Enforcement Inspectors detailed with the Public Health and Inspectional Services Departments shall have the authority of enforcing all sections of this chapter. All fines and penalties assessed and collected under this chapter may be enforced by issuance of non-criminal tickets pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 21D, or as otherwise authorized by law.

**Councillor Toner made a motion that was approved by the Committee to send Ordinance #2022-17 as amended to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation to pass to a second reading.**

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

***POR 2022 #132***

**Councillor McGovern**

*This amendment to the municipal code was passed to a second reading.*

*This report was accepted and placed on file.*

5. Ordinance On September 21, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., the Ordinance Committee, Chaired by Councillor McGovern, continued the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2022-5 that would eliminate parking minimums. This ordinance was originally proposed under POR 2022 #19. Councillor Zondervan made a motion that was approved by the Committee to amend the petition by substitution so that it adds the sentence underlined and in red below to section 6.30, and that this be the entirety of the petition:

### 6.30 - PARKING QUANTITY REQUIREMENTS

6.31 Required Amount of Parking. Off street parking facilities shall be provided 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 amount of accessory off street parking required for each type of land use listed in "Table of Use Regulations" in this Ordinance. The amount of required parking is also based on the intensity of development permitted in the district in which the use is located. **Notwithstanding any other provision in the zoning, the minimum accessory parking required for all uses shall be zero (0) parking spaces.**

**Councillor Zondervan made a motion that was approved by the Committee to send proposed Zoning Ordinance #2022-5, as amended (full text below) to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation to pass to a second reading.**

### 6.30 - PARKING QUANTITY REQUIREMENTS

6.31 Required Amount of Parking. Off street parking facilities shall be provided 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 amount of accessory off street parking required for each type of land use listed in "Table of Use Regulations" in this Ordinance. The amount of required parking is also based on the intensity of development permitted in the district in which the use is located. **Notwithstanding any other provision in the zoning, the minimum accessory parking required for all uses shall be zero (0) parking spaces.**

A. 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 CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR IN COUNCIL SIMMONS FEBRUARY 7, 2022 (Ordinance #2022-5)

**POR 2022 #19**

**Councillor Azeem, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern**

**Councillor Toner proposed the following amendments (in green) to this ordinance:**

### 6.30 - PARKING QUANTITY REQUIREMENTS

**6.31 Required Amount of Parking.** Off street parking facilities shall be provided 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 amount of accessory off street parking required for each type of land use listed in "Table of Use Regulations" in this Ordinance. The amount of required parking is also based on the intensity of development permitted in the district in which the use is located. **Notwithstanding any other provision in the zoning, the minimum accessory parking required for all uses shall be zero (0) parking spaces.**

**a. Developers building more than 4 units of housing and/or Projects subject to Article 19 (Project Review Special Permit) shall provide a written report as part of the public record and permitting process detailing the number of proposed parking and loading spaces, and how that number was determined, including any surveys, parking demand studies or other research that was conducted.**

This amendment passed by a vote of 6-3. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, and myself voted no.

**b. The Community Development Department shall provide the City Council with an impact report no later than July 2025 detailing the number of parking spaces and residential housing units that were added subsequent to the adoption of this provision. and any discernible impacts the ordinance has had on the availability of on-street parking.**

This amendment was passed unanimously.

6. Neighborhood & Long Term On September 28, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. the Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee, Chaired by Councillor Carlone, held public hearing on the reappointment of Kathleen L. Born to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) for a term of 5 years, and received an update to the CRA's Strategic Planning Process from Executive Director Tom Evans.

**The Chair, Councillor Carlone made a motion that was approved by the Committee to send the Reappointment of Kathleen L. Born to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a 5-year term to the Full City Council with a favorable recommendation.**

These minutes were accepted and placed on file. Kathleen Born was reappointed to the CRA for another 5 year term.

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

1. A communication was received from Councillor Marc McGovern, transmitting a proposed amendment to the linkage fee.  
***COF 2022 #119***

The rules were suspended to bring this item forward for discussion with City Manager Item #5.

This amendment was adopted.

2. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee.  
**Mayor Siddiqui**  
***COF 2022 #120***

This communication was accepted and placed on file.

3. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting UPK Ad-Hoc Communication.

**Mayor Siddiqui**  
***COF 2022 #121***

*This communication was accepted and placed on file.*

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

***COF 2022 #122***

*This communication was accepted and placed on file.*

## **TAX RATE HEARING**

We recessed the regular Council meeting to conduct a Public Hearing on the FY23 Property Tax Rate. Again, property owners in the City of Cambridge will see a decrease in their property taxes by 1%. The residential tax rate is set at \$5.86 per thousand dollars of value, and the commercial tax rate is set at \$10.36 per thousand dollars of value. The City Manager's office prepared the following recommendations for the Council to consider for approval:

1. The appropriation of \$19,000,000 in Free Cash to be used to reduce the Property Tax rate for FY23.
  - a. *This appropriation was adopted by a vote of 8-1. Councillor Zondervan voted no.*
2. The appropriation of \$2,500,000 in Overlay Surplus Revenue to be used as revenue to reduce the Property Tax rate for FY23.
  - a. *This appropriation was adopted by a vote of 8-1. Councillor Zondervan voted no. Councillor*
3. Allocation of the Property Tax.
  - a. *This allocation was approved unanimously.*
4. Approval of a 30% residential exemption for owner-occupied homes.
  - a. *This appropriation was approved unanimously.*

There was discussion about putting a Finance Committee hearing on the schedule before the calendar year's end to further discuss other ways to lower the Property Tax Rate without an allocation from Free Cash.

Click here to read the full [report](#) (item C) on the FY23 Tax Rate.