



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 24, 2023

5:30 PM

SULLIVAN CHAMBER

~MINUTES~

MEETING

Monday, April 24, 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
E. Denise Simmons	<input type="checkbox"/> Remote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5:43 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, April 24, 2023

A regular meeting of the Cambridge City Council was held on Monday, April 24, 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 – Present/In Person

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-8. Absent-1. Quorum established.

***Councillor Simmons joined at 5:43 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:

Public Comment

Jolie Jourdan, Walden Square, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on POR 2023 #71 and shared why Williamina P.S. Flemming and Cecili Payne-Gaposchkin are influential women.

Eppa Rixey, 126 Harvey Street, Cambridge, MA, supports the City Manager's decision to make improvements to the area around Jerry's Pond.

Margaret Rixey, 126 Harvey Street, Cambridge, MA, shared they are in favor of CMA 2023 #103 and having a safer area free of car emissions would be a good way to use City funds.

Eric Grunebaum, 98 Montgomery Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments and suggestions on how the City can commit to help Jerry's Pond and shared it would benefit bike and pedestrian safety in the community.

Benadette Manning, 356 Rindge Avenue, Cambridge, MA, shared that it is not mentally and physically safe on Rindge Avenue with no green space and questioned when the Urban Forest Master plan would go in place.

McNamara Buck, 18 Gold Star Road, Cambridge, MA, shared that the improvements to Jerry's Pond and the Rindge Avenue Greenway should be concrete goals for the City.

Suzanna Schell, 195 Harvey Street, Cambridge, MA, supports the bridge that will connect Jefferson Park and Danehy Park and shared concerns about the proposed improvements.

Rachel DeLucas, 29 Seagrave Road, Cambridge, MA, shared concerns about ARPA funding for Jerry's Pond and the City's plan to plant trees in areas where they will not thrive.

Young Kim, 17 Norris Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on CMA #4.

Neheet Trivedi, 41 Magoun Street, Cambridge, MA, shared that the bridge connection connecting Jefferson Park and Danehy Park and improvements to Jerry's Pond would both be beneficial for the City.

Joel Nogic, 94 Clifton Street, Cambridge, MA, shared that they support the City Manager's decision to use funds to improve the Rindge Avenue community.

Lawrence Adkins, 45 Hayes Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on Charter Right #2 and shared they were in favor of having Memorial Drive closed on Sundays only.

Evette Layne, 43 Magee Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on Charter Right #2 and shared it was a good idea to have Memorial Drive closed on Saturdays and Sundays during the pandemic, but is in full support of DCR's decision to have Memorial Drive go back to being closed on Sundays only.

Ari Ofsevit, 5 Arcadia Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on Charter Right #2 and shared they support the City Council trying to keep Memorial Drive closed on Saturdays.

Sandra Fairbank, 221 Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on Charter Right #2 and the Riverside Community.

Psang Lhamo, 386 Rindge Avenue, Cambridge, MA, shared they were in favor of making improvements to the area of Jerry's Pond and shared that green space will help with people's physical and mental health.

Lewis Weitzman, 124 Montgomery Street, Cambridge, MA, shared that Jerry's Pond could be a beautiful place for children and families to enjoy.

Clyve Lawrence, 26 Plympton Street, Cambridge, MA, urged the Council to pass Charter Right #2 and shared that it was a successful pilot program that provided space for people.

Lawrence Ward, 47 Howard Street, Cambridge, MA, thanked the DCR for their decision to only keep Memorial Drive closed on Sundays and urged the Council to work with DCR to find a solution to make all parties happy.

Melissa Ludtke, 30 Buena Vista Park, Cambridge, MA, shared that they were in favor of the bridge and Jerry's Pond being available for residents to enjoy.

Ann Stewart, 25-31 Wheeler Street, Cambridge, MA, shared that Jerry's Pond should be included in the City's feasibility study.

Amy Kipp, 111 Whittemore Avenue, Cambridge, MA, supports the City Manager's decision to allocate funds towards improvements around Jerry's Pond.

