



# CITY COUNCIL

## REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2023

5:30 PM

SULLIVAN CHAMBER

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MEETING

Monday, January 9, 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6:47 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, January 9, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Cambridge City Council was held on Monday, January 9, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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/In Sullivan Chamber

Councillor Dennis J. Carbone – Present/In Sullivan Chamber

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

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Present/In Sullivan Chamber

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Present/In Sullivan Chamber

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-8. Absent-1. Quorum established.**

**\*Councillor Simmons joined at 6:47 p.m. and was remote.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui asked that the moment of silence be dedicated to Sayed Arif Faisal and noted that there were representatives of the Riverside Trauma Center present if anyone needed their support. 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 2 minutes to speak:**

**Public Comment**

Ann George, 1 Normandy Avenue, Cambridge, MA spoke on Ordinance 2022-16 and noted that it was unethical, Cambridge should want pregnant people to have more resources not fewer.

Dolly Arjun, 1529 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on CMA 2023 #1 and shared experiences while working with trauma patients, and noted they personally feel terrorized by the incident with Sayed Faisal.

Sam Whiting, 401 Edgewater Place, Wakefield, MA, spoke on the Ordinance banning limited services pregnancy centers and noted that pro-life centers will not be afraid to operate in the City, and that it's a violation of first amendment rights.

Manoj Mishra, 1529 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on CMA 2023 #1 and the proper training of police officers.

Payal Kumar, 45 Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on CMA 2023 #1 and asked for immediate action from the City on violence, and asked for a long-term change for the police department.

Matthew Kennedy, 77 Fairfax Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on a communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to an update on the fatal officer shooting, he asked for the name of the officer who shot Sayed Faisal, and noted the importance of an alternative police response.

Sirad Abdilahi, 106 Moore Street, East Boston, MA, spoke on CMA #1 and questioned why when someone was asking for help, they were fatally shot.

Alex Papali, 226 Chestnut Avenue, Jamaica Plain, MA, spoke on City Manager's Agenda Item #1 (officer involved shooting) and expressed their outrage on the killing of Sayed Faisal. They asked there be immediate answers about the incident, and proper training for the police.

James Williamson, 30 Churchill Avenue, Cambridge, MA, spoke on police killing of Sayed Faisal and the moral injury to the entire community, and asked how the City will be responding.

Suzanne Blier, 5 Fuller Place, Cambridge, MA, spoke on Policy Order #7 and the Doug Brown Petition, she also urged the City to look at the Harvard Square Zoning amendment.

Katherine Adrien, 43 Allston Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on CMA 2023 #1 and asked for accountability for the Cambridge Police Department and asked for justice for Arif Sayed Faisal.

Pervin Chowdry, 128 Laurel Street, spoke on CMA #1 and asked how the City would be responding to the actions done by the police.

Young Kim, 17 Norris Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on City Manager Agenda #1 and how emotions are running high for community members, and asked for better communication from the City Manager.

Itamar Turner-Trauring, 139 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA spoke on CMA #1 and asked for accountability for police.

Louise Parker, 1 Warwick Park, Cambridge, MA, spoke on #1 and questioned why police could not handle this crisis situation without using guns.

Carolyn Magid, 71 Reed Street, Cambridge, MA spoke on #1 and questioned why Sayed Faisal was shot and where is the evidence he was a threat to others. They noted there should be significant changes to how Cambridge responds to a mental health situation.

Kavish Gandhi, 376 Windsor Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on CMA 2023 #1 and asked for immediate justice for Sayed and his family.

Marilee Meyer, 10 Dana Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on support for #3, #7, and asked questions regarding #4 and how it's being implemented.

Annemarie Grant, spoke on Item #1 and stated Sayed's family deserves answers and full transparency.

David Ajemian, 1716 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on Cal #2 and stated the revised Ordinance is unnecessary and unethical.

Avigayil Reches, 202 Pearl Street, Cambridge, MA spoke on Agenda 1 and shared an experience a friend had with police in a mental health crisis situation and asked the budget to be used towards alternative policing.

Ilan Levy, 148 Spring Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on CMA 2023 #1 and PO 2023 #6. They asked that trust be built with the community, for change, and a nonviolent response program.

Neil Rohr, 655 Concord Avenue, Cambridge, MA, spoke on CMA 2023 #1 and on the less than lethal sponge round and how that would cause de-escalation.

Susan Ringler, 82 Kinnaird Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on #1 and how the police in the United States need systemic changes. They also spoke on the importance of Cambridge HEART and funding them to operate in the City.

Rabbi Yoni, spoke on zoning and support for the Duane Callender petition. They noted they support funding going towards a nonviolent police response and the City focusing on health care response versus police responses.

Heather Hoffman, 213 Hurley Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on petitions on the agenda, blue bikes by Cambridgeside, and the Housing Committee report and community outreach.

Alex Canepa, 410 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA, spoke on CMA #1 and asked for more information. They also commented on military equipment and the police department budget.

Rafeya Raquib, 174 Morrison Avenue, spoke on CMA 2023 #1, they asked for justice and answers, and that the City rethink its priorities.

Skyler W, 1648 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA, spoke on Sayed Arif Faisal and harassment from police. Asked Council to stop increasing police funding. They also spoke on alternative policing and Cambridge HEART.

Kit Haines, 101 Reed Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on Agenda Item #1. They mentioned a Council meeting from three years ago when someone brought up the dangers of armed police responses and asked the City to look at funding Cambridge HEART. They also spoke on Unfinished Business #2

Sophia, spoke on mental health and people being criminalized in a time of crisis and funding towards alternative policing, like Cambridge HEART.

Pampi Ankana D, 28 River Street, Cambridge, MA, shared concerns about police responding to mental health crisis calls.

Fadumo Osman, 115 Harvard Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on and asked for transparency from the City and the Police department. They asked for answers and shared their own experiences with police and George Floyd.

Rachel Green, 55 Sargent Street, Cambridge, MA, shared the concerns that UMass Boston students are feeling.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Azeem who made a motion to close public comment at approximately 6:47 p.m.**

**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.**

## **SUBMISSION OF THE RECORD**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes of the Roundtable/Working Meeting on December 12, 2022.**

**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, No-0, Motion Passed.**

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to accept and place on file CMA 2023 #3, CMA 2023 #4, CMA 2023 #5, CMA 2023 #6, CMA 2023 #7, CMA 2023 #9, CMA 2023 #10, CMA 2023 #11 and CMA 2023 #14.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes  
Councillor Dennis J. Carbone – 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, No-0, Motion Passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized City Manager Yi-An Huang who was accompanied by Police Commissioner Christine Elow and other members of his team on CMA 2023 #1, relative to an update on the fatal officer involved shooting in Cambridgeport.**

**City Manager Yi-An Huang offered the following:**

Good evening, It has been a heavy beginning to the year, and I am deeply saddened by the fatal officer-involved shooting that occurred on January 4<sup>th</sup>. My thoughts and condolences are with the family and community of Sayed Faisal over the tragedy of a young life lost. During tonight's public comment and at the protest earlier today, we heard the pain, grief, and anger of a family and a community that has lost a loved one. I hear their demands for information to better understand what happened, to explain why, and to find justice. I have been in daily conversations with the Police Commissioner and we both sit in the grief of this situation. I also want to recognize that this tragedy weighs heavily on the Police Department. Our officers are dedicated to serving and protecting everyone in our community. We ask them to do a difficult job – to keep our community safe, keep the individual in front of them safe, and keep themselves safe. And they are faced with uncertain and rapidly changing situations that are unfolding in seconds. We all want answers. The Middlesex District Attorney's Office is leading the investigation into this incident and there will be a full and transparent release of the facts and findings when it is complete. The Cambridge Police Department is fully cooperating and if there are people who have information or evidence, please bring it forward. My understanding is that it will be many months before this work is complete and I know this will be a hard time to process without the full facts. Since last Wednesday, I have spoken regularly with the Mayor, Vice Mayor, Councillors, and members of my team to map out a process for community dialogue over the coming weeks. Earlier today, we announced that the City will host a community meeting on Thursday, January 12, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Martin Luther King School at 102 Putnam Avenue. Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan will be present to discuss and answer questions about the investigation process. The Police Commissioner and I will also be present to answer questions from the community. The Mayor has also scheduled a Special City Council meeting for next week on Wednesday, January 18, from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. in the Sullivan Chamber at City Hall, to discuss protocols, processes, and training of the Cambridge Police Department. We are committed to transparency and looking forward to this discussion. The Peace Commission is also working to host a meeting with the Cambridgeport Neighborhood Association to discuss traumatic events and how we can care for each other. Before I turn it over to the Police Commissioner, I want to recognize that our Police Department has been committed to progressive and community-based policing for many

