



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA • JUNE 28, 2021

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Regular Meeting

Sullivan Chamber

5:30 PM

Cambridge City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139

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## HEARING SCHEDULE

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Monday, June 28, 2021	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Tuesday, June 29, 2021	11:00 AM	The Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee will meet to discuss the hiring of the next City Manager. <b>THIS HEARING WILL BE TELEVISED (Remote Meeting)</b>
Wednesday, June 30, 2021	11:00 AM	The Human Services Committee will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss after school programming for the fall. <b>THIS HEARING WILL BE TELEVISED (Remote Meeting)</b>
Wednesday, July 14, 2021	10:00 AM	The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will meet to discuss car storage policies in Cambridge. <b>THIS HEARING WILL BE TELEVISED (Remote Meeting)</b>
Wednesday, July 21, 2021	2:00 PM	The Public Safety Committee and the Economic Development & University Relations Committee will meet jointly to hear from Saskia VannJames, President of the Massachusetts Recreational Consumer Council, on the importance of cannabis cooperatives and their potential role in the equitable development of Cambridge's emerging recreational cannabis industry. <b>THIS HEARING WILL BE TELEVISED (Remote Meeting)</b>
Monday, August 2, 2021	5:30 PM	Special City Council Meeting

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2021**

**SUBMISSION OF THE  
RECORD**

Submission of the record for the Regular City Council Meeting held on May 3, 2021

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2021

### **I. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

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1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointments of the following persons as a members of the Family Policy Council: Kimberly Goldstein, Tagesech Wabeto, Tina Alu, Ben Clark and Michael Johnston.  
***CMA 2021 #173***
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Carl Barron Family to the Grant Fund Department of Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used for plaques, printing materials and providing light refreshments at the semi-annual awards ceremony to recognize employees who exhibit excellent job performance.  
***CMA 2021 #174***
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-34, regarding potential parking solutions for residents living in vicinity of Concord Avenue, Smith Place.  
***CMA 2021 #175***
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-41, regarding a report on closing Mass Ave from Prospect Street to Sydney Street on Friday and Saturday evenings.  
***CMA 2021 #176***
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-44, regarding determining what the safest and most effective mosquito management program is for Cambridge.  
***CMA 2021 #177***
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-7, regarding whether random check-ins and assessments of public and private affordable housing sites that were undergoing renovations were done for regular COVID-19 protocol safety checks.  
***CMA 2021 #178***
7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of an FY22 State 911 Department Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Grant in the amount of \$23,939 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 2021 #179***
8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to recommendation from the Planning Board and communication from Community Development Department and Law Department staff related to the Cannabis Delivery Zoning Petition.  
***CMA 2021 #180***

## II. CALENDAR

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### CHARTER RIGHT

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$65,019,211, received from the U.S. Department of Treasury through the new Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) established by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), to the Grant Fund Finance Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to.

**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN  
IN COUNCIL JUNE 21, 2021**

**CMA 2021 #172**

2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to determine the feasibility of establishing a pilot reparations program that would take a to-be-determined percentage of revenue from local cannabis sales and distribute these monies to local Black-owned businesses and to economic empowerment applicants.

**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN  
IN COUNCIL JUNE 21, 2021**

**POR 2021 #141**

3. That the City Council go on record in favor of filing of the attached Home Rule Petition entitled: AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO INCLUDE A BALLOT QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021 MUNICIPAL BALLOT RELATIVE TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER.

**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
IN COUNCIL JUNE 21, 2021**

**POR 2021 #142**

4. That the City Manager is hereby requested to work with the appropriate departments and building contractors to reconsider the current plan which eliminates many trees including large old growth trees that are not part of the new building footprint and specifically do everything possible to save the three Oak trees on the west side of the property and any other large trees on the site.

**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
IN COUNCIL JUNE 21, 2021**

**POR 2021 #143**

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**ON THE TABLE**

5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-13, regarding next steps on implementation of Universal Pre-K.  
**PLACED ON THE TABLE IN COUNCIL MAY 17, 2021**

**CMA 2021 #123**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to proposed amendments to the Tree Protection Ordinance.  
**PASS TO A SECOND READING ON JUNE 14, 2021**  
**TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER JUNE 28, 2021**

**CMA 2021 #50**

7. ORDINANCE 2021-8 Cannabis Delivery Zoning Amendments  
**PASS TO A SECOND READING ON JUNE 14, 2021**  
**TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER JUNE 28, 2021**

**POR 2021 #140**

### **III. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

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1. An application was received from Craig Murphy representing Hanaya floral, requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 350 Huron Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and proof of mailing for abutters.  
*APP 2021 #34*

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### **IV. COMMUNICATIONS**

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1. A communication was received from Chantal Eide, regarding support saving trees at Tobin Vassal.  
**COM 394 #2021**
2. A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, regarding public comment is concerning and in regard to POR # 1.  
**COM 395 #2021**
3. A communication was received from Ruth Ryan Allen, regarding Impact on Businesses for parking removal.  
**COM 396 #2021**
4. A communication was received from Saul Tannenbaum, regarding Opposition to ShotSpotter is not confined to fringe luddites.  
**COM 397 #2021**
5. A communication was received from Susan Labandibar, regarding Charter Reform - Policy Order 2.  
**COM 398 #2021**

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**V. RESOLUTIONS**

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1. Recognizing Cambridge Youth Council  
**Mayor Siddiqui**  
*RES 2021 #167*
2. City Council thank Father Walter Carreiro for his service as Pastor of St. Anthony and St. Francis parishes.  
**Councillor Toomey**  
*RES 2021 #168*



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

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1. That the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge be amended to insert a new row in section 4.31 “Residential Uses” regarding the service of post-operative care for a dog.  
**Councillor McGovern, Vice Mayor Mallon**  
***POR 2021 #147***
2. City Council support of HD.3403 and SD.2340, An Act Relative to Fare Free Buses.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler**  
***POR 2021 #148***
3. City Council support of the Cambridge Transit Advisory Committee’s suggested configuration for the #47 Bus.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler**  
***POR 2021 #149***
4. City Council endorsement of the Agassiz Neighborhood name being changed to the Baldwin Neighborhood in honor of Maria L. Baldwin.  
**Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui**  
***POR 2021 #150***
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Personnel Department, and other relevant City departments to examine and implement a flexible, permanent remote work policy for City employees who can perform their tasks remotely.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan**  
***POR 2021 #151***
6. That the City Manager is requested to work with the DPW and the family to install a suitable memorial in a meaningful location, including a new tree planting, to honor the life of Luca Gibson.  
**Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui**  
***POR 2021 #152***
7. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to prepare an ordinance which allows individual condominium owners the ability to obtain a City construction permit to repair known structural and other safety violations even without a majority of the building’s condominium owners’ vote of approval.  
**Councillor Carlone, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler**  
***POR 2021 #153***
8. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Finance and Personnel Departments to examine stipend models for the City’s multi-member bodies.  
**Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan**  
***POR 2021 #154***
9. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department to examine safety improvements at the intersection of Ware and Harvard Streets.  
**Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler**  
***POR 2021 #155***

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10. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Law Department, Cambridge Development Department, and the City Manager's Housing Liaison to discuss and advise on a condominium conversion ordinance.

**Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler**  
***POR 2021 #156***

11. That the Chairs of the Ordinance Committee convene a hearing on amending the Cannabis Business Permitting Ordinance to extend the preference period.

**Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Carlone**  
***POR 2021 #157***

12. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Kevin O'Keefe for a suitable dedication in the vicinity of Tremont Street and Gardner Road in Cambridge in honor of Thomas Peters.

**Councillor McGovern**  
***POR 2021 #158***

## **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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1. The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee and the Housing Committee conducted a joint hearing on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 to discuss the elimination of single and two-family only zoning and restrictions on the type of housing that can be built city-wide.
2. The Economic Development and University Relations Committee conducted a public hearing on June 1, 2021 to discuss the small business grant and loan programs managed by the Economic Development Division of the Community Development Department throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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1. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, communicating information from the School Committee.  
*COF 2021 #68*
2. A communication was received from Anthony Wilson, City Clerk, transmitting information regarding the Early Voting Home Rule Legislation.  
*COF 2021 #69*

**APPENDED INFORMATION**

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**AWAITING REPORT LIST**

- 16-101. Report on the potential of building below market rental housing on City-owned parking lots along Bishop Allen Drive. On a communication from Councillor McGovern requesting that this matter be forwarded to the 2018-2019 Legislative Session.  
**Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons (O-4) from 12/12/2016**
- 18-38. Report on inventory of all City-owned vacant buildings and lots and the City's plans for them, if any.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor Siddiqui (O-2) from 3/26/2018**
- 18-60. Report on a small business parking pilot that would allow temporary on-street employee parking during typical daytime operating hours.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons (Calendar Item #1) from 5/14/2018**
- 18-73. Report on establishing and implementing a dynamic new initiative that will seek to place Port residents (ages 18 and over) on paths to jobs with family-sustaining wages.  
**Councillor Simmons (O-6) from 6/25/2018**
- 18-119. Report on evaluating the existing capacity of fire stations in the Kendall Square area and whether a new fire station is needed, and if so, determining the feasibility of locating a plot of land for this use.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Toomey (O-2) from 11/5/2018**
- 19-3. Report on establishing a Central Square Improvement Fund and allocate no less than 25% of funds generated to the arts.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern (O-6) from 1/7/2019**
- 19-49. Report on recommending restrictions on signage specific to retail establishments that sell e-cigarettes and other vaping devices.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Toomey (O-15) from 4/8/2019**
- 19-62. Report on drafting a formal Anti-bias /Cultural Competency Strategic Plan for eventual adoption and implementation.  
**Councillor Simmons (O-2) from 5/20/2019**

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- 19-66. Report on whether it is possible to reduce or eliminate Building Permit Fees for 100% affordable housing development projects, through an exemption or other means and investigate what types of real estate tax abatements are possible for 100% affordable housing moving forward.  
**Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone, Councillor McGovern (O-3) from 6/3/2019**
- 19-100. Report on the feasibility of implementing an additional regulatory requirement for listing a registration/license number for Short-Term Rentals.  
**Councillor Kelley, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons (O-19) from 7/30/2019**
- 19-130. Report on requesting to allocate more funds in the FY21 budget for the small business improvement grants and to confer with the Massachusetts Attorney General's office on whether other cities in Massachusetts have been facing similar issues with ADA compliance and what can be done to protect the small businesses.  
**Councillor Toomey (O-14) from 10/7/2019**
- 19-145. Report on reviewing all the City's policies and procedures related to the procurement, installation and disposal of artificial turf.  
**Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Zondervan (O-7) from 10/21/2019**
- 19-146. Report on reviewing the existing internal mechanisms for City staffers in all departments to report grievances, to determine if this system is functioning as it should or whether changes should be considered.  
**Councillor Simmons (O-3) from 10/28/2019**
- 19-147. Report on installing hearing loop technology inside the Sullivan Chamber as part of the upcoming renovations to City Hall, and in other critical City meeting venues wherever possible and other accessibility improvements.  
**Councillor Zondervan (O-4) from 10/28/2019**
- 20-6. Report on the acquisition and implementation of interpretation services for City Council meetings and other public City meetings.  
**Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern (O-8) from 1/27/2020**
- 20-27. Report on the advantages and disadvantages of continuing with Civil Service, and the process by which Cambridge could exit Civil Service.  
**Councillor Nolan (O-5) from 6/22/2020**

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- 20-30. Report on establishing a plan designed to provide a thorough, system-wide review of the entire municipal government to identify and remove any vestiges of systemic racism and/or racial bias in any and all City departments, to establish clear, transparent metrics that will help further this critical endeavor.  
**Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Toomey (O-3) from 6/29/2020**
- 20-31. Report on determining how to best protect and preserve our commercial spaces that support our small business operators and maintain continuity in our commercial districts.  
**Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui (O-5) from 6/29/2020**
- 20-36. Report on generating a report detailing the Sole Assessment Process, the Civil Service HRD process, the reason for choosing the Sole Assessment Process over the Civil Service HRD process, and the projected costs associated with both processes.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler (O-5) from 7/27/2020**
- 20-60. Report on analyzing eviction data from 2018 through 2021 and come back with a plan on how to use this data to inform our next action steps.  
**Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler (O-8) from 11/2/2020**
- 20-61. Report on an update on City-Owned Vacant Properties Inventory.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Toomey (O-2) from 11/16/2020**
- 20-65. Report on exploring the feasibility of hiring a consultant to perform an Equity Audit on the Cambridge Arts Council.  
**(O-1) from 11/23/2020**
- 20-69. Report on formulating an RFP for a public arts project that will acknowledge the unfinished work of the 19th Amendment, the importance of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and how the two pieces of legislation ultimately complemented one another in helping to shape a more perfect union.  
**Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan (Calendar Item #2) from 11/30/2020**

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- 20-72. Report on the condition of 105 Windsor Street and cost estimates of any repairs needed and provide recommendations on how to develop any other underused properties based on an inclusive public process centered in the Port neighborhood.  
**Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Simmons (Calendar Item #1) from 12/14/2020**
- 21-6. Report on obtaining written documentation from the Cambridge Housing Authority, Homeowners Rehab, Inc., Just a Start, and the Community Development Department updating the City Council on the locations, unit sizes, number of units, overall costs, populations served, and expected dates of completion for each of the projects they reported on during the Housing Committee hearing held on January 12, 2021.  
**Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan (O-3) from 2/3/2021**
- 21-7. Report on coordinating with the Public Health Department and the Inspectional Services Department to establish random check-ins and assessments of public and private affordable housing sites currently undergoing renovations to ensure proper compliance with Covid-19 safety protocols.  
**Councillor Simmons (O-4) from 2/3/2021**
- 21-8. Report on removing hostile architecture whenever public spaces are designed or redesigned and to create design guidelines that ensure our public spaces are truly welcoming to the entire community and determine how existing bench fixtures can be addressed to support all residents who use them.  
**Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui (Calendar Item #3) from 2/8/2021**
- 21-9. Report on providing an overview of various programs and services that are designed to assist the City's chronically unhoused population and those in danger of becoming unhoused, along with the metrics by which the City determines the effectiveness of these programs.  
**Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Mallon (O-1) from 2/22/2021**
- 21-10. Report on whether or not the City can require written notice be sent to all abutters, both property owners as well as tenants, regarding the scheduling of a hearing regarding the extension of a building permit request to the Planning Board.  
**(O-5) from 2/22/2021**
- 21-14. Report on presenting options to the Council to ensure that the staff at Albany Street are properly compensated for their work, and that guests are treated with the respect and dignity they deserve.  
**Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler (Calendar Item #3) from 3/8/2021**



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- 21-17. Report on initiating a process to begin chronicling the rich and vibrant history of people of color in Cambridge, similar to other City-commissioned books such as “We Are the Port: Stories of Place, Perseverance, and Pride in the Port/Area 4 Cambridge, Massachusetts 1845-2005” and “All in the Same Boat” and “Crossroads: Stories of Central Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts 1912-2000”.  
**Councillor Simmons (O-2) from 3/15/2021**
- 21-19. Report on providing an update on progress made towards including information from the Cambridge Minority Business Enterprise Program in the Open Data Portal.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons (O-4) from 3/22/2021**
- 21-21. Report implementing traffic-calming solutions, such as speed bumps to be implemented in this area.  
**Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler (O-3) from 4/5/2021**
- 21-22. Report on making sure all information on the City's list of neighborhood organizations are updated and that a specific staffer be tasked with ensuring that the information is updated on an annual basis.  
**Councillor Simmons (O-5) from 4/5/2021**
- 21-29. Report on updating the Parental Leave Policy for employees.  
**Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons (O-7) from 4/26/2021**
- 21-30. Report on increasing the affordable homeownership stock over the next 10 years by financing the construction of affordable homeownership units through a bond issue of no less than \$500 million.  
**Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Simmons (Calendar Item #1) from 5/3/2021**
- 21-32. Report on exploring and implement strategies to enhance safety at the intersection of Memorial Drive and DeWolfe Street.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Nolan (O-2) from 5/3/2021**
- 21-33. Report on including an EV requirement in the review of development projects, including that a minimum of 25% of all parking spaces shall be EVSE-Installed, meaning a parking space equipped with functioning Level 2 Chargers, or the equivalent thereof must be provided, and that all parking spaces be EV-ready, meaning raceway to every parking space, adequate space in the electrical panel, and space for additional transformer capacity; the City approved EV Requirement Equivalent Calculator must be used if chargers other than Level 2 Chargers are installed.  
**Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone (O-3) from 5/3/2021**

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- 21-34. Report on finding a parking solution, such as the feasibility of implementing resident parking in the area near the intersection of Concord Avenue and Smith Place.  
**Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler (O-4) from 5/3/2021**
- 21-35. Report on providing options to update the HomeBridge and Affordable Home Ownership Programs to better align with the City's values, and promote racial equity and socioeconomic justice.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui (O-6) from 5/3/2021**
- 21-36. Report on developing a holistic plan for managing the traffic and congestion in the Alewife area.  
**Councillor Nolan, Vice Mayor Mallon (O-2) from 5/17/2021**
- 21-37. Report on consulting with relevant Department heads and the non-profit community on "Digital Equity" and provide an implementation plan, schedule, and request for appropriation.  
**Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Zondervan (O-4) from 5/17/2021**
- 21-38. Report on consulting with relevant Department heads on other broadband benefits programs offered by the Federal government, and the City's plans to leverage these funds in pursuit of Digital Equity.  
**Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Zondervan (O-5) from 5/17/2021**
- 21-40. Report on implementing a heavy truck traffic ban on Roberts Road from Kirkland Street to Cambridge Street.  
**Councillor Toomey, Mayor Siddiqui (O-8) from 5/17/2021**
- 21-41. Report on closing Mass Ave. from Prospect Street to Sydney Street on Friday and Saturday evenings from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. through September 2021.  
**Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons (Calendar Item #1) from 5/17/2021**
- 21-42. Report on reviewing Cambridge's corporate contracts and purchases to identify any vendors or manufacturers whose products are used to perpetuate violations of International Human Rights Laws and Cambridge's policy on discrimination.  
**Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons (Calendar Item #2) from 5/25/2021**

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- 21-43. Report on referring the Cambridge HEART proposal for funding consideration and to engage in a public community process to discuss this proposal and its implementation.  
**Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan (Calendar Item #1) from 6/7/2021**
- 21-44. Report on determining what the safest and most effective mosquito management program is for Cambridge and what if any changes will be made to the current policy.  
**Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern (O-4) from 6/7/2021**
- 21-45. Report on taking all necessary steps to waive the dog license fee for all senior citizens and examine options for reducing the fees for low-income residents.  
**Councillor McGovern (Calendar Item #1) from 6/14/2021**
- 21-46. Report on the feasibility of purchasing properties for sale in the Alewife area to address City goals.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Carlone (O-1) from 6/14/2021**
- 21-47. Report on exploring the feasibility of expanding services at the senior centers, especially by adding clinical staff.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons (O-3) from 6/14/2021**
- 21-48. Report on determining if the City has the discretion to waive the Commonwealth's housing sanitary code requirements and the circumstances in which the City could administer this waiver.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui (O-4) from 6/14/2021**
- 21-49. Report on making immediate improvements at the intersection of Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, Binney and Bristol Streets and to all intersections in the city that are similarly malfunctioning, and to implement longer term changes.  
**Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Nolan (O-8) from 6/14/2021**
- 21-50. Report on providing an update on the cost of each license and permit required by businesses, which business license and permit fees are set under state law, which are set by ordinances, and which are determined administratively, as well as which licenses and permits the City has the discretion to waive entirely.  
**Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan (O-9) from 6/14/2021**



# CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MAY 3, 2021

5:30 PM

SULLIVAN CHAMBER

~FINAL ACTIONS~

MEETING Monday, May 3, 2021  
 TIME 5:30 PM  
 PRESIDING OFFICER

### CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Dennis J. Carlone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Patricia Nolan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Alanna Mallon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Marc C. McGovern	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sumbul Siddiqui	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
E. Denise Simmons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Timothy J. Toomey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quinton Zondervan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(REMOTE MEETING PROTOCOLS/MEMBERSHIP ROLL CALL)

>> AND WE'LL START WITH FORMER MAYOR DAVIS, AND FOLLOWED BY ALLEN.

>> HENRIETTA DAVIS HAS NOT JOINED. ALLEN, GO AHEAD.

>> PARTICIPANT: THANK YOU. I LIVE AT 17 PLEASANT PLACE. MY OPINIONS ARE MY OWN AND I DON'T SPEAK FOR ANY ORGANIZATION. THERE'S A LOT TONIGHT. VERY BRIEFLY, I SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND. I STRONGLY SUPPORT ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR HOUSING STABILITY. AND I HOPE WE CAN GO FURTHER TO GET A FULL RIGHT TO COUNCIL. I'M GREAT FOR RESOLUTION NUMBER THREE, I HOP WE CAN WISH JESSIE WITH SUCCESS. THE GREEN ROOFS PETITION WILL HAVE A STRONGER IMPACT ON THE CLIMATE AND BETTER POLICY IF THE SOLAR OPTION IS ALLOWED FOR ALL BUILDINGS. CHARTER REFORM, MOVE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO THE FEDERAL CYCLE. WE NEED FOUR YEAR COUNCIL TERMS, NOT TO MENTION

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MORE LEGISLATIVE RESOURCES FOR THE COUNCIL SO MORE COUNCIL WORK CAN GET DONE. WITH ALL THAT SAID, I'M PRIMARILY HERE TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT POLICY ORDER SIX. REGARDING WEALTH BUILDING AND AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP. IT WILL GIVE PEOPLE STABILITY AND SECURITY AND BECAUSE IT ALLOWS PEOPLE TO BUILD EQUITY THROUGH MORTGAGE PAYMENTS. THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BUILDING EQUITY THROUGH HOMEOWNERSHIP, WHICH IS GOOD, AND BUILDING WEALTH. THAT IS SMALL TIME REAL ESTATE SPECULATION.

FUNDAMENTALLY HOUSING CAN'T BE AFFORDABLE AND A GOOD INVESTMENT. IF WE PROMISE PEOPLE THEY CAN COUNT ON HOUSING EXCUSE ME. WE ARE PROMISING PEOPLE THAT WE'RE DOING OUR BEST TO SCREW OVER FUTURE GENERATIONS AND MAKE SURE THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO LIVE HERE. LET'S TALK ABOUT ADJUSTING THE PROGRAM TO ALLOW EQUITY AND DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE LOANS LIKE IN SAN FRANCISCO. LET'S THINK ABOUT MAKING THE THINGS LIMITED EQUITY. NOT TURN EVEN MORE PEOPLE INTO REAL ESTATE SPECULATORS. THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK WITH EVERYTHING ELSE ON THE AGENDA.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: NEXT UP, WE HAVE LUCY MONTGOMERY.

>> PARTICIPANT: GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M LUCY. AND I'M A RESIDENT OF 24 PEABODY TERRACE. I'M HERE WITH THE GROUP, FREE TO FLUSH, TO DISCUSS POLICY ORDER FIVE THAT WE SUPPORT IN CREATING TO ADDRESS A HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE AROUND BATHROOM ACCESS AND SAFETY.

THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC SHUT THE WORLD DOWN AND ESCALATED ISSUES OF EQUITY. WE ALL HAVE LOST AND INSECURITY DURING THE TIME AND MANY OF US HAD SAFE PLACES TO STAY IN AND TRY TO RIDE OUT THE STORM. WHEN PLACES HAD TO CLOSE, PEOPLE WHO ARE UNHOUSED ARE HIT HARD AND LEFT WITHOUT FEELING SAFE. SHELTERS COULDN'T TAKE AS MANY PEOPLE, THE HARVARD SQUARE HOMELESS SHELTER IS SHUT DOWN TO REASONS AND UNHOUSED COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO HAVE ACCESS HUMAN RIGHTS WAS NOT MET. WHAT MAJOR ISSUE IS AROUND BATHROOM ACCESS AND SAFETY. DURING THE PANDEMIC, FEWER BATHROOMS ARE OPEN AND FEW TO NONE AVAILABLE AT NIGHT. PEOPLE UNHOUSED COULDN'T ENTER SPACE TO USE THE RESTROOM BECAUSE OF RESTRICTIONS AND FEAR OF GETTING ARRESTED FOR PUBLIC INDECENCY. THEY LEFT THEM FEELING ANXIETY AND NOT ENOUGH HAS BEEN DONE TO CORRECT IT. WE LIVE IN A CITY WITH AN AMOUNT OF SUPPORT AND DRIVE FOR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS, AS A GROUP, WE HAVE SPOKEN TO MANY THAT HAVE STEPPED IN. THE CITY COUNCIL HAS MEMBERS THAT WORKED TO ADDRESS ISSUES, BUT WE ARE ASKING FOR THE CONTINUED HELP IN ADDRESSING THIS PRESSING NEED OF BATHROOM ACCESS. SOME PUBLIC BATHROOMS ARE AVAILABLE IN CAMBRIDGE, THEY STILL NEED TO BE ADDRESSED TO SUPPORT SAFETY NEEDS. AS THE WORLD REOPENS, WE HAVE TO ADDRESS BATHROOM USE AS A HUMAN RIGHT AND PUT IN PLACE HOW WE'LL SUPPORT AND WORK WITH UNHOUSED NEIGHBORHOODS TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: NEXT UP, WE HAVE ANDREA RINGER.

>> PARTICIPANT: HI, 25 PEABODY TERRACE. I'M HERE TO DISCUSS POLICY ORDER FIVE. WITH THE FREE TO FLUSH CAMPAIGN. WE LAUNCHED THIS BECAUSE WE WANTED TO BUILD COLLECTIVE POWER TO ASSERT THAT ACCESS TO PUBLIC RESTROOMS IS A HUMAN RIGHT. A PERSON GOES TO THE BATHROOM SIX TIMES PER DAY ON AVERAGE. SOMETHING THAT MOST OF US TAKE FOR GRANTED IS AN ENORMOUS HURDLE FOR MEMBERS OF THE UNHOUSED COMMUNITY. AT THE BEGINNING, WE TALKED WITH MEMBERS, INCLUDING HOMELESSNESS SERVICE PROVIDERS, HARVARD PROFESSOR THE AND RESEARCHERS, BUSINESSES, STUDENTS, AND MEMBERS OF THE UNHOUSED COMMUNITY, NEARLY ALL OF THEM AGREED THAT ACCESS TO PUBLIC BATHROOMS WAS A BIG PROBLEM, ESPECIALLY DURING COVID. THIS IS EXACERBATED IN CAMBRIDGE. AFTER WEEKS OF BRAINSTORMING FOR THE CAMPAIGN, WE LAUNCHED ON APRIL 1, THROUGHOUT THE CAMPAIGN WE WORK WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS, INCLUDING THOSE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE OF HOMELESSNESS, TO DRAFT THE BATHROOM BILL OF RIGHTS. WE CIRCULATE A PETITION AND CANVAS IN HARVARD SQUARE, CONNECTED WITH BUSINESS LEADERS AND PARISHES TO HEAR WHAT THEY WORKED ON IN CAMBRIDGE ON THE ISSUE. WHAT WE LEARNED, CAMBRIDGE IS DOING A LOT OF THINGS WELL. THERE'S A PERMANENT PUBLIC BATHROOM IN CENTRAL AND HARVARD SQUARE AND THREE TEMPORARY BATHROOMS IN HARVARD SQUARE. THERE ARE STILL A FEW GAPS TO FULLY MEET THE NEEDS. THIS WILL IS WHAT THE BILL OF RIGHTS AND POLICY ORDER 5 IS ASKING YOU TO LOOK AT. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: THANK YOU. NEXT UP, AYA HIJAZI.

>> PARTICIPANT: HELLO. 15 FULKERSON STREET. I'M HERE TO DISCUSS POLICY ORDER FIVE. SOME BATHROOMS DON'T HAVE DOOR LOCKS. OTHERS ARE CLOSED DURING THE NIGHT. SOME ARE NOT CLEAN. AND OTHER SECURITY GUARDS AND PERSONNEL HARASS THE USERS. IN THE BILL OF RIGHTS ENSURE PEOPLE IN THE UNHOUSED COMMUNITIES DO NOT SEPARATE THE TIME THEY NEED THE BATHROOM. WE WANT TO ENSURE THE BATHROOM USE IS NOT TREATED AS CHARITY, BUT A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT. THE BILL OF RIGHTS SPELLS OUT OF MINIMUM GUARANTEES THAT BATHROOMS SHOULD HAVE. BATHROOMS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE, AFFORDABLE, FREE, SAFE, ACCEPTABLE AND DIGNIFIED AND ACCESSIBLE. THEY ARE NOW RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS. WE EXPECT NO LESS FROM CAMBRIDGE. WE WISH THE CITY GOES ONE STEP FURTHER THAN THE UNITED NATIONS, PLEDGES NOT TO PERSECUTE ANY UNHOUSED MEMBER FOR URINATING IN PUBLIC, WHETHER BY THIS CHARGE. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: NEXT UP, WE HAVE JENN JAMES AND THE FORMER VICE MAYOR.

>> JENN HAS NOT JOINED.

>> PARTICIPANT: HI, I WILL ASK IF YOU CAN HEAR ME. (JAN DEVEREUX). GOOD EVENING. I THINK THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SINCE I LEFT OFFICE THAT I HAVE SPOKEN DURING PUBLIC COMMENT. TONIGHT, I'M SPEAKING AS A

RESIDENT, MY VIEWS ARE MY OWN, THOUGH THEY ARE CERTAINLY INFORMED BY MY WORK AS A CITY COUNCILLOR, MEMBER OF THE NET ZERO REVIEW TASK FORCE AND THE BOARD OF GREEN CAMBRIDGE. DURING THE TWO TERMS I SERVED ON THE COUNCIL AND AS A CHAIR OF THE HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, I WORKED WITH THE VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF MOTHERS OUT FRONT ON SEVERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING IDENTIFYING METHANE GAS LEAKS. THEY WERE INVALUABLE GRASSROOTS ALLIES, NOT ONLY IN RAISING BROADER AWARENESS ON ISSUES, BUT IN DOING RESEARCH TO ADVISE ME ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY.

I KNEW I COULD TRUST THAT THEY HAD DONE THEIR HOMEWORK AND THE POLICIES THEY ADVOCATED ON, WHICH IS WHY I'M URGING YOU TO PASS THE GRASSROOTS PETITION TONIGHT. WITH THIS PETITION, THE MOTHERS HAVE DONE THEIR HOMEWORK. IN FACT, BACK IN THE JUNE 2019, THE MOTHERS INVITED ME ALONG WITH THEN OTHER COUNCILLORS TO TOUR THE ROOFTOPS. ABSORB STORMWATER AND IMPROVE AIR QUALITY IN A CONGESTED AREA. THE GREEN ROOFS PETITION GREW OUT OF THIS RESEARCH AND A SHINING EXAMPLE OF THOUGHTFUL AND EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY. THERE IS NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT REQUIRING GREEN ROOFS ON NEW BUILDINGS AS PART OF THE CLIMATE MITIGATION STRATEGY IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. REQUIRING GREEN ROOFS OR COMBINING VEGETATION WITH SOLAR PANELS, THE BIOSOLAR OPTION, WILL DO FOR CAMBRIDGE WHAT SOLAR PANELS CAN NEVER DO. THE EARLIER VERSION OF THE PETITION OFFERED THE GREAT POTENTIAL TO REDUCE HEAT, ABSORB STORMWATER, IMPROVE AIR QUALITY AND GENERATE CLEAN ENERGY. LET'S REMEMBER, THERE'S PLENTY

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: THANK YOU. IS THERE A MOTION TO EXTEND?

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: SO MOVED.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: MOTION TO EXTEND YOUR TIME. ROLL CALL?

>> TWO MINUTES GOES FAST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: WE HAVE TO DO A ROLL CALL. EVERYTHING IS ROLL CALL THESE DAYS. CLERK WILSON?

>> MR. CLERK: EXTENDING THE TIME FOR FORMER VICE MAYOR JAN DEVEREUX: (ROLL CALL).

**Motion to Suspend the rules to allow Jan Devereaux to speak beyond the 2 minutse.**

>> COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN: SORRY. I JOINED AFTER THE INITIAL ROLL CALL. I'M HERE AND I DO VOTE ALSO TO EXTEND.

>> MR. CLERK: SEVEN IN FAVOR AND TWO ABSENT.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: GO AHEAD.

>> I WAS SAYING, REMEMBER THERE'S PLENTY OF UNTAPPED POTENTIAL FOR SOLAR ONLY ON EXISTING BUILDINGS OF ALL TYPES. LET'S MAKE SURE WHEN PROPERTY OWNERS REPLACE THEIR ROOFS OR RENOVATE, THEY UNDERSTAND THE BENEFITS OF INSTALLING SOLAR AND HAVING INCENTIVES TO DO SO. COMPARED TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF EXISTING ROOFS AVAILABLE FOR SOLAR ONLY INSTALLATIONS, THE NUMBER OF LARGE NEW

COMMERCIAL INSTITUTIONAL AND LAB BUILDINGS THAT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE ORDINANCE AS THE PETITION STANDS IS RELATIVELY SMALL. THE POTENTIAL IS GREAT AND THE MESSAGE IT SENDS TO POLICY MAKERS IN OTHER CITIES IS HUGE. INCLUDING THE BENEFITS OF INSTALLATION AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND THE ABILITY OF A COOLER SURFACE TO PROLONG THE LIFE OF A ROOF, A GREEN OR A BIOSOLAR ROOF CAN BE COST EFFECTIVE OVER THE LIFE OF A BUILDING AND IT IS IMMEDIATELY BENEFICIAL TO COMMUNITY HEALTH. CAMBRIDGE PRIDES ITSELF AS A LEADER ON CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION, BUT WE ARE FALLING BEHIND. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CATCH UP AND TO LEAD. PLEASE DON'T LET IT PASS YOU BY. THANKS FOR ALLOWING ME MORE TIME. HAVE A GOOD EVENING.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: NEXT UP, WE HAVE NATHAN FOSTER. FOLLOWED BY AMY OLIVER.

>> MAYOR, JENN JAMES HAS JOINED IF YOU WANT TO RECALL.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: SURE.

>> SORRY ABOUT THAT. I WAS ON MUTE. I'M HERE.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: GO AHEAD.

>> PARTICIPANT: I WASN'T EXPECTED TO ACTUALLY SPEAK TONIGHT BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO WORK OUT OTHER THINGS, BUT IN THE MEANTIME, SINCE I HAVE YOU GUYS... I HAVE BEEN FACED WITH SOME REALLY SERIOUS SAFETY ISSUE S IN MY SON'S LIFE.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: JENN, I'M SORRY. FOR THE PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU HAVE TO SPEAK TO AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

>> PARTICIPANT: RIGHT. YOU CALLED MY NAME AND I GOT TEXT MESSAGES SAYING THAT YOU MENTIONED MY NAME. IF I CAN'T ADDRESS THIS AGENDA ITEM THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ON THERE THREE EMAILS AGO, I'D SPEAK TO IT. I CAN HAPPILY LOG OFF AND ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: SURE. WE CAN FOLLOW UP WITH YOU ON WHAT WE MEAN BY SOMETHING ON THE AGENDA VERSUS NOT.

>> PARTICIPANT: COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN POINTED THAT OUT TO ME, BUT I'M HERE IF ANYBODY HAS TO REACH ME. I'M WILLING TO TALK AT ANYTIME. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: NATHAN FOSTER FOLLOWED BY AMY OLIVER.

>> GOING TO KARA. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> PARTICIPANT: HI. I'M CARRAH, LIVE AT 476 FRANKLIN STREET. I'M AT THE FREE TO FLUSH CAMPAIGN THAT CREATED A BATHROOM BILL OF RIGHTS. RESTROOM ACCESS IS A HUMAN RIGHT. THIS IS AN OBVIOUS STATEMENT. WE IMPLORE THE COUNCIL TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE RESTROOM ACCESS IS A HUMAN RIGHT IN CAMBRIDGE. IN DOING SO, THEY WILL LEAD THE WAY AND AFFIRMING BATHROOM ACCESS. WE HAVE RECEIVED 245 SIGNATURES ON THE BATHROOM BILL OF RIGHTS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED FROM HARVARD AND CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY MEMBERS. IT IS A PRIORITY TO MANY.



ACKNOWLEDGING RESTROOM ACCESS HAS A HUMAN RIGHT MEANS THE CITY COUNCIL, THE CITY WILL PRIORITIZE PROVIDING ACCESS TO BATHROOMS FOR ALL IN THE CITY. PARTICULARLY, THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. OUR BATHROOM BILL OF RIGHTS HAS ACTION ITEMS CREATED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CITY, BUSINESSES, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, TO CREATE RESTROOMS THAT ARE AVAILABLE, AFFORDABLE, SAFE, ACCEPTABLE, AND ACCESSIBLE.

SOME OF THE SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NEXT STEPS, THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE SUGGESTED ARE CREATING A BATHROOM FUND THAT THE CITY BUSINESSES AND UNIVERSITIES CONTRIBUTE TO THAT IS USED FOR CLEANING AND MAINTAINING. AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF PORTA POTTIES STATIONED IN PUBLIC AREAS AND PARKS. CLEANING PUBLIC RESTROOMS SEVERAL TIMES PER DAY. AND PROVIDING ADEQUATE LIGHTING IN AND AROUND THE RESTROOMS. AND CREATING A CULTURE FREE FROM HARASSMENT WHEN INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS ASK TO USE RESTROOMS IN BUILDINGS. SIX, DECRIMINALIZE PUBLIC URINATION AND DEFECATION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE WORK WITH THE CITY TO IMPROVE PUBLIC RESTROOM ACCESS FOR ALL CAMBRIDGE RESIDENTS. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: THANK YOU. EDWARD WOLL.

>> PARTICIPANT: THANK YOU. I'M EDWARD WOLL, 79 DANA STREET. I'M HERE ON SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MOTHERS OUT FRONT. MAYOR SIDDIQUI, COUNCILLORS, I APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF THE GREEN ROOF ZONING PETITION. THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE HAS SUPPORTED AND BEEN A LEADER OF REPLACING FOSSIL FUELS, 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY, MITIGATING THE EFFECT OF CLIMATE CHANGE, COUNTERING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, THE GREEN ROOFS ZONING PETITION SUPPORTS MANY OF THE INITIATIVES AND ACTION TAKEN BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS AND THE IMPACT OF A URBAN FOREST PROGRAM. URBAN HEATING AND HEAT ISLANDS, IT IS STRIKES HOW SERVICES MITIGATE THE HEATING IMPACT. THE SCIENTIFIC BASIS IS CLEAR. RELEVANCE IS THE ARTICLE IN THE ADDENDUM, ATTACHED TO MY WRITTEN TESTIMONY, GREEN ROOFS, INCLUDING URBAN CULTURE AND WATER BODIES HAVE BEEN SHOW TO BE EFFECTIVE WAY TO REDUCE URBAN TEMPERATURES. THE COOLING EFFECTS ON THE TEMPERATURE AND THE ROOF TEMPERATURE SURFACES CAN BE SUBSTANTIAL. THERE ARE SEVERAL TYPES OF GREEN ROOFS, IN GENERAL, THEY CAN INCREASE THE EVAPORATION, REDUCE SPACE FOR CLIMATE, CONDITIONING, THROUGH THE SHADING AND IMPROVE INSULATION VALUES. THEY CAN REDUCE URBAN HEAT ISLAND EFFECT AND CONSUMPTION. AND THE USE HAS BEEN KNOWN SINCE ANCIENT TIMES BY HOT AND COLD CLIMATES. THEY ARE USED TO ALLEVIATE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS WITH THE ISLAND HEAT EFFECT. I SUPPORT THE GREEN ROOFS ORDINANCE AND THE OPPORTUNITY IT OFFERS TO MITIGATE URBAN HEAT ISLANDS AND THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. AND I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE GREEN ROOFS

ORDINANCE.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: NEXT UP, WE HAVE RIA MAZUMDAR.

>> PARTICIPANT: HI. I'M A CAMBRIDGE RESIDENT, LIVING AT 31 WALDEN STREET. I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE TRIPS WAIVER WITH REGARD TO VACCINE MANUFACTURING. I THINK IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE GO AHEAD AND WAIVE THE CURRENT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RULES. THE FIRST THING I WILL TALK ABOUT IS JUST HOW DIRE THE SITUATION IS IN INDIA. THERE IS NO SUPPLY OF OXYGEN LEFT AND PEOPLE RELY ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND BLACK MARKET FOR OXYGEN TO SURVIVE. THERE'S NO WAY FOR THE STATE TO PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES. THEY HAVE FAILED TO DO IT AND THE ONLY WAY WE REALLY HAVE ANY HOPE TO CONTAIN THE PANDEMIC THERE IS TO HELP BY WAIVING THE RULES. AND THE SECOND THING, I REALLY WANT TO EMPHASIZE HOW MUCH THIS IS IN THE U.S. SELF INTEREST. WE HAVE SEEN EVIDENCE OF THE MUTANTS IN INDIA HAVING A HOLD HERE AND TO SOME EXTENT, WE SEEM TO BE VACCINE RESISTANT. PEOPLE HAVE GOT BOTH DOSES STILL HAVE GOTTEN SICK. WE HAVE YET TO SEE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS PLAY OUT. I THINK IT IS CLEAR, UNLESS WE DO EVERYTHING TO HELP THE SPREAD IN THE MOST POPULIST COUNTRY, WE REALLY DON'T HAVE MUCH HOPE HERE. THE FINAL THING TO NOTE, INDIA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MANUFACTURING AND DISTRIBUTING VACCINE THROUGHOUT THE GLOBAL SOUTH, I BELIEVE OVER 70 COUNTRIES, INDIA EXPORTED VACCINE TO. WITHOUT RELYING ON THEM CONTINUING TO EXPORT WHEN THEY ARE FIXATED ON HANDLING THEIR CRISIS, THIS WILL HAVE A RIPPLE EFFECT FOR ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND WEALTHIER COUNTRIES. AND REALLY AS SOMEONE WHO HAS A LOT OF FAMILY IN INDIA, SOMEONE HEARD OF FRIENDS OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF FRIENDS DYING, IT IS. THINGS ARE OPENING UP HERE, BUT IT IS REALLY BAD. PLEASE, PLEASE TAKES ACTION. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: BEFORE ADRIAN. THE FORMER MAYOR HENRIETTA DAVIS HAS JOINED US.

>> YOU NEED TO UNMUTE YOURSELF. PLEASE DIAL STAR 6 TO UNMUTE.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: ANY LUCK?

>> PARTICIPANT: I'M TRYING. I'M LOOKING FOR MY TESTIMONY, WHICH IS ELSEWHERE HERE. UNFORTUNATELY, I CAN'T GET ALL THE DEVICES IN SYNC. GOOD EVENING. THIS IS FORMER MAYOR, AS YOU POINTED OUT. I HAVE SUBMITTED TESTIMONY TO YOU. 120 CHESTNUT STREET, CAMBRIDGE. I HAVE BEEN SERVING ON THE NET ZERO TASK FORCE AND I'M ON THE REDONE TASK FORCE NOW. I'M VERY PROUD TO BE MEMBER OF THE CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY BECAUSE WE LEAD IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS, NOT JUST STATEWIDE WHERE BOSTON MAGAZINE RECOGNIZED US AS NUMBER ONE AND ALSO NATIONALLY. AND WHAT I WOULD LIKE US TO DO NOW IS TO CONTINUE THAT LEADERSHIP BY MANDATING SOLAR ON ROOFTOPS. AS YOU ALL KNOW, HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO MANDATE WHAT GOES ON A ROOFTOP IS A GREAT POWER. AND WHAT I'M AFRAID IS HAPPENING NOW,

WITH NOT HAVING A SOLAR ONLY OPTION, WE SQUANDER THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADD SOLAR. THERE MAY BE ROOFTOPS WITH SOLAR, THAT'S NOT WHERE THE GROWTH IS HAPPENING. IT IS HAPPENING IN THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR AND THAT'S THE PART THAT WOULD BE ELIMINATED FROM THE REQUIREMENT AND REQUIRE TO HAVE A BIOSOLAR ROOF FOR VEGETATED ROOF. THOSE ROOFS ACCOMPLISH OTHER MATTERS, BUT THEY DON'T ADDRESS REALLY CLIMATE ISSUES THE WAY WE WOULD ALL HOPE THEY MIGHT. ONE THING, A VERY TALL BUILDING IS NOT GOING TO BE GREAT WITH THE VEGETATIVE ROOF.

I HOPE YOU WILL FIND A WAY TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE SOLAR ROOFS MANDATED, BIOSOLAR MAY MEET THE REQUIREMENT, BUT I THINK WE REALLY NEED TO TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY WE CAN TO ADD SOLAR TO THE ROOFTOPS. AND ELIMINATE THIS LARGE NUMBER OF BUILDINGS WITHIN THE STATE.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: IS THERE A MOTION TO EXTEND

>> PARTICIPANT: I'M DONE.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: THANK YOU.

>> PARTICIPANT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M SORRY FOR MY TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: NO PROBLEM.

>> PARTICIPANT: THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: ADRIAN SERVETNICK.

>> PARTICIPANT: GOOD EVENING. 9 KINNAIRD STREET. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT THE GREEN ROOFS PETITIONS. I WANT TO START BY THANKS MOTHERS OUT FRONT TO BRING THIS FORWARD. IT IS PUSHING ALONG A CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW BEST TO USE ROOF AREA TO MITIGATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND I THINK THE CURRENT PETITION IS A STRONG SIGNAL THAT CAMBRIDGE WANTS TO PRIORITIZE EFFICIENCY AND RESILIENCY. I WILL INDULGE IN BEING A CRANK. LAST WEEK'S DISCUSSION HAD FRUSTRATING CONTRADICTIONS. ON THE ONE HAND, MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL VOTED TO INTRODUCE A NEW REQUIREMENT ON COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, IT WOULD MANDATE THE INCLUSION OF GREENER BIOSOLAR ROOFS, ASSESSING THEY FEASIBLE, FINANCIAL, AND DESIRABLE.

THE COUNCIL VOTED TO EXCLUDE MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS FROM THE RETIREMENT BECAUSE GREEN ROOF AND BIOSOLAR BUILD OUT IS COSTLY COMPLICATED AND NOT WORTH THE TRADE OFFS WITH EMISSIONS AND COST. THE TWO POSITIONS JUST DON'T SQUARE. AND I THINK IT REFLECTS THE FACT THAT AS MUCH AS ADVOCATES SAY BISOLAR ROOFS ARE SCIENCE, THEY ARE NOT. HARVARD UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY, ABOUT EXPERT AS A TESTIMONY AS YOU CAN GETTING REINFORCE THIS WHEN THEY SET BISOLAR IS NOT SETTLED SCIENCE. PURE SOLAR IS A GREAT OPTION AND IMPACTFUL AROUND BUILDING EMISSIONS. I URGE YOU TO REMOVE THE LANGUAGE AROUND REQUIRED GREEN ROOF AND BISOLAR ON COMMERCIAL

BUILDING. PUTTING A LARGE ARRAY IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION SOLUTION THAT THE CITY CAN REQUIRE. AGAIN, ALL OF MY CRITICISMS ASIDE, I WILL THANK THE COUNCIL AND MOTHERS OUT FRONT WORKING TO CREATE A PETITION THAT WILL HELP MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE. AND FOR INCLUDING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING EXEMPTIONS AND PURE SOLAR AS A OPTION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: MELISSA LUDTKE.

>> MELISSA, GO AHEAD.

>> PARTICIPANT: I WAS BEING UNMUTED. HI. 30 BUENA VISTA PARK. I WAS GOING TO ONLY SPEAK REALLY FROM MY HEART, LITERALLY FROM A MOTHER'S HEART. ASKING YOU TO THINK ABOUT THE TESTIMONY WE HEARD BEFORE FROM OTHER PEOPLE ASKING US TO THINK NOT JUST ABOUT THIS MOMENT IN OUR CITY, BUT ABOUT THE MOMENTS THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL HAVE HERE. AND I'M COMPELLED AT THIS POINT WITHOUT HAVING PREPARED, BUT I'M GOING TO SPEAK AGAIN FROM THE HEART. I'M GOING TO SPEAK TO THE LAST TWO SPEAKERS BECAUSE I WANT TO JUST SAY RESPECTFULLY THAT I BELIEVE THEY ARE WRONG.

WE HAVE SPENT MANY, MANY TIMES AND I'M SPEAKING FOR MOTHERS OUT FRONT, LEARNING FROM THOSE WHO HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE WITH GREEN ROOFS. IN FACT, MANY OF THE LAB BUILDINGS AND LARGER BUILDINGS WE TALK ABOUT IS CORPORATE STRUCTURES, ACTUALLY DO BETTER WITH VEGETATIVE ROOFS THAN THEY DO WITH SOLAR. I WILL EXPLAIN WHY AS BRIEFLY AND AS CLEARLY AS I CAN.

THERE ARE OFTEN INTRUSIVE MECHANICALS AND THE REST ON THE ROOFS THAT PRODUCE SHADE THAT DOESN'T MAKE SOLAR THE BEST OPTION. THOSE ROOFS CAN GET EXCEEDINGLY HOT IN THE SUMMERS AND THE SOLAR PANELS DO WANT WORK TO THEIR BEST EFFICIENCY. LASTLY, THERE CAN BE SHADING AROUND THE BUILDINGS, WHICH ALSO MAKE A VEGETATIVE ROOF HIGHLY PREFERABLE AND THEY LET US REMEMBER THAT VEGETATIVE ROOFS ARE AS SYSTEMIC SOLUTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE. I ECHO THE FORMER VICE MAYOR'S CAUTIONARY WORDS TO US THAT WE HAVE MANY ROOFS IN CAMBRIDGE WHERE WE CAN USE SOLAR TO ITS FINEST EXTENT. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: THANK YOU. APARNA GOPALAN.

>> PARTICIPANT: HI. I'M HERE TO SORRY. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE VACCINE RESOLUTION. ON THE 16TH OF APRIL, A 65 YEAR OLD FREELANCE JOURNALISTS, WHO WAS IN THE CAPITAL CITY OF INDIA'S LARGEST STATE, TWEETED THE OXYGEN LEVEL FALLEN TO 52 AND NO HOSPITAL, DOCTOR, OR LAB PICKED UP THE PHONE. JUST ABOUT 24 HOURS LATER THE NEXT DAY, NOW THE OXYGEN IS 21. WHEN WILL SOMEONE COME. MINUTES LATER HE WAS DEAD. THIS IS THE SITUATION GOING ON IN INDIA AND THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO ARGUMENT FOR NOT FREEING THE VACCINE FROM THE PATENTS. NO REASON THAT PFIZER AND MODERNA CANNOT SACRIFICE A TINY BIT OF PROFITS IN ORDER FOR LITERALLY MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF PEOPLE TO HAVE THE CHANCE TO BE ALIVE.

I THINK AS THE CITY THAT IS HOUSING MODERNA, WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO REASSERT THIS VACCINE WAS MADE WITH TAXPAYER FUNDS AND MORE THAN THE HUMANE THING TO DO TO FREE THE VACCINE. I URGE THE COUNCIL AND THE COUNCILLORS TO CONSIDER FUTURE RESOLUTIONS TO PRESSURE THE GOVERNMENT IN INDIA OR TO RELEASE A STATEMENT SAYING THAT THE AID BEING SENT, INCLUDING THE PATENTS BEING FREED, HAVE TO BE USED TO SAVE PEOPLE'S LIVES RATHER THAN JUST BEING RATHER THAN SITTING AT THE AIRPORT IN CUSTOMS. WHICH IS WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OXYGEN, WHICH IS SENT FROM THE UNITED STATES. THAT IS NOT HUMANITARIAN AID. EVERYBODY SUPPORTING THIS TO CONSIDER FUTURE STATEMENTS. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: THANK YOU. WE GO TO MIKE NAKAGAWA.

>> PARTICIPANT: HELLO. 51 MADISON AVENUE, NORTH CAMBRIDGE. SPEAKING ABOUT THE GREEN ROOFS ZONING. AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN PART OF THE CITY'S CLIMATE CHANGE PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCY PLANNING. STARTED OUT AS PREPAREDNESS AND ADDED RESILIENCY AND THE ZONING TASK FORCE AND GREEN ROOFING REALLY STANDS OUT IS NOT SO MUCH ON MITIGATION, BUT ON RESILIENCY. IT IS NOT PRIMARILY ABOUT HOW PEOPLE EFFECT CLIMATE CHANGE, BUT RESILIENCY. HOW TO ADDRESS HOW THE CHANGE IN CLIMATE WILL AFFECT PEOPLE. IN PARTICULAR, THIS APPLIES TO GREEN VERSUS SOLAR ONLY OPTIONS. I'M RESIGNED TO THE FACT WE'LL CONTINUE TO BUILD LIKE CRAZY AND THAT'S DRIVING UP COSTS, LAND COST IN THE PROCESS. AND REALLY WHEN THE STARTING POINT OF BUYING LAND IS SO HIGH, TALKING ABOUT AFFORDABLE DEVELOPMENT IS POINTLESS.

BY REMOVING SETBACKS AND BUILDING ACROSS THE ENTIRE SITE, EXCEPT FOR THE SIDEWALKS, WE ARE PERMANENTLY REMOVING PLACES FOR TREES AND PLANTS, WHICH HAVE MULTIPLE RESILIENCY BENEFITS. AND IF THERE IS NO PLACE FOR GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE GROUND LEVEL BECAUSE THERE'S A BUILDING ON TOP OF THE PLANTING AREA, AT LEAST LET THE PLANTS OCCUPY THE SAME SPACE, PUT THEM ON TOP. AT LEAST THE PLANTS CAN GET THE SUN RATHER THAN BEING SHADED BY TALL BUILDINGS. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT NEW BUILDINGS THAT ARE CONSTRUCTED TO HANDLE GREEN ROOFS BECAUSE MANY TIMES IT IS HARD TO RETROFIT AN EXISTING BUILDING. BUILDINGS NOW WILL BE THERE WHEN THE BRUNT OF EFFECTS START TO HIT. THIS PETITION IS ABOUT MAKING SURE WE HAVE LOCAL RESILIENCY FOR A LIVABLE CITY IN THE FUTURE. PLEASE VOTE TO REQUIRE NEW LARGE BUILDINGS TO HELP WITH THIS GOAL WITH THE GREEN OPTIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: NEXT UP, WE HAVE AMIR MOHAREB.

>> AMIR AND JACOB HAVE NOT JOINED. HANNAH MAHONEY, GO AHEAD.

>> PARTICIPANT: HI. CAN YOU HEAR ME. I'M HANNAH. 7 RINDGE TERRACE. MEMBER OF MOTHERS OUT FRONT AND I SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE REVISED GREEN ROOFS ORDINANCE. I LOOK DOWN THE STREET FROM THE O'NEILL LIBRARY, WITH THE GREAT MURAL OF TIP O'NEILL AND THE SAYING, ALL

POLITICS IS LOCAL. I THINK ABOUT THAT A LOT. I THINK ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE A LOT. IT CAN FEEL SO OVERWHELMING AND GLOBAL AND HUGE. MELTING GLACIERS, RISING SEA LEVELS, DROUGHTS AND WILDFIRES. I SEE THIS IN THE NEWS FEED, I WILL CONTROL PASS IT AND FOCUS ON STORIES OF LOCAL SUCCESSES. A GAS BAN PUT INTO EFFECT MUNICIPALITY. A WIND FARM APPROVED AND TREES BEING GIVING AWAY.

AND IN THE CONTEXT OF GREEN ROOFS, I HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE APARTMENT BUILDING IN MID CAMBRIDGE WHERE WE LIVED WHEN OUR DAUGHTER WAS BORN. IT HAD A TINY GREEN SPACE AND ACCESS TO THE LIBRARY PARK AND PLAYGROUNDS. WE HAD A SMALL ROOFTOP AREA. IT WAS THERE THAT EMILY LEARNED TO PLANT SEEDS IN POTS, WATER, AND WATCH THEM GROW. WE WOULD SNIP BASEL FOR PIZZA, AND EAT WONDERFUL MEALS UP THERE. SHE IS NOW A CRLS, ABOUT TO GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE AND COMMISSION INTO THE U.S. NAVY. AS HEADING OUT, I WANT SO MUCH FOR THAT WORLD TO BE A SUSTAINABLE ONE. IN WHICH SHE WILL BE ABLE TO THRIVE.

SO, IN RESPONSE TO THE BIG PROBLEM OF MITIGATING CLIMATE CHANGE, FROM MY DAUGHTER AND ALL OUR CHILDREN, LET'S TAKE OUR LEAD FROM TIP O'NEILL, TAKE THIS DOABLE STEP FORWARD INTO A SUSTAINABLE WORLD AND SUPPORT GREEN ROOFS IN CAMBRIDGE. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: BACK TO AMIR, WHO IS BACK ON.

>> PARTICIPANT: SORRY FOR THE DELAY AND APOLOGIZE FOR BEING LATE. I'M HONORED AND PRIVILEGE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL TODAY. I LIVE IN CAMBRIDGE. A PHYSICIAN WORKING AT MASS GENERAL HOSPITAL AND MY FOCUS IS ON INFECTIOUS DISEASES. I WANT TO COMMENT ON POLICY ORDER 7, WHICH RELATES TO SUPPORT FOR A WAIVER FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PATENTS FOR COVID RELATED TECHNOLOGIES, INCLUDING THE VACCINE. I HAVE BEEN AFFECTED, AS MANY OF US HAVE, BY EITHER IMAGES OR DIRECT PERSONAL STORIES. THEY COME FROM OVERSEAS ABOUT HOW THE COVID PANDEMIC IS RANGING IN LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES. I WANT TO SAY THAT EVEN THOUGH WE KIND OF LIVE IN AND ALL WORK AND ACT LOCALLY, WE HAVE A LOT TO BEAR IN WHAT HAPPENS OVERSEAS BECAUSE THE TECHNOLOGIES THAT ARE MADE IN OUR BACK DOOR HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CHANGE THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT, I WORK IN THE HOSPITAL, I'M CONVINCED WHEN I SEE PATIENTS AND WHEN I SEE THE COMMUNITY AFFECTED BY COVID, I SEE IT AS AN INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM THE HELP OF THOSE OVERSEAS. WHEN THE PANDEMIC RAGES OVERSEAS, IT IS LIKELY TO COME BACK TO OUR DOORSTEPS IN THE FUTURE. I SUPPORT ANY KIND OF MEASURE THAT SYMBOLICALLY OR PRACTICALLY PUSHES FOR A WAIVER OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, PATENTS WITH COVID RELATED TECHNOLOGIES.

SPECIFICALLY FOR THE EMERGENCY THAT WE'RE IN RIGHT NOW. I THANK YOU ALL FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK AND FOR CONSIDER THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: THANK YOU. NEXT UP, WE HAVE MINGA

CLAGGETTBORNE.

>> PARTICIPANT: THANK YOU. YOU SAID MY NAME VERY WELL, NOT EVERYBODY CAN SAY IT. I LIVE AT 7 PLEASANT PLACE. I'M SPEAKING ALSO FROM MY HEART. I DON'T KNOW SOME OF THE NUANCES AROUND WHETHER WE NEED MORE SOLAR PANELS OR WE NEED JUST VEGETATION ON THE ROOFS, BUT I'M SPEAKING FOR THE GREEN ROOF PROPOSAL. I WANT TO SPEAK FROM A POINT OF VIEW AS A MOTHER, AND AS A PERSON WHO HAS ADMIRERD THE EDUCATION THAT GOES ON TO MY TWO CHILDREN THAT GREW UP IN THE CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL SYSTEM.

I FEEL THAT THE GREEN ROOFS PROPOSAL WILL REALLY HELP TIE TOGETHER PUBLIC HEALTH AND EDUCATION THAT WE WANT TO OFFER OUR KIDS. MY CHILD, WHEN HE WAS SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS OLD, PLAYED ON THE ROOF OF THE FLETCHER MAYNARD ACADEMY BUILDING, PRETTY ILLEGAL RIGHT NOW, IMAGINE ALL THE POTENTIAL THAT WE CAN DO ON THE ROOFS AND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO USE THIS SPACE FOR GREENERY AND FOR TEACHING OUR KIDS WHAT WAYS CAMBRIDGE HAS MADE STEPS TOWARDS HEALTH.

I THINK IT WILL BE A REALLY IMPORTANT FOR OUR OWN CURRENT HEALTH, BUT ALSO AS A MODEL FOR OUR KIDS. KIDS SEE CRANES, KIDS SEE ALL THE CONSTRUCTION, MY THREE YEAR OLD LOVED WATCHING THE GARBAGE TRUCKS. WE HAVE DONE AMAZING THINGS WITH RECYCLING AND WE NEED TO HAVE THE INTEGRITY OF PUTTING UP GREEN ROOFS. SO, ONE OF MY WORDS OF WISDOM COMES FROM OUR LOCAL DAVID HENRY THOREAU, IF YOU BUILT CASTLES IN THE SKY, WELL THAT WORK IS NOT LOST. JUST PUT FOUNDATION UNDER THEM. LET'S PUT MORE GREENERY AND SOLAR PANELS ON OUR ROOFS. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: MATTHEW MCWEENEY.

>> MATTHEW, PLEASE UPGRADE YOUR VERSION OF ZOOM, THEN COME BACK AND RAISE YOUR HAND. WE'LL CALL ON YOU AGAIN.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: IS SHARON THERE?

>> GO AHEAD. YOU HAVE THE FLOOR. SHARON, YOU NEED TO UNMUTE YOURSELF. CHARLES FRANKLIN, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> PARTICIPANT: CAN YOU HEAR ME? 162 HAMPSHIRE STREET IN CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS. I'M SPEAKING TONIGHT IN STRONG SUPPORT OF POLICY ORDER SIX. SEEKS TO PROMOTE THE CURRENT RACIAL AND SOCIOECONOMIC EQUALITY GOALS AND VALUES. HOMEOWNERSHIPS HAS BENEFITS FROM THE HOUSING STABILITY AND AGENCY TO THE FINANCIAL STABILITY AND WEALTH BUILDING. WHEN YOU OWN A HOME, YOU CAN STAY WITHOUT FEAR OF NO FAULT EVICTION. PASS YOUR HOME DOWN TO YOUR CHILDREN, OR SELL IT WHEN YOU WANT IT TO WHO YOU WANT FOR WHAT YOU WANT. GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE BENEFITS OF HOMEOWNERSHIP, MY UPSTAIRS NEIGHBORS, USED THE SECOND MORTGAGE TO PAY FOR THE COLLEGE EDUCATION FOR THEIR SON. A WONDERFUL WAY TO USE A HOME AND CREATE THAT BENEFIT FOR YOUR FAMILY.

FOR LARGE SECTIONS OF 20TH CENTURY, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

SUBSIDIZED HOMEOWNERSHIP FOR WHITE FAMILIES WHILE DENYING BENEFITS FROM BLACK FAMILIES. THE CURRENT AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP DOES PROVIDE ADDITIONAL HOUSING STABILITY AND SOME ECONOMIC BENEFITS, IT REALLY IS A MISNOMER AS IT CONTINUES TO DENY APPLICANTS THE FULL AGENCY AND BENEFITS OF TRUE HOMEOWNERSHIP. I DON'T SEE HOW WE SAY WE ARE TRYING TO CREATE EXCUSE ME. I DON'T SEE HOW WE CAN SAY WE CREATE RACIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE, AND THEN TURN AROUND AND TELL BLACK FAMILIES THEY CAN'T HAVE THE SAME BENEFITS THAT WHITE FAMILIES HAVE ENJOYED FOR THE BETTER PART OF A CENTURY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE CITY CAN'T JUST GIVE MONEY AWAY WITHOUT ASKING FOR SOMETHING IN RETURN UPON TIME OF SALE. IT IS NOT SUSTAINABLE. THIS SHALL WHY I SUPPORT POLICY ORDER SIX, A NEED TO EXPLORE SUSTAINABLE WAYS TO PROVIDE HOMEOWNERSHIP THAT GREATER ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF SOCIOECONOMIC AND RACIAL EQUITY THAN OUR CURRENT SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: WE'LL GO TO NATHAN FOSTER.

>> PARTICIPANT: HI, EVERYBODY. I'M NATHAN FOSTER. FORMER CAMBRIDGE RESIDENT AND I'M CURRENTLY A VOLUNTEER FOR THE VACCINE BOSTON AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF POLICY ORDER SEVEN. THE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TRIPS WAIVER. CAMBRIDGE REALLY AS THE HOME OF THE GLOBAL HEADQUARTERS OF MODERNA AND A BIO TECH HUB, HAS A VOICE IN CALLING FOR ALL OF THE TECHNOLOGIES THAT ARE CREATED IN PLACES LIKE CAMBRIDGE TO BE SHARED WITH THE WORLD. I THINK WE HAVE ALL SEEN WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY IN INDIA AND BRAZIL AND OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE THE COVID PANDEMIC CONTINUES TO RANGE WE HAVE LOST COUNTLESS LIVES TO IMPACT S PEOPLE. AND THE FACT THAT THE TECHNOLOGIES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED JUST MEANS THAT BASIC FAIRNESS MEANS WE NEED TO SHARE THEM AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE. THE TRIPS WAIVER WOULD LIFT GLOBAL TEMPORARILY LIFT GLOBAL PATENTS ON THE VACCINES SO IT CAN SCALE UP. IT IS NOT THE ONLY BARRIER TO CREATING MORE VACCINES TO BE LIFTED. YOU HAVE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING CAPABILITY.

IT IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ONE AND PRETTY FOUNDATIONAL THAT COMPANIES AND COUNTRIES NEED TO KNOW THEY CAN MAKE VACCINES WITHOUT GETTING SUED OR WITHOUT RUNNING AFOUL OF GLOBAL TRADE LAW. THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT ISSUE. THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THE SPONSORS OF THE RESOLUTION FOR THE LEADERSHIP. AND STANDING UP FOR GLOBAL ACCESS TO VACCINE AND ENDING THE PANDEMIC MORE QUICKLY. THANK YOU. I HOPE THAT THIS RESOLUTION PASSES TODAY.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: WE WILL GO TO MATTHEW. AND THEN PETER CRAWLEY. OF.

>> MATTHEW, UNMUTE YOURSELF.

>> PARTICIPANT: SORRY ABOUT THAT. 125 SPRING STREET IN EAST



CAMBRIDGE. I'M HERE TO SPEAK FOR MYSELF, I'M SURE IN AGREEMENT WITH MANY OTHERS IN SUPPORT OF THE GREEN ROOFS INITIATIVES. I THINK IT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE TO GREEN MORE ROOFS AND MORE SPACE IN OUR CITY. AND I VIEW IT AS AN INVESTMENT THE FUTURE, THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN AND RESIDENTS OF CAMBRIDGE, BUT THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY. IT IS A CHANCE FOR CAMBRIDGE TO LEAD BOTH THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE REST OF THE NATIONS. I WILL KEEP MY COMMENTS BRIEF TODAY AND I APPRECIATE THE TIME.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: THANK YOU. NEXT UP, WE HAVE PETER CRAWLEY.

>> PARTICIPANT: YES. CAMBRIDGE RESIDENT. 88 THORNDIKE STREET. AND MY VIEWS ARE MY OWN, THOUGH THEY ARE INFORMED BY MY PARTICIPATION IN THE NET ZERO ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP AS WELL AS THE CPAC COMMITTEE.

I WANTED TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF ADOPTING THE GREEN ROOFS PETITION. ORIGINALLY, SPONSORED BY MOTHERS OUT FRONT. AS MANY OF THE OTHER SPEAKERS HAVE MENTIONED, WE'RE REALLY AT AN INFLECTION POINT WITH CLIMATE CHANGE. THE URGENCY CANNOT BE MINIMIZED AND WE NEED ALL HANDS DECK AND ALL THE VARIOUS PORTFOLIO OF SOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED.

