



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA • OCTOBER 31, 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 of an FY23 State 911 Department Support and Incentive Grant, received from the Massachusetts State 911 Department, in the amount of \$494,531 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Salaries and Wages account (\$413,750.56), and to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$80,780.44) which will support the costs of Emergency Communications Center personnel salaries, overtime and annual maintenance costs of dispatch-related software.

CMA 2022 #208

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

2. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of an FY23 State 911 Department Training grant in the amount of \$180,630.18 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Salary and Wages account (\$114,850.18), and Grant Fund Emergency Communications Travel and Training account (\$65,780) which will support training of Emergency Communications Center personnel, classroom fees, and training materials.

CMA 2022 #209

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 an FY23 State 911 Department Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Grant in the amount of \$23,400 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Other Ordinary Maintenance Account which will be used for quality assurance (call review) for the emergency medical protocol used by staff to provide pre and post-dispatch instructions for medical emergencies.

CMA 2022 #210

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

II. CALENDAR

ON THE TABLE

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

**TABLED IN CITY COUNCIL OCTOBER 24, 2022
POR 2022 #267**

No action was taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. 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

There was discussion about placing this item on file and working with the original petitioner to refile. It was noted that this has been left on the agenda under Unfinished Business to serve as a reminder to the Council that a report and legal opinion is on the way from the City Solicitor.

The motion to place this item on file failed by a vote of 4-3-1. Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, and myself voted no. Councillor Azeem was marked present.

This petition expired.

III. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Adam Braillard, representing Santander Bank, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 1290 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department. No abutter response received, but proof of mailing has been provided.

APP 2022 #51

This application was approved.

2. A Zoning Petition Has been received from Patrick Barrett et al. North Mass Ave BA-5 Zoning District Petition

APP 2022 #52

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

3. A Zoning Petition Has been received from Duane Callender, et al. Cambridge Lab Regulation Zoning Amendment

APP 2022 #53

Since this citizen's petition has the same language as the original policy order that was referred to the Economic Development & University Relations Committee, the zoning draft zoning petition from Council's policy order will be before the Economic Development & University Relations

Committee while the citizen petition filed here will go before the Planning Board and Ordinance Committees for hearing and discussion.

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

VI. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the City Solicitor and CDD to review the proposed language for Ordinance #2022-18, as amended in Committee and report their findings back to the City Council.

Councillor Zondervan

POR 2022 #276

The rules were suspended to bring Committee Report #3 forward for discussion with this policy order.

Committee Report #3 is a report from the City Solicitor regarding the possibility of conducting a Nexus report more often.

This policy order asks the City Manager to direct the City Solicitor to review the proposed language in Ordinance #2022-18, which offers new language surrounding the Housing Contribution Rate. The proposed amendment asks for the Housing Contribution Rate to be reevaluated every 3 years from the last time it appeared on the Council agenda.

This policy order was adopted.

The amendment was passed to a second reading.

Committee Report #3 was accepted and placed on file.

2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Police Commissioner to convene a meeting with the LBJ tenant community to address their concerns about undesirable and threatening behavior in and near the LBJ Apartment building.

Councillor Simmons

POR 2022 #277

This policy order asks the City Manager to direct the Police Commissioner to hold a meeting with the LBJ tenant community to address their concerns regarding the behavior near their apartment building. Many residents have expressed concern about the safety of the building and are asking for improved security. This order seeks to begin a conversation between the tenant community, the Cambridge Police Department, and the Cambridge Housing Authority.

This policy order was adopted.

3. That the City Manager direct the City Solicitor to research these questions and to report back to the Government Operations, Rules, and Claims Committee at their next meeting.

Vice Mayor Mallon

POR 2022 #278

This policy order asks the City Solicitor to research the following questions that arose during the second part of the Government Operations, Rules, and Claims Committee meeting on City Council rules on Tuesday, October 25th. The first question is whether or not people can legally be required to state their name and address before speaking during public comment. The second question is whether or not the Council should require people to provide their name, address, and phone number to register for public comment. During public comment, the Mayor and committee chairs rarely enforce the rule about providing addresses, but providing an address is required for those who sign up for public comment. While both of these are current practice for City meetings, there is a question of whether or not the practice should continue in the modern day era of cyberstalking and doxxing – two dangerous abuses of information. The City Solicitor will research these questions and provide an answer for the Council to review at the Government Operations, Rules, and Claims Committee so the committee can make an informed decision on these rules.

This policy order was adopted.

4. That the City Council go on record recognizing November 20, 2022 as World Children’s Day.

Mayor Siddiqui

POR 2022 #279

World Children’s Day is November 20, 2022. The holiday began in 1954 as a way to celebrate and promote childrens’ rights worldwide. Cambridge is dedicated to this fight as well and this policy order asks for City Hall to be lit up blue in honor of World Children's Day from November 14 – November 20. In addition, the third graders at Martin Luther King Jr. School will display art celebrating World Children’s Day on the City Hall lawn that week.

This policy order was adopted.

5. That the City Manager is requested to light up City Hall teal on November 3, 2022, in honor of Alzheimer’s Awareness Month.

Mayor Siddiqui

POR 2022 #280

November is Alzheimer’s Awareness Month. More than 6.2 million Americans are affected by Alzheimer’s, and is one of the top ten leading causes of death for those affected. On Thursday, November 3rd, more landmarks all over the world will be lit up in teal to bring awareness to the disease and participate in the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America’s Light the World Teal initiative.

This policy order was adopted.

6. That the Mayor schedule a Roundtable meeting on Municipal Broadband.
Councillor Nolan, Vice Mayor Mallon
POR 2022 #281

This policy order asks for a Roundtable meeting to be scheduled on Municipal Broadband, which is a topic of interest for many residents as well as the Council.

Mayor Siddiqui was added as a cosponsor.

This policy order was adopted as amended.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Minutes of the Transportation & Public Utilities Committee Meeting - October 11, 2022

This report was accepted and placed on file.

2. Minutes of the Ordinance Committee Meeting - October 19, 2022

This report was accepted and placed on file.

3. Minutes of the Ordinance Committee Meeting - October 26, 2022

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

This report was accepted and placed on file.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Diane P. LeBlanc, City Clerk, transmitting update regarding legislative activity.
COF 2022 #130

This communication was accepted and placed on file.

2. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee.
Mayor Siddiqui
COF 2022 #131

This communication contains information from the School Committee.

Cambridge Public Schools is hosting a Caregiver Equity Summit on Saturday, December 3rd. This is an opportunity to learn from and connect with other caregivers and discuss what equity looks like in CPS. Click here for [more information](#) as it becomes available.

This communication was accepted and placed on file.