years. It is a national leader in the development of a legitimate and procedurally-just approach to 21st century policing, including crisis and mental health intervention and de-escalation. I believe deeply in Commissioner Elow, her leadership team, and the dedicated men and women of our police department. However, these kinds of tragic events must reinforce our commitment to have open and transparent discussions in order to learn, improve, and progress on our journeys as a city and police department. This is such a painful event for our community, and I know how much it can erode the trust we have in each other. My hope is that we can acknowledge the depths of the pain that comes from this tragedy, that we can treat each other with empathy and that we can have honest conversations about how we – the community, the Council, and the City – make progress together. I'm committed to that conversation and journey. Thank you.

**Police Commissioner Elow offered the following:**

Good evening. It is important for me to acknowledge the tragic circumstances that have brought me here today. A life has been lost, Sayed Faisal was a young man, close in age to my sons; it is a significant tragedy. My heartfelt condolences go out to Sayed's family, loved ones, and all who have been impacted by this tragic event. To the Bangladeshi and Muslim Communities, you have lost one of your sons and you also have our deepest condolences. I want you to be assured that the police department is committed to a complete and transparent investigation into this tragic event. We are fully cooperating with the District Attorney in her office's investigation.

Supporting, building trust, and engaging in outreach with all of our communities continues to be and will always be a priority and I am hopeful that the police department can continue with the relationship we have worked so hard to establish and deeply value. I know it is early, but my hope is that we can work on healing and strengthening our relationship so that we can continue to be a resource to the Bangladeshi and Muslim communities. To the Cambridge Community, we have worked so hard to build trust and deliver services and support to our entire community, but especially those who need them most, including our most vulnerable. It is critical that you know that we are the same police department that many in our community have come to know and trust. I understand that this tragic incident may have shaken that trust and we look forward to the opportunity to prove to you that we are still a resource you can trust and rely on. To the City Council, I understand this event has likely impacted you in a variety of ways. We look forward to meeting with you next week at the Special Council meeting for more in-depth conversation around policies, procedures, training, and addressing other questions or concerns you may have. Finally, I wanted to address our Police Department. As the manager said, this tragedy also weighs heavily on our officers and staff, particularly those who were directly involved. We work tirelessly every day doing outreach and responding to people in crisis and effectively getting them to a place where they are safe and receiving support. We also have worked incredibly hard, been very thoughtful and strategic over the years to do all that we can to prepare for every possible situation we may face and to keep everyone safe. Policing is all about the sanctity of human life. When a life is lost, it is a tragedy on so many levels. We will do all we can to ensure a full and transparent investigation and – just like the rest of the community -- make sure our officers and staff have the support and resources they need as we all continue to process this tragedy. There is a lot to consider as we move forward. I look forward to actively being a part of discussions in which we can learn from this tragedy, and how we best support our community. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak this evening.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui offered the following:**

I have struggled to find the words to address everyone amidst this tragedy. As your Mayor, as a South Asian immigrant deeply connected to the large Bengali community here in Cambridge, I offer my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Sayed Arif Faisal. I've been with the Bengali Community during your most joyous moments: graduations, birthday parties, and celebrations at Danehy Park. Tonight, I share your distress at your lowest point, when you have lost a member of your family, a son, nephew, cousin, friend, and community member.

I did not have the opportunity to know Faisal in life, but I have learned from his loved ones over the past week that he was a kind and thoughtful friend with a warm smile and big heart. At his funeral on Saturday, I heard about a bridge builder who was generous and deeply committed to his community. Everyone knew him as a support system with big plans and great potential.

Instead, his parents had to bury their only child—who they lovingly called Prince—at the age of twenty. I know this grief is felt across our city. Where we go from here is challenging. There are a lot of questions and few answers at this point. The Middlesex District Attorney's Office is leading the investigation into this incident. This process will take time, and that is frustrating because all of us want answers. We have been working since last week to schedule meetings in the community to provide information and hear directly from residents. My role at this point is to ensure there is full transparency, to uplift the voices of the Bengali community, and to grieve with the family and friends of Sayed Arif Faisal. The first community meeting is on Thursday, January 12 at 6pm at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School (102 Putnam Avenue) where City Leadership and the District Attorney will share information about the investigation process and any updates thus far. I have called a Special City Council Meeting next Wednesday, January 18 at 3pm to discuss protocols, processes, and training of the Cambridge Police Department related to the shooting of Sayed Faisal. Additional community meetings will be scheduled in the coming weeks as well. To Faisal's family and friends, my heart breaks with you. Know that I hear you and your demands for accountability and change. I understand it feels as though the city you've called "home" has failed you; insofar as I'm able to repair this break, please know I am committed to doing so. As city leaders, we have unfinished work to address, and we must do everything we can to ensure this never happens again."

Mayor Siddiqui thanked the community for coming out and stated that she would be there with them every step of the way.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Vice Mayor Mallon who offered the following:**

I want to begin by expressing my deepest condolences to the Faisal family as well as all who knew Sayed Arif Faisal. This is a jarring, tragic event that has stunned the Cambridge community. I have been at a loss for words since last Wednesday. This has been especially striking and shocking for the Bengali community in particular and my heart goes out to the entire community as well as the Faisal family. It's devastating to lose someone so young, at 20 years old, that's just a baby, barely even launched, and I cannot imagine what his family and friends are experiencing in this moment. I want to thank those who spoke tonight, and attended today's rally, you have supported this family in their time of loss and crisis. I hope that you stay with them, as the months ahead during this investigation and inquest. They will need you and your support and energy and commitment, as they have lost this incredible light in their life. Along with my council colleagues, and the City's leadership, we are fully committed to transparency throughout this investigative process, and as you heard from our Commissioner, our police department will be fully cooperating with the District Attorney's office to discover what

happened on January 4th. This process will not be short, for those of us who were at the protest earlier and heard from the family's attorney, this can take up to a year for a court to hear the findings on this case when an inquest will be held. I want to say while the facts are still being gathered, we all have questions, I have all the same questions as the ones we heard tonight, and today at the protest, and they aren't easy ones to answer. For the past week, I've found myself really jumping to a very angry place and I want to name that because I have been really struggling with the community, alongside the community about how and why this happened. But also, we need to let the details unfold through this inquest process, while at the same time working to ensure this never happens in our City again. As the Mayor and City Manager said, over the next several weeks, there are several conversations planned to help our community begin to unravel and discuss openly. I hope residents can join us Thursday night at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School from 6pm — 8pm for a community conversation and next Wednesday at 3pm in Sullivan Chamber for a special city council meeting where I think there will be a lot of questions and an open dialogue about where we go next. I know these conversations can't change what has transpired and they won't bring Arif back, but I hope they serve as an open forum for discussion about next steps and how we move forward to a system where public safety means public safety for everyone. Again, my deepest condolences to Arif's family, and my commitment to ensure an open and transparent process.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Azeem who offered the following:**

