



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 13, 2023

5:30 PM

SULLIVAN CHAMBER

~MINUTES~

MEETING

Monday, February 13, 2023

TIME

5:30 PM

PRESIDING OFFICER

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui

CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Burhan Azeem	<input type="checkbox"/> Remote	<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"/>	
Patricia Nolan	<input type="checkbox"/> Remote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6:44 PM
E. Denise Simmons	<input type="checkbox"/> Remote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5:35 PM
Paul F. Toner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quinton Zondervan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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, February 13, 2023

A regular meeting of the Cambridge City Council was held on Monday, February 13, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui. Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2022 adopted by Massachusetts General Assembly and approved by the Governor, this public meeting was hybrid, allowing participation in person, in the Sullivan Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA and by remote participation 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/Remote

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Present/In Sullivan Chamber

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Present/In Sullivan Chamber

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Present/In Sullivan Chamber

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Absent*

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Absent*

Councillor Paul Toner – Present/In Sullivan Chamber

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Present/In Sullivan Chamber

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Present/In Sullivan Chamber

Present-7. Absent-2. Quorum established.

***Councillor Simmons joined at 5:35 p.m., Councillor Nolan joined at 6:44 p.m. Both were remote.**

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a moment of silence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized individuals for public comment. The following individuals participated in the public comment portion of the meeting, each being allowed up to 3 minutes to speak:

Clyve Lawrence, Plympton Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on Policy Order #5 and noted that on weekends Memorial Drive becomes a source of beauty and recreation for thousands of people.

Travis McGrath, PO Box 265 Somerville, MA, spoke on Policy Order #5 and shared that it is an incredible space for people to use without the fear of cars.

Mark Rifkin, 12 Prescott Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in favor of Policy Order #5 noting that on the weekends it transforms in to a place for people to enjoy and be safe.

Kevin Wu, 34 Copley Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in favor of Policy Order #5, sharing that Memorial Drive has been an important part of their life on the weekends growing up in a nearby community.

Lucyanna Glenn, 1498 Harvard Yard Mail Center, Cambridge, MA, spoke in favor of Policy Order #5 and noted it's important to prioritize community and safety, and utilizing open spaces.

Adam Reid, 10 Dunster Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on Policy Order #5 and the positive affects taking a bike ride on Memorial Drive on the weekends has had on them.

David Wintermeyer, 72 Hamilton Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on Policy Order #5 and noted they would be thrilled to have Memorial Drive opened all weekend.

Illana Strauss, 1745 Portage Pass, spoke in favor of Policy Order #5 and noted how it would be nice to feel safe and get to places safely while on a bike.

Agustin Leon Saenz, 32 Mill Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in favor of Policy Order #5 and the positive effects and access Memorial Drive has provided.

Brett Cardenas, 10 DeWolfe Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in support of Policy Order #5 and offered comments on the safety that is provided to bicyclists when Memorial Drive is closed.

Quinn Brussell, 10 Dewolfe Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in favor of Policy Order #5 and shared how it would offer a safer and healthier community.

Margery Davies, 35 William Street, Cambridge, MA, from Mothers Out Front, spoke on Unfinished Business #7 regarding the BEUDO deadline, and urges the City Council to keep the 2035 deadline.

Francesca Gordini, 122 Otis Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on BEUDO, fossil fuels, and natural gas.

Marilee Meyer, 10 Dana Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke against the BEUDO fast track that will negatively impact residents and older buildings. Asked that all condos and coops be taken out of BEUDO until buildings can have an energy review and pathway to compliance.

Lorelei Wolf, 56 Linnaean Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in favor of PO #5, sharing that it is a beautiful green space for students and the community to utilize.

Janie Katz-Christy, 166A Elm Street, spoke in favor of Policy Order #5 and echoed comments made by previous speakers, noting it would be great for people to plan ahead to use.

Rabbi Yonni, stated that he wished to speak on Reports 21-30 and 21-60. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui noted that individuals could only speak to matters on the agenda and that did not include Awaiting Reports. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan on a point of order. Councillor Zondervan stated that he thought Rabbi Yonni may be looking to speak to a late matter **The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan who made a motion to suspend the rules to accept his late policy order and bring it forward. City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – No
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – No
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – No
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Absent
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – No
Councillor Paul Toner – No
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes
Yes-3, No-5, Absent-1. Motion Failed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui continued with public comment and recognized the following individuals:

Heidi Cook, 30 Parker Street, from the Maria L. Baldwin School, spoke in favor of CMA 2023 #30 and noted they had the pleasure of meeting and working with members from the Historical Commission.

Heather Hoffman, 213 Hurley Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in favor of approving the landmarks on the agenda, school lunches, and echoed the comments made by other speakers on Policy Order #5 and stressed the importance of having open space.

