



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA • FEBRUARY 13, 2023

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 the Final Landmark Designation Report for the Maria Baldwin-Alvaro Blodgett Houses.
CMA 2023 #30

This communication is a [historical designation](#) for the Maria Baldwin-Alvaro Blodgett Houses at 194-196 Prospect Street. Maria Baldwin was a Civil Rights Activist and educator who dedicated her life to social causes. Ms. Baldwin served as the headmaster of the Agassiz School, and hosted many educational forums for the Black community in Greater Boston. 194-196 is now the 43rd designated landmark in Cambridge, protecting it from structural changes and demolition.

The motion to designate this building as a historical landmark passed 8-1. Councillor Nolan was marked absent.

2. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the Final Landmark Designation Report for the Cambridge Gas-Light Company Building.
CMA 2023 #31

This communication is a [historical designation](#) for the Cambridge Gas-Light Company Building at 719-727 Mass Ave.

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

3. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Erin Muirhead McCarty to the Community Benefits Advisory Committee for a term of three years.
CMA 2023 #32

This item 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 Mass Save Community First Partnership Grant in the amount of \$150,000, to the Grant Fund Community Development Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account, these funds, received through a community partnership with the Eversource Energy Services Company, will contribute to meeting the City's energy efficiency outreach and engagement goals.
CMA 2023 #33

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

5. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Policy Order 2023 #7, regarding Information on Blier, et al., Zoning Petition.
CMA 2023 #34

This zoning petition will be heard in the Ordinance Committee on Tuesday, February 14. There was a motion to refer this to the petition. That motion was adopted.

There was a motion to move reconsideration on this item, making the vote final tonight so it may be heard during tomorrow's Ordinance Committee. Reconsideration failed.

6. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$222,684.00 funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$122,792.00), to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$85,892.00), and to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$14,000.00), funds are used to provide funding for department staff and services. Funds also support instructors and group facilitators who provide services virtually to seniors.
CMA 2023 #35

This item 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 Adult and Community Learning Services grant received from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in the amount of \$39,071.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$38,492.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$579.00), which will be used to pay for prep time for part time teachers and for staff to participate in the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion professional series pilot from DESE.
CMA 2023 #36

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

8. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a donation from Global Oil for the Fuel Assistance Program in the amount of \$1,643.39 to Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account, which will be used to provide oil deliveries for fuel assistance clients who have exhausted their benefits or for over-income clients that fall in the 60-80% of AMI.
CMA 2023 #37

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

9. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant in the amount of \$38,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$30,420.00), to the Grant Fund Human

Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$5,042.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$2,538.00). The funds represent a grant from the Jacobs Foundation. They are providing support for Bridge Program advising, coaching and mentoring, advising for the ESOL/Certified Nursing Assistant Program, and education and career advising for other CLC students. ***CMA 2023 #38***

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

10. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant in the amount of \$36,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$26,805.00), to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$7,571.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$1,624.00), which will be used to fund the classes, advising and coaching of the Bridge to College Program students from July 2022 through June 2023.

CMA 2023 #39

This item 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 Accelerating Climate Resilience Grant in the amount of \$100,000 received from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) to the Grant Fund Public Celebrations (Arts and Culture) Other Ordinary Maintenance account, which will be used to commission artists to design temporary shade pavilions for city parks or other public facilities.

CMA 2023 #40

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

12. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Foundry Advisory Committee for a term of three years: Connie Chin; Barbara Thomas; and Rubén Mancha.

CMA 2023 #41

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

13. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number #22-84, regarding report on working with the residents at 931 Massachusetts Avenue to identify and provide a short-term parking spot in front of 931 Massachusetts Avenue.

CMA 2023 #42

This communication is in response to this [policy order](#) filed by Councillor Toner asking the City Manager to direct the relevant departments to create a short-term parking spot in front of 931 Mass Ave for large delivery trucks. The [report](#) from Traffic, Parking, and Transportation outlines that TP&T has not determined that this spot is in need of a parking spot in front that would disrupt the bike lane. Acting Director Brooke McKenna shared that while the loss of parking in front of the building has caused inconvenience, there is on-street parking available and a

driveway for residents, and the City does not want to block bike lanes if they absolutely do not need to.