SO, IT DOES PAIN ME TO SEE SOLAR SOLUTIONS PITTED AGAINST GREEN ROOFS SOLUTIONS. I THINK THEY ARE QUITE DIFFERENT. AND WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT SOLAR INSTALLATIONS WILL PRODUCE A MINUSCULE AMOUNT OF ENERGY IN RELATION TO THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY USED BY A LAB BUILDING, FOR INSTANCE. I'D BE INTERESTED IN THE STUDY COMPARING THAT TO THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY SAVED IN THE COOLING AND HEATING SEASONS OF A WELL INSULATED GREEN ROOF. VEGETATIVE ROOFS ARE A SYSTEMIC SOLUTION THAT PROVIDE MANY OTHER BENEFITS FROM AIR QUALITY TO GREEN SPACE CREATION AND AS WE LOSE GREEN SPACE AS A CITY

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: THANK YOU.

>> PARTICIPANT: ON THE PEDESTRIAN

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: IF THERE IS A MOTION TO EXTEND, I'M HAPPY TO EXTEND.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: SO MOVED IF PETER HAS MORE. IF NOT, HE CAN SEND COMMENTS.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: I THINK WE'LL GO TO HEATHER HOFFMAN AND THEN NICOLE WILLIAMS.

>> PARTICIPANT: 213 HURLEY STREET. I WILL SPEAK ABOUT AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP. IT HAS BEEN POINTED OUT THAT WE HAVE VARIOUS GOALS THAT WE WANT TO REACH AND WE DO NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHICH ONES WE CAN REACH AND HOW TO GET AT LEAST PARTLY TO ALL OF THEM.

ONE OF THE PROBLEMS OF OUR ENTIRE ECONOMIC SYSTEM THESE DAYS IS THAT WE VIEW REAL ESTATE LESS AS A PLACE WHERE IMPORTANT THINGS

FOR SOCIETY HAPPENS AND MORE AS AN INVESTMENT VEHICLE. AND REALLY FOR ALL OF US, THEY SHOULD BE IMPORTANT PLACES, LIKE HOMES. WITH RESPECT TO GREEN ROOFS. I WANT TO ADOPT THE COMMENTS OF PETER CRAWLY, MIKE, JAN, AND MELISSA, AND I WILL ADD A COUPLE OF THINGS TO THEM.

ONE, YOU CAN GET THE ENERGY FROM SOLAR PANELS TO A PLACE, THROUGH THE MAGICAL THINGS CALLED WIRES. THE SOLAR PANELS DON'T HAVE TO BE THERE. IN ORDER FOR YOU TO BE ABLE TO CREATE THE ENERGY AND USE IT, BUT GREEN THINGS DO NEED TO BE THERE. THEY ARE TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON PLACE AND THE VALUE THEY CREATE FOR US, BOTH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL, IS TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON WHERE THEY ARE.

AND I WOULD POINT OUT WITH RESPECT TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING, 2072 MASS AVENUE IS PROPOSING A GREEN ROOF. I GUESS IS POSSIBLE. FINALLY, I WILL POINT OUT, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, HAS BEEN PRODUCING TRANSPARENT SOLAR MATERIALS THAT YOU CAN PUT ON WINDOWS. THEY CAN DO AS WELL AS ROOFTOPS.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: THANK YOU. GOING TO NICOLA WILLIAMS. I'M SORRY. AMY OLIVER IS BACK. AMY OLIVER AND THEN NICOLA WILLIAMS.

>> PARTICIPANT: THANK YOU. CAN YOU HEAR ME? 38 ORCHARD STREET. I'M THE ORIGINAL PETITIONER FOR MOTHERS OUT FRONT FOR GREEN, VEGETATIVE, AND BISOLAR ROOFS. A SMALL AND DEDICATED TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS CITIZENS WITH MOTHERS OUT FRONT HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY ON THIS AGENDA FOR TWO YEARS. WE USED OUR SKILLS AS MOTHERS AND ACTIVISTS TO BUILD AND MOVE THIS AGENDA FORWARD. WE HAVE LISTENED, PRESENTED, COMPROMISED, TAKEN TO HEART RECOMMENDATIONS, AMENDED ACCORDINGLY, PRESENTED MORE, AND NOW WE ARE HERE.

WHEN I JOINED MOTHERS OUT FRONT TWO YEARS AGO, I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN CAMBRIDGE, I KNEW NOTHING OF HOW THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATES. I'M STILL LEARNING. I DECIDED TO LOOK UP THE DEFINITION OF LEGISLATURE TO SEE WHAT IS ASKED IN YOUR WORK AND WHAT STRUCK ME, THE SIMILAR SKILLS REQUIRED OF MOTHERS RAISING CHILDREN AND KEEPING THEM SAFE AND LEGISLATURES IN THEIR WORK. WE NEGOTIATE AND COLLABORATE AND MAKE LAWS, WE SERVE ON COMMITTEES, DEBATE, AND ANALYZE CONFLICT. WORK WITH BUDGETS, LISTEN TO AND ADDRESS CONCERNS, AND WE INVITE COMPROMISE.

THERE IS NO SINGLE PATH FORWARD TO ADDRESS THE MANY CHALLENGES OF TODAY'S CLIMATE. OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO TACKLE IT ON MANY FRONTS. GREEN AND BIOSOLAR ROOFS ARE JUST ONE TOOL WE HAVE AT OUR DISPOSAL THAT WE CAN ADOPT RIGHT NOW TO START TO MOVE THE NEEDLE TOWARD A GREENER CAMBRIDGE. WE'LL ALL BE CALLED UPON INCREASINGLY TO CONFRONT HOW WE LIVE OUR DAILY LIVES. THE GOAL FOR A LIVABLE PLANET MUST BE ALL OUR CONCERNS. HOW WE GET THERE IS BY MAKING BOLD CHOICES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL NOW. I SUPPORT THE GREEN ROOFS ORDINANCE. I WANT TO THANK THE COUNCILLORS FOR THIS TIME

AND ALL YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: NEXT UP IS NICOLA WILLIAMS.

>> PARTICIPANT: 8 BREWER STREET. I APPRECIATE WE HAVE ALLOWED FOR ACOUSTIC LIVE MUSIC FOR SMALL BUSINESSES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS WITHOUT A LICENSE. THE FACT THAT THE COUNCIL IS CONSIDER A BUDGET FOR LEGAL RESEARCH, REQUESTING MORE FUNDS FOR HOUSING STABILITY, HELPING INDIA AND RECOGNIZE THE ACUTE CRISIS WITH THE COVID 19. POLICY ORDER AROUND BLACK AND BROWN BUSINESSES, LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THAT MOVE FORWARD. I SUPPORT THE GREEN ROOFS EFFORTS, CUTTING DOWN TREES IN NORTH CAMBRIDGE WHERE WE HAVE THE MOST TOXIC SOIL, EXCLUDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. LOW INCOME PEOPLE ARE DESERVING OF AN ENVIRONMENT. IN FACT, WE NEED TO BUILD TWICE AS MANY TREES IF WE'LL CUT THEM DOWN. AND ALLOW FOR THOSE TREES TO BE BUILT ON THE ROOF.

REGARDING THE AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP. I'M SO PLEASED TO SEE THAT THERE'S THE NEEDLE IS MOVING IN THE DIRECTION. I HAVE BEEN ADVOCATING FOR THIS FOR YEARS. WE NEED TO OFFER THE BEST CHANCE FOR PEOPLE TO OWN THEIR HOMES. AND THE HOMEBRIDGE PROGRAM, I DON'T THINK IT HAS ANY OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE. I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE SCRAPPED AND START FROM SCRATCH AND COME UP WITH SOME REAL ECONOMIC JUSTICE, RACIAL, EQUITY PROGRAMS THAT REALLY WILL EMPOWER PEOPLE TO OWN THEIR HOMES WITH DIGNITY AND PRIDE. MY CONCERNS IS THAT THE MONIES SHOULD NOT GO INTO THE EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST PROGRAM BY ITSELF. THEY ARE PRO RENTAL AND NOT REALLY PRO HOMEOWNERSHIP. THINK ABOUT THE CRA AS AN OPTION AS WELL TO SPLIT THE FUND. AND THINK ABOUT COOPERATIVE, I THINK THE PLANNING NEEDS TO HAPPEN ON HOW WE'LL ACHIEVE THIS BOLD PLAN OF HOMEOWNERSHIP. AND NOT PRIORITIZE COOPERATIVES AND SOMETHING WE NEED TO REPRIORITIZE. THANK YOU.

>>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: NEXT UP, WE HAVE SARAH GALLOP.

>> PARTICIPANT: GOOD EVENING. I'M CO DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS AT MIT. I SPEAK ON THE GREEN ROOF ORDINANCE. I KNOW THAT THE CITY COUNCIL KNOWS THAT MIT SHARES THE SAME COMMITMENT TO SLOWING CLIMATE CHANGE AND ADVANCING SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY AND ENGAGED IN LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND GLOBAL CLIMATE INITIATIVES. IN SHORT, OUR ASPIRATIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE PLANET ARE ALIGNED.

IN KEEPING WITH THIS PARTICULAR TOPIC, WE ARE CURRENTLY BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD WITH OUR PROPOSED VASSAR STREET GRADUATE DORMITORY, WHICH HAS A SIGNIFICANT GREEN ROOF. AND YOU MAY KNOW, OUR RECENTLY COMPLETED KENDALL SQUARE GRADUATE DORMITORY INCLUDES TWO GREEN ROOFS. I DO WANT TO SAY, MIT REMAINS CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND PARTICULARLY THE MANY RECENT AMENDMENTS. AS AN ENTITY THAT WILL BE REQUIRED TO ABIDE BY THE ORDINANCE, WE HAVE BEEN TRYING OVER

THE WEEK, TO DEVELOP A CLEAR OPERATING UNDERSTANDING OF THE DETAILS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE LANGUAGE. WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE THAT LEVEL OF COMPREHENSION.

WE HAVE TESTIFIED ON THIS MATTER FOUR TIMES, ONCE BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD, ONCE BEFORE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE AND TWICE BEFORE THE COUNCIL. WE SHARED THOUGHTS ON ISSUES OF PROCESS AND ON THE TECHNICAL NATURE OF THE SUBJECT MATTER. AND WE APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS TO BRING ADDITIONAL CLARITY TO THE LANGUAGE, WE REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT THE VIABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: THANK YOU. NEXT UP, WE HAVE SHARON DEVOS. FOLLOWED BY JAMES WILLIAMSON.

>> SHARON, UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE THE FLOOR. JAMES, GO AHEAD. JAMES, YOU ARE UNMUTED AND HAVE THE FLOOR. GO AHEAD.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: GO TO JUSTIN AND THEN COME BACK. WE'LL COME BACK TO JAMES AND SHARON.

>> PARTICIPANT: JUSTIN. HURLEY STREET IN EAST CAMBRIDGE. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE GREEN ROOF ORDINANCE IS BROADLY SUPPORTED IN CAMBRIDGE. INCLUDING ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL. THE DIFFERENCES ARE ON THE CONTOURS OF THE ORDINANCE AND BEST PRACTICES AROUND GREEN ROOFS. INSTEAD OF CAMBRIDGE TAKING AN UNCHARTED PATH, I'D LIKE TO NOTE, THE GREEN ROOF ORDINANCE HAS HAD MULTIPLE WEEKS OF CONSIDERATION AND WE HAVE NOT SEEN SIGNIFICANT REFINEMENTS CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF BIOSOLAR AND THE PRACTICAL VIABILITY. WE HAVE HEARD SERIOUS CAUTIONS FROM THOSE INVOLVED IN THE FIELD.

THE FUTURE VOTINGS DON'T GO THE BIOSOLAR ROUTE, WE LOSE ON THE BENEFITS OF SOLAR, WHICH HAS THE GREATEST IMPACT, BANG FOR THE BUCK, IN TERMS OF OVERALL APPROACH TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND CONSISTENT WITH OUR APPROACH. IF WE DO ADOPT SOLAR AND THAT IS NOT THE BEST OPTION, OTHER OPTIONS REMAIN AVAILABLE. MOST IMPORTANTLY, INCLUDING A GREEN ROOF.

ONCE BIOSOLAR DOES REACH A STANDARDIZED POSITION, WE CAN AMEND THE ORDINANCE. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK IN POLICY ORDER ONE, HOUSING STABILITY AND POLICY ORDER THREE. THANK YOU FOR PUTTING THEM FORWARD AND FOR THOSE WHO SUPPORT IT. I SUPPORT POLICY ORDER SIX FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAMS, WHICH I THINK IT IS CLEAR WE ARE IN NEED OF FURTHER DISCUSSION AND REFINEMENT. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: NEXT UP, JAMES WILLIAMSON? JAMES, ARE YOU THERE?

>> JAMES, YOU ARE UNMUTED. GO AHEAD. (SILENCE).

>>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: JAMES, CAN YOU HEAR US? IT SEEMS YOU ARE

UNMUTED FROM WHAT WE'RE SEEING.

>> HE SEEMS TO HAVE LOGGED OFF AT THIS POINT.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: OKAY. IS SHARON BACK?

>> JAMES IS BACK ONE MORE TIME.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: JAMES, GO AHEAD. IF YOU CAN HEAR US? (SILENCE)

ARE YOU THERE? THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME TECHNICAL ISSUES HAPPENING.  
IS SHARON BACK? SHARON IS NOT HERE?

>> SHARON IS NOT ABLE TO UNMUTE HERSELF.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: OKAY. I DON'T SEE JAMES. I DON'T SEE HIM RIGHT NOW. UNLESS YOU SEE HIM?

>> NOPE. HE IS BACK ONE MORE TIME. WE'LL TRY THIS ONE MORE TIME.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: JAMES? (SILENCE) CAN YOU HEAR US? I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS UP. I'M HAPPY TO WAIT LONGER. WE CAN'T SEE YOU ANYMORE, JAMES. YOU ARE THERE AND YOU ARE NOT THERE. TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES. I APOLOGIZE IT IS HAPPENING. SO, I THINK THAT IS ALL WHO HAS SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. NAOMI, YOU WANT TO CHECK IF THERE IS ANYONE ELSE I MAY HAVE MISSED? ARE WE GOOD?

>> YOU ARE ALL SET. EVERYBODY THAT SIGNED UP.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: OKAY. EVERYBODY WE HAVE AND I WILL ENTERTAIN THE MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT. ON THE MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CARLONE TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT, ROLL CALL?

**Councillor Carlone motion to close public comment**

>> MR. CLERK: ON THE MOTION: (ROLL CALL).

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: THE MOTION BY VICE MAYOR MALLON TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HOLD ON APRIL 5, 2021, AT 5:30 AND PLACE THEM ON FILE. ROLL CALL?

>> MR. CLERK: ON THE MOTION: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: NO RECONSIDERATIONS. WE ARE MOVING TO CITY MANAGER AGENDA. WE'LL PULL NUMBER ONE. PLEASURE OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

**Motion to accept April 5<sup>th</sup> minutes.**

>> COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER: NUMBER FOUR.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: NUMBER FOUR BY COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER. COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN?

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: NUMBER THREE.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: NUMBER FIVE.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: HEARING NOBODY ELSE

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: I CAN'T UNMUTE MYSELF. NUMBER 8. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: THERE IS NO 8. YOU MEAN SIX OR SEVEN?

>> COUNCILLOR CARLONE: NUMBER 7. SID PULLED 1, 3, 4, 5, AND 7. WE'LL DO A ROLL CALL ON 2 AND 6.

>> MR. CLERK: ON ADOPTION OF CITY MANAGER AGENDA ITEMS 2 AND 6: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: MOVING TO CITY MANAGER AGENDA ITEM ONE. RELATIVE TO A COVID 19 UPDATE. SUSPEND THE RULES TO BRING SUSPEND THE RULES TO BRING FORWARD THE COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS NUMBER THREE, TRANSMITTING COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE COVID 19 UPDATE.

>> MR. CLERK: ON THE MOTION: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: CITY MANAGER?

>> CITY MANAGER: GOOD EVENING. MY COMMENTS, ALONG WITH CLAUDE'S PRESENTATION, WILL ADDRESS THE COUNCIL'S SUBMITTED QUESTIONS EARLIER IN THE WEEK. SINCE MY LAST REPORT, APRIL 25, CAMBRIDGE HAS SEEN A CONTINUED DECREASE IN THE SEVEN DAY AVERAGE FOR CONFIRMED CASES PER HUNDRED THOUSAND RESIDENT. WE REPORT 7.2 CASES AS COMPARED TO 8.3 ON APRIL 25TH AND 20.8 ON APRIL 12. ADDITIONALLY, OUR PERCENT POSITIVITY DECREASED BY ALMOST OVER 25%, FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK. IT IS NOW.44 LESS THAN ONE HALF OF 1% AS REPORTED ON THE COMMONWEALTH WEEKLY REPORT. AS OF TODAY, THE AVERAGE OF PERCENT OF POSITIVITY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH DECREASE TO 1.49 COMPARED TO 1.72 AND COMPARED TO 2.30 AS EARLY AS APRIL 25TH.

IT IS VERY ENCOURAGING TO SEE THAT OUR LOW CASE NUMBERS, FOLLOWING POSITIVITY RATE AND INCREASE VACCINATION TREND IN A VERY POSITIVE DIRECTION. ON MAY FIVE AND SIX, THE CITY WILL OFFER VACCINE CLINICS AT THE CAMBRIDGESIDE FOR PEOPLE 18 OR OLDER. AND APPOINTMENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED. CLAUDE WILL TALK MORE ABOUT THIS AND ADDITIONAL CLINIC DATES DURING THE PRESENTATION. AS REMINDER, THE VACCINE IS FREE. OUR CLINICS AND THERE'S NO REQUIREMENT TO SHOW ID OR DOCUMENTATION. WE ARE OFFERING THE SINGLE DOSE, JOHNSON & JOHNSON, GETTING VACCINATED AT ONE CLINIC COULDN'T BE EASIER. ONE BEST WAY TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND THOSE AROUND YOU FROM GETTING COVID 19 IS TO GET VACCINATED.

I'M HAPPY TO REPORT ACCORDING TO THE STATE'S LATEST WEEKLY MUNICIPALITY VACCINATION RATE, 59% OF CAMBRIDGE RESIDENTS HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE. AND UP 18% FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK. AND 32% OF THE RESIDENTS ARE FULLY VACCINATED UP 18.5% FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

AND I'M PLEASED THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE GETTING VACCINATED GROWS AND I'M PROUD OF THE OUTREACH EFFORTS. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT VACCINES, SPEAK TO THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER OR SEEK INFORMATION FROM CREDIBLE SOURCES LIKE THE CDC OR THE CITY'S

**Adopt City Manager Agenda #2 and #6**

**CITY MANAGER ITEM #2  
Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, 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 \$97,500, to the Grant Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used for various City's recycling programs including carts for business and residential recycling.**

**CITY MANAGER ITEM #6  
A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-66, regarding a report on establishing a Black and Brown-Owned Business Task Force.**

**Suspend the rules to bring forward Communications from other City Officers #3**

WEBSITE. MAKING PROGRESS, BUT WE STILL HAVE A WAYS TO GO AS THE REMAINDER OF THE CITY CONTINUES TO OFFER SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FREE COVID TESTING. I WILL NOW ADDRESS THE QUESTIONS THAT WAS SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR NOLAN AND COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER AND THEN CLAUDE WILL HELP ADDRESS MAYOR SIDDIQUI'S QUESTIONS.

COUNCILLOR NOLAN'S FIRST QUESTION IS NOW THAT OTHER CITIES ARE ALLOWING IN PERSON HOURS AND NOW IT IS CLEAR THAT SURFACE TRANSMISSION DOESN'T OCCUR, HOW SOON ARE THEY OPENING TO IN PERSON TO ACCELERATE BOOK RETURN. LIBRARY CIRCULATE OVER THEY RESPONDED TO 21,000 TOTAL PATRON INQUIRIES VIA PHONE AND EMAILS. SINCE THE START OF THE PANDEMIC, WE HAVE DISTRIBUTED OVER 12,000 BOOKS. TO OUTREACH INITIATIVES AT FOOD PANTRIES, SITES, AFFORDABLE HOUSING SITES, AND LIBRARY BRANCHES. THE CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL REOPEN EXPRESS SERVICES, INCLUDING LIMITED BROWSING, ON JUNE 2, 2021. DURING THIS NEXT PHASE OF REOPENING, LIBRARY SERVICE IN CAMBRIDGE, PATRONS CAN VISIT THE MAIN LIBRARY TO CHECK OUT HOLDS, BROWSE FOR ITEMS, AND GET ASSISTANCE FROM STAFF. TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF EVERYBODY, LIBRARY EXPRESS IS LAUNCHED BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. BUILDING CAPACITY, VISIT LENGTH, WILL BE LIMITED AND ACCESS AND MAKE ADJUSTMENTS AS THE WEEK MOVES DEPENDING WHAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH RECOMMENDS. WE'LL OPEN BOOKING TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, AND ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THIS PHASE IS GOING TO BE RELEASED VERY SOON.

BOOK RETURNS, WHEN LIBRARIES REOPEN WITH, THE STATE MANDATED A 24 HOUR QUARANTINE PERIODS ON RETURNED MATERIALS UNDER THE SPECIFIC SAFETY STANDARDS. THAT REQUIREMENT ENDED FRIDAY, APRIL 30. AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC HEALTH, THEY STOPPED QUARANTINING RETURNING ITEMS AS OF MAY 1. THIS SHOULD IMPROVE AND SPEED UP THE RETURN PROCESSING. COUNCILLOR NOLAN'S SECOND QUESTION IS, THERE ARE A FEW CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY FAMILY AND STAFF ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE LONG FELLOW BUILDING FOR STUDENTS MOVING OUT OF THE TOBIN SCHOOL BEGINNING NEXT YEAR FOR CONSTRUCTION. WHAT ARE THE CIRCUMSTANCES AT THE BUILDING AND PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND VENTILATION SYSTEM THAT ALLOW SCHOOLS TO OPERATE SAFELY. WHAT ARE THE STEPS BEING TAKEN TO END SURE SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND STAFF?

AS THIS IS A SCHOOL MATTER RELATED ITEM, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO MAYOR SIDDIQUI. I HAVE TALKED TO MR. MALONEY, BUT I WILL HAVE THE MAYOR UP THERE.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: I WILL ADD THAT I GOT A RESPONSE IN THE WEEKLY THAT COMES TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE. I SENT IT AS A LATE COMMUNICATION TO OTHER CITY OFFICERS. I CHECKED IN WITH JIM MALONEY ON READING THE RESPONSE THAT HE HAD SENT TO US. THAT'S WHAT I WILL DO. EVERYBODY CAN HEAR IT. AND ALSO, THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS SUBCOMMITTEE WILL MEET NEXT WEEK ON THIS MATTER. FOR MORE UPDATES FOR THE COMMUNITY. I WILL READ THIS MESSAGE THAT IS

FROM JIM MALONEY.

I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN RECEIVING LETTERS FROM INDIVIDUALS IN THE TOBIN COMMUNITY SEEKING ANOTHER YEAR'S DELAY IN LOCATION OF THE SCHOOL ON BROADWAY. SINCE THE REQUEST FOCUS ON LONG FELLOW BUILDING AND OUTDOOR SPACE, I WILL OFFER FEW FACTS AND OBSERVATIONS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, THE INDOOR AIR QUALITY OF THE LONG FELLOW BUILDING WILL MEET ALL THE EXCHANGE LEVELS OUTLINED IN THE RETURN TO SCHOOL DOCUMENTS. FRESH AIR EXCHANGERS AT THE LONG FELLOW ARE THE SAME AS THE AMIGOS, ET CETERA. I WILL POINT OUT, ADDITIONALLY THAT THE CURRENT TOBIN BUILDING IS THE FOCUS OF ACCUSATIONS OF POOR AIR QUALITY. ONE THING WE LEARNED LAST SUMMER OF INDOOR FRESH AIR IN THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS IS THAT OLDER BUILDINGS THINK SUCH AS LONG FELLOW, ARE BUILT WITH LARGE WINDOWS THAT ALLOW FOR FRESH AIR BEYOND THE BUILDING'S AIR INTAKE SYSTEM.

IN ADDITION, WE'LL HAVE HEPA FILTERS AVAILABLE. IT HOUSES STUDENTS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM AND WE DON'T ALLOW THEM IN THE BUILDING IF WE DIDN'T HAVE CONFIDENCE IN AIR QUALITY. WHEN IT COMES TO OPEN SPACE, NO DOUBT THE LONG FELLOW LOCATION HAS LESS OPEN SPACE THAN THE TOBIN BUILDING. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THE LONG FELLOW WILL HAVE MORE AVAILABLE OPEN SPACE THAN THE AMIGO SCHOOL, CAMBRIDGE PORT SCHOOL, IN THE AMOUNT OF OUTDOOR SPACE WILL NOT BE DIFFERENT FROM THE DIFFERENT FROM SOME OTHER SCHOOLS. WORKING WITH THE PRINCIPAL, I'M CONFIDENT WE CAN MAKE FULL USE OF THE PLAY AREAS. THERE ARE SMALL CITY PARK 300 YARDS THAT CAN BE UTILIZED FOR THE SCHOOL, IF THE SCHOOL DECIDES TO ACCESS IT.

SPEAKING MORE GENERALLY, I'D SAY CPS IS MORE THAN CAPABLE OF MEETING CHALLENGES AND CONCERNS OF THE RELOCATION. THE VASSAR LANE BUILDING WILL HOUSE THE TOBIN, BUT A CROWDED CRAMPED UPPER SCHOOL, THEY WERE PROMISED A NEW BUILDING A DECADE AGO. IT IS IN POOR SHAPE AND LEAKS INTO BARRELS FULL FROM THE RAINWATER AND BEYOND THE WATCHING REPAIR WE WERE DOING WHILE WE WAIT. THE HEATING SYSTEM IS IN VERY POOR SHAPE.

THIS PROJECT IS NOT JUST ABOUT TODAY'S TOBIN TEACHERS AND STUDENT AND A YEAR DELAY WILL PUSH THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR OUT. THIS IS ABOUT MEETING THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS NOW AND IN THE FUTURE YEARS. WE ARE CONFIDENT THE NEEDS CAN BE MET AT THE LONG FELLOW BUILDING.

THIS WAS SENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL. IT WAS SENT TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ON FRIDAY. MR. MALONEY IS NOT WITH US. THERE WILL BE SOME MORE MEETINGS ON THIS TOPIC FOR STAFF AND FAMILIES. AND CITY MANAGER, IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD, GO AHEAD.

>> CITY MANAGER: NO. I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK FOR MR. MALONEY. I THINK THE LETTER SPEAKS FOR HIMSELF. HE IS FIRM IN THE FACT HE FELT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD AND THAT'S THE CONVERSATION WE HAD. I'M SURE



THERE WILL BE MORE DISCUSSION. AT THIS POINT, THAT'S THE IMPRESSION I GOT. OKAY?

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: YUP.

>> CITY MANAGER: COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER'S QUESTION, REOPENING PLANS FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS INTO THE SUMMER. WHICH AREAS CAN WE EXPECT CAMBRIDGE TO LIFT RESTRICTIONS AND WILL BE THE CITY BE MORE STRINGENT AND WHEN CAN WE SEE MODIFICATIONS TO OUTDOOR MASK MANDATES. ON APRIL 29, THE CITY ANNOUNCED TELL ADVANCE TO PHASE FOUR, STEP ONE, OF THE REOPENING PLAN AND GATHERING LIMITS FOR EVENT VENUES AND PUBLIC SETTINGS WILL INCREASE FROM 100 PEOPLE INDOORS TO 150 OUTDOORS ON MAY SIX. ALL ACTIVITIES THAT ARE IDENTIFIED AS PHASE FOUR, STEP ONE, SHALL FOLLOW ANY AND ALL ORDERS GUIDANCE PERTAIN TO THE MITIGATION OF THE COVID 19 ISSUES BY THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE CITY, INCLUDING THE LICENSE COMMISSION, PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC WORKS, AND INSPECTIONAL SERVICES. THE APRIL 30, WE ALIGNED WITH THE COMMONWEALTH WITH REGARD TO OUTDOOR MASK WEARING. PROVISIONS OF THE CITY'S EMERGENCY ORDER IN WEARING MASKS IS IN EFFECT. THE CITY'S AMENDED ORDER, MASK OR FACE COVERING IS NOT REQUIRED OUTSIDE IN PUBLIC SPACES WHEN INDIVIDUALS CAN REMAIN AT A SAFE DISTANCE, SIX FEET FROM OTHERS. MASK OR FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED ALL TIMES AT INDOOR AND OUTDOOR VENUES AND EVENTS, EXCEPT WHEN EATING OR DRINKING AND IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS OF TWO OR MORE UNITS. THEY CONTINUE TO REQUIRE AN EMPLOYEES OF PLACES OF BUSINESS MAY REMOVE MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS ONLY WHEN WORKING ALONE IN INDIVIDUAL OFFICES WITH THE DOOR CLOSED OR WORKING ALONE IN THE OFFICE SUITE WITH NO OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT. MASK MUST BE WORN AT ALL OTHER TIMES. MAY SIX, 2021, THE CITY WILL RESEND THE EMERGENCY ORDER WITH ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FITNESS SENTENCE AND HEALTH CLUB OPERATIONS, WHICH ARE IN PLACE SINCE DECEMBER 26, 2020. THEY MUST CONTINUE TO COMPLY WITH ALL THE THE SPECIFIC SAFETY PROTOCOLS. CONTINUE SAVE REOPENINGS IN CAMBRIDGE, I EXPECT REOPENING STRATEGY WILL ALIGN WITH THE COMMONWEALTH REOPENING PLAN. MAY DO SO ON A DELAYED SCHEDULE AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST. THIS CONCLUDES MY RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS. ONCE AGAIN, I ASK OUR RESIDENTS TO REMAIN VIGILANT AND NOT LET THE GUARD DOWN. WEAR HIGH QUALITY MASKS WHEN INDOOR AND OUTDOOR WHEN AVAILABLE TO SOCIALLY DISTANCE, WASH HANDS FREQUENTLY, PRACTICE PHYSICAL DISTANCE AND LIMIT THE GATHERINGS WITH PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF THE HOUSE. WE HAVE MONITORED DATA COMING FROM THE COMMONWEALTH AND WORK WITH THE EXPERT ADVISORY PANEL, CITY DEPARTMENTS, BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO ENSURE WE ARE SUPPORTING AND PROTECTING THE SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY. I WANT TO THANK THE PARTNERS FOR THE COLLABORATION AND THANK THE CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY FOR COMPLIANCE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE.

AS WITH EACH PREVIOUS DECISION, I WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE TEAM, PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS IN THE STATE AND PARTNERS AS WE BEGIN TO EMERGE FROM THE PANDEMIC AND BEGIN TO THINK WHAT WILL COME NEXT. I TURN IT OVER TO CLAUDE NOW. THANK YOU.

>> CLAUDE JACOB: GOOD EVENING. THANK YOU. I THANK THE CITY MANAGER, DR. ASSAAD SAYAH, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE TONIGHT'S UPDATE. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I'M JOINED BY DR. DOBBERTEN, MEDICAL DIRECTOR. WE'LL FIELD ANY CLARIFYING QUESTIONS AT THE END OF THE REPORT. I HAVE EXCITING NEWS I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU. EARLIER TODAY, THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED THE NEXT PHASE OF THE STATE'S VACCINATION CAMPAIGN STATEWIDE. THE COMMONWEALTH IS IN THE PROCESS OF PIVOTING TO A TARGETED COMMUNITY BASED VACCINATION APPROACH. INCLUDING GREATER EMPHASIS ON COLLABORATIVES. WE'LL HAVE THE VACCINE SUPPLY TO FULLY OPERATE THE METRO NORTH REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE, INCLUDING THREE CLINICS AT THE ENCORE CASINO, TUFTS CAMPUS IN MEDFORD, AND CAMBRIDGE HEALTH ALLIANCE LOCATION IN SOMERVILLE NEXT TO TARGET. SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CITY MANAGER, MAYOR SIDDIQUI, DR. ASSAAD SAYAH, AND THE GAGGLE OF THE PARTNERS, COMMUNITIES TO HELP MAKE THIS HAPPEN AS WE PREPARE FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER OF THE ROLLOUT. WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE.

SO, AS YOU SEE, A SNAPSHOT, WHICH WE REPORT EACH WEEK. OVER 6,100 CASES. WE ARE AT 122 REPORTED FATALITIES AMONG RESIDENTS. AS YOU HEARD FROM THE CITY MANAGER, 0.44 POSITIVITY RATE, ABOUT A THIRD OF THE STATE'S AVERAGE. NEW INFECTIONS AMONG RESIDENTS HAVE DROPPED DRAMATICALLY IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS IN APRIL WITH MORE THAN 50% DECREASE IN NEW CONFIRMED CASES. HERE IN THE CITY, FOR THE PAST WEEK, ENDING MAY 1, WE HAD 66 NEW CONFIRMED CASES WHICH TRANSLATE TO AVERAGE OF 9.4 PER DAY OR 7.9 PER HUNDRED THOUSAND. NEW NUMBERS ARE SIMILAR REPORTED TO THOSE LAST WEEK. WE ARE CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC THAT THE NUMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO TREND. MEANWHILE, WE ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO GET VACCINATED AND TO NOT LET UP ON THE MASK WEARING, PHYSICAL DISTANCING, AND PRACTICING GOOD HAND HYGIENE.

NEXT SLIDE. SO, TESTING, TESTING, MORE TESTING. IT IS DECLINING SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. MORE TEENS AND ADULTS ARE VACCINATED, THIS DECLINE HAS BEEN EXPECTED. HOWEVER, AS I SAID LAST WEEK, CITY IS MAINTAINING THE SEVEN DAY A WEEK TESTING PROGRAM SINCE IT IS AN INVALUABLE TOOL IN SLOWING DOWN TRANSMISSION IN THE CITY. SO, REMINDER TESTING IS TAKING PLACE AT FOUR LOCATIONS ACROSS THE CITY. CAMBRIDGESIDE MALL. HARVARD SQUARE LOCATION. ST. JOHN'S CHURCH. AND THE 85 BISHOP ALLEN DRIVE. AND THIS IS FREE OF CHARGE TO RESIDENTS AND STAFF. UPON UPCOMING GRADUATIONS AND WARMER WEATHER, INVITES MORE GATHERINGS AND GET TOGETHERS, THEY ARE ALL REMINDERS IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN A TESTING SCHEDULE, WHICH WILL BE IN PLACE THROUGH THE END OF THE MONTH AND THEN WE'LL

REVISIT THE SCHEDULE. NEXT SLIDE.

AS YOU HAVE HEARD FROM THE CITY MANAGER, ON APRIL 27, THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED THAT MASSACHUSETTS WILL REOPEN SOME OUTDOOR PHASE FOUR, STEP TWO, INDUSTRIES. EFFECTIVE MAY 10 AND PUT IN PLACE PLANS TO REOPEN MAY 29 AND AUGUST ONE. SUBJECT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH DATA AND VACCINATION DATA, JUST KNOW THE SLIDE REFLECTS HIGHLIGHTS OF CHANGES GOING INTO AFFECT STATEWIDE OVER THE COMING WEEKS. FOR CAMBRIDGE, THE CITY IS ADVANCING TO PHASE FOUR, STEP ONE, OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S REOPENING PLAN. REMAINING MORE CONSERVATIVE IN THE REOPENING AS WE HAVE THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC. YOU HAVE HEARD FROM THE CITY MANAGER, KEY CHANGES, MASKS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED IN OUTDOOR PUBLIC SPACES WHERE INDIVIDUALS ARE ABLE TO PHYSICALLY DISTANCE, EXCEPT OUTDOOR EVENTS AND VENUES, INDOOR MASK RULES REMAIN THE SAME. GATHERING LIMITS IN THE CITY FOR EVENT VENUES AND IN PUBLIC SETTINGS WILL INCREASE TO 100 INDIVIDUALS INDOORS AND 150 OUTDOORS AS OF MAY 6.

AND THE CITY IS RESCINDING THE EXECUTIVE EMERGENCY ORDER WITH ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FITNESS AND HEALTHCARE OPERATIONS, EFFECTIVE MAY 6. IF PUBLIC HEALTH METRICS JUSTIFY CONTINUED SAFE REOPENING, CITY EXPECTS TO MORE CLOSELY ALINE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT AND MAY DO SO ON A DELAYED SCHEDULE.

SO, IN TERMS OF STATEWIDE. TO DATE, MORE THAN HALF OF OUR RESIDENT HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF THE VACCINE. THE COMMONWEALTH RANKS NUMBER ONE IN THE NATION FOR PERSONS HAVING RECEIVED ONE OR MORE DOSES ADMINISTERED PER CAPITA AMONG STATES WITH AT LEAST FIVE MILLION RESIDENTS. AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS RANKS SECOND IN THE NATION FOR PERSONS RECEIVED ONE DOSE ADMINISTERED PER CAPITA. MAKING STEADY PROGRESS DESPITE CHALLENGES. THAT IS A GOOD NEWS IN TERMS OF THE PROGRESS BEING MADE IN THE STATE.

NEXT SLIDE. VACCINE UPDATE. 95% OF THOSE WHO RECEIVED THE FIRST DOSE OF MODERNA HAVE RECEIVED THEIR SECOND DOSE. THIS IS UP FROM 90% THAT I ANNOUNCE LAST WEEK. WE HAVE ADMINISTERED NEARLY 5,900 DOSES OF VACCINES SINCE WE FIRST BEGAN THE VACCINATING ON JANUARY 11. WE ACTIVATED OPERATION NIGHTINGALE TO GET TO OUR FIRST RESPONDENTS. CITY RUN VACCINE CLINIC WAS HELD ON SATURDAY AT RESERVOIR CHURCH. WE ADMINISTERED 60 OF THE ONE DOSE JOHNSON & JOHNSON VACCINE AND WE'LL HOLDING ADDITIONAL CLINICS AT THE CAMBRIDGESIDE MALL AND RESERVOIR CHURCH LATER THIS WEEK. WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, AND THURSDAY MAY 6, WE'LL BE AT 100 CAMBRIDGE PLACE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE MALL. JUST ABOVE THE FOOD DAUGHTER AND FROM 10 4 P.M. AND ON FRIDAY, MAY SEVEN, WE'LL BE AT THE RESERVOIR CHURCH, 170 RINDGE AVENUE AND FROM 9 2 P.M. AND FROM 4 8 P.M. THE DETAILS ARE MADE AVAILABLE. WE WERE DELIGHTED THAT SECRETARY SUDDERS DROPPED BY THIS PAST WEEKEND TO GREET RESIDENT AND SEE THE CLINIC IN ACTION. WE ARE GRATEFUL THE STATE

SUPPORT AS WE GEAR UP FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER OF THE ROLLOUT EFFORTS. TO PROMOTE THE CLINICS, THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE AND OUR DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT THE CITY WIDE OUTREACH, INCLUDING CODE RED CALL, OUTREACH TO PARENTS, AND NOTIFYING CITY EMPLOYEES OF THE CLINICS. I HAVE JUST ANNOUNCED. RESIDENT SHOULD RECEIVE THE NOTIFICATION OR THE ROBOCALL THIS AFTERNOON. OUR DEPARTMENT WILL BEGIN MORE TARGETED OUTREACH BASED ON THE DATA TO COMMUNITIES AND BASED ON THE DEMOGRAPHICS WHERE VACCINE UPDATE IS CONSIDERED TO BE LOW.

MAYOR SIDDIQUI HAD A QUESTION FOR US. AND QUESTION FOR THE MAYOR, WHAT IS THE PLAN TO RESUME ON SITE VACCINATION FOR HOMEBOUND INDIVIDUALS NOW THAT JOHNSON & JOHNSON VACCINE IS REAUTHORIZED FOR USE? TO THAT QUESTION, OUR HOMEBOUND VACCINATION PROGRAM, KNOWN AS OPERATION SHEPARD, CONCLUDED THIS PAST FRIDAY. WE VACCINATED 12 ADDITIONAL RESIDENTS. IN TOTAL, 104 HOMEBOUND INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED THE COVID SHOT THROUGH THE PROGRAM OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS. GOING FORWARD, ANYONE SEEKING A HOMEBOUND VACCINATION WILL BE REFERRED TO THE STATE'S HOMEBOUND VACCINATION PROGRAM. THE SENIOR CENTERS AND COUNCIL ON AGING CALL CENTER HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE CHANGE AND WILL REFER CALLERS TO THE STATE PROGRAM. FOR THOSE INTERESTED, THE PHONE NUMBER IS 833.983.0485. AND INFORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE MASS.GOV WEBSITE. RACE AND ETHNICITY, THE DATA IS AVAILABLE BY THE STATE. THIS IS RESIDENT BY RACE AND ETHNICITY WHO RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF VACCINE IN CAMBRIDGE IN COMPARISON TO THE STATE. APRIL 27, 59% OF RESIDENTS RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF VACCINE. OUTPACING THE STATE. A THIRD OF CAMBRIDGE RESIDENTS ARE FULLY VACCINATED. ONE QUICK NOTE OR CLARIFICATION ABOUT THE SLIDE, IT DOESN'T INCLUDE ALL RACIAL ETHNIC CATEGORIES PROVIDED IN THE STATE'S DATA. NOTABLY, OVER 5,500 RESIDENT WHO IDENTIFIED AS OTHER AND UNKNOWN HAD RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF VACCINE. BECAUSE THE STATE DOESN'T HAVE ANY UNDERLYING POPULATION COUNT FOR OTHER OR UNKNOWN, WE CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT PROPORTION OF THE GROUP HAS BEEN VACCINATED. THESE ARE SELF REPORTED DATA.

WE HAVE VACCINATION DATA ON AMERICAN INDIAN, ALASKAN NATIVE, AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDERS. IT IS SO SMALL, FEWER THAN 200, WE DON'T SHOW THE DATA. ACCORDING TO THE STATE, THERE ARE BASICALLY 112,000 RESIDENTS IN CAME, OF WHOM OVER 65,000 HAVE GOTTEN AT LEAST ONE DOSE. AND BY CALCULATIONS, THAT'S ABOUT 59% OF THE POPULATION.

WE'LL BE SURE TO ADD A FOOTNOTE TO THIS SLIDE FOR FUTURE PRESENTATIONS TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO RESIDENTS. I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR NOLAN FOR DRAWING THAT OUT. AND AS I HAVE REPORTED EACH WEEK, CAMBRIDGE CONTINUES TO OUTPACE THE STATE IN VACCINATION RATES AND MOST RACE AND ETHNICITY CATEGORIES. WE SAW THE LARGEST INCREASE IN VACCINE NUMBERS AMONG ASIAN RESIDENTS AND THIS IS THE FIRST WEEK CAMBRIDGE SURPASSED THE STATE'S AVERAGES

IN THE PROPORTION OF ASIAN RESIDENT VACCINATED.

ALL OTHER GROUPS SHOWED STEADY, BUT MORE MODEST INCREASES FROM THE PRIOR WEEK. AS I SHARE EACH WEEK, I WANT TO THANK OUR FANTASTIC STAFF, CAMBRIDGE PANDEMIC COLLABORATIVE TEAM, CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE, MAYOR'S OFFICE, AND OTHERS FOR THE ONGOING GRASSROOTS OPERATION TO GET THE WORD OUT TO ALL ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF VACCINE AND WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS ON THE GROUND TO ENSURE ALL RESIDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO THE VACCINE AS MADE AVAILABLE. NEXT SLIDE.

AGAIN, SAME PATTERN COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS SLIDE. YOU CAN SEE, CAMBRIDGE CONTINUES TO OUTPACE THE STATE IN EVERY CATEGORY IN PROPORTION OF TEENS AND ADULTS BY AGE AND GENDER. THEY HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF VACCINE. WE SAW THE BIGGEST JUMP IN VACCINATION NUMBERS AMONG RESIDENTS IN THEIR 20S, WHICH IS HEARTENING SINCE WE COUNT ON THIS DEMOGRAPHIC TO ACHIEVE HERD IMMUNITY. WE SEE VERY LITTLE GAP IN MEN AND WOMEN BEING VACCINATED. THAT IS ANOTHER POSITIVE SIGN. TRENDS ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. I CAN'T THANK THE TEAM ENOUGH, THE CLINICAL STAFF TO MAKE SURE WE PROVIDE THE SUPPORT TO RESIDENTS. AND THANKS TO THE PARTNERS IN THE CITY TO GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING VACCINATING. AND THEN WRAP UP. COMMUNICATIONS. WE HAD A ROBUST COMMUNICATION STRATEGY SINCE BEFORE THE VACCINE ARRIVED. THIS INCLUDES CITY WIDE, MAILERS, CITY EMAIL UPDATES, SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS, AND TARGETED OUTREACH, SENIORS IN THE LOW INCOME HOUSING AND IN NORTH CAMBRIDGE VIA THE EFFORTS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CORPS MEMBERS GOING DOOR TO DOOR. AND ADDITIONAL CITY WIDE COMMUNICATION WILL GO OUT THIS WEEK. I SHARED WITH THE ROBOCALL THAT OCCURRED EARLIER, AS WELL AS OUTREACH TO CPS. PARENTS FROM THE CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. MORE TARGETED COMMUNICATION WILL ACCOMPANY THE CITY WIDE MESSAGING TO GROUPS BASED ON THE STATE'S AND CITY VACCINE DATA. AND WE CONTINUE OUR COMMUNITY FORUMS WITH THE CLINICIAN SPEAKERS BUREAU, I CAN'T THANK ENOUGH DR. DOBBERTEN, JODY, AND OTHER STAFF, FOR HELPING US TO ENGINEER THIS WITH SUPPORT OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE. AND CHPD IS PLANNING A COMMUNITY FORUM IN HAITIAN CREOLE FROM WEDNESDAY MAY 19 AND IN SPANISH ON THURSDAY, MAY 27. AND I WILL ADD, SPECIAL THANKS TO LEE GIANETTI AND THE INCREDIBLE NETWORK OF COMMUNICATION STAFF ACROSS THE CITY TO HELP US GET THE WORD OUT.

LAST SLIDE. WE TRIED TO SHARE WITH YOU AN AVAILABLE COMMENTARY FROM THE FIELD. THIS PUTS IN THE CONTEXT THE NUMBERS. IN THIS INSTANCE, IT WAS A FEEDBACK SHARED WITH A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES THIS WEEKEND. AT THE RESERVOIR CHURCH. I HAD A HUSBAND AND WIFE COME IN WITH PLANS FOR ONLY THE HUSBAND TO BE VACCINATED DUE TO CONCERNS ABOUT THE REPORTS OF BLOOD CLOTS IN WOMEN WHO RECEIVED THE JOHNSON & JOHNSON VACCINE. I DISCUSSED WITH THE HUSBAND COMMON EXPECTED SIDE EFFECTS, SORE ARM, BODY ACHES, MILD

FEVER, VERSUS SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS, SEVERE HEADACHE, LEG PAIN, OR BRUISING. BOTH LISTENED AND ASKED SEVERAL FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS. THE HUSBAND WAS VACCINATED AND THE WIFE WENT WITH THEM TO THE OBSERVATION AREA. MOMENTS LATER, SHE RETURNED AND CHANGED HER MIND AND WANTED TO BE VACCINATED. THIS IS JUST A SMALL ILLUSTRATION OF THE POWER AND THE REACH AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE STAFF AND HAVING THE CONVERSATIONS WITH FOLKS. WE ARE STILL GOING THROUGH THE DIFFICULT EXPERIENCE OF THE PAST YEAR. THANK YOU FOR INCREDIBLE NURSING STAFF, THANK YOU FOR THE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE LEANED IN TRYING TO HELP RESIDENTS. WITH THAT, HAPPY NATIONAL NURSES WEEK. IF YOU KNOW, TRACY, OR ASSOCIATE CHIEF OF CLINICAL SERVICES, SHE HAS THE LION SHARE OF THE CLINICAL STAFF UNDER HER, I WANT TO THANK TRACY AND THE STAFF. IF YOU SEE A NURSE, HUG THEM, AND SAY THANKS FOR THEIR TIME AND SUPPORT. ESPECIALLY THROUGH COVID. WITH THAT, I WILL STOP AND LISA AND I CAN FIELD QUESTIONS.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL, CLARIFYING QUESTIONS ON THE PRESENTATION? WAIT ONE SECOND. COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN? YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU. MY THANKS TO THE CITY MANAGER AND STAFF FOR THE UPDATE. CERTAINLY EXCITED TO SEE OUR CASE COUNTS GOING DOWN AND THE VACCINATION RATES GOING UP. THAT'S EXCELLENT NEWS. I DID HAVE A QUESTION WITH THE CHANGE IN THE MASK MANDATE. THIS WEEKEND, WE HAD REALLY NICE WEATHER. A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE OUT. FOR THE MOST PART, PEOPLE ARE STILL WEARING THE MASKS OUTDOORS BECAUSE CAMBRIDGE IS DENSE. WE RUN INTO EACH OTHER ALL THE TIME.

WE DID GET SOME REPORTS ABOUT CONSTRUCTION WORKERS DOING ROAD WORK AND SOME POLICE DETAILS NOT WEARING THE MASKS. I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND BETTER, WHAT IS THE POLICY WITH REGARD TO THAT? I UNDERSTAND THEY DON'T NECESSARILY TO BE WEARING THE MASK ALL THE TIME. WHEN THEY ARE OUTDOORS DOING A DETAIL, JUST LIKE THE REST OF US, THERE'S FREQUENT ENCOUNTERS WITH OTHER PEOPLE. IT WOULD SEEM BETTER TO JUST HAVE THE MASK ON ALL THE TIME. I WANTED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE POLICY IS ON THAT.

>> CITY MANAGER: CLAUDE, YOU WANT TO START?

>> CLAUDE JACOB: SURE. AT THIS STAGE, WE FIELD COMPLAINTS. WE HEARD ABOUT CONSTRUCTION WORKERS, IN PARTICULAR. WE HAVE A SYSTEM IN PLACE WITH THE INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO RESPOND TO THE REQUEST FOR CONCERNS. CLEARLY, GIVEN THE NEWS AND WHAT WE SHARED THIS PAST FRIDAY, TO GET THE RIGHT INFORMATION OUT TO FOLKS. IN GENERAL, WHAT WE DO KNOW BASED ON THE SCIENCE, THE RELATIVE RISK OF TRANSMISSION IS MUCH LOWER FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES THAN INDOOR. RIGHT NOW, WE ARE TRYING TO MESSAGE THIS ACCORDINGLY. IN TERMS OF A POLICY, I'D SAY WHAT WE HAVE AMENDED IS THE EXECUTIVE ORDER AND THE REQUIREMENT TO WEAR MASK OUTDOORS. IF WHAT WE ENCOURAGE FOLKS IS IN GENERAL AVOID INDOOR GATHERINGS,

MAINTAIN A SAFE DISTANCE OUTDOORS, AND USE AN EFFECTIVE MASK WHERE POSSIBLE. I WILL PAUSE THERE AND DEFER TO THE CITY MANAGER FOR OTHER POLICIES. WE FIELD THE QUERIES AND WORK WITH ISD.

>> CITY MANAGER: I WILL SAY WE HAD THE AMBASSADORS OUT AGAIN TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE FOLLOWED GUIDELINES. MATT IS WORKING WITH THE CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE. MATT NELSON AND KATHY. MAYBE THEY CAN GIVE A QUICK UPDATE ON WHERE WE ARE WITH THAT. MATT OR KATHY?

>> MATT: I WILL KICK IT OVER TO KATHY. WE ARE MEETING THIS WEEK AS THE STATE ADJUSTED THE SECTOR SPECIFIC GUIDELINES. KATHY, YOU CAN SPEAK ON SPECIFICS.

>> KATHY: WE HAVE A WEEKLY MEETING WITH CONTRACTORS DOING WORK IN THE CITY. THE MESSAGING WE GAVE TO THEM WAS THE LANGUAGE FROM THE UPDATED MASK ORDER IN TERMS OF OUTDOORS, NOT REQUIRED IF THEY CAN KEEP SEPARATION. AND SO, AGAIN, THAT'S GOING TO BE A STRUGGLE AS THE SUMMER CONTINUES AND IT IS HOTTER. THAT'S THE MESSAGE WE GIVE FOLKS IN TERMS OF THE MASK NOT REQUIRED OUTDOORS UNLESS THEY CAN'T KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCING.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN?

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT ANSWER. I WILL SAY ON THE CONSTRUCTION WORKER SIDE, IT WAS A STRUGGLE BEFORE WE CHANGED THE MANDATE. I APPRECIATE THE ONGOING THERE. I REALLY DIDN'T GET AN ANSWER. I DON'T KNOW ON THE POLICE QUESTION. IS THERE A SEPARATE POLICY FOR POLICE DOING DETAILS OR WORKING OUTSIDE OR WE JUST FOLLOWING THE SAME THING?

>> CITY MANAGER: IT SHOULD BE NO SEPARATE, BUT COMMISSIONER BARD IS ON THE LINE. I WILL TURN IT OVER TO HIM. COMMISSIONER?

>> COMMISSIONER BARD: THERE'S NO SEPARATE POLICY. THE MANDATE IS THE MANDATE. I WILL CLARIFY, AS WHETHER YOU GET COMPLAINTS ABOUT CONSTRUCTION WORKERS NOT WEARING THE MASK WHILE POLICE OFFICERS ARE PRESENT ON THE DETAIL OR POLICE OFFICERS NOT WEARING THE MASK. I HEARD THE FORMER, NOT THE LATTER.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU. I HEARD THE COMPLAINT, SEEING CONSTRUCTION WORKERS NOT WEARING THE MASK. AND SEPARATELY POLICE DETAILS NOW I THINK IN THE CASE THAT I WAS SEEING, IT IS NOT A CAMBRIDGE POLICE OFFICER, BUT THEY WERE DOING A TRAFFIC DETAIL IN CAMBRIDGE. I UNDERSTAND THAT COULD BE CHALLENGING MAYBE YOU CAN'T DIRECT THEM TO DO ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE STATE POLICY. IT IS A CONCERN. BECAUSE OF THE DENSITY IN CAMBRIDGE AND THE FREQUENCY.

>> COMMISSIONER BARD: IF YOU DO A DETAIL IN CAMBRIDGE, WE RIDE AROUND AND HOLD OFFICERS ACCOUNTABLE. IF YOU WITNESS A VIOLATION TO MAKE IT LET ME KNOW ABOUT IT. SEND A QUICK EMAIL OR CONTINUE TO NOTIFY THE COUNCIL. WE'LL DEAL WITH IT APPROPRIATELY. WE ENFORCE THE REGULATIONS AND RULES. JUST TO BE CLEAR, I HAVEN'T RECEIVED THAT

COMPLAINT ABOUT A CAMBRIDGE POLICE OFFICER IN A GREAT DEAL OF TIME. IF.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU. I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT EITHER FOR A CAMBRIDGE POLICE OFFICER. THANK YOU. I HAVE ONE MORE QUICK QUESTION. DO WE KNOW AMONG THE POLICE OFFICERS, HOW MANY ARE VACCINATED SO FAR?

>> COMMISSIONER BARD: ABOUT 85%. DON'T HOLD ME EXACTLY TO THAT. THROUGH YOU, MAYOR SIDDIQUI, 85% GIVE OR TAKE A FRACTION.

>> CITY MANAGER: I THOUGHT SAW THE CAMBRIDGE POLICE AND FIRE IS LEADING THE PERCENTAGE OF ANY POLICE OR FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE STATE. CLAUDE?

>> CLAUDE JACOB: YES. OVER 90% IF YOU COMBINE. FIRE, THERE IS AN ARTICLE IN THE GLOBE A COUPLE OF WEEKS, PRO EMS, THEY ARE AT 99%. IF NOT ALREADY 100. WE HAVE DONE VERY WELL THANKS TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND WE LAUNCHED THAT VACCINATION CITY RUN CLINIC IN JANUARY 11. I CAN'T THANK OUR PARTNERS AT POLICE, FIRE, AND EMS FOR THAT EFFORT.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: GOING TO COUNCILLOR NOLAN AND THEN VICE MAYOR MALLON.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: THANK YOU. I CAN ATTEST TO ONE TIME WHEN I BRAVELY APPROACHED A POLICE OFFICER FROM CAMBRIDGE, TOLD THEM THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS DIDN'T HAVE MASK ON, THAT POLICE OFFICER WAS ON IT AND MADE SURE IT WAS HAPPENING. I REALLY THANK THE VIGILANCE OF THE GROUPS AND HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE BEYOND THIS. MY QUICK QUESTION IS, IT IS A COMMENT FOLLOWING UP ON THE REFERENCE TO THE LIBRARY OPENING UP. TAKE IN MIND AND CONSIDER THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO USE THE LIBRARY BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER SPACE TO WORK. THERE'S JUST PEOPLE WHO USE IT NOT JUST TO BROWSE BOOKS AND GET THEM, IT IS A CRITICAL PART OF THE LIFE. SOONER WE CAN GET TO THE STAGE WHERE WE CAN ALLOW PEOPLE TO GO IN AND RESERVE THE SMALL STUDY ROOMS AND USE THE LIBRARY AS THEY USED TO, THE BETTER IT WILL BE FOR THE RESIDENTS. I RECOGNIZE YOU HAVE TO BALANCE MANY THINGS, I HOPE WE CAN GET TO THAT SOON. THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE THAN JUST GETTING BOOKS THAT USE THE FACILITIES.

>> CITY MANAGER: I WILL SAY, MARIA IS A SPOKESPERSON FOR ALL THE MEMBERS WHO USE THE LIBRARY AND IS REALLY TRIED TO DO COME UP WITH THE BEST PLAN POLICY. I APPRECIATE THAT. THESE OF DIFFICULT CALLS, BUT WE'RE HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. MARIA HAS THAT CONCERN. WE'LL ADDRESS IT WHEN WE CAN. THANK YOU.

>> VICE MAYOR MALLON: THANK YOU. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE VACCINE CLINICS THAT HAPPENED THIS WEEKEND AND CONTINUING THIS WEEK. IT IS A TRUE TESTAMENT TO WHERE WE ARE IN OUR VACCINATIONS THAT WERE IN THIS PLACE WHERE WE OFFER NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY VACCINATIONS. I DID WANT TO POINT OUT, THANKS FOR SENDING THE



PARTICULAR, I GOT A VOICEMAIL, EMAIL. A LOT OF COMMUNICATION. I WANT TO SAY THAT WHEN I GOT THE TEXT, I THOUGHT IT WAS CONFUSINGLY WORDED. IT SAYS NO APPOINTMENT CITY OF CAMBRIDGE VACCINE CLINICS ON MAY 6, 7 THE WAY I READ IT, NO APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE AT THE CLINICS. IF YOU SEND OUT ADDITIONAL TEXT, THINK ABOUT THE WAY IT IS WORDED WOULD BE HELPFUL TO DECREASE THE CONFUSION AND MINIMIZE THOSE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT THAT MEANS.

AGAIN, THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY WHO IS MAKING THIS HAPPEN. THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. POLICE, FIRE AND EMT, IT IS AMAZING WE ARE WHERE WE ARE WITH VACCINATIONS. I WILL CALL OUT THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE REPORTED ONE CASE OF COVID 19 TODAY. ONE. AND SO, I THINK THAT IS A REAL TESTAMENT TO THE TEAM AND I WANT TO SAY THANKS ON THE FLOOR. THANKS. I YIELD.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: NO OTHER QUESTIONS. ROLL CALL ON PLACING CITY MANAGER AGENDA ITEM ONE AND COMMUNICATION REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS, NUMBER THREE, ON FILE.

>> MR. CLERK: ON THE MOTION: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: MOVING TO CITY MANAGER AGENDA ITEM NUMBER THREE. (READING CITY MANAGER'S ITEM NUMBER 3). COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR?

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU. I WAS GLAD TO SEE THIS ON THE AGENDA. I HAVE BEEN ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PROJECT AND HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE ENGAGED FOR QUITE SOME TIME. REALLY EXCITED TO SEE THIS FINALLY COMING FORWARD.

I DO HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE IMPACTS ON MORGAN PARK, THE CENTRAL FOCUS OF THE COMMUNITY THERE. THE BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS THAT HAPPEN THERE AND OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. IT WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT LOSS WHILE THAT IS NOT AVAILABLE. IT IS NOT CLEAR EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE PLANNING TO DO TO MITIGATE THAT LOSS.

>> KATHY: I CAN RESPOND TO THAT AND WE CAN ADD IN ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS. PART OF WHAT WE'RE DOING, LOOKING AT MORE TECHNICAL ANALYSIS ABOUT WHERE THE ADDITIONAL TANK IS GOING TO BE LOCATED. PEOPLE MAY KNOW THAT WE'RE JUST WRAPPING UP THE CONSTRUCTION AND PARKING LOT SIX. THAT IS THE FIRST TANK THAT IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROGRAM AND REALLY WE'LL START TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF FLOODING. REDUCING THE FREQUENCY AND SEVERITY OF THE FLOODING. THAT FIRST TANK IS COMING ONLINE NOW. AND THEN LOOKING AT WHAT THE NEXT PHASE IS. THE DISCUSSION WE HAVE HAD, THERE WOULD BE THE STORMWATER TANK AND THE SEWER HOLDING TANK TO REDUCE THE IMPACTS ON NEIGHBORHOOD AND IT WAS LOOKED AT FOR THE PAST 10 15 YEARS THE TANK IS LOCATED IN THE PARK UNDER THE BASKETBALL COURTS. OVER THE LAST NUMBER OF YEARS AS WE DID OUTREACH, WE HEARD CONCERNS ABOUT THE IMPACTS OF TAKING BASKETBALL COURTS OUT OF SERVICE FOR A PERIOD OF TIME TO FULLY BUILD THE TANKS.

**Motion to place City Manager Agenda #1 and Communications from other City Officers #3 on file.**

**CITY MANAGER ITEM #1  
A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a COVID-19 update.**

**COMMUNICATION AND REPORT FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS #3  
A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, transmitting questions for the COVID-19 update.**

WE SPENT TIME LOOKING AT ALTERNATIVES. ONE, ARE THERE LOCATIONS WHERE WE CAN DO TEMPORARY BASKETBALL COURTS DURING CONSTRUCTION. AND WE LOOKED AT OTHER LOCATIONS WHERE WE CAN DO THE TANK AND NOT NEED TO USE THE PARK AT ALL. THAT'S ONE DISCUSSIONS WE WANT TO HAVE WITH THE COMMITTEE. OUR DIRECTION IS TO IDENTIFY GOING BACK INTO PARKING LOT SIX, MAYBE TEN YEARS FROM NOW, AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE OR OTHER ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO PROVIDE THE FLOOD PROTECTION TO THE COMMUNITY WITHOUT IMPACTING THE BASKETBALL COURTS FOR CONSTRUCTION.

>> CITY MANAGER: KATHY SAID IT PERFECTLY. WE UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BASKETBALL COURTS AND WE'LL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO GET THE RIGHT BALANCE. I ASSURE YOU.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU. PLEASANTLY SURPRISING ANSWER. THANK YOU FOR THAT. DID YOU SAY TEN YEARS FROM NOW.

>> KATHY: WHEN CRITICAL PHASING AND LOOKING TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM FAIRLY FREQUENT STORM EVENTS. THINKING ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE AND THINKING ABOUT WHEN THE VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS NEED TO HAPPEN. THAT'S ONE THING THAT WE'LL WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY ON. AND WORK THROUGH THE COMMITTEE. I WILL JUST EMPHASIZE, I HAVE THE FLOOR, WE ARE HOPING WE GET ENGAGED WITH THE COMMITTEE ON HOW BEST TO ENGAGE WITH THE COMMUNITY. THAT'S THE FIRST COUPLE OF MEETINGS WE HAVE WITH THIS WORKING GROUP. TALK ABOUT HOW BEST TO ENGAGE WITH THE COMMUNITY AND GET INPUT THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH. MY LAST QUESTION, I WAS HAPPY TO SEE THE TENANT COUNCIL GETTING A SLOT. IT WAS NOT CLEAR TO ME EXACTLY HOW THAT WAS GOING TO BE DECIDED WHO GETS TO TAKE THAT SEAT AND WHEN IT IS RESOLVED.

>> KATHY: WE HAVE REACHED OUT TO THE TENANTS COUNCIL AND LOOK FOR A RECOMMENDATION FROM THEM FOR SOMEONE TO PARTICIPATE ON THE COMMITTEE. WE KNOW THAT IT IS AN IMPORTANT VOICE THAT NEEDS TO BE REPRESENTED. WE DON'T HAVE A SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL, BUT DID WANT TO IDENTIFY THAT AS A VOICE THAT NEEDS TO BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: THANK YOU. I WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF THE PROGRESS OF THE WORKING GROUP. I WILL NOTE FOR THE COUNCIL AND THOSE WHO MAY NOT HAVE BEEN ON THE COUNCIL AT THE TIME, THIS PROCESS AND NOTIFICATION OF PROCESS GOES BACK SEVERAL YEARS. I WILL ACKNOWLEDGE KATHY WATKINS, I REMEMBER THE FIRST CONVERSATION. I SAID, WHAT, WHERE, AND WHO? SHE WAS VERY OPEN. SHE AND OTHERS AND CITY MANAGER DEPASQUALE, THE CITY HAS TO BE ENGAGED, AND WE DID ENGAGEMENT BEFORE THIS PROCESS OF APPOINTING THE COMMITTEE. WE ENGAGE COMMUNITY ART CENTER. WE TALKED

ABOUT DOING ART WORK. AND EVERYTHING THAT WE COULD DO TO GENTLY, BUT CONSISTENTLY ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY OVER TIME. I WANT TO SAY, MAYBE A MODEL WE WANT TO BE THOUGHTFUL AND DELIBERATIVE AROUND. REPLICATING ACROSS THE COMMUNITIES SO WE GET A WIDE RANGE OF PARTICIPANTS, WHICH YOU SEE IN THIS LETTER, SOME NAMES OF THE PEOPLE THAT WERE SELECTED. I DON'T KNOW. THAT'S A GOOD THING.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT ARE TRIED, TRUE, AND LONG TERM PORT RESIDENTS. IT WAS IMPORTANT IT IS A MIXTURE OF INDIVIDUALS. AS ODD AS IT MAY SEEM, IT IS A SEWER PROJECT, BUT A COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECT BECAUSE WE ARE A BUILT COMMUNITIES. WE ARE INTERESTED IN KNOWING HOW YOU FEEL. ONE OF THE FIRST QUESTIONS I HAPPEN TO ASK, WHAT WILL YOU DO IF YOU TAKE THE PARK OFFLINE. GREEN ROSE PARK DOESN'T HAVE BASKETBALL COURT. AND BASKETBALL IS A BIG THING THERE ARE A NUMBER OF BALL GAMES. I KNOW THERE'S A NAME FOR IT. I CAN'T THINK ABOUT IT. THEY HAPPEN ON A REGULAR BASIS THROUGH THE CHA. AND A LOT OF PROGRAMS THAT ARE RUN THROUGH PT THAT HAPPEN ANNUALLY AND BEFORE COVID, WE WERE THINKING ABOUT SOME OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS WE DO. TAKING THIS OFFLINE IS A HUGE THING, WE ARE COGNIZANT OF IT. AND I DO HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE, WE TELL THE CITY FOLKS WHEN THEY HAVEN'T MET THE STANDARDS, THIS TIME I CAN SAY THEY HAVE MET THEIR STANDARD AND CONTINUED TO DO SO. I'M PLEASED TO SEE THIS. I'M GLAD TO SEE THE REPRESENTATION BEING AS VARIED AND DIVERSE RACIALLY, ETHICALLY, AND INTERGENERATIONALLY. I WILL KEEP AN WATCHFUL EYE ON THE PROCESS WHERE I'M LITERALLY AROUND THE BLOCK FROM WHERE I LIVE. I WILL DRIVE BY, WALK BY IT, AND I WILL BE VERY CLOSELY AWARE OF WHAT GOES ON. GOOD WORK TO THE CITY MANAGER, AND MS. WATKINS, AND I WILL PAY A LOT OF ATTENTION TO THIS AS I'M SURE MY COLLEAGUES WILL DO AS WELL. I YIELD.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: I SEE NO OTHER QUESTIONS. ON THE MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS TO PLACE THIS ON FILE, ROLL CALL.

>> MR. CLERK: ON THE MOTION: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: CITY MANAGER AGENDA ITEM FOUR. (READING CITY MANAGER'S ITEM NUMBER FOUR).

>> COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER: THANK YOU. I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS BECAUSE I WASN'T ABLE TO FIND MUCH INFORMATION ONLINE. THE CITY MANAGER AND STAFF TALK ABOUT WHAT PUBLIC WEIGHERS DO AND THE HISTORY OF THE POSITION IS?

>> CITY MANAGER: I WILL START OFF AND THEN TURN IT OVER TO OTHERS. I WILL SAY THIS, I HAVE BEEN CITY MANAGER SINCE STARTING MY FIFTH YEAR AND I HAVE SAID ONE TIME SOMEONE WILL PULL THIS. IT IS CONFUSING. IT IS REALLY UNDER THE STATE GUIDANCE OF INSPECTION WE DON'T DO BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE EQUIPMENT. I WILL LEAVE IT OVER TO ANTHONY, THE HEAD OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES TO DISCUSS HOW IT WORKS.

**City Manager Agenda #3  
placed on file.**

**CITY MANAGER AGENDA  
#3**

**A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of The Port Infrastructure Project Working Group, effective May 3, 2021 for a period of 12-15 months.**

**City Manager Agenda #4  
placed on file.**

**A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Public Weighers for the calendar year 2021 to operate scales at Boston Sand and Gravel, 118-R Industrial Park, Cambridge.**

**Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of May 3, 2021 5:30 PM (Submission of the Record)**

>> ANTHONY: SURE. THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER. BOSTON SAND AND GRAVEL HAVE HIGH CAPACITY SCALES THAT REQUIRE SPECIALIZED TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT. TESTING THEIR SCALES AND BY SWEARING IN THE EMPLOYEES THROUGH THE CITY CLERK, THEY AGREE TO FAITHFULLY AND IMPARTIALLY PERFORM THE DUTIES. WE DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY AND EQUIPMENT TO TEST THE SCALES. ONCE A YEAR, WE GO OUT AND VERIFY A TEST WITH THEM. THEY ARE SELLING TONS OF EQUIPMENT GRAVEL AND CEMENT. WE JUST DON'T HAVE THE AMOUNT OF WEIGHTS TO TEST THE SCALES. I LOOK BACK, THIS IS A PRACTICE SINCE THE EARLY 1990S, FROM WHAT I CAN TELL. THAT'S WHY WE SWEAR THEIR EMPLOYEES IN.

>> COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER: THAT ANSWERS MY QUESTION. WHO THE FOLKS ARE, HOW THEY ARE SELECTED. BOSTON SAND AND GRAVEL. NOT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

>> ANTHONY: THAT'S CORRECT.

>> COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER: A PROCESS MANDATED UNDER STATE LAW? I THINK OF THE COMPANIES THAT THEY HAVE EQUIPMENT.

>> ANTHONY: NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY, THE FOLLOWING PERSON SHALL BE AUTHORIZED AND NOT REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A LICENSE AS PUBLIC WEIGHERS. WE CAN SWEAR THEM IN TO PERFORM THE DUTIES.

>> COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER: OKAY. THAT'S HELPFUL BACKGROUND. I WILL YIELD.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? I DON'T SEE ANY ON THIS ONE. ON THE MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER TO PLACE THIS ON FILE, WE CAN DO A ROLL CALL.

>> MR. CLERK: PLACING THE ITEM ON FILE: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: GOING TO CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA ITEM FIVE. (READING CITY MANAGER'S ITEM NUMBER FIVE) COUNCILLOR NOLAN, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR?

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: THANK YOU. I BELIEVE I SAW SAM ON THE CALL AS WELL. I APPRECIATE THE RESPONSE TO THE POLICY ORDER ABOUT PLANS ON THIS. WE ASKED FOR PLANS FOR MONITORING THE SITUATION FOR COMMUNICATION ABOUT CONSERVATION AND ALSO INSTITUTING WATER SAVINGS. THE MEMO THAT ACCOMPANIES THIS PRETTY MUCH ANSWERS THE QUESTION. I DO HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW IT IS WE'LL DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT. I WAS DISAPPOINTED TO THINK WE DIDN'T LEARN OR DIDN'T THINK WE COULD HAVE DONE BETTER IN 2016, THE LAST TIME WE HAD A REPORT. WE KNOW WITH THE CLIMATE CRISIS, THERE'S AN INCREASE CHALLENGE TO PREDICT BASED ON PAST USAGE. WE KNOW THAT LAST YEAR, THE PANDEMIC MEANT THAT WATER USAGE WAS DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY, BUT DOWN BECAUSE THERE WERE 10,000 FEWER STUDENTS AND MAYBE 20,000 FEWER WORKERS AND WE ADD THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF HOUSING

City manager Agenda #5  
placed on file

**CITY MANAGER AGENDA  
#5**

**A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-25, regarding a report on monitoring drought conditions and an update on demand projections.**

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of May 3, 2021 5:30 PM (Submission of the Record)

UNITS. TWO QUESTIONS.

I REALLY URGE THE WATER DEPARTMENT TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT, EITHER LEE GIANETTI AND TO THE CITY MANAGER TO RAMP UP THE COMMUNICATION ON DROUGHT IN ADVANCE. AND I SAY THAT, THE LAST WEEK SINCE THIS CAME OUT, OVER THE WEEKEND, I WAS AT JERRY'S POND CLEANUP, I ASKED DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THE DROUGHT. DID YOU HEAR ANYTHING AND NOBODY HAD. AND IT JUST MEANS WHILE WE TRY TO DO SOMETHING, THEY WERE NOT EFFECTIVE. I KNOW THE WATER DEPARTMENT IS TWEETING OUT EVERY DAY. BASED ON THE LIKES THEY GET, THEY HAVE FEWER AS ABOUT THE NUMBER OF LIKES I DO. WE ARE NOT GETTING THE COMMUNICATION OUT TO PEOPLE. THEY REALLY DON'T KNOW WHEN IT HAPPENS. I HAVE SUGGESTED, IT COULD BE A PERFECT ARTICLE FOR THE BIENNIAL COMMUNICATIONS. I WILL SAY, I GOT THIS POSTCARD TODAY FROM THE CURB SIDE COMPOST IS BACK. IF WE SEE SIGNS THE DROUGHT IS SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR, WE DO THE FULL COURT PRESS TO REDUCE THE WATER USE. IT IS A CRITICALLY IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THE CITY. THAT WAS JUST ONE URGING YOU TO RAMP IT UP AND DO MORE. PEOPLE DON'T GET THE MESSAGE FROM EVERYTHING I HAVE ASCERTAINED BY TALKING TO RESIDENTS.

THE OTHER HOPE, WE ASKED FOR THIS WATER PROJECTION AND IT WAS SAID IT LONG TERM PLANS WOULD BE UPDATED. WE ANTICIPATE THE EFFORT WILL TAKE 6 TO 12 MONTHS. I HOPE WE CAN DO IT RELATIVELY QUICK REVIEW. MAYBE THE WATER BOARD CAN REVIEW IN A FEW MONTHS. AGAIN, WITH THE PANDEMIC HAVING DAMPENED DEMAND AND WE KNOW WE ARE ADDING COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, THERE'S LABS THAT USE WATER AND CONTINUING TO ADD HUNDRED AND THOUSANDS OF UNITS, WE COULD BE IN A SITUATION WHERE WE NEED A QUICKER SENSE OF THE WATER DEMAND. I'M NOT SURE IF THE CITY MANAGER OR SOMEONE WANTS TO RESPOND. I APPRECIATE THE REPORT AND ALSO REALLY HOPE WE MOVE FORWARD FASTER ON THE WATER DEMAND AND WE COMMUNICATE DIFFERENTLY.

>> CITY MANAGER: I WILL START AND THEN TURN IT OVER TO SAM. OVER THE LAST TWO OR THREE YEARS, WE HAVE INCREASED DRAMATICALLY NOTIFICATIONS AROUND THE DROUGHT. COUNCILLOR NOLAN, YOU ARE A KEY FACTOR IN MAKING SURE WE DO THAT. BASED ON COVID, AS MUCH AS THERE WERE PEOPLE WITH CONCERNS WITH THE DROUGHT, I THINK THEY PROBABLY COULD HAVE SAID THAT AND DIDN'T PAY ATTENTION AS MUCH AS THEY WOULD HAVE BECAUSE WE WERE IN A CRISIS. I DO KNOW SAM WE HAVE TALKED NUMEROUS TIMES ABOUT HOW TO DO A BETTER JOB WITH MESSAGING. SAM MADE CHANGES ON HOW TO GET THE MESSAGE OUT. IT IS AN IMPORTANT ONE TO GET OUT. SAM, TALK ABOUT SOME THINGS YOU ARE DOING. THANK YOU. IT IS IMPORTANT.

>> SAM: WITH THE DEMAND STUDY, IT DOES IF YOU WANT TO DO A REAL PREDICTION THAT IS REASONABLY ACCURATE. IT TAKES TIME TO GO THROUGH ALL THE UPDATES THAT THE CITY MAY HAVE DONE ON THE ZONING AND ALL THAT STUFF AS WELL AS LOOK AT THE PREDICTIONS AND THE CITY DEPARTMENTS TO GET THE INFORMATION. IT TAKES TIME. IF WE

WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE IMPLICATION OF THE PANDEMIC WAS, WE PROBABLY NEED TIME TO SEE WHAT THE STATISTICS ARE SO WE CAN SEE WHAT THE IMPACT, LONG TERM IMPACT WOULD BE ON THE PANDEMIC.

I WILL WORK WITH OUR CONSULTANT TO LOOK AT ALL THE STUFF. WE'LL GET IT DONE. I THINK THEY ARE IMPORTANT KEYS. PAY ATTENTION AND DO ALL THE DETAILS, OTHERWISE THE PREDICTIONS ARE ALMOST USELESS. TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

OTHER THINGS ABOUT THE CONSERVATION. WE DID ADD CABLE TV TO THE LIST THIS YEAR, WE DID GET ON THIS EARLIER. WE'LL LOOK TO SEE IF THERE'S ANY OTHER SUCCESS STORIES THAT PEOPLE HAVE ABOUT INFORMING PEOPLE. WE HAVE BEEN DOING WATER CONSERVATION SINCE LAST JULY. WE NEVER STOPPED DOING THAT OVER THE WINTER. WE ARE DOING THE BILL STUFFERS. EVERYTHING I PUT IN THE ANSWER. IF THERE ARE SUGGESTION, HAPPY TO TAKE THEM. WE ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH WHATEVER IT IS. WE USE THE SOCIAL MEDIA, UNFORTUNATELY, WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF FOLLOWERS LIKE OTHER PEOPLE MAY HAVE.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: GOING TO COUNCILLOR NOLAN AND THEN VICE MAYOR MALLON.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: I'M SET. I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT IS DONE ON THIS. IT IS DIFFICULT AND CHALLENGING AND I'M GRATEFUL WE MOVE FORWARD. I'M GLAD THERE ARE PLANS TO LOOK AT HOW TO DO IT BETTER. THANK YOU.

>> VICE MAYOR MALLON: THANK YOU. FOLLOWING UP ON THE QUESTIONS AROUND COMMUNICATION. I WAS WONDERING IF THE RESERVOIR SYSTEM CAPACITY WAS ONLINE ANYWHERE? PEOPLE CAN SEE IN AN INTERACTIVE WAY WHERE WE ARE IN THE RESERVOIR LEVELS? I'M THINKING THAT OVER THE TIME OF COVID, WE HAD THE COVID DASHBOARD, WE HAD BIOBOT DATA THAT ALLOWED PEOPLE TO SEE REALTIME WHERE WE WERE. I WONDER IF THAT COULD BE AN INTERESTING WAY TO COMMUNICATE WHERE WE ARE IN THE RESERVOIR LEVELS.

>> SAM: THROUGH YOU, MAYOR SIDDIQUI, WE HAVE GAUGING STATIONS THAT GIVE US THE RESERVOIR HEIGHTS AND ELEVATIONS. IT WILL GIVE US VOLUMES, IT IS AVAILABLE. IF PEOPLE WANT TO LOG IN. MAYBE WE HAVE TO LOOK AT HOW WE MAY MAKE THAT MORE UNDERSTANDABLE. WITHOUT THE LEVELS, YOU HAVE TO DO CALCULATIONS TO FIGURE OUT THE PERCENTAGE CAPACITY AND DO A COMPARISON TO THE PREVIOUS YEARS. THAT'S SOMETHING WE CAN LOOK INTO IT AND TRY TO MAKE IT SIMPLE SUCH THAT WE DON'T GET MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS. I DO GET A MONTHLY UPDATE FROM MY WATER SHED STAFF. IT WILL GIVE ME PERCENTAGES AND COMPARATIVES, 2016, 2017, AND LAST YEAR. WE DO A MONTHLY REPORT. I GIVE UPDATE TO THE WATER BOARD AND THE CITY MANAGER. I DID ONE TODAY. GOOD QUESTION AND SEE HOW WE CAN MAKE THAT MORE READILY AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE TO LOOK AT.

>> VICE MAYOR MALLON: THANK YOU. WE HAVE SEEN HOW BEHAVIOR CAN CHANGE, PARTICULARLY OVER COVID, YOU SEE THE NUMBERS GOING UP,

YOUR BEHAVIOR CHANGES. I DON'T WANT TO DO A LOT OF MATH WHEN I'M ON LOOKING AT AN INTERACTIVE WATER GAUGE, IF YOU CAN MAKE IT EASY FOR PEOPLE TO SEE WHERE WE ARE IN TROUBLE AND POINT TO PEOPLE REALLY NEED TO CONSERVE, HERE'S WHERE WE ARE AND HERE'S WHERE WE WERE LAST YEAR. I THINK THAT WOULD MAKE IT INTERESTING AND INTERACTIVE NOT FUN. THAT'S NOT THE RIGHT WORD. YOU CAN DO A TWITTER BOT THAT SCRAPES DATA AND DOES A DAILY UPDATES. DIFFERENT WAYS TO THINK ABOUT COMMUNICATING AND CHANGING BEHAVIOR RATHER THAN SOME OF THE OTHER METHODS THAT WE HAVE BEEN USING IN THE PAST. THANK YOU FOR BEING OPEN. I LOOK MAYBE TO SEEING SOMETHING LIKE THAT IN THE FUTURE. I THINK IT COULD BE HELPFUL.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: NO OTHER QUESTIONS, ON A MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NOLAN TO PLACE IT ON FILE, WE'LL DO A ROLL CALL.

>> MR. CLERK: ON THE MOTION: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: MOVING TO CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA 7. (READING CITY MANAGER'S ITEM NUMBER 7).

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: THANK YOU. THE CITY MANAGER FORWARDED THE APPROPRIATION ORDERS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET. THE FY22 BUDGET IS 748 MILLION AND THE FISCAL 22 CAPITAL BUDGET IS 83.9 MILLION. IT INCLUDES A 8.95% INCREASE IN THE PROPERTY TAX LEVEE. THE ACTUAL TAX LEVEE WILL BE DETERMINED IN THE FALL. AS MY COLLEAGUES WILL KNOW, THIS IS AN EXTRAORDINARILY CHALLENGING YEAR. CHALLENGING IN SO MANY WAYS. MOST OF WHICH IS HARDLY HOW COVID 19 HAS IMPACTED US ALL. THERE'S STILL A HIGH LEVEL OF UNCERTAINTY REGARDING THE FINANCIAL IMPACTS. HOWEVER, THE SUBMITTED FISCAL 22 BUDGET MAINTAINS THE HIGH LEVEL OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND EXPANDING SEVERAL IMPORTANT PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES. CITY MANAGER AND HIS STAFF IS CLEARLY LISTEN TO THE COUNCIL, YOU WILL SEE INCREASES IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING, HUMAN SERVICE PROGRAMS, IN FUNDING FOR OUR SCHOOLS. SO, IN PARTICULAR, TO HOUSING...

I WANT TO KNOW THIS BUDGET INCLUDES APPROXIMATELY \$32 MILLION DEDICATED TO CREATING AND PRESERVING AFFORDABLE HOUSING THROUGH THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST. THIS IS A 17.4% INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR. OR A 4.7 MILLION DOLLAR INCREASE. THIS BUDGET FULLY FUNDS OVER 30 NEW POSITIONS THAT WERE INTRODUCED LAST YEAR, BUT ONLY INITIATED FUNDING FOR THREE MONTHS BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTIES REGARDING THE COVID 19.

THE INCREASE PROPERTY TAX SUPPORTED FOR THE SCHOOLS IS 5.3%. THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADOPTED THE BUDGET OF 223.7 MILLION ON APRIL 13 OF 2021. THIS IS A 4.7 INCREASE FROM THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FISCAL 21 BUDGET, WHICH HAS 213.7 MILLION.

THE FISCAL 22 BUDGET INCLUDES A NEW CONSOLIDATED SPENDING CATEGORY RELATED TO ECONOMIC AND RACIAL EQUITY. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO EXISTING CONSOLIDATED SPENDING CATEGORIES OF HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS, EARLY CHILDHOOD, SUSTAINABILITY, VISION ZERO, TRAFFIC

**CITY MANAGER AGENDA  
#7**

**A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the FY2022 submitted budget and appropriation orders.**

SAFETY, AND ANTIBIAS DIVERSITY TRAINING AND PROGRAMS. THE CITY MANAGER WILL BE PROVIDING ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING THE FISCAL 22 BUDGET. I'D LIKE RIGHT NOW TO TURN THIS OVER TO MY CO CHAIR, COUNCILLOR CARLONE.

>> COUNCILLOR CARLONE: THANK YOU. WE'LL HAVE MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON THIS WHEN ALL OF THE INFORMATION AND DETAIL IS REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. WE'LL HAVE MEETINGS IN MAY THAT I WILL OUTLINE IN A MOMENT. FY22 CAPITAL BUDGET TOTALS 83.9 MILLIONS AND INCLUDES SEWER AND STORMWATER PROJECTS ON RIVER STREET FOR \$20 MILLION, IN THE PORT 2.7 MILLION, AND HARVARD SQUARE 2 MILLION. STREET AND SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION, 8.5 MILLION. AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT, 18.5 MILLION. MUNICIPAL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROJECTS, 10 MILLION. AND PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROJECTS, 525,000.

NEXT WEEK'S COUNCIL AGENDA WILL INCLUDE THE REQUIRED LOAN ORDERS FOR BONDING CAPITAL PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE FY22 BUDGET. SO, THEY CAN BE ADOPTED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE FY22 BUDGET LATER ON IN SPRING. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW ALREADY, IN OUR SCHEDULE, COUNCIL SCHEDULE, FINANCE COMMIT BUDGET HEARINGS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES AND ARE ORGANIZED SO THAT CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS ARE HEARD ON A PARTICULAR DAY.

TUESDAY, MAY 11, 9:00 A.M. DEPARTMENTS IN THE CATEGORIES OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY. THE FOLLOWING TUESDAY, MAY 18TH, 10:00 A.M. DEPARTMENTS IN THE CATEGORIES OF HUMAN RESOURCES, COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE, INTRAGOVERNMENT AND CAPITAL BUDGET WILL BE DISCUSSED. WEDNESDAY, MAY 19TH, AT 6:00 P.M. THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET. AND THEN WE HAVE AN OVERFLOW DAY OF THURSDAY, MAY 20TH, AT 9:00 A.M. ONLY IF NECESSARY. LAST YEAR WE DID NOT NEED THAT.

CITY MANAGER AND THE TEAM WILL GIVE AN BRIEF OVERVIEW TONIGHT AND BEFORE THAT, WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THE PUBLIC WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE SIMILARLY TO ALL OTHER CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND MAY WATCH THE MEETINGS REMOTELY AND CAN SUBMIT COMMENTS THROUGH ZOOM. JUST LIKE WE DID LAST YEAR, THE TWO CO CHAIRS, COUNCILLOR SIMMONS AND MYSELF, WE'LL INVITE COUNCIL MEMBERS AFTER REVIEWING THE BUDGET TO SUBMIT WRITTEN QUESTIONS SO THAT STAFF CAN HAVE THE TIME TO RESEARCH PROPERLY AND THEORETICALLY WILL HAVE LESS TIMES WHEN PEOPLE HAVE TO SAY I'LL GET BACK TO YOU. IT ACTUALLY CREATES A MORE EFFICIENT SERIES OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, JUST LIKE WE ARE DOING WITH COVID 19.

AS COUNCILLOR SIMMONS MENTIONED, THIS YEAR, IT WILL HAVE A RACIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY STATEMENTS. THE BEGINNING OF DOING THAT. IT MAY NOT BE IN THE DETAIL THAT EVENTUALLY WILL HAVE IN THE FUTURE. AS YOU RECALL, THE CITY COUNCIL GOALS, ALL OF THEM, WILL HAVE AN OVERVIEW OF HOW WE ARE ADDRESSING THEM OR NOT. I WILL GIVE THIS



TO THE MANAGER, I BELIEVE, AND HIS TEAM TO CONTINUE.

>> CITY MANAGER: THANK YOU. FIRST, I WILL THANK THE TWO CO CHAIRS FOR THE LEADERSHIP IN WORKING WITH US THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. OBVIOUSLY, IT IS A DIFFICULT YEAR IN TERMS OF FINANCES IN THE CITY AND THE COVID. I THINK NO CITY HAS COME THROUGH THIS STRONGER THAN WE HAVE. I WANT TO THANK DEPARTMENT HEADS AND THE FINANCE TEAM FOR IT. THE TWO CO CHAIRS DID A GOOD JOB LAYING IT OUT AND I WILL GO QUICKLY SAY, I WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR FOR THE LEADERSHIP ON THE SCHOOL AND IN TERMS OF THE LEADERSHIP WITH COVID. THERE'S A MESSAGE THIS YEAR, UNUSUAL, BUT COVID 19 IS UNUSUAL FROM THE MAYOR AND US, TALKING ABOUT COVID 19 IN THE WORK EVERYBODY HAS DONE. IT IS THE REGULAR BUDGET MESSAGE AND IT IS A THIRD MESSAGE THIS YEAR, I REALLY THINK IS IMPORTANT, TRULY BASED ON THE CAMBRIDGE ANTIRACISM EQUITY AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE. WE HAVE NEVER DONE THIS IN THE MESSAGE, BUT I THINK IT IS A REAL PRIORITY AND I THANK COUNCILLOR SIMMONS FOR HER LEADERSHIP. AND IT IS AN IMPORTANT ADDITION AND YOU WILL SEE WHAT IS IN THERE. IN THE BUDGET, WE DIDN'T GET INTO SPECIFIC BECAUSE WE'LL HAVE HEARINGS. AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND WITH MY TEAM AND WE ARE PLEASED THAT WE COULD HAVE A 17.4 INCREASE IN THE TRUST RECALL DID. WE PUT \$2 MILLION IN TERMS OF LANDLORD PROTECTION, ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR HOUSE LIAISON, TRANSITION WELLNESS CENTER, ET CETERA, AND EVICTION OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE. \$2 MILLION IN THOSE AREAS. AND THREE POSITIONS WE FUNDED IN 21 THAT WILL COME ON BOARD IN 22.

CLEARLY, WE WORK CLOSE WITH THE SCHOOL. IT WAS A SUCCESSFUL BUDGET PROCESS. I THANK THE MAYOR AND THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND THE COUNCIL TO 5.3% INCREASE AND 36 NEW POSITIONS. OBVIOUSLY, THE BIG ISSUE WE CAN WORK OUT WITH THE SCHOOL THIS YEAR, A \$9 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS THAT HELPED TO KEEP PEOPLE GOING. SOME AREAS TO SEE INCREASES, VICE MAYOR MALLON PLAYED A KEY ROLE, FIRE FIGHTER CADET PROGRAM IN THE BUDGET. WE ARE HAPPY WITH THAT. EARLY CHILDHOOD INCREASES. LIBRARY HOURS EXPANSIONS, WE HOPE TO DO THIS YEAR. DUE TO COVID, IT WILL BE NEXT YEAR. VISION ZERO AND BIKE SAFETY. AND THEN THE CONSOLIDATED SPENDING, IT IS IMPRESSIVE. AND I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR CARLONE FOR REALLY PUSHING THIS CONSOLIDATED SECTION. I WILL RECOGNIZE THE BUDGET OFFICE. WE HAVE SIX CONSOLIDATED SPENDING. WE STARTED WITH ONE. IT WAS AROUND HOUSING. IN THE TIME AND EFFORT THAT THE BUDGET STAFF PUTS IN TO THE CONSOLIDATED EFFORTS IS INCREDIBLE. IT WILL BRING HOME WHERE WE SPEND MONEY AND WHY. EVERY TIME WE ADD, IT IS AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF WORK FOR THE BUDGET AND THE DEPARTMENTS.

OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD, OVER \$212 MILLION JUST IN THE SIX AREAS. I WANT TO THANK THE COUNCIL FOR THEIR SUPPORT, THANK THE BUDGET AND THE CITY TEAM. THE SIX AREAS TO RECOGNIZE WHERE THE CITY IS SPENDING MONEY AND WHY. \$212 MILLION IS IMPRESS EVER. DAVID IS THE

FINANCE CHAIR. THANK HIM FOR THE LEADERSHIP, AND ALL THE MEMBERS, I CAN TELL YOU, IT IS THE WORLD OF BUDGETING, ESPECIALLY DURING COVID, WE CONTINUE TO ADD UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BUDGET OFFICE. THEY DO AND DO WHATEVER WE ASK AND MORE. I THANK ALL OF THEM AGAIN. THIS WAS GREAT WORK. AND I THINK I'M TURNING IT OVER TO DAVID. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY. WE'LL BE HAPPY WHEN THE BUDGET HEARINGS START TO HAVE MORE.

>> DAVID: FOR THOSE IN THE PUBLIC AND THE COUNCIL, SECTION 1, WILL LAY OUT THE KEY INITIATIVES OF THE CITY. AND I THINK IT CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES OUR ABILITY TO CONTINUE TO FINANCE IMPORTANT PROJECTS WITHIN THE CITY INITIATIVES TO MEET THE GOALS. I ENCOURAGE FOLKS TO READ THE KEY INITIATIVE SECTION. AS CO CHAIR COUNCILLOR SIMMONS SAID, 1.1% INCREASE OVER THE FY21 ADJUSTED BUDGET AND REFLECTS AN 8.95% IN THE PROPERTY TAX LEVEE. HOPEFULLY BY THE FALL, WE CAN HAVE A LOWER PERCENTAGE INCREASE.

I WILL POINT OUT REVIEWED THE NONPROPERTY TAX REVENUE IN THIS YEAR, WE USE ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL 22 THAT ARE CONSERVATIVE. AS HOPEFULLY AS THINGS START TO GET BACK TO THE NEW NORMAL, SOME OF THE NONPROPERTY TAX REVENUE RELATED TO HOTEL/MOTEL, MEALS TAX, OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUES, PARKING AND FUND REVENUE, WATER AND SEWER, THEY WILL BOUNCE BACK SIGNIFICANTLY SO WE CAN MAKE ADJUSTMENTS. WE ARE MINDFUL TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T OVER BUDGET THE NONPROPERTY TAX REVENUES. ARE FORTUNATE TO CONTINUE TO HAVE ABILITY TO USE THE RESERVES AND HELP BALANCE THE BUDGET. INCLUDING USING 2.5 MILLION IN OUR OVERLAY SURPLUS ACCOUNT, WHICH WE DO EVERY YEAR. 17 MILLION IS ESTIMATED TO BE USE FOR FREE CASH, SAME AS LAST YEAR. AND WE CONTINUE TO USE 8.5 MILLION IN THE DEBT STABILIZATION FUND, INCREASE FROM FISCAL 21. AND 13.75 MILLION IN THE HOUSE CLAIMS TRUST FUND, INCREASE OF 1.25 MILLION.

CO CHAIR COUNCILLOR CARLONE MENTIONED THE CAPITAL BUDGET. AGAIN, THE INVESTMENTS WE MAKE THERE. TOTAL 83.9 MILLION. AND THE LOAN ORDERS THAT WILL COME FORTH NEXT WEEK SO WE CAN MOVE THEM TO A SECOND READING. LAST YEAR, WE TALKED ABOUT FISCAL 21 BEING A BRIDGE YEAR TO 22. AND I THINK WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE THAT AND TRY TO KEEP OUR PROPERTY TAX LEVEE AS MODERATE AS POSSIBLE. ALSO, CONTINUE OUR INVESTMENT IN HIGH PRIORITY AREAS. WITH THAT, WE'LL GO THROUGH A FEW THINGS TO HIGHLIGHT OTHER ISSUES.

>> TAHA: THANK YOU. I REALLY WANT TO START BY SAYING THANK YOU TO THE CITY MANAGER, TO ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, ASSISTANT FISCAL DIRECTOR, FOR PROVIDING SO MUCH SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS. AND REALLY THE ENTIRE FISCAL TEAM AND DEPARTMENTS IN THE CITY. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE AND IT WAS TOUCHED ON BY THE STAFF FOR THE BUDGET OFFICE, ANGELA, DEPUTY BUDGET DIRECTOR, PROVIDE INCREDIBLE LEADERSHIP AND INVALUABLE EXPERIENCE. DANIEL, WHO NOT ONLY DID AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF WORK. IT WAS A SUCCESSFUL AND VIRTUAL ABBREVIATED PROCESS IN WHICH OVER 7,200

CAMBRIDGE RESIDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE VOTE IN HOW TO SPEND A PORTION OF THE CAPITAL BUDGET. IT WAS EXTRAORDINARY GIVEN ALL THE RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO COVID.

I WILL WELCOME AND THANK THE NEWEST MEMBER, JACKSON, WHO JOINED A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. JUMPED IN AND HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT. AND PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN GETTING THIS DONE IN A TIMELY MANNER. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE MATT NELSON, WHO IS IN THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE RIGHT NOW AND IN ADDITION TO DOING INCREDIBLE WORK THERE, HELPED TO WORK ON SEVERAL KEY DEPARTMENTS. IT TAKES A LOT OF WORK AS THE CITY MANAGER MENTIONED. NOT JUST TO PUT THE BOOK TOGETHER, BUT WORKING WITH DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE BUDGET SEASON AS WE CALL IT. IT REALLY STARTS IN THE FALL.

I THINK IT IS HELPFUL, THERE'S SO MUCH IN THE BUDGET BOOK AND SO MUCH INFORMATION TO WALK YOU THROUGH SOME OF THE SECTIONS, I KNOW WE'LL HAVE MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON THE CONTENT LATER ON AT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HEARINGS, IT IS HELPFUL TO BRIEFLY WALK THROUGH THE SECTIONS OF THE BOOK. I'M GOING TO TRY TO SHARE MY SCREEN AND LET ME KNOW IF IT WORKS. ARE PEOPLE SEEING THIS?

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: YES.

>> TAHA: GREAT. BUDGET BOOK HAS A LOT OF INFORMATION IN IT. IT IS REALLY CAN BE THOUGHT OF AS THE CITY PLAN TO USE THE RESOURCES OVER THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. AND DO ALL THE THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO CAMBRIDGE AND MEETS THE CITY'S IMMEDIATE NEEDS AND CONSIDERS WHERE WE WANT TO BE IN THE FUTURE.

A LOT OF WHAT'S IN THE 22 BUDGET BOOK REFLECTS THE IMPACT THAT COVID 19 HAD ON THE CITY OVER THE LAST YEAR AND AS WE LOOK MOVING INTO NEXT YEAR. SECTION ONE AND TWO, THEY ARE THE INTRODUCTION AND CITY OVERVIEW. AND INCLUDE INFORMATION ON WHAT THE CITY MANAGER MENTIONED, INCLUDING THE KEY INITIATIVES PART OF THE FY22 BUDGET. WHAT THEY MEAN. THERE'S A SPECIAL COVID MESSAGE. DEALING WITH COVID AND REMAINS A TOP PRIORITY FOR THE CITY. IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE NOT ONLY ALL THE STRATEGIES OUTSIDE OF THE BUDGET THAT WE HAVE TAKEN TO ADDRESS THE CRISIS, BUT ALSO THAT THE CITY'S ABILITY TO DO THAT IS REALLY BECAUSE OF HOW WE DO OUR BUDGETING. AND THE FISCAL POLICIES OF THE CITY.

CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE, IT OUTLINE S WHAT THE COVID 19 IMPACT HAD IN TERMS OF CREATING THE BUDGET AND THE CHALLENGES PRESENTED BY IT, BUT ALSO HOW WE MAINTAINED A LOT OF OUR KEY INITIATIVES, THEN EXPANDED PROGRAMS, CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH IMPORTANT PRIORITIES AS A CITY. THERE IS AS THE CITY MANAGER MENTIONED, A SPECIAL MESSAGE REGARDING THE CITY'S ANTIRACISM, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVES. AND EFFORT S THIS HIGHLIGHTS THE EFFORTS OF THE FOUR DEPARTMENTS. CITY MANAGER OFFICE, PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT. AND REALLY REFLECTS THE LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE

THAT HAS BEEN PLACED ON THIS TOPIC, AS FAR AS EVERYTHING THE CITY DOES. REFLECTED THROUGHOUT THE BUDGET. CONSOLIDATED SPENDING SECTION, YOU HEARD MENTIONED, INCLUDES A NEW RACIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY SECTION. IT REFLECTS ALL THE SPENDING THE CITY DOES SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO ADDRESSING RACIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY ISSUES.

AS COUNCILLOR CARLONE MENTIONED, THIS IS GOING TO BE AN EVOLVING SECTION TO FLUSH OUT AND GET TO THE LEVEL OF DETAIL THAT IS USEFUL FOR PEOPLE AND READERS CAN UNDERSTAND. IT IS LAID OUT SLIGHTLY DIFFERENTLY THAN THE OTHER CONSOLIDATED SPENDING CATEGORIES. WE WANT TO DIVE DEEPER INTO HOW THE DIFFERENT FUNDS ARE SPENT. MORE INFORMATION ON THAT. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING CONSOLIDATED SPENDING SECTIONS FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS, EARLY CHILDHOOD, SUSTAINABILITY, VISION ZERO AND TRAFFIC SAFETY. AND ANTIBIAS AND DIVERSITY TRAINING AND PROGRAMMING.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: SORRY TO INTERRUPT. ARE YOU YOU WANT TO BE SCROLLING OR JUST THE FIRST PAGE YOU WANT TO SHOW US.

>> TAHA: I'M JUST SHOWING THE FIRST PAGE. IT IS 400 AND SOMETHING PAGES. SECTION TWO OF THE BUDGET BOOK INCLUDES INFORMATION ON HOW TO READ AND UNDERSTAND THE BUDGET BOOK AND EXAMPLE DEPARTMENT PAGES. A GOOD TO HELP UNDERSTAND THE FORMAT AND LAYOUT OF THE DIFFERENT PAGES. SECTION TWO ALSO INCLUDES SOME GENERAL BENCHMARKS FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS AND KEY AREAS.

SECTION THREE, YOU HAVE THE FINANCIAL SUMMARIES. PROVIDES AFTER OVERVIEW OF WHERE THE CITY IS FINANCIALLY AND JUST AS IMPORTANTLY, WHY THE CITY'S BUDGETING STRATEGY IS WHAT IT IS. AND THE FINANCIAL POLICIES ARE AND THE GUIDELINES THAT ARE REVIEWED AND WHAT IS IN THE SECTION IS A LARGE PART OF THE REASON WHY THE CITY IS ABLE TO HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY IT DOES TO DO SO MANY OF THE THINGS MENTIONED WITHIN THE BUDGET.

SECTION FOUR OF THE BOOK DETAILS ALL OF THE REVENUES THAT THE CITY WILL USE IN THE BUDGET. TAXES ARE OBVIOUSLY OUR BIGGEST REVENUE SOURCE. THIS YEAR, MANY OTHER KEY NONPROPERTY TAX REVENUES ARE BUDGETED LOWER BECAUSE OF COVID 19 IMPACTS. DAVID MENTIONED THIS. SOME OF THE SAME REVENUES ARE REALLY IMPORTANT TO LIMIT IMPACTS ON TAXPAYERS WHEN WE LOOK AT WAYS TO FUND ALL OF THE NEW AND EXPANDED INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS THAT ARE SHOWN IN THE BUDGET.

SECTION FIVE, THE LARGEST SECTION. IT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON WHAT EACH DEPARTMENT AND DIVISION DOES WITHIN THE CITY. THE OBJECTIVES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR AND HOW THE THINGS RELATE TO CITY COUNCIL GOALS. WHAT WE ARE SPENDING BY DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS BY DIVISION IN FY22. I THINK ONE THING YOU WILL NOTICE IN THE FY22 BOOK, JUST ABOUT EVERY DEPARTMENT IN THEIR NARRATIVE INCLUDES HOW COVID 19 HAS AFFECTED THEIR WORK, BOTH IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR AND LOOK

AHEAD TO FISCAL YEAR 22.

THESE ARE EXAMPLE PAGES. SECTION FIVE, DEPARTMENTS AND FUNDING ARE ORGANIZED ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT FUNCTION. INCLUDING GENERAL GOVERNMENT PUBLIC SAFETY, COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT, HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT. EDUCATION AND INTRAGOVERNMENTAL. AND SECTION SIX, PUBLIC INVESTMENT SECTION, PLAN SPENDING ON CAPITAL PROJECTS AS WELL AS OUR PLAN OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. IN CAMBRIDGE, OBVIOUSLY WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE THE AMOUNT OF RESOURCES THAT WE DO TO PUT INTO CAPITAL INVESTMENTS IN THE CITY. IT HAS PROJECTS FOR SCHOOLS, INFRASTRUCTURE, MUNICIPALITY FACILITIES, TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT. EACH CAPITAL PROJECT AND FUNDING SOURCE IN THE SECTION IS ALSO DETAILED, ALONG WITH PHOTOS AND INFORMATION ABOUT FUTURE YEAR FUNDING.

MOVING TO SECTION SEVEN. THE APPROPRIATION ORDERS. THIS IS WHAT IS ACTUALLY ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL. THESE ARE THE BUDGETED AMOUNTS AND REVENUES FOR THE DEPARTMENT IN EACH CATEGORIES LISTED. YOU CAN THINK OF EVERYTHING THAT COMES BEFORE THIS SECTION IN THE BUDGET BOOK AS A LOT OF CONTEXT AND BACKUP INFORMATION FOR ALL OF THE NUMBERS. EACH APPROPRIATION IN THE SECTION TIES BACK IN SOME WAY TO THE BUDGET BOOK. FINALLY, THE GLOSSARY AND INDEX ARE SELF EXPLANATORY. WE WORK TO KEEP THE DEFINITION AND TERMS UPDATED TO HELP EXPLAIN WHAT IS IN THE BOOK. BOTTOM LINE, WE WANT PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND AND BE COMFORTABLE WITH WHAT IS IN THE BUDGET AND WHAT IT MEANS IN TERMS OF RESOURCES GOING TOWARDS A COMMUNITY.

WHAT IS INSIDE OF THE BOOK AND APPROPRIATIONS ARE REALLY ABOUT BEING RESPONSIVE TO COMMUNITY NEEDS. COUNCIL GOALS AND CITY PRIORITIES IN A WAY THAT IS FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE. SO, THANK YOU. I KNOW THERE ARE FINANCE SCHEDULES OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. IN THE MEANTIME, YOU CAN REACH OUT TO MYSELF AND THE BUDGET OFFICE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. AND HARD COPIES OF THE BOOK AND BUDGET BACKUP WILL BE MORE ACTIVELY DISTRIBUTED STARTING TOMORROW. BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THOSE.

>> CITY MANAGER: ONE OTHER POINT ON THE REVENUE SIDE, BECAUSE IT WAS A COUNCIL ORDER. WE DIDN'T FINALIZE THE DECISION ON WHAT WE DO WITH THE SMALL BUSINESSES ON THE REVENUE SIDE. CLEARLY, WE RECOGNIZE THE CONCERN THE COUNCIL HAS. SOME OF THE NUMBERS ARE IN THERE AND WE'LL LOOK AT THAT. COUNCIL ORDER HAS BEEN LOOKED AT PART OF THE BUDGET PREPARATION. WE HAVEN'T FINALIZED AND IT I THANK THE LEADERSHIP FOR THAT.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: LOOKING AT THE TIME. I THINK I SEE ONE HAND. WE SHOULD MOVE ON AS WE'LL HAVE TIME TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET. COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN?

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THAT UPDATE. I

DO LOOK FORWARD TO THE MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS. I'M SURPRISED THERE IS NO OTHER BUDGET DISCUSSIONS PRIOR TO THIS PRESENTATION. THERE'S ALMOST NOTHING USUAL ABOUT THIS YEAR. I DO FIND THAT DISAPPOINTING. ONCE AGAIN, WE ARE PRESENTED WITH A BUDGET THAT IS BASICALLY DONE AND WE GET TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT IT. IN PARTICULAR, I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING ABOUT THE RACIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE CONSOLIDATING CATEGORY. AND THE EFFORTS BY THE CITY. AND THEN IN CONTRAST, IT LOOKS LIKE THE POLICE BUDGET IS BEING INCREASED AGAIN. THAT'S CLEARLY A CONTRADICTION THERE. WE HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING YET ABOUT THE ALLOCATIONS THAT WERE NEGOTIATED LAST YEAR AROUND THE POLICE BUDGET. I DO HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT AND KNOWING WE'LL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO DISCUSS THAT. I WANT TO RAISE THAT AS A CONCERN. PRESENTED THE BUDGET IN THIS WAY AND GIVEN ALL THAT HAPPENED.

>> CITY MANAGER: I KNOW WE ARE RUNNING LATE. I WILL JUMP IN AND SAY, WE TRIED TO GIVE THE COUNCIL UPDATES ON WHERE WE ARE WITH THE BUDGET THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND WITH SUPPLEMENTALS. THIS IS HOW IT WORKS. WE WORK WITH THE FINANCE CHAIRS, WITH THE POLICE BUDGET, LAST YEAR, WE HELD UP THE RECRUITMENT CLASS SIX MONTHS AS WE TOLD THE COUNCIL WE WOULD. THAT'S THE CHANGE IN THE BUDGET. AS YOU KNOW, COUNCILLOR SIMMONS AND COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN HAVE A COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE POLICE BUDGET. WE ARE WAITING FOR RECOMMENDATION. WE SUBMITTED THE BUDGET AHEAD OF TIME AND WILL MAKE CHANGES AFTER THE RECOMMENDATIONS. POLICE BUDGET, COST OF COMMUNICATION AND WORKING WITH THE CHAIRS, WE THOUGHT IT WAS THE BEST APPROACH. WHAT WE SAID WE WERE GOING TO DO, WE HEALTH THAT AND HELD IT LONGER THAN WE THOUGHT. THAT'S WHAT WE AGREED TO IN TERMS OF WHAT WE WERE GOING TO DO WITH THE POLICE BUDGET.

>> COUNCILLOR TOOMEY: THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL FOR A WELL PREPARED PRESENTATION. THERE'S A LOT OF GOOD THINGS AND A LOT OF INPUT. AND WE'LL HEAR BACK FROM THE STAFF AS WE MOVE FORWARD. IT IS ONLY \$5 MILLION, I LOOK AT THE TRAVEL AND TRAINING BUDGET. I'M NOT SURE WE HAVE BEEN DOING ANY TRAVEL IN THE PAST YEAR. IF THAT IS ANTICIPATED. THERE'S ONE DEPARTMENT, 60% OF THE BUDGET IS FOR TRAVEL AND TRAINING. LOOKING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THAT. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DISCUSSIONS AS WE MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? CO CHAIRS? ANYTHING TO ADD BEFORE WE REFER THIS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE?

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: NOTHING FOR ME. I WILL DEFER TO MY CO CHAIR.

>> COUNCILLOR CARLONE: THANK YOU TO BOTH. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE QUESTIONS THAT THE COUNCIL MAY HAVE AND THE MORE CONCISE THE QUESTIONS, THE BETTER THE RESPONSE. AND LAST YEAR, IT WAS WELL DONE. IT WAS A FAIR WAY OF DOING IT. I HOPE WE'LL HAVE EXACTLY THE SAME PROCESS.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CARLONE AND COUNCILLOR SIMMONS TO REFER TO FINANCE COMMITTEE, ROLL CALL.

>> MR. CLERK: ON THE MOTION: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: DONE WITH THE CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA. MOVING TO CALENDAR. WE HAVE TWO CHARTER WRITTEN ITEMS. TAKE ONE AND TWO. AND THEN COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER?

>> COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER: 4 AND 5.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: UNFINISHED BUSINESS? COUNCILLOR CARLONE? IS THAT YOUR HAND?

>> COUNCILLOR CARLONE: NO.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: NUMBER 7.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: PULLED 1, 2, 4, 5 OFF THE TABLE SEPARATELY. AND 7. GO TO THE CHARTER RIGHT ITEMS. WE'LL START WITH ONE. (READING CHARTER RIGHT NUMBER 1).

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: THANK YOU. I BRING THIS BEFORE YOU HAVING WORKED WITH MY COLLEAGUE, COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN, WE REVIEWED IT TOGETHER. YOU HAVE THE EDITS IN RED. I HOPE YOU READ THE BODY OF THE ORDER. I WILL TURN YOUR ATTENTION TO THE ORDERED COMPONENTS. I WILL READ THEM FOR YOU. AND THEN OPEN THE FLOOR FOR DEBATE. REPORT BACK ON THE COST OF INSTRUCTING EACH NEW HOMEOWNERSHIP UNIT AND NEXT ORDER, IN RED, ESTABLISH AN AGGRESSIVE PLAN TO MORE THAN DOUBLE THE CITY STOCK OF AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS AT THE RATE OF AT LEAST 100 ADDITIONAL UNITS PER UNIT. AND DETERMINE THE MOST VIABLE PLANS TO FUND THIS ENDEAVOR TO ENSURE THE BOND RATING IS NOT HARMED. THIRD ORDER.

(READING FROM SLIDE PRESENTATION)

I WON'T SPEAK FOR MY COLLEAGUE, THE IDEA OF THE EDITS WERE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE KNOW THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY TRYING TO DO A NUMBER OF THINGS IN THE CITY. RECOVER FROM COVID, BUT ALSO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE PUTTING IN A POLICY ORDER THAT SPEAKS TO THE CITY COUNCIL'S DESIRE TO HAVE HOMEOWNERSHIP OVER RENTAL, WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF HOMEOWNERSHIP IS LENDING ITSELF MORE TO LONG TERM STABILITY THAN RENTALS.

WE WANT TO BE SURE THAT IN DOING SO, WE DON'T HARM OURSELVES BY HOW IT WOULD AFFECT THE BOND RATING. MAKE SURE WE KNOW THAT OUT FRONT THAT WE DO THIS IMPORTANT WORK, WHICH TALKS ABOUT ENLARGING THE STOCK OF AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP, IT DOESN'T HURT OUR ABILITY TO BORROW. LASTLY, I WAS KEEN TO HAVE THIS IN HERE, AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, FOR SEVERAL YEARS, I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SEE IF WE CAN DO LGBT HOUSING. THE PUSHBACK I GET, WE TALK TO THE CAMBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY, TALKED WITH THE CITY, WE TALKED ABOUT THE CHERRY STREET LOT, YOU COULDN'T USE FUNDS TO DISCRIMINATE. WE SAID, LGBT HOUSING ONLY, WE'LL DISCRIMINATE. I WILL MAKE SURE WE WERE

**Councillor Simmons  
amendment to Calendar Item  
#1**

**Calendar Item #1 as amended.**

**That the city manager is requested to present a plan to the city council to increase the affordable homeownership stock over the next 10 years by financing the construction of affordable homeownership units through a bond issue of no less than \$500 million. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Simmons in council April 26, 2021**

NOT OUT OF STEP. I BELIEVE MY COLLEAGUE, AS WE TALKED IT THROUGH, DON'T WANT TO BE OUT OF THE STEP WITH THE FAIR HOUSING LAWS. AND THE REST IS SELF EXPLANATORY.

I WILL YIELD TO MY COLLEAGUE AND LEAD MAKER OF THE MOTION TO DISCUSS MORE THE EDITS OR OTHER PARTS OF THIS ORDER IF HE IS INCLINED. IF THERE IS NO DISCUSSION FROM MY COLLEAGUE, I WILL BRING IT TO THE FLOOR FOR DEBATE. I HOPE YOU WILL ADOPT THIS. I THINK IT WAS A REAL DEMONSTRATION OF COLLABORATION AROUND AN ISSUE THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND MOST IMPORTANT TO THE CITY. THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU. MY THANKS TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR COSPONSORING THIS ORDER AND DOING THIS WORK, BRINGING FORWARD THE AMENDMENTS. I WANT TO BE CLEAR, I DID REVIEW THEM, I CERTAINLY DO APPROVE THEM, THESE ARE HER AMENDMENTS. I BELIEVE THE ORDER AS IT WAS ORIGINALLY WRITTEN WAS SUFFICIENT. I DO SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT S IF THAT IS WHAT IS NEEDED TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT INITIATIVE.

I'LL SAY 100 UNITS A YEAR OVER TEN YEARS, ROUGHLY \$500,000 A UNIT IS \$500 MILLION DOLLARS. WE ARE ASKING THAT LEVEL OF INVESTMENT IN OUR AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAMS. I RECOGNIZE THE PROGRAMS ARE NOT THE FULL EXTENT THEY CERTAINLY DO GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS ALLOWING PEOPLE TO INVEST IN THEIR HOME. RATHER THAN HAVING TO RELINQUISH 30% OF THE INCOME TO HAVE A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD UNDER THE RENTAL PROGRAM. AS MY COLLEAGUE SAID, EXTRAORDINARILY IMPORTANT THAT WE INVEST IN THIS PROGRAM. OF COURSE, I DO AGREE THAT WE HAVE TO DO THIS WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE LAW. THAT'S WHY IT IS WORDED THE WAY IT WAS. WITH MY DISCUSSION WITH STAFF AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS, WHAT I HAVE BEEN TOLD REPEATEDLY, WE CAN GIVE PREFERENCE TO FIRST GENERATION AND FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS, WHERE WE CANNOT GIVEN THE FAIR HOUSING LAW GIVE PREFERENCE BASED ON RACE.

I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENTS. I HOPE MY COLLEAGUES WILL AND WE CAN MOVE FORWARD ON THIS.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: DISCUSSION? QUESTIONS? COUNCILLOR CARLONE?

>> COUNCILLOR CARLONE: THANK YOU. THERE'S NO QUESTION I SUPPORT MAXIMIZING AFFORDABLE HOUSING OWNERSHIP OR RENTAL FOR THAT MATTER. THE DIFFICULTY WITH HOMEOWNERSHIP IS THAT AS WAS RECENTLY DISCUSSED, IT DOESN'T STAY AFFORDABLE VERY LONG IF IT IS IN THE TRADITIONAL SENSE OF OWNERSHIP. I THINK THAT IS GOING TO BE DIFFICULT TO PULL OFF TO GET THE FUNDING BECAUSE IT WON'T JUST COME FROM THE CITY, IT COMES FROM FEDS AND THE STATE AND PROBABLY FIVE OTHER WAYS TO DO IT. IN PRINCIPLE, I SUPPORT IT. I WAS ASKED TO SIGN AND BE A SPONSOR OF THE ORIGINAL, I FELT IT WAS WRONG TO SPECIFY \$500 MILLION. AT LEAST 100 UNITS A YEAR IS OVER \$500 MILLION. WITH INFLATION. UNITS COME IN AT \$650,000 A PIECE. IN PRINCIPLE, I SUPPORT



IT, BUT I DON'T THINK IT WILL BE WHAT WE ARE SAYING WE WANTED, WHICH IS LITERALLY OWNED BY THE TENANTS. THAT MEANS YOU INVEST MILLIONS AND IT IS NO LONGER AFFORDABLE WITHIN TWO OWNERS. I DON'T THINK WE'LL GET MONEY FOR THAT AS READILY AS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED. I JUST WANTED TO MENTION THAT. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: THANK YOU. IN RESPONSE TO COUNCILLOR CARLONE, I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS POLICY ORDER AND THE ONE COMING UP ABOUT US REALLY FOCUSING ON HOMEOWNERSHIP ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF EQUITY, ADDRESSING THE WEALTH AND EQUITY GAPS ARE THE CAUSE OF SO MUCH CHALLENGE AND RACIAL INEQUITY IN THE CITY.

GIVEN COUNCILLOR CARLONE'S REMARKS, I DON'T VIEW THIS AS PRECLUDING THE IDEA OF LIMITED EQUITY CO OP OR OTHER OWNERSHIP. IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT IS A STRICT MARKET BASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. IF THAT CAN BE CLARIFIED. WE ARE ASKING THE CITY MANAGER TO REVIEW THINGS AND DO A BOND. ALLOWS FOR ONGOING AFFORDABILITY DO WE HAVE AN ANSWER ON THAT? IS THAT SOMETHING THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED LATER ONCE THIS IS STUDIED?

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU. THE POLICY ORDER DOESN'T SPECIFY THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I CAN'T SPEAK FOR MY COLLEAGUE, I BELIEVE WHAT WAS COUNCILLOR CARLONE WAS SAYING, WE'LL HAVE TO IMPLEMENT IT THROUGH SOME FORM OF LIMITED EQUITY. IF WE DIDN'T, IT WOULD BE PROBLEMATIC. OUR CURRENT AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM... EXAMINING THAT IN THE POLICY ORDER THAT IS ON THE AGENDA. THE CURRENT PROGRAM S LIMIT ED EQUITY AND THE ASSUMPTION THIS WOULD BE AS WELL, EVEN IF WE MADE ADJUSTMENTS WE'D PRESUMABLY FACTOR ALL THE CONSIDERATIONS INTO ADJUSTMENTS WE WANT TO MAKE TO THE PROGRAMS.

THIS ORDER DOESN'T DICTATE EXACTLY HOW THE PROGRAMS SHOULD OPERATE. OF COURSE, WE CAN'T ANTICIPATE OR PREDICT THE NEXT TEN YEARS HOW WE'LL DO AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP IN CAMBRIDGE. THIS IS PURELY A FUNDING INSTRUMENT. WE HAVE TO COME UP WITH THE MONEY TO DO THIS. AND THE POLICY AND SPECIFIC HOW WE DO IT ARE LEFT TO BE DETERMINED.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: IT ANSWERS THE QUESTION. OBVIOUSLY, WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD. AND WE'LL HAVE MORE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THIS. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: I SEE COUNCILLOR TOOMEY.

>> COUNCILLOR TOOMEY: THANK YOU. I DO SUPPORT THE GOAL OF THE POLICY ORDER, BUT I STRONGLY URGE THAT THERE BE SOME TYPE OF AN EQUITY, LIMITED EQUITY ON EACH PROPERTY. I THINK OF ONE SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT, 30 YEARS AGO, STARTED OFF AS AFFORDABLE. NO LIMITED EQUITY. ALL THE HOUSES GO FOR OVER A MILLION DOLLARS. MAYBE FOUR OR FIVE ORIGINAL FAMILIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT THAT ARE STILL THERE.

ALL THE OTHERS HAVE PASSED OR THE FAMILY SOLD. AS I SAID, THEY ARE GOING FOR OVER A MILLION. I THINK WE HAVE TO VERY COGNIZANT OF SOMETHING LIKE THAT. COUNCILLOR CARLONE SAID, THEY DON'T STAY AFFORDABLE VERY LONG. AS WE MOVE FORWARD THE DISCUSSIONS, I REALLY WOULD URGE THAT THERE BE SOME TYPE OF LIMITED EQUITY TO PREVENT SOMETHING LIKE THIS FROM HAPPENING AGAIN. NICE HOME, BIG YARD AND DRIVEWAYS, AND NOW THEY ARE OVER A MILLION EACH ONE. AND THAT IS CERTAINLY PRICING OUT ANY FUTURE AFFORDABILITY FOR ANY WORKING CLASS FAMILIES IN THE CITY. I URGE THAT WE REALLY LOOK AT THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS, CONCERNS FROM MEMBERS? NEW AMENDMENTS BEFORE US. WE SHOULD DO A ROLL CALL TO ADOPT THE AMENDMENTS AND THEN MOVE FORWARD WITH THE VOTE ON ADOPTION.

>> MR. CLERK: FIRST VOTE IS ON THE MOMENTS, WHICH ARE BEFORE THE COUNCIL AND ON THE SCREEN. THEY ARE TO DELETE THE THREE ORDERED PARAGRAPHS THAT EXIST IN THE POLICY ORDER AND REPLACE THEM WITH THE FOUR PARAGRAPHS ON THE SCREEN. ON THE MOTION: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN INFORMED ME HE HAS ANOTHER AMENDMENT.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: I FORWARDED THAT TO THE CLERK AS WELL. I WILL WAIT FOR HIM TO PUT IT ON THE SCREEN. WE DON'T KNOW IF 100 UNITS A YEAR FOR 10 YEARS WILL ADDRESS THE FULL SCOPE OF THE CRISIS. IN TERMS OF DENYING HOMEOWNERSHIP TO BLACK AND BROWN RESIDENTS AND LOW INCOME RESIDENTS OF THE CITY. THE AMENDMENT I PROPOSE IS THAT THE QUESTION ALSO BE STUDIED TO DETERMINE HOW MANY UNITS WE'D NEED IN ORDER TO FULLY ADDRESS THE ADJUSTMENTS.

>> COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN: I DON'T THINK THAT IS A QUESTION THAT IS GOING TO BE EASILY ANSWERED. HOW MANY DO WE NEED? HOW BIG DO WE WANT THE CITY TO GET? HOW MANY PEOPLE WANT TO LIVE HERE? I WANT TO PUT IT IN, I THINK IT IS A BIG DEAL. I WOULDN'T I THINK IT IS UNREALISTIC THEY CAN GIVE A NUMBER.

>> VICE MAYOR MALLON: THANK YOU. I WAS GOING TO SAY THE SIMILAR THING. THIS IS A TIME SENSITIVE ISSUE. I THINK WE WANT A PRELIMINARY REPORT BEFORE THE BUDGET. AND THEN A FULL REPORT AFTER. I'M NOT SURE THIS IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE PLACE TO ASK THIS QUESTION IF WE WANT ANY OF THIS INFORMATION BACK IN A TIMELY MANNER. I WON'T VOTE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS AMENDMENT. IF MY COLLEAGUE WANTS TO PUT SOMETHING IN LATER OR A COMMITTEE HEARING ON THIS, THAT IS AMENDABLE. THIS SEEMS TO BE AN INAPPROPRIATE ASK IN THIS POLICY ORDER. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: COUNCILLOR SIMMONS?

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: THANK YOU. MY COLLEAGUE AND I DOES WORK

COLLABORATIVELY ON WHAT IS BEFORE YOU. THIS IS NEW TO ME. WHERE I SUPPORT THE INTENT WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION, MY CONCERN IS IT WILL SLOW DOWN OUR PROCESS TO GET IT BACK. I RESPECTFULLY ASK MY COLLEAGUE PERHAPS TO SIMPLY ASK BRING IN AS A LATE ORDER WITH A TIMELINE THAT IS FURTHER OUT. I DON'T WANT TO SLOW IT DOWN OR GET RUSHED WORK BECAUSE WE'RE TRYING TO GET ALL THE ANSWERS TO WHAT IS BEFORE US BY WAY OF THIS POLICY ORDER. I CERTAINLY SUPPORT THE INTENT, MY CONCERN IS THAT WE WON'T GET THE RESPONSE BACK AND IT SLOWS DOWN THE OTHER BODY OF WORK. IT IS MY COLLEAGUE'S AMENDMENT. I DO SUPPORT THE INTENT. I DON'T SUPPORT IT BEING ATTACHED TO THIS POLICY ORDER. I YIELD.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: ANYONE ELSE BEFORE GOING BACK TO COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU. I DO APPRECIATE THAT CONCERN. I DON'T THINK WE HAVE TO EXPECT OR ASK THAT QUESTION BE ANSWERED IMMEDIATELY OR IN A SHORT TIME FRAME. HOWEVER, I THINK IT DOES MAKE SENSE AS PART OF THE POLICY ORDER. WE ARE ASKING IF THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION TO INCLUDE THIS QUESTION WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR A QUICK ANSWER. I APPRECIATE THERE MAY NOT BE AN EXACT ANSWER, BUT WE'D HOPE TO GET A SENSE OF THE SCALE OF THE PROBLEM THAT WE'RE TRYING TO ADDRESS.

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: RESPECTFULLY, I WOULD SAY, MODIFY THE ORDER TO SAY... I DON'T HAVE MY GLASSES. IN ADDITION, WE'D LIKE AS SOON AS RESPONSIBLE, SOME LANGUAGE NEEDS TO BE PUT THERE, THAT SAYS I DON'T WANT THE WHOLE REPORT BECAUSE I'M TRYING TO GET THIS ANSWER. IF WE ARE NOT VERY SPECIFIC, THE CDD WILL DO THIS WORK AND MAYBE SOLICITOR ARE NOT GOING TO KNOW. THEY WON'T PARSE THAT OUT. THEY WILL THINK EVERYBODY NEEDS TO BE GIVEN IN THE TIME FRAME IN THE MAIN ORDER. ARE YOU WILLING TO ADD LANGUAGE SEEING YOU DON'T WANT TO TAKE IT OUT THAT SAYS... THIS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BE ADDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT NOT TO STOP GETTING THE REST OF THE INFORMATION. THIS IS IMPORTANT. WE WANT IT TO GO FORWARD. WE DON'T COLLECT ENOUGH ETHNIC DATA, I BELIEVE, I THINK IT WILL GET SLOWED DOWN. IN TURN, WE'D BE UPSET WITH CDD BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T GET THE INFORMATION BACK IN A TIMELY FASHION WHEN WE SET THEM UP TO NOT BE ABLE TO. I RESPECTFULLY ASK, WE CAN PUT THIS ON THE TABLE FOR NOW. COME BACK LATER. PASS IT TONIGHT. IT STAYS THE SAME. I'D RATHER NOT PASS IT WITHOUT SOME SORT OF SPECIFICATION SAYING THIS IS NOT TO SLOW DOWN THE REST OF THE WORK.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU. I THINK ONE OPTION IS TO SAY... AT A LATER DATE. IT WILL MAKE IT CLEAR WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR THAT REPORT BACK ON THE SAME TIME TABLE AS THE OTHER QUESTION.

>> COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN: I THINK IT IS CLEANER FOR THIS TO COME IN AS A SEPARATE ORDER NEXT WEEK. NOT MUCH IS BEING DONE BETWEEN THIS

WEEK AND NEXT WEEK. RATHER THAN SPENDING ALL THIS TIME TRYING TO WORDSMITH SOMETHING TO TRY TO FIGURE IT OUT. BRING IT IN NEXT WEEK. IT WILL BE CLEAN. ON ITS OWN. ASK FOR A REPORT AND I THINK THAT'S THE BEST WAY.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: AMENDMENTS ARE BEFORE US ALREADY. PER THE CLERK, THEY NEED TO BE WITHDRAWN OR GO AHEAD AND DO AN UP AND DOWN VOTE. WHAT IS THE PLEASURE? COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN?

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: I WILL BRING IT.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: OKAY. HE WILL BRING IT ON A SEPARATE ORDER. WE'LL DO POLICY ORDER AS AMENDED AND ROLL CALL.

>> MR. CLERK: AS AMENDED: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: MOVING TO CHARTER RIGHT NUMBER TWO. (READING CHARTER RIGHT NUMBER 2).

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: THANK YOU. I MOVE MY CHARTER RIGHT FOR TWO REASONS. ONE, IT WAS LATE. AND TWO, I FOUND IT SOMEWHAT INFLAMMATORY IN THE PRESENTATION. I LOOKED AT IT AGAIN, THERE'S SOME THINGS THE WAY THIS IS WRITTEN, I BELIEVE, A READER WITHOUT KNOWING NOTHING ABOUT CAMBRIDGE WOULD GET THE IMPRESSION THAT OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS AGGRESSIVE, HARMFUL TO PEOPLE, JUST DOING REALLY OUTRAGEOUS ACTS. AM ON THE RIGHT ONE?

**Motion to amend Calendar Item #2 by Councilors McGovern and Councillor Simmons.**

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: WE ARE AT COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN'S ORDER.

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: GREAT. I'M SCROLLING. I'M GOING TOO FAST. LOOK AT THE FIRST WHEREAS, WE KNOW THEY ARE WORKING OVERTIME TO DE ESCALATION, I DON'T LIKE TO USE THE WORD DEMILITARIZATION, I AND MANY OTHER PEOPLE DO NOT SEE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AS MILITARIZED. MY SEVEN YEAR OLD, WHO I LOVE TO MENTION ALL THE TIME, THINKS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE PEOPLE THAT SERVE THERE ARE VERY, VERY WONDERFUL PEOPLE TO THE DEGREE HE THINKS ALL POLICE ARE WONDERFUL PEOPLE AND HAD A REAL RUDE AWAKENING IN ANOTHER CITY IN MASSACHUSETTS, SHE WENT UP TO SAY HELLO AND THE POLICE OFFICERS REBUFFED HER. I HAD TO GIVE HER EVERY POLICE IS NOT LIKE CAMBRIDGE TO HER.

I JUST THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE WAY THIS IS WRITTEN. YOU WOULD THINK THIS WAS NOT THE CASE. WE HAD NOT BEEN EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT GOING BACK TO 2008 AND 2009. I KNOW I RECENTLY HAD A CONVERSATION AROUND POLICING WITH 50 PLUS PEOPLE. AT LEAST MORE THAN HALF OF THEM WERE NOT IN THE... THOUGHT OF MIND TO DEFUND OR DEMILITARIZE. TO HAVE THIS WITHOUT A CONVERSATION WITH THE COMMUNITY, WITHOUT ENGAGING OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT, WITHOUT ENGAGING MORE VOICES, PRO AND CON, I THINK IT IS UNFAIR.

I SUSPECT I'M HOPING THE INTENTION OF THE COLLEAGUE THAT PUT THIS FORWARD WERE PURE. I HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH ONE OF

MY COLLEAGUES, COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN, HE HAS PUT TOGETHER SOME COMPROMISED LANGUAGE. I WOULD LIKE TO YIELD THE FLOOR TO HIM TO ALLOW HIM TO TALK ABOUT THAT. WHAT WE CAME UP WITH AND I WANT TO THANK HIM, OTHERWISE WITHOUT THIS LANGUAGE, I WOULD HAVE TO VOTE AGAINST THIS BECAUSE I THINK I OFTEN SAY THIS, YOU MAY GO IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, YOU ARE CHOOSING THE WRONG METHOD. WITH THAT, I WILL YIELD. AND WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM MY OTHER COLLEAGUES ON THIS. THIS ORDER STANDS THE WAY IT IS, I WILL NOT VOTE FOR IT.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN AND THEN COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU. I RECOGNIZE WE DON'T AGREE ON THIS ISSUE. I WANT TO SET A COUPLE OF THINGS STRAIGHT. I HAVE DONE EXTENSIVE ENGAGEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY, WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, WITH THE COMMISSIONER, MAYOR AND I MET WITH THE COMMISSIONER AND THE CITY MANAGER ON THIS ISSUE, WE HAD A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING ON THIS TOPIC. THE VIDEO IS AVAILABLE FOR MY COLLEAGUES TO WATCH, WHERE WE HEARD FROM EXPERTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT THE WEAPONS ARE SIMPLY NOT NEEDED. AND THEY DO HARM. THAT'S NOT ABOUT ANY INDIVIDUAL PERSON OR POLICE OFFICER. IT IS SIMPLY THE POSSIBILITY THIS TYPE OF WEAPON COULD BE DEPLOYED AGAINST OUR OWN RESIDENTS AND CITIZENS.

WHEN MY COLLEAGUE SPEAKS ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE POLICE, I AGREE WITH HER, WE DON'T WANT TO THINK OF THE POLICE AS A MILITARY FORCE. FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, WE NEED THEM TO DISPOSE OF THE WEAPONS. SIMPLY POSSESSING THEM IS IN FACT BRANDING THEMSELVES AS A MILITARY OUTFIT. AND THERE'S NO RATIONALE OR NEED FOR THAT IN THE CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO HAVE THAT TYPE OF WEAPONRY. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING THE AMENDMENTS, BUT I HOPE MY COLLEAGUES WILL ULTIMATELY SUPPORT THE ASK OF THIS ORDER, WHICH IS TO GET RID OF THE WEAPONS THAT WE HAVE NO USE FOR.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN AND THEN VICE MAYOR MALLON.

>> COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN: THANK YOU. OFF THE TOP, I WILL SAY I DO AGREE THAT THIS IS A CONCERN RAISED BY SOME FOLKS IN THE COMMUNITY. IT IS WORTHY OF A CONVERSATION. I HAVE SAID PUBLICLY, I TOO HAVE BEEN QUESTIONED OR I HAVE QUESTIONED SOME OF THE INVENTORY AND WHY WE NEED CERTAIN THINGS AND EQUIPMENT. I WAS SUPPORTIVE THE TEAR GAS BAN, DESPITE THE FACT WE DIDN'T USE IT IN 50 YEARS AND WE DON'T HAVE IT ON SITE. THIS IS NOT A CONVERSATION THAT UNWORTHY TO HAVE. I THINK THE ORIGINAL ORDER WAS SOMEWHAT INFLAMMATORY. THIS WAS WORK DONE EARLY AND A PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING ON IT. I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO A HE SAID, HE SAID ABOUT THIS. I KNOW THERE WAS NO CONVERSATION ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR ORDER WITH THE COMMISSIONER. TO BE HONEST, I'M TIRED OF DOING BUSINESS THIS WAY.

IT TAKES FIVE MINUTES TO WRITE A POLICY ORDER, IT TAKES A LONG TIME TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO PUT ONE FORWARD WHERE IT WILL GET US SOMEWHERE. I WANTED TO TRY TO DO THAT WITH SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE. I THINK IT IS A WORTHY CONVERSATION. I'D SAY, I WANT TO BE CAREFUL OF I HAVE A CHILD AROUND THE SAME AGE TWO CHILDREN AROUND THE SAME AGE AS COUNCILLOR SIMMONS'S GRANDDAUGHTER. MOST PEOPLE IN THE CITY HAVE NO CLUE WHAT IS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S INVENTORY BECAUSE OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT THESE THINGS DON'T PARADE THE CITY WITH EITHER THE BEARCAT OR WITH THE WEAPONS. I THINK IS AN IMPORTANT CONVERSATION TO HAVE. I DON'T TO OVER BLOW IT. I DON'T WANT IT TO SOUND LIKE WE LIVE IN A MILITARIZED CITY, POLICE OFFICERS WALKING DOWN THE STREET AND SCARING KIDS. THAT'S NOT HAPPENING HERE. IT DOESN'T MEAN IT IS NOT AN IMPORTANT CONVERSATION. THERE WAS A PUBLIC POLICY MEETING WHERE A CERTAIN GROUP OF PEOPLE WERE ASKED TO COME OUT AND SPEAK TO THE ISSUES WHO HAVE A CERTAIN POINT OF VIEW. THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE IN THE CITY WHO DON'T SHARE THAT.

THE SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE I PROPOSE, I DON'T KNOW IF THE PROCEDURALLY, MR. CLERK, I DON'T KNOW IF PEOPLE HAVE COMMENTS ABOUT COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN POLICY ORDER. IF I BRING THIS OFFICIALLY.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: YOU CAN TALK ABOUT THEM BOTH.

>> COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN: I DON'T KNOW IF HE WANTS TO SHARE IT. BRING IT FORWARD SO PEOPLE CAN SEE IT. IN THE POLICY ORDER, OFFERING SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE. I WILL MAKE ONE CORRECTION IN THIS. COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN POINTED THIS OUT. IT SHOWS YOU HOW CRAZY TIME IS THESE DAYS. THERE WAS A PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING THIS. THIS WAS JULY OF 2020. WE CAN CHANGE THAT. IT BLURRED TOGETHER. WE CAN CHANGE THAT TO JULY OF 2020. ACKNOWLEDGES THERE'S A CONCERN IN THE COMMUNITY. ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THESE WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT EXIST IN THE CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT. IT WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE FACT THAT THE COMMISSIONER HAS ALREADY STARTED TO DO AWAY WITH SOME OF THESE WEAPONS. AND EQUIPMENT. HE SAID HE'LL CONTINUE TO DO SO. IT ASKS FOR A REPORT BACK AS TO WHAT HE HAS ALREADY DONE AND WHAT HE PLANS ON DOING MOVING FORWARD. WE HAVE THE INFORMATION IN FRONT OF US, RATHER THAN SAYING JUST DO THIS.

WITHOUT ANY CONVERSATION WITH THE POLICE COMMISSIONER OR ANYONE ELSE, LET'S DO THIS THE RIGHT WAY. GET A REPORT BACK ON WHERE THINGS STAND. AND WE'LL HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT WE NEED AND DON'T NEED AND MAKE DECISIONS. ULTIMATELY, CITY COUNCIL CAN'T CONTROL THIS ANYWAY. I OFFER THIS AS SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE. I DON'T FIND THIS SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE TO BE POINTING FINGERS OR BLAMING ANYONE. I THINK WILL GET US TO WHERE WE WANT TO GET TO. I THINK IT DOES SO IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY. THAT IS WHAT I PUT FORWARD.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: GOING TO VICE MAYOR MALLON.

>> VICE MAYOR MALLON: THANK YOU. A POINT OF INFORMATION. THE PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING THAT I THINK WE ARE ALL REFERENCING WAS EARLIER THIS YEAR ON JANUARY 6, 2021. I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT IS GONE INTO THE ALTERNATIVE AMENDMENT. I'M TIRED OF DOING BUSINESS THIS WAY IN THIS COUNCIL. AS THE POLICY ORDER THAT WAS ORIGINALLY PUT IN, WE DID HAVE A PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING HEARING ON THE POLICE DEPARTMENT INVENTORY WHERE I REVIEWED THE VIDEO, YOU ARE RIGHT, THERE ARE NO COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES, I WATCHED THE MEETING AND I WAS SURPRISED AS I WAS THAT DAY, THERE WERE NO NEXT STEPS. AND THERE IS NO FOLLOW UP IN THE LAST FOUR MONTHS ON THIS TOPIC THAT HAD RAISED SO MANY CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS BOTH RESIDENTS, THE COUNCIL, ACTIVIST GROUPS. I HAVE TO ASK THE QUESTION, WHY THIS POLICY ORDER? WHY NOT JUST A FOLLOW UP PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING WITH THE COMMISSIONER, WITH THE CITY MANAGER, WITH THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, TO REVIEW WHAT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN SINCE THAT MEETING. AS WE KNOW, AS WE SAW IN THE CAMBRIDGE CHRONICLE, THE COMMISSIONER WORKED WITH A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF WEAPONS BY 20%. ALREADY SAID PUBLICLY HE IS LOOKING AT THE BEARCAT AND DECOMMISSION IT. CALLING OUR COMMISSIONER TO HAVE A CONVERSATION AND THAT IS THAT'S HOW IT SHOULD HAPPEN. WE SHOULD BE COMMUNICATING AS A WONDERFUL THING AND WE SHOULD BE DOING IT MORE. AND I REALLY CANNOT STRESS IT ENOUGH. I THANK COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN FOR PUTTING IT THAT WAY. I'M TIRED OF DOING BUSINESS THIS WAY. I THINK OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS HAVE TO BE AS WELL.

I THINK THAT POLICY ORDERS LIKE THIS MAKE FOR GREAT PRESS. MAKE FOR GREAT TWEETS AND POSTS. THEY DON'T MAKE FOR GREAT PROGRESS THAT PRODUCE REAL RESULTS. I THINK LIKE COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN SAID BEFORE ME AND COUNCILLOR SIMMONS SAID BEFORE ME, IT DOES WARRANT A CONTINUED CONVERSATION IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE. THIS POLICY ORDER IS UNNECESSARY AND WE SHOULD RETURN IT TO THE TABLE OR VOTE IT DOWN AND LET THE CHAIR USE THE COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION FOR AN UPDATE FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON THE PROGRESS THAT IS MADE IN THIS AREA WITH THE HELP OF ACTIVIST AND MAKE SURE RESIDENT UNDERSTAND WHERE WE ARE AND WHERE WE ARE GOING. I APPRECIATE THERE IS WORK ON ALTERNATE LANGUAGE AND MAKE IT MAKE SENSE AND NOT BE INFLAMMATORY. I DON'T THINK IT IS NECESSARY AND I WELCOME AS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION THERE. WHERE IT SHOULD HAPPEN IN COMMITTEE TO HAVE REAL PROGRESS THAT PRODUCES REAL RESULTS.

SO, I'M GOING TO YIELD THE FLOOR FOR SOME OTHER COLLEAGUES TO WEIGH IN AND COMMENT. I'M NOT INCLINE TO THE AMENDED LANGUAGE OR THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE FOR IT BECAUSE I DO THINK THIS IS THE REAL WORK OF THE COMMITTEES. IT STARTED THERE AND WE SHOULD CONTINUE IT THERE RATHER THAN ASKING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE POLICE

DEPARTMENT TO PUT TOGETHER A REPORT ON THEIR OWN. I WILL YIELD BACK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: BEFORE I GO BACK TO COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN, IS THERE ANYONE ELSE FROM THE COUNCIL THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WHO HAS WANTED SPOKEN ON THE ORIGINAL ORDER OR THE AMENDED POLICY ORDER? COUNCILLOR NOLAN, COUNCILLOR CARLONE, AND THEN I WILL SPEAK.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: I WON'T SAY MUCH, WE ALL AGREE. WE NEED TO HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHICH ELEMENTS OF THE POLICE INVENTORY HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF AND WE'LL GET THAT WITH EITHER POLICY ORDER. WE SHOULD CONTINUE THE WORK AND MAKE SURE WE DO IT IN A WAY WE ARE INCLUDING ALL PLAYERS. I WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS IS A CHALLENGING CONVERSATION. I DO THINK IT WOULD BE REALLY GOOD TO HAVE THIS IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WHERE WE CAN DISCUSS IT IN THE FALL.

>> COUNCILLOR CARLONE: COUNCILLOR NOLAN TOOK MY SPEECH AWAY. SHE DID A GREAT JOB. I KNOW THERE ARE PEOPLE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS ISSUE, WE ALL KNOW THAT. SOME OF THEM HAD A HISTORY THAT NONE OF US WOULD LIKE TO HAVE. BEING HEARD AND PERCEIVED AS BEING HEARD BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY. I'M IMPRESSED WITH OUR COMMISSIONER AND PROGRESS IS SLOW ON DIFFICULT ISSUES. I WISH IT WEREN'T. WE ALL WISH IT WEREN'T. THE PHRASE THAT GOT ME WAS "ALL RIFLES." AS IF TOMORROW OR NEXT WEEK OR NEXT YEAR, ALL RIFLES ARE GONE. AND THINGS DON'T HAPPEN LIKE THAT.

>> I THINK THE AMENDMENT GETS US TO THE POINT OF HAVING THE INFORMATION AND I ENCOURAGE WE PURSUE THAT ROUTE IN THIS DISCUSSION. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: ANYONE ELSE BEFORE I SPEAK? I THINK WHAT COUNCILLOR CARLONE MENTIONED, IT WAS WHAT COMMISSIONER BARD SPOKE ABOUT. WHEN I TALKED TO HIM ABOUT THIS POLICY ORDER. JUST TO CLEAR THE RECORD, THERE ARE CONVERSATIONS THAT I AND COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN AND CITY MANAGER AND COMMISSIONER BARD HAD EARLY ON. I THINK IT WAS BEFORE WE HEARD ABOUT THE WEAPONRY BEING REDUCED. I DISCUSSED THIS BRIEFLY WITH COMMISSIONER BARD. HE BROUGHT UP POINTS. FROM A DATA PERSPECTIVE, HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS. COMMISSIONER BARD SAID WE USE THEM, BUT INFREQUENTLY. GOING BACK TO THE INTENT OF WHAT THE SUBSTANTIVE ORDER ASKED FOR, THINKING ABOUT STATED GOAL THAT WE DO HAVE, I THINK IT IS WORTH DISCUSSING. I WILL SAY, I UNDERSTAND WHERE EVERYBODY IS COMING FROM. THINK WE HAVE DIFFERENT OPINIONS ON THIS AND THAT'S WHY THIS BODY EXISTS. IT EXISTS FOR THAT. COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN YOU PROPOSED AND SAID WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING THIS UP.

WE HAVE OTHER COUNCILLORS WHO SEE IT DIFFERENTLY. AND I THINK IT IS OUR JOB AS COLLEAGUES TO CONSIDER AND WEIGH, I THINK WHAT



COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN HAS OFFERED, I AGREE WITH THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS, I THINK IT GETS TO SOME OF THE INTENT. WE'LL GO BACK TO YOU. FOR YOU, IT IS NOT WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE. I THINK WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THE COLLECTIVE HERE. AND SO, I'M HAPPY TO GO BACK TO YOU. I'M ALREADY SEEING FROM THE NOD OF YOUR HEAD, YOU DON'T AGREE. WE CAN HEAR YOU OUT AND I SUGGEST FROM WHY I HEAR FROM THE BODY, SEE WHERE EVERYBODY IS AT, WE CONSIDER THE SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE, PEOPLE CAN VOTE IT UP OR DOWN, WE MOVE ON ACCORDINGLY. GO AHEAD.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU. I DO APPRECIATE YOU SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT. I HAVE TO ADMIT, I'M A LITTLE UPSET BY THE WAY MY COLLEAGUES ARE SPEAKING ABOUT THIS EFFORT. SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES, IT IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE. I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS ISSUE FOR OVER A YEAR. AND WE HAVE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, I HAVE BEEN MEETING WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS REGULARLY AND REPEATEDLY. I BROUGHT THE MAYOR IN ON THE CONVERSATION. SHE SPOKE AT MEETINGS WITH THE COMMISSIONER AND THE CITY MANAGER. SIMPLY NOT TRUE. SIMPLY NOT TRUE THAT NOTHING HAPPENED BETWEEN THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AND NOW.

AND WHILE I APPRECIATE WHERE SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES ARE COMING FROM, WHERE THE AMENDMENT IS COMING FROM, THE SIMPLE TRUTH IS IT DOESN'T GET THE JOB DONE. WE ALREADY KNOW WHAT THE INVENTORY IS. WE JUST NEED TO GET RID OF IT. AND MORE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT IT AND HAVING ANOTHER PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE HEARING, IT WON'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING. THE MANAGER AND THE COMMISSIONER HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THEY DON'T WANT TO GET RID OF THE WEAPONS. IT IS OUR JOB AS THE COUNCIL TO MAKE OUR POSITION CLEAR. EITHER WE WANT THEM TO GET RID OF IT OR WE'RE OKAY WITH THEM HAVING IT. THE BODY WANTS TO VOTE THAT WE SHOULD KEEP THE STUFF AROUND, THAT'S YOUR BUSINESS.

I CANNOT SUPPORT THAT. THE ASK OF THE ORIGINAL ORDER IS TO GET RID OF THE WEAPONS AND THAT REMAINS MY ASK AND THIS SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT SIMPLY DOESN'T GET THAT JOB DONE.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: AGAIN, THE ORDER ASKS FOR A PLAN AND I THINK COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN'S ORDER ASKS FOR A PLAN. I THINK WE CAN GO ROUND AND ROUND ON THIS. I DON'T WANT TO AND THE TIME WE ARE ALMOST AT 9:00. WE HAVE AN AMENDMENT. SUBSTITUTE ORDER BEFORE US, COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN. GOING BACK TO YOU. ENTERTAIN THE MOTION FROM YOU TO VOTE THE AMENDMENTS UP OR DOWN.

>> COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN: THANK YOU. I WANT TO SAY QUICKLY, I KNOW HOW THIS IS GOING TO GET RESPONDED TO FROM THE MEDIA, I'M NOT SAYING IT IS AN UNIMPORTANT CONVERSATION. I'D LIKE TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION. I WANT TO DO IT IN A PRODUCTIVE WAY. I DON'T WANT PEOPLE SPINNING THIS. I OFFER MY SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE. VICE MAYOR MALLON MENTIONED I WILL GO THROUGH YOU TO ASK HER, THIS IS A CONVERSATION SHE FEELS SHOULD HAPPEN IN COMMITTEE. IN MY SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE, I ASK FOR THE REPORT TO COME BACK TO THE CITY

COUNCIL. IF SHE PREFERS ME TO CHANGE THAT OR MADE TO COME BACK TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, SHE FEELS THAT'S A BETTER PLACE TO HAVE THE CONVERSATION, I'M HAPPY TO MAKE THAT CHANGE.

>> VICE MAYOR MALLON: I THINK THAT'S A GREAT SUGGESTION BECAUSE THAT ALLOWS US FOR TWO HOURS TO BE DEBATING THE MERITS OF THE REPORT AND HOW WE WANT TO PROCEED, RATHER THAN ON A MONDAY NIGHT AT 9:00 AT NIGHT WITH OTHER BUSINESS IN FRONT OF US. I THINK THAT'S AN EXCELLENT SUGGESTION. THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU. I BELIEVE THAT IN THE PAST, WE HAVE ALWAYS SAID IT IS REALLY NOT NECESSARY TO PUT THAT IN THE ORDER. THE ORDER CAN ASK FOR A REPORT FROM THE MANAGER AND IF AND WHEN THAT REPORT MATERIALIZES, THE COUNCIL CAN REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE. IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN, I AM HAPPY TO HOLD A HEARING AS THE CHAIR. I DON'T SEE ANY REASON TO PUT THAT IN THE ORDER. THE REPORT CAN COME BACK TO THE COUNCIL AND FORWARD TO THE COMMITTEE.

>> MR. CLERK: IF I MAY, AS AN FYI, IF THE SUBSTITUTE ORDER OR THE ORIGINAL ORDER IS PASSED, IT WILL GO ON AWAITING REPORT LIST, WHAT HAPPENS THE CITY MANAGER RESPOND TO THE CITY COUNCIL, COME OFF THE LIST AND REFERRED TO WHEREVER IT NEED THE TO GO.

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: IT DOESN'T PRECLUDE TO BE ASKED WE GET THE REPORT BACK, IT GOES BACK TO MY COMMITTEE. I UNDERSTAND WHAT THE CLERK IS SAYING, TO ADD THAT LANGUAGE, IT IS NOT IMPROPER FORM. JUST SAYING WHERE WE WANT IT TO GO WHEN IT COMES BACK. THAT'S WHAT I BELIEVE. I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE CLERK.

>> MR. CLERK: YOU ARE CORRECT. THEY CAN PUT LANGUAGE TO REFER TO WHATEVER COMMITTEE THE COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO SEND IT TO. IT WON'T COME OFF THE LIST UNTIL IF IT GOES TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, IT WOULDN'T COME OFF THE WAITING REPORT LIST UNTIL IT GOT BACK TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

>> COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN: I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE WAITING REPORT LIST. IF IT GOES STRAIGHT TO PUBLIC SAFETY, IT IS FASTER OPPOSED BACK TO THE COUNCIL. IT WILL WAIT AND REFER IT BACK. I WILL AMEND MY POLICY ORDER. IN THE ORDERED SECTION. THE REPORT GO BACK TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE. REMOVE CITY COUNCIL AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

>> MR. CLERK: MOVE FORWARD ON THE VOTE?

>> COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN: I WANT TO IN THE ORDERED SECTION, TAKE OUT CITY COUNCIL. AND PUT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE. REPORT BACK TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: YOU HAVE THAT.

>> MR. CLERK: ONE CLARIFYING QUESTION. YOU WANT TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT ABOUT THE DATE OF THE MEETING YOU REFERRED TO.

>> COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN: WE DON'T HAVE TO. VICE MAYOR MALLON

POINTED OUT THAT COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN WAS TALKING ABOUT AN EARLIER PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING. IT OCCURRED IN JULY OF 2020, ACCORDING TO VICE MAYOR MALLON, THE PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING ABOUT THE INVENTORY WAS PRESENTED WAS IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR. MY REPORT SAYS EARLIER THIS YEAR, IF THAT IS THE CASE WE CAN SAY EARLIER THIS TERM. IT WILL COVER BOTH.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: CHANGE IT TO EARLIER THIS TERM TO COVER OUR BASIS.

>> MR. CLERK: RIGHT NOW THE ORDERED PARAGRAPH THE CITY MANAGER IS REQUESTED TO WORK WITH THE POLICE COMMISSIONER AND REPORT BACK TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ON STEPS TAKEN TO ADDRESS THIS CONCERN AND ISSUING STATUS REPORT ON HOW THEY MOVE FORWARD WITH REDUCING WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT VIEWED UNNECESSARY...

>> COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER: POINT OF INFORMATION. VOTING ON THIS AMENDMENT?

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: THIS IS THE ORIGINAL ORDER. IT IS EDITED. WE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH WHAT IS BEFORE US. SUBSTITUTED ORDER. THAT'S ROLL CALL.

>> MR. CLERK: THE ROLL CALL VOTE IS TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL POLICY ORDER BY SUBSTITUTION WITH THIS LANGUAGE FROM COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN AND COUNCILLOR SIMMONS, INCLUDES A REFERENCE SENDING THE RESPONSE FROM THE CITY MANAGER DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE. ON THE MOTION:

>> COUNCILLOR CARLONE: YES.

>> VICE MAYOR MALLON: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER: NO.

>> COUNCILLOR TOOMEY: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: NO.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: YES.

>> MR. CLERK: MOTION PASSES, SEVEN IN FAVOR AND TWO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: CLERK? EVERYTHING COVERED?

>> MR. CLERK: THE POLICY ORDER IS AMENDED. NEXT VOTE UNLESS THERE ARE MORE AMENDMENTS. VOTE TO ADOPT THE POLICY ORDER.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: ANY OTHER AMENDMENTS?

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU. THE ORDER NOW NO LONGER

**Motion to adopt Calendar Item #2 as amended.**

**That the City Manager is hereby requested to work with the Police Commissioner and report back to the Public Safety Committee on steps taken to address this concern and issue a status report on how the City is moving forward with reducing weapons and equipment deemed unnecessary by the Cambridge Police Department**

MENTIONS THE BEARCAT, WHICH TYPICALLY IS NOT A WEAPON. I DON'T KNOW IF WE NEED TO PUT THAT BACK IN THERE SO IT IS CLEAR WE TALK ABOUT THAT SPECIFIC PIECE OF EQUIPMENT.

>> COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN: CAN YOU THROW IT UP. I DID TALK ABOUT WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: IT DOES SAY THAT, BUT EQUIPMENT IS A BROAD TERM.

>>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: I CONQUER, IT IS MORE BROAD THAN THE EARLIER ORDER. IT SPECIFIES THE BEARCAT. I DON'T THINK THE COMMISSIONER IS UNDER A ROCK. HE HEARS THE CONVERSATION AND KNOWS THE INTENTIONALITY. I THINK HE WILL BE THOROUGH. I HOPE MY COLLEAGUES CONQUER. WE HAVE A VERY ABLE COMMISSIONER. HE SAT THROUGH A NUMBER OF MEETINGS, GOOD, BAD, AND INDIFFERENT. HE UNDERSTANDS THE INTENTION OF THE ORDER. I THINK LEAVE IT AS IT. LET US VOTE IT. MOVE ON THE OTHER ORDERS OF BUSINESS. I RESPECTFULLY ASK COLLEAGUES TO GO FORWARD TO SUPPORT THE ORDER AS AMENDED. LET US GET OUR REPORT BACK AND GO TO COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN'S SUBCOMMITTEE. NOT SUBCOMMITTEE. COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL ON PUBLIC SAFETY. WE CAN FURTHER DIVE INTO THIS ISSUE. I THINK THE ORDER IS IN PROPER FORM AND RESPECTFULLY ASK US TO VOTE AND MOVE ON TO THE OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS. I YIELD.

>>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: POINT OF ORDER. I ASKED IF IT WOULD BE IN ORDER TO AMEND THAT BACK IN. IF THE ANSWER IS YES, I'D LIKE TO PUT FORWARD THAT AMENDMENT. IF THE ANSWER IS NO, WE CANNOT. IF WE CAN HAVE AN ANSWER FROM THE CLERK IF IT IS IN ORDER TO PUT THAT AMENDMENT IN?

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: CLERK?

>> MR. CLERK: ONE SECOND. I'M PULLING UP THE OLD LANGUAGE. OLD LANGUAGE REFERENCED... WE TALK ABOUT THE ORDERED PARAGRAPH. LANGUAGE THAT WAS AMENDED, ELIMINATION OF THE BEARCAT... TO REINSERT THAT LANGUAGE, SUCH AN ORDER WOULD BE OUT OF ORDER UNDER ROBERT'S RULE.

>>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: PROCEED TO VOTE ON THE ORDER AS AMENDED.

>> COUNCILLOR CARLONE: YES.

>> VICE MAYOR MALLON: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR TOOMEY: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: NO.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: YES.

>> MR. CLERK: EIGHT IN FAVOR AND ONE AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: MOVING TO ITEMS ON THE TABLE. FOUR AND FIVE. WE HAVE TO DO A ROLL CALL TO PULL THEM OFF THE TABLE. CLERK?

>> MR. CLERK: ON THE MOTION: (ROLL CALL) TAKE FROM THE TABLE CALENDAR ITEMS 4 AND 5. (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: 4 AND IN REGARDS TO THE POLICY ORDER REQUESTING BUDGET FOR OUTSIDE LEGAL RESEARCH AND THEN FIVE IS A COMMUNICATION THAT WAS FROM CITY SOLICITOR GLOWA ABOUT A LEGAL OPINION. COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

**Motion to take Calendar Item #4 and Calenda Item #5 from the table.**

>> COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER: THANK YOU. THANK YOU TO COSPONSORS AND DISCUSSION ON THE LINE ITEM FOR LEGAL RESEARCH FROM THE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET PREDATES MY TIME. IT WAS DISCUSSED LAST TERM AND PREVIOUS TERMS. I'M HAPPY TO SPONSOR THIS POLICY ORDER TO MOVE IT FORWARD WITH THE THREE COSPONSORS. THIS POLICY ORDER HELP TO PROVIDE TRANSPARENCY TO THE CURRENT PROCESS FOR COUNCILLORS WORKING WITH OUTSIDE LAWYERS. RIGHT NOW, EACH ONE CONSULTS WITH OUTSIDE EXPERTS ON THEIR OWN. THE CITY COUNCIL CAN HELP FORMALIZE THIS AS PART OF THE RULES AND CREATE STEPS FOR TRANSPARENCY. LIKE WE DO WITH THE MEETINGS FOR EACH TERM. INCREASING TRANSPARENCY AND HELP US CARRY OUT DUTIES TO PASS LAWS AS LAID OUT IN THE CHARTER. IT STATES CLEARLY THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL HAVE AND EXERCISE ALL THE LEGISLATIVE POWERS OF THE CITY. IT MAKES SENSE FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT TO HAVE ACCESS TO SEPARATE LEGAL ADVICE THAN THE LAWYERS TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND THE CITY MANAGER. THE CITIES THAT HAVE DONE THIS, THE COUNCILS THAT HAVE DONE VARIATIONS ON HAVING A BUDGET FOR LEGAL ADVICE, INCLUDING FALL RIVER, METHUEN, ET CETERA. THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH SHOULD HAVE SEPARATE ACCESS TO LEGAL ADVICE. THE CHARTER IS CLEAR THE CITY COUNCIL HAS THE RIGHT TO MAKE THE REQUEST AND THE COUNCILLORS WON'T GO TO JAIL FOR MAKING A BUDGET REQUEST. IT IS CLEAR. AND THE LANGUAGE OF THE AMENDMENT THAT WE PASSED LAST WEEK, THE CITY MANAGER IS NOT REQUIRED TO MAKE THE BUDGET REQUEST CHANGES, THE COUNCIL HAS AUTHORITY OVER THE BUDGET.

I APPRECIATE THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE LAST WEEK. I WANT TO BE CLEAR, I'M HAPPY AND WILLING TO LISTEN TO THEIR OPINION AND ADVICE. I THINK THE MEMO AND RESPONSE HELPED ME MAKE THE CASE FOR THIS. THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT SAYS THE COUNCIL CAN FACE JAIL TIME, WE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO LEGAL ADVICE. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT. THE PROCESS THEY OUTLINED IN THE MEMO OF HAVING LAWYERS WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH THE COUNCIL WHEN WE SEEK ORDINANCE, IT IS AN APPROACH. IT WAS AN APPROACH IN 2019, IT WASN'T IMPLEMENTED AT THE TIME. I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT PROCESS BEING IMPLEMENTED GOING FORWARD. AND I THINK IT WILL HELP

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US OVERCOME ISSUES. THAT IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE POLICY ORDER. AND THE CITY COUNCIL HAVING ITS OWN BUDGET FOR LEGAL RESEARCH, INCLUDING FOR RESTAURANTS HAVING ACOUSTIC MUSIC WITHOUT A PERMIT. PASSING A TEAR GAS BAN. THEY ARE ALL ISSUES WE STRUGGLE WITH. I HOPE WE CAN MOVE FORWARD THIS PASSING THIS.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: VICE MAYOR MALLON AND THEN COUNCILLOR CARLONE.

>> VICE MAYOR MALLON: THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND FOR ALLOWING US TO HAVE A FEW EXTRA WEEKS TO HASH OUT AND THINK ABOUT THIS POLICY AND WHAT IT MEANS. GIVEN THAT ADDITIONAL TIME, WITH THE LAW DEPARTMENT TO HAVE THE CONVERSATIONS WAS CRITICAL. I APPRECIATE THE MEMO FROM LAST WEEK AND WHERE THERE IS CONFUSION IN THE COMMUNITY WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN GO TO JAIL TONIGHT FOR PASSING THIS POLICY ORDER, WAS REFERENCED IS SECTION 107, NEITHER THE CITY COUNCIL NOR ANY OF THE COMMITTEES SHALL DIRECT OR REQUEST THE APPOINTMENT OF ANY PERSON TO OR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE BY THE CITY MANAGER OR THE SUBORDINATES OR TAKE PART IN THE APPOINTMENT OR REMOVAL OF OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES IN THAT PORTION OF THE SERVICE OF SAID CITY FOR WHOSE ADMINISTRATION THE CITY MANAGER IS RESPONSIBLE. THAT IS NOT WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR OR WHAT THE POLICY ORDER IS ASKING FOR. WHAT IT IS ASKING FOR, WE ASK ALL THE TIME FOR NEW POSITIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AS WELL AS ADVOCATE I ASK WE HIRE CONSULTANT FOR THE CAMBRIDGE STREET BIKE LANES AND ASK THE CITY MANAGER HIRE A DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL PLANNING. BOTH WERE APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND BOTH HAPPENED. THIS PART SEEMS TO INDICATE I CAN'T OR WE CAN'T SAY THAT MR. SMITH, THE FINANCE DIRECTOR NEEDS TO BE FIRED OR A SPECIFIC PERSON SHOULD BE HIRED. A CHARTER SHOULD SPECIFY THAT VERY CLEARLY.

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED HERE, LIKE THE CONSENSUS BUILDING INSTITUTE CONSULTANT WHO WAS BROUGHT IN IS A REGULAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO ACCESS OUTSIDE LEGAL RESEARCH HELP. AS MENTIONED IN THE POLICY ORDER, A FEW CITIES AND TOWNS HAVE DONE SOMETHING SIMILAR. FALL RIVER, METHUEN, ET CETERA, HAVE DONE THIS. THEY CAN REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL, WHICH IS THE PROCEDURE. AND WE CAN HAVE A LONGER CONVERSATION ABOUT IT. I WANT TO THANK YOU THE POLICY MAKERS FOR THIS AND DIVING INTO AN ISSUE THAT WE REALLY HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT FOR A LONG TIME. I THINK IT WILL REALLY HELP US AS THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH BRING FORWARD ORDINANCES THAT WILL HELP MAKE PROGRESS IN THE CITY. I WILL VOTE FOR THIS. I APPRECIATE THE LAW DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICY ORDER MAKERS COMING TOGETHER AND HAVING CONVERSATIONS. I UNDERSTAND THERE IS NOT A CONSENSUS OR AGREEMENT, I THINK IT IS A WORTHY THING FOR US TO DO TONIGHT. I'M VERY HAPPY TO VOTE YES. I YIELD.

>> COUNCILLOR CARLONE: THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE BOTH MY FELLOW COUNCILLOR AND VICE MAYOR MALLON'S COMMENTS. I WANTED VERY

MUCH FOR US TO READ IN DETAIL WHAT THE SOLICITOR SENT US. IT CERTAINLY SEEMED LIKE A WORKABLE PROGRAM. I WILL ALSO VOTE FOR THE POLICY ORDER TONIGHT. AND IF THIS PUTS A LITTLE MORE FIRE UNDER ALL OF US TO MAKE WHAT THE SOLICITOR HAS PROPOSED IN THE SHORT TERM, I'LL ALL FOR IT SO WE DON'T NEED TO DO WHAT IS PROPOSED.

GIVEN WHAT COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER BROUGHT UP ABOUT 2019, THE DISCUSSION AND NOTHING SEEMED TO CHANGE, THAT CONVINCED WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD AND HOPE WE CAN WORK OUT SOMETHING QUICKLY. I WILL VOTE FOR AND I THANK MY FELLOW COUNCILLORS FOR THEIR THOUGHTS.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN AND THEN COUNCILLOR NOLAN.

>> COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN: THANK YOU. I THINK WITH THE CHANGES IN THE POLICY ORDER ASKING FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO REPORT BACK TO US, I THINK WE DO THAT ALL THE TIME. I WILL SUPPORT THAT. I WANT TO SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS. I'M SPEAKING ONLY FOR MYSELF. I DIDN'T FEEL THREATENED WITH JAIL TIME. I DON'T THINK THAT WAS THE INTENT OF THE CITY SOLICITOR TO THREATEN US. I THOUGHT IT GOT WAY OVERBLOWN IN THE MEDIA. AND I MADE A JOKE ABOUT IT WHEN IT GOT TO ME. I WANT TO SAY THAT PUBLICLY. I THINK THE CITY SOLICITOR HAD WAS TRYING TO INTIMIDATE US. THAT'S THE WAY I FELT. OTHERS MAY FEEL DIFFERENTLY AND I RESPECT THEIR FEELINGS. I NEED TO SAY THAT BECAUSE THAT'S HOW I FEEL.

I WILL ALSO SAY THAT WANTING TO MOVE THIS CONVERSATION FORWARD AND TALK ABOUT HAVING THE COUNCIL BEING ABLE TO GET LEGAL ADVICE, I FELT THIS WAY ON THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, TOO. COUNCILLOR NOLAN WILL REMEMBER THE CONVERSATIONS. I THINK IT IS REALLY DIFFICULT, I DO BELIEVE THE LAW OFFICE DOES THEIR ABSOLUTE BEST TO WALK THE LINE BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNCIL WHEN THERE ARE DIFFERENCES. NINE TIMES OUT OF TEN, THERE ARE NOT DIFFERENCES. THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THE COUNCIL WANTS TO DO SOMETHING THAT MAYBE THE CITY DOESN'T WANT TO DO. I CAN IMAGINE THAT'S A HORRIBLE PLACE TO BE SITTING WHEN YOU HAVE TWO OF THE PEOPLE YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO REPRESENT ARGUING OVER WANTING TO DO DIFFERENT THINGS. I HAVE QUESTION AS TO HOW THIS WOULD WORK PROGRAMMATICALLY. I BROUGHT THEM UP LAST TIME. THE COUNCIL GETS LEGAL ADVICE FROM SOMEONE OUTSIDE. THE CITY SOLICITOR HAS A DIFFERENT LEGAL OPINION. HOW DOES THAT WORK? WHAT HAPPENS IF THE COUNCIL PASSES SOMETHING THAT THE ATTORNEY THAT HAD WORKED WITH THE COUNCILLOR SAID IT IS OKAY AND THE CITY SOLICITOR SAYS IT IS NOT OKAY. I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT WILL WORK OUT. I THINK IT IS A CONVERSATION THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN.

I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT TAKE LONGER THAN WE WANT TO GET DONE. I HAVE OFTEN SAID TO THE CITY MANAGER, THE TIMELINE FOR COUNCILLORS IS DIFFERENT THAN THE TIMELINE FOR THE CITY. WE ARE HERE FOR TWO YEARS. WE WANT TO GET SOMETHING DONE. THE TIMELINE FOR THE CITY IS LONGER. WE PUSH TO GET THINGS DONE AND

THAT'S A TENSION. WE HAVE PUT A LOT ON THE CITY DEPARTMENTS. INCLUDING THE SOLICITOR'S OFFICE. WHETHER I HAVE ALWAYS AGREED WITH HER DECISIONS AND I HAVE BEEN VOCAL WHEN I HAVEN'T AND I HAVE BEEN VOCAL ABOUT FRUSTRATIONS I HAD, I'M NOT SUPPORTING THIS BECAUSE I FEEL THE CITY SOLICITOR ISN'T WORKING HARD ENOUGH. I THINK THEY ARE WORKING HARD. IF WE CAN CRAFT THIS IN A WAY THAT IS PRODUCTIVE THEN HAVING A BUDGET FOR SOME OUTSIDE LEGAL ADVICE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE COUNCIL WHEN WE FEEL WE NEED IT. I APPRECIATE COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER IN THIS BECAUSE I KNOW OTHER PEOPLE HAVE SENT US EMAILS SAYING... PROVIDE WE CAN DO THIS, THE ASK SHOULDN'T COME BEFORE THE SOLE CITY COUNCIL. EACH COUNCILLOR SHOULD DO WHATEVER THEY WANT. THAT WOULD BE A NIGHTMARE AND A MESS. I'M GLAD THE ORDER SAYS IF THE WHOLE COUNCIL HAS TO AGREE TO DO SOMETHING. I THINK IT WILL GO A LONG WAY IN PROTECTING ABUSES.

AT THE END OF THE DAY, ALL THIS ORDER NOW IS ASKING FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO COME BACK TO US WITH HIS THOUGHTS ON THIS. MY GUESS IS WE'LL HEAR WHAT WE HAVE HEARD ALREADY IN THE OPINION THAT WAS BEFORE US LAST WEEK. I DO THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR FURTHER CONVERSATION. I DO THINK IT IS AN IMPORTANT THING FOR US TO THINK ABOUT. IT IS MORE COMPLICATED THAN MAYBE SOME THINK. I WILL VOTE TO FORWARD THE CONVERSATION. NOT BECAUSE I THINK THAT EVEN IF I DISAGREE WITH SOME THINGS THE CITY SOLICITOR AND THE LAW OFFICE CONCLUDED, IT IS NOT BECAUSE I FEEL THEY ARE DOING AN INADEQUATE JOB OR SLACKING. THEY WORK HARD AND WE DEMAND A LOT. I APPRECIATE THE WORK THEY DO.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: GOING TO COUNCILLOR NOLAN AND THEN COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN AND THEN COUNCILLOR SIMMONS.

>>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: I WON'T REPEAT WHAT MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID. I WILL SUPPORT THIS. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD ON THINGS THAT WE OFTEN SAY WE NEED. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS TALKED ABOUT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. IT WAS DIRECTLY ADDRESSED BY PRIOR COUNCILS. AND NOW IT IS TIME, I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE MOTION MAKERS TO BRING THIS FORWARD. I UNDERSTAND THERE'S LOGISTICS TO WORK OUT. COMPLICATIONS TO UNDERSTAND. AND A QUESTION OF HOW IT IS THIS IS ALLOCATED. YET, IT DOES SEEM GOOD GOVERNANCE AND PRUDENT USE OF RESOURCES FOR THE COUNCIL TO HAVE ACCESS TO LEGAL RESEARCH. AS WAS MADE CLEAR BY COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER AND OTHER MOTION MAKERS, COSPONSORS, THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT WOULD SUBSTITUTE FOR THE LEGAL OPINION OF THE CITY. THIS IS SOMETHING TO PROVIDE SOME LEGAL BACKGROUND AND RESEARCH FOR THE COUNCIL AS THE WHOLE FOR US TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE. I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT WE ARE DISCUSSING THIS. I REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO THE DISCUSSION. AND HOPE WE CAN ALL COME TOGETHER TO UNDERSTAND HOW IT IS THIS IS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ENTIRE CITY FOR US TO HAVE ACCESS TO THIS RESOURCE, WHICH WILL ALLOW US TO DO OUR JOBS, I BELIEVE, IN A BETTER FASHION.

>>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU. I WILL BE BRIEF. AS I SAID, I



APPRECIATE THE RESPONSE FROM THE SOLICITOR AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING ON THAT AND WORKING WITH THE LAW DEPARTMENT IN THE WAY SHE PROPOSES. I AGREE WITH MY COLLEAGUES THE ORDER ASKS FOR SOMETHING ADDITIONAL TO THAT. IT IS GETTING ADVICE EARLY ON IN THE PROCESS. WHERE WE NEED OUTSIDE HELP. I WILL VOTE FOR THE ORDER AS WELL. THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: I'M GLAD TO HAVE THE ADDITIONAL TIME. I'M PLEASED AT MY COLLEAGUES SUPPORTED THE MOTION TO LAY IT ON THE TABLE SO WE HAD TIME TO READ THE SOLICITOR'S LETTER AND THINK IT THROUGH AND ASK QUESTIONS. I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO A FORMER CITY MANAGER OF A PLAN E CHARTER TOWN. BASED ON THE SOLICITOR'S LETTER AND HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH THIS PERSON, IT REITERATED WHAT I BELIEVE LAST WEEK. I BELIEVE, THE READ THE CHARTER DIFFERENTLY. I BELIEVE THE CITY COUNCIL CANNOT THIS FEELS LIKE A HIRE TO ME AND IT FEELS LIKE THE SOLICITOR GIVES AN OPINION WE DON'T WANT, SO WE HIRE SOMEONE WHO WILL GIVE US THE OPINION THAT WE WANT. THAT'S HOW I FEEL ABOUT THIS.

AND I THINK IT PUTS THE ADMINISTRATION, THE CITY, ALL OF US IN A VERY PECULIAR SITUATION WHERE WE GET OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL. IT WILL TELL US ONE THING, IT IS LITIGATED AND WE HAVE TO LITIGATE AGAINST OURSELVES. IT WILL PUT OURSELVES IN A POSITION, I THINK, IT IS SOMEWHAT INDEFENSIBLE. I BELIEVE THE CITY SOLICITOR HAS DONE YEOMAN'S WORK AT LAYING OUT OTHER ALTERNATIVES OF HOW WE COULD IF PEOPLE FEEL THEY DON'T GET ENOUGH LEGAL SUPPORT OR NEED MORE LEGAL SUPPORT, THE SOLICITOR LAID OUT BEFORE US THE WAYS WE CAN GET IT, I WOULD BE MORE THAN INCLINED TO VOTE FOR MORE SUPPORT TAKING MONEY OUT ASKING THE CITY MANAGER TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL HIRES AS SOLICITOR GLOWA LAID OUT IN HER LETTER. I DON'T THINK IT IS A BOTH/AND. IF THE COUNCIL BELIEVES WE DON'T HAVE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES, LEGAL RESOURCES, THEN WE PUT MORE MONEY INTO THE BUDGET TO PROVIDE FOR THAT.

I ALSO BELIEVE WHAT IS SOLICITOR GLOWA SAID, IF WE HIRE OUTSIDE ROLL REPRESENTATION, THAT REPRESENTATION STILL HAS TO WORK FOR AND WITH THE SOLICITOR. I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE HAVE GAINED. I TRULY BELIEVE THIS IS NOT PROPER FORM. I WILL NOT VOTE FOR THIS. I'M TROUBLED THAT WE USE THE TIME OF THE SOLICITOR AND THE CITY MANAGER TO COME BACK WITH WHAT I SUSPECT WILL BE AN ANSWER THAT IS NOT PROPER. I APPRECIATE THAT INDIVIDUALS ON THE COUNCIL FEEL MAY THEY NOT HAVE PROPER REPRESENTATION AND NOT BEING ATTORNEYS, THEY WANT MORE. I DIDN'T BELIEVE THAT WE WERE GOING TO JAIL FOR HIRING OUTSIDE LEGAL HELP. I THINK THAT WAS A LITTLE DEMONSTRATIVE ON SOMEONE'S PART. I WILL NOT DEBATE THAT BEHAVIOR. THAT'S AN INDIVIDUAL WAYS IF THEY WANT TO PERFORM, THAT'S HOW THEY WANT TO PERFORM.

WITH THAT SAID, I WON'T SUPPORT THIS ORDER. I BELIEVE IT IS IN VIOLATION OF THE CHARTER. I THINK IT IS VERY CLEAR. I SUGGEST MY COLLEAGUES

THINK DIFFERENTLY. I'LL BE SURPRISED IF THE CITY MANAGER CAME BACK AND SAID GO HIRE WHOEVER, IF THAT IS THE WAY THE VOTE GOES. THE VOTE GOES THAT WAY, I WON'T BE A PART OF IT. I YIELD.

>> COUNCILLOR TOOMEY: THANK YOU. I ECHO THE COMMENTS OF MY COLLEAGUE, COUNCILLOR SIMMONS. I DO THINK THIS POLICY ORDER IS GOING TO OPEN UP A HONEST'S NEST AND I SAY BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR. I'M SURE IT WILL BE PASS. I THINK IT IS A VERY, VERY BAD POLICY ORDER AND I WILL LEAVE IT AT THAT.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: I THINK EVERYBODY HAS SPOKEN. I RECOGNIZE THAT THE CITY SOLICITOR CITY MANAGER SAYS THIS A LOT, I WILL SAY IT HERE, CITY SOLICITOR EATS, SLEEPS, AND DRINKS PROTECTING THE CITY AND THE COUNCIL. AND I AGREE WITH WHAT COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN HAS SAID ON A LOT OF POINTS. I HAVE REACHED OUT TO COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER TO AMEND SPECIFICALLY THAT LANGUAGE THAT I THINK WAS THE MOST PROBLEMATIC. I WISH I CAUGHT THAT IN THE BEGINNING SO IT WAS FRAMED AS A REQUEST. NORMALLY, WHEN THERE'S A REQUEST, USUALLY YOU HAVE MANY POLICY ORDERS WAITING TO COME BACK AND SAY LEGALLY X. THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS. I THINK PASSING THIS TONIGHT WILL GET THE AS IS PAST PRACTICE, AN ORDER REPORTING BACK ON IT. THAT IS THE MAIN INTENT FOR ME AS THE COSPONSOR. I CAN SAY WHAT COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER OR COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN OR COUNCILLOR CARLONE ARE THINKING. THAT WAS MY GOAL.

I WANTED TO GET THAT ON THE FLOOR. I AGREE AND APPRECIATE THE PROPOSED SOLUTIONS. AS I SAID, WE'LL GET RESPONSE THAT PROBABLY COVERS SOME OF THE SOLUTION AND I'LL BE FINE WITH IT. THAT'S ALL I WILL SAY. CLERK, WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE BODY. I SUGGEST WE MOVE TO THE ROLL CALL SO WE CAN VOTE THIS UP OR DOWN.

>> MR. CLERK: THE FIRST VOTE FOR YOU IS GOING TO BE ON THE PLACING THE COMMUNICATION FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS, CALENDAR ITEM FIVE, PLACING IT ON FILE. ON THE VOTE: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

THE NEXT VOTE WILL BE ON PASSAGE OF THE POLICY ORDER, THIS IS CALENDAR ITEM FOUR. ON PASSAGE OF THE POLICY ORDER:

>> COUNCILLOR CARLONE: YES.

>> VICE MAYOR MALLON: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: NO.

>> COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR TOOMEY: NO.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: YES.

**Calendar Item #5 Placed on file**

**A communication was received from City Solicitor, Nancy E. Glowa, transmitting Legal Opinion Regarding Request to Have Legal Resources Committed to Assist City Council with Legal Research and Drafting of Ordinances Pursuant to Orders Voted Upon in Public at Scheduled City Council Meetings. TABLE IN COUNCIL APRIL 26, 2021**

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: YES.

>> MR. CLERK: SEVEN IN FAVOR AND TWO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: MOVING TO UNFINISHED BUSINESS. WE HAVE NUMBER 7. ZONING PETITION RECEIVED FROM AMY OLIVER. COUNCILLOR NOLAN PULLED IT TO BE ORDAINED. AND YOU HAVE SOME AMENDMENTS?

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: THANK YOU. THERE ARE AMENDMENTS MADE LAST WEEK. I DO HAVE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS. SHOULD I TALK ABOUT THE AMENDMENTS FIRST? DOES THAT MAKE SENSE?

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: CLERK, YOU HAVE THE AMENDMENTS?

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: THE AMENDMENTS CAME AS A RESULT OF TALKING TO CDD ABOUT THIS PETITION. SUGGESTING THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME CLARITY ON TWO THINGS. DEFINITION OF BIOSOLAR. AND THE DEFINITION PROPOSED IS ONE THAT IS USED IN THE VARIOUS DOCUMENTS ABOUT BISOLAR. IT WOULD BE INTEGRATED INTO THE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM IS THE IDEA. THE OTHER AMENDMENT, WHEN WE PROPOSE AND PASSED AN AMENDMENT LIMITING THIS TO IT IS ALREADY LIMITED TO ONLY NEW CONSTRUCTION, ONLY NEW CONSTRUCTION THAT IS 25,000 SQUARE FEET OR MORE. THERE WAS A PROPOSAL THAT PASSED THAT SAID, GREEN ROOFS WOULD ONLY BE REQUIRED ON COMMERCIAL OR LAB BUILDINGS WITH A MAJORITY OF SQUARE FOOTAGE NOT DEDICATED TO HOUSING. CDD SUGGESTED THAT IS CHALLENGING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT APPLIES TO. THE TABLE OF USES SHOULD BE TIED TO THIS ORDINANCE. I MET WITH MR. ROBERTS AND DIRECTOR FAROOQ, DIRECTED ME TO THE TABLE OF USES. WE TALKED ABOUT THAT TABLE OF USES AND THEY PROPOSE THE BEST WAY TO INTEGRATE THE LANGUAGE BASED ON THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE INTENT OF THAT AMENDMENT OF THE COMMERCIAL OR LAB USES WAS TO PUT IN A NEW SECTION. TAKE OUT THE REFERENCE TO THAT COMMERCIAL AND LAB BUILDINGS. IT IS HIGHLIGHTED AS TAKEN OUT. WE HAVE DOUBLE DID IT. I WASN'T SURE IT WOULD BE THERE. AND NEW SECTION SPECIFIES WHAT THE PARTS OF THE TABLE OF USES WOULD APPLY IN THE SITUATION TO HAVING A GREEN ROOF REQUIREMENT.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING 100% IS EXEMPTED ENTIRELY. WE PUT IN TO HIGHLIGHT THIS, IT SAYS, IN THE REFERENCE ON THIS, EXCLUDING ANY MUNICIPAL BUILDING. WHILE SOME OF US THOUGHT AND I BELIEVE EVERY SINGLE BUILD COULD BENEFIT FROM A GREEN ROOF, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN I WOULD APPLY IT TO EVERY SINGLE HOUSING AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING, IT EXCLUDES MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS WITH THE IDEA OUR MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS ARE GOING TO BE NET ZERO, IT WILL MAKE IT CLEAR SOMETHING LIKE THE TOBIN BUILDING IN PROCESS IS NOT GOING TO BE REQUIRED TO MEET WITH THIS. IF THAT MAKES SENSE.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: DISCUSSION BEFORE US AND THE PETITION ITSELF. COUNCILLOR CARLONE, VICE MAYOR MALLON, AND THEN COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN.

**Calendar Item #4 adopted**

**That the City Council shall have its own budget for outside legal research to be utilized at the discretion of the Council when designated by a majority of members in pursuance of the Council's authority to exercise the legislative powers of the City as specified in the City charter. TABLED IN COUNCIL APRIL 26, 2021**

>> COUNCILLOR CARLONE: THANK YOU. I BELIEVE THERE WERE NO OTHER CHANGES PROPOSED. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IS THE CASE, COUNCILLOR NOLAN?

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: I DIDN'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHANGES TO PROPOSE. IF PEOPLE DO...

>> COUNCILLOR CARLONE: I WANT TO MAKE SURE I DIDN'T MISS IT. WHEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DPW, THEY LOOK AT PROJECTS, THEY EVALUATE WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED AND DISCUSS THE OPPORTUNITIES AND WHETHER SOMETHING MAKES SENSE. MAKES SENSE FROM A DESIGN POINT OF VIEW OR ENGINEERING POINT OF VIEW. WHAT I MEAN BY THAT, BUILDING ROOF IS GOING TO BE IN SHADE, MOST OF THE DAY, BECAUSE THERE'S A HUGE BUILDING TO THE SOUTH, THEY HOPEFULLY WOULD PROPOSE A VEGETATIVE ROOF OVER SOLAR. CONVERSELY, IF IT IS A SITE THAT IS HEAVILY IN THE SUN, I HOPE THEY WOULD MORE SERIOUSLY CONSIDER SOLAR. THAT'S HOW I VIEW WHERE WE ARE. IT IS NOT IT'S THE CITY WORKING WITH THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM EVALUATING WHAT IS BEST FOR THAT BUILDING AND THAT LOCATION.

I HOPE THAT IS WHAT WE'RE GETTING OUT OF THIS. THE REASON I SAY THAT I HAVE BECOME MORE AWARE OF HOW LITTLE NATURE WE HAVE IN THE CITY. I TALKED ABOUT THAT LAST WEEK SO I WON'T REPEAT IT. SOME NEIGHBORHOODS ARE ABYSMAL. OUR CITY IS HALF OF WHAT THE AVERAGE CITY HAS, SOME NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE THE ROCK BOTTOM OF MINIMUM. I WOULD HOPE THE CITY WOULD LOOK AT THAT AS INFORMATION TO EVALUATE WHAT MAKES THE MOST SENSE. IN MY OWN HEAD, GIVEN ALL THE NEGATIVES WE HEARD, BISOLAR SEEMS TO BE RIGHT COMBINATION. SOMEONE TOLD US, YOU CAN GET SOLAR FROM OUT OF THE CITY, YOU CAN'T GET NATURE FROM OUT OF THE CITY. I THINK THE ORIGINAL I WILL VOTE YES. I THINK THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WAS RIGHT ON THE MONEY. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ADDING OPEN SPACE IN KENDALL SQUARE AND WE ARE LEARNING THAT AT LEAST FOR BOSTON PROPERTIES, ENTIRELY PAVED WITH SOME TREES AND PLANTING BEDS, THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. WE HAVE VERY LOW PERCENTAGES OF REQUIRED OPEN SPACE AND ALEWIFE AND OTHER AREAS WHERE THERE WILL BE DEVELOPMENT. THE ROOF IS THE KEY.

I KNOW IN THE FUTURE, IT'LL BE THAT WAY. FUTURE COUNCILS WILL GO FOR GREEN ROOFS THAT ARE PRIMARILY NATURE ORIENTED. THANK YOU. THAT'S ALL I WANT TO ADD.

>> VICE MAYOR MALLON: THANK YOU. I WILL RESPOND AND SPEAK ABOUT SOME OF THE COMMENTS THAT MY COLLEAGUE MADE. COMMENTS AROUND THIS ORDINANCE AND ALLOWING THEM TO EVALUATE WHAT IS BEST FOR THE SITUATION AND IF IS A SUNNY SITUATION, JUT SOLAR AND A SHADIER SITUATION, A VEGETATIVE ROOF AND HAVING AND ALLOWING THAT FLEXIBILITY AND EVALUATING WHAT IS BEST FOR A SITUATION IS UP TO CDD AND THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM. THAT'S NOT MY UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THIS ORDINANCE IS CURRENTLY WRITTEN WITH THE AMENDMENTS THAT ARE

PUT FORWARD BY COUNCILLOR NOLAN.

THE AMENDMENTS AS I UNDERSTAND THEM, THEY ARE THAT YOU CAN HAVE A VEGETATIVE ROOF, YOU CAN ONLY HAVE SOLAR ON TOP OF A VEGETATIVE ROOF. NO ALTERNATIVE TO HAVE JUST SOLAR IN ONE AREA AND JUST VEGETATIVE IN THE OTHER AREAS. AND BOTH IN SOME OTHER AREAS. I'M CURIOUS IF MS. FAROOQ IS ON THE CALL. I SEE HER ON THE CALL. IF SHE COULD WEIGH IN HERE. LET US KNOW IF THE AMENDMENTS BEFORE US ALLOW FOR THAT FLEXIBILITY OR IF IT IS STRAIGHT THAT THE VEGETATIVE ROOF NEEDS TO BE ON TOP AND THE SOLAR PANEL ON TOP OF THAT.

>> COUNCILLOR CARLONE: MAY I CORRECT WHAT I SAID? I'M TALKING ABOUT BIOSOLAR. VEGETATION WOULD BE IN SHADE. AND HEAVILY SUNNY AREAS. IT IS BISOLAR OR GREEN ROOF IS WHAT I EMPHASIZE. APOLOGIZE IF THAT IS CONFUSION. THERE ARE SITES BETTER FOR SOLAR WITH A GREEN ROOF AND OTHERS THAT IT SHOULD ONLY BE A GREEN ROOF. THANK YOU.

>> VICE MAYOR MALLON: THANK YOU. MY QUESTION DOES STILL STAND, HOWEVER.

>> MS. FAROOQ: THANK YOU. THE FLEXIBILITY OF BEING ABLE TO DO HAVE AN OPTION WHERE THERE COULD BE SOLAR WHERE IT IS MOST APPROPRIATE, GREEN ROOF WHERE THAT IS MOST APPROPRIATE, AND THE HYBRID BISOLAR IN OTHER LOCATIONS, IT IS PERMISSIBLE UNDER THIS FORMULATION OF THE ORDINANCE ONLY FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS OR MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, BUT NOT FOR NONRESIDENTIAL THE MAJORITY OF NONRESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND MIXED USE BUILDINGS.

>> VICE MAYOR MALLON: THANK YOU. COMMERCIAL LAB, EVERYTHING ELSE, VEGETATIVE AND THEN SOLAR ON TOP. NO FLEXIBILITY FOR 50% OF THE ROOF TO BE JUST SOLAR. 50% OF THE ROOF TO BE JUST VEGETATIVE, DEPENDING ON THE ROOF CONSTRUCTION AND THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM AND CDD GETTING TOGETHER AND DECIDING WHAT IS BEST FOR THE SITE?

>> MS. FAROOQ: THAT IS HOW I'M READING THE AMENDMENT THAT IS BEFORE YOU RIGHT NOW.

>> VICE MAYOR MALLON: THANK YOU. I HAVE BEEN VERY CLEAR IN PAST MEETINGS, I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE THAT FLEXIBILITY FOR JUST SOLAR WHERE APPROPRIATE. I WON'T VOTE FOR THE AMENDMENT. AND I DO WANT TO REGISTER THAT I'M STILL CONCERNED THAT WE HAVE EXEMPTED MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS FROM AN ORDINANCE THAT WE HAVE DECIDED IS URGENT AND NECESSARY AND THE FACT THAT WE ARE EXEMPTING OUR OWN SELVES MAKES ME UNCOMFORTABLE. I UNDERSTAND THAT WAS VOTED ON LAST TIME. I WILL SAY IT AGAIN ON THE RECORD, I'M UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THAT AND I WILL NOT VOTE FOR THE AMENDMENT AS PUT FORWARD BY COUNCILLOR NOLAN BECAUSE I FEEL WE NEED TO THAT SOLAR FLEXIBILITY FOR THE ROOFTOPS. BEST WAY TO CAPTURE RENEWABLE ENERGY ON SITE AND ADDRESS THE CLIMATE CHANGE GOALS HEAD ON. THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU. I THINK PEOPLE MAY STILL BE

CONFUSED. I THINK IT IS EXPLAINED MULTIPLE TIMES, BUT I'M STILL DETECTING CONFUSION ON THE PART OF MY COLLEAGUES ABOUT WHAT THIS ORDINANCE IS ACCOMPLISHING.

THE FLEXIBILITY ABSOLUTELY EXISTS TO PUT SOLAR OR NOT WHERE IT MAKES SENSE TO DO SO. WE ARE PROPOSING THAT GREEN ROOF SHOULD ALWAYS BE THERE AND THAT IN NO WAY LIMITS THE ABILITY TO PUT SOLAR ON TOP OF THAT GREEN ROOF. THAT CONCERN IS JUST NOT A REAL PROBLEM. IT KEEPS BEING RAISED, BUT IT IS NOT FACTUALLY CORRECT. YOU PUT THE GREEN ROOF AND YOU PUT THE SOLAR PANEL ON TOP. THERE'S NO LOSS OF SOLAR. IF WE WANT TO REQUIRE SOLAR, I THINK WE SHOULD, WE CAN ASK FOR SOLAR TO BE PUT ON ADDITIONALLY WHERE YOU CAN'T PUT A GREEN ROOF. LIKE USING CANOPY OVER CERTAIN TYPES OF EQUIPMENT AND THINGS LIKE THAT. I SAID THIS BEFORE AND I'LL SAY IT AGAIN, WE SHOULD ABSOLUTELY PUT IN PLACE A SOLAR REQUIREMENT SEPARATELY THAT WILL INSIST THAT THE ROOFS BE MAXIMIZED WITH THEIR SOLAR POTENTIAL AND THE GREEN ROOF POTENTIAL.

AGAIN, I'LL EXPLAIN PUTTING SOLAR PANELS ON THE ROOF IS GREAT, IT IS NOT GOING TO BE ULTIMATELY A SIGNIFICANT COMPONENT OF OUR CLIMATE SOLUTION. THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY THAT WE NEED TO OPERATE THE BUILDING FAR EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT OF SOLAR THAT WE CAN PUT ON THE ROOFS. AND I DEFINITELY URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO LOOK INTO SOME OF THE WIND PROJECTS THAT ARE BEING PROPOSED AND WHERE THE TURBINES ARE SO LARGE, A SINGLE BLADE, IS THE LENGTH OF A FOOTBALL FIELD. WE TALK ABOUT MASSIVE WINDMILLS THAT WILL OPERATE IN THE WATER JUST OFF SHORE OF MASSACHUSETTS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE CLEAN ENERGY THAT WE ACTUALLY NEED TO OPERATE.

WHILE IT IS CERTAINLY IMPORTANT TO MAXIMIZE THE SOLAR POTENTIAL, IT IS BY NO MEANS A TRADE OFF. WE NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ONE MORE SOLAR PANEL HERE. THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE MAKE OR BREAK OUR ABILITY TO DEDICATE CLIMATE CHANGE. GREEN ROOFS HELP US TO PROTECT OURSELVES FROM THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE, BY COOLING THE ROOF IN THE AREA AROUND THE BUILDING.

I DO HAVE A TECHNICAL QUESTION ABOUT THE AMENDMENTS. THE FIRST PARAGRAPH IS BEING LABELLED A. AND THE RED TEXT AT THE BOTTOM, THE PARAGRAPH SEEMS TO BE IDENTICAL TO THE TEXT BEING CROSSED OUT, EXCEPT FOR A TYPO. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE REPLACE THE IDENTICAL TEXT.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: I DIDN'T SEE THE TEXT WAS TAKEN OUT. I REDID IT AND IT WAS THERE DOUBLE. THAT EXPLAINS THE DIFFERENCE. THERE IS JUST A TYPO. IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE EXACTLY THE SAME.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: CLERK WILSON? WHAT DO WE NEED TO CHANGE?

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: ON THE CLERK'S SCREEN, IT IS SHOWING BOTH SECTIONS ARE CROSSED OUT. THE LANGUAGE SENT TO US EARLIER. I'M CONFUSED.

>> MR. CLERK: SECOND SENTENCE IN 22 READS AS FOLLOWS. FOR COMMERCIAL LABS AND ALL MIXED USED BUILDINGS WITH A MAJORITY OF SQUARE FOOTAGE NOT DEDICATED TO HOUSING, BUT EXEMPTING MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, 80% OF THE ROOF AREA OF THE BUILDING AS MEASURED IN PLAIN VIEW, EXCLUDING THOSE PORTIONS LISTED BELOW, SHALL BE DEVOTED TO GREEN ROOF AREA OR BIOSOLAR GREEN ROOF AREA. IT IS THIS LANGUAGE HERE.

(READING FROM SLIDE PRESENTATION)

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: WE REMOVE THIS PARAGRAPH AND MOVE IT DOWN.

>> MR. CLERK: I DEFER TO COUNCILLOR NOLAN.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: THAT'S THE INTENT. CDD SUGGESTED PUTTING IN SOME TABLE REFERENCES AND THEY RECOMMEND SEPARATING IT AND HAVING A SECTION B. THAT'S WHAT IT DOES.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: I UNDERSTAND NOW. ELIMINATING THAT SECOND SENTENCE. PARAGRAPH A. AND MOVE IT DOWN TO THIS NEW PARAGRAPH B.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: AND CLARIFYING.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: OKAY. THAT LOOKS GOOD TO ME. I'M PREPARED TO VOTE ON THAT. ON MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, BECAUSE WE EXEMPT THEM, IT DOESN'T MEAN THEY WON'T HAVE GREEN ROOFS. WE PUT THAT IS FOR THE TOBIN SCHOOL BECAUSE IT IS SO FAR ALONG. IT'LL BE NET ZERO. WE HAVE A SCHOOL WITH A GREEN ROOF AND WE'LL UNDOUBTABLY DESIGN FUTURE ONES WITH GREEN ROOFS AS IT MAKES SENSE TO DO SO.

>> COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER: THANK YOU. I WILL SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENTS. I UNDERSTAND THE ARGUMENT THAT ALLOWING SOLAR ONLY FOR ROOFTOPS AND PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY. I STILL THINK THE DEFINITION OF BISOLAR PROVIDES FLEXIBILITY. THE DEFINITION MAY MEAN SOMETHING TO FOLKS IN THE BIOSOLAR COMMUNITY AT LARGE. I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE DEFINITION WE WROTE INTO THE ORDINANCE. FOR EXAMPLE, A NEW COMMERCIAL BUILDING, MADE A ROOF MOSTLY SOLAR PANELS AND MINORITY OF VEGETATION, IT WOULD BE HARD TO ARGUE THAT IT WOULD BE A VIOLATION. NOT TO TIE TOO MUCH TO THE PREVIOUS DISCUSSION, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS. WHEN THE CITY COUNCIL DRAFTS LAWS, THE THINGS WE PASS ARE OPEN TO INTERPRETATION. WE HAVE TO GO BACK. THAT'S WHAT WE COME UP WITH FOR NOW AND I THINK IT IS A GOOD COMPROMISE FOR THE MOMENT. I WILL VOTE FOR THE AMENDMENT TONIGHT.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: COUNCILLOR NOLAN, IS THAT YOUR HAND?

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: IT IS ABOUT THE OVERALL

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: I THINK WE SHOULD THE AMENDMENTS ARE BEFORE US, WE SHOULD VOTE THEM UP OR DOWN AND THEN WE CAN HAVE THE PETITION AS AMENDMENT BEFORE US. THEN YOU CAN SAY YOUR

COMMENTS. CLERK WILSON, ON THE AMENDMENTS, ROLL CALL.

>> MR. CLERK: ON THE AMENDMENTS. I WILL SHARE THEM ON THE SCREEN ONE MORE TIME. CHANGE DEFINITION OF GREEN ROOF BISOLAR.

(READING FROM SLIDE PRESENTATION)

ON THE MOTION.

>> COUNCILLOR CARLONE: YES.

>> VICE MAYOR MALLON: NO.

>> COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: NO.

>> COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR TOOMEY: NO.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: YES.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: YES.

>> MR. CLERK: SIX IN FAVOR AND THREE AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: COUNCILLOR NOLAN, BACK TO YOU?