This is a hard conversation because in some ways, the hard part is over. We can't bring Arif Sayed Faisal back. The rest pales in comparison. The best we can do is to move forward. We need answers. We need to learn what happened and how it came to this. Thank you for outlining the process and what comes next for the DA and the investigation they are doing. It could take six months, it could take a year, it could take longer than that. That's a long time to be without answers and I hope we can do everything to get information out there as early as possible and that it be as accessible as possible because that's a really long time to wait without answers. Over the last couple of days, I have spent a lot of time with members of the Muslim and Bengali community. There is a big feeling that if you are going to be safe anywhere in the U.S. it would be a place with your community and that was here. We need to do everything we can to get answers and to make sure that this never happens again. There is a saying, trust but verify. I think we need to verify here. We hear wonderful things about our police officers and all the things that they do, and I think most of the time we take that from the trust part, and I think now is a moment for verification. One of the things that people talk about the most is that the U.S. is a place that is pretty violent, both on the side of criminal things that happen but also in the sense that we have three to ten times as many lethal shootings compared to other countries. I think that Cambridge is a leader, and we try to be better than most places and I think now is a time to verify that and make sure we hold ourselves to high standards of the country and international standards as well. This just can't be taken for granted or assumed. This is one of those times where we need to prove ourselves. I want to make sure that this is not coming from a place of malice or bad intent. I have been on the other side of the situation as an emergency responder working with the police department. I know how dangerous the job is. It was only a couple of years ago that Sean Collier died in service to this City. I get it. It's real. The job is dangerous, and people do die, but I would ask everyone, this is not the moment to be defensive about it. This is a moment for deep reflection. I was 12 years old when Trevon Martin was killed, and I decided that I didn't want to wear hoodies anymore. And Eric Garner died in a neighborhood near my

dad's deli. I am terrified of getting pulled over because I sometimes feel as a man of color that you are one bad incident away from not having another incident. I think we need to recommit ourselves for having a vision for zero of these types of incidents the same way we have a vision for zero traffic deaths. We need that sort of framework here. Every time it happens, we need to look over our protocols to make sure we are doing everything that we can. I think there are places where we can review our processes and see what changes that can be made. If we think about things like body cameras so that we can know for sure what happened, I think that is something we can get broad consensus on. I think it is a worthwhile conversation about having less than lethal force. And just because there are no easy or perfect answers doesn't mean we can't do better, and not having all the answers yet doesn't mean that we can't move forward. We'll never have all the answers, and we will never be able to be perfect, but I hope we use this moment to really reflect on everything that is going on and make positive steps forward. Thank you.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern who offered the following:**

I too want to offer my condolences to the Faisal family. I'm a father. I have a son the same age. I can't imagine. Parents aren't supposed to bury their kids and lose a child, your only child and in such an unexpected, violent and tragic way, and to make things worse, to not have answers and have to wait for answers. So, from one parent to another, I am so, so sorry. I want to thank the folks in the community who both came out at the vigil and came out here today. We have a long way to go. I think as was said earlier by some of my colleagues, there are a lot of things we do well here and that's true, but this also shows us we are not immune to the tragedies and things that happen in other cities, and they can happen here. We have to remember that we don't have a bubble around Cambridge that can protect us from terrible things, and we have to look forward and acknowledge when we have made mistakes and when all the things that we do weren't able to prevent a tragedy, it is a difficult conversation, but it is one we must have. I know we are having a meeting next week and Madam Mayor I want to thank you and Councillor Azeem in particular. You have been doing tremendous work with the community and trying to, not only give answers but give space and I thank you for that and your leadership. So, I have two things I would like to hear about, not necessarily tonight. One, about 2.5 years ago, myself, the Mayor, the Vice Mayor and Councillor Simmons forwarded a policy order on body cameras. Councillor Zondervan held a Public Safety Committee meeting, and it was discussed. We had a discussion with the former City Manager, and it got put on a to do list and it never got done. I am not suggesting in any way that having body cameras would have prevented this tragedy, but I am saying that it might have. And as much as I want answers, I want those for the family. It's going to be hard with the investigation. One person says one thing and one person says another. Cameras would give us a visual and auditory evidence. We will be passing a budget in May, and I certainly hope and expect to see funding for body cameras in that budget. My next comment is that my understanding that the DA's investigation is relatively limited in scope. They are going to look at whether the officer acted appropriately in accordance with policies or whether there is a criminal element to this. They are not going to look at how we responded from the time the call came into the end, right? That's more of an internal thing that happens. How did we respond, from what I understand, those are things that are not going to be addressed in the DA's investigation, so when we do an internal investigation, I think it is important for transparency and legitimacy, what we did a few years ago when there was the incident with the Harvard students, and we hired an independent person to do an assessment and investigation. I hope that

we will follow that same precedent. If we are investigating ourselves, regardless of what it shows, people are not going to trust it. You don't necessarily have to comment on them, but those are the things I am really concerned about and want to see addressed. The Vice Mayor and I have had conversations over the last few days especially about the independent investigation piece.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized City Manager Yi-An Huang who responded as follows:** Through you Mayor Siddiqui, I think I would say, internally we've had some of the similar discussions about body cameras, and I think we have had similar conclusions that there's been strong support essentially across all of our stakeholders, and this is a moment for us to have that discussion, I think we all would look at that and say we are not on the leading edge of body cameras, and I think this would help everyone. I think, Councillor McGovern to your comment about the independent investigation by the District Attorney, the District Attorney will be at the community meeting this Thursday night and I think she can speak best to the scope of that. There is also much more information on the website about the inquest process and prior investigations that have been conducted and I think I would say that one of the challenges that we will have that I want to recognize as we have this conversation as a City, with the Council, with the community, will be that the investigation will take a long time, and that there's a need for us to be discussing how we can do better and a lot of the actual facts and findings in the case, and that's something that we will have to navigate together.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan who made a motion to suspend the rules to bring forward Committee Report # 6, Public Safety Committee meeting held on December 14, 2022, to discuss the implementation of the new Community Safety Department and integration with HEART.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carbone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

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-8, Absent-1, Motion Passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan who offered the following:** I want to begin by once again sending my deepest condolences to the family of Arif Sayed Faisal, his entire community, and everyone else who knew and loved him. This has easily been the most difficult week in my five years of service, a dark moment in Cambridge's history that will never be forgotten. For so long we have heard that Cambridge is special, that our supposedly progressive approach to policing sets us apart, and that the kind of racist, senseless killings that we read about in places like Ferguson, Minneapolis, and Cleveland could never happen in Our Fair City. Even the mere implication that it could happen here has been met with severe pushback by this council, the police, and the administration over the last few years. And yet here we are, attempting to somehow process the reality that a Cambridge

police officer shot and killed a young man from our community who was experiencing a crisis. Over the course of the last week there have been several rallies and events in which the community has come together to grieve and protest - including the event on the lawn today which was attended by hundreds of people. One of the things that has come through so clearly is what this boy meant to his family and community -- he was an only child and the light of his parent's life. He was a student, an activist, and a good friend who had such a bright future ahead of him. And that future was extinguished in just a few seconds by our police department. We all know that there is an investigation underway and that it will likely take more than a year to get answers to some of the questions we have. I echo the calls from CAIR and others for DA Marian Ryan to not object to the family's participation in the inquest, and I hope that everyone involved will prioritize this case and work as expediently and transparently as possible to get the facts. However, we certainly don't need an investigation to tell us that Faisal should not have been killed. Our response to a distraught person with a knife cannot be to send in armed police to shoot them dead. We will have to wait for answers, but we absolutely cannot wait to take action. If we don't drastically change our approach to public safety, it is only a matter of time before this happens again. Countless people have asked me over the last week what can be done, so I want to outline a few steps we can take right away as a council. First, we must make space for grieving, protesting and processing of the many emotions we are all experiencing right now. I appreciate the Manager's and the Mayor's efforts on this, and I look forward to the upcoming special meeting, where I will have a number of questions for our Police Commissioner and her team.