Gwen Speeth, 16 Churchill Avenue, Cambridge, MA, shared that the funds that were promised for the Jerry's Pond feasibility study should be going there instead of other places.

Julie Ray, 248 Walden Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on Charter Right #2 and shared that global climate warming is accelerating and urged the Council to keep Memorial Drive closed to traffic all weekend.

Henry Johnson, 5 Magazine Street, Cambridge, MA, shared that during the pandemic it was nice to see Riverbend shut down for the weekend, but agrees with the decision made by DCR.

Fran Cronin, 1 Kimball Lane, Cambridge, MA, shared they supported ARPA funds going towards Rindge Avenue and Jerry's Pond improvements.

Sheila Headley, 89 Putnam Avenue, Cambridge, MA, spoke in opposition to PO 2023 #68 and supports DCR's decision.

Cheryl Lyn Williams, 375 Washington Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on Charter Right #2 and shared they were in favor of DCR's decision.

Abigail Bulman, 38 Park Vale Avenue, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on gas and electrical lawn mowers being used in the City.

Mike Nakagawa, 51 Madison Avenue, Cambridge, MA, offered concerns and comments on CMA #6 and shared there would be many neighborhood benefits for the IQHG plan if the City does not do additional impacts.

Carol Hill, 4 Riverside Place, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on the unsafe conditions while crossing Western Avenue and shared there could be other options available for the City Residents to take advantage of before creating further burden to residents that are affected by the additional Charles River closures.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Carol Hill to speak for more than two minutes.

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 continued to recognize individuals for public comment.

David Bass, 23 Norris Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on CMA #6 and shared how soil could bring cost and environmental questions forward.

Sonja Scoby, 89 Putnam Avenue, Cambridge, MA, shared they were disappointed with the City Councillors decision to support Saturday closure at Riverbend Park.

Lisa Coen, 127 Clay Street, Cambridge, MA, shared they support a bridge connecting Jefferson and Danehy Parks and improvements to Jerry's Pond.

Jason Targoff, 4 Olive Place, Cambridge, MA, shared they are in favor of improvements to Jerry's Pond and the importance Danehy Park is to the community, sharing the bridge would be beneficial to families.

Siyu Xiao, 25 Suffolk Street, Cambridge, MA, urged the Council to vote in favor of Charter Right #1.

Kenneth E. Reeves, 340 Harvard Street, Cambridge, MA, from NAACP spoke on behalf of Cambridge residents regarding Charter Right #2 and the concerns that have been brought forward.

Heather Hoffman, 213 Hurley Street, Cambridge, MA, commended the resolution on the libraries and shared that park access needs to change or the better for many residents in Cambridge

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Joan Corey to speak on a topic that is not on the agenda.

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.

Joan Corey, 544 Main Street, Boston, MA, VP Business Agent for Teamsters Local 25, recognized Resolutions #119, #121, #122, and #124 congratulating Cambridge Emergency Dispatchers. Joan Corey also read a letter to bring attention to the staff shortage in ECC and

stressed the importance that the City has a duty to support it's workers, which includes safety and mental wellbeing, and asked for immediate commitment to fully staff the Department.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui continued to recognize individuals for public comment.

Suzanne Blier, 5 Fuller Place, Cambridge, MA, shared strong support for the improvements to Jerry's Pond and keeping Memorial Drive closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Lisa Birk, 20 Kassul Park, offered comments on CMA #6 sharing that improvements to Jerry's Pond and a connecting bridge would benefit residents.

James Williamson, Churchill Avenue, Cambridge, MA, asked what the views are of those who live in the Rindge Avenue towers regarding Jerry's Pond.

Jana Odette, 176 Larch Road, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #72 and shared it would be beneficial for the Council to be more transparent and to think of ways residents can be more involved.

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 – 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.