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: THANK YOU. I HAVE TALKED IN THE PAST ABOUT THIS. I WON'T REPEAT ALL THAT PASSION. I WANT TO SAY, LITERALLY JUST THIS WEEK, THREE DAYS AGO, A NORTHEASTERN STUDY NOTED THAT THE MASSIVE DISPARITIES IN TREE COVER AND HEAT ISLAND EFFECT IN LOW INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE NORTHEAST, SAYING WE ARE THE HIGHEST IN THE COUNTRY FOR THAT PROBLEM. AND WE KNOW CAMBRIDGE ITSELF IS NOT EXEMPT FROM THIS. TODAY'S HARVARD GAZETTE, POINTED TO A STUDY, ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY SEA LEVEL WARMING IS NOT HUNDREDS YEARS OF AWAY, BUT IN THIS CENTURY. THERE ARE WORKSHOPS ABOUT SOCIAL JUSTICE. AND THERE'S A GROUP, CALLED SPRING FORWARD, AND THE IDEA IS THAT TEENS GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF CLIMATE JUSTICE AND HOW BIPOC COMMUNITIES ARE MORE EFFECTED. THOSE ARE THREE THINGS THAT RUN ACROSS MY SCAN. WE STUDY THINGS, WE PLAN, WE HOST EVENTS TO TEACH YOUNG PEOPLE, WHY IS IT WE ARE LAGGING BEHIND OTHER CITIES AND THE WORLD. AND WE STILL HAVE WATERED DOWN AND CHANGED THIS CLIMATE PROPOSAL TO BE FAR LESS EXPANSIVE THAN IT WAS WHEN ORIGINALLY PROPOSED.

I WILL SAY FOR THE PEOPLE SUGGESTING WE SHOULDN'T MANDATE, THAT IS THE PAST 25 YEARS, REMEMBER THE STATE OVERALL GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSION, DECREASED 20%. THAT'S MASSACHUSETTS. THAT'S WHILE THE STATE GREW THE ECONOMY. HARVARD, DOWN 30%. DURING A PERIOD OF CAMPUS EXPANSION. CAMBRIDGE CITY WIDE EMISSIONS, ZERO DECREASE FROM 2005 TO 2018. OUR CITY'S REPORT MAKE IT CLEAR THAT A LITTLE MORE SOLAR WILL NOT MAKE A DIFFERENCE. EVEN IF IT LEADS LESS SOLAR THAN WHAT WAS THERE, TELL MAKE IT THE BETTER OPTION. IT WILL SOLVE



ANY OF THAT? SHOULD WE TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT, REQUIRE SOMETHING THAT WILL HELP. PASSING THIS SEEMS TO BE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT STEP TO TAKE ACTION AND NOT JUST PLANNING, HOPING, AND ENCOURAGING. WE CAN HAVE GREEN ROOFS AND SOLAR. IT IS ASTONISHING TO HEAR CLAMOR FOR REQUIRING SOLAR. WE CAN DO THAT REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT PASSES. DO IT AND HAVE SOME PART OF THE CITY SUBJECT TO A GREEN ROOF SO WE CAN START TO ADDRESS HEAT ISLAND EFFECT AND SO MANY OTHER PROBLEMS OF THE CLIMATE CRISIS PROBLEM WE FACE. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: ANYONE ELSE? BEFORE WE MOVE?

>> COUNCILLOR CARLONE: THANK YOU. I WANT TO ADD, THE STATE ALREADY REQUIRES EVERY NEW BUILDING BE SOLAR READY. EVEN WITH THE GREEN ROOF, THEY NEED TO BE SOLAR READY, WHICH MAKES IT VERY EASY TO ADD SOLAR A YEAR LATER, FIVE YEARS LATER, WHATEVER. AND THAT'S THE GOAL. I HAVE DONE GREEN BUILDINGS. I KNOW THAT YOU NEED GOOD SUN TO MAKE I'M SORRY. YOU NEED TO HAVE GOOD SUN TO MAKE SOLAR ROOFS WORK. I WAS SURPRISED HOW MANY TIMES WE COULDN'T USE SOLAR. VERY ODD LOCATIONS. THIS IS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD AND I THANK EVERYBODY'S POINT OF VIEW. IT IS A GOOD STEP FORWARD.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER HANDS UP. ENTERTAIN THE MOTION TO ORDAIN.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: SO MOVED.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: ON ORDINATION, ON THE PETITION AS AMENDED, ROLL CALL.

>> COUNCILLOR CARLONE: YES.

>> VICE MAYOR MALLON: PRESENT.

>> COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: PRESENT.

>> COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR TOOMEY: PRESENT.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: YES.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: YES.

>> MR. CLERK: MOTION PASSES, SIX IN FAVOR AND FOUR VOTING PRESENT.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: APPLICATION AND PETITIONS. THERE'S ONE. PLEASURE OF THE CITY COUNCIL?

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: MOVE TO ADOPT.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: ROLL CALL ON ADOPTION.

>> MR. CLERK: ON ADOPTION: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

**Councillor Nolan motioned to amend Calendar Item #7**

**Calendar Item #7 ordained.**

**Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of May 3, 2021 5:30 PM (Submission of the Record)**

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: MOVING TO COMMUNICATIONS. THERE ARE THREE.

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: MOVE TO PLACE ON FILE.

>> COUNCILLOR CARLONE: NUMBER THREE.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION TO PLACE COMMUNICATIONS ONE AND TWO ON FILE.

>> MR. CLERK: PLACING COMMUNICATIONS 1 AND 2 ON FILE: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: COMMUNICATION THREE. (READING COMMUNICATION 3).

>> COUNCILLOR CARLONE: THANK YOU. THIS LETTER IS VERY APPROPRIATE GIVEN OUR DISCUSSION TONIGHT. WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT NATURE AND GREEN ROOFS. I DID A LITTLE RESEARCH. THE PORT HAS LESS THAN A LITTLE MORE THAN 3% OF OPEN SPACE. OUR CITY HAS 7% OPEN SPACE. AND THAT'S HALF OF THE AVERAGE IN THE COUNTRY. THAT MEANS THE PORT HAS LESS THAN 1/4 OF WHAT THE AVERAGE CITY HAS IN ITS NEIGHBORHOODS. THIS LETTER ASKS FOR MORE OPEN SPACE AND THEY MAKE A COMPELLING CASE TO BE NEXT TO THE MARGARET FULLER HOUSE TO EXPAND THE OPEN SPACE.

AND EARLIER TONIGHT WE TALKED ABOUT WATER STORAGE, RAIN STORAGE TANKS, AND THAT'S NOT ENOUGH. ON THE REPORT LAST WEEK, A HEAT ISLAND AREA ABOVE 90%, 84% WHERE SOME NEIGHBORHOODS ARE 10 AND 15% DUE TO A LACK OF OPEN SPACE AND TREE CANOPY. THEY MENTION THAT THE OPEN SPACE I'M SORRY. THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT IS BEING LOOKED AT COULD GO TO THE FORMER SITE, WHICH I BELIEVE IS ON SCHOOL STREET THAT WE TALKED ABOUT A FEW YEARS AGO.

I JUST THINK THIS LETTER IS VERY COMPELLING. CONSIST OF 16 RESIDENTS THAT SIGNED IT. I REACHED OUT TO THEM. I THINK IT IS SOMETHING WE HAVE TO CONSIDER IF WE ARE GOING TO BE EQUITABLE. THAT'S ALL THEY ASK FOR. THE LAST SENTENCE. WE ASK TO BE EQUALLY SERVED AS OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE CITY. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: I HAVE COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN'S HAND.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU REGARDING THIS SPECIFIC PROJECT, THE MARGARET FULLER HOUSE, HAS BEEN IN CONVERSATION WITH THEM FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW. AS YOU KNOW, WHEN WE WERE DOING ZONING, THAT PROJECT CAME UP AGAIN. MARGARET FULLER IS INDEED IN NEED OF SERIOUS RENOVATIONS. THEY WERE TALKING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT TO FINANCE THAT. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO AVOID THAT MARKET RATE DEVELOPMENT. AND THERE'S A QUESTION OF WHETHER WE SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY THERE TO BUILD SOME AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP UNITS. I THINK THAT'S A CONVERSATION THAT WE SHOULD HAVE WITH MARGARET FULLER HOUSE AND I'M HAPPY TO INCLUDE MY COLLEAGUE. TALK WITH THEM AND SEE WHAT THE OPTIONS ARE AND SEE HOW THEY CAN MOVE FORWARD. IN GENERAL, THE PARKING

#### **APPLICATION AND PETITIONS #1**

An application was received from Eric Grunebaum, for Friends of Jerry's Pond, requesting permission for two (2) temporary banners to be hung on one light pole in the Russell Field parking lot and the second pole left after the bus shelter announcing Historic Jerry's Pond on April 29, 2021 thru April 29, 2023.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS #1**

A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, regarding Cambridge MA "Homelessness Trust Fund".

#### **COMMUNICATONS #2**

A communication was received from Ruth Sherry, regarding Missing Middle.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS #3**

A communication was received from Saúl De La Guardia, regarding bringing to your attention a key community-building opportunity in the Port neighborhood that we fear may soon be lost.

LOTS, WHICH I CALL CAR STORAGE, THE ROADS WHICH ARE ALL TO CARS, THEY ARE THE BIGGEST OPPORTUNITY IN TERMS OF FUTURE OPEN SPACE. I THINK IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT AS WE LOOK AT THAT AS THE POLICY QUESTION. HOW TO UTILIZE THAT SPACE GOING FORWARD. IF WE LEAVE IT TO THE MARKET, THERE'S GOING TO BE MORE BUILDINGS THERE AND POTENTIALLY PARKING GARAGES. I AGREE WITH MY COLLEAGUE, PARTICULARLY IN THE PORT AND EAST CAMBRIDGE. AND WHERE I LIVE, VERY DENSE NEIGHBORHOODS AND HAVE VERY LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADDITIONAL OPEN SPACE. IF WE START LOOKING AT ALL THE SPACE DEVOTED TO CARS AND START IMAGINING HOW WE CAN REPURPOSE THAT SPACE TO OPEN SPACE IN THE HUMAN SPACE, I THINK WE CAN MAKE A LOT OF PROGRESS ON THE ISSUE. I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT CONVERSATION.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: ANYONE ELSE? SEEING NO OTHER THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR CARLONE, FOR BRINGING THIS. YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO YOU FOR COMMENT.

>> COUNCILLOR CARLONE: JUST QUICKLY, I THINK GIVEN WHAT WE HAVE PURCHASED OPEN SPACE FOR IN WEST CAMBRIDGE, THAT WE'D EASILY MATCH THE LAND COST FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND THEN THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CAN GO ON SCHOOL STREET. IF YOU LOOK AT THE LIST OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE PORT, THEY HAVE DONE THEIR SHARE. THEY ARE WAY ON THE BOTTOM FOR OPEN SPACE. THEY ALSO HAVE SOME OF THE SMALLEST BACKYARDS IN THE CITY. I THINK THEY MAKE A GREAT POINT. I AGREE WITH MY FELLOW COUNCILLOR, COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN. LET'S DISCUSS IT AND COME UP HAVE A PLAN FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT DEALS WITH ALL THE ISSUES. I THINK IT COULD BE VERY EXCITING AND HELP WITH THE FLOODING SITUATION.

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: THANK YOU. AS SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T LIVE IN THE PORT AND HAS DOES LIVE IN THE PORT AND HAS FOR A GOOD DEAL OF MY LIFE, I VIEWED THE LETTER AND REACHED OUT TO SOME OF THE SIGNERS OF THE LETTER. YOU GET THE AGENDA AND YOU HUSTLE TO REACH OUT TO AS MANY PEOPLE. I THINK IT IS WORTHY TO TRY TO HAVE GENERATE A CONVERSATION THAT IS ORGANIC IN THE COMMUNITY. WHAT HAPPENS IN THE PORT, PEOPLE WILL MAKE DECISIONS FOR THE RESIDENTS WITHOUT ENGAGING THEM. THIS IS A GROUP OF PEOPLE WE SHOULD FIGURE OUT A WAY I WILL REACH OUT TO THEM AND HAVING ONE OF MY FIRESIDE CHATS. I WILL KEEP MY COLLEAGUES ABREAST AS THE CONVERSATIONS CONTINUE TO GROW IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD. AND CERTAIN LY LOVE THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT ORGANIC CONVERSATIONS AND NOT TOP DOWN. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: ON THE MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CARLONE TO PLACE THIS ON FILE, ROLL CALL.

>> MR. CLERK: ON THE MOTION: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: MOVING TO RESOLUTIONS. PLEASURE OF THE CITY COUNCIL?

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: MOVE TO BRING THE RESOLUTION LIST FOR US

FOR DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION MAKING THEM UNANIMOUS UPON ADOPTION.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: ANY RESOLUTIONS TO PULL? HEARING NONE, WE CAN DO A ROLL CALL.

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: ADOPTION.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: MOTION TO ADOPT, ROLL CALL.

>> MR. CLERK: ADOPTION ON RESOLUTIONS 1 5. (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: WE ARE MOVING TO POLICY ORDERS. PLEASURE OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: I'D LIKE TO PULL NUMBER 1.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: 3 AND 8.

>> VICE MAYOR MALLON: 6.

>> COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER: 9.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: 7.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: WE HAVE PULLED 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, AND 9. ROLL CALL ON THE BALANCE.

>> MR. CLERK: ADOPTION OF POLICY ORDERS 2, 4, 5, AND THAT'S IT. ADOPTION OF THE FOUR POLICY ORDERS. I'M SORRY, THREE POLICY ORDERS. (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: POLICY ORDER ONE. (READING POLICY ORDER NUMBER 1).

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: THANK YOU. TURN YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FIRST ORDERED SPECIFICALLY OVER THE PAST TERM. WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT INCREASING MONEY IN RENTAL ASSISTANCE. WE DOES THAT DURING THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC, WHICH WE STILL DURING THIS TIME OF THE PANDEMIC. INCREASING FROM MEDIATION AS WE KNOW MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE BEING FACED WITH DIRE CIRCUMSTANCES IN TERMS OF STAYING IN THEIR HOME, INCREASING THE 100,000 TO 265,000. WE JUST SEE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR RESIDENTS THAT LIVE IN RENTAL HOUSING, PEOPLE THAT ARE NEEDING LEGAL ASSISTANCE, PEOPLE THAT ARE FACING EVICTION WILL HAVE GREATER OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS THE SERVICES. AND REMAIN IN THEIR HOMES. I HOPE THAT THE COUNCIL WILL SUPPORT THIS ORDER. I WANT TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT BY ADDING MAYOR SIDDIQUI TO THIS ORDER. I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY ON THIS ORDER. I YIELD TO MY COSPONSOR AND THE MAYOR IF THEY WANT TO SPEAK. I OPEN THE FLOOR TO DISCUSSION. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: I SEE COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU. MY THANKS TO THE POLICY MAKERS. I SUPPORT THIS. I RAISED MY HAND ONLY BECAUSE THERE'S A SMALL TYPO IN THE FIRST ORDERED. THE LAST SENTENCE. IT SHOULD READ

**RESOLUTION #1**  
Resolution on the death of Charles Julien

**RESOLUTION #2**  
Congratulations to Annamarie Hoey

**RESOLUTION #3**  
Congratulations to Jesse Kanson-Benanav

**RESOLUTION #4**  
That the City Council go on record congratulating Dr. Maria McCauley for winning the seat of President of the Public Library Association.

**RESOLUTION #5**  
That the City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of Dr. Lynda Holstrom at this time of such personal loss.

**POLICY ORDER #2**  
That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, and other relevant City and State departments to explore and implement strategies to enhance safety at the intersection of Memorial Drive and DeWolfe Street

**POLICY ORDER #4**  
That the City Manager hereby is requested to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department on parking

386,000. IT LOOKS LIKE IT IS MISSING ONE ZERO.

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: THANK YOU FOR THAT EDIFICATION.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: ADD ZERO AND ADD ME. WE HAVE THOSE AMENDMENTS.

>> MR. CLERK: ON THE AMENDMENTS: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: I DON'T THINK THERE ARE ANY OTHER HANDS. GO AHEAD AND DO A POLICY ORDER ROLL CALL ON THE POLICY ORDER AS AMENDED.

>> MR. CLERK: ON THE MOTION: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: MOVING TO POLICY ORDER THREE. (READING POLICY ORDER NUMBER 3). COUNCILLOR NOLAN, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: THANK YOU. YOU HAVE PROVEN WE ARE ALL GOING TO GET REALLY, REALLY GOOD AT ABOUT EVSE AND THE NOMENCLATURE THAT COMES WITH THE TRANSITION OF GETTING RID OF CARBON MOBILES. I WILL SUMMARIZE BRIEFLY, I THINK THE POLICY ORDER LAYS IT OUT WELL ABOUT WHAT WE NEED TO DO. IT REALLY STARTS THE PROCESS TO GUARANTEE WE CAN CATCH UP TO OTHER CITIES. IT IS NOT ABOUT ADDING PARKING, WE ALL OBVIOUSLY UNDERSTAND THAT WE'LL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN AS THE CITY AND TRY TO DO EVERYTHING TO REDUCE THE USE OF CARS IN THE CITY. HOWEVER, IT IS CERTAINLY CLEAR THERE WILL BE THE USE OF VEHICLE AND IT IS IMPORTANT AND A FACT IN THE PLAN TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES. THE POLICY IS ABOUT ENSURING THAT THE PARKING THAT IS PUT IN PLACE FOR ANY NEW LARGE DEVELOPMENT IS EQUIPPED TO CHARGE ELECTRIC VEHICLES. THE STATE HAS MANDATED NO GAS POWERED VEHICLES CAN BE SOLD AFTER 2035. WHY DO WE ALLOW GARAGES AND PARKING SPACES THAT WILL BE AROUND 50 YEARS FROM NOW NOT EV READY. IT IS COMMON SENSE. I WILL NOTE, AS YOU MAY HAVE RECALLED FROM THE DISCUSSIONS IN A PRIOR MEETINGS, BOSTON HAD THAT REQUIREMENT IN PLACE FOR SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS. EXACTLY THE SAME. ALL NEW PARKING, 100% OF THE SPACES HAVE TO BE EV READY. THE COST TO INSTALL WHEN BUILDING THE SPOT IS ABOUT 90% CHEAPER THAN RETROFIT IT. AND BOSTON REQUIRES 25% OF SPOTS TO HAVE AN EV CHARGER. AND SPEAKING WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ABOUT THIS, IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT WE PHRASE THIS ORDER EXACTLY AS IT IS HERE. WE ASK THE CITY MANAGER TO WORK WITH CDD AND TRAFFIC, PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION TO INCLUDE A NUMBER OF PROJECTS IT IS THE BEST WAY TO MOVE THIS FORWARD AND THEY WILL GIVE US ADVICE AND HOPE TO GET A REPORT BACK ON IMPLEMENTING THIS. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU FOR THE COSPONSOR AND I HOPE WE'LL MOVE FORWARD.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: COUNCILLOR CARLONE ANYTHING TO ADD?

>> COUNCILLOR CARLONE: NO. THE OBVIOUS, YES IT IS STATE OF THE ART. I APPRECIATE THE COUNCILLOR CATCHING IT AND MAGNIFYING THE

solutions, such as the feasibility of implementing resident parking in this area and report back to the City Council.

**POLICY ORDER #5**  
That the Cambridge City Council goes on record in support of the Bathroom Bill of Rights being sponsored by Free to Flush

Add Mayor as sponsor to Policy Order #1 and 386,000 in the first Ordered paragraph.

Policy order #1 as amended.

**POLICY ORDER #3**  
That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to work with Community Development and Traffic, Parking and Transportation to include an EV requirement in their review of development projects, including that a minimum of 25% of all parking spaces shall be EVSE-Installed, meaning a parking space equipped with functioning Level 2 Chargers, or the equivalent thereof must be provided, and that all parking spaces be EV-ready, meaning raceway to every parking space, adequate space in the electrical panel, and space for additional transformer capacity; the City approved EV Requirement Equivalent Calculator must be used if chargers other than Level 2 Chargers are installed

IMPORTANCE. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME BE THE COSPONSOR.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU. THANK YOU TO THE POLICY MAKER S. I WILL VOTE IN FAVOR. I WILL POINT OUT, IN SOME WAYS, WE ARE STILL SKIRTING AROUND THE PROBLEM, WE STILL HAVE TOO MANY CARS. IF WE TURN THEM ALL INTO EV, THEY ARE STILL TOO MANY. WE DON'T WANT TO ADD CARS STORAGE TO OUR CITIES. THE WAY THE TECHNOLOGY AND THE MARKET IS EVOLVING, WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO SEE OVER THE NEXT 10 20 YEARS, MASSIVE REDUCTION IN CAR OWNERSHIP. IT DOESN'T MAKE ECONOMIC SENSE GIVEN WHERE TECHNOLOGY IS GOING FOR EACH US INDIVIDUALLY OWN A CAR.

PLANNING FOR THE NEW PARKING LOT TO BE BUILT, WE HAVE LOTS OF INFRASTRUCTURE, IF IT IS NOT QUITE THE DIRECTION THAT I THINK WE SHOULD GO IN. OF COURSE, IT SHOULD HAVE CHARGING STATIONS, BUT THAT'S NOT MOSTLY WHAT SHOULD OR WILL BE HAPPENING. THIS TYPE OF INFRASTRUCTURE GENERATES REVENUE FOR THE PROPERTY OWNER, THE CHARGING COMPANIES ACTUALLY PAID FOR LEASING THE SPACE WHERE THE CHARGERS ARE INSTALLED. GARAGE ALREADY HAVE THIS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PRESUMABLY WILL BE ADDING AS MUCH AS THEY CAN AND BASED ON THE GROWTH OF THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE MARKET. I WILL VOTE IN FAVOR. I THINK WE DO NEED TO GRAPPLE WITH OUR CAR CULTURE AND HOW WE WANT TO PLAN OUR CITY GOING FORWARD SO WE ARE ALL LESS RELIANT ON INDIVIDUAL CARS. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: I DON'T SEE ANYONE ELSE. THANK COUNCILLOR NOLAN FOR THE LEADERSHIP ON THIS AND YOU HAD MANY, MANY MEETINGS AND TOURS AND TALKS ABOUT THIS. I APPRECIATE YOUR WORK ON IT. WE CAN DO A ROLL CALL ON ADOPTION.

>> MR. CLERK: ON ADOPTION: (ROLL CALL). NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: GOING TO POLICY ORDER 6. (READING POLICY ORDER NUMBER 6).

>> VICE MAYOR MALLON: THANK YOU. I WILL BE BRIEF GIVEN THE LATE HOUR. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR COSPONSORSHIP. WE HAD A NUMBER OF CONVERSATIONS OVER THE YEARS, ESPECIALLY RECENTLY ON HOMEOWNERSHIP AND THE PROGRAMS THAT DO NOT PROVIDE THE LEVEL OF EQUITY THAT WE NEED TO LOOK TOWARDS IF WE ARE TRYING TO ACHIEVE RACIAL JUSTICE, PARTICULARLY THROUGH THE NUMBER ONE WAY THERE IS GENERATIONAL WEALTH BUILDING THROUGH HOMEOWNERSHIP. WE HAVE PROGRAMS IN THE CITY THAT HAVE A LIMITED EQUITY FACET TO THEM. THEY ARE DEFINITELY WORTHY OF A SECOND LOOK RIGHT NOW, PARTICULARLY IN THE BACKDROP OF THE NATIONAL CONVERSATION THAT WE'RE HAVING.

THE MAYOR AND MYSELF SPOKE WITH CDD AROUND WHAT CONVERSATIONS ARE HAPPENING AT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST. AND WHETHER OR NOT THE CONVERSATIONS ARE STARTING TO HAPPEN AND THEY ARE STARTING TO HAPPEN. WE THOUGHT WE'D REALLY PUT THIS FORWARD TONIGHT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION AT THE CITY COUNCIL LEVEL, LET THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST KNOW WE ARE REALLY INTERESTED IN

**Councillor Mallon motioned to amend Policy Order #6**

LOOKING AT THE PROGRAMS AND MAKE SURE THERE IS THAT EQUITY THAT CAN BE BUILT IN. I WANT TO ADDRESS SOME COMMENTS MADE EARLIER IN THE MEETING AROUND HOMEOWNERSHIPS AND WHETHER THE HOMES WILL BE CONTINUE TO BE AFFORDABLE. YOU CAN LOOK AT IT THAT WAY.

ONE OR TWO TIMES DOWN THE ROAD, THEY WOULDN'T BE AS AFFORDABLE AS THEY COULD BE. THIS POLICY ORDER IS ASKING JUST THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT LOOK AT WAYS THERE COULD BE MORE EQUITY IN THE HOMEOWNERSHIP UNITS. I WILL POINT OUT, THAT UNIT IS AFFORDABLE FOR A FAMILY WHO IS LIVING THERE FOR POSSIBLY THEIR WHOLE LIFE AND HAND IT DON'T TO THE NEXT GENERATION, WHICH SIMPLY IS NOT POSSIBLE RIGHT NOW UNDER THE CURRENT CONSTRAINTS OF OUR CURRENT PROGRAMS.

I THINK WE ALL PROBABLY READ THE ARTICLE MR. FALLEN HERE IN CAMBRIDGE HAS COME UP WITH A REALLY INTERESTING PARTNERSHIP AND AGREEMENT WITH JUST A START AROUND HIS HOME AND WANTING TO ENSURE IT DOES GO FOR HOMEOWNERSHIP AND CREATING THAT EQUITY AND WEALTH. THAT IS A 10% CAP AND CAN HAND IT DOWN. I THINK IT IS WORTH LOOKING AT THE PROGRAMS AND FIGURE OUT WHERE WE CAN BE MUCH MORE EQUITABLE IN THE HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAMS. I WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR FOR THE LEADERSHIP ON THIS. AND JOINING ME WITH THIS AND I'D LIKE TO POST A FEW AMENDMENTS THAT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ASKED US TO PUT FORWARD. I THINK THE CLERK HAS EMAILED THEM TO YOU PRIOR TO THE MEETING. YOU SHOULD HAVE THEM. THEY ARE COMING UP. THEY ARE SUGGESTIONS FROM CDD TO STRENGTHEN THE POLICY ORDER. I VIEW THEM AS FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS. WE HAVE PUT THEM BEFORE YOU TONIGHT AS AMENDMENTS TO THIS POLICY ORDER.

COUNCILLOR NOLAN WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US AS A COSPONSOR AND WE WELCOME THAT. I'D LIKE TO PROPOSE SHE BE ADDED AS A COSPONSOR TO THIS POLICY ORDER AS WELL AS TAKING UP THE AMENDMENTS THAT ARE BEFORE US THAT THE CLERK HAS THE SCREEN. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: DISCUSSION ON THE AMENDMENTS? I DON'T SEE ANY HANDS. WE CAN DO A ROLL CALL ON THE AMENDMENTS. AND ADDING COUNCILLOR NOLAN TO THE POLICY ORDER.

>> MR. CLERK: ON THE MOTION AND FOR THE RECORD, AMENDMENTS, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH, AND FIFTH WHEREAS PARAGRAPHS OF THE POLICY ORDERS. ON THE MOTION: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: I DON'T SEE OTHER HANDS UP ON THE POLICY ORDER. WE CAN PROCEED TO DO A ROLL CALL ON THE POLICY ORDER AS AMENDED.

>> MR. CLERK: ON THE POLICY ORDER AS AMENDED: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: MOVING TO POLICY ORDER NUMBER SEVEN. ON THE FREE VACCINE RESOLUTION. THIS IS FILED BY COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN,

**Policy Order #6 as amended.**

**That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department, the Affordable Housing Trust, and other relevant City departments to provide options to update the HomeBridge and Affordable Home Ownership Programs to better align with the City's values, and promote racial equity and socioeconomic justice**

**POLICY ORDER #7  
Free the vaccine resolution**

MYSELF, COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER, AND COUNCILLOR NOLAN.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU. AS WE HEARD IN PUBLIC COMMENT AND WE HAVE A COMMUNICATION LATER ON IN THE AGENDA ON THE SITUATION IN INDIA. IT IS CERTAINLY AN EXAMPLE OF THE CHALLENGE THAT WE ARE FACING GLOBE ALY TO RESPOND TO THE COVID 19 CRISIS. IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR US AS THE CITY COUNCIL OF CAMBRIDGE TO SPEAK ON THIS BECAUSE WE ARE TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION HUB, PERHAPS, MAYBE THE PREMIERE HUB IN THE WORLD. AND OF COURSE THE INVENTOR OF ONE VACCINE IS HEADQUARTERED HERE. REALLY IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THESE COMPANIES ARE BEING WELL COMPENSATED FOR THEIR WORK ON THE VACCINES. THE LIFE SAVING TECHNOLOGY. IT IS IN OUR BEST INTEREST TO ELIMINATE THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RESTRICTIONS FOR THE TIME BEING SO THAT WE CAN MAXIMIZE VACCINE PRODUCTION COST RAPIDLY AND INOCULATE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE. WHILE THAT IS BOTH HUMANITARIAN SPEAKING A GOOD THING TO DO, IT IS ALSO FROM A SELF INTERESTED POINT OF VIEW. IF YOU DON'T DO THAT, YOU GIVE THE VIRUS THAT MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO REPLICATE, MUTATE, AND TURN INTO MORE DANGEROUS VARIANTS THAT MAY ESCAPE THE VACCINE THAT WE HAVE.

I HOPE YOU WILL SUPPORT US IN MAKING THIS CALL TO RELAX THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RESTRICTIONS THAT LIMIT VACCINE PRODUCTION ACROSS THE GLOBE. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: THANK YOU FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD. I SEE NO HANDS UP, ROLL CALL ON ADOPTION.

>> MR. CLERK: ON ADOPTION: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: MOVING TO POLICY ORDER NUMBER EIGHT. (READING POLICY ORDER NUMBER 8)

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: THANK YOU. THIS CITY HAS WORKED A LOT ON OPENING UP STREETS. WE HAVE TALKED A LOT IN THE LAST YEAR ABOUT RESHAPING THE STREETS TO BUILD COMMUNITY SPACES INSTEAD OF RESERVING SO MUCH PUBLIC LAND AREA FOR VEHICLES AND STARLIGHT SQUARE IS AN EXAMPLE THAT PRE COVID NOBODY COULD IMAGINE. IT IS A INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY SPACE. I BELIEVE THE MAYOR HOLDS OFFICE HOURS THERE. LAST YEAR, WHEN THE STATE DID FUNDING, WE WERE UNSURE HOW TO APPROACH BUILDING ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY SPACES. WE GET INTO THE NEW NORMAL, HAVING ADDITIONAL SHARED AND SAFER STREET INITIATIVES IS WHAT WE NEED AND THE FUNDING IS GREAT TO APPLY FOR. I LET THE CITY MANAGER KNOW AND IT SEEMS TO MAKE SENSE TO APPLY AND KNOW ABOUT THIS. IF WE CAN, WHETHER WE GET IT OR NOT, IT IS EXCITING TO THINK ABOUT REIMAGINING THE PUBLIC SPACE. I WILL ACKNOWLEDGE VICE MAYOR MALLON WANT TO BE ON THIS AND LIKE TO ADD HER TO THE POLICY ORDER BECAUSE SHE IS INSTRUMENTAL IN DOING THE WORK AROUND THE COMMUNITY BUILDING AND REIMAGINING OUR STREETS. I DON'T SEE ANY HANDS UP. WE CAN DO A ROLL CALL ON ADDING THE VICE MAYOR MALLON TO THE POLICY ORDER.



>> MR. CLERK: ADDING VICE MAYOR MALLON AS THE COSPONSOR TO POLICY ORDER 8: (ROLL CALL).

>> COUNCILLOR CARLONE: ABSENT.

>> VICE MAYOR MALLON: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR TOOMEY: YES.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: YES.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: YES.

>> MR. CLERK: EIGHT IN FAVOR AND ONE ABSENT.

>> COUNCILLOR CARLONE: I WAS HERE, JUST DOWN THE HALL. I'M A YES.

>> MR. CLERK: COUNCILLOR CARLONE IS A YES.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: AS AMENDED.

>> MR. CLERK: AS AMENDED: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: GOING TO POLICY ORDER 9. (READING POLICY ORDER NUMBER 9).

>> COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO WHEELER: THANKS. AS THE CITY AND SOCIETY, WE DEPENDENT ON NURSES A LOT MORE IN THE LAST YEAR THAN WE EVER HAVE BEFORE. AND ALL OF US ON THE COUNCIL AND THE CITY HAVE GOTTEN COVID TESTS AND GRATEFUL TO THE NURSES WHO CONDUCTED THEM. I REMEMBER THE EARLY DAYS OF THE PANDEMIC, THE FOLKS DOING THE TESTS LOOK LIKE THEY WERE IN FULL HAZMAT SUITS. IT WAS TERRIFYING FOR ME AND OTHERS. I CAN ONLY IMAGINE HOW TERRIFYING IT WAS FOR THE NURSES IN THE SUITS. WE HAVE CALLED NURSES HEROS, SOCIAL WORKERS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATIONS, THIS IS ABOUT MAKING SURE THEY ARE BEING TREATED AS HEROS AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS. AND THE NURSES AT CAMBRIDGE HEALTH ALLIANCE HOSPITALS HAVE REASONABLE DEMANDS FOR ASSIGNMENT LIMITS, CHARGE NURSES, ENSURE THEY DON'T LOSE THEIR TIME OFF. THEY PUT OFF THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH WERE SUPPOSED TO TAKE PLACE AT THE HEIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC. AND NOW COMING UP, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THE INCREASE IS RETROACTIVE.

I HOPE WE CAN PASS THIS. A LOT OF TIMES WHEN WE PASS THEM IN SOLIDARITY WITH WORKERS WHO TRY TO FORM A UNION OR ON STRIKE OR NEGOTIATING CONTRACT, IT IS WITH THE PRIVATE EMPLOYER. WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF DIRECT CONNECTION, OTHER THAN THE SOLIDARITY. IN THIS CASE, THE CITY MANAGER AND THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER ON THE BOARD OF THE CAMBRIDGE HEALTH ALLIANCE, WE CAN DIRECTLY INFLUENCE THE NEGOTIATIONS, THERE'S A DIRECT CONNECTION IN THE CASE, WHICH I

**Add Councillor Mallon to  
Policy Order #8**

**Policy Order #8 amended**

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THINK IT MAKES IT ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT TO PASS THIS TONIGHT.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: DISCUSSION? SEEING NO HANDS, WE CAN DO A ROLL CALL ON ADOPTION.

>> MR. CLERK: ON ADOPTION: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: FINISHED THE POLICY ORDERS. COMMITTEE REPORTS. ONE COMMITTEE REPORT. PLEASURE OF THE CITY COUNCIL?

>> COUNCILLOR TOOMEY: PLACE ON FILE.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: I WILL MENTION, THIS IS ABOUT THE CANNABIS DELIVERY. WE HAVE AN ORDINANCE MEETING SCHEDULED. IF WE PASS, WE'LL LOOK AT I BELIEVE IT IS MAY 12. HOPEFULLY, IT IS A LONG PROCESS. WE STARTED TO ADD CANNABIS DELIVERY TO OUR ORDINANCE, STARTING LAST AUGUST. HOPEFULLY, IT WILL BE RELATIVELY QUICKLY. HOPEFULLY LEAD TO AN ORDINANCE COMMITTEE AND COME BACK TO THE COUNCIL.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: THANK YOU. AND CLERK, ON THE FIRST PAGE, THIS IS JUST AN EDIT. IT SAYS 5:46 A.M. I'M PRETTY SURE COUNCILLOR SIMMONS DIDN'T ATTEND AT 5:46 A.M. I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO EDIT THAT.

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: I'M AN EARLY BIRD.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: IF THERE IS NO OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, WE CAN DO A ROLL CALL ON PLACING IT ON FILE AND ADOPTING THE ORDER.

>> MR. CLERK: ON THE MOTION: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS. THERE ARE FOUR. WE HAVE DISPOSED OF THREE. PLEASURE OF THE CITY COUNCIL?

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: NUMBER TWO.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: ROLL CALL ON THE BALANCE I WILL SPEAK BRIEFLY. NUMBER ONE, INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PER USUAL. NUMBER FOUR, WE PROVIDED SOME INFORMATION ABOUT HELPING INDIA IN THIS TIME OF THE COVID CRISIS. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ORGANIZATIONS, FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO MYSELF AND COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN. WHAT WE CAN DO, ROLL CALL ON PLACING THE COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS 1 AND 4 ON FILE. AND THEN WE'LL GO TO TWO.

>> MR. CLERK: ON THE MOTION: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: MOVING TO COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS NUMBER TWO.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR LEADING US INTO THIS EFFORT OF UNDERSTANDING MORE WHAT IS INVOLVED IN A CHARTER REVIEW AND ENSURING IT WAS DONE IN A TIMELY MANNER. IT HAD BEEN A COUPLE OF MONTHS AND WE HAVE THE SECOND OF TWO MEMOS. WE PLACE THIS ON FILE AND LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING THE CONVERSATION ABOUT NEXT STEPS. I THINK THERE WERE CLEAR SPECIFIC IDEAS THAT THE

**POLICY ORDER #9**  
That the Cambridge City Council go on record standing in solidarity with the MNA nurses campaigning for fair contract negotiations with Cambridge Health Alliance

Accept Committee Report and adopt the order.

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CENTER PRESENTED THAT THE COUNCIL SEEMS FAIRLY CONSENSUS EMERGING ON MAKING SOME CHANGES IN THE OPERATIONS AND WE SHOULD DECIDE IF WE WANT TO MOVE FORWARD. I WANT TO THANK YOU. ALERT FOLKS TO THE FACT THIS MEMO CAME OUT AND THE NEXT STEP IS FOR THE COUNCIL TO HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING, I MAY WORK WITH YOU IF THAT MAKES SENSE TO HAVE A CONVENE A SPECIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER NEXT STEPS. UNLESS YOU HAVE ANOTHER THOUGHT IN MIND ABOUT WHAT TO DO.

**Place Communication and Reports from other City Officers #1 and #4 on file.**

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: AS MENTIONED, I THINK WE WORK WITH NAOMI TO FIGURE OUT A DATE FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING. COLLIN CENTER SAYS THEY WILL COME AND DISCUSS BOTH MEMOS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL. WE'LL LOOK FORWARD A DATE AND GO FROM THERE. ON COUNCILLOR NOLAN'S MOTION TO PLACE COMMUNICATION REPORTS NUMBER TWO ON FILE, ROLL CALL.

>> MR. CLERK: ON THE MOTION: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: MOVING TO LATE RESOLUTIONS. CLERK? ANY LATE RESOLUTIONS.

>> MR. CLERK: I HAVE TWO LATE RESOLUTIONS. I'LL PUT THEM ON THE SCREEN. FIRST ONE FROM COUNCILLOR SIMMONS.

(READING FROM SLIDE PRESENTATION)

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: FIRST ORDER, THIS IS THE BROTHER OF CHRIS BROWN. CHRIS IS A RESIDENT OF CAMBRIDGE. THE CHILD GOES TO A CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL. WE SUDDENLY LOST HIS BROTHER TO COVID. IT WAS QUITE TRAGIC AND TRAUMATIC FOR ALL THE FAMILY TO LOSE SUCH A YOUNG MAN IN SUCH A SHORT TIME. I WANT TO OFFER OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCE TO HIM AND THE FAMILY. ON THE SECOND LATE RESOLUTION, THE DEATH RESOLUTION, ANOTHER LONG TERM RESIDENT, ADINA OBLER, AND LONG TIME PROGRAM CALLED COMMITTEE CONVERSATIONS, WHICH IS FOR BLACK WOMEN. SHE WENT TO LIVE WITH HER MOTHER SHORTLY AFTER THE PANDEMIC HIT US HARD. IT WAS NOT ABLE TO RETURN AND CHOSE NOT TO RETURN BECAUSE THE MOTHER IS ILL AND THERE WAS A WHILE WE THOUGHT THE MOTHER WOULD HANG ON LONGER. SHE TOO LEFT AND PASSED ON THIS LAST TUESDAY. TWO LONG STANDING RESIDENTS OF CAMBRIDGE WHO RECENTLY LOST MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILY VERY CLOSE TO THEM, I WANTED THE CITY COUNCIL TO STAND WITH ME IN EXTENDING OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES.

**Late Resolutions**

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: THANK YOU. CONDOLENCES TO BOTH OF THEM. ON THAT, ROLL CALL ON THE RESOLUTIONS AND ADOPTION.

>> MR. CLERK: ON ADOPTING THE RESOLUTIONS: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: MOVING TO LATE POLICY ORDERS. ANY LATE POLICY ORDERS?

>> MR. CLERK: NO LATE. I HAVE ONE LATE COMMUNICATION, WHICH I BELIEVE YOU DISCUSSED EARLIER. PLACE ON FILE.

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>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: ROLL CALL PLACING IT ON FILE.

>> MR. CLERK: PLACING LATE COMMUNICATION ON FILE: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BODY? SEE COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN'S HAND.

>> COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN: THANK YOU. I WANT TO SHARE WITH THE COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC, MY DAUGHTER HAS BEEN AND COMPLETED A SMALL MURAL IN CENTRAL SQUARE ON MASS AVENUE. IT IS A TRIBUTE TO TWO YOUNG STUDENTS WHO WE LOST OVER THE LAST YEAR. IN ONE CASE, A GOOD FRIEND OF HERS AND THE YOUNG MAN WHO WAS RECENTLY SHOT AND KILLED. SHE DID GET PERMISSION FROM THE FAMILIES WHO WERE HAPPY ABOUT THE PROPOSAL.

I DO ENCOURAGE YOU TO CHECK IT OUT AND SEE THE MURAL. AND ADMIRE THE ART AND PAY TRIBUTE TO THE YOUNG MEN WHO LOST THEIR LIVES. THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: COUNCILLOR SIMMONS?

>> COUNCILLOR SIMMONS: I WANT TO REMIND EVERYBODY THIS IS EQUAL PAY FOR MOM S SO THINK PARTICULARLY ALL THE MOTHERS AS WE HEAD INTO MOTHER'S DAY. WOMEN STILL ARE PAID LESS THAN MEN AND MOMS ARE PARTICULARLY DOUBLE BURDENED BECAUSE THEY ARE RAISING FAMILIES AND BEING UNDERPAID. IT IS NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK AND WE SHOULD MAKE AN EXTRA EFFORT TO REACH OUT TO THE SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE COMMUNITIES. WE THINK ABOUT OUR MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, AND WIVES, AND CERTAINLY SHOP LOCAL. AND HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL THE MOTHERS.

>> COUNCILLOR NOLAN: TO FOLLOW ON WHAT COUNCILLOR SIMMONS SAID, THIS MONTH, IT IS ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH, WHICH IS SOMETHING WE DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO. IN LIGHT OF THE HATE CRIMES AND THE CHALLENGES THAT ASIAN AMERICANS HAVE SEEN AND WE ARE AWARE OF IT. I HIGHLIGHT THAT AND THANK YOU FOR HOLDING THE VIGIL AFTER THE TRAGIC EVENTS IN ATLANTA, HOLD IN MIND MAY IS THE MONTH FOR US TO UNDERSTAND, HONOR, AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HERITAGE OF ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDERS.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: MAY IS ALSO MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH. WE HAVE CITY HALL LIT UP GREEN. MY OFFICE WILL BE SHARING RESOURCES ALL MONTH AS WELL. LOTS GOING ON IN MAY. IT IS ALL GREAT. THANK YOU EVERYBODY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENTS. ON THE MOTION TO ADJOURN BY COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN, WE CAN DO A ROLL CALL.

>> MR. CLERK: ON ADJOURNMENT: (ROLL CALL) NINE IN FAVOR, ZERO AGAINST.

>> MAYOR SIDDIQUI: GOOD NIGHT.

**RESOLUTION #6**  
**Resolution on the death of**  
**Shawn Adrian Brown.**

**RESOLUTION #7**  
**Resolution on the death of**  
**Adina Shiponi Oblor.**

**COMMUNICATION AND**  
**REPORT FROM OTHER**  
**CITY OFFICERS #5**  
A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, transmitting a response from COO Jim Maloney regarding concerns related to the Tobin Montessori/Vassal Lane building project.

On the motion to adjourn by  
Councillor Zondervan at 10:50  
p.m.

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# City of Cambridge

## Executive Department

**LOUIS A. DePASQUALE**  
City Manager

June 28, 2021

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby transmitting notification of the reappointments of the following members of the Family Policy Council:

### Community-as-Large Representatives (3-year term)

**Kimberly Goldstein** is currently a social worker at Boston Children's Hospital Primary Care Clinic where she works with low-resourced families on a housing and food program. She is also a graduate of the Cambridge Public Schools and the mother of two CPS graduates.

**Tagesech Wabeto** is currently the Immigrant Services Liaison for the Commission on Immigrant Rights and Citizenship, and she is the mother of two children in the Cambridge Public Schools and a recent graduate of CRLS. In addition, Tagesech completed the Community Learning Center's Bridge to College program and was a Community Engagement Team Outreach Worker for 10 years.

### Specific Area Representatives (1-year term)

**Tina Alu** is the Executive Director of the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee (CEOC), and she is currently one of the co-chairs for the Family Policy Council's Language Justice Working Group.

**Ben Clark** is the Executive Director of Enroot and the father of two children in the Cambridge Public Schools. Ben is also the Family Policy Council's representative for the Cambridge Nonprofit Coalition.

**Michael Johnston** represents the Cambridge Housing Authority for the Family Policy Council in his role as Executive Director.

Very truly yours,

Louis A. DePasquale  
City Manager



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# City of Cambridge

## Executive Department

**LOUIS A. DePASQUALE**  
City Manager

June 28, 2021

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Carl Barron Family to the Grant Fund Department of Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used for plaques, printing materials and providing light refreshments at the semi-annual awards ceremony to recognize employees who exhibit excellent job performance.

Very truly yours,

Louis A. DePasquale  
City Manager

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# City of Cambridge

## Executive Department

**LOUIS A. DePASQUALE**  
City Manager

June 28, 2021

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-34, regarding potential parking solutions for residents living in vicinity of Concord Avenue, Smith Place, and Moulton Street, please be advised of the following:

Based on this request, the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department (TP+T) has met internally and collected some initial data on parking availability on nearby streets. As a next step, TP+T will organize a meeting with local residents to discuss existing conditions and the potential options for accommodating their parking needs. Based on that meeting and additional discussions, we will develop a plan for any recommended changes to parking regulations on those streets.

Very truly yours,

Louis A. DePasquale  
City Manager

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# City of Cambridge

## Executive Department

**LOUIS A. DePASQUALE**  
City Manager

June 28, 2021

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report 21-41, which requesting that the City Manager work with all relevant City departments, the Central Square BID, and the MBTA to close Massachusetts Avenue from Prospect Street to Sydney Street on Friday and Saturday evenings from 7:00pm to 1:00am through September 2021, please be advised of the following:

Representatives from multiple departments met to discuss this potential closure, including the City Manager's Office, the Fire Department, the Police Department, the City Solicitor's Office, the Traffic, Parking, + Transportation Department, the Community Development Department, the Department of Public Works, and the License Commission. Representatives from the public safety departments (Fire and Police) expressed significant concerns about a full closure of this segment of Massachusetts Avenue, including the following specific issues:

- This segment of Massachusetts Avenue is a major response route for the Fire Department in calls for assistance for both fire and emergency medical services. Closing off this section of roadway would present tremendous tactical challenges for the Fire Department to adequately protect the city and respond to calls from the community and is not acceptable from a fire safety perspective.
- The Engine Six firehouse on River Street is currently closed for repairs. While the Fire Department has adjusted their response plans to properly cover Cambridgeport during this closure, any closure of Massachusetts Avenue could delay the response of units and present an added risk to the community.
- The rerouting of various trucks and commercial vehicles onto smaller side streets could also place the residents, pedestrians, and bicycles on those streets at additional risk due to the multiple right-angle turns required for that rerouting. It is also important to note that Massachusetts Avenue between Sydney Street and Pleasant Street is part of the hazardous materials truck route that must be used in place of the Prudential tunnel on the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90), so any closure would move those trucks onto smaller streets and require additional turning movements through the early morning hours.





- The Police Department expressed significant concerns regarding the recurring staffing required to support such a closure, given the traffic and crowd control that would be required to maintain a safe and organized closure (potentially including the need to deploy blocking trucks or hard barriers).

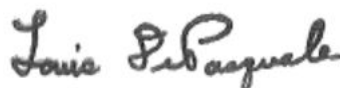
Based on these concerns from public safety agencies, the City Solicitor also expressed concerns regarding any such closure.

Staff also consulted with service planning staff from the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), to understand their perspective on this idea. The MBTA is not supportive of this recurring closure, particularly given the number of different bus routes, the volume of customers that travel in this area, and the transfer connections available to the Red Line. Specific concerns include confusion for customers, the staffing and other resources required to plan and implement significant detours on multiple routes, bus stop relocation challenges, and the increased walking distance for transferring customers, particularly those with disabilities.

Based on all these concerns, I am not comfortable moving forward with a plan that involves a full closure of Massachusetts Avenue between Sydney Street and Prospect Street on Friday and Saturday evenings, as suggested in the original Policy Order. However, the City remains supportive of implementing more limited street closures, as we have done in other locations around the City in response to COVID-19 and to address other key needs, particularly where these closures help directly support the vitality of local businesses and local neighborhoods. Within Central Square, we would be open to working with the Central Square Business Improvement District (BID) and individual businesses to create additional spaces on side streets for outdoor dining, retail sales, or other supportive uses. In creating these spaces, we also need to be sensitive to the specific needs of these groups and nearby residents and ensure that any changes recognize and respond both to the businesses' operations as well as the residents' concerns. Implementation of any street closures would also need to be done in a manner that increases the attractiveness of the area, which typically requires programming and activation.

We are currently engaged with the Central Square BID and appropriate City staff to discuss additional opportunities for side street closures that will help support the local businesses, residents and the Cultural District as a whole.

Very truly yours,



Louis A. DePasquale  
City Manager

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# City of Cambridge

## Executive Department

**LOUIS A. DePASQUALE**  
City Manager

June 28, 2021

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-44, regarding determining what the safest and most effective mosquito management program is for Cambridge, received from Chief Public Health Officer Claude Jacob and Public Works Commissioner Owen O'Riordan.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louis A. DePasquale".

Louis A. DePasquale  
City Manager

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Attachment(s)





Cambridge  
Public Health  
Department

**TO:** Louis D. Pasquale, City Manager  
**FROM:** Claude-Alix Jacob, Chief Public Health Officer  
 Owen O’Riordan, Public Works Commissioner  
**DATE:** June 23, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Response to Policy Order #4, adopted 6/7/2021

**Excerpt of order:** That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to consult with the Department of Public Health on this issue and work with relevant City departments to determine what the safest and most effective mosquito management program for Cambridge is; and be it further that the City Manager be and is hereby requested to report back to the Council as soon as possible with the current policy and if any changes to the mosquito management program will be made.

Full text: [https://cambridgema.ig2.com/Citizens/Detail\\_LegiFile.aspx?ID=14209](https://cambridgema.ig2.com/Citizens/Detail_LegiFile.aspx?ID=14209)

## Mosquito Control in Cambridge

The City of Cambridge participates in the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project (EMMCP), but has not requested adult mosquito control (i.e., truck spray) since the first arrival of West Nile virus in August and September of 2000. The City’s Department of Public Works and the Cambridge Public Health Department serve as coordinating agencies on behalf of the City in its annual agreement with EMMCP to provide preventive larvicide treatment to all public storm drains (approximately 6,000), hand-held larvicide spray applications (i.e., back-pack device) in a few isolated parkland areas (Danehy Park swale, Alewife Brook Reservation, Fresh Pond Reservation). These applications are not adulticides, are highly targeted, and use bacteriological agents (BTI - *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* and BS - *Bacillus sphaericus*) to limit mosquito development in the larval stage.

A summary of the scope of services from the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project (EMMCP) website:

*East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project (EMMCP) has an Integrated Pest Management plan that includes mosquito and wetland surveillance, larval and adult mosquito control, ditch maintenance, and public education. Each municipality, through its funding, determines the type and level of services to be offered in their community.*

*During risk periods of West Nile virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis, EMMCP may provide surveillance and mosquito control services under the direction of state and local health authorities, as specified by the Massachusetts Surveillance and Response Plan for Mosquito-Borne Disease.*

### **Public Education**

*Public education is ongoing throughout the year. Project personnel serve as a resource to residents, schools, municipal officials and the local media.*

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### **Surveillance**

*The objectives of the survey program are to identify and describe mosquito habitats, to quantify changes in the larval and adult mosquito populations caused by weather, and to provide documentation to support control programs.*

*EMMCP monitors the adult mosquito population through the use survey traps, and submits vector species to the Department of Public Health to be tested for Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile virus.*

The current Cambridge policy regarding truck-based spraying is addressed in the West Nile Response Plan developed in 2001 by the West Nile virus Advisory Committee and presented to City Council. In this policy, truck-based applications are not entirely ruled out in the event of a major public health concern, but would only be selected as a last resort. Since September 2000, the City has not used truck-based ultrafine spray and has relied on preventive measures such as larviciding, surveillance for species type and abundance, and identification of standing water sources to treat or eliminate.

The City also confers with MIT and Harvard staff to establish that larviciding has been completed on those campuses. State law does allow individuals to request to be exempted from truck-based spraying, but only if the spraying is not deemed to be part of a critical public health response. Many suburban communities use these mosquito adulticides/insecticides for nuisance control, but Cambridge does not, so this state exemption is generally not applicable to our community.

### **ANVIL and PFAS**

EMMCP staff responded to questions about the use of ANVIL 10+10 in areas that could impact the Cambridge drinking water reservoir system. These include property in Lincoln, Waltham or Lexington that comprise parts of the watershed impacting the reservoir and connected waterways. They reported that no aerial applications (plane) were carried out in these areas in 2019 or 2020 and that there was minimal truck-based spraying in those areas. When East Middlesex has used ANVIL 10+10 in the past for adult mosquito control, less than one tablespoon was applied per acre. EMMCP staff also reported that in prior investigations PFAS was found in Anvil 10+10 in “a couple of hundred parts per trillion.”

EPA has determined that PFAS was used in the lining material in the containers themselves, not in the ANVIL product itself. Since the contamination from the containers was identified, ANVIL is no longer packaged using this type of container. EMMCP staff report that both the ANVIL and Zenivex have been subsequently tested for PFAS with none detected.

PFAS is used in a very large array of manufacturing processes and consumer products, such as food packaging and furniture treatment products, at very high concentrations. Some studies have revealed PFAS compounds in water-resistant, to-go food containers and salad bowls at 200-1100 parts per million, or three orders of magnitude higher than the amounts found in ANVIL.

The 2015 EPA ban on PFOA and PFOS has led to the use of novel substitutes such as GenX, F-53B and OBS. Many researches continue to have concerns about the long-term safety of these substitute compounds and the lingering presence of PFAS resulting from prior use. In 2019, the EPA published a *PFAS Action Plan* that laid forth a series of steps and studies to be undertaken. In

January 2021 EPA provided a public update on their *PFAS Action Plan* in which they indicated progress on a number of fronts, including development of a national drinking water standards under the Safety Drinking Water Act and more thorough research and regulatory action to address historic releases and possible future inclusion of PFAS compounds in the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI). For a summary of the most recent EPA update on their PFAS plan see: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-delivers-results-pfas-action-plan>

In conclusion, we do not recommend any changes in policy related to mosquito control services or contracts. We continue to retain the option to request truck-based spraying if a significant public health threat emerges and if the MA Department of Public Health indicates that this is an appropriate mitigation measure.



# City of Cambridge

## Executive Department

**LOUIS A. DePASQUALE**  
City Manager

June 28, 2021

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-7, regarding whether random check-ins and assessments of public and private affordable housing sites that were undergoing renovations were done for regular COVID-19 protocol safety checks, please be advised of the following:

Staff of the Inspectional Services Department and the Public Health Department did perform regular and random check-ins at public and private affordable housing sites undergoing renovations to ensure COVID-19 safety protocols were being followed. Since the State of Emergency was lifted by the Governor effective June 15, 2021, those checks are no longer required. However, the Housing Liaison and staff of the Inspectional Services and Public Health Departments continue to respond to any calls of concern relative to COVID-19 and/or any other housing related matters.

Contractors and other personnel are still required to follow all laws and related City Ordinances which pertain to the Massachusetts State Building Code and certain articles of the State Sanitary Code.

Very truly yours,

Louis A. DePasquale  
City Manager

LAD/mec





# City of Cambridge

## Executive Department

**LOUIS A. DePASQUALE**  
City Manager

June 28, 2021

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of an FY22 State 911 Department Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Grant in the amount of \$23,939 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Other Ordinary Maintenance Account.

Funds 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.

By acquiring the services of a vendor to perform the random quality assurance, the department can identify any gaps, remedial training, or areas that need improvement to determine the feasibility of obtaining accreditation but more importantly improving the care and delivery of service to the community while maximizing the efficiency of the 911 system and public safety resources.

In addition, over the past two years, the department has been reviewing the necessary steps to become an Accredited Communications Centers of Excellence with the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch (IAED). This accreditation will position the department as a leader in the 911 community in providing excellent service and performance in utilizing the medical protocols.

Very truly yours,

Louis A. DePasquale  
City Manager

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# City of Cambridge

## Executive Department

**LOUIS A. DePASQUALE**  
City Manager

June 28, 2021

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Please see attached a recommendation from the Planning Board and communication from Community Development Department and Law Department staff related to the Cannabis Delivery Zoning Petition. Staff recommends that the City Council amend the petition by substituting the attached zoning text prior to voting on adoption.

Staff will be available to discuss and answer any questions.

Very truly yours,

Louis A. DePasquale  
City Manager

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Attachment(s)







CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

# PLANNING BOARD

CITY HALL ANNEX, 344 BROADWAY, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

Date:	June 9, 2021
Subject:	Cannabis Delivery Zoning Petition
Recommendation:	The Planning Board recommends <b>ADOPTION</b> .

To the Honorable, the City Council,

The Planning Board (the “Board”) held a public hearing on May 11, 2021, continued to May 18, 2021, on a Zoning Petition (the “Petition”) by City Council (the “Petitioner”) to Amend Articles 2.000, 4.000 and 11.000 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge to create new land use definitions and associated regulations for home delivery of cannabis products.

This Petition is similar to another petition considered by the Planning Board in October 2020. At that time, there was a desire by both the Planning Board and City Council to expand the districts where cannabis delivery uses would be permitted, and generally make the Ordinance more permissive. CDD Staff, in collaboration with the Law Department, submitted this revised Petition in early 2021.

The revised Petition would establish two new land uses, “Cannabis Courier Establishment” and “Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishment”. A Cannabis Courier establishment would function like a delivery dispatch office and would facilitate delivery from an existing retailer to a home consumer. The Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishment would function more like a warehouse, and would be able to purchase cannabis products wholesale and sell and deliver directly to consumers, but would not be permitted to have a storefront at the warehousing location.

The Cannabis Courier Establishment would be permitted by-right in all business, office and industrial districts, whereas the Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishment would be permitted in all business, office, and industrial districts by Planning Board Special Permit. A Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishment would be further limited in size to not exceed 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and would be required to have a minimum buffer of 300’ from schools and parks/recreation areas. Both uses would be required to submit a transportation logistics plan, subject to review and approval by the Traffic, Parking & Transportation (TP&T) and Police Department. Existing definitions for Cannabis Microbusiness would be amended to enable delivery of cannabis products directly to consumers if so licensed by the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC).

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At the May 18th hearing, the Planning Board discussed the Petition. Board Members generally felt that if these delivery uses would be permitted in surrounding communities, then they should also be permitted in Cambridge; particularly if there are no limitations for Cambridge residents to order delivery from surrounding communities. Board Members also agreed that the CCC's adopted delivery regulations appear extensive and therefore Cambridge's ordinance should be as clear and simple as possible to not provide additional barriers to these types of uses from locating within Cambridge. While some Board members were concerned that having these types of uses in vacant storefronts in commercial and mixed-use districts might detract from the City's broader goal of supporting a more vibrant and active public realm, other Board Members believed that Cambridge's comparatively higher rents and land values would make this outcome less likely. Board Members also noted a few areas where the zoning language could be clarified, and suggested that staff examine them further.

At the conclusion of Board discussion, the Board voted unanimously to transmit a favorable recommendation on the Petition.

Respectfully submitted for the Planning Board,



Catherine Preston Connolly, Chair



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Community Development Department

To: Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager  
 From: Iram Farooq, Assistant City Manager for Community Development  
 Nancy E. Glowa, City Solicitor  
 Date: June 28, 2021  
 Re: **Cannabis Delivery Zoning Petition: Requests to Staff**

**IRAM FAROOQ**  
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 Chief of Planning

The Cannabis Delivery Zoning Petition (the "Petition"), which was drafted by CDD and Law Department staff, was heard by the Planning Board on May 18, 2021 and by the Ordinance Committee on May 12, 2021. Both voted to transmit positive recommendations to the full City Council, with comments and questions to be addressed by CDD and the Law Department. This memo provides responses to some of the substantive questions that were raised. Attached is an amended markup of the Petition text, for consideration and possible substitution by the City Council.

Comments by the Planning Board, as indicated in the Board's recommendation, were limited to clarifications regarding repackaging of cannabis products, the definition of "Cannabis Establishment," and parking requirements for delivery vehicles. The attached text includes proposed changes to the Petition text intended to provide greater clarity on these points as necessary.

The Ordinance Committee raised questions that were transmitted to staff as Policy Orders (summarized below), some of which relate to the Cannabis Business Permitting Ordinance, which is separate from the Petition's proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance relating to Cannabis Delivery. Staff's responses concerning the Petition are provided on the following pages. The Cannabis Business Permitting Ordinance remains with the Ordinance Committee and the Law Department will provide a response to the Policy Orders relating to that ordinance for an upcoming Council meeting, as the Law Department continues to analyze those issues.

- *That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Law Department to provide a legal opinion to the City Council about whether eliminating or reducing the buffer zone would alter the fundamental character of the Cannabis Delivery Zoning Amendment.*
- *That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Community Development Department to provide suggestions and implications for how to regulate cannabis courier and cannabis delivery businesses occupying retail storefront space.*

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***Will eliminating or removing the buffer zone for Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishments alter the fundamental character of the petition?***

It was mistakenly reported at the Ordinance Committee hearing that the Petition would require a 300-foot buffer from schools and youth recreation facilities for Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishments. Staff respectfully requests to correct the record to note that the refiled Petition does not propose requiring buffers for either Cannabis Courier Establishments or Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishments.

***Can staff provide suggestions and implications for how to regulate Cannabis Courier Establishments and Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishments occupying retail storefront space?***

Recall that as currently proposed, Cannabis Courier Establishments (which do not store cannabis products on-site) are permitted as-of-right whereas Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishments (which do store cannabis products on-site) require a Planning Board special permit.

For Cannabis Delivery Operators, the Planning Board relies on the Special Permit Criteria set forth in 11.805 when granting a special permit. The current criteria include consideration of the impacts of “blank walls” on the retail character of the area, and the Planning Board can require mitigation of those impacts in their review. The attached text revisions are intended to further clarify that Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishments are also subject to these criteria, and that establishments that do not allow customer foot traffic could be a concern in retail areas.

For Cannabis Courier Establishments, the solutions are more complicated because they would be permitted as-of-right and therefore not subject to site-specific review. The location standards set forth in Section 11.803 could be further modified to include restrictions on the location and/or design of Cannabis Courier Establishments, but that might restrict the potential sites available for such a business or require them to seek zoning relief. The likely locations for a Cannabis Courier Establishment would be existing commercial buildings with off-street parking, which are atypical in Cambridge’s core retail areas. It may be difficult for a proposed establishment to meet additional requirements if their options are already limited and if they do not have the ability to make significant alterations to existing buildings or sites. The Planning Board discussed this issue and Board members opined that additional requirements were probably unnecessary because transportation businesses are unlikely to want to pay high rents for prime retail locations.

If additional requirements were included, potential options could include:

- In Business zoning districts, limit ground-story street frontage to 25 feet or less, or some other number, similar to limitations placed on financial institutions in the Central Square Overlay District and Harvard Square Overlay District. This could be modified by special permit.
- Restrict ground-story street frontage only along main retail corridors, such as Massachusetts Avenue, Main Street, Cambridge Street, and possibly others. This could also be modified by special permit.

Neither of these changes has been added to the attached markup text, but if the Council decides to pursue a specific option, staff can provide the necessary language to be considered prior to adoption.

***Amend Definitions in Article 2.000 related to Cannabis uses to read as follows:***

***Cannabis Courier Establishment.*** An establishment licensed as a Marijuana Courier by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission that is authorized to operate pursuant to that license, including to deliver cannabis or marijuana products, accessories and branded goods from a Cannabis Retail Store to consumers, in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations, but not authorized to sell cannabis or marijuana products directly to consumers.

***Cannabis Cultivator.*** An entity licensed by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission as a Marijuana Cultivator to cultivate, process and package cannabis or marijuana, and to transfer cannabis or marijuana to other Cannabis or Marijuana Establishments, but not to consumers. A Craft Marijuana Cooperative is a type of Marijuana Cultivator, pursuant to 935 CMR 500.000.

***Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishment.*** An establishment licensed as a Marijuana Delivery Operator by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission and authorized to purchase at wholesale and warehouse on the site cannabis or marijuana products acquired from a Cannabis Cultivator, Cannabis Product Manufacturer, Cannabis Microbusiness or Craft Marijuana Cooperative, and to sell and deliver cannabis or marijuana products, accessories and branded goods directly to consumers in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations, but not authorized to repackage cannabis or marijuana products or to sell cannabis or marijuana products to consumers on-site.

***Cannabis Dispensary, Registered, also known as Registered Marijuana Dispensary, RMD or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center.*** An entity licensed under 935 CMR 501.101 that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as edible cannabis products, tinctures, aerosols, oils or ointments), repackages, transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers cannabis or marijuana products, related supplies, or educational materials to registered qualifying patients or their personal caregivers for medical use in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations. Unless otherwise specified, RMD refers to the site(s) of dispensing, cultivation, and preparation of cannabis or marijuana for medical use.

***Cannabis Establishment.*** A Marijuana Cultivator, Craft Marijuana Cooperative, Marijuana Product Manufacturer, Marijuana Microbusiness, Marijuana Retailer, Independent Testing Laboratory, Marijuana Research Facility, Marijuana Transporter, [Delivery Licensee-Marijuana Courier, Marijuana Delivery Operator](#), or any other type of marijuana-related business licensed by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission, except a medical marijuana treatment center.

***Cannabis Independent Testing Laboratory.*** A laboratory that is licensed by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission as an Independent Testing Laboratory and is operating in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations:-

***Cannabis Microbusiness.*** A co-located Cannabis or Marijuana Establishment that can be either a Tier 1 Marijuana Cultivator or Product Manufacturer or both, pursuant to 935 CMR 500.00, in compliance with the operating procedures for each license and, if in receipt of a Delivery Endorsement issued by the Cannabis Control Commission, may deliver Cannabis or Cannabis Products produced at the licensed location directly to Consumers in compliance with established regulatory requirements for retail sale as it relates to delivery. A Microbusiness that is a Cannabis Marijuana Product Manufacturer may purchase no more than 2,000 pounds of marijuana per year from other Cannabis Marijuana Establishments, pursuant to 935 CMR 500.000.

***Cannabis Product Manufacturer.*** An entity licensed by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission as a Marijuana Product Manufacturer to obtain, manufacture, process and package cannabis or marijuana products and to transfer these products to other Cannabis or Marijuana Establishments, but not to consumers.

***Cannabis Production Facility.*** An establishment authorized to cultivate, manufacture, process, or package cannabis or marijuana products, in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations. A Cannabis Production Facility may be licensed to operate as a Cannabis Microbusiness, Cannabis or Marijuana Cultivator, or Cannabis or Marijuana Product Manufacturer, or registered as a Medical

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Marijuana Treatment Center (also known as a Registered Marijuana Dispensary or RMD), or both, in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations.

**Cannabis Products.** Cannabis or marijuana and its products unless otherwise indicated. These include products that have been manufactured and contain cannabis or marijuana or an extract from cannabis or marijuana, including concentrated forms of cannabis or marijuana and products composed of cannabis or marijuana and other ingredients that are intended for use or consumption, including edible products, beverages, topical products, ointments, oils and tinctures.

**Cannabis Research Facility.** An entity licensed to engage in research projects by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission.