Second, I call on the City Manager to fund the HEART program, our city's community-led and run alternative to policing for non-violent emergency response. Despite the lack of city funding so far, HEART has done yeoman's work to get off the ground, they have hired a full staff, including seven fully trained responders who are deeply connected to the community in a way that police or other city staff, frankly, can never be. They are ready to begin taking calls; all they need is funding and cooperation. Some will be quick to point out that even if HEART were up and running, it would not have received the 911 call in this instance, because there was a large knife involved. But this misses the point, which is that HEART, if allowed to flourish, would be working with the community proactively and preventatively, so ideally somebody experiencing a crisis would be able to get help before it got to the point where they jumped out of a window with a knife. And frankly, we need to get to a point where the police are no longer the only option for a 911 call about somebody self-harming with a knife. But the systemic change we need goes even deeper than funding HEART. For years, countless members of the community have called on us to demilitarize our police force and to reduce the police budget. This council has so far rejected these calls, voting 8-1 against my annual motion to reduce the police budget, and failing to hold the police accountable for their insistence on maintaining an arsenal of deadly weapons that protect no-one and demonstrably harm our community, disproportionately hurting our Black and Brown community members. Will this year be different? That is entirely up to us. I hope that you will engage with me on these important topics. And finally, we need to start taking seriously the mental health of our residents and especially our young people. The mental health services at the Cambridge Health Alliance have been eviscerated, and getting access to these services is becoming more difficult every day. If we want our community to be safer, we need to invest in more mental health services, not in more policing! So, in closing, my heart is heavy and I want justice. I want us to move beyond platitudes, empty promises, defense of a supposedly progressive police force, and use of the passive tense. The upcoming special meeting is a good first step, but I will also be calling a public safety meeting in the coming weeks to continue this critical conversation. And tonight, I'm calling on our police department to disarm immediately, or disband. We cannot accept the status quo, and I will not stop calling for justice for Faisal and for all our community members. This young man from our community is gone

forever, and we will never get him back. As a council, we can choose to act, or we can continue to do nothing. I hope we will choose to unite in grief, listen to the community, and deliver justice for Arif Sayed Faisal, his community, and everyone.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who offered the following:** I am deeply saddened by this tragedy that happened in our community last week. And as my colleagues did, I want to start by offering my deepest condolences to the family of Sayed Faisal. We are all heartbroken that the community has lost a young person. Sadly, we know that condolences only go so far, and nothing will replace the loss of Faisal who was so young, so loved and as has been expressed, the hopes and dreams for his parents as their only child. The grief and frustration at the demonstration last Thursday and today was palpable, and the need for justice and accountability clear. A tragedy like this provokes sadness, confusion, anger and fear. And the community, especially the Bangladeshi community, are grieving. We, as a city, have done a lot to try to create a community and a community response that protects and cherishes the lives of everyone in Cambridge, and yet this tragedy showed that a loss of life can happen here. We all expect and hope to get more information from the forthcoming investigations, which will likely be long and will absolutely be longer than we wish. No matter what the investigation determines, it is clear that we in Cambridge are not immune to this kind of tragedy. There are questions that deserve answers: not only the large question of how - and why - did this happen. But addressing why there is no bodycam footage. We need to have a conversation as soon as possible about the use of body cams by police - we need to have a full open transparent discussion about bodycams. And how can we work to better support residents in crisis? We have discussed for a while that there is a strong community desire - and need - to dedicate resources for mental health support and towards alternate responses - it is time to accelerate those plans and programs and answer what is needed. Once again to the family of Sayed Faisal, to his friends and family, and to community affected by his death, I am so sorry for this loss. I know that the community will be grieving for a long time. As a representative of this city, I see this death as a reminder of work we still have to do to protect all residents of our community, I will do all I can from my position in the city to make sure that no other death happens.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner who offered the following:** I debated whether to say anything. There are no words to bring to the table to bring peace to the family and the tragedy that they suffered. I want to work closely with the City Manager, Police Commissioner and fellow Councillors to make sure tragic incidents don't happen again and come up with proven policies and practices to make sure the community is safe and to provide more mental health services for those in need. I also do feel that I need to say that I don't think that any of our police officers or anybody in our public safety department comes to work with the intent to do harm to any of our residents. I believe deeply that the officers involved are probably going through significant trauma with their families as well. I think we have to heal as a community and get the answers. I look forward to those answers. I wish they were coming much quicker than is possible. I do want to work with the City Manager, and the Commissioner and the police union to make sure we can get body cameras available as soon as possible. I think that is something that would have been helpful in this case, and I do think there is consensus around that issue. If there is anything I can do to help support the family, please call upon us.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Carbone who offered the following:**

Thank you Madam Mayor. I apologize in advance if I start coughing. I have a bad case of asthma, but I wanted to be here for this. I too was moved by the gathering outside. I am looking at this a little differently. A soul has been lost. I have been told that Sayed was a person of great faith, going to the Mosque five times each day. This is a loss for everyone. I realize that most people who spoke don't know a lot of us. I can honestly say that everyone on this side of the railing cares about everything in Cambridge. Knowing the Police Commissioner, she feels this as much as anybody can feel it. Let's hope that a resolution will come out to soften the blow of the loss. We all share the responsibility, everybody in the room for making Cambridge a better place. We don't know all the details. We only know a few. People who know me know that I am not a yes man. I always think we can do better. In this case, I have faith in those at the front table and those in this room of getting this as right as we can and to learn and make it better. I am a person of faith. This is a City loss and a cultural loss that is saddening for all of us. I pray for Sayed's family. Thank you Madam Mayor.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who offered the following:**

Thank you Madam Chair. Like everyone else here, I deeply mourn the tragedy that unfolded in Cambridgeport last week when a 20 year old man, Sayed Faisal, lost his life during an encounter with the Cambridge Police. Like everyone else here, I very much wish to know exactly what led to this unthinkable occurrence, and whether all other options were exhausted prior to the one that cost him his life. And like everyone else here – I am incredibly frustrated by the knowledge that it may take some time before we truly do know exactly what took place, and how and why this tragedy unfolded as it did. But I understand that an investigation is underway, that the Middlesex District Attorney's office is working diligently on this, and that we must allow all the facts to come to light before we can fully understand what happened, and before we can determine the appropriate path forward. There has rightfully been a great deal of anger, grief, and frustration throughout the community over this shooting. A young man lost his life in the most violent and disturbing of ways, and we all mourn for his family, for his friends, and for his community. I understand that anger and that grief, and the desire for immediate answers and immediate corrective actions – but I am going to do the only responsible thing that I, as an elected member of this body, can do: I am going to resist the urge to pretend like I have all the facts, or all the answers, or all the potential remedies. And I will urge the members of this community, as you hold this young man and his family in your prayers, to likewise resist these urges and to instead allow the District Attorney's office to do their job, to gather the facts, and to piece together an accurate assessment of what happened on January 4. I have full confidence in District Attorney Ryan to bring all the facts to light, and I have full confidence in Police Commissioner Elow to ensure that her department works in concert and cooperation with the DA's office in that pursuit. Again, I am anxious to see the full findings of the District Attorney's investigation, I urge that the community give them the space to conduct a full and thorough investigation, and I give my heartfelt condolences to the family and community of Mr. Faisal.