Matt Lyon, 525 Huntington Avenue, spoke in support of Policy Order #5 and their experiences using Memorial Drive.

Sheila Headley, shared they were not in favor of PO #5 because of the redirected traffic, exhaust, noise, and the danger to children that now affects the residential streets. They asked that the Councillors reconsider and look at the people that are impacted by it.

Sandra Fairbank, 221 Mount Auburn Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in favor of Policy Order #5 and shared it would be safe space for her to exercise and use green space along the Charles River.

Ari Ofsevit, 5 Arcadia Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in favor of Policy Order #5 because the benefits of having Memorial Drive open on the weekends outweigh the downsides.

Chris Cassa, 103 Gore Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in favor of Policy Order #5 but not at the expense of the neighbors' concerns.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Carlone 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 – Yes
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Absent
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

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

SUBMISSION OF THE RECORD

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern who made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 23, 2023.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

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

CITY MANAGER’S AGENDA

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to adopt the orders/appropriation orders, associated with CMA 2023 #31, CMA 2023 #32, CMA 2023 #33, CMA 2023 #35, CMA 2023 #36, CMA 2023 #37, CMA 2023 #38, CMA 2023 #39, CMA 2023 #40, CMA 2023 #41, CMA 2023 #45, CMA 2023 #46, CMA 2023 #47, CMA 2023 #48 and refer CMA 2023 #34 to the petition and place all other matters on file.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Absent
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 CMA 2023 #30 relative to the Final Landmark Designation Report for the Maria Baldwin Alvaro Blodgett Houses. Councillor Simmons spoke extensively expressing her strong support for this designation. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui also recognized Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan, and Councillor Azeem who spoke in support. Charles Sullivan was present and addressed questions.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to adopt the order and read the entire order into the record.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Absent
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 Zondervan on CMA 2023 #34 which was previously voted to refer to the petition. Councillor Zondervan noted that in order for this to be available to the Ordinance Committee at their next meeting, reconsideration needed to be moved.

Councillor Zondervan made a motion to suspend the rules to allow reconsideration on CMA 2023 #34.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Absent
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 Zondervan who made a motion to reconsider the vote on CMA 2023 #34.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Absent
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 Toner on CMA 2023 #42 regarding working with the residents at 931 Massachusetts Avenue to identify and provide a short-term parking spot in front of Massachusetts Avenue. Councillor Toner indicated that he was disappointed in the report noting that all the residents are asking for is a short-term parking spot with a special permit. Councillor Toner noted the challenges that residents are facing, and he was hoping for a simple fix. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui also recognized Councillor Carlone, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Zondervan and Councillor Nolan for comments and questions. City Manager Huang, Deputy City Manager O’Riordan, and Acting Chief Brooke McKenna responded to comments and questions. Deputy City Manager O’Riordan noted that the current ordinance is very specific on what is allowed and what is not allowed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Vice Mayor Mallon who made a motion to place CMA 2023 #42 on file.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

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-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Carlone on CMA 2023 #43 relative to a request for approval to seek authorization from the Massachusetts Inspector General for the City to use the Construction Manager at Risk procurement and construction method in connection with the renovation of City Offices at 689 Massachusetts Avenue.

Councillor Carlone noted that this is now the standard way of doing business and considered the most professional and cost effective. Councillor Carlone also stated that he hoped that after the five-year clause expires, the City would look at animating the first floor with a Library or other public use. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Vice Mayor Mallon who thanked Councillor Carlone for his leadership relative to this property and asked if the seller of the building would be renewing past the five-year lease that the City has signed. Deputy City Manager O’Riordan responded noting that the agreement allows them to occupy for a subsequent five years, if that is their wish. Vice Mayor Mallon noted that her preference was not to view this building as an opportunity for office space for the long term and suggested that other underutilized properties should be considered. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern who commented on the beauty of the building and the opportunity for it to be used for something that is truly forward facing for the community. Councillor McGovern stated that if it is used for office space, he would hope that it would be for offices that were frequently visited by the public. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan who asked what offices would be put in the space. City Manager Huang responded noting that the degree to which staff are working in cramped spaces at the moment is fairly significant and the City is going through a space planning exercise. City Manager Huang also noted that he recognized that this is a very

handsome building that perhaps ultimately becomes a different space but for now it is important to find space for people working for the City. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who noted that as plans are made, we need to consider that employees may be working remotely or under a hybrid arrangement.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Carlone who made a motion to adopt the order for CMA 2023 #43.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

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-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan on CMA 2023 #45 relative to the appropriation of \$1,150,000 to support the design and construction of repairs at the First Street Garage. Councillor Zondervan asked questions related to the appropriation and the relationship between the expenditure and the Courthouse references in the communication, and why the developer is not paying for work that needs to be done. Commissioner of Public Works Kathy Watkins and Acting Chief Brooke McKenna responded noting that the funds were being used for core maintenance that the City is responsible for. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Carlone for comments. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt the appropriate order in the amount of \$1,150,000 and place CMA 2023 #45 on file.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

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-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Vice Mayor Mallon on late CMA 2023 #49, relative to the Legal Opinion to the Council regarding the Doug Brown Petition.