**Cannabis Retail Store.** An establishment authorized to sell or otherwise transfer cannabis or marijuana products to consumers for use off the premises, but not to cultivate, manufacture, process, or package cannabis or marijuana products, in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations. A Cannabis Retail Store may be licensed to operate as a Cannabis or Marijuana Retailer or registered as a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (also known as a Registered Marijuana Dispensary or RMD), or both, in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations.

**Cannabis Retailer.** An entity licensed by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission as a Marijuana Retailer to purchase, repackage, white label and transport cannabis or marijuana products from Cannabis or Marijuana Establishments and to sell or otherwise transfer these products to Cannabis Marijuana Establishments and to consumers. Unless licensed, retailers are prohibited from delivering cannabis or marijuana products to consumers; and from offering cannabis or marijuana products for the purposes of on-site social consumption on the premises of a Cannabis or Marijuana Establishment.

**Cannabis Use.** A Cannabis Courier Establishment, Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishment, Cannabis Production Facility or Cannabis Retail Store, as defined in this Zoning Ordinance.

**Amend Section 4.32 of the Table of Use Regulations by inserting a new row “l.” to read as follows:**

		Open Space	Res A 1&2	Res B	Res C, C-1, C-1A, 2, 2A, 2B, 3, 3A, 3B	Off 1, 2A, 2, 3, 3A	Bus A-1, A-2, A-3 <sup>1</sup>	Bus A, A-4	Bus B, B-1, B-2	Bus C, C-1	Ind A-1, A-2	Ind A	Ind B-1, B-2	Ind B	Ind C
<b>4.32</b>	<b>Transportation, Communication &amp; Utility Uses</b>														
	l. Cannabis Courier Establishment	No	No	No	No	Yes <sup>58</sup>	Yes <sup>58</sup>	Yes <sup>58</sup>	Yes <sup>58</sup>	Yes <sup>58</sup>	Yes <sup>58</sup>	Yes <sup>58</sup>	Yes <sup>58</sup>	Yes <sup>58</sup>	Yes <sup>58</sup>

**Amend Section 4.37 of the Table of Use Regulations by inserting a new row “o.” to read as follows:**

		Open Space	Res A 1&2	Res B	Res C, C-1, C-1A, 2, 2A, 2B, 3, 3A, 3B	Off 1, 2A, 2, 3, 3A	Bus A-1, A-2, A-3 <sup>1</sup>	Bus A, A-4	Bus B, B-1, B-2	Bus C, C-1	Ind A-1, A-2	Ind A	Ind B-1, B-2	Ind B	Ind C
<b>4.32</b>	<b>Light Industry, Wholesale Business and Storage</b>														
	o. Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishment	No	No	No	No	PB <sup>58</sup>	PB <sup>58</sup>	PB <sup>58</sup>	PB <sup>58</sup>	PB <sup>58</sup>	PB <sup>58</sup>	PB <sup>58</sup>	PB <sup>58</sup>	PB <sup>58</sup>	PB <sup>58</sup>

**Amend Section 6.36, Schedule of Parking & Loading Requirements, by inserting a new row “l.” beneath Section 6.36.2, by inserting a new row “o.” beneath Section 6.36.7, and by inserting a new Footnote “16.” to read as follows:**

	<b>Land Use Category</b>	<b>Open Space, Res A-1, A-2, Res B</b>	<b>Res C, C-1, C-1A, Off 1, Bus A (Comm), Bus A-1, A-2, Bus A-3<sup>14</sup>, A-4, Ind A-1, Ind B-2, Ind C</b>	<b>Bus. C, C-1, Ind A, Off 2, 2A, Res C-2, C-2A, Res C-2B, Bus A (res)</b>	<b>Ind B-1, Res C-3, C-3A, C-3B, Off 3-A, 3, Bus B, Ind A-2, Ind B, Bus B-1, B-2</b>	<b>Loading Facility Category</b>	<b>Long-Term Bicycle Parking (6.107.2)</b>	<b>Short-Term Bicycle Parking (6.107.3)</b>
<b>6.36.2</b>	<b>Transportation, Communication &amp; Utility Uses</b>							

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i.	Cannabis Courier Establishment	n/a	1 per 1200 sq. ft. <sup>16</sup>	1 per 1600 sq. ft. <sup>16</sup>	1 per 2000 sq. ft. <sup>16</sup>	A	N5	N5
<b>6.36.7</b>	<b>Light Industry, Wholesale, Business and Storage</b>							
o.	Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishment	n/a	<u>1 per 1200 sq. ft. <sup>16</sup></u>	<u>1 per 1600 sq. ft. <sup>16</sup></u>	<u>1 per 2000 sq. ft. <sup>16</sup></u>	A	N5	N5

16. ~~Parking~~ Off-street parking for delivery and/or fleet vehicles shall be provided in accordance with Section 11.800 and may not be reduced or waived by the provisions of this Article 6.000.

***Amend Section 11.800 et seq., “Cannabis Uses,” to read as follows:***

11.800 CANNABIS USES

11.801 Statement of Purpose. The purpose of this section is to provide for the limited establishment of Registered Marijuana Dispensaries for the medical use of cannabis products and Cannabis Establishments for the non-medical use of cannabis products, as they are authorized pursuant to applicable state laws and regulations.

11.802 General Requirements

11.802.1 Allowed Cannabis Uses.

- (a) Cannabis Retail Stores, Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishments, and Cannabis Production Facilities shall be allowed only after the granting of a special permit by the Planning Board as set forth in the Table of Use Regulations (Section 4.30 of this Zoning Ordinance), subject to the requirements set forth in this Section 11.800, et seq.
- (b) Cannabis Retail Stores, Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishments, or Cannabis Production Facilities, as defined in Article 2.000 of this Zoning Ordinance, may be established to provide cannabis products for medical or non-medical use, or both, in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations.
- (c) A Cannabis Retail Store, Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishment, or Cannabis Production Facility that has previously received a special permit from the Planning Board only to authorize another type of Cannabis Establishment (including, but not limited to, a Registered Marijuana Dispensary) shall be required to amend its previously issued special permit to authorize the conversion to or co-location of a new type of Cannabis Establishment for the non-medical use of cannabis or marijuana.
- (d) Cannabis Courier Establishments shall be permitted as set forth in the Table of Use Regulations (Section 4.30 of this Zoning Ordinance) without a special permit, provided that they conform to all other applicable requirements of this Section 11.800 and all other applicable state and local laws, regulations, and ordinances.
- (e) A Cannabis Establishment that is licensed as a Cannabis Independent Testing Laboratory or Cannabis Research Facility pursuant to applicable state laws and regulations, but is not authorized to sell or otherwise transfer Cannabis Products to



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consumers or to cultivate, manufacture, or otherwise produce Cannabis Products that are intended to be sold or otherwise transferred to consumers, shall be regulated within the Table of Use Regulations in Section 4.30 of this Zoning Ordinance as a Technical Office (Section 4.34, Item “f”) or, if such establishment is noncommercial, a Noncommercial Research Facility (Section 4.33, Item “c”). Such establishment shall comply with all state and local laws and regulations, including regulations promulgated by the Cambridge Public Health Department, where applicable.

11.802.2 Licenses and Registration. A special permit issued pursuant to this Section shall be conditioned on the Permittee maintaining all required state and local licenses and/or registrations and complying with all applicable state and local public health regulations and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations at all times. No Building Permit or Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued for a Cannabis Use that is not properly licensed and/or registered with the applicable state and local agencies.

11.802.3 Limitation of Approval. A special permit, Building Permit, or Certificate of Occupancy authorizing the establishment of a Cannabis Use shall be valid only for the licensed or registered entity to which the permit was issued, and only for the site on which the Cannabis Use has been permitted. If the license or registration for a Cannabis Use has not been renewed or has been revoked, transferred to another controlling entity, or relocated to a different site, a new special permit and building permit, where applicable, shall be required prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

11.802.4 Building. A Cannabis Establishment shall be located only in a permanent building and not within any mobile facility. All sales, cultivation, manufacturing, and other related activities shall be conducted within the building, except in cases where home deliveries are authorized in accordance with 935 CMR 500.000 and other applicable state and local regulations.

11.803 Location Standards.

11.803.1 Cannabis Retail Stores.

- (a) Cannabis Retail Stores shall be allowed only by Planning Board Special Permit and only in those districts set forth in the Table of Use Regulations (Section 4.30 of this Zoning Ordinance) and special districts and overlay districts whose use regulations are based on those districts, subject to any limitations set forth in the regulations of those districts. In the Business A-1 district, only applicants that have been designated as Economic Empowerment Applicants or certified as eligible to participate in the Social Equity Program by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission may be permitted and it shall be made a condition of the special permit that such designation or eligibility shall be maintained.
- (b) A Cannabis Retail Store shall not be permitted within one thousand and eight hundred (1,800) feet of another Cannabis Retail Store, except if the applicant has been designated as an Economic Empowerment Applicant or certified as eligible to participate in the Social Equity Program by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission and it is made a condition of the special permit that such designation or eligibility shall be maintained.
- (c) All products offered to consumers shall be pre-packaged off-site, and no packaging or repackaging of cannabis or marijuana products shall take place on the premises of a Cannabis Retail Store unless it is also meets the requirements for a Cannabis Production Facility.

11.803.2 Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishments shall be allowed only by Planning Board Special Permit and only in those districts set forth in the Table of Use Regulations (Section 4.30 of this Zoning Ordinance) and special districts and overlay districts whose use regulations are based on those districts, subject to any limitations set forth in the regulations of those districts and provided that the establishment is not greater than 10,000 square feet

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in Gross Floor Area and that no packaging or repackaging of cannabis or marijuana products shall take place on the premises.

11.803.3 Cannabis Production Facilities shall be allowed only by Planning Board Special Permit in those districts set forth in the Table of Use Regulations (Section 4.30 of this Zoning Ordinance) and special districts and overlay districts whose use regulations are based on those districts, subject to any limitations set forth in the regulations of those districts and, provided that the establishment is not greater than 10,000 square feet in Gross Floor Area.

11.803.4 Buffer Zones.

- (a) A Cannabis Retail Store or Cannabis Production Facility shall not be permitted within 300 feet of a pre-existing public or private school providing education in kindergarten or any of grades one through 12, except where the Planning Board, in issuing a special permit, approves a reduced distance upon finding that the location will cause no substantial adverse impact due to site-specific factors or other mitigating efforts agreed to in writing by the permittee and made conditions of the special permit.
- (b) A Cannabis Retail Store or Cannabis Production Facility shall not be permitted within 300 feet of a pre-existing public children's playground, public youth athletic field, or public youth recreation facility, except where the Planning Board, in issuing a special permit, approves a reduced distance upon finding that the location will cause no substantial adverse impact due to site-specific factors or other mitigating efforts agreed to in writing by the permittee and made conditions of the special permit.

11.804 Parking and Transportation.

- (a) Off-street parking for employees and customers shall be regulated by Article 6.000 of this Zoning Ordinance. Provisions set forth in Article 6.000 that allow for a reduction or waiver of required off-street parking shall apply except [that required off-street parking for delivery vehicles may not be waived](#), as set forth below.
- (b) ~~In addition to the requirements of Article 6.000, a~~Any Cannabis Courier Establishment, Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishment, or other Cannabis Establishment shall park and store all delivery vehicles off-street. Such requirement may not be reduced or waived. Delivery vehicles shall not be parked on-street except for authorized active loading/unloading activities. Delivery vehicles may be parked in facilities that are accessory to the Cannabis Use or in authorized principal use parking facilities.
- (c) All parking spaces to be used by customers, employees, visitors, or delivery vehicles shall be registered with the Cambridge Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department (TPTD), including a parking layout plan, in accordance with Chapter 10.18 of the City of Cambridge Code of Ordinances, and shall comply with all other applicable state or local laws, regulations, and ordinances.
- (d) All Cannabis Retail Stores, Cannabis Courier Establishments, Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishments, and Cannabis Production Facilities shall submit an Operations and Logistics Plan to the Cambridge TPTD and Cambridge Police Department before applying for a special permit, building permit, or certificate of occupancy, whichever occurs sooner. Such plan shall include the following information using narratives and graphics:
  - (1) hours of operation and anticipated numbers of employees and consumers on-site during operating hours;
  - (2) expected frequency of loading/unloading trips by delivery and service vehicles;
  - (3) access and egress routes for customers and employees;

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- (4) locations of parking and bicycle parking areas for customers and employees;
  - (5) number of delivery vehicles, where applicable, and locations where they will be stored on-site;
  - (6) locations where loading/unloading and service activities will take place and a description of how such activities will be conducted;
  - (7) a description of transportation options for customers and employees, including public transportation services, on-site and off-site parking facilities, transportation demand management measures to encourage and support sustainable forms of travel for employees and customers, and short-term and long-term bicycle facilities;
  - (8) specific measures that will be employed by the Cannabis Use to prevent adverse impacts on the public way including but not limited to sidewalk crowding, blocking of vehicular or bicycle travel lanes, potential safety hazards, and other issues identified by City departments; and
  - (9) a specific plan for the initial opening period that includes measures to identify and respond to unexpected impacts.
- (e) The Cambridge TPTD and Cambridge Police Department shall approve a final Operations and Logistics Plan prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy for a Cannabis Use, and may require operational practices to prevent or correct adverse impacts of the operation of the Cannabis Use on the public way, including but not limited to crowding on the public sidewalk, blocking of travel lanes by vehicles, or hazardous conditions. Such practices may include, but are not limited to, restrictions on the use of the public way, required pre-purchase and/or appointment-only customer service for a period of time, restrictions on the location and/or timing of loading/unloading activities, or similar measures. When granting a special permit, where applicable, the Planning Board may also include conditions pertaining to the Operations and Logistics Plan.

11.805 Application Requirements. An application to the Planning Board shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- (a) Description of Activities: a narrative providing information about the type and scale of all activities that will take place on the proposed site, including but not limited to cultivating and processing of Cannabis Products, on-site sales, off-site deliveries, distribution of educational materials, and other programs or activities.
- (b) Context Map: A map identifying, at a minimum, the location of the proposed establishment, the locations of all other Cannabis Uses in the vicinity, the locations of all public or private schools providing education in kindergarten or any of grades one through 12, and the locations of all children's playgrounds, youth athletic fields, or other youth recreation facilities, with measured distances provided to demonstrate whether the location complies with the standards of Section 11.803 above.
- (c) Site Plan: A plan or plans depicting all existing and proposed development on the property, including the dimensions of the building, the detailed layout of automobile and bicycle parking, the location of pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular points of access and egress, the location and design of all loading, refuse and service facilities, the location, type and direction of all outdoor lighting on the site, and any landscape design.
- (d) Building Elevations and Signage: Architectural drawings of all exterior building facades and all proposed signage, specifying materials and colors to be used. Perspective drawings and illustrations of the site from public ways and abutting properties are recommended but not required.

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- (e) Initial Operations and Logistics Plan: Containing the information set forth in Paragraph (d) of Section 11.804 above.
- (f) License or Registration Materials: Copies of all materials submitted to applicable state and local agencies for the purpose of licensing and/or registration, and any certification or license issued by any such agency, excluding any information required by law to be kept confidential.

11.806 Special Permit Criteria. In granting a special permit for a Cannabis ~~Retail Store or Cannabis Production Facility~~Use, in addition to the general criteria for issuance of a special permit as set forth in Section 10.43 of this Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Board shall find that the following criteria are met:

- (a) The site is designed such that it provides convenient, safe and secure access and egress for customers and employees arriving to and leaving from the site using all modes of transportation, including drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and public transportation users.
- (b) On-site loading, refuse and service areas are designed to be secure and shielded from abutting uses.
- (c) The building and site have been designed to be compatible with other buildings in the area and to mitigate any negative aesthetic impacts that might result from required security measures and restrictions on visibility into the building's interior and/or from restrictions on direct access by consumers.
- (d) In retail areas, the location and design of the Cannabis Use will not detract from the sense of activity with opaque, unwelcoming façades at the ground floor. Cannabis Uses that are delivery-only and not permitted to operate a retail storefront ~~Where interior activities must be screened from public view, such areas~~ should occupy minimal ground-story frontage along major retail streets and are encouraged to collocate with active uses to preserve a vibrant streetscape. Where interior activities must be screened from public view or where there is no access by customers, such areas should be screened by transparent, publicly accessible active business uses where possible. Opaque façades should be minimized, and where they are necessary they should include changing public art displays or other measures to provide visual interest to the public.
- (e) If the proposed Cannabis Retail Store or Cannabis Production Facility is not proposed to include a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center, it will nevertheless provide programs to assist qualifying patients within the city or neighborhood who are registered through the Massachusetts Medical Use of Marijuana Program in obtaining services under that program.

**Delete Section 11.806, which currently reads as follows:**

11.806 Effective Date. The provisions of this Section 11.800-11.805, as most recently amended on December 17, 2018, shall take effect on April 20, 2019, or upon passage of a "Cannabis Business Permitting Ordinance," whichever comes first.



# City of Cambridge

## Executive Department

**LOUIS A. DePASQUALE**  
City Manager

June 21, 2021

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of \$65,019,211, received from the U.S. Department of Treasury through the new Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) established by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), to the Grant Fund Finance Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account.

Funds are intended to:

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control.
- Replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs.
- Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses.
- Address systematic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the inequal impact of the pandemic on certain populations.

Fiscal staff are currently reviewing the “Interim Final Rule” regulations regarding the funds. Over the next several weeks, this will include working closely with key departments to refine funding priorities and ensure eligibility of projects, as well as reaching out to the State legislative delegation to verify that proposed expenditures through this funding will be approved.

It is important to note the CLFRF is a federal grant and the provisions of G.L. c. 44, section 53A apply. Additionally, it is subject to the provisions of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost principals, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2CRF 200) (the Uniform Guidance). It is the City’s responsibility as the primary recipient to ensure eligible programs respond to the negative impact of COVID-19 and that all expenditures are justified and documented for reporting purposes.

It is important to note, that **if the City expends funds for a specific project or initiative that is later deemed ineligible for funding through the federal reporting process, the City will be required to fund the entire cost(s) from Free Cash.** Therefore, a thorough review of project eligibility is critical before any expenditures through this program are made.



Potential eligible projects that will be explored include (but are not limited to):

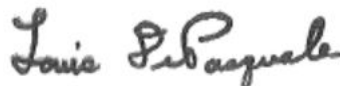
- Public health spending. This includes COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral health, and certain public health and safety staff.
  - Upgrade neighborhood park and playground adjacent to the Kennedy Longfellow School that is intensely used by children associated with the adjacent schools, Human Services programs, and area non-profits.
  - Time-limited free public transportation access option to improve access to public transportation including subway and bus to address systemic public health and economic challenges through reducing transportation costs and encouraging active transportation.
  
- Economic impacts of the public health emergency. These include efforts to mitigate economic harm to workers, households, small businesses, affected industries, and the public sector.
  - Provide support for job training and other employment services for individuals who need such services to be able to access employment that leads to a living wage and career pathway.
  - Direct business grants.
  - Grants for hotel/tourism businesses.
  - Outdoor dining infrastructure support and grants.
  - Add to storefront, accessibility for outdoor dining/patios in parking spaces.
  - Public patios in commercial districts and corridors.
  - Ecommerce grants - capacity building, tech assistance and implementation of a quick build website.
  - Grants for energy efficient equipment e.g. refrigerators, induction stoves, other cooking equipment, machines and other appliances, batteries to increase energy resilience, ideally paired with on-site solar.
  - Grants for business associations events (i.e. October Fest/Inman Eats/Central Flea, etc.).
  - Grants to expand pop up retail programs.
  - Grants to Cambridge non-profit organizations to provide enhanced and continued services to residents impacted by the pandemic.
  - Grants to Cambridge non-profit organizations for operating costs for limited duration (3 or 6 months) to offset pandemic related losses.
  - Support for the Restaurant Homeless Shelter Meals Program.
  - Expansion of food delivery to residents of Cambridge housing developments, for healthy food for Cambridge food pantry network, and for expansion of school markets.
  - Funding to expand Pre-K programs as part of development of Universal Pre-K program.
  - Provide laptops and other appropriate devices for low income students accessing Community Learning Center classes, for first generation college going students and for low- and moderate-income seniors.

- Provide scholarship support to low- and moderate-income students attending out of school time programs.
  - Provide funding for housing navigation and stabilization services to support permanent supported housing for individuals currently unhoused in Cambridge.
  - Rent/mortgage support to residents economically impacted by the pandemic beyond the 6-month limit allowed by CDBG, if permissible.
  - Recapitalize HIP program which supports renovation by low income homeowners - expand focus to weatherization, energy efficiency upgrades (net zero package) and de-leading.
  - Neighborhood Resilience Hubs in two locations (Alewife/the Port/Riverside) to build and support social resilience.
  - Cooling sites, ideally coupled with resilience hubs, in Alewife/Port/Riverside.
- Water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. Recipients may invest to improve access to clean drinking water, support wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and expand access to broadband internet.
    - The Port Infrastructure project which is a significant utility project to reduce flooding, replace water mains and lead services, and reconstruct streets and sidewalks in the Port neighborhood. Project includes a sewer tank and a stormwater tank to reduce flooding in the dense residential neighborhood that is one of the most flood prone neighborhoods in the City.
    - Wireless Broadband Internet Pilot Program at select Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) properties as part of the City's digital equity efforts.
    - Improving Public WIFI in public squares and adding wifi coverage to city parks.
    - Upgrading city public facilities (such as libraries and youth centers) with improved HVAC systems and broadband infrastructure.
    - Municipal and Digital Equity Connectivity projects that will be identified in the 21st Century Broadband RFP.

As requested in Policy Order #10 of June 14, 2021, I will work with the Co-Chairs of the Finance Committee to schedule a meeting to further discuss with the City Council, specific projects that are anticipated to be funded through this program.

I am requesting the appropriation at this time to provide a mechanism to accept the revenue in order to make timely and necessary expenditures from these funds.

Very truly yours,



Louis A. DePasquale  
City Manager

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# City of Cambridge

04  
Calendar Item # 2  
**FIRST IN COUNCIL**  
June 21, 2021

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
COUNCILLOR NOLAN

- WHEREAS: For generations, cities across the country have grappled with how to adequately redress the historic injustices carried out against people of color throughout our country’s history, and the negative impacts that continue to ripple across our society due to the harmful, shameful institution of slavery; and
- WHEREAS: Our country’s original sin was set in motion in 1619 when the first individuals were forcibly taken from Africa and forced into slave labor in Point Comfort, Virginia, and this unconscionable practice would be allowed to fester and grow for more than two centuries before President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 (and even then, slavery was not *fully* abolished across the country [until the Civil War formally ended](#) in 1865); and
- WHEREAS: As noted by the [Evanston, IL City Council](#) in 2002, “...uncompensated slave labor was the primary [labor] source throughout the colonies...for clearing and cultivating land, planting and harvesting crops, and providing artisanal products” and that “...35 million African Americans currently in the United States are direct descendants of slaves brought to the New World beginning 400 years ago;” and
- WHEREAS: In 2019, the Evanston City Council [laid the groundwork](#) for a first-of-its-kind initiative designed to provide reparations to the descendants of those who were enslaved in this country, [utilizing tax revenues from the burgeoning marijuana industry](#) in Illinois to fund payments of \$25,000 to 16 eligible Black residents to be put towards [homeownership and generational equity-building](#); and
- WHEREAS: As the national debate over the concept of reparations continues to be held, pilot programs like the one being piloted in Evanston, IL [may point the way toward a viable means](#) of beginning to address the unconscionable wrongs perpetrated by this country centuries ago, and which continue to negatively impact millions of people today; and
- WHEREAS: As the Evanston Model is not the only model worthy of consideration, the City of Cambridge could emulate that program’s spirit with an initiative that takes some of the revenues from local cannabis sales and distributes these funds among, and to lift up, economic empowerment applicants and non-cannabis Black-owned businesses, with the hope that this could be expanded if found to be successful; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to determine the feasibility of establishing a pilot reparations program that would take a to-be-determined percentage of revenue from local cannabis sales and distribute these monies to local Black-owned businesses and to economic empowerment applicants, with a targeted launch date of July 2022; and be it further



ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is also requested to direct the appropriate City staff to determine the feasibility of establishing reparations programs with funding from other appropriate sources for possible future implementation to redress policies, including those enforced in Cambridge, that prohibited descendants of enslaved people from acquiring wealth, thereby contributing to the unconscionable median net worth of \$8 for Boston area American born Blacks compared to \$247,000 for white families; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on any progress made toward this endeavor by October 4, 2021.

**History:**  
**06/21/21 City Council**

**CHARTER RIGHT**

**Next: 06/28/21**



# City of Cambridge

Θ-2  
Calendar Item # 3  
**FIRST IN COUNCIL**  
June 21, 2021

COUNCILLOR NOLAN  
MAYOR SIDDIQUI  
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge, which adopted the Plan E Charter in 1940, has not once held a formal review process to consider revisions, making it one of the only municipalities in Massachusetts to go 80 years without reviewing its most important legal document; and

WHEREAS: On July 27th, 2020, the City Council unanimously passed a [Policy Order](#) asking the Mayor to call a Special Meeting for the Collins Center for Public Management to present to the Council on the process and benefits of charter review; and

WHEREAS: [The Special Meeting](#) on September 23, 2020, discussed charter review and options for charter change, which was followed by a [policy order](#) requesting an appropriation, which led to two [memos](#) produced by the Collins Center outlining the processes for charter review and reform, including specific discussion of reviewing the appointment process for multiple member boards, instituting an annual review of the City Manager and instituting a regularly scheduled charter review; and

WHEREAS: Memos outlining possible changes to the charter based on the Collins Center review project, which included interviewing all Councillors, were on the City Council [meeting agenda](#) on March 22, 2021, on the [meeting agenda](#) on May 3, 2021, and were the sole topic of the [Special Meeting](#) on June 2, 2021, whose purpose was the charter review and possible change; and

WHEREAS: Several ideas for possible charter changes were [discussed](#) at the Special Meeting, with the public and the City Council able to express opinions on the possible paths laid out by the Collins Center memo; and

WHEREAS: In many cities and towns in Massachusetts, the charter is reviewed and updated at regular intervals; and

WHEREAS: In many cities and towns in Massachusetts, including [Watertown](#), [Somerville](#), [Newton](#), [Chelsea](#), [Framingham](#), [Amherst](#), and [Northampton](#), the City or Town Council has a role in appointing and/or approving department heads and/or multiple-member boards; and

WHEREAS: The City has the [authority](#) to submit a home rule petition to adopt or revise its charter or to amend its existing charter by special act; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record favoring the filing of the attached Home Rule Petition entitled: AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO INCLUDE A BALLOT QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021 MUNICIPAL BALLOT RELATIVE TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER.

**History:**  
**06/21/21 City Council**

**CHARTER RIGHT**

**Next: 06/28/21**

SECTION 1. The Charter of the City of Cambridge is hereby amended by special act to add the following to the City’s existing Plan E Charter at General Laws Chapter 43, which was adopted pursuant to its acceptance of the provisions of General Laws Chapter 43, Sections 93-116, Section 105 on Appointments:

*The City Manager shall refer to the City Council and simultaneously file with the Clerk the name of each person the City Manager desires to appoint or reappoint as a member of a board or commission. Appointment of a member of a board or commission made by the City Manager will be effective upon a majority vote of the city council, which vote shall occur within 30 days after the date on which notice of the proposed appointment was filed with the City Clerk. The appointment may be approved or rejected by a majority of the full City Council before 30 days.*

SECTION 2. The Charter of the City of Cambridge is hereby amended by a special act adding a new Subsection 116 (a) to the City’s existing Plan E Charter, which was adopted pursuant to its acceptance of the provisions of General Laws Chapter 43, Sections 93-116 on City Manager Review:

*Annually the City Council shall prepare and deliver to the City Manager a written review of the City Manager’s performance in a manner provided by ordinance.*

SECTION 3. The Charter of the City of Cambridge is hereby amended by a special act by a special act by adding the following new Subsection 116 (b) to the City’s existing Plan E Charter, which was adopted pursuant to its acceptance of the provisions of General Laws Chapter 43, Sections 93-116 on Charter Review:

*Not later than July 1, in each year ending in a 2, the City Council shall provide for a review to be made of the city charter by a special committee to be established by ordinance. All members of the special committee shall be voters of the city not holding elective office. The special committee shall file a report with the City Council within 1 year of its appointment recommending any changes to the city charter which it deems necessary or desirable, unless an extension is authorized by vote of the City Council. Action on any proposed charter changes shall be as authorized by the Massachusetts constitution or general laws.*

SECTION 4. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Cambridge at the upcoming municipal elections on November 2, 2021 in the form of the following questions which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used at said election. If the changes are approved by a majority of valid ballots voting yes, they would go into effect as of January 1, 2022.

Should amendments to the City’s Plan E Charter, Section 105 of Chapter 43, be made, by special act providing for the City Council to confirm appointments of the City Manager to the City’s boards and commissions which confirmation is not currently required? YES\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Should amendments to the City’s Plan E Charter be made by special act providing for the City Council to establish a process for an annual review of the City Manager’s performance? YES\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Should amendments to the City’s Plan E Charter be made by special act providing for the City Council to establish a process for review every 10 years to be made of the City’s Plan E Charter by an appointed committee of voters per City Council Ordinance? YES\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Below said question shall appear a brief summary of the act prepared by the city solicitor.

Attachment: Charter Home Rule Petition (POR 2021 #142 : AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO INCLUDE A BALLOT

If the voters at the municipal election approve the question, then this act shall be applicable to the city as of January 1, 2022, but not otherwise.

SECTION 5. This act shall be effective upon its passage.



# City of Cambridge

03  
Calendar Item # 4  
**FIRST IN COUNCIL**  
June 21, 2021

COUNCILLOR NOLAN  
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: A recently released [report](#) on the Tobin Montessori and Vassal Lane Upper School plan detailed the removal of 94 of the existing 129 trees on the site; and

WHEREAS: Under the list of proposed removals include three, old growth Oak trees, that are well outside the footprint of the building plans on the west side of the property; and are not included on the city's [list of trees to be removed due to decline](#); and

WHEREAS: While the plans include the appropriate replacement trees as required by city ordinance, and there will be no reduction in total tree diameter, under the current plan the canopy on the site would decrease by 79%; and

WHEREAS: The three Oak trees on the west side of the property are three of the largest on the property, and make up nearly 25% of the total canopy loss; and

WHEREAS: Additionally, saving those three Oak trees would prevent the City from needing to plant 23 replacement trees to fulfill the diameter requirements; and

WHEREAS: The City should lead by example and do everything possible to save existing trees, especially those that are outside of the planned building footprint; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to work with the appropriate departments and building contractors to reconsider the current plan which eliminates many trees including large old growth trees that are not part of the new building footprint and specifically do everything possible to save the three Oak trees on the west side of the property and any other large trees on the site.



**History:**  
**06/21/21 City Council**

**CHARTER RIGHT**

**Next: 06/28/21**



# City of Cambridge

## Executive Department

**LOUIS A. DePASQUALE**  
City Manager

May 17, 2021

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 21-13, regarding next steps on implementation of Universal Pre-K, received from Assistant City Manager for Human Services Ellen Semonoff reports the following:

The Birth to 3rd Grade (B3) Partnership is an organized system of support with the vision to ensure that high quality, early learning experiences are affordable and accessible to *all* children and families creating a seamless experience beginning with prenatal care through the early elementary years. Through these experiences, children will maximize their full potential academically, socially, emotionally, and physically.

In the five years since its inception, the cornerstones of Birth to 3<sup>rd</sup> Third Grade Partnership's work has included (1) funding scholarships for preschoolers from low-income families so that they may attend high quality preschool at one of over a dozen community-based early learning centers; (2) the quality improvement program that supports early learning centers and home-based child care providers in achieving higher levels of quality through coaching, mentoring, and funding for upgraded materials; (3) professional development for the early childhood workforce that includes access to college coursework, professional learning communities, communities of practice, and (4) workshops on a variety of content areas; and strengthening the connection between the early childhood community and health, mental health, and home visiting programs across the city.

The work to begin development of a Universal Pre-K (UPK) plan was intended to follow the December 2019 Roundtable with the City Council and School Committee where the City Manager and Superintendent of Schools and their teams presented the report of the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Study commissioned by the City and Schools. That report analyzed and evaluated two different models of UPK programs for four-year olds and recommended a preferred model and a framework of essential elements required to build a high quality UPK system. The preferred model, which was endorsed by the City Manager and Superintendent of Schools, was a mixed-delivery system in which UPK would be offered through a network of providers, including the Cambridge Public Schools, Human Services and community-based programs. This was the most common model nationally and is the model being proposed by the Biden Administration in its proposed plan.



The report identified the critical elements of high quality UPK programs including:

- Meets the needs of families in term of location, hours, and weeks of care
- Equity of access
- Diverse, competent and consistent staff
- Research-based curriculum
- Developmentally appropriate indoor and outdoor learning spaces
- Systems for establishing quality criteria and on-going evaluation
- Robust family engagement and services

Right now, programs that serve 4 year-olds include the CPS JK, Special Start, Scholars College and Montessori Programs, DHSP preschool programs, community-based programs, for-profit programs and family childcare. One of the biggest challenges today is that Cambridge does not have enough capacity in *high quality* programs to serve all 4 year-olds. Addressing this capacity issue requires addressing a number of issues including:

- Increasing the number of existing programs that meet the state quality rating standards
- Expanding the number of Cambridge children served by Cambridge-based providers that also serve children from outside Cambridge
- Exploring changes in JK-K school programs to create 4 year-old classrooms
- Increasing slots for 4 year-olds without displacing slots for 3 year-olds
- Developing a pipeline of qualified teachers and career pathways with a focus on a diverse workforce
- Increasing workforce compensation
- Implementing evidence-based curriculum

The City Manager committed at the December meeting that the City would begin the process to create a Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program for Cambridge's 4 year-olds. He acknowledged then that there were multiple issues and decisions that would need to be addressed over the coming years and that the annual operating costs for such a program could ultimately exceed 20 million dollars, not including capital costs for any additional city or school classrooms.

The initial steps identified that evening to begin the process included:

- Convening community-based providers for feedback and input
- Convening Principals and JK/K teachers for feedback and input
- Gathering additional data from Cambridge programs to understand how many program slots are filled by Cambridge children and how many slots which are not dedicated to Cambridge children could become dedicated
- Gathering more data about the Cambridge pre-school workforce including credentials and compensation
- Gathering information and feedback from families about their needs and interests

Before the pandemic upended services and planning, there was a convening with the City Manager and the Superintendent of Schools and their teams with over 80 leaders and staff of community-based providers. In that session, there was lots of excitement and numerous concerns about how the creation of UPK, even as a mixed delivery system, would impact existing programs. For example, most programs serve 3 and 4 year-olds in mixed age classrooms and concerns were expressed about whether a new system would require serving 4 year olds separately. We made the commitment then to continue to work with programs as we moved forward.

None of the additional steps that would have begun in 2020 or been continued in 2021 were able to move forward because of the impact of the pandemic. Teachers and Principals were focused appropriately on serving students virtually and then in person. Community-Based programs were struggling to figure out how and whether to re-open. Those programs that re-opened were serving smaller groups of children and so gathering data about slots, who was in them and how that might be able to be changed did not make sense during the pandemic.

While it is still a challenging moment for schools and preschool programs, we expect to be able to begin the planning work as we had hoped to do in 2020. The list of tasks to begin the work remains the same. And many critical efforts did move forward despite the pandemic that support the city's effort to expand high quality preschool opportunities for 4 year-olds.

First, the City has continued to explore opportunities to expand capacity for pre-school programs serving 3 and 4 year-olds. As the City Council knows, Just a Start has been working on expanding its housing development at 402 Rindge Avenue together with additional space for employment and training and other community needs. The City has been working with Just A Start to support creation of 4 additional preschool classrooms that would serve some of the unmet need for preschools, especially in North Cambridge. Just A Start is also engaged in planning around another housing development on New Street and the City has been working with Just A Start to explore whether two additional preschool classrooms could be built as part of that development. These classrooms are in addition to the 4 new classrooms being designed as part of the Tobin/Vassal Lane project.

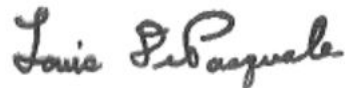
Second, the City committed to funding the expansion of Head Start's four Cambridge classrooms to full-day, full-year programs to better meet the needs of low-income families. Head Start was not able to open in person over the last year but has continued to support children and families virtually. Head Start is working with the Birth to 3<sup>rd</sup> Partnership now to reopen sites for the fall. In addition, the City has been working with the Cambridge Housing Authority to renovate or replace the Head Start classrooms as part of the Jefferson Park housing development so that the spaces for Head Start will be exemplary early childhood classrooms.

Third, the City has through its own preschool programs shifted both the cost structure and the economic mix of the families represented in the programs. As a result of the preschool lottery, 50% of the children served through the City programs are now low income. The tuition each family pays is based on their income so that depending on family income, tuition is between 1% and 8% of family income.

Fourth, the Birth to 3rd Grade Partnership has also created a new School Readiness Manager position that is in the process of being filled. The School Readiness Manager will lead the effort to ensure a seamless transition from the wide variety of early childhood settings in the community to the public school system. A key role of this individual will be to support the Executive Director in the UPK planning work. The Executive Director will work closely with the Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, the School Department's Chief Financial Officer and the Assistant City Manager for Human Services in moving forward the planning process. We look forward to reporting back to the City Council and to the School Committee on the progress of that work.

Although the planning work has not moved forward, it is important not to lose sight of how critically important the Birth to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Partnership has been this year in helping to prevent an even greater loss of programming for young children. Although the expansion of programming and the launching of the UPK planning process was impacted by the pandemic, the Birth to 3<sup>rd</sup> team was able to provide deep support to its program quality and scholarship sites without having any of those sites permanently close as happened with other early childhood providers within the city, state, and nationally. Community-based early childhood programs and home-based providers alike credit the guidance and support of The Birth to 3rd Grade Partnership for their ability to adjust to the changing state child care requirements, continue to serve children and families, and to survive and thrive during the very tumultuous public health and economic crisis this year has brought; a time in which equity and access across our society became glaringly more evident. This qualitative information demonstrates the positive impact the work of the Birth to 3rd Grade Partnership has on the early childhood workforce, children, families, and the broader community.

Very truly yours,



Louis A. DePasquale  
City Manager

LAD/mec



# City of Cambridge

## Executive Department

**LOUIS A. DePASQUALE**  
City Manager

March 22, 2021

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Ordered: That section 8.66 of the Municipal Code of the City of Cambridge be amended as follows:

**Amend the definition of “DBH” in section 8.66.030 to read as follows:**

DBH (Diameter at Breast Height). The diameter of a tree trunk measured in inches at a height of four and one-half (4.5) feet above the ground.

**Insert the following definitions in section 8.66.030:**

Exceptional Tree. Any Significant Tree thirty (30) inches DBH or larger which is on a Lot.

Mitigation Payment. A payment to be paid to the Tree Replacement Fund associated with the removal of Significant Trees that have not been replaced with Replacement Trees in accordance with the mitigation requirements established in this Chapter.

Structure. A combination of materials assembled at a fixed location to give support or shelter, such as a building, bridge, tower, retaining wall, tank, tunnel, stadium, or the like.

**Amend the Definition of “Mitigation Plan” in section 8.66.030 to read as follows:**

Mitigation Plan. A document to be provided where any Significant Trees are proposed to be removed from a Lot, stating (i) why any Significant Trees are proposed to be removed from a Lot, (ii) a description of the Replacement Trees proposed to replace the Significant Trees to be removed, and (iii) the Mitigation Payment, if required.

**Amend the Definition of “Replacement Trees” in section 8.66.030 to read as follows:**

Replacement Trees. A tree or trees to be planted to replace any Significant Trees to be removed from the Lot. For large projects, as identified in Section 8.66.050, Replacement Trees can be planted on the same Lot or any other Lot within the same neighborhood or adjoining neighborhood, as defined by the Cambridge



Neighborhood Study 1953. The approval of the City Arborist will be required if Replacement Trees are to be placed on other Lots.

**Amend the Definition of “Significant Tree” in section 8.66.030 to read as follows:**

Significant Tree. Any tree six (6) inches DBH or larger which is on a Lot.

**Amend the Definition of “Tree Protection Plan” in section 8.66.030 to read as follows:**

Tree Protection Plan. This plan shall include the following information:

- a) Drawings of tree protection measures and:
  - (i) the location on the Lot of all Significant Trees and an indication of which Significant Trees would remain on the Lot, and
  - (ii) in the event that any Significant Trees are proposed to be removed, the location of those Significant Trees, and the location, height and DBH of Replacement Trees which are proposed to be planted, and
  - (iii) in the event that an inadequate number of Replacement Trees are proposed to be planted, the Mitigation Payment, as identified in the Mitigation Plan to be submitted with the Tree Study and
- b) A schedule for planting the proposed Replacement Trees; and
- c) Such other conditions as specified by the City Arborist pursuant to applicable regulations.

**Amend the Definition of “Tree Save Area” in section 8.66.030 to read as follows:**

Tree Save Area. The area surrounding a tree which must remain as undisturbed as possible so as to prevent damage to the tree. Disturbance within the Tree Save Area may only be for limited and exceptional reasons.

**Amend the Definition of “Tree Survey” in section 8.66.030 to read as follows:**

Tree Survey. A plan showing the location, type, height and DBH of all trees on a Lot and those trees that have been removed from a Lot within one year prior to the submission of a Tree Study.

**Amend section 8.66.040 to read as follows:**

8.66.040 - Applicability

This Chapter shall apply to all trees located on Lots specified in the following section §8.66.050 and §8.66.060. This Chapter shall not apply to any project of the Affordable Housing Trust or otherwise for the construction of low and moderate-income housing meeting the standards established pursuant to any City, State or Federal housing program designed to assist low and moderate-income households.

**Amend section 8.66.050 to read as follows:**

8.66.50 - Procedures for all Significant Tree Removals.

- a. For any Significant Tree removal, a permit will be required from the City Arborist. The City Arborist shall keep a record of the type and size of tree removed, the reason for the removal, photographs of the tree documenting the reason for removal, the date, the contractor(s), and the name and address of the property owner.
- b. A Mitigation Payment will be required for all Significant Trees removed where an insufficient quantity of Replacement Trees is provided. A Mitigation Payment will not be required if Significant Trees have been removed because of emergency circumstances, significant utility infrastructure projects undertaken pursuant to State or Federal regulations or programs, for City park projects, or where a tree poses significant negative impact to an adjacent Structure as defined in 8.66.030, or for dead or dangerous trees, or a Lot is of such density with existing trees that the removal of certain Significant Trees is considered beneficial to the health of the tree canopy on the Lot.
- c. Protection of Replacement Trees.
  - (i) Replacement Trees will continue to be identified as Replacement Trees for a period of ten (10) years after they are planted.
  - (ii) No Replacement Tree shall be removed without a permit issued by the City Arborist. In all cases, the City Arborist shall keep a record of the type and size of any Replacement Tree removed, the reason for the removal, photographs of the Replacement Tree documenting the reason for removal, the date, the contractor(s), and the name and address of the property owner.
  - (iii) A Mitigation Payment will be required for all Replacement Trees removed. The Mitigation Payment shall be assessed on a DBH basis, in accordance with the City of Cambridge's most recent tree planting and maintenance contract inclusive of purchasing, planting, watering, and maintaining Replacement Trees for a period of not less than five years. No reduction of the amount of Mitigation Payment otherwise available under this Ordinance will be allowed in connection with the removal of Replacement Trees.

**Delete Section 8.66.055.**

**Amend section 8.66.060 to read as follows:**

8.66.060 - Procedure for Large Projects

- a. In any project which requires a special permit under §§ 4.26.1 - 4.26.3, §19.20, §11.12.1, §11.12.2, or §11.12.3 of the Zoning Ordinance, the application for the special permit shall include a Tree Study, which shall first have been submitted to the City Arborist not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the submission of the application for a special permit. The Tree Study shall be reviewed by the City Arborist, who shall certify



that it has been reviewed, indicating whether it is complete and complies with the applicable provisions of this Chapter and regulations promulgated thereunder. The City Arborist shall refer the Tree Study with the City Arborists certification and recommendations to the Planning Board, to assist the Planning Board in establishing any conditions that may be required as a result of the findings of the Tree Study in connection with the issuance of a special permit.

- b. Regarding any project which includes a building of 25,000 square feet or more and which is subject to the provisions of § 19.50 of the Zoning Ordinance, the materials submitted to the Inspectional Services Department with the application for a building permit shall include a Tree Study, together with a certification from the City Arborist that the applicant has submitted the Tree Study for review to the City Arborist not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the submission of the application for a building permit, and that the Tree Study is complete and complies with the applicable provisions of this Chapter and regulations promulgated thereunder. The City Arborist shall refer the Tree Study with the City Arborists certification and recommendations to the Planning Board, to assist the Planning Board in establishing any conditions that may be required as a result of the findings of the Tree Study in connection with the issuance of a special permit. The Owner of the Lot shall be required to commit to comply with all provisions of the Tree Study and the applicable provisions of this Chapter and regulations promulgated hereunder in the application for a building permit.
- c. For any project which requires a special permit under §§ 4.26.1 - 4.26.3, §19.20, §11.12.1, §11.12.2, or §11.12.3 of the Zoning Ordinance, or for any project which includes a building of 25,000 square feet or more and which is subject to the provisions of § 19.50 of the Zoning Ordinance the total DBH of Replacement Trees, or Mitigation Payment of equivalent value, as applicable, shall be equal to or exceed the total DBH of the Significant Trees to be removed from the Lot and 1.5 times the total DBH of Exceptional Trees to be removed from the lot.
- d. In addition, the Owner of the Lot shall, prior to the issuance of a building permit, post and file a bond with the City Clerk in the amount of the total costs set forth in the Mitigation Plan, but in no event less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), with one or more sureties conditioned to the faithful observance of the conditions and specifications of the Tree Protection Plan and, if applicable, the Mitigation Plan. The bond shall remain effective for not less than five years following issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy and may be released thereafter upon the issuance of certification by the City Arborist certifying that the above conditions and specifications of the Tree Protection Plan have been met. Prior to the issuance of such certification, the Owner shall grant access to the Lot to permit the City Arborist to verify that the conditions and specifications of the Tree Protection Plan have been met.

**Amend section 8.66.070 to read as follows:**

8.66.070 - Procedure for Other Significant Tree Removals.

Mitigation Payment will be required for all Significant Trees removed where an insufficient quantity of Replacement Trees is provided. Where no Replacement

Trees are proposed the Mitigation Payment of equivalent value shall be based on the total DBH of the Significant Trees to be removed and 1.5 times the total DBH of Exceptional Trees to be removed from the Lot. When Replacement Trees are planted on a lot, the Mitigation Payment will be based on one-half of the DBH difference between each Significant Tree removed and each Replacement Tree planted to replace it on a one-for-one basis. This calculation will start with the smallest Significant Tree to be removed and then proceed in ascending order based on the sizes of the additional Significant Trees to be removed. This calculation will also value Exceptional Trees at 1.5 times their total DBH. When the number of Replacement Trees planted exceeds the number of Significant Trees removed, each additional Replacement Tree will be credited based on its DBH.

**Amend section 8.66.080 to read as follows:**

8.66.080 – Mitigation Requirements

Except as provided in 8.66.065, the following Mitigation Requirements shall apply when Significant Trees are removed from a Lot:

The Mitigation Payment for Significant Trees shall be estimated, on a DBH basis, in accordance with the City of Cambridge's most recent tree planting and maintenance contract inclusive of purchasing, planting, watering and maintaining Replacement Trees for a period of not less than five(5) years.

The Mitigation Payment associated with Exceptional Trees shall be estimated on a DBH basis at 1.5 times the value provided in the City of Cambridge's most recent tree planting and maintenance contract inclusive of purchasing, planting, watering and maintaining Replacement Trees for a period of not less than five(5) years.

A 10 % Mitigation Payment shall apply for Owners who qualify for the City of Cambridge residential real estate property tax exemption.

No Mitigation Payment shall apply to property owners that receive established forms of financial assistance.

**Amend section 8.66.090 to read as follows:**

8.66.090 - Tree Replacement Fund

There is hereby established a Tree Replacement Fund which shall be held by the City Treasurer in an account and administered in accordance with applicable provisions of the General Laws. Any payments into the Tree Replacement Fund required by 8.66.060 or 8.66.070 shall be deposited in said Fund and shall be used solely for the purpose of supporting tree planting and maintenance throughout the entire City.

**Amend section 8.66.100 to read as follows:**

8.66.100 - Duty of Care

Upon issuance of any City of Cambridge permit by the Inspectional Services Department, Department of Public Works, Water Department, Electrical Department or Traffic, Parking and/or Transportation Department the permit

holder is required to take reasonable precautions to ensure that all Significant Trees on the Lot are adequately protected and maintained free from harm from work associated with the permit issued. Failure to adequately protect and maintain Significant Trees free from harm may result in a fine in accordance with 8.66.090, and failure to adequately protect Significant Trees that results in a Significant Tree being removed within two (2) years of the failure to protect being noted may result in a fine in accordance with 8.66.090 and a Mitigation Payment that reflects the value of the Significant Trees removed in accordance with 8.66.080.

**Amend section 8.66.110 to read as follows:**

8.66.110 - Regulations

The Commissioner of Public Works shall have the authority to promulgate regulations to accomplish any of the provisions of this Chapter.

**Insert a new section of “8.66.120 - Enforcement” to read as follows:**

8.66.120 - Enforcement

- (a) Notice of Violations. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be notified by the City Arborist of the specific violation by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, or by hand delivery. The notice shall set forth the nature of the violation and a reasonable time period within which compliance must be had.
- (b) Stop Work Order
  - (1) Upon notice from the City Arborist that work on any Lot on which a Significant Tree is located is being performed contrary to any applicable Mitigation Plan or Tree Protection Plan or any provision of this Chapter, such work shall be immediately stopped by the Commissioner of Inspectional Services or a designee of the Commissioner of Inspectional Services. The stop work order shall be in writing, and shall be given to the owner of the Lot involved, or to the owner's agent, or to the person doing the work, and shall state the conditions under which work will be permitted to resume.
  - (2) Any person who shall continue any work in or about said lot after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$300.00. Each day during which a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.
- (c) Injunctive Relief. Whenever there exists reasonable cause to believe that a person is violating any applicable Mitigation Plan or Tree Protection Plan or any provision of this Chapter, the City may institute a civil action for a mandatory or prohibiting injunction in a court of competent jurisdiction ordering the defendant to correct the unlawful condition upon or cease the unlawful use of the property.
- (d) Failure to apply for and receive a permit or failure to replace a Significant Tree or make a payment into the Tree Replacement Fund

or to post and maintain a bond in accordance with §8.66.060 shall constitute a separate violation of this Chapter for which there shall be a fine of not more than \$300.00. Each day such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

- (e) Alternative Penalty. As an alternative to any fine stated in this §8.66.090, citations may be issued pursuant to G.L. c. 40, §21D, assessing a fine of not more than \$300.00 for each day the violation is committed or permitted to continue. The Commissioner of Public Works or the Commissioner's designee, the City Arborist, and employees of the Department of Public Works shall be the authorized enforcement personnel.

**Insert a new section of “8.66.130 - Severability ” to read as follows:**

8.66.100 - Severability

The provisions of this Chapter are severable. If any section, provision, or portion of this Chapter is determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Chapter shall continue to be valid.

**Insert a new section of “8.66.140 - Effective Date ” to read as follows:**

8.66.140 - Effective Date

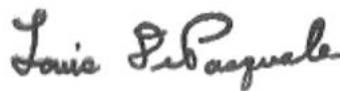
These amendments to the ordinance shall take effect upon ordination.

**Insert a new section of “8.66.150 - Permit Fee” to read as follows:**

8.66.150 - Permit Fee

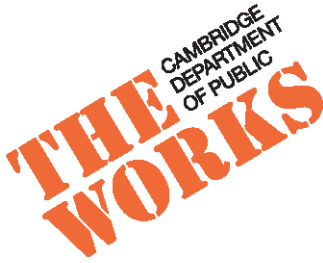
The fee for a Tree Removal permit shall be determined by the Commissioner of Public Works.

Very truly yours,



Louis A. DePasquale  
City Manager

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Attachment(s)



## City of Cambridge Department of Public Works

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March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

To: Louis DePasquale,  
City Manager

From: Owen O' Riordan  
Commissioner, DPW

**Re: The Tree Protection Ordinance.**

Please find attached proposed amendments to the Tree Protection Ordinance (TPO) drafted based on ideas generated through the Urban Forestry Master Planning (UFMP) process with contributions from members of the Urban Forestry Task Force (Task Force) and interested members of the public. The proposed amendments to the ordinance retain much of the original ordinance (2004) and the recent amendments of 2019 and have been revised to address community concerns about protecting mature trees more broadly across the City and incentivizing the planting of more trees in the City as concerns about canopy loss and urban heat island effect become more significant.

The Urban Forestry Master Planning process began in the June 2018 and resulted in the City of Cambridge Urban Forest Report: **Healthy Forest – Healthy City** being released in November 2020. This report was based on the earlier **Cambridge Urban Forest Master Plan Technical Report** which was released in November 2019. The 18 member Task Force met on 12 different occasions with staff and City consultants, Reed Hilderbrand, to discuss proposals to protect and restore the Cambridge urban forest from the perspectives of policy, design, practice and community engagement and outreach. The proposed amendmnets to the ordinance reflect many of the ideas generated during the policy discussions.

The original ordinance from 2004 was written to address tree removals associated with large development projects. It did not concern itself with other tree removals within the City. In 2019, the City Council enacted amendments to the 2004 ordinance, requiring that all other mature tree removals across the City be required to obtain a permit from the Department of Public Works and that no such permits be issued until after December 2021 unless exceptional circumstances existed, such as, an emergency circumstance or a tree being dead or dangerous, etc. The 2019 amendments have since been extended until April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, with the expectation that an amended ordinance will be ordained by that time.

The present revision to the Tree Protection Ordinance includes the following significant proposals:

- (1) Redefines Significant Trees as trees equal to or greater than six (6) inches rather than eight (8) inches.



- (2) Introduces the concept of Exceptional Trees. Exceptional Trees are defined as having a diameter of thirty (30) inches or greater and will require a greater degree of mitigation, if they are proposed to be removed.
- (3) Requires permits for all Significant Trees removed, be they associated with large development projects or removals on smaller lots, not necessarily associated with construction.
- (4) Encourages mitigation by replanting whenever significant trees are being removed. The mitigation requirements for large developments remain as they were, and the City Council is presented with four (4) options from which to choose when it comes to other tree removal projects.
- (5) Provides protections for Replacement Trees for a period of ten (10) years.
- (6) Provides the option to include affordable housing projects within the jurisdiction of the ordinance moving forward. The Applicability section has heretofore excluded affordable housing projects.
- (7) Includes a Duty of Care provision where those working adjacent to Significant Trees are required to adequately protect them from harm.
- (8) Proposes that the Tree Replacement Funds can be used on both public and private property for tree planting and care.
- (9) Continues to recognize that exceptions exist with regard to mitigation – e.g. dead and dangerous trees, exceptional circumstances etc.
- (10) Proposes that mitigation payments be calibrated against the most recent City of Cambridge Tree planting contract and that property owners who qualify for a residential real estate property exemption will be afforded a 90% reduction in that payment and that those who are receiving financial assistance will not be charged when a tree is removed.

Additionally, the Urban Forestry Task Force suggested that two additional proposals should also be put before City Council for its consideration; namely, that the City Arborist should have a signoff on special permits, to ensure that the proponents have met the requirements of their Tree Study and secondly; that in instances where Significant Trees are removed on small lots of less than 4,000 sq.ft. in size, that alternative mitigation strategies to Replacement Trees, such as providing cooling or other environmental benefits, should also be considered.

Regarding the first of these proposals, it was not recommended that such be included in the proposed amendments to the ordinance as providing such a sign-off to the City Arborist could exceed the City's authority under the State Building Code.

It is recommended that consideration of the second proposal should wait until the Climate Resiliency Zoning Task Force has finished its work and that the zoning associated with such is adopted. The Task Force is presently reviewing the Cool Factor strategy and it may be that a modified version of this strategy should be considered for the Tree Protection Ordinance after it is adopted into the Zoning

Ordinance.

Finally, it is important that the following legal and procedural constraints are recognized as the revised ordinance is considered:

- (1) Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87 provides the City Arborist and the City Manager with authority over the removal of Public Shade Trees in the City of Cambridge. The proposed Tree Protection Ordinance Amendments would not apply to Public Shade Trees.
- (2) The City Arborist does not have the authority to enter onto private property without invitation.
- (3) The City Arborist is not and will not be authorized to provide risk assessments associated with trees on private property.
- (4) If a tree is taken down without a permit, it may not be possible for the City Arborist to verify if the tree was a Significant Tree and what size the tree was.

It is hoped that the above information is helpful in considering the various proposed amendments to the Tree Protection Ordinance.



# City of Cambridge

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Calendar Item # 7  
**FIRST IN COUNCIL**  
June 14, 2021

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN  
MAYOR SIDDIQUI  
COUNCILLOR NOLAN  
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN  
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE  
VICE MAYOR MALLON



**History:**

**06/14/21 City Council**  
**06/21/21 City Council**

**PASSED TO A SECOND READING**  
**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**Next: 06/21/21**  
**Next: 06/28/21**

**Amend Definitions in Article 2.000 related to Cannabis uses to read as follows:**

**Cannabis Courier Establishment.** An establishment licensed as a Marijuana Courier by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission that is authorized to operate pursuant to that license, including to deliver cannabis or marijuana products, accessories and branded goods from a Cannabis Retail Store to consumers, in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations, but not authorized to sell cannabis or marijuana products directly to consumers.

**Cannabis Cultivator.** An entity licensed by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission as a Marijuana Cultivator to cultivate, process and package cannabis or marijuana, and to transfer cannabis or marijuana to other Cannabis or Marijuana Establishments, but not to consumers. A Craft Marijuana Cooperative is a type of Marijuana Cultivator, pursuant to 935 CMR 500.000.

**Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishment.** An establishment licensed as a Marijuana Delivery Operator by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission and authorized to purchase at wholesale and warehouse on the site cannabis or marijuana products acquired from a Cannabis Cultivator, Cannabis Product Manufacturer, Cannabis Microbusiness or Craft Marijuana Cooperative, and to sell and deliver cannabis or marijuana products, accessories and branded goods directly to consumers in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations, but not authorized to repackage cannabis or marijuana products or to sell cannabis or marijuana products to consumers on-site.

**Cannabis Dispensary, Registered,** also known as **Registered Marijuana Dispensary, RMD** or **Medical Marijuana Treatment Center.** An not-for-profit entity registered licensed under 935 CMR 501.101405 CMR 725.100: Registration of Registered Marijuana Dispensaries that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as edible cannabis products, tinctures, aerosols, oils or ointments), repackages, transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers cannabis or marijuana products, related supplies, or educational materials to registered qualifying patients or their personal caregivers for medical use in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations. Unless otherwise specified, RMD refers to the site(s) of dispensing, cultivation, and preparation of cannabis or marijuana for medical use.

**Cannabis Establishment.** A Marijuana Cultivator, Craft Marijuana Cooperative, Marijuana Product Manufacturer, Marijuana Microbusiness, Marijuana Retailer, Independent Testing Laboratory, Marijuana Research Facility, Marijuana Transporter, Delivery Licensee or any other type of marijuana-related business licensed by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission, except a medical marijuana treatment center.

**Cannabis Independent Testing Laboratory.** A laboratory that is licensed by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission as an Independent Testing Laboratory and is operating in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations:

~~(a) — accredited to the International Organization for Standardization 17025 (ISO/IEC 17025: 2017) by a third party accrediting body that is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Accrediting Cooperation mutual recognition arrangement or that is otherwise approved by the Commission;~~

~~(b) — independent financially from any Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (RMD), Cannabis or Marijuana Establishment or licensee for which it conducts a test; and~~

~~(c) — qualified to test cannabis or marijuana in compliance with 935 CMR 500.160 and M.G.L. c. 94C, § 34.~~

**Cannabis Microbusiness.** A co-located Cannabis or Marijuana Establishment that can be either a Tier 1 Marijuana Cultivator or Product Manufacturer or both, pursuant to 935 CMR 500.00, in compliance with the operating procedures for each license and, if in receipt of a Delivery Endorsement issued by the Cannabis Control Commission, may deliver Cannabis or Cannabis Products produced at the licensed location directly to Consumers in compliance with established regulatory requirements for retail sale as it relates to delivery. A Microbusiness that is a Cannabis Marijuana Product Manufacturer may purchase no

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more than 2,000 pounds of marijuana per year from other Cannabis Marijuana Establishments, pursuant to 935 CMR 500.000.

**Cannabis Product Manufacturer.** An entity licensed by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission as a Marijuana Product Manufacturer to obtain, manufacture, process and package cannabis or marijuana products and to transfer these products to other Cannabis or Marijuana Establishments, but not to consumers.

**Cannabis Production Facility.** An establishment authorized to cultivate, manufacture, process, or package cannabis or marijuana products, in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations. A Cannabis Production Facility may be licensed to operate as a [Cannabis Microbusiness](#), Cannabis or Marijuana Cultivator, or Cannabis or Marijuana Product Manufacturer, or registered as a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (also known as a Registered Marijuana Dispensary or RMD), or both, in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations.

**Cannabis Products.** Cannabis or marijuana and its products unless otherwise indicated. These include products that have been manufactured and contain cannabis or marijuana or an extract from cannabis or marijuana, including concentrated forms of cannabis or marijuana and products composed of cannabis or marijuana and other ingredients that are intended for use or consumption, including edible products, beverages, topical products, ointments, oils and tinctures.

**Cannabis Research Facility.** An entity licensed to engage in research projects by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission.

**Cannabis Retail Store.** An establishment authorized to sell or otherwise transfer cannabis or marijuana products to consumers for use off the premises, but not to cultivate, manufacture, process, or package cannabis or marijuana products, in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations. A Cannabis Retail Store may be licensed to operate as a Cannabis or Marijuana Retailer or registered as a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (also known as a Registered Marijuana Dispensary or RMD), or both, in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations.

**Cannabis Retailer.** An entity licensed by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission as a Marijuana Retailer to purchase, [repackage, white label](#) and transport cannabis or marijuana products from Cannabis or Marijuana Establishments and to sell or otherwise transfer these products to Cannabis Marijuana Establishments and to consumers. [Unless licensed, R](#)etailers are prohibited from delivering cannabis or marijuana products to consumers; and from offering cannabis or marijuana products for the purposes of on-site social consumption on the premises of a Cannabis or Marijuana Establishment.

**Cannabis Use.** A [Cannabis Courier Establishment](#), [Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishment](#), Cannabis Production Facility or Cannabis Retail Store, as defined in this Zoning Ordinance.

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**Amend Section 4.32 of the Table of Use Regulations by inserting a new row “l.” to read as follows:**

	Open Space	Res A 1&2	Res B	Res C, C-1, C-1A, 2, 2A, 2B, 3, 3A, 3B	Off 1, 2A, 2, 3, 3A	Bus A-1, A-2, A-3 <sup>1</sup>	Bus A, A-4	Bus B, B-1, B-2	Bus C, C-1	Ind A-1, A-2	Ind A	Ind B-1, B-2	Ind B	Ind C
<b>4.32</b>	<b>Transportation, Communication &amp; Utility Uses</b>													
	<a href="#">l. Cannabis Courier Establishment</a>	No	No	No	No	Yes <sup>58</sup>	Yes <sup>58</sup>	Yes <sup>58</sup>	Yes <sup>58</sup>	Yes <sup>58</sup>	Yes <sup>58</sup>	Yes <sup>58</sup>	Yes <sup>58</sup>	Yes <sup>58</sup>

**Amend Section 4.37 of the Table of Use Regulations by inserting a new row “o.” to read as follows:**

	Open Space	Res A 1&2	Res B	Res C, C-1, C-1A, 2, 2A, 2B, 3, 3A, 3B	Off 1, 2A, 2, 3, 3A	Bus A-1, A-2, A-3 <sup>1</sup>	Bus A, A-4	Bus B, B-1, B-2	Bus C, C-1	Ind A-1, A-2	Ind A	Ind B-1, B-2	Ind B	Ind C
<b>4.32</b>	<b>Light Industry, Wholesale Business and Storage</b>													
	<a href="#">o. Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishment</a>	No	No	No	No	PB <sup>58</sup>	PB <sup>58</sup>	PB <sup>58</sup>	PB <sup>58</sup>	PB <sup>58</sup>	PB <sup>58</sup>	PB <sup>58</sup>	PB <sup>58</sup>	PB <sup>58</sup>

**Amend Section 6.36, Schedule of Parking & Loading Requirements, by inserting a new row “l.” beneath Section 6.36.2, by inserting a new row “o.” beneath Section 6.36.7, and by inserting a new Footnote “16.” to read as follows:**

Land Use Category	Open Space, Res A-1, A-2, Res B	Res C, C-1, C-1A, Off 1, Bus A (Comm), Bus A-1, A-2, Bus A-3 <sup>14</sup> , A-4, Ind A-1, Ind B-2, Ind C	Bus. C, C-1, Ind A, Off 2, 2A, Res C-2, C-2A, Res C-2B, Bus A (res)	Ind B-1, Res C-3, C-3A, C-3B, Off 3-A, 3, Bus B, Ind A-2, Ind B, Bus B-1, B-2	Loading Facility Category	Long-Term Bicycle Parking (6.107.2)	Short-Term Bicycle Parking (6.107.3)
<b>6.36.2</b>	<b>Transportation, Communication &amp; Utility Uses</b>						
<b>l.</b>	<a href="#">Cannabis Courier Establishment</a>	n/a	1 per 1200 sq. ft. <sup>16</sup>	1 per 1600 sq. ft. <sup>16</sup>	1 per 2000 sq. ft. <sup>16</sup>	A	N5

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6.36.7	Light Industry, Wholesale, Business and Storage							
<u>o.</u>	<u>Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishment</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>1 per 1200 sq. ft. <sup>16</sup></u>	<u>1 per 1600 sq. ft. <sup>16</sup></u>	<u>1 per 2000 sq. ft. <sup>16</sup></u>	<u>A</u>	<u>N5</u>	<u>N5</u>

16. Parking for delivery vehicles shall be provided in accordance with Section 11.800 and may not be reduced or waived by the provisions of this Article 6.000.

**Amend Section 11.800 et seq., “Cannabis Uses,” to read as follows:**

11.800 - CANNABIS USES

11.801 Statement of Purpose. The purpose of this section is to provide for the limited establishment of Registered Marijuana Dispensaries for the medical use of cannabis products and Cannabis Establishments for the non-medical use of cannabis products, as they are authorized pursuant to applicable state laws and regulations.

11.802 General Requirements

11.802.1 Allowed Cannabis Uses.

- (a) Cannabis Retail Stores, Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishments, and Cannabis Production Facilities shall be allowed only after the granting of a special permit by the Planning Board as set forth in the Table of Use Regulations (Section 4.30 of this Zoning Ordinance), subject to the requirements set forth in this Section 11.800, et seq.
- (b) ~~Either~~ Cannabis Retail Stores, Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishments, or Cannabis Production Facilities, as defined in Article 2.000 of this Zoning Ordinance, may be established to provide cannabis products for medical or non-medical use, or both, in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations.
- (c) A Cannabis Retail Store, Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishment, or Cannabis Production Facility that has previously received a special permit from the Planning Board only to authorize another type of Cannabis Establishment (including, but not limited to, a Registered Marijuana Dispensary) shall be required to amend its previously issued special permit to authorize the conversion to or co-location of a new type of Cannabis Establishment for the non-medical use of cannabis or marijuana.
- (d) Cannabis Courier Establishments shall be permitted as set forth in the Table of Use Regulations (Section 4.30 of this Zoning Ordinance) without a special permit, provided that they conform to all other applicable requirements of this Section 11.800 and all other applicable state and local laws, regulations, and ordinances.
- (e) A Cannabis Establishment that is licensed as a Cannabis Independent Testing Laboratory or Cannabis Research Facility pursuant to applicable state laws and regulations, but is not authorized to sell or otherwise transfer Cannabis Products to consumers or to cultivate, manufacture, or otherwise produce Cannabis Products that are intended to be sold or otherwise transferred to consumers, shall be regulated within the Table of Use Regulations in Section 4.30 of this Zoning Ordinance as a Technical Office (Section 4.34, Item “f”) or, if such establishment is noncommercial, a Noncommercial Research Facility (Section 4.33, Item “c”). Such establishment shall comply with all state and local laws and regulations, including regulations promulgated by the Cambridge Public Health Department, where applicable.