Councillor Simmons noted the importance of putting together the resources to help people with the immediate trauma and the long-term care needed and doing it in a culturally sensitive way so the people will use the resources. Councillor Simmons asked the Mayor to restate the information related to the upcoming meetings.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui noted that the Community meeting would be on Thursday, January 12, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dr. Martin Luther King School and the Special Meeting of the City Council would be on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Sullivan Chamber. Mayor Siddiqui noted that there would also be space for more conversations going forward.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Carbone who made a motion to place CMA 2023 #1 and Committee Report # 6 on file.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carbone – 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, No-0, Motion Passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Derrick Neal, Public Health Officer on CMA 2023 #2, Public Health Update.** Mr. Neal offered condolences to the Sayed family and gave a public health update. A copy of the presentation is attached. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan and Councillor Carbone for questions. City Manager Yi-An Huang and Public Health Officer Neal and his team including Dr. Dobberteen and Anna Kaplan responded to questions related to using mask and use of the mobile unit, and the deployment of 60,000 rapid tests to the community. It was noted that the at home rapid tests are now as effective as the CPR tests and have the benefit of giving immediate results which allow the individual to take action sooner if they test positive. Public Health Officer Neal encouraged residents to call the Cambridge Covid-19 Hotline at 617 933-0797 for help.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Carbone who made a motion to place CMA 2023 #2 on file.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carbone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Absent

Councillor Paul Toner – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Absent

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

**Yes-7, No-0, Absent-2. Motion Passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Vice Mayor Mallon on CMA 2023 #8 relative to the appropriation of \$321,900 to be used for costs associated with the BlueBikes bikeshare system. Vice Mayor Mallon made a motion to suspend the rules to bring forward CMA 2023 #9 relative to the appropriation of \$250,000 to be used for the purchase and expenses of BlueBikes bikeshare equipment.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carbone – 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 – Absent

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

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

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Vice Mayor Mallon on CMA 2023 #8, and CMA 2023 #9.** Vice Mayor Mallon asked if the new stations that would be deployed in connection with these appropriations were going to be electrified. It was noted that the e bikes would run on batteries and use the existing docks. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner who asked questions regarding the funding of BlueBikes. It was noted that the breakdown was not immediately available but that most of the funding came from the sponsorship of Blue Cross Blue Shield.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt both appropriation orders, CMA 2023 #8, and CMA 2023 #9, and place the communications on file.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carbone – 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 had pulled CMA 2023 #12 relative to the Cambridge Net Zero Action Plan.** Councillor Toner spoke briefly on the CMA. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who spoke in strong support of the CMA noting the work that had been done with CDD through various meetings. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan who also spoke in strong support. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Iram Farooq, Assistant City Manager for Community Development who expressed gratitude for the City Council and in particular the Health and Environment Committee for their help.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner who made a motion to place CMA 2023 #12 on file.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carbone – 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 CMA 2023 # 13 relative to the Stretch Energy Code and Specialized Energy Code. Councillor Toner made a motion to suspend the rules to bring forward POR 2023 #4 that the City Council adopt the Specialized Stretch Code.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carbone – 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 asked what the level of public engagement has been regarding the Stretch Code. Assistant City Manager Iram Farooq indicated that there has not yet been targeted outreach but there were plans for future forums and use of social media. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan and Councillor Zondervan and Councillor Carbone who spoke on the importance of the City adopting the stretch code. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who spoke on the importance of doing outreach during the process in order to bring people along. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui spoke in support of adopting the legislation.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who made a motion to accept and place on file CMA 2023 #13.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carbone – 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 exercised his Charter Right on POR 2023 #4.**

## **CALENDAR**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan on Unfinished Business # 2, Ordinance 2022 #16, Crisis Pregnancy Centers. Councillor Zondervan spoke briefly on the legislation and made a motion to ordain Ordinance 2022 #16, Crisis Pregnancy Centers, 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.**

## **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt the orders associated with APP 2023 #1 regarding Bank of America, 1000 Massachusetts Avenue, APP 2023 #2 regarding Bank of America 28 Eliot Street and JFK, and APP 2023 #5 regarding sign at 750 Main Street.

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes  
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Absent  
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-8, No-0, Absent-1. Motion Passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Vice Mayor Mallon on the Zoning Petition received from Douglas Brown, APP 2023 #3.** Vice Mayor Mallon questioned the validity of the petition in that it only had one signature and raised questions. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui asked the City Clerk to share the information on this item that was received from City Solicitor Glowa. Clerk

LeBlanc read the communication that indicated that the petition should be put on the agenda. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui also recognized Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Toner and Councillor McGovern and Councillor Azeem for comments.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Vice Mayor Mallon who made a motion to refer APP 2023 #3, Zoning Petition from Douglas Brown regarding Amending Articles 4, 5, and 8, incrementally modernizing residential zoning to the Ordinance Committee and the Planning Board for hearing and report.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carbone – Absent

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

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan on APP 2023 #4 regarding a curb cut at 17 Fresh Pond Parkway. Councillor Zondervan exercised his Charter Right.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to place 41 communications, COM 2023 #3 through COM 2023 #43, on file.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carbone – Absent

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

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to adopt the orders associated with 18 resolutions, RES 2023 #1 though RES 2023 #18, making them unanimous upon adoption.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carbone – Absent

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

## **POLICY ORDERS**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to adopt POR 2023 #1, POR 2023 #3, and POR 2023 #5.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes  
Councillor Dennis J. Caralone – Absent  
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-8, No-0, Absent-1. Motion Passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan on POR 2023 #2, request of the Law Department regarding the Barrett et al. Petition. Councillor Zondervan noted that this request was voted and approved in the Ordinance Committee. Councillor Zondervan made a motion to adopt POR 2023 #2.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes  
Councillor Dennis J. Caralone – Absent  
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-8, No-0, Absent-1. Motion Passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons on POR 2023 #6 regarding a request of CDD to provide information.** Councillor Simmons noted that this was a motion she had made in the Ordinance Committee relative to the Blier et. al Zoning Petition.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan who made a motion to suspend the rules to bring forward POR 2023 #7 regarding request of the Law Department relative to the Blier et al. Zoning Petition, and Committee Report #5, also related.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carbone – 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, No-0, Absent-2. Motion Passed.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan who made a motion to adopt POR 2023 #6, POR 2023 #7 and to accept and place on file Committee Report #5, all related to the Blier et al. Zoning Petition.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carbone – 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 made a motion to accept and place on file Committee Report #2 and Committee Report #3.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carbone – 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 recognize Councillor Nolan on Committee Report #1 relative to the Health and Environment Committee meeting held on November 21, 2022. Councillor Nolan made a motion to amend the report, copy of amendment attached.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carbone – 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 who made a motion to accept and place on file Committee Report #1, as amended.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carbone – 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 #4 relative to the Ordinance Committee public hearing held on December 14, 2022, on proposed ordinance #2022-23 regarding removing the limit on BZA compensation.**

**Councillor Zondervan provided a brief update and made a motion to pass Ordinance #2022-23, Removing Limit on BZA Compensation, to a second reading. Copy attached.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carbone – 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 place Committee Report #4 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 #2 transmitting information from the School Committee 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 COF 2023 #1, Legislative Update.** Vice Mayor Mallon noted that the legislation on the Special Act relative to the Cambridge Fire Department Cadet Program was not signed by the Governor. The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Nolan who spoke on the Special Act regarding electric charging stations that was passed and signed by the Governor.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to place COF 2023 #1 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.**

## **LATE MATTERS**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui asked the Clerk if there were any late filed resolutions.**  
The Clerk noted that there was one late filed resolution from Councillor Simmons.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to amend the late filed resolution, RES 2023 #19, to add Councillor Toner.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes  
Councillor Dennis J. Carbone – 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 who made a motion to adopt the order for late filed resolution, RES 2023 #19, as amended.**

**City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.**

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes  
Councillor Dennis J. Carbone – 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 asked the Clerk if there were any late filed policy orders.**  
The Clerk noted that there were no late filed policy orders.

**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. Carbone – 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 Cambridge City Council adjourned at approximately 9:33 p.m.

**Attachments:**

Written communications received during public comment.

Public Health Update

Ordinance #2022-16, Crisis Pregnancy Centers

Councillor Nolan's Amendment to Committee Report #1

Ordinance #2022-23, Removing Limit on BZA Compensation

**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:

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**Perez, Lori**

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**From:** Young Kim <ycknorris@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 9, 2023 5:31 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** My comment for tonight's City Council Meeting  
**Attachments:** 1\_9 CC Oral Comment.docx

Dear City Clerk LeBlanc,  
Attached please find my comment for tonight's meeting.  
Thank you,  
Young Kim

Young Kim

17 Norris Street speaking on City Manager's Agenda Item 1 regarding an update on the fatal officer-involved shooting in Cambridgeport.