SUBMISSION OF THE RECORD

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Azeem who made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes from the Regular City Council meeting held on April 3, 2023 and the Regular City Council meeting held on April 10, 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 – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-9. Motion Passed.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to adopt the orders and appropriations and place the communications on file for CMA 2023 #98, CMA 2023 #99, CMA 2023 #100, and CMA 2023 #101.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

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 Nolan on CMA 2023 #102, request for the City Council to authorize an agreement to partner with the Town of Arlington in its receipt of a federal planning grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Councillor Nolan offered comments noting she was excited to see this being a regional, coordinated response and asked when the hazard mitigation plan would be updated. DPW Commissioner Watkins responded noting that it would take an estimated 6-9 months to update the plan. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan who asked for more detail on the Hazard Mitigation Plan and why it expired. Deputy City Manager O'Riordan responded that while it was not clear how it expired, the City is working closely with DCR to update it. Deputy City Manager O'Riordan also noted that many projects that have been done and that are in the works relative to this matter.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who made a motion to place CMA 2023 #102 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 spoke on CMA 2023 #103, relative to improvements to the area around Jerry's Pond. Mayor Siddiqui recognized the tremendous work done by the Friends of

Jerry's Pond and thanked all who spoke during public comment. Mayor Siddiqui noted that she was disappointed in the lack of transparency relative to this matter, noting that folks thought they were getting a grant and then read this communication and learned that they are not. Mayor Siddiqui expressed her disappointment in the lack of communication and noted that she understands why the community is confused. Mayor Siddiqui noted that she would work with her colleagues to ensure a public hearing takes place. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Carlone, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Toner, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Nolan, and Councillor Azeem for comments and questions. City Manager Huang, Deputy City Manager O'Riordan and DPW Commissioner Watkins responded. All expressed enormous gratitude for the Friends of Jerry's Pond and agreed that additional information should be discussed by the Committee.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan who made a motion to refer CMA 2023 #103 to the Neighborhood Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee.

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 noted that CMA 2023 #102 was placed on file in error, and that the correct vote was to authorize the agreement.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to suspend the rules to allow reconsideration of CMA 2023 #102.

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 moved reconsideration of the vote relative to placing CMA 2023 #102 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 moved to adopt the order authorizing an agreement for the City of Cambridge to partner with the Town of Arlington in its receipt of a planning grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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 who made a motion to refer CMA 2023 #104 regarding a report exploring less lethal alternatives to the Public Safety Committee.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern, Vice Mayor Mallon and Councillor Nolan for comments and questions relative to the motion. Police Commissioner Elow and Deputy Commissioner Lowe responded. Several Councillors expressed gratitude to the Police Department for being willing to self-evaluate.

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.

CHARTER RIGHT

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan on Charter Right Item #1, APP 2023 #18, curb cut for 25 Suffolk Street. Councillor Zondervan explained why he could not support the application. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Carlone who noted why he would be supporting the application.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt the order for APP 2023 #18.

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 – No

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-8, No-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons on Charter Right Item #2, POR 2023 #68. Councillor Simmons detailed her reasons for not supporting this policy order, highlighting that the state has ruled on this and that the City Council should not use its political capital to promote environmental injustice. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who articulated her reasons for still standing in full support of the policy order. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan who spoke in support of the policy order noting that the Council should not prioritize cars over people. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Carlone who noted that the compromise suggested during public comment is worth exploring. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern who noted that DCR and the City need to think about traffic mitigation using lights and signage and any other tools available. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Azeem who noted that he agreed with Councillor Nolan and Councillor Zondervan and supports the policy order. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui spoke on the matter noting that when she reflects on all the conversations, she wants to apologize that folks do not feel heard and did not understand why some of the decisions were made. Mayor Siddiqui noted that the City Council has repeatedly tried and is still trying to get the neighborhood concerns addressed including potential traffic mitigation.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who made a motion to amend the “Ordered” by adding the words “legal justification” so that it reads: “That the City Council go on record expressing its disappointment at the DCR decision, and to ask the DCR to release information about the evaluation framework which was used to reach this decision, including legal justification, any studies of traffic counts, measurements of noise or air pollution impacts, details of written community feedback received by the DCR, and discussions with elected officials and how they were factored into this framework; and be it further”.

