



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MAY 1, 2023

5:30 PM

SULLIVAN CHAMBER

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MEETING

Monday, May 1, 2023

TIME

5:30 PM

PRESIDING OFFICER

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui

CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Burhan Azeem	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Marc C. McGovern	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Patricia Nolan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
E. Denise Simmons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6:58 PM
Paul F. Toner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quinton Zondervan	<input type="checkbox"/> Remote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sumbul Siddiqui	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**MINUTES OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, May 1, 2023

A regular meeting of the Cambridge City Council was held on Monday, May 1, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui. Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, adopted by Massachusetts General Assembly and approved by the Governor, this public meeting was hybrid allowing participation in person and via zoom.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui called the meeting to order and asked the Clerk to call the roll. City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Present/In Person
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Present/In Person
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent*
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Present/In Person
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Present/In Person
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Absent**
Councillor Paul Toner – Present/In Person
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Present/In Person
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Present/In Person

Present-7. Absent-2. Quorum established.

*** Mayor Siddiqui noted that Vice Mayor Mallon was absent due to illness.**

****Councillor Simmons joined at 6:58 p.m. and was remote.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized individuals for public comment. The following individuals participated in the public comment portion of the meeting, each allowed up to 2 minutes to speak:

Justin Saif, Hurley Street, Cambridge, MA, shared that they are in strong support for the Affordable Housing Overlay.

James Zall, 203 Pemberton Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #1 and shared concerns about the housing crisis in Cambridge.

David Sullivan, 16 Notre Dame Avenue, Cambridge, MA, spoke in favor of Policy Order #1 and noted it is time for the City Council to give guidance and support to the AHO.

Itamar Turner-Trauring, 139 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on CMA #2 and shared it would be a long-term investment and expressed their support for Policy Order #1.

Esther Hanig, 136 Pine Street, Cambridge, MA, shared that they were in strong support for Policy Order #1 and noted it would create additional affordable housing for families who are in desperate need of homes.

Randa Ghattas, 88 School Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in opposition to Policy Order #19 and noted they were not in favor of Starlight Square being an outdoor entertainment center next to a residential area.

Carl Nagy-Koechlin, 1035 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA, from Just A Start, spoke in favor of Policy Order #1 and shared that the original affordable housing overlay has been extremely successful, but there are limitations.

Sara Barcan, 280 Franklin Street, Cambridge, MA, Executive Director of HRI, spoke in support of Policy Order #1 and having the ability to create as many affordable housing opportunities as possible.

Lisa Dreier, Cogswell Avenue, Cambridge, MA, spoke in favor of affordable housing and offered comments on Policy Order #75.

Robert Camacho, 24 Corporal Burns Road, Cambridge, MA, spoke against Policy Order #75 and shared it was a disregard to the current residents of Cambridge.

Young Kim, 17 Norris Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on the budget.

Suzanne Blier, 5 Fuller Place, Cambridge, MA, shared concerns about Policy Order #1 and the discussions that were done in Committee.

Billie Jo Joy, 77 New Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on the affordable housing overlay and shared that skyscrapers in Cambridge will not work.

Nella Larosa-Waters, 54 Crescent Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in opposition to Policy Order #1.

Mark Kon, 872 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on the Affordable Housing Overlay and noted that the process should not ruin the City.

David Halperin, 14 Valentine Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in favor of the AHO expansion and noted that there are already high-rise buildings in Cambridge for people to live in. They noted the importance of helping people get housing.

Bill McAvinney, 12 Douglass Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #75 and spoke in favor of adding more height to allow people the opportunity to live in affordable housing.

Marilee Meyer, 10 Dana Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in opposition to the proposed amendments to the AHO and shared there should be practical ways to achieve goals and last-minute proposals lack transparency.

Markus Mobius, 56 Kirkland Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on the Affordable Housing Overlay.

Gabriel Malseptic, 31 Wendall Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in opposition to the proposed amendments to the AHO and high-rise buildings, but shared they were in favor of Cambridge having affordable housing.