Attachment: cannabis delivery zoning amendments (POR 2021 #140 : ORDINANCE 2021-8 Cannabis Delivery Zoning Amendments)

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- 11.802.2 Licenses and Registration. A special permit issued pursuant to this Section shall be conditioned on the Permittee maintaining all required state and local licenses and/or registrations and complying with all applicable state and local public health regulations and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations at all times. No Building Permit or Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued for a Cannabis Use that is not properly licensed and/or registered with the applicable state and local agencies.
- 11.802.3 Limitation of Approval. A special permit, Building Permit, or Certificate of Occupancy authorizing the establishment of a Cannabis ~~Retail Store or Cannabis Production Facility Use~~ shall be valid only for the licensed or registered entity to which the ~~special~~ permit was issued, and only for the site on which the Cannabis ~~Retail Store or Cannabis Production Facility Use~~ has been ~~authorized by special permit~~ permitted. If the license or registration for a Cannabis Use has not been renewed or has been revoked, transferred to another controlling entity, or relocated to a different site, a new special permit and building permit, where applicable, shall be required prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
- 11.802.4 Building. A Cannabis ~~Retail Store or Cannabis Production Facility Establishment~~ shall be located only in a permanent building and not within any mobile facility. All sales, cultivation, manufacturing, and other related activities shall be conducted within the building, except in cases where home deliveries are authorized ~~for certain types of Cannabis Establishments to serve qualified medical marijuana patients in accordance with 935 CMR 500.000 and other~~ applicable state and local regulations.
- ~~11.802.5 Cannabis Research and Testing Facilities. A Cannabis Establishment that is licensed as a Cannabis Independent Testing Laboratory or Cannabis Research Facility pursuant to applicable state laws and regulations, but is not authorized to sell or otherwise transfer Cannabis Products to consumers or to cultivate, manufacture, or otherwise produce Cannabis Products that are intended to be sold or otherwise transferred to consumers, shall be regulated within the Table of Use Regulations in Section 4.30 of this Zoning Ordinance as a Technical Office (Section 4.34, Item "f") or, if such establishment is noncommercial, a Noncommercial Research Facility (Section 4.33, Item "c."). Such establishment shall comply with all state and local laws and regulations, including regulations promulgated by the Cambridge Public Health Department, where applicable.~~
- 11.803 Location Standards.
- 11.803.1 Cannabis Retail Stores.
- (a) Cannabis Retail Stores shall be allowed only by Planning Board Special Permit and only in those districts set forth in the Table of Use Regulations (Section 4.30 of this Zoning Ordinance) ~~within the following districts: Business A (BA), Business A-1 (BA-1), Business A-2 (BA-2), Business A-3 (BA-3), Business B (BB), Business B-1 (BB-1), Business B-2 (BB-2), Business C (BC), Industry A-1 (IA-1), Industry B (IB), Industry B-1 (IB-1), and Industry B-2 (IB-2) districts,~~ and special districts and overlay districts whose use regulations are based on those ~~of any of the aforementioned~~ districts, subject to any limitations set forth in the regulations of those districts. In the Business A-1 district, only applicants that have been designated as Economic Empowerment Applicants or certified as eligible to participate in the Social Equity Program by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission may be permitted and it shall be made a condition of the special permit that such designation or eligibility shall be maintained.
- (b) A Cannabis Retail Store shall not be permitted within one thousand and eight hundred (1,800) feet of another Cannabis Retail Store, except if the applicant has been designated as an Economic Empowerment Applicant or certified as eligible to participate in the Social Equity Program by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission and it is made a condition of the special permit that such designation or eligibility shall be maintained.
- (c) All products offered to consumers shall be pre-packaged off-site, and no packaging or repackaging of cannabis or marijuana products shall take place on the premises of a Cannabis Retail Store unless it is also meets the requirements for a Cannabis Production Facility.
- 11.803.2 Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishments shall be allowed only by Planning Board Special Permit and only in those districts set forth in the Table of Use Regulations (Section 4.30 of this Zoning Ordinance) and special districts and overlay districts whose use regulations are based on those

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districts, subject to any limitations set forth in the regulations of those districts and provided that the establishment is not greater than 10,000 square feet in Gross Floor Area and that no packaging or repackaging of cannabis or marijuana products shall take place on the premises.

11.803.32 Cannabis Production Facilities shall be allowed only by Planning Board Special Permit in those districts set forth in the Table of Use Regulations (Section 4.30 of this Zoning Ordinance) ~~the Industry B-2 (IB-2) district~~ and special districts and overlay districts whose use regulations are based on those districts, subject to any limitations set forth in the regulations of those districts and, provided that the establishment is not greater than 10,000 square feet in Gross Floor Area.

11.803.3 Buffer Zones.

- (a) A Cannabis Retail Store or Cannabis Production Facility shall not be permitted within 300 feet of a pre-existing public or private school providing education in kindergarten or any of grades one through 12, except where the Planning Board, in issuing a special permit, approves a reduced distance upon finding that the location will cause no substantial adverse impact due to site-specific factors or other mitigating efforts agreed to in writing by the permittee and made conditions of the special permit.
- (b) A Cannabis Retail Store or Cannabis Production Facility shall not be permitted within 300 feet of a pre-existing public children's playground, public youth athletic field, or public youth recreation facility, except where the Planning Board, in issuing a special permit, approves a reduced distance upon finding that the location will cause no substantial adverse impact due to site-specific factors or other mitigating efforts agreed to in writing by the permittee and made conditions of the special permit.

11.804 Parking and Transportation.

- (a) Off-street parking for employees and customers shall be regulated by Article 6.000 of this Zoning Ordinance. Provisions set forth in Article 6.000 that allow for a reduction or waiver of required off-street parking shall apply except as set forth below.
- (b) In addition to the requirements of Article 6.000, any Cannabis Courier Establishment, Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishment, or other Cannabis Establishment shall park and store all delivery vehicles off-street. Such requirement may not be reduced or waived. Delivery vehicles shall not be parked on-street except for authorized active loading/unloading activities. Delivery vehicles may be parked in facilities that are accessory to the Cannabis Use or in authorized principal use parking facilities.
- (c) All parking spaces to be used by customers, employees, visitors, or delivery vehicles shall be registered with the Cambridge Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department (TPTD), including a parking layout plan, in accordance with Chapter 10.18 of the City of Cambridge Code of Ordinances, and shall comply with all other applicable state or local laws, regulations, and ordinances.
- (d) All Cannabis Retail Stores, Cannabis Courier Establishments, Cannabis Delivery Operator Establishments, and Cannabis Production Facilities shall submit an Operations and Logistics Plan to the Cambridge TPTD and Cambridge Police Department before applying for a special permit, building permit, or certificate of occupancy, whichever occurs sooner. Such plan shall include the following information using narratives and graphics:
  - (1) hours of operation and anticipated numbers of employees and consumers on-site during operating hours;
  - (2) expected frequency of loading/unloading trips by delivery and service vehicles;
  - (3) access and egress routes for customers and employees;
  - (4) locations of parking and bicycle parking areas for customers and employees;
  - (5) number of delivery vehicles, where applicable, and locations where they will be stored on-site;

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- (6) locations where loading/unloading and service activities will take place and a description of how such activities will be conducted;
  - (7) a description of transportation options for customers and employees, including public transportation services, on-site and off-site parking facilities, transportation demand management measures to encourage and support sustainable forms of travel for employees and customers, and short-term and long-term bicycle facilities;
  - (8) specific measures that will be employed by the Cannabis Use to prevent adverse impacts on the public way including but not limited to sidewalk crowding, blocking of vehicular or bicycle travel lanes, potential safety hazards, and other issues identified by City departments; and
  - (9) a specific plan for the initial opening period that includes measures to identify and respond to unexpected impacts.
- (e) The Cambridge TPTD and Cambridge Police Department shall approve a final Operations and Logistics Plan prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy for a Cannabis Use, and may require operational practices to prevent or correct adverse impacts of the operation of the Cannabis Use on the public way, including but not limited to crowding on the public sidewalk, blocking of travel lanes by vehicles, or hazardous conditions. Such practices may include, but are not limited to, restrictions on the use of the public way, required pre-purchase and/or appointment-only customer service for a period of time, restrictions on the location and/or timing of loading/unloading activities, or similar measures. When granting a special permit, where applicable, the Planning Board may also include conditions pertaining to the Operations and Logistics Plan.

11.8054 Application Requirements. An application to the Planning Board shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- (a) Description of Activities: a narrative providing information about the type and scale of all activities that will take place on the proposed site, including but not limited to cultivating and processing of Cannabis Products, on-site sales, off-site deliveries, distribution of educational materials, and other programs or activities.
- (b) Context Map: A map identifying, at a minimum, the location of the proposed establishment, the locations of all other Cannabis Uses in the vicinity, the locations of all public or private schools providing education in kindergarten or any of grades one through 12, and the locations of all children's playgrounds, youth athletic fields, or other youth recreation facilities, with measured distances provided to demonstrate whether the location complies with the standards of Section 11.803 above.
- (c) Site Plan: A plan or plans depicting all existing and proposed development on the property, including the dimensions of the building, the detailed layout of automobile and bicycle parking, the location of pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular points of access and egress, the location and design of all loading, refuse and service facilities, the location, type and direction of all outdoor lighting on the site, and any landscape design.
- (d) Building Elevations and Signage: Architectural drawings of all exterior building facades and all proposed signage, specifying materials and colors to be used. Perspective drawings and illustrations of the site from public ways and abutting properties are recommended but not required.
- (e) Initial Operations and Logistics Plan: A plan identifying the on-site or off-site locations where deliveries and loading functions will take place and a narrative describing how deliveries to the site, loading and other service functions will be conducted, as well as a plan and narrative identifying the transportation options for customers and employees, including public transportation services, on-site and off-site parking facilities, and bicycle facilities. Containing the information set forth in Paragraph (d) of Section 11.804 above.



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- (f) License or Registration Materials: Copies of all materials submitted to applicable state and local agencies for the purpose of licensing and/or registration, and any certification or license issued by any such agency, excluding any information required by law to be kept confidential.

~~(g) Host Community Agreement: A narrative describing progress that has been made at the time of application toward establishing a host community agreement with the City of Cambridge.~~

11.80~~65~~ Special Permit Criteria. In granting a special permit for a Cannabis Retail Store or Cannabis Production Facility, in addition to the general criteria for issuance of a special permit as set forth in Section 10.43 of this Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Board shall find that the following criteria are met:

- (a) The site is designed such that it provides convenient, safe and secure access and egress for customers and employees arriving to and leaving from the site using all modes of transportation, including drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and public transportation users.
- (b) On-site loading, refuse and service areas are designed to be secure and shielded from abutting uses.
- (c) The building and site have been designed to be compatible with other buildings in the area and to mitigate any negative aesthetic impacts that might result from required security measures and restrictions on visibility into the building's interior and/or from restrictions on direct access by consumers.
- (d) In retail areas, the location and design of the Cannabis Use will not detract from the sense of activity with opaque, unwelcoming façades at the ground floor. Where interior activities must be screened from public view, such areas should be screened by transparent, publicly accessible active business uses where possible. Opaque façades should be minimized, and where they are necessary they should include changing public art displays or other measures to provide visual interest to the public.
- (e) If the proposed Cannabis Retail Store or Cannabis Production Facility is not proposed to include a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center, it will nevertheless provide programs to assist qualifying patients within the city or neighborhood who are registered through the Massachusetts Medical Use of Marijuana Program in obtaining services under that program.

**Delete Section 11.806, which currently reads as follows:**

11.806 Effective Date. The provisions of this Section 11.800-11.805, as most recently amended on December 17, 2018, shall take effect on April 20, 2019, or upon passage of a "Cannabis Business Permitting Ordinance," whichever comes first.



# City of Cambridge




APP-1  
FIRST IN COUNCIL  
June 28, 2021

ORDERED: That, in accordance with the provisions of an ordinance relative to placing and maintaining signs, the Commissioner of Public Works be and hereby is authorized to grant a permit to Hanaya floral, for an awning at the premises numbered 350 Huron Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Provided that, before erecting the above named awning the petitioner shall file with the City Clerk a bond in the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars, conditioned to save harmless the City of Cambridge from all claims for damages arising from the installation, maintenance and use of said awning.

**Sign/Awning Permit****116365**

Submitted On: Apr 15, 2021

**Applicant**

 Craig Murphy  
 617-623-2838  
 craig@cambridgereprographics.com

**Location**

350 Huron Ave  
 Cambridge, MA 02138

**General Information****What option best describes this application?**

Sign(s) and Awning(s)

**Description of Proposed Work**

1 blade sign 16"x24" and one awning 160"x106"

**Estimated Cost of Awning(s) in dollars**

4800

**Estimated Cost of Sign(s) in dollars**

400

**Describe any existing signs or awnings that will remain (including the size of the remaining signs/awnings).**

0

**Cambridge City Council approval may be required.****Will one or more of the proposed signs extend six (6) inches into the public sidewalk?**

No

**Sign Information****Sign Text**

hanaya floral

**Type of Sign**

Projecting

**Height of Sign (feet)**

16

**Area of Sign (square feet)**

3

**Height from the ground to bottom of the sign (feet)**

8

**Weight of the sign (lbs)**

20

**Width of Building Facade for Associated Use (feet)**

55

**Illumination**

Natural

**Width of Sign (feet)**

14

**Height from the ground to the top of the sign (feet)**

10

**Sign Material**

metal

**Projection from the Building (inches)**

28

**Is the sign an accessory to a first floor store?**

Yes

**Awning Information****Height of Awning (feet)**

9

**Width of Awning (feet)**

13.5

**Height from the ground to the top of the awning (feet)**

17

**Height from the ground to bottom of the awning (feet)**

8

**Awning Material**

galvanized steel frame and sunbrella canvas

**Weight of the awning (lbs)**

120

**Projection from the Building (inches)**

24

**Contractor****Contractor Name**

CRAIG W MURPHY

**Address**

1236 Eastern Avenue, Malden, MA 02148

**E-mail**

craig@cambridgereprographics.com

**Telephone**

617-623-2838

**License Number**

CS-097105

**License Expiration Date**

01/17/2022

**Contractor's Signature****Signature of Licensed Contractor**

craig murphy

**Date**

04/15/2021

## Community Development Plan Review

The Community Development Department will review the application to confirm that the sign(s) conform to Article 7.000 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance.

To contact the Community Development Department regarding this workflow step, simply enter a comment below. Alternatively, you may call 617-349-4647.

Assignee

Daniel Messplay

Due date

None



Jun 14th 2021, 8:18pm

**Daniel Messplay**

Hi Craig,

Article 7 limits projecting signs to one per ground floor establishment, and awnings count as projecting signs - so you could have the blade sign or the awning, but not both (unless there is no sign on the awning).

What is the total square footage of signage proposed? Some of the square footage in the application form seems inaccurate.

Thanks,

Daniel



CR

Jun 14th 2021, 8:25pm

**Craig Murphy**

Hi Daniel! The total square footage is less than 28 sq ft. The client had this very clean and minimal look. She will be disappointed on not being able to have both.



DM

Jun 24th 2021, 2:03pm

**Daniel Messplay**

Hi Craig - thanks for that clarification. Please let me know how you wish to proceed - alternatively, the awning can move forward so long as no signage appears on it (if your client intends to have both).



CR

Jun 24th 2021, 2:10pm

**Craig Murphy**

Hi Daniel! Thanks for following up. We will proceed without the blade sign and move forward with the awning.



Jun 24th 2021, 2:27pm

**Daniel Messplay**

Thanks - this approval is STRICTLY for the proposed projecting sign, which requires City Council review. This approval does not extend to the proposed awning.



Jun 24th 2021, 2:27pm

**Daniel Messplay**

Correction: This approval is for the awning, and not the blade sign. Thanks.



Jun 24th 2021, 2:44pm

**Craig Murphy**

correct and thank you.

350 Huron Ave

# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING PERMISSION FOR PERMANENT SIGNS AND AWNINGS THAT PROJECT OVER THE PUBLIC WAY MORE THAN SIX INCHES

1. Complete the **Building (Sign) Permit Application** on line at the **Inspectional Service Department** or on a **personal computer**. Inspectional Services Department is located at 831 Massachusetts Avenue, (617) 349-6100. Items that must be scanned and attached to online application:

- Sketch or drawing of sign or awning
- Copy of sign company's contract
- Insurance

*Deliver here*  
✓

2. **Projected Sign Application and Abutter Forms** are available at **City Clerk's Office, Room 103 City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, (617) 349-4260.**

3. **Complete application.** Application must be signed by business owner and property owner. You must measure and state the distance by which the sign or structure will project over the public way. This application is signed under the pains and penalties of perjury. If you have difficulty ascertaining the distance, you may wish to use a surveyor. Complete the abutter forms.

**After completing steps (1) - (3), file the application with the City Clerk.**

The completed application can be dropped off at the City Clerk's Office or e-mailed to [mcosgrove@cambridgema.gov](mailto:mcosgrove@cambridgema.gov).

4. The Clerk will place the application on the agenda for a City Council meeting for its consideration.

- During the months of September through June, the City Council meets every Monday at 5:30 p.m. except for Monday holidays. During July and August, the City Council holds one summer meeting. Applications must be received at the City Clerk's office on the Thursday prior to the Monday meeting.
- After the City Council has approved the petition, the City Clerk will send the petitioner an unexecuted bond form.

5. **Petitioner must have the bond form executed by a Surety Company and then return it to this office.**

6. When the executed bond is returned to the City Clerk's Office, the City Clerk will give the petitioner a copy of the City Council order of approval with notation that bond is acceptable. ISD will issue a building permit to the petitioner, so long as all building permit requirements have been met. The petitioner can obtain the sidewalk obstruction permit from DPW.

Revised September 24, 2013

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

PERMANENT SIGN OR STRUCTURE THAT WILL OBSTRUCT THE PUBLIC WAY MORE THAN SIX INCHES

Cambridge, MA 2017

To the Honorable, the City Council of the City of Cambridge:

EACH PETITION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A DRAWING OF PROPOSED SIGN, INDICATING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS AND LOCATION ON PREMISES.

The undersigned respectfully prays that Hanaya Florist (NAME OF BUSINESS)

be granted permit to erect a sign of the following specifications in front of premises located at:

350 Huron Ave, Cambridge, MA (ADDRESS)

Type of Sign: Blade sign made with MDO backer and logo displayed onto it lighting and awning made with Sunbrella Canvas and Galvanized steel frame. Sign and awning are lit with natural lighting (state whether electric or otherwise and material used in construction)

Reading matter to go on sign and awning: hanaya floral

Size: SIGNS 16" X 24" AWNING: 98" X 26" Weight: SIGNS 20 LBS AWNING: 150LBS

Public Way Obstruction: A. SIGN 26" AWNING 26" B. SIGN 8' AWNING 8' (Give exact distance sign is to extend over sidewalk) (Also exact distance from bottom of sign to sidewalk)

Height Above Grade: Bottom: 8' Top: 10'

NOTICE - REGULATIONS

[Section 12.08.010 Municipal Code – Encroachments onto Streets] Section 1212.0 State Building Code – Projecting Signs]

- A projecting sign shall be constructed wholly of incombustible materials.
• All signs must meet requirements of Zoning Ordinances and Building Code.
• Note: Section 12.12.220 provides in part "every owner who maintains a . . . structure in or over a street. . . shall do so only on the condition that such maintenance shall be considered as an agreement on his part to keep the same and the covers thereof in good repair and condition, at all times during his ownership, and to indemnify and save harmless the City against any and all damages, cost or expenses which it may sustain, or be required to pay by reason of such. . . structure."

PROPERTY OWNER OR AUTHORIZED AGENT HEREBY STATES THAT INFORMATION IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF HIS/HER KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING UNDER PAINS AND PENALTY OF PERJURY.

Craig Murphy (Cambridge Repro-Graphics, 21 McGrath Highway, Somerville, MA 02143 617-623-2838 (Property owner or authorized agent) (Address) (Tel. No.))

Hiroko Takeshita, 350 Concord Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139 617-547-1770 (Business owner) (Address) (Tel. No.)

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# Western Surety Company

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and authorized and licensed to do business in the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the United States of America, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

Paul T. Bruffat of Sioux Falls,  
State of South Dakota, its regularly elected Vice President,  
as Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred upon him to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety and as its act and deed, the following bond:

One SIGN PERMIT CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

bond with bond number 63380055

for TAKESHITA HIROKO DBA HANAYA FLORAL

as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$2,000.00

Western Surety Company further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of Section 7 of the by-laws of Western Surety Company duly adopted and now in force, to-wit:

Section 7. All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney, or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact or agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies, or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile.

In Witness Whereof, the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be executed by its Vice President Paul T. Bruffat with the corporate seal affixed this 21st day of September, 2020

ATTEST

L. Nelson  
L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY  
By Paul T. Bruffat  
Paul T. Bruffat, Vice President

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 21st day of September, 2020, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Paul T. Bruffat and L. Nelson

who, being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said Corporation.

J. MOHR  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
SOUTH DAKOTA  
My Commission Expires June 23, 2021

J. Mohr  
Notary Public

To validate bond authenticity, go to [www.cnasurety.com](http://www.cnasurety.com) > Owner/Obligee Services > Validate Bond Coverage.

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# Western Surety Company

## CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE

Western Surety Company hereby continues in force Bond No. 63380055 briefly described as SIGN PERMIT CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

for TAKESHITA HIROKO DBA HANAYA FLORAL

\_\_\_\_\_, as Principal, in the sum of \$ TWO THOUSAND AND NO/100 Dollars, for the term beginning October 10, 2020, and ending October 10, 2021, subject to all the covenants and conditions of the original bond referred to above.

This continuation is issued upon the express condition that the liability of Western Surety Company under said Bond and this and all continuations thereof shall not be cumulative and shall in no event exceed the total sum above written.

Dated this 21st day of September, 2020.

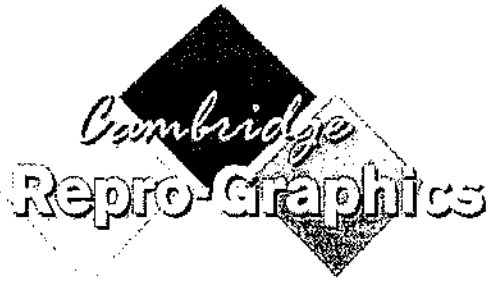


WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By Paul T. Brunat  
Paul T. Brunat, Vice President

**THIS "Continuation Certificate" MUST BE FILED WITH THE ABOVE BOND.**

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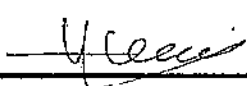

**INVOICE**

No. 78067

Date 5/3/2021

Customer P.O. No.

HANAYA FLORAL  
 292 CONCORD AVENUE  
 CAMBRIDGE MA 02138  
 Phone: 617-547-1770

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT								
1	FABRICATE AND INSTALL AWNING	3,500.00								
5	INSTALL SUPPLIED BLADE SIGN AND WINDOW LETTERING	500.00								
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	<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS:</b> paychex@travelers.com		
<b>INSURED</b> GORILLA GRAPHICS INC. DBA CRG GRAPHICS 1236 EASTERN AVE MALDEN, MA 02148		<b>INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE</b> INSURER A : THE TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY OF CONNECTICUT	<b>NAIC #</b>
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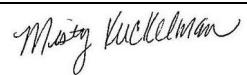
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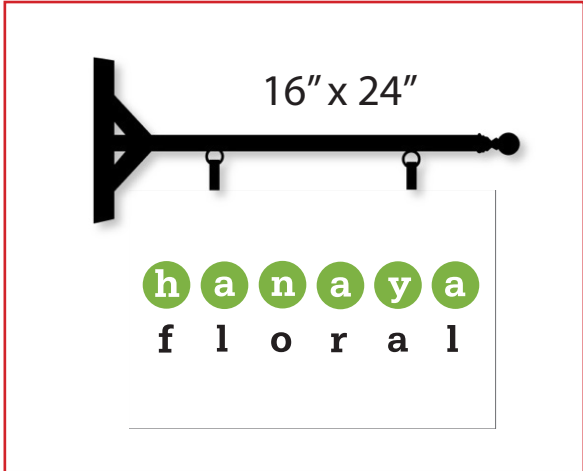






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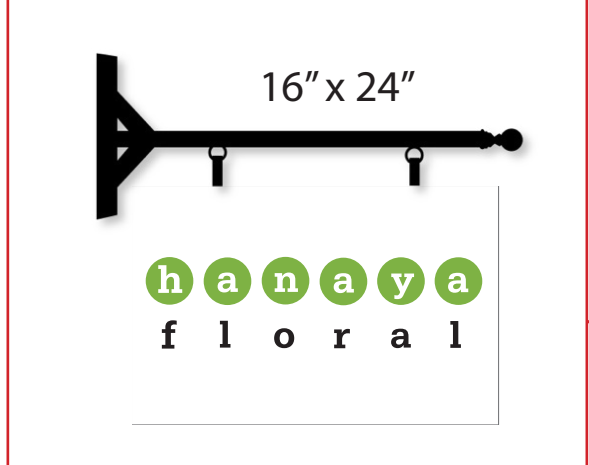


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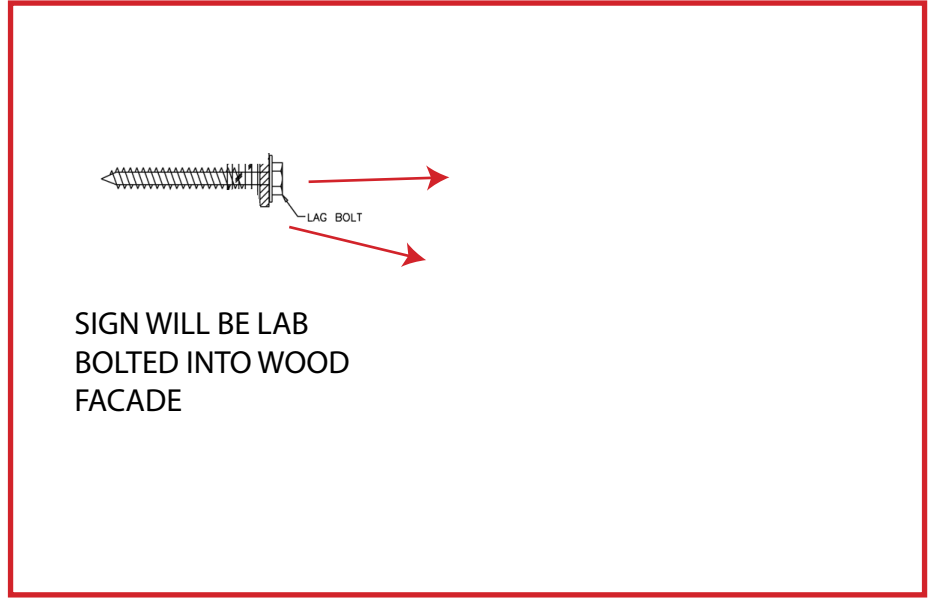


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MJC Trust

4.16.2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I, MJC Trust, give permission to Hanaya Floral Design at 350 Huron Ave, Cambridge, MA 02138 to participate in the City of Cambridge Small Business Enhancement Program. I have spoken with Hiroko Takeshita and understand that the scope of work may include improvements to the real property at 350 Huron Ave, Cambridge, MA 02138.

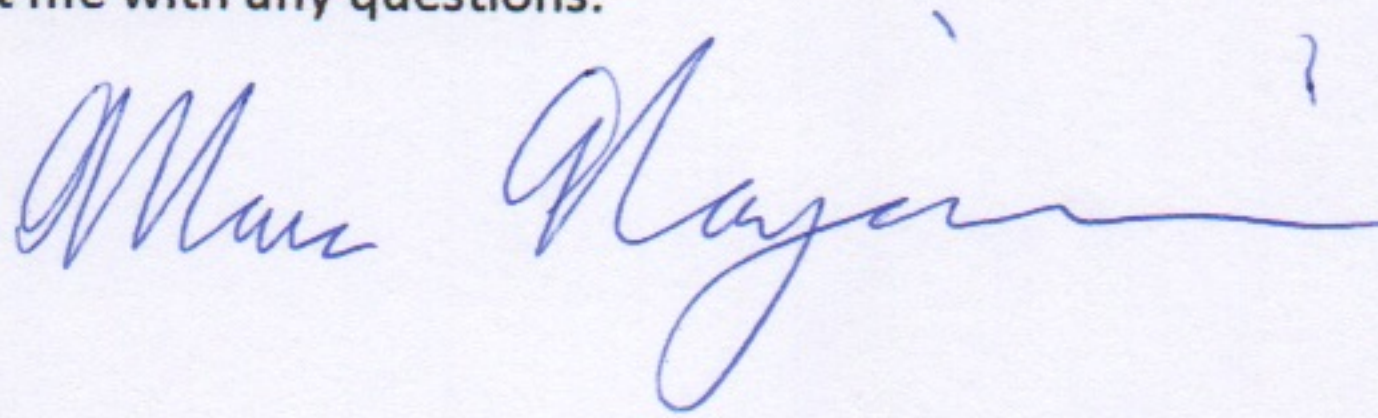
Improvements that have been discussed with me include:

Improvements to plumbing work and store graphic.

Hanaya Floral Design has a lease that will expire on February, 28, 2026 and has 5 years of options to renew.

Please contact me with any questions.

Signature:



MJC Trust

C/O Marc Najarian

165 Baldpate Hill RD, Newton, MA 02459

617-485-9578

MarcMNajarian@gmail.com

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<b>INSURED</b> Cambridge repro-Graphics Craig Murphy 21 McGrath Highway Somerville, MA 02143	<b>INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE</b>		<b>NAIC #</b>
	INSURER A : Travelers		40282
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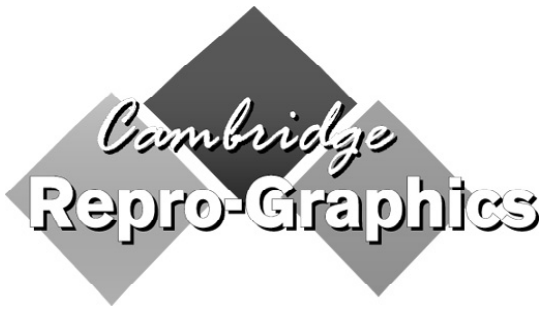
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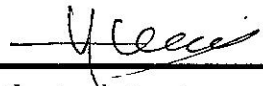
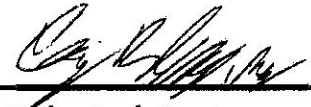
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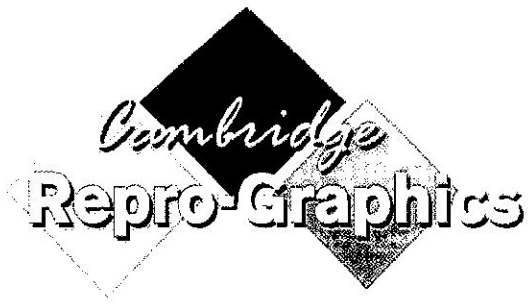
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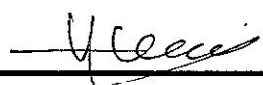

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Perez, Lori

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**From:** Chantal Eide <ceide@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 5:34 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Clerk  
**Subject:** Support saving trees at Tobin / Vassal

Hello Councillors,

I'm just voicing my support of **POR 2021 #143** - saving the large mature oak trees on site.

Thanks!

Chantal Eide  
20 Ellsworth Ave.

Attachment: Chantal Eide\_Support saving trees at Tobin Vassal (COM 394 #2021 : A communication was received from Chantal Eide)

Perez, Lori

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**From:** Hasson Rashid <hasson.rashid@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 11:30 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Cc:** Hasson Rashid  
**Subject:** Written Copy  
**Attachments:** Public Comment.docx

Peace Be Unto You,  
 Dear Mr. Anthony Wilson/ City Clerk

I'm sending you a written copy of the oral public comment I made Monday 20,2021, via ZOOM. It is for the official record. The text of it will follow, and I have also added it as an attachment to this email. Thank you.

Yours In Peace  
 Hasson Rashid

Written Public Comment:

Public Comment/ June 20,2021

Peace Be Unto You,

Hello Everybody, I'm Hasson Rashid, I reside at 820 Massachusetts Avenue. My public comment is concerning and in regards to POR # 1.

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Concerned Citizen Resident Participant

Alliance of Cambridge Tenants (ACT) Board Member

Cambridge, MA

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Yours In Peace,

Hasson Rashid

Concerned Citizen Resident Participant

Cambridge, MA

Perez, Lori

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**From:** irallen48 <irallen48@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 2:27 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** City Manager; City Clerk  
**Subject:** Impact on Businesses for parking removal

My name is Ruth Ryan Allen. I live at 48 Fenno St Cambridge.

I am here to urge the council to stop and really look at the impact that removing the Parking on these main corridors will do to our small business economy as well as the well being and quality of life of the neighbors and neighborhoods of Cambridge.

I was shocked that while we were all fearing for our lives, trying to deal with living while in this pandemic, You passed an ordinance which affects all of us without input on the consumers, customers, vendors, service people, emergency responders, neighborhoods of Cambridge.

This removal of parking will put the nail on the coffin of so many small business, whose customers come in from out of town.

Under the pressure of the Bike safety groups, you passed this. We are now in emergency mode, this is NOT the time to take away these spaces!! you need to find another way.

I urge you to reverse this and work with the community, Not just some of the political militant groups, and come up with a mutual agreement!

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Attachment: Ruth Ryan Allen\_Impact on Businesses for parking removal (COM 396 #2021 : A communication was received from Ruth Ryan

Perez, Lori

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**From:** Saul Tannenbaum <saul@tannenbaum.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 10:26 PM  
**To:** City Council; Clerk  
**Subject:** Opposition to ShotSpotter is not confined to "fringe luddites"

At today's Public Safety Committee meeting, Police Commissioner Branville Bard suggested that opposition to ShotSpotter came from anti-technology fringe luddites. Those of you who know me understand that the assertion that I'm a Luddite is laughable. Do you think it proper for City staff to denigrate good faith activism?

Opposition to ShotSpotter has become a nationwide movement as more and cities discover that ShotSpotter fails to do what it promises. The discussion in the Public Safety Committee today effectively confirms this about Cambridge, too. No lives saved, no crimes solved, no decrease in gun crime, just a hypothetical advantage that might, one day, save a life. Councilor McGovern told of calls he's gotten from people afraid of gun crime in what is the ShotSpotter coverage area. It simply doesn't help.

We got ShotSpotter because we were included in a urban area security grant, not because we asked for it or needed it. To the extent it has any use, it's in high crime areas where citizens have given up calling the police. That, most certainly, is not Cambridge. Follow the data and abolish ShotSpotter.

Saul Tannenbaum  
 16 Cottage St.

## Op-ed: Follow the science, Chicago, and abolish ShotSpotter

By Jack Bandy

Chicago Tribune |

May 21, 2021 at 2:36 PM



Chicago Police Department officials monitor ShotSpotter and other crime detection programs at a Strategic Decision Support Center in the Harrison District in 2017. (Erin Hooley / Chicago Tribune)

Earlier this month, the city of [Springfield, Missouri, unanimously rejected](#) a contract with ShotSpotter, a surveillance technology that automatically dispatches police officers based on sound signals. Toronto voted against ShotSpotter in [2019](#), San Antonio broke off their contract in [2017](#) and Charlotte, North Carolina, did so in [2016](#).

Chicago must follow suit and abolish ShotSpotter later this year, for one simple reason: evidence shows that ShotSpotter does not work.

Multiple scientific analyses of ShotSpotter's effectiveness have come to this same conclusion. [A 2018 study](#) in Philadelphia found that the system "did not significantly affect the number of confirmed shootings, but it did increase

Attachment: Saul Tannenbaum\_Opposition to ShotSpotter is not confined to fringe luddites (COM 397 #2021 : A communication was received

the workload of police attending incidents for which no evidence of a shooting was found.” Similarly, a scientific [study conducted in St. Louis and published last year](#) found that the system “increases demands on police resources” while leading to “no reductions in serious violent crimes.”

A newer, large-scale [study in the Journal of Urban Health](#) analyzed 68 counties across the United States from 1999 to 2016 to see if ShotSpotter had any benefits. It concluded that “implementing ShotSpotter technology has no significant impact on firearm-related homicides or arrest outcomes.”

Evidence from Chicago tells the same story, as in [an analysis by the MacArthur Justice Center](#), which looked at ShotSpotter data from July 2019 to April 2021. The study concluded that Chicago’s use of ShotSpotter is “inaccurate, expensive and dangerous,” with 86% of alerts leading to no report of any crime at all (totaling over 40,000 dead-end deployments in less than two years).

According to ShotSpotter’s website, the actual “false positive” rate should be around 0.5%, though the company has admitted that accuracy claims were “put together by our sales and marketing department, [not our engineers](#).”

Ald. Raymond Lopez, 15th, [recently suggested](#) that ShotSpotter has a “positive impact,” but his statements are based on anecdotes from police officers rather than empirical data or scientific studies.

Other proponents of ShotSpotter might suggest that the system could become more accurate and effective as time goes on, so Chicago should keep it around in hopes that, eventually, it might work. But again, the evidence tells a different story. Chicago has a long track record of [police technologies](#) that have been “[turned against the public](#),” serving to oppress communities rather than protect them. Sometimes these technologies seem particularly novel, but “computer-aided dispatch” algorithms for predictive policing have been around [since at least 1968](#). Chicago has since deployed a number of similar technologies, each one [failing to improve community safety](#) in any meaningful way.

In 2021, we know that the problem with police is not a lack of technology, a lack of funding or a lack of any kind of resources.

So when ShotSpotter’s contract goes up for renewal this year, Chicago should join the growing list of other cities ditching the faulty technology, which has cost the city some \$33 million over the last three years. Those funds should be immediately reallocated to programs that can improve community safety. For example, the city could fund [a more complete police misconduct database](#) (which would [cost less than \\$1 million](#) annually), and add more funds to the [mental health crisis response model](#) (which only received \$1 million in the 2021 budget).

ShotSpotter is just the beginning when it comes to abolishing weapons-grade police technology and transforming community safety. Chicago should also follow the [example of San Francisco](#) and other [cities and states who have abolished facial recognition technology](#). Furthermore, the city [needs clearer restrictions on doorbell surveillance systems](#) such as Ring that contract directly with police departments.

Abolishing ShotSpotter is one step on a long path toward public interest technology. Once we recognize and abolish the many ways that technology has been used ineffectively, we can reimagine our communities and think of ways to use technology as a tool for collective care.

Jack Bandy is a Ph.D. candidate studying technology and ethics at Northwestern University.

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Read [CambridgeHappenings.org](#), a daily Cambridge news summary, curated from fresh, local sources.

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From: Susan Labandibar <susan.labandibar@gmail.com>  
 Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 12:48 AM  
 To: City Clerk; City Council  
 Subject: Charter Reform - Policy Order 2

Dear City Council,

One of the most important lessons we learned in the Trump and post-Trump era is that rules matter. For example, if there had been a rule in place that the President and the Vice-President are obliged to disclose their tax returns, the American public would have known what was in Trump's returns since he took office.

The City Charter is a document that defines the way that the city of Cambridge operates. Policy Order 2 would revise the charter in part. The changes with the most interest and agreement were:

- Council approval of appointments to board and commissions,
- ensuring an annual review of the city manager, and
- doing a comprehensive regular review of the charter every ten years, starting in 2022. That review can consider comprehensive changes.

I urge you to vote "yes" on these proposed changes.

All the best,

Susan Labandibar

All of these proposed changes are ones that many cities and towns have in their charters. If the home rule passes in the State House, each change will be voted on by the voters in Cambridge this November.

Susan Labandibar

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[Schedule a meeting with Susan](#)





# City of Cambridge

R-1  
**FIRST IN COUNCIL**  
 June 28, 2021

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The current members of the Cambridge Youth Council, a subcommittee of the Family Policy Council, began their work in September 2020; and

WHEREAS: Over the course of the year, the members of the Cambridge Youth Council have worked on many projects addressing the persistent opportunity gaps, mental health, and other issues facing young people in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: These projects included a successful fundraising campaign in partnership with the Cambridge Community Foundation that generated over \$24,000 for many Cambridge nonprofits, organizing a youth-only presidential election discussion, participating in the Biden Transition Team meetings and Dignity in Schools Coalition, continuing to work on the Cambridge Raw Perspective, and advocating for Vote 16; and

WHEREAS: The current CYC members are:

Samia Afrose  
 Jonathan Akbari  
 Ahmed BENGHOMARI  
 Salma Boukouj  
 Routh Derege  
 Hiba Eddaif  
 Atqiya Fairouz  
 Ziya Forbes  
 Irene Hill  
 Mohammad Jihad  
 Elijah Lee Robinson  
 Isabella Lozada  
 Takeiyah McGee  
 Rhodes Pate  
 Kalijah Robinson-Mells  
 Miranda Santiago  
 Kaliab Tale; and

WHEREAS: Teena Marie Johnson has continued to help cultivate the necessary leadership skills so that these young people can make a difference in our community; and

WHEREAS: Sydney Down, a Cambridge Youth Council served as the Assistant Coordinator this year and provided invaluable support to both the members and Coordinator;



and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Youth Council contributed to the work of the Family Policy Council; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record thanking the Cambridge Youth Council members, their Coordinator Teena Marie Johnson, and Assistant Coordinator Sydney Down, for their continued work for the betterment and inclusiveness of Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record congratulating the Cambridge Youth Council Seniors Samia Afrose, Ahmed Benghomari, Routh Derege, Takeiyah McGee, and Kalijah Robinson-Mells on their graduation from Cambridge Rindge and Latin School and wish them the best on their future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution to the Cambridge Youth Council on behalf of the entire City Council with the City Council's utmost appreciation for their dedicated service to the community.



# City of Cambridge

R-2  
**FIRST IN COUNCIL**  
 June 28, 2021

## COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS: Father Walter Carreiro was ordained as a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston on May 20, 1995; and
- WHEREAS: Father Carreiro is a native of Fall River and was raised in a Portuguese bilingual/bicultural home, growing up as a parishioner at Saint Michael Church where he received the Sacraments of Initiation; and
- WHEREAS: Father Carreiro's first assignment as Parochial Vicar was at Saint Anthony Parish in Cambridge from 1995 to 2000; and
- WHEREAS: Father Walter then served a couple of other Greater Boston communities before returning to Cambridge where he was named Pastor in 2007 of the Saint Anthony Parish; and
- WHEREAS: In December 2011, Father Walter was named administrator of Saint Francis Parish and began serving on the Presbyteral Council with both Cardinal Law and Cardinal Seán; and
- WHEREAS: Father Walter is currently on the Board of Trustees of iCatholic Media and teaches Portuguese at Saint John Seminary; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record extending its thanks to Father Walter Carreiro for his many years of service as the Pastor of Saint Anthony and Saint Francis Parishes, and wish him well in his new endeavor; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Father Walter Carreiro on behalf of the entire City Council.



# City of Cambridge

O-1  
**FIRST IN COUNCIL**  
 June 28, 2021

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN  
 VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: Cambridge is home to over 5,000 licensed dogs and makes a great effort to provide a safe and healthy environment for animals; and

WHEREAS: Many pets, dogs and cats especially, often require surgery to address medical issues, including, but not limited to orthopedic issues; and

WHEREAS: Due to the often complex, post-surgery recovery, many pet owners find it difficult to provide the consistent, and often, around the clock care, needed to insure a safe and healthy recovery; and

WHEREAS: Many pet owners turn to others to provide this care for their pets; and

WHEREAS: On April 26, 2021, an application was submitted to the BZA for a variance to allow a resident the right to provide post-operative care to a dog that she did not own, and this request was denied by the BZA because there was no definition in the Table of Uses to allow this service; and

WHEREAS: This service can mean the difference between life and death of an animal because the lack of post-operative care can have devastating impacts; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge be amended to insert a new row in section 4.31 "Residential Uses" to read as follows:

	Open Space	Res A 1&2	Res B	Res C, C-1, C-1A, 2, 2A, 2B, 3, 3A, 3B	Off 1, 2A, 2, 3, 3A	Bus A-1, A-2, A-3 <sup>1</sup>	Bus A, A-4	Bus B, B-1, B-2	Bus C, C-1	Ind A-1, A-2	Ind A	Ind B-1, B-2	Ind B	Ind C
k. single animal hospice	No	SP	SP	SP	No	SP	SP	No	No	No	No	No	No	No



# City of Cambridge

O-2  
**FIRST IN COUNCIL**  
 June 28, 2021

VICE MAYOR MALLON  
 MAYOR SIDDIQUI  
 COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

- WHEREAS: Public transportation is a lifeline for our residents, especially lower-income residents and communities of color who are [more likely to lack access to cars](#); and
- WHEREAS: As our community shifts to the new normal, and as more residents work, learn, shop, and socialize outside of their homes, the burdensome cost of public transit could prevent many residents, especially vulnerable residents, from accessing this critical service; and
- WHEREAS: State Representative Christine Barber and State Senator Patricia Jehlen recently introduced two companion bills in their respective chambers, [HD.3403](#) and [SD.2340](#), An Act Relative to Fare Free Buses; and
- WHEREAS: If passed, these bills would establish a year long MBTA Fare Free Bus Pilot for at least twenty bus routes experiencing high ridership, providing much-needed economic relief for community members across the Greater Boston Area after more than a year of severe financial devastation; and
- WHEREAS: By providing an incentive for residents to opt for public transit over driving, especially after many community members became accustomed to utilizing private transportation during the pandemic, a Fare Free Bus Pilot could prove to be a powerful tool in cutting carbon emissions; and
- WHEREAS: The City Council previously adopted [a policy order](#) calling for a similar municipal pilot, and as Fare Free Bus Pilot would advance our environmental, mobility, equity, and accessibility goals, the City should express its wholehearted support of these bills; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in strong support of HD.3403 and SD.2340, An Act Relative to Fare Free Buses; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the entire Cambridge state delegation on behalf of the City Council.



# City of Cambridge

O-3  
**FIRST IN COUNCIL**  
 June 28, 2021

VICE MAYOR MALLON  
 COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

- WHEREAS: Massachusetts Avenue is currently the home of the #47 Bus terminal and start stop, but the existing Central Square route must be moved due to the reconfiguration of Carl Barron Plaza; and
- WHEREAS: The MBTA has proposed moving these stops to Green Street, a decision that would inconvenience many riders, as well as present pedestrian traffic and safety concerns; and
- WHEREAS: On an average weekday, 40%-50% of riders boarding the #47 Bus at the Mass Ave./Pearl St. stop in Central Square are transferring from the Red Line, the #1 Bus, or the #70 Bus, while 40%-50% of riders getting off at this stop transfer to the Red Line or #1 Bus, and therefore moving this stop to Green Street will take a significant portion of riders further from their transfers; and
- WHEREAS: Riders would be forced to cross Massachusetts Avenue, which has notoriously busy and dangerous intersections as well as crowded sidewalks, to access the northbound Red Line station and #1 Bus towards Harvard if the stop was moved to Green Street, which would especially put vulnerable passengers, such as seniors or persons with disabilities, at risk; and
- WHEREAS: The Cambridge Transit Advisory Committee (CTAC) has instead suggested piloting a change where the inbound #47 Bus would continue down Brookline Ave. to Mass. Ave., make a left and then stopping at the current Route 1 stop near Prospect St. (right next to the Red Line access) as its last stop, before turning around to return for outbound service at the main Central Square stop; and
- WHEREAS: Curb space could be designated on Magazine Street for the #47 Bus' layover, keeping these buses out of the busier areas on Massachusetts Avenue and Green Street, and within sight of the Carl Barron Plaza supervisor; and
- WHEREAS: CTAC's suggestion would enhance bus service for transferring passengers, while improving current MBTA layover and supervision practices at an insignificant additional deadhead routing cost; and
- WHEREAS: As more residents return to working in person, ensuring that the #47 Bus route runs smoothly, conveniently, and safely is a matter of transit justice; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of the Cambridge Transit Advisory Committee's suggested configuration for the #47 Bus; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the MBTA on behalf of the entire City Council.



# City of Cambridge

O-4  
**FIRST IN COUNCIL**  
 June 28, 2021

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
 MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Over the course of the past 16 months, residents living in the Agassiz Neighborhood have been in discussions with one another to determine whether there is a desire to change the neighborhood's name; and

WHEREAS: This process was [initially brought to the City Council's attention in February 2020](#), at which time the [City Council voted in favor](#) of endorsing the neighborhood residents' discussions around this potential name change, and in asking the City to assist with furthering these discussions; and

WHEREAS: This process was most recently detailed in a [communication the City Council received](#) on June 21, 2021 from the Agassiz Neighborhood Council; and

WHEREAS: The members of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council reported that, while there were some dissenting opinions, the clear majority of the neighborhood's residents do wish for their neighborhood to be renamed and referred to from this point forward as the Baldwin Neighborhood; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record endorsing the Agassiz Neighborhood name being changed to the Baldwin Neighborhood in honor of [Maria L. Baldwin](#).



# City of Cambridge

O-5  
**FIRST IN COUNCIL**  
 June 28, 2021

VICE MAYOR MALLON  
 MAYOR SIDDIQUI  
 COUNCILLOR NOLAN

**WHEREAS:** On March 17, 2020, the City instituted a Temporary Work Policy for non-essential City employees to help protect our community from the threat of COVID; and

**WHEREAS:** As vaccines have become readily available, more City employees have returned to work in-person, and the City plans to have all employees working in-person by the end of July, with extensions to September for those with COVID-related health or childcare concerns; and

**WHEREAS:** Now that we are beginning to move towards a new normal, we must acknowledge that the City's temporary remote work policy provided our employees with much-needed flexibility, and that many employees would benefit from a permanent, non-COVID-related remote work policy without narrow eligibility parameters; and

**WHEREAS:** A Committee to Examine the Feasibility of a Future Telework Policy was recently announced, but the Committee's recommendations would likely not be implemented before January 2022; and

**WHEREAS:** There has been a complete shift in the way people work in the past sixteen months, and many employers are currently offering greater flexibility and a permanent remote work option, which are quickly proving to be an attractive benefit for many job candidates weighing different offers, and is becoming the norm in many industries; and

**WHEREAS:** The City prides itself in employing highly-qualified and dedicated personnel to serve our residents, but if we want to remain a competitive employer, and ensure we recruit and retain the best candidates possible, we must follow other employers and quickly implement a permanent remote work policy for City employees; now therefore be it

**ORDERED:** That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Personnel Department, and other relevant City departments to examine and implement a flexible, permanent remote work policy for City employees who can perform their tasks remotely; and be it further

**ORDERED:** That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City departments to conduct a survey to gauge employee interest in a permanent remote work option; and be it further

**ORDERED:** That the City Manager report back to the City Council by the August 2, 2021 regular summer meeting.





# City of Cambridge

O-6  
**FIRST IN COUNCIL**  
 June 28, 2021

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN  
 MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that lifelong Cambridge resident and CRLS alum Luca Gibson has tragically passed away at the young age of 23; and

WHEREAS: Luca was a cherished member of the Cambridge community and a good friend to all who knew them; and

WHEREAS: Luca was a gifted artist who as a CRLS student [won](#) a National Scholastic Award in Photography for their photograph titled *A Class Act*, one of just 25 student artworks from around the country to earn a National Gold Key and be featured for an entire year in the President's Committee of the Arts and the Humanities office in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS: Luca was a passionate advocate for environmental justice who would often testify before the City Council in support of protecting and expanding Cambridge's tree canopy; and

WHEREAS: Luca's passing will leave a void in the lives of all their surviving family, parents Bob Gibson and Lolly Lincoln, sister Hannah, brother Elias, and countless friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS: Luca's light will be sorely missed by all they touched and loved; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record extending its deepest condolences to the family of Luca Gibson for their tremendous loss; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the DPW and the family to install a suitable memorial in a meaningful location, including a new tree planting, to honor the life of Luca Gibson and the many contributions they made to the City of Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the family of Luca Gibson on behalf of the entire City Council.





# City of Cambridge

O-7  
**FIRST IN COUNCIL**  
 June 28, 2021

COUNCILLOR CARLONE  
 MAYOR SIDDIQUI  
 COUNCILLOR NOLAN  
 COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

- WHEREAS: Many properties in Cambridge are owned, operated and maintained by condominium boards consisting of individual owners whose interest may be in conflict with each other; and
- WHEREAS: Condominium bylaws generally require a majority vote of condominium owners to approve construction and maintenance; and
- WHEREAS: A significant structural problem exists at 86 Kirkland Street as well as other locations throughout the city due to previous renovation work that did not meet the safety and structural standards of the Massachusetts Building Code, a general lack of maintenance, and/or an improperly installed and unprotected roofing membrane resulting in ongoing water leaks that together threaten the stability of any building; and
- WHEREAS: In the 86 Kirkland Street example - three out of five voting members - will not approve repairs to the building; and
- WHEREAS: The owner of the ground floor storefront unit wishes to renovate and resume renting the space and in doing so hired contractors who confirmed the lack of structural integrity and significant water damage is a serious danger for all of the building occupants; and
- WHEREAS: Two separate structural engineers (see attached reports) stated that the building should not be occupied without the necessary structural and roof repairs; and
- WHEREAS: Cambridge Inspectional Services has sent a Safety/Structural Violation Notice to the condominium association to no avail; and
- WHEREAS: The City's Inspectional Services Department can neither grant a construction permit nor require all condominium owners pay their fair share to restore any building's structural integrity and/or replace the roof membrane without a majority of condominium owners approving the necessary construction; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to prepare an ordinance which allows individual condominium owners the ability to obtain a City construction permit to repair known structural and other safety violations even without a majority of the building's condominium owners' vote of approval.



**TLH CONSULTING, INC.**

**Structural Engineering**

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September 29, 2020

Adam Glassman  
GCD Architects  
2 Worthington Street  
Cambridge, MA 02138

Regarding: Existing Structural Evaluation – Second Floor Framing  
88-86 Kirkland Street, Cambridge, MA

Dear Adam:

As you are aware, we recently observed and evaluated the first and second floor framing members associated with 86-88 Kirkland Street. While on site, we noted several second floor framing members requiring supplementation, many members requiring repair, and a few members requiring replacement. These noted structural members present a safety hazard to the building and the occupants of the building.

There are two to three existing second floor joists with notches, holes, and rot. The joists are likely to fail at any time and require immediate supplementation. The joists frame to an existing wood beam; the beam also has some rot and some notches. Due to the noted rot, the beam is in danger of failing and needs to be replaced.

There is an existing steel beam supporting the second floor. The beam is supported by steel columns at each end of the beam. The columns are poorly connected to the beam, and poorly connected to the structure at the base of the columns. The beams are also not properly braced at the ends. The columns should be replaced and the beam needs to be properly braced.

There is an existing wood beam supporting the second floor that appears to be constructed with boards and 2x4's. The beam seems to be working, but the construction of the beam is structurally unacceptable. The beam needs to be replaced.

There is another existing wood beam that framed from an existing wall to an existing steel beam. The wood beam to steel beam connection is non-existent. The beam is severely notched and bears directly on the bottom of the steel beam. This beam is unsafe and needs to be replaced.

The items addressed in the body of this letter report are items requiring attention regardless of planned work at the first floor level. The listed items relate to existing second floor structural conditions requiring attention from a safety and structural stability standpoint. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me at the office (978) 313-5192.

Sincerely,

Todd L.T. Hedly, P.E.  
cc: file  
Proj. No. 2007261

Attachment: Attach to PO (POR 2021 #153 : Dangerous Building Conditions)

**MICHELE CUDILO, P.E.**  
Consulting Structural Engineer

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Katerina Ignatiev Danilov  
86 Kirkland St.  
Cambridge, MA 02138

DATE: October , 2020

RE: **Mixed Use Condominium Building at  
86 KIRKLAND ST., CAMBRIDGE, MA**

Dear Ms. Danilov,

Please be advised that the above captioned project has been reviewed with you, the majority of tenants, the Unit #1 owner, Patricia Birchem, her attorney, Raymond, her structural engineer, Todd Hedley, P.E. and assistant engineer, Nick, TLH Engineering, her Architect, Adam Glassman, GCD Architects, and Thad with Tedco, Contractor for first floor roof drain line re-routing, on October 26, 2020 to review the apartment building following construction drawing and estimate submittals by the Unit #1 Owner to the condominium board.

Referring to the structural drawings, developed post-demolition of the first floor unit ceiling, by TLH Engineering, the following items were reviewed and deemed necessary work to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor framing. Note that all work is in the same area, i.e. rear center section. [See attached key plan.]

1. Rear center right side timber beam and wall replacement: new 3-ply 14" Laminated Veneer Lumber, LVL, 19' long, flush beam on new timber columns to correct substandard framing conditions;
2. Rear center left side steel beam replacement: new W14x68 on steel columns, 24' long, dropped beam to correct substandard W14 steel beam and column support;
3. Rear center left header and wall replacement: new 3-ply 20" LVL or 4-ply 16" LVL or W10x45 on new columns to correct substandard framing conditions;
4. Rear center left new steel beam: CMU wall enclosure being removed, requires longer beam, using W10x45 on new columns to also correct substandard framing conditions;
5. Existing rear center steel beam re-use: the existing W10 will be re-attached to new beam 2 to carry new beam 4.

It is understood that a roofer will be hired by the condominium association to address the roof drainage conditions of the highest level roof and the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor decking drainage. This work is best accomplished in tandem with the unit 1 re-routing of drainage piping. Toward that end, this office went to the upper roof and determined the following:

1. The upper roof has (2) roof drains. There are minor ponding areas, and some soft areas in the insulation underlying the black membrane. It is understood that there is a proposal for re-roofing.
2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor deck roof drains: As stated in this office's original structural report of July, 2020:

The imminently required rear deck drainage system and repairs to the membrane and affected plywood sheathing and possible areas of rotted joist replacement, together with the architectural program must be addressed in collaboration at the onset.

I trust this report meets your needs at this time. Please call should you require any further review.

Sincerely,  
Michele Cudilo, P.E.



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Attachment: Attach to PO (POR 2021 #153 : Dangerous Building Conditions)



# City of Cambridge

O-8  
**FIRST IN COUNCIL**  
 June 28, 2021

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER  
 VICE MAYOR MALLON  
 MAYOR SIDDIQUI  
 COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge’s multi-member bodies, such as its Boards and Commissions, form an important part of local government and have significant input and decision-making power in areas including elections, land-use, policing, historical designations, and beyond; and
- WHEREAS: Participating as a member of these bodies is a significant time commitment, with many meetings happening during the evening, and members who are not already salaried City employees have not traditionally received compensation from the City; and
- WHEREAS: Equity in decision-making on City bodies has long been a goal of the City Council and efforts have been made following the [April 12, 2021 Policy Order](#) to schedule a meeting to discuss recommendations to diversify participation and representation; and
- WHEREAS: City staff have noted at Council meetings that attracting a large and varied applicant pool for vacant positions, and being able to reflect the diversity of Cambridge in the selection process, is often challenging because the positions are all-volunteer and a large time commitment; and
- WHEREAS: Other cities in Massachusetts including Somerville, Medford, and Leominster offer stipends for some Board and Commission members in recognition of the time and effort the positions entail; and
- WHEREAS: Adding stipends for Cambridge’s multi-member bodies, especially those that are most time intensive, is one important way the City could attract and retain members who reflect the diversity of Cambridge but who could not otherwise afford to make a significant additional time commitment to serve as a volunteer; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to work with members of the Finance and Personnel Departments to review other cities’ stipend models as well as the average time commitment for Cambridge’s various member multi-member bodies, including the City’s Boards and Commissions, and report back to the City Council on what role stipends could play in attracting and retaining members who reflect the diversity and talent of Cambridge.



# City of Cambridge

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 June 28, 2021

## COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

- WHEREAS:** Ware Street is a short but busy street in Mid-Cambridge that contains a significant residential and commercial presence and also serves as a through street between Harvard and Broadway Streets; and
- WHEREAS:** The intersection of Ware Street and Harvard Street is frequently used by vehicles and pedestrians, with vehicles turning both directions onto Harvard Street from Ware Street; and
- WHEREAS:** The intersection's current configuration and signage create limited visibility and make it at times dangerous both for pedestrians attempting to cross Ware Street and drivers trying to make the turn off of Ware Street into oncoming traffic on Harvard Street; and
- WHEREAS:** At least one pedestrian injury that necessitated emergency services has resulted from a crash with a driver at the intersection recently; now therefore be it
- ORDERED:** That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department to examine the intersection of Ware Street and Harvard Street to see if a safer design is possible; and further be it
- ORDERED:** That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council.



# City of Cambridge

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 June 28, 2021

MAYOR SIDDIQUI  
 VICE MAYOR MALLON  
 COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
 COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: Massachusetts law allows towns and cities to adopt, by a 2/3rd vote of their local legislative bodies, local ordinances or bylaws regulating condominium conversion that are stronger than, or which otherwise differ from, the statewide law; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge formerly had local condominium conversion laws that were based on special rent control authority, but those laws were removed after rent control was phased out in 1994-1996; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has not yet adopted a local condominium ordinance under the authority of the statewide condominium law; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Condominium Conversion Statute, Chapter 527 of the Acts of 1983, provides that (1) tenants have one year before they must leave or two years if they are handicapped, elderly or low or moderate income; (2) there is a limit on rent increases (up to 10%); (3) tenants have a 90 day purchase period and (4) tenants receive a relocation payment of \$750 or \$1,000 if “protected tenant”; and

WHEREAS: In 1999, [Boston revised its condominium Conversion Ordinance](#) to increase its notice requirements to an automatic five years for low-income or elderly residents, limiting rent increases per year, increasing relocation costs, among many more protections and supports; and

WHEREAS: In December 2019, Mayor Siddiqui and Councilor McGovern submitted the [Mayor’s Task Force on Tenant Displacement](#) with a set of preliminary recommendations for a citywide condominium conversion ordinance, including: additional protections for elderly, disabled and low to moderate income tenants; written notice of intent to convert, including that the City should receive a copy of any condo conversion notice provided by a property owner; the City develop an extensive educational outreach effort that would reach tenants occupying any and all units subject to the ordinance on a periodic basis; the City should contract with one or more local mediators and refer disputes to a mediator (with the tenant’s cost covered by the City); and

WHEREAS: In our efforts to reduce and prevent displacement of tenants, it is critical that Cambridge consider a condominium conversion ordinance that provides stronger protections for Cambridge tenants; now therefore be it



ORDERED: This Policy Order be referred to the Housing Committee for further discussion; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Law Department, Cambridge Development Department, and the City Manager's Housing Liaison to discuss and advise on a condominium conversion ordinance that includes and is as follows:

- (a) The recommendations listed in the Tenant Displacement Task Force Report;
- (b) Automatic five-year notice requirements for low-to-moderate income, elderly and/or handicapped residents;
- (c) A resident's right to purchase time frame of no less than 180 days;
- (d) Regulations in the event the tenant chooses not to buy, that the landlord to not sell converted condo at a lower price for 180 days; and
- (e) Relocation costs for residents to move is at least \$10,000.

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING PROTECTION FOR TENANTS FACING  
DISPLACEMENT BY CONDOMINIUM COOPERATIVE CONVERSION PURSUANT  
TO CITY'S AUTHORITY UNDER ST. 1983, C. 527**

WHEREAS, in 1983, the State Legislature adopted Chapters 527 of the Acts of 1983, in which the General Court found and declared that a serious emergency exists within the Commonwealth with respect to the housing of a substantial number of the citizens of the Commonwealth. This rental housing emergency created by prolonged increases in housing costs at a rate substantially exceeding increases in personal income, by housing abandonment, and by increased costs of new housing construction and finance has been greatly exacerbated by the effect of conversion of rental housing into condominiums or cooperatives. Currently the combination of a booming housing market with extraordinarily high rental prices and an extremely low vacancy rate makes it extremely difficult for many tenants, including elders, low and moderate income tenants, and tenants with disabilities, to relocate. In order to adequately protect these tenants facing displacement as a result of condominium conversion, they must receive further protection from the consequence of such conversion than the law now affords. The current housing crisis and the threat of displacement as a result of condominium conversion poses a serious threat to the public health, safety, and general welfare of the: citizens of the Commonwealth, particularly the elderly, the handicapped, and persons and families of low and moderate income. It is therefore necessary-that such emergency be dealt with immediately; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Chapter 527 of the Acts of 193 provides that any city or town may, by ordinance or by-law, impose provisions or requirements to regulate for the protection of tenants with respect to the conversion of housing accommodations, as defined therein, to the condominium or cooperative forms of ownership and evictions related thereto which differ from those set forth in Chapter 527, upon a two-thirds vote of the City Council with the approval of the Mayor, and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Chapter 527 of the Acts of 1983 also provides that local legislative action to impose provisions or requirements to regulate for the protection of tenants with respect to the conversion of housing accommodations to the condominium or cooperative forms of ownership and evictions related thereto which differ from those set forth in Chapter 527 must be accompanied by a declaration, in the form of findings, that local conditions constitute an acute rental housing emergency requiring local action, on account of the aggravating impact of the facts set forth in Section 1 of Chapter 527; and

WHEREAS, prior and subsequent to Chapter 527 of the Acts of 1983, following declarations of emergency by the City Council and the State legislature; the City of Cambridge adopted ordinances for the protection of tenants with respect to the conversion of housing accommodations to the condominium or cooperative forms of ownership and evictions related thereto pursuant to the authority granted to it under its rent and eviction control enabling laws, including Chapter 36 of the Acts of 1976, extending such protections to rent-controlled accommodations; and -

WHEREAS, during the 1970's over one thousand nine hundred units of rental housing in the City of Cambridge were removed from the rental market due to conversion to the condominium or cooperative form of ownership; and

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WHEREAS, in August 1979 the City of Cambridge enacted Section 8.44 of the Cambridge Municipal Code which regulated eviction due to condominium conversion; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the City's regulation of condominium or cooperative conversion, tenant displacement by reason of condominium or cooperative conversion eviction substantially abated; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 282 of the Acts of 1994 provided that rent and eviction protections should continue in effect for certain low-income tenants in rent-controlled units until December 31, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Section 3 of Chapter 282 of the Acts of 1994 provides that cities or towns in which rent control authority ended retain their rights under Chapter 527 of the Acts of 1983, to enact local ordinances to provide tenant protections regarding condominium or cooperative conversions and evictions resulting therefrom which may be different from the protections found in Chapter 527 of the Acts of 1983; and

WHEREAS; with the adoption of Chapter 282 of the Acts of 1994 and M.G.L. e. 40P eviction protections ended under rent control enabling laws; and

WHEREAS, there continues to be a high rate of conversion of rental unit to the condominium form of ownership and a sharp escalation in the cost of both rental housing and housing for purchase in the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS, many of the state and federal housing programs that serve low and moderate income tenants, and elderly and handicapped tenants, are reduced, leaving many households with fewer affordable alternative if they are displaced; and

WHEREAS. the City of Cambridge wishes to adopt legislation which would protect tenants who are in occupancy of units at the time that such units are first converted or individually sold as condominium or cooperative units from displacement due to condominium or cooperative conversion, and provide protections for those tenants while they pursue other housing alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cambridge wishes to insure that future condominium or cooperative conversions comply with all condominium and cooperative conversion laws, that tenants are not constructively evicted from their units because of such conversion, and that where displacement occurs tenants are given proper notice of their rights and options. including the right to purchase their dwelling unit,

Now, therefore, the City Council declares, in accordance with Section 2, Paragraph: 4 of Chapter 527 of the Acts of 1983, that current conditions in the City of Cambridge constitute an acute rental housing emergency requiring action by the City, on account of the aggravating impact of those factors enumerated in Section 1 of Chapter 527 of the: Acts of 1983, and because of prolonged increases in housing costs at a rate substantially exceeding increases in personal income, by reductions in state and federal affordable housing programs, and by the effect of conversion of rental housing into condominiums or cooperatives, thus reducing the remaining stock of rental housing and resulting in threats of displacement to existing tenants, particularly those of low- and

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moderate-income and those who are elderly or who are people with disabilities, and an inability of those tenants to secure comparable replacement housing;

The City Council further declares that pursuant to its powers under Section 2 of Chapter 527 of the Acts of 1983, the City of Cambridge hereby establishes certain additional protections for tenants living in housing accommodations which are, or which may in the future be, converted to the condominium or cooperatives form of ownership, so as to minimize involuntary displacement as a result of condominium or cooperative conversion and evictions related thereto particularly for those who are elderly, who are people with disabilities and/or who are of low and moderate income, and the City of Cambridge hereby establishes a regulatory scheme to ensure that future conversion of housing accommodations to the condominium or cooperative form of ownership is carried out in compliance with this ordinance, in a manner that avoids constructive or direct tenant displacement except as otherwise authorized by law, and in a manner that gives tenants and designated housing agencies an opportunity to exercise rights to purchase units so as to minimize displacement and to maximize the ability of tenants facing displacement to relocate into suitable replacement housing, that Chapter 8.44 of the Cambridge Municipal Code shall be stricken, and this ordinance shall be adopted in its stead.