Vice Mayor Mallon made a motion to suspend the rules to bring forward Calendar Item 3, POR 2023 #27 to rescind the vote to refer the Brown Petition to the Ordinance Committee and the Planning Board for hearing because the petition is defective as a matter of law.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
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-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Vice Mayor Mallon for questions relative to the matter. City Solicitor Glowa responded. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui also recognized Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Toner and Councillor Carlone for comments and questions to which the Solicitor responded.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner who made a motion to adopt the order for POR 2023 #27, that the City Council rescind the vote to refer the Brown Petition to the Ordinance Committee and the Planning Board for hearing because the petition is defective as a matter of law.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

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

Yes-7, No-2. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner who made a motion to place late CMA 2023 #49 on file.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
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-9. Motion Passed.

CALENDAR

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner on Calendar Item 1, POR 2023 #14 relative to BEUDO.

Councillor Toner made a motion to suspend the rules to bring forward Calendar Item 7, Committee Report, Ordinance Committee meeting on April 20, 2022 relative to BEUDO. City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
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-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner who made a motion to accept the Committee Report and place it on file, and to refer POR 2023 #14 to the Ordinance

Committee. Councillor Toner spoke on the motion and asked to hear from Assistant City Manager Iram Farooq who provided an update as to where CDD is relative to BEUDO. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan who indicated that he had a motion to amend POR 2023 #14, by adding the words “for non-residential buildings” after 2035. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan and Councillor Carlone for comments. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Vice Mayor Mallon who called the question. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui consulted the City Clerk and the City Solicitor.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui directed the City Clerk to call the roll on the Vice Mayor’s motion to call the question.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
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-9. Motion Passed.

On Councillor Toner’s motion to refer POR 2023 #14 to the Ordinance Committee.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - No
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Present
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan – No
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – No
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – No

Yes-4, No-4, Present-1. Motion Failed.

On Councillor Zondervan’s motion to amend POR 2023 #14 by adding the words “for non-residential buildings” after 2035. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillors for comments and discussion.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

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

Yes-5, No-4. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to accept and place on file the Committee Report from the Ordinance Committee meeting on April 20, 2022 relative to BEUDO.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
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-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt POR 2023 #14 as amended.

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

Yes-5, No-4. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner on Calendar Item 2, POR 2023 #19, relative to the feasibility of automated traffic enforcement as well as using unarmed CPD traffic details for automated/unarmed traffic enforcement. Councillor Toner noted that he had exercised his Charter Right on this matter because he felt there were two separate issues. Councillor Toner offered an amendment to POR 2023 #19 by substitution that was shown on the screen. Councillor Toner indicated that he would also be bringing forth a late policy order regarding police details. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui noted that the motion before the body was on the substitute order. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillors for comments and discussion. Councillor Azeem noted that he would like to table the matter if Councillor Toner was willing to withdraw his substitute amendment. Councillor Toner withdrew his substitute amendment,

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Azeem who made a motion to table POR 2023 #19.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
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-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner who made a motion to suspend the rules and accept and bring forward his late filed Policy Order, POR 2023 #34 regarding Police Details. Copy attached.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
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-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner who spoke on the Policy Order. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan who exercised his Charter Right.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern on Calendar Item #6, Committee Report, Ordinance Committee meeting on November 19, 2019. Councillor McGovern made a motion to accept the report and place it on file.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
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-9. Motion Passed.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner on APP 2023 #8 relative to thirty-five temporary banners for the MIT Visual Arts Center.

Councillor McGovern made a motion to adopt the order.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
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-9. Motion Passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to place One Hundred and Forty-Three Communications, COM 185 through COM 327, on file.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
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-9. Motion Passed.