Jennifer Miles, 15 Hawthorne Park, Cambridge, MA, spoke in opposition of Policy Order #1, but in favor of affordable housing.

Margaret Donnelly Moran, 362 Green Street, Cambridge, MA, from the Cambridge Housing Authority, offered comments on Policy Order #1 and shared that CHA is supportive of changes that would allow affordable housing projects to succeed.

Norma Wassel, 175 Richdale Avenue, Cambridge, MA, shared they were not in favor of the proposed amendments to the AHO.

Scott Kilcoyne, 159 Pemberton Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in support of expanding the AHO and shared it was important to find ways to build housing to bring in families and keep the families that are already in Cambridge.

Ann Stewart, 25-31 Wheeler Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on the Affordable Housing Overlay and offered suggestions on the proposed petition.

John Trever, 156 Richdale Avenue, Cambridge, MA, urged the Councillors to oppose the proposed amendments to the Affordable Housing Overlay.

Elaine DeRosa, 4 Pleasant Place, Cambridge, MA, spoke in support of the proposed amendments to the Affordable Housing Overlay.

Gerald Bergman, 82 Elm Street, Cambridge, MA, shared that they support the proposed amendments to the Affordable Housing Overlay.

Marie Elena Saccoccio, 55 Otis Street, Cambridge, MA, shared they were in favor of affordable housing, but offered concerns towards the proposed amendments to the Affordable Housing Overlay.

Tina Alu, 113 ½ Pleasant Street, Cambridge, MA, from the CEOCC, and shared they were in support of Policy Order #1 and noted it would allow more development to provide housing.

Fred Meyer, 83 Hammond Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on affordable housing and suggested that affordable housing be provided in existing buildings.

Clara Wellons shared that they oppose the AHO petition and asked the Council to vote against it.

Valerie Bonds, 812 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on affordable housing and suggested that affordable housing should be shared by all neighborhoods in Cambridge.

Joan Pickett, 59 Ellery Street, Cambridge, MA, asked the Council to vote against Policy Order #75 and urged the Council to take into consideration the proposals brought forward by Councillor Carlone.

David Hattis, 154 Central Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke against the proposed amendments to the AHO and by lowering cost per unit would lower the cost of housing and it would be good City planning to build denser.

Susan Cory, 114 Washington Avenue, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on affordable housing and shared they were not in favor of Policy Order #1

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner who made a motion to close public comment.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Absent

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-7, Absent-2. Motion Passed.

SUBMISSION OF THE RECORD

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Carlone who made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes from the Special City Council Meeting held on March 22, 2023.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Absent

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-7, Absent-2. Motion Passed.

CITY MANAGER’S AGENDA

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt the orders and appropriations and place the communications on file for CMA 2023 #112, CMA 2023 #113, CMA 2023 #114, CMA 2023 #115, CMA 2023 #116, CMA 2023 #117, and CMA 2023 #122.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Absent

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-7, Absent-2. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui acknowledged the Co-Chairs of the Finance Committee, Councillor Carlone and Councillor Nolan relative to CMA 2023 #105, FY2024 submitted budget and appropriation orders.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized City Manager Yi-An Huang for opening remarks.

City Manager Huang’s Opening Remarks: I am pleased to present the submitted FY24

Operating and Capital Budgets and the FY25-FY28 Operating and Capital Plans. This is an incredible city and over the last eight months, I have been humbled by the privilege of working for the City of Cambridge. I’m grateful to this Council for their trust and collaboration. I’m energized by the dedication of City leaders and staff who are working hard every day. And I’m inspired by our community, your passion and desire to see this City work better for everyone.