No parents should go through the anguish of burying their child. And I am sure all our Police Officers hope for peaceful, incident free day but they put their uniforms on ready to put their lives on the line to protect the public.

I know emotions are running high and nerves are raw with people calling the incident "murder" or "police brutality." Such accusations are premature and inflammatory when the facts of the incidents are not known. On the other hand, I expected and hoped for more comforting and unifying report from the City Manager than terse communication from City Manager Huang reporting that "We will provide an update relative to the fatal officer-involved shooting in Cambridgeport."

I received the City Manager's memo that was sent to the entire City Staff today announcing a Community Meeting this Thursday with the District Attorney, Commissioner Elow, and City Manager to answer questions as well as a Special Council Meeting next week on January 18 that will discuss protocols, processes, and training in the Cambridge Police Department. Although this is a welcome announcement but it is very unfortunate that this memo couldn't have been included in today's agenda packet or distributed to the public on the City's website.

I urge everyone listening to unite and hold the family of Sayed, officers involved in the incident and all those who witnessed the incident in your thoughts.

Thank you

**Perez, Lori**

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**From:** Catherine Hoffman <catherinebhoffman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 9, 2023 5:54 PM  
**To:** Mallon, Alanna; Azeem, Burhan; City Clerk; Carlone, Dennis; McGovern, Marc; Nolan, Patricia; Toner, Paul; Zondervan, Quinton; Simmons, Denise; Siddiqui, Sumbul  
**Subject:** what to do now in the aftermath of the shooting

Dear Councilors,

I am sorry for the circumstances which lead to your taking up a number of questions tonight regarding the role and practice of police in Cambridge. And it is part of the journey many of us have been on for a long time.

I was honored to be at the rally today to hear some of the personal tributes to this young man, Cambridge muralist, UMass student, friend and family member.

Next steps-

It is clear an investigation will take place and not one which is overseen by police.

I imagine the past intention by the majority of you (with expressed support from the current and past Police Commissioner) will lead to action on body cameras for police. In this situation, body cameras would not have prevented the death of Mr. Faisal, but they would offer some clarity on the circumstances. And perhaps wearing cameras would encourage some additional awareness by police. As others will make clear, there is no surveillance/privacy concern to stop this immediate change.

The bigger issue, for me, is the response of armed and deadly force to interrupt a mental health crisis. The juxtaposition of a knife-carrying, single barefoot, t-shirted young man in crisis with gun-using police has been clearly and tragically shown to be a deadly mismatch. The need for alternatives to visibly armed police in crisis situations has been demonstrated over and over again. The need for interactions with community members able to de-escalate has also been demonstrated. Where there is time, finding family or friends to stop the situation or those equipped to assess an erratic and sudden dramatic behavior assures less lethal outcomes.

The fortuitous presence and orientation of HEART makes it an obvious choice for non-police intervention. While it is not clear that HEART would be in a position to respond to an armed incident (certainly not one with a gun), a fully functioning and dispatch ready team could be a strong player. The major deterrent to readiness for the trained HEART responders is the lack of financial and city authorized recognition. I hope this encourages the Council to allocate funds in the budget for HEART's work and also moves forward a director for the non-police Public Safety Department

I also hope there will be community-led opportunities for emotional debriefing which are not led by police or police surrogates. We once had a Community Crisis Response Team (which I was part of) that would have brought community (and perhaps clinical) facilitators to allow people the freedom to express the wide array of feelings in order to find some healing. Meetings which involve police or police supportive city agencies will only have the impact of silencing those who need and deserve the right to speak.

This is a critical time for community members to be involved in the direction of our collective public safety.

Thank you

Cathy Hoffman  
Pleasant St.

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**From:** Catherine Hoffman [mailto:catherinebhoffman@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, January 9, 2023 3:20 PM

**To:** Catherine Hoffman

**Subject:**

and alternative public safety option

**Perez, Lori**

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**From:** ANNEMARIE G <Annemarie020981@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 9, 2023 6:18 PM  
**To:** City Clerk; City Manager; Azeem, Burhan; Carlone, Dennis; Mallon, Alanna; McGovern, Marc; Nolan, Patricia; Siddiqui, Sumbul; Simmons, Denise; Toner, Paul; Zondervan, Quinton  
**Subject:** public comment City Council meeting 1/9/23  
**Attachments:** Sayed Public comment 1-9-23.docx

Hello

See attached public comment of 1/9/23 Cambridge City Council meeting  
Annemarie Grant

**1st and foremost i am sending my love and solidarity to Sayed's loved ones. My own brother Thomas Purdy who was hog tied for over 40 minutes and asphyxiated by police in Reno NV 10/8/2015 during a mental health crisis. Sayed's family deserves answers now! As someone who had a loved one killed while in a mental health crisis I can personally tell you how devastating and traumatizing it is, but to be left in the dark without answers is absolutely one of the hardest parts! And sadly in my brother's murder and too many others this is the MO. Withholding the names of the cops who chased down and executed Sayed is another tactic to protect killer cops! Their names should have been made known immediately.**

**Just because police are the perpetrators does not mean the family and the community do not deserve full transparency and accountability for Sayed's death! Qualified Immunity for police needs to end! Independent investigations with independent fact finding! But even then QI will exonerate the officers**

**It is time for mental illness to stop being a death sentence at the hands of law enforcement here in Mass as well as across our entire country.**

**Police policy is shoot to kill. Police respond to those in crisis with escalation rather than de-escalating. It's time to truly value the sanctity of human life and have long term changes and reform from law enforcement!**

**Sayed is not the first to die at the hand's of Cambridge Police while in crisis. Neighbors called police on 59 year old Daniel Furtado on a regular basis. His erratic behavior and history of mental health issues were well known when police arrived on 07/15/2002 to resolve another report that he'd vandalized property with a hatchet. Daniel retreated inside his house, breaking windows and shouting threats. After about four hours a special response team forced its way inside, and shot Daniel to death. The years pass the pain never ends for impacted families of police violence.**

**Juston Root, Daniel Gillis, Wilfredo Justiniano Jr., Terrence Coleman the list goes on of community members in crisis across the commonwealth killed by police while in crisis**

**Police have been equipped with all kinds of financial funding, and have militarized themselves against the community. With all the armored vehicles, stab vests, chemicals, tasers, drones etc NOBODY in a mental**

**health crisis should be killed at the hands of law enforcement! Sayed should be alive, he was not a danger to anybody but himself yet he was tried, convicted and executed by police. And the sad reality is there will be no justice because our laws allow police to kill anyone without consequence. And police investigating each other will never get us to accountability. The city just throws more money at police rather than into community resources to treat mental illness**

**I don't want to live in a community where we execute those in crisis. And everybody knows somebody that suffers from mental illness!**

Perez, Lori

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**From:** Marilee Meyer <mbm0044@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 9, 2023 6:50 PM  
**To:** City Clerk; City Council; tonerforcambridge@gmail.com  
**Subject:** letter for # 3 #7 and questions about STRETCH CODE

1-9-23

TO: City Council (Public commentary)

I support # 3-the Douglas Brown incremental housing amendments to zoning.

I support #7, the Blier Petition to close the loop holes in the Harvard Sq Zoning Ordinance .  
# 4--I would like to know what the specialized Stretch Code is. Cambridge is requiring GREATER energy efficiency than the mandated statewide base code -seemingly so progressive Cambridge can "MAKE A STATEMENT" with immediate adoption. It is dizzying how many overlapping energy programs are being implemented. HOW WILL THEY AFFECT AFFORDABLE HOUSING and renovations?

Previously, the Net Zero Action Plan Task Force said BEUDO was the highest priority. AND the lowest priority is the "Custom retrofitting program for residential and small commercial buildings". WHICH IS IT?