This communication was placed on file.

14. A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to a request for approval to seek authorization from the Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General (the “IG”) for the City to use the Construction Manager at Risk (“CMaR”) procurement and construction method (the “CMaR Method”) in connection with Renovation of City Offices at 689 Massachusetts Avenue project.

CMA 2023 #43

This [communication](#) outlines an authorization to use a Construction Manager at Risk for the renovation of 689 Mass Ave to create City offices. Construction Management at Risk is a delivery method which requires a commitment by a construction manager to deliver the project with a guaranteed maximum price, such that the risk is largely borne by the construction manager. This means that the price is locked in, and the construction manager that is designated is primarily responsible. There was discussion about the tenant that will continue to occupy the top floor of this building, and what the space will be used for after their lease is up. I asked whether this can be transformed into the Central Square Library, or an arts and cultural space, and it was shared that this building is being primarily used for staffing overflow for now, but another use in the future out of the question.

This communication was placed on file.

15. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$95,000 from the General Fund Public Works Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Public Works Travel & Training (Judgment and Damages) account, which will cover medical bills and settlements for Public Works personnel injured in the course of their job.

CMA 2023 #44

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

16. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$1,150,000 from the Parking Fund balance to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account, to support the design and construction of repairs at the First Street Garage. ***CMA 2023 #45***

This communication is an appropriation request of \$1,150,000 for structural improvements to the First Street Garage. The City will be responsible for the core deferred maintenance work such as staircases, paving, and structural improvements, and the tenant that will take over the garage, Leggett McCall will bring in an additional \$500,000 to support EV charging, and other cosmetic improvements.

This communication was placed on file.

17. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$750,000, from Free Cash to the Public Works Public Investment Fund Extraordinary Expenditures account to fund the design of 4 pre-school classrooms at 402 Rindge Ave.
CMA 2023 #46

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

18. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$200,000 from the General Fund Electrical Department Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Electrical Other Ordinary Maintenance account. The funds will be used to support the Department's core functions such as the purchase of services, where appropriate, to support core functions of maintaining street lighting, municipal fire alarms, lighting in parks, municipal buildings, and emergency call boxes as well as infrastructure upgrades and maintenance activities.
CMA 2023 #47

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

19. Transmitting Communication from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Recycling Dividends Program Grant, received from, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in the amount of \$110,500, to the Grant Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account, these funds will be used for various City recycling programs including purchasing compost and recycle carts, conducting a waste characterization and increasing education on recycling **CMA 2023 #48**

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

II. CALENDAR

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Community Development Department to draft amendments to the proposed BEUDO language to change the net zero deadline from 2050 to 2035 and to propose language to meet that deadline throughout the document (From the April 20, 2022 Ordinance Committee).

**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR TONER IN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 6, 2023
POR 2023 #14**

The rules were suspended to bring Unfinished Business Item #7 forward for discussion with this item.

The minutes from this meeting are from almost a year ago, so the Community Development Department has already begun working on the language that was requested in the April 20, 2022 committee meeting. Councillor Toner motioned that we accept the meeting minutes, and refer the policy order from the meeting motion in the minutes back to the Ordinance Committee so we can

discuss the amendments in depth. There was discussion about the danger of making amendments to the language during Council meetings instead of in Committee where they can be properly discussed by the body and in front of the public.

That motion **failed** by a vote of 4-1-3. Councillor Carlone was marked present. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, and Mayor Siddiqui voted no.

Councillor Zondervan presented an amendment to the policy order embedded in these minutes that would add language to exclude residential from the request to move to net zero by 2035.

This amendment was adopted by a vote of 5-4. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toner, and myself voted no.

There was a motion to adopt the amended policy order. That motion passed by a vote of 5-4. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toner, and myself voted no.