FY23 has been a turning point for our city and the world as we have emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic. I am grateful to former City Manager DePasquale, Mayor Siddiqui, the City Council, City Leadership, and staff for all the diligence and creativity and long hours over the last three years to bring us through these unprecedented times. Over the last three years, the City has made enormous efforts and dedicated millions of dollars of investment in its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We built out COVID-19 testing and vaccination infrastructure, regularly communicated and engaged our community, provided financial relief to individuals, families, and small businesses, supported the unhoused community, provided housing assistance to those in need, extended internet access, expanded outdoor dining opportunities, and much, much more. While we have transitioned some programs, many continue to this day. These efforts have been possible because of leadership from the Council, strong City management, and sound fiscal policies which have provided us with the flexibility to act quickly on important priorities. The pandemic has also shown the power of collaboration and the resilience of our community. The partnership between the City, Council, community leaders, and local businesses has brought us through these difficult years. We will continue to rely on this collaboration as we face the many opportunities and challenges ahead. This is my first budget message, and I appreciate the Council and City Leadership for all their work and discussions that have led us here. Throughout the process of developing this document, I have sought to build the following values into our budget process: **First and most important, this budget reflects the Council's priorities and policy direction.** I believe deeply in our governance structure which drives decisions based on consensus across our elected representative body. Weekly City Council meetings, policy orders, and regular conversations with Councilors provide direction on key priorities and feedback on existing initiatives and department operations. This budget reflects those collective discussions across the City, Council, and community. **Second, this budget ensures the City's continued financial stability and strength.** The City is committed to the professional management of our finances to ensure that we can continue to deliver high-quality services, build, and maintain essential infrastructure, and invest in key Council and community priorities. We have significant resources and have managed our financial portfolio effectively. This budget reflects a continued commitment to that practice. **Third, our budget reflects a commitment to transparency.** How we spend our money reflects our priorities and values as a community. An important part of this budget process is transparency to the Council and our community. Over the years, our annual budget has become increasingly comprehensive and detailed, including dollars spent across priority areas, key initiative descriptions, performance data, and long-term capital plans. This budget reflects that continued practice and I encourage everyone who wants to better understand the City and how it runs to engage with this document. Finally, we are a city of innovation, activism, and energy. I'm committed to **embracing change and looking for opportunities to improve.** This budget reflects changes that we have discussed over the last year as well as an orientation toward greater investment in City leaders, staff, and organizational structure. We have also created a more inclusive process with the Council, and I am looking forward to feedback and collaboration on how to improve future budgets.

Summary: The FY24 Operating Budget is \$882 million, which is an increase of \$80 million. However, a significant portion of this increase represents an accounting shift of \$23 million of Affordable Housing Trust funding from the capital budget to the operating budget. This does not increase our expenses and is only an accounting change. Excluding this change, the increase in the budget is \$57 million or 7.1% higher than the FY23 Adopted Budget.

Consolidated Spending: Our City budget reflects our priorities and values, and for those who are looking to better understand the City's total commitments across areas of spending, I would encourage you to look at the Consolidated Spending tables. Our budget is a complex document that reflects the scale and magnitude of everything we do in Cambridge. Consolidated Spending seeks to bring together spending across the FY24 Operating Budget, the FY24 Capital Budget, generally recurring grant funds, and free cash appropriations from FY23. This is therefore the fullest picture for the fiscal year of how much we are spending on our major priority areas. The total Consolidated Spending for FY24 is \$279 million of overall funding across: Affordable housing and homelessness, early childhood, sustainability, vision zero / traffic safety, and anti-racism, equity, and inclusion. This compares with \$220 million of overall funding in FY23, with the increase driven by greater capital allocations for major infrastructure projects related to the Cycling Safety Ordinance and greater resourcing for key initiatives, particularly universal pre-kindergarten, homelessness, and climate. There are truly too many important programs that exist in our amazing City, and I will spare us all reading through the Key Initiatives section tonight, but five major highlights that capture our largest financial commitments:

Affordable housing continues to be one of our largest priorities. We are allocating \$44 million in FY24, including \$40 million to the Affordable Housing Trust. We have a lot more work to do to address high housing costs, but we are making unprecedented contributions to this work with the total commitment more than tripling over the last decade.