When used in this ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- a. Chapter 527: The terms "Chapter 527" and "Chapter 527 of the Acts of 1983" shall refer to Chapter 527 of the Acts of 1983, as amended from time to time.
- b. Comparable housing: Housing of similar size, with similar amenities would not require a change in school enrollment for minor school age children.
- c. Convert. The submission of a housing accommodation to the condominium form of ownership by executing and/or recording a master deed or assignment of lease pursuant to chapter 183A of the General Laws; or the act of submitting a housing accommodation to the cooperative form of ownership under articles of organization creating a housing cooperative in pursuant to chapter 156B, 157, 157B or any other provisions of the General Laws.
- d. Condominium or Cooperative Conversion Eviction. An eviction of a tenant for the purpose of removing such tenant from a housing accommodation in order to facilitate the initial bona fide sale and transfer of legal title to that housing accommodation as a condominium or cooperative unit to a prospective purchaser; or an eviction of a tenant by any other person who has purchased a housing accommodation as a condominium or cooperative unit where the tenant whose eviction is sought was a resident of the housing accommodation at the time the notice of intent to convert is given or should have been given as provided in Section 4 below. For purposes of this ordinance, the word "eviction" shall include, without limitation, any action by an owner of a housing accommodation which causes substantial deprivation of a tenant's beneficial use of such housing accommodation, materially impairs such tenant's beneficial enjoyment of such housing accommodation; or is intended to compel such tenant to vacate or to be constructively evicted from such housing accommodation.
- e. Condominium or Cooperative Unit: A unit in a housing condominium as that term is defined in chapter 183A of the General laws; or a unit in a housing cooperative which has been organized under the provisions of chapter 156B, 157, or 157B of the General Laws, or any other provision of the General Laws.

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- f. Department: the Department of Community Development of the City of Cambridge.
- g. Conversion Permit: A document issued by the Department, pursuant to this ordinance, which authorizes conversion of housing accommodations to the condominium or cooperative form of ownership.
- h. Elderly Tenant: A tenant or tenant household in which at least one member is at least sixty years of age as of the date of receipt of any Notice of Intent to Convert required by Section 4, or, if no such notice is delivered, the date the tenant exercises any right under this ordinance.
- i. Tenant with Disabilities: A tenant or tenant household in which at least one member is physically handicapped as defined by Section 13A of Chapter 22 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or physically, emotionally or mentally handicapped as defined by 29 U.S.C. Section 706(7)(b), as of the date of receipt of any Notice of Intent to Convert required by Section 4, or, if no such notice is delivered, the date the tenant exercises any right under this ordinance.
- j. Housing Accommodation: Any building; structure or part thereof or land appurtenant thereto of any other real or personal property rented or offered for rent for living or dwelling purposes, within the City, including without limitation, houses, apartments, condominium units, cooperative units, rooming or boarding house units, and other properties used for living or dwelling purposes, together with all services connected with the use or occupancy of such property; but not including:
  - i. Housing accommodations which the United States or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or any authority created under the laws thereof either owns or operates;
  - ii. Housing accommodations in any hospital, convent, monastery, asylum, public institution, of college or school dormitory operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes, or in any nursing or rest home for the aged;
  - iii. Buildings or structures containing fewer than three residential units, except that housing accommodations which together consist of two or more adjacent, adjoining or contiguous buildings under common legal or beneficial ownership which are used in whole or in part for residential purposes, and which contain three or more units shall constitute a single structure for the purposes of this ordinance; or
  - iv. Housing accommodations in hotels, motels, inns, tourist homes, and rooming and boarding houses which are occupied by transient guests staying for a period of fewer than fourteen consecutive calendar days.

Provided further, that the following housing accommodations shall remain within the meaning of the term "housing accommodation", as defined by Chapter 527 of the Acts of 1983, shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 527, and shall not be subject to the additional provisions or requirements of this ordinance:

- i. Housing accommodations constructed, or created by conversion from a non-housing to a housing use, on or after November 30, 1983,
- ii. housing accommodations which were constructed or substantially rehabilitated pursuant to any federal mortgage insurance program, without any interest subsidy or tenant subsidy attached thereto; and

- iii. housing accommodations financed through the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, with an interest subsidy attached thereto, so long as such properties remain subject to such financing.
- k. **Housing Services:** Services and facilities provided by an owner or required by law or by the terms of a rental housing agreement to be provided by an owner to a tenant in connection with the use and occupancy of any housing accommodation, including without limitation, services, furniture, furnishings, and equipment; repairs, decorating, and maintenance; provisions of light, heat, hot water, cold water, telephone and elevator service; kitchen, bath, and laundry facilities and privileges; use of halls, corridors, stairs, common rooms, yards and other common areas; maid service, linen service, janitorial service, removal of refuse, parking facilities, and any other benefit, privilege, or facility connected with the use or occupancy of any housing accommodation. Housing services to a housing accommodation shall include a proportionate share of the services provided to common facilities of the building in which the housing accommodation is located.
- l. **Intent to Convert:** The intent to make the initial sale and transfer of title to a housing accommodation as one or more condominium or cooperative units pursuant to an individual unit deed or deeds, or, in the case of a cooperative, a proprietary lease. Factors which shall be considered in determining whether an owner has the intent to convert shall include, but not be limited to the following:
- i. the owner has applied for a conversion permit pursuant to Section 4;
  - ii. a master deed or articles of organization has been prepared or recorded;
  - iii. the owner has prepared, or is preparing a purchase and sale agreement for the sale of any unit in a housing accommodation as a condominium or cooperative unit;
  - iv. the owner has advertised for sale any unit in the housing accommodation as a condominium or cooperative unit;
  - v. the owner has shown to any prospective purchaser any unit in the housing accommodation for sale as a condominium or cooperative unit;
  - vi. the owner has made any communication, written or oral, to any person residing in the housing accommodation, or to any other person, expressly indicating an intent to sell any unit as a condominium or cooperative unit;
  - vii. the owner has had any unit in the housing accommodation measured or inspected to facilitate the sale of the unit as a condominium or cooperative unit;
  - viii. the owner has had the land surveyed, an engineering study performed or architectural plans prepared for the purpose of converting such housing accommodation into one or more condominium or cooperative units;
  - ix. the owner has sought rent increases, or proposed rent increases, for the housing accommodation, in excess of ten percent for the twelve month period prior to the termination or the tenancy or the commencement of the eviction;
  - x. an excessive number of evictions, terminations of tenancies, or other deprivations of use by tenants in the twelve month period prior to the termination of the tenancy or the eviction; and
  - xi. the owner is holding units vacant in the housing accommodation with the intent of facilitating the sale of said units as condominium or cooperative units; provided, however, that vacancies due to tenant turn-over, or to permit repairs in the ordinary course of business shall not by themselves be considered as a factor in determining whether an owner has the intent to convert.

- m. **Owner:** The individual who holds title to any housing accommodation in any manner, including without limitation a partnership, limited partnership, corporation or trust. For purposes of this ordinance, the rights and duties of the owner hereunder shall also be the obligation of anyone who manages, controls, or customarily accepts rent on behalf of the owner.
- n. **Low Income Tenant.** A tenant or group of tenants, all of whom occupy the same dwelling unit, whose total income for the twelve months immediately preceding the date of any notice or the exercising of any rights, whichever may occur later; is not more than fifty percent of the adjusted median income for the area as determined by regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to Section 8 of the Housing Act of 1937, as amended, and calculated pursuant to said regulations.
- o. **Moderate Income Tenant.** A tenant or group of tenants, all of whom occupy the same dwelling unit, whose total income for the twelve months immediately preceding the date of any notice or the exercising of any rights, whichever may occur later, is not more than eighty percent of the adjusted median income for the area as determined by regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to Section 8 of the Housing Act of 1937, as amended, and calculated pursuant to said regulations.
- p. **Rent:** The consideration, including without limitation, all bonuses, benefits, gratuities, or charges contingent or otherwise, demanded or received for, or in connection with, the use or occupancy of a housing accommodation, for housing services, or for the transfer of a lease of a housing accommodation.
- q. **Rental Housing Agreement.** An agreement, oral, written, or implied, between an owner and a tenant for the use and occupancy of a housing accommodation and for housing services.
- r. **Review Board.** The City of Cambridge Condominium Review Board described in this ordinance hereunder.
- r. **Tenant:** A tenant, subtenant, lessee, sublessee, or other person lawfully occupying the housing accommodation.

### Section 3.- Conversion Permits.

- a. **Applicability.** The provisions of this section shall be in effect until such time as the Department determines that the vacancy rate for housing accommodations in the City of Cambridge exceeds five percent per annum.
- b. **Conversion Permit Required.** It shall be unlawful for any owner or other person to convert any housing accommodation to the condominium or cooperative form of ownership, and no such conversion shall be effective, unless the Department has granted a conversion permit. In the event that a unit which the owner seeks to convert is not occupied at the time the permit is sought, the permit process shall follow Section 5. (b) (“Vacant Units”) as described in this ordinance. . The Department may promulgate such regulations as are necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section and prescribe, consistent with this section, the procedure for applications, notice, and the grant and review of conversion permits. Issuance of a conversion permit does not relieve any person of compliance with this ordinance or other laws.
- c. **Application for and Issuance of Conversion Permits.** Upon submission of an application that meets the criteria of this section, including a determination that the landlord did not engage in condominium or cooperative conversion eviction in violation of this Ordinance,

- the Department shall issue a conversion permit for each housing accommodation. The application and a copy of the conversion permit shall be kept on file at the Department and certified copies shall be available upon payment of a reasonable fee. Such copies shall be made available without fee to low and moderate income individuals.
- d. Criteria for Approval of Inversion Permits. An application shall be approved if:
- i. The application contains a complete description of the housing accommodations and the land on which the housing accommodations are located, including:
    1. A description of each building, stating the address, the number of stories, and the number of units;
    2. The unit designation of each unit; and a statement of its location, approximate area, number of rooms and immediate common area to which it has access, and any other information necessary for its proper identification;
    3. A description of the common areas and facilities, and the proportionate interest of each unit therein;
    4. A set of floor plans of the building or buildings, showing the layout, location, unit numbers and dimensions of the units;
    5. A statement of the purposes for which the building and each of the units are intended and the restrictions, if any, as to their use; and
    6. The name, address and telephone number of the owner or lessor, and the same address and telephone number of any corporation, trust, association or other entity which will manage the condominium or cooperative upon conversion;
  - ii. The application contains a list of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the tenants in residence in the housing accommodation at the time of the application;
  - iii. The owner has not, during the twelve month period prior to the date of the application for a conversion permit, engaged in condominium or cooperative conversion evictions; and
  - iv. The owner certifies that he has complied or will comply with the notice, eviction, rent increase, relocation, right to purchase and other provisions of this Ordinance. Such certification shall include copies of all notices required to be delivered to tenants of housing accommodations pursuant to this ordinance.
- e. Information from Tenants. The Department shall request additional information from the tenants residing in the housing accommodation subject to an application sufficient to determine that the owner has complied with the criteria for approval of a conversion permit, as provided in this section.
- f. Notice of Application for a Conversion Permit: The owner shall notify each tenant of a housing accommodation subject to an application that the owner has applied for a conversion permit, and that the application may be viewed at the offices of the Department during regular business hours.
- g. Issuance of Conversion Permit; Notice to Tenants. Upon issuance of a conversion permit to an owner by the Department, the owner shall deliver to each tenant of all housing accommodations subject to the permit a notice of issuance of the permit, on a form provided by the Department. The notice shall state in clear and conspicuous language:
  - i. that a conversion permit has been granted;
  - ii. that any tenant residing in the housing accommodation on the date the permit is issued shall have a period of time which shall be stated in the Notice of Intent to



- Seek Possession as provided in Section 5 before which the tenant can be evicted in order to facilitate sale or occupancy of the unit;
- iii. that any tenant residing in the housing accommodation on the date the permit is issued shall have a right to purchase the accommodation, as provided in Section 4 of this ordinance; and
- iv. a statement of the rights and obligations specified in Sections 5 and 6 of this ordinance.

**Section 4: Notice of Intent to Convert; Right to Purchase.**

- a. Notice of Intent to Convert. In addition to any other notice required by this ordinance: an owner of a housing accommodation must provide a tenant with a Notice of Intent to Convert prior to the offering of such a unit for sale as a condominium or cooperative unit. Such written notice must be translated into the tenant’s primary language if a need for such translation has been identified or is otherwise apparent to a reasonable person. Such notice shall state in clear and conspicuous language:
  - i. that the owner has converted or is seeking to convert the accommodation to a condominium or cooperative form of ownership;
  - ii. that any tenant residing in the housing accommodation shall have a right to purchase the accommodation, as provided in this section; and
  - iii. that the tenant shall have a right to purchase the housing accommodation on terms and conditions described in the notice. Said terms and conditions shall be substantially the same as or more favorable than those which the owner extends to the public generally for the ninety days following the expiration of the tenant's right to purchase. This notice may be served simultaneously with the notice of permit issuance required in 3(g) above.
  - iv. that there is a permit review process involving (1) a preliminary hearing after service of this notice and (2) a final hearing for a Conversion Permit at the end of the Notice Period or upon vacancy of the tenant, in addition to hearings as necessary that may be initiated by the tenants, owner or the City. These hearings shall be before the City and the tenant and owner shall be notified of the date and time at least two weeks prior to the hearing date. The tenant and owner shall have a right to attend any such hearings and to present evidence as to whether the owner has or has not met the requirements of this Condominium Conversion Ordinance.
  
- b. Vacant Units - If an owner has an intent to convert an unoccupied housing accommodation to the condominium or cooperative form of ownership, the owner shall give one year advance notice to the City on a prescribed form. This one year waiting period requirement shall not apply under the following circumstances:
  - (i) Where the unit had been previously owner occupied for the 12 months immediately preceding the unit becoming vacant; or
  - (ii) Where the City or Designee purchases the vacant unit for the purpose of deed-restricting it for affordability; or
  - (iii) Where the owner is selling the unit to a family member

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- c. Right to Purchase.
- i. Initial right to purchase. An owner shall extend to a tenant who is entitled to receive notice of intent to convert an exclusive right to purchase such tenant's unit from the owner prior to the expiration of 180 days after the date of receipt of the Notice of Intent to Convert. The tenant's initial right to purchase shall expire at the end of said 180 days. Once the owner sets these terms of sale, the owner may not sell the unit under more favorable terms for 90 days from the expiration of the tenant's right to purchase. The tenant may exercise the right to purchase the tenant's unit by executing such purchase and sale agreement within the applicable period, whereupon the owner shall promptly countersign the agreement.
  - ii. Second right of purchase. For any housing accommodation where a tenant does not exercise the initial right to purchase, the owner shall give written notice to the tenant of a bona fide offer from a third party to purchase the accommodation which the owner accepts or is willing to accept. Said notice shall include a proposed purchase and sale agreement stating the terms and conditions of said offer, and shall notify the tenant of the right to purchase the accommodation, provided that any purchase by the tenant shall meet or exceed the terms and conditions of the third party offer. Failure of the tenant to execute the purchase and sale agreement with the owner within fourteen days of receipt of said notice shall terminate all rights of purchase by the tenant. At the request of the owner, the Department, or on the tenant's own initiative, the tenant may voluntarily waive in writing the second right of purchase provided herein, at any time prior to the expiration of the fourteen days. The owner need not comply with the terms of this Section if the price accepted by the owner exceeds the price offered to the tenant under the initial right to purchase.
- d. Notice to the Condominium Review Board. The owner of the housing accommodation shall provide a copy of all notices required by this section to the Department at the time said notices are delivered to the tenant of the housing accommodation. In the event that the tenant does not exercise the initial right to purchase the accommodation, the Department, the Cambridge Housing Authority ("Authority") and any not-for-profit designee of the Department or the Authority, shall have an additional thirty days to purchase the accommodation on the same terms and conditions stated in the Notice of Intent to Convert. In the event that the tenant waives the second right to purchase, as provided herein. The Department may exercise the tenant's second right to purchase and shall have the right to purchase the accommodation on terms and conditions that meet or exceed the third party offer. The provisions in this Section are designed to better enable tenants in residency of a housing accommodation at the time the owner serves or should have served the tenants with a notice of intent to convert to remain in their units through the encouragement of non-profit ownership.
- e. Notice to Subsequent Tenants. If a tenant who is entitled to receive a Notice of Intent to Convert pursuant to this section vacates the housing accommodation before the initial offer of such accommodation for sale, then the owner shall give each prospective tenant of the accommodation written notice, prior to the inception of the tenancy, which informs the prospective tenant. that the accommodation is a condominium or cooperative unit, and, if applicable, that the unit is currently being offered for sale or will be offered for sale within ninety days of the inception of the tenancy.
- f. The owner shall not commence any condominium or cooperative conversion eviction prior to the expiration of the tenant's initial right to purchase.

g. Renting Units During Conversion

(i) If an owner intends to sell or offer for sale fewer than all of the units in a housing accommodation, within the applicable notice period or a reasonable time thereafter, the owner shall give to each tenant in a unit not for sale a notice which (a) informs such tenant of the date when the owner reasonably expects to offer the tenant's unit for sale and (b) states that, on or about such date, the owner will give to the tenant the notice required by this ordinance hereunder; and thereafter, at such time as the owner is ready to offer the unit for sale, the owner shall give the tenant then occupying such unit the notice required by this ordinance hereunder. The notice required herein must be translated into the tenant's primary language if a need for such translation has been identified or is otherwise apparent to a reasonable person.

(ii) If a tenant who is entitled to receive the notice of intent to convert vacates such tenant's unit either before the initial sale and transfer of title to the residential unit as a condominium unit has occurred, and/or after the owner has otherwise already obtained a conversion permit for a unit which has not expired pursuant to this ordinance, then the owner shall give each prospective tenant of the unit written notice, prior to the inception of the tenancy, which informs such prospective tenant that the unit is being or will be offered for sale as a condominium or proprietary lease as a cooperative, but such prospective tenants shall not be entitled to the protections of this ordinance, except that they shall be entitled to the benefits of any remaining notice period for which the original tenant was entitled to, not to exceed one year. If such notice is not provided to the prospective tenant prior to the inception of the tenancy, the prospective tenant will then be afforded full tenant rights pursuant to this ordinance and the applicable notice period will restart in accordance with the status of the new tenant.

**SECTION 5 - Condominium Conversion Review Board.**

- a. There is hereby established a Condominium Conversion Review Board to consist of five members, all of whom shall be City of Cambridge residents. The failure of a Review Board member to reside in Cambridge shall result in automatic termination of membership. Review Board members shall serve staggered terms of three years each. The Review Board shall include two homeowners, two tenants, and one elderly, disabled, or low or moderate income person, who may be either a homeowner or a tenant.
- b. Review Board members shall be appointed by the City Manager, subject to confirmation by the City Council. For good cause shown, a Review Board member may be removed by majority vote of the City Council prior to the expiration of such member's term of office. Members of the Review Board shall receive such annual compensation as the City Manager shall propose and the City Council shall approve, to be not less than the equivalent hourly wage per hour served mandated by the Cambridge Living Wage Ordinance.
- c. The Review Board shall have the power to enforce the provisions of this ordinance and shall be responsible for promulgating such rules, policies and procedures, as it may deem advisable in furtherance of its purposes. In consultation with City staff, the Review Board may adopt such rules, policies and procedures by majority vote. Without limiting the

generality of the foregoing, the Review Board, in conjunction with City staff, shall be responsible for developing administrative forms, conducting hearings, and granting or denying Conversion Permits

**Section 5 - Notice of Termination of Tenancy for the Purpose of sale as a Condominium or Cooperative unit; Terms and Tenants of occupancy; Relocation.**

- a. Notice of Termination of Tenancy. Prior to the commencement of a condominium or cooperative conversion eviction, the owner shall provide the tenant with a Notice of Termination of Tenancy for sale as a condominium or cooperative unit pursuant to Cambridge Municipal Code (this Ordinance as codified). This notice must inform the tenant of his or her rights under this Section and shall be served simultaneously with pr after the service of any Notice of Intent to Convert required by Section 4 above.
- b. Period of Notice. The period of this notice shall not be less than the expiration of any written agreement between the owner and the tenant, or two years, whichever is greater; provided however, that for any housing accommodation occupied by a tenant with disabilities, an elderly tenant, or a low or moderate income tenant, the period of notice shall not be less than five years.
- c. Term of tenancy. During the period of notice required by this section, the existing terms of the tenancy between the owner and the tenant shall remain in effect and shall not be modified except by voluntary written agreement of the parties; provided, that during the period of notice an owner may seek a rental increase in an amount that shall not exceed ten percent per year; provided further that nothing in this section shall limit the right of an owner to any amounts which may be due under a valid tax escalation clause.
- d. Relocation payment. Any tenant who is entitled to reserve notice pursuant to this section, who does not purchase the housing accommodation in which the tenant lives shall, within ten days of vacating said unit, so long as it is within the period of notice specified in this section, be paid by the owner a relocation expense allowance of \$10,000; provided, however if the tenant is a tenant with disabilities, an elderly tenant or a low or moderate income tenant such relocation expense allowance shall be \$15,000.
- e. Housing search assistance. Where an elderly tenant, a tenant with disabilities, or a low or moderate income tenant is entitled to receive notice pursuant to this section, the owner shall assist the tenant to locate comparable rental housing within the City of Cambridge for a rent which is equal to or less than the rent which such tenant had been paying for the housing accommodation at the time of receipt of the notice, and with a term of occupancy that is no less than the period of notice. remaining at the time the tenant receives the offer to rent the comparable rental housing. The refusal of the tenant to accept a reasonable, bona fide offer to rent comparable rental housing shall terminate the owner's obligation to provide housing search assistance under this Section.

**Section 6: Condominium and Cooperative Conversion Evictions.**

- a. General Provisions. No person shall seek or conduct a condominium or cooperative conversion eviction until the expiration of the periods of time for notice required by section 5(b) of this ordinance.

- b. Termination of Tenancy and Eviction for Cause During the two to four year notice period. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) above, any owner, landlord or other party in interest may terminate the tenancy of a tenant and may otherwise seek to evict a tenant of any dwelling subject to the provisions of this ordinance during the time period set forth in Sections 5(b) and 6(a) above for:
  - i. non-payment of such rent as may be lawfully imposed pursuant to section 5;
  - ii. serious or repeated violations of material terms and conditions of any rental agreement between the owner and the tenant; and
  - iii. substantial violation of any law that imposes obligations on the tenant in connection with the occupancy.
- c. Notice of Termination of Tenancy for Cause. No tenancy may be terminated under the provisions of Section 6(b) above except by such written notice as is otherwise required by law, or by the terms of a written rental housing agreement between the owner and the tenant. The notice shall state the grounds for termination of the tenancy with sufficient specificity to enable the tenant to prepare a defense. Any notice of termination shall be delivered to the Department at the time it is delivered to the tenant.
  - i. Failure to give any notice required by this ordinance, and any other substantial violation of this Ordinance shall be a defense to an action for summary process.
  - ii. Any action to recover possession of a housing accommodation of a tenant in occupancy at the time of conversion of the property to the condominium or cooperative form of ownership, or at the time of initial bona fide sale of the unit as an individual condominium or cooperative unit, shall be presumed to be a condominium or cooperative eviction where one or more of the following has occurred:
    - a. Any dwelling unit in any building or structure in which the housing accommodation is located has been sold as a condominium or cooperative unit;
    - b. A master deed or articles of organization for the building or structure in which the housing accommodation is located has been duly recorded pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 156B, 157, 157B, or 183A of the General Laws;
    - c. A master deed or articles of organization for the building or structure in which the housing accommodation is located has been duly recorded pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 156B, 157, 157B, or 183A of the General Laws, or the landlord gives notice of conversion or planned conversion pursuant to this Ordinance within twelve months after an action is brought to recover possession or action is taken to increase the tenant's rent; or
    - d. In any unit converted to a condominium or cooperative, the landlord has increased or is seeking to increase the tenant's rent beyond the increases authorized by this section unless the landlord establishes his intent is not to facilitate the sale or transfer of the housing accommodation to a prospective buyer.
  - iii. Additionally, an eviction shall be presumed to be a condominium or cooperative conversion eviction if the owner has the intent to convert as defined herein.
  - iv. Where a presumption of a condominium or cooperative conversion eviction exists, such presumption may be rebutted by the owner only through clear and convincing

evidence that the eviction was not a condominium or cooperative conversion eviction and that the owner had sufficient independent justification for seeking possession or taking other action and would have in fact taken such action, in the same manner and at the same time whether or not the owner intended to sell the unit as a condominium or cooperative. Where the owner is unable to rebut the presumption provided for in this Section, the owner cannot regain possession of the housing accommodation.

- d. Tenant's Petition for a Determination. Any tenant of a housing accommodation may seek a written determination from the Department that an owner has the intent to convert and seeks to dispossess the tenant in order to facilitate the sale of the unit as a condominium or cooperative. Upon issuance of a determination favorable to the tenant, the owner shall comply with the provisions of this Ordinance. In addition, any rent increases in excess of ten percent paid by the tenant during the six month period prior to the tenant's request for a determination shall be returned to the tenant by the owner.
- f. Intervention by the Condominium Review Board At the request of a tenant of a housing accommodation, or on its own, the Department may intervene in a summary process action brought by the owner to recover possession of a housing accommodation. Reasons for such intervention could include, but not be limited to, a request for dismissal of the landlord's claim for possession based on findings made by the Department, or a request to stay the summary process proceedings to allow the Department to initiate or conclude administrative procedures which would establish the relative rights and responsibilities of the parties under this Ordinance.

#### Section 7. Data Collection

- a. The Community Development Department shall gather data related to the Condominium Conversion Ordinance to be presented annually in a report to the City Council. This report shall also be made available to the public online. Such data will include at minimum:
  - i. The number of condominium conversion applications received, denied, and granted.
  - ii. The breakdown in the number of applications by zip code or neighborhood.
  - iii. The number of times that tenants or other entities exercised their right to purchase under the ordinance.
  - iv. The average offer per unit type made under the right to purchase requirements as described by this ordinance.

#### Section 8. Enforcement.

- a. The Department shall have the authority to promulgate regulations as needed to effectuate this Ordinance.
- b. Any owner who willfully violates any provision of this ordinance shall be punished to the maximum extent allowable under St. 1983, c. 527, §5. Each violation of this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.
- c. Any violation of this ordinance by an owner shall not affect the validity of a conveyance of a condominium unit or interest in a cooperative to a purchaser for value who has no knowledge of such violation.

- d. the District and Superior Court shall have concurrent jurisdiction over an action arising from any violation of this ordinance, and shall have jurisdiction in equity to restrain any such violation.

**Section 9. Effective Date; Applicability.**

- a. Except as provided herein, this ordinance shall be effective upon enactment.
- b. Any condominium conversion notices properly issued in accordance with the requirements of St. 1983, c. 527, Section 4 after the expiration of Chapter 3G of the Acts of 1976 and prior to the enactment of this Ordinance shall remain in effect and shall not be subject to the provisions of this Ordinance.
- c. Where a housing accommodation was first converted to the condominium or cooperative form of ownership prior to the lapse of rent control enabling authority, and as of the effective date of this Ordinance there are elderly, handicapped or low or moderate income tenants remaining occupancy who resided there at the time of conversion or initial bona fide sale of the housing accommodation as an individual condominium or cooperative unit, such tenants shall be entitled to the benefits of this Ordinance except those set forth in Section 3.
- d. The requirements of section 3 shall not be applicable to any housing accommodation converted to the condominium or cooperative forms of ownership on or before the enactment of this ordinance.

**Section 10. Severability.**

If any provision of this ordinance or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this ordinance, and the applicability of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.



# City of Cambridge

O-11  
**FIRST IN COUNCIL**  
 June 28, 2021

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN  
 MAYOR SIDDIQUI  
 COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER  
 COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: On September 23, 2019, the Cambridge City Council ordained the Cannabis Business Permitting [Ordinance](#) which states: “The City deems it to be in the public interest to give initial permitting preferences for Cannabis Businesses to Priority Applicants, as defined herein”; and

WHEREAS: The ordinance provides that for the first two years after its Effective Date, the City shall issue a Cannabis Business Permit to operate a Cannabis Retail Store only to state-certified Economic Empowerment Applicants; and

WHEREAS: The COVID-19 pandemic largely overlapped with this 2-year preferential period, which expires on September 23, 2021, causing significant delay for Economic Empowerment Applicants; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Chairs of the Ordinance Committee convene a hearing to discuss the possibility of amending the ordinance to extend the preference period, such a hearing to take place no later than August 15, 2021.





# City of Cambridge

O-12  
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June 28, 2021

## COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

**ORDERED:** That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Kevin O'Keefe for a suitable dedication in the vicinity of Tremont Street and Gardner Road in Cambridge in honor of Thomas Peters; and be it further

**ORDERED:** That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward this order to the Dedication committee for their review and approval.



# NEIGHBORHOOD & LONG TERM PLANNING, PUBLIC FACILITIES, ARTS & CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

## COMMITTEE MEETING

~ MINUTES ~

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

2:00 PM

Sullivan Chamber

### Call to Order

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Patricia Nolan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dennis J. Carlone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Alanna Mallon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Marc C. McGovern	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quinton Zondervan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee and the Housing Committee will conduct a joint hearing to discuss the elimination of single and two-family only zoning and restrictions on the type of housing that can be built city-wide.**

In City Council June 28, 2021

The Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning; Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee and the Housing Committee held a joint public hearing on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the elimination of single and two-family only zoning and restrictions on the type of housing that can be built city-wide.

Present at the hearing via Zoom were Councillor Nolan, Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui, Iram Farooq, Assistant City Manager, Chris Cotter, Housing Director, Jeff Roberts, Director of Zoning and Development, Melissa Peters, Director of Community Planning, Daniel Messplay, Senior Zoning Manager, Drew Kane, Land Use Planner, Community Development Department (CDD), Ranjit Singanayagam, Commissioner, Inspectional Service Department, Arthur Goldberg, Deputy City Solicitor, Michael Scarlett, Aide to Councillor Nolan, Neal Alpert, Aide to Councillor Simmons, Shane Woolley, Aide to Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Dan Totten, Aide to Councillor Zondervan, Naomie Stephen, Executive Assistant to the City Council, and Paula M. Crane, Deputy City Clerk.

Also present via Zoom were Suzanne Blier, Adam Siegel, Bernice Buresh, Elaine DeRosa, James Zall, John Hawkinson, Jonathan Behrens, Lee Farris, Henry H. Wortis, Christopher Schmidt, Heather Hoffman, Mary Flynn, Allan Sadun, Michael Brandon, Marilee Meyer, Richard Harding, Robert Winters and Stas Maltsev.

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Feb 17, 2021 2:00 PM (Committee Reports)

Councillor Nolan read the Governor's Executive Order regarding remote participation and requested that the Deputy City Clerk call the roll to indicate a quorum for the hearing.

The roll was called and resulted as follows:

PRESENT:	Councillor Nolan, Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler	-6
ABSENT:	Councillor Simmons	-1

A quorum was present.

Councillor Nolan convened the hearing and read from prepared Opening Remarks **(ATTACHMENT A)**.

Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler then read from prepared Opening Remarks **(ATTACHMENT B)**.

Councillor Nolan opened the hearing to Public Comment.

James Zall, 203 Pemberton Street, stated that he is glad that this issue is being taken up. He said that the longstanding rules have limited the housing supply so effectively with prices and rents rising to such heights that century old workers' cottages and triple decker apartments are becoming high-end luxury housing out of reach of a majority of Cambridge households. He said that addressing rising housing costs has been a top demand of residents and the City Council. He stated that maintaining restrictions that limit the housing supply and push up prices and rent is incompatible with that goal. He said that this discussion needs to be followed by long-overdue action to reform our outdated zoning regime.

Alan Sadun, 17 Pleasant Place, stated that he is thrilled that the committee is looking into ending exclusionary zoning. He said that single family only zoning is fundamentally about exclusion. He said that the City has an affordable home ownership program, HomeBridge, but if you are a family making 80% of AMI, HomeBridge can only help you buy homes costing less than \$550,000.00. He said that there are no two-bedroom homes in Cambridge costing less than \$550,000.00 because we have made it illegal to build multi-family housing. He pointed out that the districts that do not allow multi-family housing are almost exactly the districts in Cambridge that have the fewest people of color.

Christopher Schmidt, 17 Laurel Street, stated that the time is long past for us to reexamine how Cambridge has locked the majority of our residential districts off from moderate income households for generations. He said that single-family homes are not affordable to the vast majority of the residents in Cambridge. He said that the median single-family home price is \$1.6 million dollars. He said that in order to purchase a home at that price, you must have an annual income of \$402,000.00. He said that we continue to see the results of what our current zoning dictates. 80% of new construction permits since 2018 are for single-family or two-family homes. These outcomes no longer match the reality of the city that we live in today. He said that he would like to reexamine key issues to help correct the current problems.

Jonathan Behrens, 115 Hampshire Street, read from a prepared written statement (**ATTACHMENT C**) in support of the elimination of exclusionary zoning.

Henry Wortis, Berkshire Street, spoke on behalf of Our Revolution Cambridge. He stated that the problem with getting rid of single-family zoning is that it does not speak to the conditions of the market. He noted that Cambridge is one of the most densely populated cities in the country. We are the 26<sup>th</sup> most dense city in the country. He said that getting rid of single-family zoning allows units to be purchased at market rate, therefore, the pretense that middle and low-income people are able to compete with developers for these properties once they are downzoned is salacious. He said that market forces are what will determine the price of the units. He said that if we want to increase affordable housing, we should figure out how to do that and then exact zoning regulations that will fit with that plan.

Suzanne Blier, 5 Fuller Place, read from a prepared written statement (**ATTACHMENT D**) urging the committee to request a study of the potential financial and other impacts of a decision to end zoning for single-family homes, and to consider key changes that would mitigate potential harm by requiring affordability when key changes are made.

Camilla Elvis, 28 Linnaean Street, stated that she is excited to see that the City Council is looking into ending single and two-family housing only. She said that it is important that this be a change that is not in name only. She said that the dimensional requirements should be changed as well as ending parking minimums. She stated that while the desire for a redesign is understandable, she said that she does not want to see the perfect being the enemy of the good. She said that there is a housing crisis. She noted that this is not a complete solution, but it is a signification solution.

Richard Harding, 189 Windsor Street, asked that the Committee to consider one example of when luxury housing has been good for people of color ever. He said that he has never seen this. He said that this is a bait and switch and the most vulnerable neighborhoods are sure to be exploited. He said that in 2021 he would never fathom a situation where there is almost zero affordable housing being considered. He said that as we talk about racial justice in Cambridge, the only way to achieve this is to have people of color at the table. He said don't let the bad be the enemy of the good.

Heather Hoffman, 213 Hurley Street, stated that she realizes how someone can say that most of the building permits are for single-family homes because it only takes one building permit to build a 500-unit apartment building. She said that these count for practically nothing in the calculus. She said that an example on Ames Street has zero lot area per dwelling unit and no FAR ceiling and the cheapest place in there is more than \$2,000 per month for a studio apartment. She said that the fact is that if you want affordable housing, you build affordable housing. She said that we must figure out how we can get more affordable housing and how to make it so that neighbors can stay in their neighborhood and kids can continue to live here in decent conditions.

Robert Winters, 366 Broadway, stated that he does not think this is a great forum to have this discussion. He said that it is more democracy by group who organizes rather than by individuals

who have something good to say. He noted that he has supported greater flexibility for homeowners and how they operate their properties, including single-family homeowners if they want to operate their property as a multi-family. He said that there he does not want to see anything that comes out of this discussion end up incentivizing the elimination of all single-family homes. He said that choice is good. He mentioned that no one seriously is going to walk in, drop money and pick up a single-family home in any part of Cambridge. He said that they may possibly take inherited money or money from the sales of their previous homes. He said that greater flexibility for homeowners is needed.

Lee Farris, 269 Norfolk Street, stated that the idea of elimination single-family zoning comes out of a social justice view, but she has concerns about simply eliminating it. She said that it is clear that the market is the main thing that drives housing and it does not work to solve housing availability. She stated that ending single-family zoning would not benefit people of color and moderate-income people. She said that it is far from illegal now, as was claimed, to build multi-family housing in Cambridge. She said that allowing market multi-family units in the areas where it is currently not allowed will sharply the value of property. That increase will lead to more teardowns of one- and two-family buildings than is already occurring. She said that she is surprised that no one has mentioned the Affordable Housing Overlay. For a chance for the Affordable Housing Overlay to succeed, the land costs need to not increase above their current level. She said that instead of this, there are other housing efforts that will be more beneficial for the City Council to work on. She said that the City could pass zoning that stops the reduction in existing units, or we could pass zoning that requires a specific percent of any development of a certain size to be for homeownership.

Vice Mayor Mallon made a motion to close Public Comment.

The roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Councillor Nolan, Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler	-6
NAYS:		-0
ABSENT:	Councillor Simmons	-1

and Public Comment was closed.

Councillor Nolan stated that the outcome of this meeting is two-fold: to hear in large view the issues that the City Council should consider; and for the City to hear from the City Council the kind of things that they would like to have further discussions about.

Iram Farooq stated that the Co-Chairs did a great job in setting the stage for the range of things that should be discussed in contemplating a significant change to the housing formats that are permitted in the City per zoning. She said that it is important to keep in mind that the zoning only states the maximum allowable amount of density but if zoning were to be changed, unless the zoning explicitly prohibited single-family homes, one would be able to develop something that is lower than what is being allowed in the zoning. There would not be a straightforward mechanism to completely bar single or two-family housing from developing or from remaining in place in the city. She said that in stepping back to planning

thinking, in their planning work through the years that she has been involved in planning in Cambridge, there has always been a focus in looking at neighborhoods as areas that are valuable, build community, and that people want to see preserved in similar formats to the way that they exist now. She said that the people who have been more likely to participate in the conversations are people from the remainder of the residential neighborhoods. She said that this has borne out during the conversations around Envision Cambridge. Ms. Farooq then introduced CDD staff who are present in the meeting.

Jeff Roberts talked about the history of zoning and touched on some historical points that are relevant to the discussion of single and two-family zoning in Cambridge. He said that in 1924 the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance was adopted. He said that it was a building and zoning code that talked about a lot of things including construction types. He said in 1943 the City passed a new Zoning Ordinance which is the ordinance that we are most familiar with today. He explained that this includes residential, business and industry districts, and office districts. He said that in Res A, B and C-1 districts, there is a height limit of 35 feet with taller height limits in other areas. He noted that at that time there were no density limits. He explained that in a lot of ways, those elements of zoning have remained intact since 1943 but there have been changes. He said that in 1961, there was a major zoning amendment that switched some of the controls in zoning from the height-based limitations to density controls. The 35-foot height limit remained in lower density residential districts but in many districts the height limits were removed altogether. Over time, through a series of rezonings, height limits were reimposed throughout the City, but density and formula setback controls and parking requirements stayed in place. In 1976 there was the creation of a Townhouse Ordinance that was intended to incentivize the development of attached row housing as an alternative to apartment-style flats. It did result in some townhouse development but in 1979 there were some amendments put in place and over time there were additional restrictions which made it less favorable to do townhouse developments. Following an era of townhouse development, there is not much development under the Townhouse Ordinance today. In 1981, one of the changes was the accessory apartments provision which was an attempt to create more flexibility in Res A zoning districts. He noted that in recent years those provisions were broadened. He said that it is a fairly low number of units. Another era of change was in the 1990's when it was the growth policy/management era of planning. This was the establishment of the Citywide Growth Policy which established planning principles, including encouraging new housing growth and to retain lower density residential neighborhoods at the prevailing scale and character. He explained that there was a series of zoning amendments throughout the 90's leading to a major citywide rezoning in 2001. The result of that was many formerly commercial areas throughout the City were adjusted to encourage new multi-family housing, inclusionary housing was adopted in the late 90's but there were some reductions during that time. A notable exception to all of that that was adopted zoning as part of the 2001 amendment to encourage conversion of non-residential structures to residential use. This is relevant because it is one of the few ways within the zoning where multi-family housing can be created under a Special Permit process in Res A and B Districts. This led to a small wave of conversion projects. In 2011 there was an amendment to that zoning which introduced new limitations and over time the number of conversion projects has fallen off. Mr. Roberts explained that over the decades there have been a number of smaller rezoning amendments that have added up and result in the Zoning Map today.

Iram Farooq added that as the City Council contemplates eliminating 1 or 2-family zoning, the important question is what is that replaced with. For CDD staff it would be important to have guidance on what is the vision. She said that this will feed into how the zoning is framed and what the implications are.

Chris Cotter said that it is important for CDD to understand the vision. He said that there is a range of things that the City Council can consider when you look at changing the zoning from single or two-family zoning. He said it is a big universe of parcels but in a small area. He said that there are about 7,200 parcels that have 1 or 2 units on them. It is roughly two-thirds of the parcels in the city. He said that questions that come to mind regarding implications are both the additional supply of housing that you

might see come to be over time and what are some of the goals that the City Council has in trying to unlock that supply, particularly with regards to affordability. He said that there is supply and affordability and, in some ways, they are related but, in some ways, they may be complicated relationships in areas that are smaller. He said that the most challenging question is to figure out how the market will look at the opportunity to create new housing, how quickly that housing may be created and the price impacts of that. When you think of Cambridge as a smaller area, adding units may or may not have a significant impact on the market immediately unless you were to unlock a lot of change more quickly. He said changes in zoning will have different impacts, both parcel by parcel and in the market. Mr. Cotter said that regarding the Affordable Housing Overlay, one of the components of the overlay was to give affordable housing builders advantages in the lower density areas. He said that if there are more opportunities in those areas for market developers to create housing it will impact the overlay to some extent, but it is a question of what the balance of the goals are. He said that adding housing supply and increasing affordability are both important but finding the balance is tricky.

Melissa Peters stated that Envision Cambridge came up with 15 new actions for housing with a range of high-level housing goals. She said that they spent a lot of time on three core strategies: increasing market supply, increasing affordable housing supply, and expanding resources. She explained that one of the main housing actions that was identified was to change zoning to enable more housing in areas that are being rezoned near transit. Those ideas included increasing base zoning generally. She said that there was also a discussion about allowing multi-family housing citywide and allowing density bonuses for developments that provided more affordable housing than under the inclusionary zoning. She said that there is an interplay between many of these actions and how they compete with one another. She said that none are “silver bullets” and together they can help us move toward our ultimate goal of housing affordability and equity and diversity. She noted that another balancing act is the desire for the community to maintain an urban form that is historic and has a transitional density as we move from lower to moderate and high-density zones.

Iram Farooq said that regarding sustainability, there is a big picture view that places like Cambridge that are well-served by transit are optimum places where you want to have people live and work. She said that when you concentrate people and they tend to live in smaller floor plate areas than they would if they were in more suburban locations, there is efficiency to that in terms of per capita resource use as well as emissions. She said that at the same time, it is worth considering some of the big things that are being discussed in the City around resilience goals should be factored in when thinking about big change to the amount of development that is permitted, what format that takes and what standards it is housed to. She added that worth noting is that from the transportation perspective, people’s behavior is elastic and can change based on what is put in place. She said that there were no off-site parking requirements when much of the Cambridge fabric was built and so people park on the streets. As new developments come up, there is more competition for parking spaces which sometimes cause tension. She explained that these are thoughts for the Committee’s consideration.

Councillor Nolan clarified that the Committee is not talking about eliminating single and two-family housing, we are talking about eliminating single and two-family only zones.

Vice Mayor Mallon said that regarding the conversion of non-residential to residential use in Res A and B where multifamily can be created but in 2011 new limitations were introduced which quelled that a bit. She asked Mr. Roberts to go into more detail. Mr. Roberts said that the zoning was part of the Citywide Rezoning in 2001 which was part of the overall theme to create more housing opportunities. He said that the change in zoning coincided with a number of things: commercial uses were no longer viable, turnover in religious property, which created a situation where there were large buildings in residential neighborhoods that were not zoned to accommodate the reuse of that building. This provision allowed the conversion by Special Permit from the Planning Board. He said that in some ways it was a subtle zoning

change, but it created a path that could be followed if an owner wanted to make an economic reuse of those properties. He said that those cases were almost always controversial given the reaction to people in the neighborhoods in having a large number of units created in a building that is larger than is typical. He said that there were reactions regarding parking and privacy of abutters. In 2011 there was a proposal that attracted attention along with the discussion of that particular proposal, there was a discussion about changes to the zoning that ultimately resulted in putting additional limitations on the density that was allowed to be built in a conversion project and other limitations on community space in the building. He said that it is hard to say that that was the one thing that led to fewer of those projects in the future. He explained that it was a creative idea of a way to introduce housing in neighborhoods throughout the city but not necessarily an easy road for the proposals of zoning in general. Vice Mayor Mallon stated that this conversation has captured national attention given the number of cities that are looking at exclusionary zoning and the role of zoning in keeping people out of certain neighborhoods. She said that she shares concerns about how this interplays with the Affordable Housing Overlay. Said that she would like CDD to put together some kind of preliminary report on how elimination single and two-family zoning would impact the Affordable Housing Overlay so that the City Council can fully understand what they are contemplating.

Councillor McGovern stated that he concurs with Vice Mayor Mallon regarding wanting to look at the impact that this could have on the Affordable Housing Overlay. He said that although there has been a lot of zoning changes throughout the years, it is based on a foundation in the early 1900s that was rooted in racism and classism in certain areas. He said that in the Res-A 1940 census, 0.49% of the people in those neighborhoods were black. He said that in 2017, that number rose to just over 2%. Those decisions in the 1920s are clearly having an impact today on who has access to certain parts of the city. He said that due diligence must be done to avoid unintended consequences. He said that there are certain neighborhoods in the city that are essentially “gated neighborhoods” because of the zoning. He said that this is the opportunity to dismantle that history. He said he is glad that the City is moving in this direction as multi-family housing should be allowed in every neighborhood in the city. He said that he would like CDD to know that if there is anything that the City Council is not asking for that would be helpful, please let us know.

Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler said that it is hard for him to imagine an alternative that wasn't at least three-deckers throughout the city. He said that he when he was looking at housing a couple of times in the City, there was no place that he could afford that wasn't at least a triple decker. He said that fixing that part is a big piece. He said that as it relates to parking tying into this, any effort should include ending parking minimums as we should not be requiring parking as a part. He said that we should focus on better transit. He asked about the inclusionary zoning ordinance. He asked for more context as it relates to how and when the affordability requirement would kick in when talking about six plexes or eight plexes. He asked for more detail in this regard. Mr. Cotter said that when they conducted the last inclusionary study, they looked at development patterns and at that point they did not see a lot of new development that was in the range of 5-10 units. He said that the consultant recommended that the threshold be kept at 10 because there was not a huge gain to be had. He said that if there is a desire to look at that further, it can be looked at. Ms. Farooq added that the inclusionary study was done in the context of existing zoning, so the patterns of development are based on that existing zoning and what it allows. If the baseline zoning were to shift, we might see different patterns of development. She said that question of what the number ought to be that triggers inclusionary might want to be different. She said that as you broaden the number of buildings that have inclusionary units, it will have an impact on what is required to run the program in terms of staff capacity, etc. which would be a challenge. She added that if there were to be a change in the baseline, we should reconsider what the trigger number is and whether it should be lower.

Councillor Zondervan said that we do have to be careful about not creating new injustices and exacerbate the harm that we are trying to undo. He said that the discussion around inclusionary zoning is pertinent to



that. He said that he supports the goal to end single and two-family zoning in the few neighborhoods that it remains, but if we do a blanket citywide up zoning without some mechanism for generating more affordable housing, we will damage some of the more vulnerable neighborhoods. He said that we are still in the middle of a pandemic and an eviction crisis. He said that as a condition of taking advantage of the additional density, we could require an inclusionary unit. Operational challenges can be mitigated by incentivizing homeownership. He said that as part of the policy discussion should be taking up the strengthening of the condo conversion ordinance. He said that we must also grapple with the impacts of the Affordable Housing Overlay. He concurred with Vice Mayor Mallon asking for an impact study on what it will mean on the Affordable Housing Overlay which, in effect, has eliminated single-family zoning but only for 100% affordable housing projects. He said that we must think about to take more advantage of that zoning that has already been done. He said we have to be careful that we are not reproducing racial and socioeconomic black oppression when we make these changes. He said that equity requires that those that are privileged reach out and listen to those who are less privileged.

Councillor Carlone said that he agrees with his fellow Councillors. He said that the presentation was very good. He said that when there are issues in the Ordinance Committee, having neighborhood planning or Housing Committee pre-meeting about the subject in general could be very beneficial. He said that he agrees with Councillor Zondervan about the concern of affordable housing. He said that he would be for this if one-third of the units were affordable housing which means financing from the city. He said that there is no middle-income housing without subsidies. He said that when talking about scale, it is market rate. He said that in his neighborhood between Harvard and Porter Square, half of the buildings are one-story or parking lots. He said that this could dramatically affect neighborhoods with poorer people. He said that we have to realize that most of the existing structures are going to have to be used. He said that we can work with the right kind of additions, but the 1.5 median income residential properties have small yards by and large. He added that the Governor has proposed that any town or city that wants financial assistance has to up zone to multi-family near all MBTA stations. He said that he does not know if it is a proposal or something that the Governor can control but it changes everything. He said that if we want housing, the city zoning should favor housing – not commercial development. He said that when he moved to the City 50 years ago, you could buy a house for \$40,000. He said that he bought a condo for under that amount. He said that it has changed is because there was little commercial development in those days. He said that a public commenter suggested that CDD do a market analysis on these changes. He said that he would add a legal perspective on these changes because there will be pushback. He said that he believes that it can work but there has to be a benefit of affordable housing.

Councillor Nolan noted that we have to bear in mind the issues of affordable housing. She asked if there is some way to ensure that any additional upzoning or any units created would also get us further along to our climate resiliency goals. She asked if CDD has any thoughts on how to ensure that any new development under such a zoning change would have to meet net zero requirements or passive house, or fossil fuel infrastructure. She asked if this could be incorporated. Ms. Farooq responded that any of those are possibilities that could be included if the City Council is providing additional density in this context. She said that if the City Council chooses to adopt something this year, it is really only year ahead of schedule and not that big of a change from what would be required come 2022. Councillor Nolan asked if we could do more. Councillor Nolan asked about the Housing Choice Law. She asked if there are any state zoning laws or regulations that we should incorporate and consider as we explore the question of doing a citywide elimination of single and two-family only zones. Mr. Goldberg responded that the Law Department can certainly look into this. Ms. Farooq said that if the City were to say that it wanted to allow multi-family of whatever size throughout the city, she would be surprised if that created a legal problem, but she leaves that issue to the Law Department.

Councillor Zondervan talked about resiliency and climate goals. He said that it is important to look at eliminating parking minimums and permeability requirements. He added that we should look at the overall zoning and try to simplify it.

Councillor Nolan asked if the City has ever looked at setting parking maximums and is it something that could be done. Ms. Farooq said that in certain districts there are parking maximums. She said that in those conditions they have retained a small parking minimum for residential. Mr. Roberts said that there are areas in the zoning where they have imposed maximum parking limitations, mostly in planned development areas. He said that throughout the Zoning Ordinance there are maximum parking limitations on most non-residential uses.

Melissa Peters added that Envision Cambridge also recommended to eliminate minimum parking requirements into lower maximum parking requirements citywide with the exception of residential in some areas to maintain a minimum.

Councillor Nolan said that this is the start of the conversation and she looks forward to future conversations.

Councillor Nolan and Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler thanked all those present for their attendance.

Vice Mayor Mallon made a motion to adjourn the hearing.

The roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Councillor Nolan, Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler	-5
NAYS:		-0
ABSENT:	Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons	-2

and the hearing adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

**The City Clerk's Office received six written communications (ATTACHMENTS E-J).**

For the Committee,

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Councillor Patricia Nolan, Chair  
Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning,  
Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee

**Communications were received regarding the Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning; Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee hearing held on February 17, 2021.**



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

~ MINUTES ~

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

3:00 PM

Sullivan Chamber

**The Economic Development and University Relations Committee will conduct a public hearing on the small business grant and loan programs managed by the Economic Development Division of the Community Development Department throughout the COVID-19 pandemic**

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Alanna Mallon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Patricia Nolan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Timothy J. Toomey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quinton Zondervan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

In City Council June 28, 2021

The Economic Development and University Relations Committee held a public hearing on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sullivan Chamber to discuss the small business grant and loan programs managed by the Economic Development Division of the Community Development Department throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Present at the hearing were Naomie Stephen, Executive Assistant to the City Council, and Anthony Wilson, City Clerk.

Present via Zoom were Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Zondervan, Iram Farooq, Assistant City Manager for Community Development, Lisa Hemmerle, Director of Economic Development, Pardis Saffari, Senior Economic Development Manager, Christina DiLisio, Economic Development Specialist, Bonnie-May Shantz, Economic Development Specialist, Matthew Nelson, Assistant to the City Manager, Community Relations, City Solicitor Nancy Glowa, David Kale, Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs, Nicole Murati Ferrer, Chair of License Commission, Robert Reardon, former Director of Assessment, and Jason Alves, Executive Director of the East Cambridge Business Association.

Vice Mayor Mallon convened the hearing and welcomed all present. She read the Governor's Order regarding remote participation and the Call of the Meeting. She requested a Roll Call to indicate a quorum for the hearing.

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The roll was called and resulted as follows:

PRESENT: Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Toomey, and Councillor Zondervan -5

ABSENT: -0

and a quorum was present.

Vice Mayor Mallon read from a prepared written statement. She said that, as we all know, on March 16th of last year the City announced a shutdown of businesses, and the State quickly followed. What we thought would be several weeks or months turned into sixteen months of full and partial closures, occupancy limits, distancing restrictions, mask mandates and more. Universities emptied in a weekend, and have not yet returned to full capacity. Our businesses and restaurants were hard hit, and some beloved local favorites did not survive. She wants to acknowledge that it has been an incredibly challenging time to own a small business.

Vice Mayor Mallon said that our small, but mighty, Economic Development Division (EDD) has been working to support our small businesses throughout it all, being creative with funding for grants, and support resources. EDD announced the first grant on March 26th, less than 2 weeks after the shutdown, at a small business virtual town hall meeting she held with Congresswoman Katherine Clark and the Small Business Administration about available relief funding. For many small businesses who were not lucky, or connected enough to receive the first PPP, this \$6,000 grant was the first funding they received, the first cash infusion to their struggling business came from the City.

Vice Mayor Mallon said that, as we know from [the City's Small Business Grant dashboard](#), the City has granted \$4.3M to 406 businesses with an average total grant amount of \$10,000. 73% of assisted businesses are woman and/or minority-owned, and most went to support restaurant and retail. The biggest needs for these funds were for rent, and a distant second was for utilities. She welcomed EDD and asked Assistant City Manager Farooq to introduce her team.

Assistant City Manager Farooq introduced Lisa Hemmerle, Pardis Saffari, Christina DiLisio, and Bonnie-May Shantz from EDD. Staff from other departments involved in supporting small businesses that attended the meeting include Matthew Nelson, Assistant City Manager Kale, Chair Murati-Ferrer, and City Solicitor Glowa

Christina DeLisio gave a summary of her PowerPoint presentation (**ATTACHMENT A**).

Vice Mayor Mallon thanked her for the presentation. She said that the long-term loan program she helped develop with Mayor Siddiqui, the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA), and City staff offers 0% interest loans over five years, and the first payment is not until July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, when the loans were disbursed a year ago. She invited Robert Reardon to comment on this program.

Robert Reardon said that the loan program was very successful in helping several small businesses. He said that if a small business makes all their payments over four years, the last payment will be waived, giving them a discount. Cambridge Savings Bank provided the mechanism to disburse the loans and collect payments, and EDD was crucial in screening applications.

Vice Mayor Mallon stated that Mayor Siddiqui had joined the meeting. She opened the floor for questions from City Councillors.

Councillor Toomey thanked Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, City staff, and CRA for their leadership and for coming together to provide much-needed financial assistance to keep small businesses afloat.

Councillor Nolan said the presentation was clear, and it was wonderful to see the range of help offered to small businesses. She wonders, looking forward, what level of financial struggle that small businesses are continuing to see. While we are coming out of this public health emergency, small businesses have been devastated, and patterns, like ordering online instead of shopping in person, may stick and hurt them. If there is an ongoing need for funding, should we continue these programs?

Assistant City Manager Farooq answered that there is a lot of work still to be done. EDD is staying in close contact with the Small Business Advisory Committee to ensure we continue to support small businesses. She encouraged members of the public to frequent small businesses, saying that they need all the help they can get.

Lisa Hemmerle responded that business surveys show that rent will continue to be an issue going forward. They are encouraging small businesses to think through their business models, and to consider e-commerce.

Pardis Saffari reiterated that rent will be an issue, as well as staffing. Shop small as much as you can.

Re: e-commerce, Councillor Nolan mentioned another of the City Council's interests, expanding internet access. She asked City staff to elaborate on efforts to help small businesses become more tech-savvy. The new normal will be completely different, and will likely include a far greater emphasis on the ability to pivot to e-commerce.

Lisa Hemmerle responded that, even pre-pandemic, EDD has offered a variety of workshops that are funded through Community Development Block Grants, which offer topics on social media, search engine optimization, and more. Now there is more understanding that e-commerce and having multiple streams of revenue is a critical foundation for small businesses

Pardis Saffari added that some COVID grants went to e-commerce improvements. Their Small Business Enhancement Program also consistently gives grants and allows small business owners to update their websites for e-commerce with it.

Councillor Nolan thanked City staff for their response. She encouraged residents to shop local, and to order and pick up directly from small businesses to avoid third-party delivery fees.

Mayor Siddiqui thanked those who helped her fundraise for the Mayor's Disaster Relief Fund, which required a lot of outreach and meetings, as well as those who donated. When we think about what recovery looks like, there will be a lot of ongoing need, and she is grateful for all the work being done to support small businesses.

Vice Mayor Mallon welcomed Councillor Simmons to the meeting, and noted that Councillor McGovern had previously joined, but had since left.

Councillor Simmons asked if there is an ethnic breakdown for the data on grants awarded to minority-owned businesses. She also said that she worked with two women of color who struggled to get into the grant pipeline, and EDD's efforts helped them extraordinarily. Certain businesses, like personal services, do not easily translate into e-commerce, and she wonders how we can encourage those folks to update their technology.

Pardis Saffari answered that they are always looking for new ways to conduct outreach. The Small Business Coaching Program offers one-on-one assistance on the business owner's side. They also offer online marketing assistance, and can look at more ways to offer that assistance. She encouraged business owners to contact them if they need help, and EDD can connect small businesses to regional resources.

Councillor Simmons stated that the silver lining of the pandemic was more people learning about the work EDD does, and the City having greater access to these community members. She hopes we can sustain those relationships. She would love to see grant data on minority-owned businesses disaggregated.

Vice Mayor Mallon said having an ethnic breakdown of the data would be helpful. She moved to public comment.

Jason Alves, Executive Director of the East Cambridge Business Association, 544 Cambridge Street, 3:52 p.m. He expressed gratitude for EDD's work and for the City stepping up to offer these programs. It was personal for a lot of folks, and these programs saved small business owners, their families, and their livelihoods. He also said that the 0% interest CRA loans would be great to carry over post-COVID. City construction projects impact small businesses, and these loans would help them get through it.

Councillor Nolan made a motion to close Public Comment. The roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Zondervan	-5
NAYS:		-0
ABSENT:		-0

and Public Comment was closed.

Vice Mayor Mallon welcomed additional questions from City Councillors.

Councillor Nolan said that they had received a report on waiving license and permit fees for small businesses as a way to offer financial support. She said it would be helpful to combine that report with the information in the presentation so they can understand the full range of support offered. We should consider expanding these reductions in fees.

Vice Mayor Mallon noted that the Economic Development and University Relations Committee is holding a hearing on license and permit fees on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will be a chance to discuss what has been done, and efforts that have recently been announced by the License Commission. We are entering a recovery phase, and we must remain cognizant of what our small businesses need.

Vice Mayor Mallon said she has seen the emotional toll that EDD has taken being the lifeline for small businesses, who have expressed their fears and anxieties to staff. Small businesses were scared of losing their livelihoods and their homes, during a pandemic, and she is grateful for EDD's work to support small businesses as they move through this challenging time. When we think about how small businesses were supported throughout the pandemic, she heard one business owner say that it was nice that Harvard University was not offering students a full meal plan because students instead went to and connected with local restaurants. Were there any additional incentives to meal programs that allowed students to go to local restaurants?

Assistant City Manager Farooq said she does not have any specific information on that, but will find out.

Vice Mayor Mallon said the business squares that are usually teeming with students have been empty this past year, and it is interesting that small restaurants saw more students this year, even when there were fewer students in the area. It is worth a conversation with local universities to see if this was a byproduct, or if this could be leveraged moving forward. Ghost restaurants are proliferating across the region to help restaurants attract business through new menus, even though it is the same restaurants putting together the packages. Is this something we are seeing in Cambridge, and are they asking for funding through grants?

Lisa Hemmerle responded that this is a newer phenomenon among savvy businesses that are learning to leverage this to fill more orders and increase their revenue. She has not heard requests for funding for these types of restaurants, but is beginning to research it.

Vice Mayor Mallon wondered if this is another area where small businesses need technological assistance. It seems like only bigger restaurants are able to do this and could crowd out smaller restaurants.

Vice Mayor Mallon reminded Committee Members and the public about the Economic Development and University Relations Committee meeting being held on June 8<sup>th</sup>. She thanked EDD for their presentation, which is a true testament to the City’s hard work to ensure our small businesses have been taken care of. There is endless need, but every little bit helps. It will be a long road towards getting small businesses back on their feet, and she encouraged everyone to shop small.

On a motion from Councillor Nolan to adjourn the hearing, the roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Toomey, and Councillor Zondervan	-5
NAYS:		-0
ABSENT:		-0

The hearing adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

For the Committee,

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 Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon, Chair  
 Economic Development and University Relations  
 Committee

**A communication was received from Lisa Hemmerle, Director of Economic Development Cambridge Community Development Department, transmitting a presentation regarding COVID-19 Small Businesses Grants and Loans Impact report.**

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# City of Cambridge

COF 2021 #68  
**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
 June 28, 2021



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Sumbul Siddiqui  
*Mayor*

**To:** Cambridge City Council  
**From:** Sumbul Siddiqui, Mayor  
**Date:** June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
**Subject:** Communicating information from the School Committee

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To the Honorable, the City Council:

Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> was CPS's last day of school! Our scholars, families, and educators have shown a tremendous amount of strength and resilience throughout this incredibly challenging and long year.

There will be another vaccine clinic for students ages 12+ and their parents. The first doses will be administered on July 14<sup>th</sup> and the second on August 4<sup>th</sup>, both at the King Open School from 3:00 – 7:00 PM. Families can [register here](#) and sign consent forms, which are required for all students under the age of 18.

At this point in time, vaccine approval has not been granted for children younger than 12, though there are several safety trials and we are hopeful for availability this fall. The decision on whether a child will be vaccinated will be between the parent/guardian and their healthcare provider.

On Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Special Meeting to approve and ratify the contract for Dr. Victoria Greer as Interim Superintendent of Schools effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. We have had a series of executive sessions to discuss Dr. Greer's contract. The School Committee looks forward to onboarding Dr. Greer and we are currently scheduling a retreat.

The School Committee's next Regular Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 PM, where CPS will present an update on the plans for Fall 2021, including COVID-19 precautions, key district and school efforts to help students *Recover and Thrive* this school year, and plans to use federal Elementary



and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER III). During August and September, CPS will engage the community to share their perspectives on these plans.

School library books may be returned to the library book return bins, teachers, directly to the school libraries, or any Cambridge Public School and they will make their way back to the correct library.

All CPS PK-8 students who have not returned their Chromebook by the last day of school (June 23<sup>rd</sup>) should drop it off at the CPS Helpdesk Window at CRLS (corner of Felton St. and Broadway St.) between 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, or July 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students who are participating in a CPS summer program and need their Chromebooks can return them at the end of the program. There is no charge for repairing or replacing damaged Chromebooks or chargers.

CPS operational buildings will control normal operations with the following expectations:

- CPS Administrative Offices (including 135 Berkshire St, ICTS, and the Student Registration Center) will accept visitors by appointment scheduled by department.
- School buildings remain closed to the public, including families of students participating in summer programs.

This summer, [CPS's programming](#) is expanded to include an enhanced summer program for elementary students with identified math, literacy, and social-emotional learning needs. CPS has also extended its rental of large tents at some facilities to support outdoor learning, lunch, and other activities. Families participating in summer programs will receive more detailed information about summer COVID-19 protocols, including weekly COVID-19 testing.

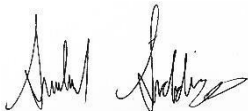
In collaboration with the City, CPS, and youth program providers, we are launching a pilot program this summer, called RECESS for rising 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to come together, learn, explore, and have fun in a safe and informal outdoor learning environment. This will be an opportunity for our young people to rebuild relationships and meaningfully engage with one another as they emerge from this difficult time of isolation. I look forward to sharing more information as details are finalized.

Our upcoming meetings are as follows:

- **Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
  - Special Meeting | 4:00 PM
    - *To approve and ratify the contract for Dr. Victoria Greer as Interim Superintendent of Schools effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021*
- **Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**
  - Regular Meeting | 6:00 PM

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

Respectfully,



Sumbul Siddiqui



# City of Cambridge

COF 2021 #69  
**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
June 28, 2021

Dear City Council,

This communication is to inform you that “A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-108, regarding a report on offering early voting in City Council and School Committee Elections” will no longer appear on the City Council’s meeting agenda.

This item is a home rule petition that was adopted by the Council and sent to the General Court on November 5, 2018. At the behest of the Council, the item was placed on the Calendar under “Unfinished Business”. The City has been informed by representatives of the Office of Representative Marjorie C. Decker that the item was not filed during this session and cannot be acted upon. The City Council would need to vote on this Home Rule petition again in order for the language to be refiled.

I have taken the liberty of drafting the petition again, with a change in dates to reflect refiling this year. The council could, if it is so inclined, move to adopt the modified home rule petition and send it to the state legislature.

Anthony Ivan Wilson, Esq.  
City Clerk  
City of Cambridge  
795 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, MA 02139

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward the attached home rule petition entitled "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO OFFER EARLY VOTING IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS" to the Massachusetts Legislative delegation.

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO OFFER EARLY VOTING IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

**SECTION 1.**

Beginning in the year 2019, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the City of Cambridge may offer early voting for municipal elections.

The City of Cambridge may elect to allow any qualified voter, as defined in section 1 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, to cast a ballot for any biennial municipal election during the early voting period.

The City of Cambridge's Election Commission may promulgate regulations to implement this act not inconsistent with section 25B of chapter 54 of the General Laws and with other election laws applicable in the City of Cambridge, including those governing proportional representation voting. Such regulations may include, but are not limited to, a process for establishing early voting locations, dates, staffing, and a process for applying for, receiving, separating, compiling, recording, and securing early voter ballots. Each early voting site shall be accessible to persons with disabilities.

**SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance and appropriation by majority vote of the City Council of said City, but not otherwise.