**With all the energy policies, what are the responsibilities of the cash poor middle class unit owner who has lived there 30 years? NOT ALL QUALIFY FOR FINANCIAL PROGRAMS.**

People continue to be uninformed. I hope the public explanation of Specialized Stretch Code is handled better than Envision, the AHO, Net Zero Action Plan, BEUDO, Bike Lanes and climate resilience. Yes, they are valuable but implementation and costs need to be explained at a granular level first- before the big financial surprise.

Marilee Meyer  
10 Dana St  
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# Public Health Update

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 9, 2023



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# Epidemiological Nature of COVID-19 Surge

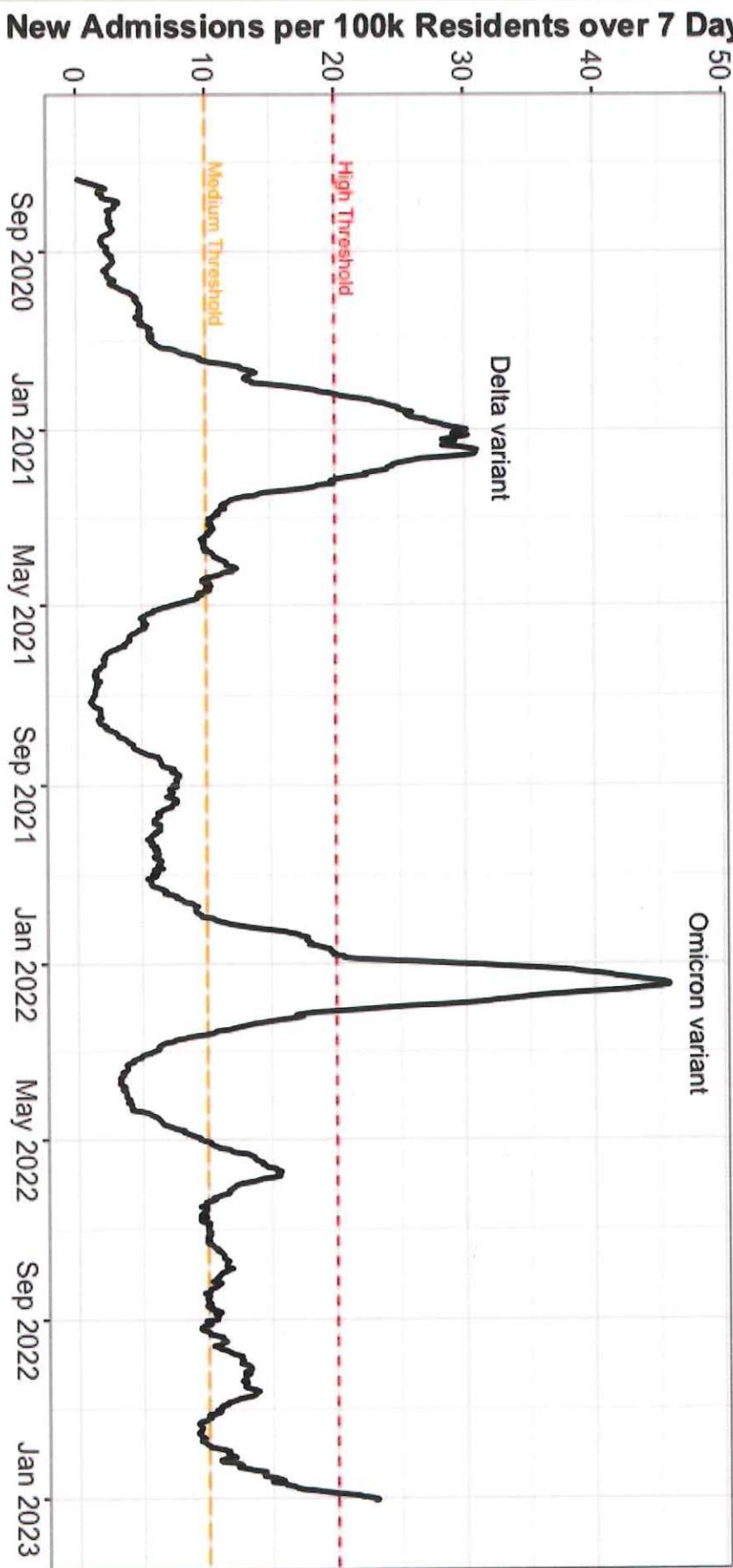
- ↑ Wastewater (leading indicator)
- ↑ Cases (when reported)
- ↑ Hospitalizations
- ↑ Deaths (lagging indicator)



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# Middlesex COVID-19 Community Level Now at HIGH

## CDC Community Levels - New Hospitalizations



# Middlesex COVID-19 Community Level Now at HIGH

What's Different? CDC recommends:

- High-quality masks indoors in public - *for all*
- If high risk: avoid non-essential indoor activities
- If in contact with someone at high risk: test before contact, mask when indoors



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# Middlesex COVID-19 Community Level Now at HIGH

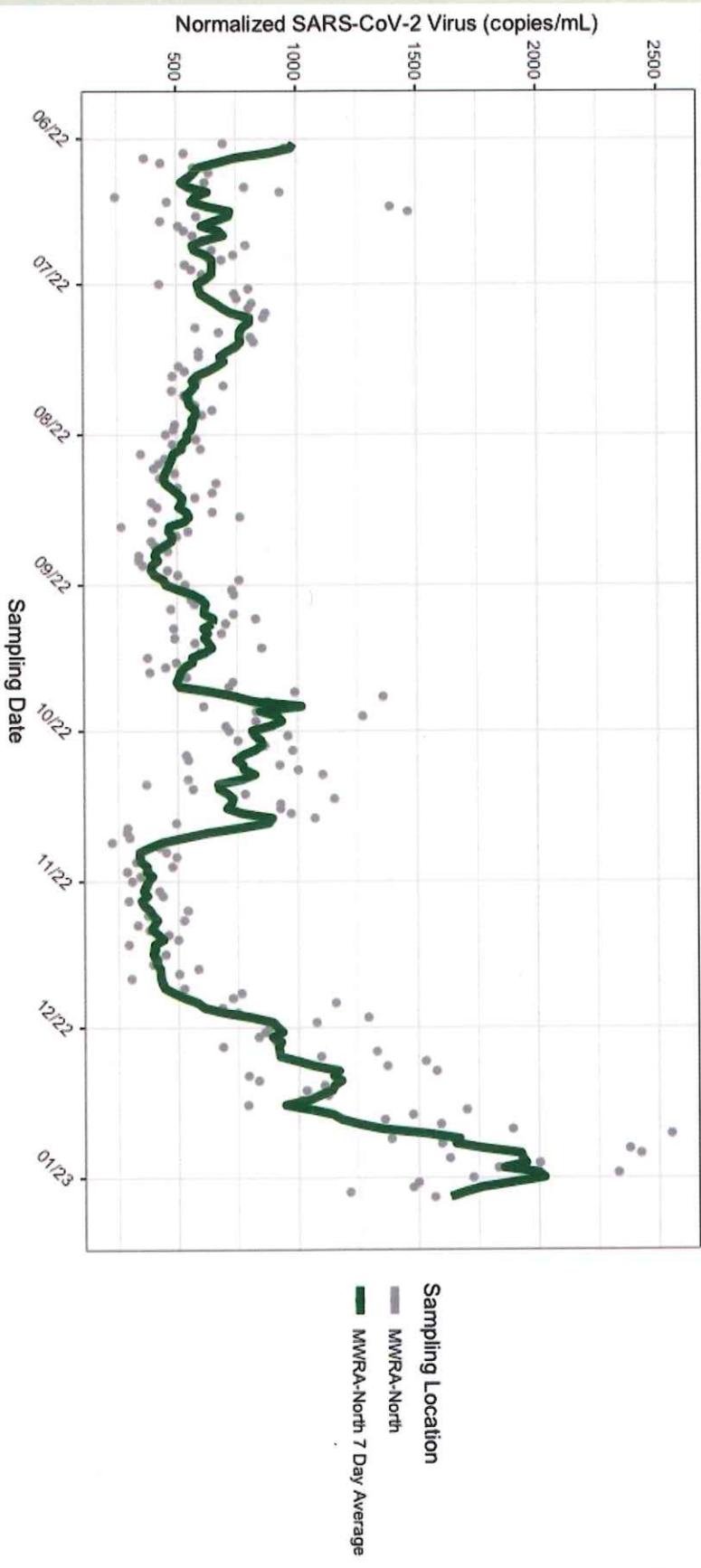
What stays the same?