Supporting our unhoused community continues to be an important priority. The City has committed significant new funding to maintain shelter beds coming out of the pandemic. We have provided \$1.1 million of operational funding to ensure the Salvation Army's 35-bed shelter will stay open after state funding was set to run out in March 2023. We have also committed to using a combination of \$1.7 million of ARPA and City funds to continue services provided by Bay Cove/CASPAR at the Transition Wellness Center, the temporary emergency shelter with 58 beds for individuals located at the Spaulding Hospital.

Universal pre-kindergarten has been a long-standing City Council goal and we are nearing the finish line. Research shows that children who participate in UPK are more prepared in early math, reading, and social-emotional development. These programs especially benefit lower-income families and have a long-term impact on the achievement gap. Our expanded program would place all four-year-olds and prioritized three-year-olds in a high-quality pre-school program across Cambridge Public Schools, Department of Human Services Program preschools, Head Start, and community programs. Planning for implementation of UPK has been a major effort across the City and Cambridge Public Schools. Total funding for UPK is \$34.4 million in FY24. This includes the anticipated allocation of \$10 million of FY23 free cash toward a stabilization fund which will help mitigate the budget impact in FY25 of implementing UPK, which is projected to be approximately \$20 million. We have also added \$1.2 million for new full-time positions in the Office of Early Childhood to support program operations and \$5.1

million of capital investment in Just-A-Start's Rindge Commons project to build new pre-kindergarten classrooms. This is one of the largest investments we are making over FY24 and the following fiscal year. **We are facing a global climate crisis.** Successive international reports have only underlined the dire impacts of continued carbon emissions. Toward our Climate Net Zero goal, we are allocating \$18.4 million in FY24 which is a 27% increase from \$14.5 million in FY23. This primarily reflects anticipated FY23 Free Cash allocations to support the Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance (BEUDO) and the City's efforts toward reducing building emissions over the coming years. We anticipate recommending the allocation of \$2.0 million toward the first year of a technical assistance program to support greater energy efficiency and decarbonization; and \$1.0 million for municipal building decarbonization planning across the 40 City buildings related to BEUDO. The City recognizes that to accelerate our transition to carbon free, we will need to invest in technical assistance to assess and plan transitions across hundreds of buildings, which is reflected in our FY24 budget. The City is also continuing funding for several other Climate Net Zero programs, including vehicle electrification, renewable energy, and city building retrofits and renovations. **Finally, making our streets safer for all is a key priority for the City.** We continue to make regular investments in our urban infrastructure to repair damaged roads, improve accessibility, and address dangerous intersections. The biggest allocation in the FY24 budget for Vision Zero / Traffic Safety is the Mass Ave Partial Reconstruction project, which is being allocated \$50 million in capital. As a capital investment, this money will be spent over FY24 and the following years. This project primarily focuses on meeting the Cycling Safety Ordinance goal and will involve the removal of the dividing median down Massachusetts Avenue, creating separated bike lanes down one of our busiest thoroughfares, and improving the safety and accessibility of the overall streetscape. As with other major street projects, there will be additional work done across our underground infrastructure and this project will also contribute toward our climate resilience goals by addressing sewer and stormwater infrastructure. This will be the largest infrastructure investment related to the Cycling Safety Ordinance to date and this plan was presented in the FY23 five-year capital plan as well as in prior presentations regarding the Cycling Safety Ordinance.