RESOLUTIONS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt the resolutions for RES 2023 #56, RES 2023 #58, RES 2023 #59, RES 2023 #60, RES 2023 #61,

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

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-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner on RES 2023 #57, on the death of Edna Dorothy Powers. Councillor Toner made a motion to add Councillor McGovern as a cosponsor.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

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-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt RES 2023 #57 as amended.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

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-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern on RES 2023 #62 congratulating Scott Cody. Councillor McGovern spoke on the resolution as did Councillor Toner.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to amend RES 2023 #62 by adding Councillor Toner, Councillor Simmons, and Councillor Nolan as cosponsors.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
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-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt the resolution for RES 2023 #62 as amended.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
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-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to amend RES 2023 #63, congratulating Jamalh Prince by adding Councillor Toner, Councillor Simmons and Councillor Nolan as cosponsors.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
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-9. Motion Passed

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt the resolution RES 2023 #63 as amended.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
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-9. Motion Passed.

POLICY ORDERS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt the orders for POR 2023 #29, POR 2023 #31 and POR 2023 #32.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
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-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Vice Mayor Mallon on POR 2023 #30 that the entire City Council go on record in support of HD.3530 and SD.1263. Vice Mayor Mallon spoke on the legislation noting that it was important to send a strong message of support to the State delegation and noted that Cambridge would like to be a pilot community if the legislation passes.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to amend POR 2023 #30 to add Councillor Nolan and Councillor Carlone as cosponsors.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
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-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt POR 2023 #30 as amended.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

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-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Clerk LeBlanc on POR 2023 #33 relative to the continuation of Riverbend Park closures on Saturdays and Sundays. The City Clerk noted that the document was originally presented to the City Clerk’s Office with four sponsors; Councillor Azeem, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Nolan and Vice Mayor Mallon. The Clerk also noted that when the document was initially posted online at 3:24 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2023, it showed only four sponsors. Clerk LeBlanc stated that a technical issue occurred when the document posted online for the second time at 4:00 p.m. the same day, resulting in a fifth sponsor being added. The Clerk stated that the vendor was not able to explain why this happened and again noted that POR 2023 #33 has only 4 sponsors.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Azeem on POR 2023 #33 relative to the continuation of Riverbend Park closures on Saturdays and Sundays.

Councillor Azeem spoke about why he thought this was an important policy order forward noting that open space is linked to health and health equity as well as physical and mental health and overall happiness.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who spoke on her concerns relative to POR 2023 #33 and noted that she had submitted to the Clerk a substitute order/amendment by substitution. Councillor Simmons’s amendment by substitution was briefly displayed on the screen. Councillor Simmons then noted that she wished to work with Councillor Azeem and exercised her Charter Right on POR 2023 #33.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Vice Mayor Mallon who made a motion to place the three Communications from Other City Officers, COF 2023 #30, COF 2023 #31, and COF 2023 #32 on file.

LATE MATTERS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui asked the Clerk if there were any resolutions or policy orders. The Clerk noted that there was one late policy order.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to suspend the rules to accept late Policy Order, POR 2023 #35, HOME-ARP Public Process submitted by Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui and Councillor Nolan.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
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-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan on late Policy Order, POR 2023 #35, HOME-ARP Public Process. Councillor Zondervan explained the order and the urgency and made a motion to adopt POR 2023 #35.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem - Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
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-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Vice Mayor Mallon 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 – Yes
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Absent
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 9:18 p.m.

Attachments:

Late Policy Order, POR 2023 #34 regarding Police Details

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/442?view_id=1&redirect=true&h=8ae2d8b67478392b0c5a0873fe19185b



City of Cambridge

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FIRST IN COUNCIL
February 13, 2023

COUNCILLOR TONER
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The issue of police details is a regular topic of public discourse regarding their purpose, impact on the city budget, and effectiveness; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has raised questions regarding the need for armed police officers working on details versus unarmed officers, or possibly civilian flaggers; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ask the Commissioner of the Cambridge Police Department to provide a report on the following questions regarding Police Details and any other questions that the Commissioner deems pertinent to the discussion:

- What is the difference between details and overtime assignments?
- Who pays for details?
- Are any city funds used to pay for private details?
- How much is paid in detail pay annually to Cambridge Officers, non-Cambridge officers, and Retired Police Officers for details in Cambridge?
- How many active CPD Police Officers worked details this year and at what cost to the city?
- How many outside and retired officers do we call upon to cover details?
- Is there any savings to the city to move details to non-police flaggers?
- Does prevailing wage have an impact?
- Are there any other state laws, local ordinances, or collective bargaining provisions that play a role in continuing to use sworn police officers on details?
- Is there a benefit to having sworn police officers working details in terms of community safety?
- What are the pros and cons of having a sworn police officer on a detail versus civilian flagger?
- What are the pros and cons of having an armed versus unarmed officer working on a detail?
- Are there any state laws, ordinances, or collective bargaining provisions that require police officers to be armed while on duty?

and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter as soon as possible for future discussion in a joint hearing of the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee and the Public Safety Committee.