The minutes of April 20, 2022 were accepted and placed on file.

2. That the City Manager is requested to look into the feasibility of automated traffic enforcement in Cambridge as well as using unarmed CPD traffic details for future discussion
Automated/Unarmed Traffic Enforcement.

**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR TONER
IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 6, 2023 POR 2023 #19**

Councillor Toner presented an amendment to the original policy order to only include language in reference to automated traffic enforcement which would separate the discussion from automated traffic enforcement and from unarmed police officers at details.

Councillor Toner also presented a late policy order with language solely referring to police details to get more information about the issue before moving forward with a decision.

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

Councillor Toner rescinded his late policy order.

3. That City Council rescind the vote to refer the Brown Petition to the Ordinance Committee and Planning Board for hearing because the petition is defective as a matter of law.

**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 6, 2023
POR 2023 #27**

The rules were suspended to bring a late Communication from Other Officers from the City Solicitor forward. In the late communication, Solicitor Glowa outlined how the petition was defective by law and why it should not have been forwarded to the Planning Board and Ordinance Committee.

There was a motion to rescind the vote to send this item to the Ordinance Committee and Planning Board. This motion passed by a vote of 7-2. Councillor Nolan and Councillor Zondervan voted no.

The late Communication from Other Officers was placed on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. 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

No action was taken.

5. An Ordinance has been received from Diane P. LeBlanc City Clerk, relative to Emissions Accounting Zoning Petition (Ordinance #2022-20)
**PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL DECEMBER 19, 2022
TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 9, 2023 EXPIRES ON MARCH 6, 2023
ORD 2022 # 20**

No action was taken.

6. The Ordinance Committee met on November 14, 2019 to continue discussions on the petition by Stephen R. Karp, Trustee of CambridgeSide Galleria Associates Trust, to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge by adding a Section 13.100 that creates a new PUD-8 District.

This report was accepted and placed on file.

7. The Ordinance Committee met on April 20, 2022, to continue the public hearing on proposed amendments to the Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance (Ordinance #2021-26)

The Committee voted favorably to ask the City Manager to instruct the Community Development Department to draft amendments to the proposed BEUDO language to change the net zero deadline from 2050 to 2035 and to propose language to meet that deadline throughout the document. This appears on this agenda as a Policy Order.

Excerpt from the Transcript

CITY CLERK ANTHONY WILSON: Mr. Chair, I just want to again read this to make sure that this is recorded correctly. So Councillor Nolan's motion is to instruct CDD -- oops, to ask the City Manager to instruct the Community Development Department to draft amendments to the proposed BEUDO language to change the net zero deadline from 2050 to 2035 and to propose language to meet that deadline throughout the document. Is that correct?

COUNCILLOR QUINTON Y. ZONDERVAN: Perfect. COUNCILLOR PATRICIA M. NOLAN: Yes. Thank you. CITY CLERK ANTHONY WILSON: On that motion. City Clerk Anthony Wilson called the roll:

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Yes Councillor Dennis J. Carlone - Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent Councillor Marc C. McGovern - Absent Councillor Patricia M. Nolan – Yes Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes Councillor E. Denis Simmons – Absent Councillor Paul F. Toner – Absent Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes Yes-5, No-0, Absent-4. Motion Passed

The rules were suspended to bring this item forward for discussion with Charter Right Item #1.

This report was accepted and placed on file.

8. An Ordinance has been received from Diane P. LeBlanc City Clerk, relative to Ordinance 2022-2 Chapter 2.02 entitled “City Council”.

**PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 6, 2023
TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 27, 2023
ORD 2022 # 2**

No action was taken.

9. An Ordinance 2022 #9 has been received from Diane LeBlanc City Clerk, relative to create a new Section 22.80 Flood Resilience Standards

**PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 6, 2023
TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 27, 2023 EXPIRES APRIL 26, 2023
ORD 2022 # 9**

No action was taken.

III. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from MIT Lit Visual Arts Center requesting permission for a (35) thirty five temporary banners Ames Street, Memorial Drive to Main Street, Ames Street, Main Street to Broadway, Boradway, Ames Street to Third Street, Third Street, Broadway to Main Street, Main Street, Third Street to Broadway announcing MIT Visual Arts Center and Contemporary Art from February 2023 through March 2024.

APP 2023 #8

This application was approved.

VI. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

1. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department, the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and all other relevant departments to engage the

U.S. Department of Transportation Volpe Center to partner on the next steps of the City of Cambridge Clean Fleet goals.

Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan

POR 2023 #29

This policy order filed by myself and Councillor Nolan asks the City Manager to work with the relevant departments to get the U.S. Department of Transportation Volpe Center in Kendall Square to help the City move to the next steps of the Clean Fleet goals. The City's fleet of vehicles (Fire, Police, and DPW) account for 80% of the City's greenhouse gas emissions which is why the Clean Fleet policy is so important. The City previously engaged the Volpe Center in 2019 to develop a [“2030 GHG Reduction and Scenarios and Proposed Target” report](#) which outlined the timeline and strategies needed to reduce emissions by 55% by 2030. Since the Volpe Center has the bandwidth to continue working with the City to achieve these goals, we should take every opportunity to do so.

This policy order was adopted.

2. That the entire City Council go on record in support of HD.3530 and SD.1263

Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Azeem, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan

POR 2023 #30

This policy order asks the entire Council to go on record in support of [HD.3530](#), *An Act Relative to Automated Enforcement* that was filed by Representative Steve Owens, and a companion bill [SD.1263](#) that was filed by Senator Will Brownsberger. If passed, these bills would establish a pilot for automated ticketing in 10 cities and towns around the state. Last week, Councillor Azeem, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone, and Mayor Siddiqui proposed a [policy order](#) asking the City to look into the feasibility of using automated traffic enforcement. It is important that we send a strong message to our state delegation in support of this pilot program, and hopefully Cambridge will be selected as a pilot community. Cambridge would receive 1 traffic camera per 25,000 residents, and violations would be \$25.00.

Councillor Nolan and Councillor Carlone were added to this policy order.

This policy order was adopted as amended.

3. That the entire City Council go on record in support of HD766 and SD1013

Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern

POR 2023 #31

This policy order asks the entire City Council to go on record in support of [HD766 and SD1013](#), *An Act Relative to Universal School Meals* that would ensure that all students in Massachusetts have access to free breakfast and lunch at school. Since the expansion of free school meals in the 2021-2022 school year 400,000 students benefited from a free, healthy, nourishing breakfast and lunch.

This policy order was adopted.

4. Free School Meals For All Students

Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern
POR 2023 #32

This policy order asks the City Manager to work with the School Department, Finance Department, and other relevant departments to prepare a financial budget to provide free meals at school for all Cambridge Public Schools students. As we know, inflation rates are higher than ever, and many families are struggling to put food on the table at home, and in lunch boxes. If the State bills mentioned above should fail, the City should be prepared to step in and fill the gap for our students so every CPS child has access to a nourishing breakfast and lunch.

This policy order was adopted.

5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments and agencies to ensure the continuation of Riverbend Park closures on Saturdays and Sundays.

Councillor Azeem, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Nolan, Vice Mayor Mallon
POR 2023 #33

This policy order asks the City Manager to work with the Department of Conservation and Recreation to continue the weekend Riverbend Park closures in an effort to provide more car-free open space for residents to enjoy. The order also asks for the appropriate City departments to look at the traffic mitigation strategies and increased outreach methods that came out of the community meetings from this past fall.

Councillor Simmons presented an amendment by substitution to this order.

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

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

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

COF 2023 #30

This communication was accepted and placed on file

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

COF 2023 #31

This communication was accepted and placed on file

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

COF 2023 #32

There will be a roundtable discussion tonight from 5pm – 7pm with the School Committee to hear an update from the Universal Pre K ad hoc committee.

This communication was accepted and placed on file.