Financial Outlook: Cambridge has a robust economy anchored by world-renowned higher education institutions, a flourishing biotechnology and innovation sector, and a competitive landscape of local businesses. We have a proud history of stable and responsible fiscal management that has maintained healthy reserves, adhered to formal policies governing debt and liquidity, contributed toward pension liabilities, and preserved a reasonable tax levy on residents and local businesses. And we have maintained our AAA bond rating from all three major rating agencies this year. However, there are risks and warning signs on the horizon. Rising interest rates, concerns about banking instability, and low office space occupancy are all negative trends that we are facing. Further, local and national growth in lab space will likely slow the growth that we have experienced in the city over the last decade, which has been the primary source of funding for the ambitious programs that we just highlighted – investment in affordable housing, support for the unhoused community, universal pre-kindergarten, a robust array of human service programs, the most well-funded school district in the state – and the list goes on. For FY24, building permit revenue is budgeted to be \$7 million lower at \$38 million, compared to \$45 million in FY23. Further changes in these macroeconomic trends could have a material

impact on the City's budget and require trade-offs and prioritization in future budgets. It will be together – the City Council, City leadership, and the community – that we face the future and look to both encourage continued economic vitality, as well as make the changes and investments needed to ensure that the city works, that growth is distributed equitably, and that everyone in our city can thrive.

Significant Budget Modifications: Finally, I wanted to highlight some of the significant budget modifications for FY24. Excluding the accounting change on funding for the affordable housing trust, the FY24 Operating Budget is increasing by \$57.3 million from FY23, or a 7.1% increase. Major increases include \$12.6 million of increased tax support for Schools, \$11.8 million in increased salaries and wages, \$9.1 million for new full-time positions, \$8.4 million for increase in health and pension costs, and \$2.3 million for increased debt payments. I want to call out that the FY24 budget includes 54 new full-time positions that will add \$9.1 million to the operating budget. Over the years, the City and Council have significantly expanded the number of programs and services within our community while staffing has not kept up with increased workload. This has been particularly the case during the pandemic where the need for new initiatives and supports has been high while fiscal constraints limited the number of positions that the City created. Supporting and maintaining new work has impacted staff capacity related to new initiatives. Key areas where we are adding staff include Human Services, the Library, Traffic, Economic Opportunity, Zoning, Inspectional Services, and the Housing Liaison Office. We are also recognizing that a number of departments require greater resourcing to successfully advance priority work in the city. This has included the executive department, capital and building projects, equity and inclusion, human resources, community safety, and early childhood. I know we will have time to go through departments in the coming weeks and I'm looking forward to the discussion.

Process: This year, we have made some changes to the budget process to establish greater transparency and engagement with the Council. The City worked closely with the City Council Finance Committee Co-Chairs to establish more public hearings prior to budget submission, including a Finance Committee meeting on City Council budget priorities in December, a Finance Committee meeting to review Capital budgeting in February, and a Finance Committee meeting to review the draft police budget in March. An important priority is to continue to increase both Council and community input into the development of future City budgets. We are committed to improving this process going forward and will work closely with the Council to establish formal City Council goal setting and strategic prioritization, as well as greater public input and engagement.

Closing: This budget book has been the product of so many hours of work across City leadership and staff. Thank you to Assistant City Manager David Kale, Budget Director Taha Jennings, and Assistant Finance Director Michele Kincaid for their work in steering us through the process this year. And thank you to all our department heads and staff who have worked so hard to put this together.

I have said that everything we do in this City is a team effort and this budget is no exception. I'm so energized to be part of this team and inspired by the work that we get to do together – both what we have done, and what we are yet to do. Finally, I'm grateful to the Council for your leadership and collaboration, particularly during my first year in this role. I am honored with the