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 – No
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-8, No-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who made a motion to add Councillor Zondervan 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 POR 2023 #68 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 – No
Councillor Paul Toner – No
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-7, No-2. Motion Passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to place twenty three communications 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 orders for the following resolutions: RES 2023 #116 through RES 2023 #124.

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 Simmons on RES 2023 #114, congratulations to Bishop Brian C. Greene.

Councillor Simmons made a motion to amend the resolution by adding Councillor Toner 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 the order for RES 2023 #114 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 Simmons on RES 2023 #115, on the death of Ruth Hill. Councillor Simmons spoke on the amazing contribution made by Ruth Hill and her extraordinary life.

Councillor Simmons made a motion to adopt the order for RES 2023 #115.

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 recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to adopt POR 2023 #69, POR 2023 #70, POR 2023 #71, POR 2023 #72, and POR 2023 #74.

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 Nolan on POR 2023 #73 relative to gas powered lawn equipment. Councillor Nolan explained the intent of the policy order. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner who indicated that he had spoken with Jim Kelly, landscaper, who was not aware of this policy order and had some concerns and asked about the working group that the City was to have formed on this issue. Councillor Toner indicated he was fine with having the conversation but wanted to understand the intent. The Chair, Mayor

Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan who noted that he has been working on this for 10 years and that this is a conversation that should move forward in Committee.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who made a motion to refer POR 2023 # 73 to the Health and Environment Committee.

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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to accept and place on file the following 5 Committee Reports:

1. The Health and Environment Committee, March 1, 2022
2. The Health and Environment Committee, March 8, 2022
3. The Health and Environment Committee, March 23, 2022
4. The Health and Environment Committee, March 29, 2022
5. The Health and Environment Committee, April 11, 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 – 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 Committee Report #6, Ordinance Committee public hearing held on April 13, 2023 on Citizen's Zoning Petition received from Michael Monestime et al. regarding Outdoor Use Zoning in the Central Square District, Ordinance 2023 #1.

Councillor Zondervan made a motion to pass Ordinance 2023 #1, as amended to a second reading.

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.

Councillor Zondervan made a motion to accept the Committee 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.

ROUNDTABLE/WORKING MEETING SUBMISSION OF THE RECORD

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Azeem who made a motion to accept the minutes of the Roundtable/Working Meeting held on March 13, 2023 and place them 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.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to place COF 2023 #71 and COF 2023 # 72 on file.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

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

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
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Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes
Yes-9. Motion Passed.

LATE ITEMS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui asked if there were any late resolutions. Clerk LeBlanc noted that there were four.

**RES 2023 #125, Congratulations on the 175th Anniversary of St. Peter's Parish,
RES 2023 #126, Condolences To The Family of Ramona Paige,
RES 2023 #127, Condolences To The Family of William A. Ridgley, Sr.,
RES 2023 #128, Resolution on the death of John Clifford.**

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner who made a motion to amend RES 2023 #128 by adding Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern, and Councillor Nolan as cosponsors.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who spoke about the impact that John Clifford had on so many people and the City.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

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Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes
Yes-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt all four late resolutions including RES 2023 #128 as amended.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

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Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-9. Motion Passed.

ADJOURN

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Azeem who made a motion to adjourn. City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

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Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-9. Motion Passed.

The Cambridge City Council adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Attachments:

Written communications received during public comment.

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Perez, Lori

From: Catherine Zusy <cathzusy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 5:55 PM
To: City Council; Huang, Yi-An
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: About CMA 20223 #103 and POR #72: Jerry's Pond and BB&N Playing Fields
Attachments: 4.24.23 City Council Policies.docx

To: The City Council and the City Manager Yi-an Huang
From: Cathie Zusy, 202 Hamilton St., Cambridge, MA 02139
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