trust that has been placed in me and the City leadership team, and we will continue to make every effort to build a stronger, more equitable, and thriving city for everyone.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Co-Chair of the Finance Committee, Councillor Nolan, for comments. Councillor Nolan highlighted some items including the accounting change related to the Affordable Housing Trust. Councillor Nolan encouraged everyone to review the budget. **The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Co-Chair of the Finance Committee, Councillor Carlone, for comments.** Councillor Carlone reviewed the schedule for the budget hearings and the process going forward noting that the anticipated adoption date is Monday, June 5, 2023. **The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern, Councillor Toner, and Councillor Zondervan for comments and questions to which the City Managers Team including Finance Director David Kale and Budget Director, Taha Jennings, responded. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Budget Director Taha Jennings who summarized the information and the format of the budget book. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who made a motion to refer CMA 2023 #105, FY2024 Budget to the Finance Committee City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes
Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Carlone who made a motion to take CMA 2023 #106 through CMA 2023 #111, all dealing with Loan Orders as a block. City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes
Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan and Councillor Carlone who offered comments relative to the process for handling loan orders. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Finance Director David Kale and City Clerk Diane LeBlanc who also spoke to past practice and the requirement to advertise after the loan orders have been passed to a

second reading. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan who noted that he was not comfortable passing a second reading without further discussion.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Carlone who made a motion to pass the loan orders associated with CMA 2023 #106, CMA 2023 #107, CMA 2023 #108, CMA 2023 #109, CMA 2023 #110, and CMA 2023 #111 to a second reading.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – No

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-7, No-1, Absent-1. Motion Passed

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who made a motion to refer CMA 2023 #106, CMA 2023 #107, CMA 2023 #108, CMA 2023 #109, CMA 2023 #110, and CMA 2023 #111 to the Finance Committee.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan on CMA 2023 #118 relative to an appropriation from Free Cash to be used for expenses related to snow plowing and snow removal contracts.

Councillor Nolan made a motion to suspend the rules and bring forward CMA 2023 #120 related to an appropriation from Free Cash to fund snowstorm related street repairs.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who noted that this was a mild winter and asked why these expenses were not included in the operating budget. Deputy City Manager Owen O’Riordan responded.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who made a motion to adopt the appropriation order for CMA 2023 #118 and CMA 2023 #120 and place the communications on file.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Absent

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-7, Absent-2. Motion Passed

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan on CMA 2023 #119 relative to an appropriation of five pieces of equipment. Councillor Nolan offered comments and asked how many pieces of equipment are electric. DPW Commissioner Waters and Deputy Commissioner Nardone responded.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who made a motion to adopt the appropriation order for CMA 2023 #119 and place the communication on file.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Absent

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-7, Absent-2. Motion Passed

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern and Councillor Toner for comments and questions relative to CMA 2023 #121, regarding the needs assessment of the Danehy Park and recommendations for improvements and irrigation updates. Deputy City Manager Owen O’Riordan, DPC Commissioner Kathy Watkins, City Engineer Jim Wilcox and Adam Corbeil responded. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner who made a motion to place CMA 2023 #121 on file.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern on CMA 2023 #123 relative to the Planning Board Report on the Michael Monestime et al. Zoning Petition.

Councillor McGovern made a motion that CMA 2023 #123, Planning Board Report be referred to the petition.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed

Councillor McGovern made a motion to suspend the rules to bring forward Unfinished Business Item 1, proposed zoning Ordinance 2023 #1, Michael Monestime et al. Zoning Petition.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed

Councillor McGovern made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for reconsideration.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

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

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed

Councillor McGovern made a motion to reconsider the vote to refer the Planning Board report to the petition.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – No
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – No
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – No
Councillor Patricia Nolan – No
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – No
Councillor Paul Toner – No
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – No
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – No

Yes-0, No-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognize Councillor Zondervan who made a motion to declare Ordinance 2023 #1, Michael Monestime et. al Zoning Petition an special emergency involving the health or safety of the people of Cambridge or their property.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui offered comments relative to why this matter is an emergency and recognized Councillors for comments on the motion.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to Ordain Ordinance 2023 #1, Michael Monestime et al. Zoning Petition, copy attached.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes
Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern who made a motion to adopt the order for APP 2023 #21 for Lesley University and to refer APP 2023 #22, Citizen's Zoning Petition from Ian Ferguson, et al regarding Pitched Roofs to the Ordinance Committee and Planning Board for Hearing and Report.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed

COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner who made a motion to place thirty two communications on file.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-8, Abset-1. Motion Passed.

RESOLUTIONS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt the order for RES 2023 #129 congratulating Debra Wise.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes
Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

POLICY ORDERS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt POR 2023 #77, POR 2023 #78, POR 2023 #79, and POR 2023 #80.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes
Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons on POR 2023 #75 relative to requesting that the City Manager direct the Community Development Department to promptly draft a zoning petition to be considered for filing by the City Council, based on the proposed Affordable Housing Overlay amendments now before the Housing Committee. Councillor Simmons explained why it was important to adopt this policy order and thanked her colleagues, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Azeem, and Councillor Zondervan for joining her in putting this forth. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Azeem, followed by Councillor Zondervan who both spoke in support of POR 2023 #75.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner who made a motion to amend POR 2023 #75 by substitution. Councillor Toner read the proposed amended order that was also shown on the screen and explained his reasons for putting this forth along with Vice Mayor Mallon and Councillor Nolan. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern for comments in support of the original policy order and against the proposed amended order. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who offered comments in support of the amended version. **Councillor Nolan exercised her Charter Right.**

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui spoke on POR 2023 #76, that the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department and neighboring cities and agree to a non-binding framework that Cambridge can use to work towards a more diverse real estate development industry and made a motion to adopt the order. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone and Councillor Simmons who offered comments.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1. Motion Passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner who made a motion to accept and place on file the Committee Report from the Economic Development and University Relations Committee meeting on April 4, 2023.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Carlone who made a motion to place COF 2023 #80 and COF 2023 #81 on file.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes
Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

LATE ITEMS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui asked if there were any late resolutions. Clerk LeBlanc noted that there were no late resolutions.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui asked if there were any late policy orders. Clerk LeBlanc noted that there were no late policy orders.

ADJOURN

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to adjourn.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Absent
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes
Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Cambridge City Council adjourned at approximately 9:24 p.m.

Attachments:

Written communications received during public comment.

Clerk's Note: The City of Cambridge/22 City View records every City Council meeting and every City Council Committee meeting. This is a permanent record. The video for this meeting can be viewed at:

https://cambridgema.granicus.com/player/clip/492?view_id=1&redirect=true&h=305e5d13ef76d7722c4a592b26dc8615

Perez, Lori

From: Young Kim <ycknorris@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 6:02 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: My Oral Comment re City Manager's Agenda #1 & #2 and Policy Order 1

Dear City Clerk LeBlanc,
Here is my oral comment

Young Kim

17 Norris Street

As you know, I have raised a red flag over lack of transparency, accountability and compliance to law and established procedures. City Manager's Agenda #1 & #2 and Policy Order 1 are no different.

If the cost of implementing the CSO is open ended and can be changed year to year, accept City Manager's Agenda #1 and #2.

If you can discuss the proposed FY24 budget and authorization to borrow money to fund a capital project without having time to review budget books and back-up material, accept City Manager's Agenda #1 and #2. Doesn't it bother you that the requested appropriation and authorization to borrow \$50 million for Mass Ave Harvard Square to Alewife Brook Parkway is \$10 million over what was approved in FY23 capital plan and the total cost of CSO implementation is reaching 100 million dollars?

If check and balance in running the City is of no importance anymore and that the City Council can write zoning ordinance amendments by a Policy Order, with consultation with affordable housing developers in this AHO amendment, instead of by the zoning specialists at the CDD, adopt Policy Order #1. Shouldn't the role of City Council be to order CM to investigate the need to amend the Zoning Ordinance to address an issue and the role of the CM to task the CDD to assess the issue and craft appropriate amendments if needed? To put it another way, could the City Manager introduce a Policy Order for City Council to execute?

I, as a taxpayer, certainly don't believe these are good governance. Please reject CM's Agenda #1 & #2 and AHO Amendment that is before the Ordinance Committee and Policy Order #1.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