- Get vaccinated and boosted
- Test if you have symptoms/exposure
- Stay home if sick
- Ask your provider about treatment
- Reach out if you have COVID and need assistance while isolating: 617-933-0797



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# Regional Wastewater - MWRA Northern Region



# RSV/Flu Update

- RSV positivity & hospitalizations continue to decline regionally and nationally.
- Influenza-like illness (ILI) remain very high but may be plateauing.
- Second flu spike possible based on last year, southern hemisphere experience.
- There's still time to get your flu shot!



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# CPS COVID Update

- Masks strongly recommended through January 13th, testing prior to return
- 25 reported cases the week of January 2, mostly home test results
- For comparison, there were 39 reported cases in the week prior to vacation



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# Testing Update

- Promotion of free rapid tests
- CPHD support for people who test positive: 617-933-0797
- Shift in testing strategy due to decreased need of PCR testing
- Ability to deploy mobile PCR testing if needed



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# Testing Update

- 60,000+ rapid tests/masks received Friday
- Tests will be available daily at CPHD, other sites TBD
- Broader distribution before/after school vacations, holidays
- Continued provision of tests to Cambridge Housing Authority, shelters, child care, community partners



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# City of Cambridge

ORD 2022 # 16  
IN CITY COUNCIL  
December 19, 2022

That Chapter 5 of the Cambridge Municipal Code be amended by inserting the following section:

## **5.60 - Crisis Pregnancy Centers**

### **5.60.010 - Purpose**

(1) It is the intent of this Ordinance to allow crisis pregnancy centers operating in compliance with this Ordinance to counsel against abortion and/or emergency contraception. It is not the intent of this Ordinance to regulate, curtail, or limit such advocacy.

(2) After carefully balancing Massachusetts's constitutional protection of the right of an individual to terminate a pregnancy or use emergency contraception, the right of individuals to express their religious and ethical beliefs about abortion and/or emergency contraception, and the harm to an individual resulting from delays caused by deceptive practices that falsely advertise to pregnant clients abortion services or referrals and unbiased counseling, the City of Cambridge has determined that there exists a need to regulate deceptive advertising practices by crisis pregnancy centers.

(3) The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has not enacted a specific statute regulating deceptive advertising practices by crisis pregnancy centers. Therefore, there is no conflict between this Ordinance and state law.

### **5.60.020 - Definitions**

The following definitions shall apply to this article:

(1) **Abortion** means the termination of a pregnancy for purposes other than producing a live birth. "Abortion" includes, but is not limited to, a termination of a pregnancy using pharmacological agents.

(2) **Client** means an individual who is inquiring about or seeking pregnancy-related services at a pregnancy services center.

(3) **Clinical laboratory services** means the microbiological, serological, chemical, hematological, biophysical, cytological or pathological examination of materials derived from the human body for the purpose of obtaining information for the diagnosis, prevention or treatment of disease or the assessment of a health condition.

- (4) Comprehensive reproductive healthcare services** include the following services and/or counseling about these services: birth control, emergency contraception, pregnancy, testing, pregnancy options counseling, pregnancy and infertility services, abortion, breast cancer screening, PAP and HPV tests, HPV vaccination, diagnosis and treatment of period related issues, diagnosis and treatment of yeast infection or urinary tract infection issues, STD testing, and HIV testing and PrEP.
- (5) Crisis pregnancy center** means a pregnancy services center that does not provide comprehensive reproductive healthcare services because it does not directly provide, or provide referrals for, abortions or emergency contraception.
- (6) Deceptive advertising practice** means any statement, including but not limited to false and misleading advertising, with a tendency to deceive that could cause an individual to act differently than they would have acted and is used to solicit patronage of a crisis pregnancy center.
- (7) Emergency contraception** means one or more prescription drugs: a) used separately or in combination for the purpose of preventing pregnancy; b) administered to or self-administered by a patient within a medically recommended amount of time after sexual intercourse; c) dispensed for such purpose in accordance with professional standards of practice; and d) determined by the United States Food and Drug Administration to be safe for such purpose.
- (8) Health information** means any oral or written information in any form or medium that relates to health insurance or the past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition of a client. Licensed health care provider means a person licensed under the provisions of federal or state law to provide health care or other medical services.
- (9) Pregnancy-related service** means any medical or health counseling service related to pregnancy or pregnancy prevention, including, but not limited to, contraception and contraceptive counseling, pregnancy testing, pregnancy diagnosis, pregnancy options counseling, obstetric ultrasound, obstetric sonogram, and prenatal care.
- (10) Pregnancy services center** means a facility, including a mobile facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide services to clients who are or have reason to believe they may be pregnant and that either: a) offers obstetric ultrasounds, obstetric sonograms, pregnancy testing or diagnosis or prenatal care to pregnant clients, or; b) has the appearance of a medical facility by virtue of having two or more of the following factors present: (i) Staff or volunteers who wear medical attire and uniforms; (ii) one or more examination tables; (iii) a private or semiprivate room or area containing medical supplies or medical instruments; (iv) staff or volunteers who collect health information from clients; or (v) the facility is located on the same premises as a licensed health care facility or licensed health care provider or shares facility space with a licensed health care provider.
- (11) Prenatal care** means services consisting of a physical examination, pelvic examination or clinical laboratory services provided to a client during pregnancy.
- (12) Reproductive healthcare clinic** means a facility that provides comprehensive reproductive healthcare services.

**5.60.030 - Deceptive Advertising Practices.**

No Crisis Pregnancy Center, with the intent to perform a Pregnancy-related Service, shall make or disseminate before the public, or cause to be made or disseminated before the public, in any newspaper or other publication, through any advertising device, or in any other manner, including, but not limited to, through use of the Internet, any statement concerning any Pregnancy-related Service and/or Comprehensive Reproductive Healthcare Service or the provision of any Pregnancy-related Service and/or Comprehensive Reproductive Healthcare Service that is a Deceptive Advertising Practice, whether by statement or omission, and that a Crisis Pregnancy Center knows or reasonably should know to be a Deceptive Advertising Practice.

#### **5.60.0 - Enforcement.**

- (1) Any violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of up to \$300.00 for each violation. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate violation.
- (2) Fines pursuant to this Ordinance may be issued pursuant to the non-criminal ticketing procedure in G.L. c. 40, § 21D. The License Commission shall be the enforcement officials for this Ordinance.
- (3) Whenever any Crisis Pregnancy Center submits an application to the City Clerk's Office for a business certificate and/or operates a location in the City of Cambridge and, in connection with such use or proposed use, engages in a Deceptive Advertising Practice that interferes or will interfere with the exercise or enjoyment of Massachusetts's constitutional protection of the right of an individual to terminate a pregnancy or use emergency contraception, then the City of Cambridge may bring a civil action for injunctive or other appropriate equitable relief. Said civil action shall be brought in the name of the City of Cambridge and shall be instituted in Middlesex Superior Court.

#### **5.60.050 - Severability.**

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any part of this Ordinance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**MINUTES OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL  
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Monday, November 21, 2022**

**Health and Environment Committee Members**

Councillor Nolan, Chair  
Councillor Azeem  
Councillor Caralone  
Councillor McGovern  
Councillor Zondervan

A public meeting of the Cambridge Health and Environment Committee was held on Wednesday, November 21, 2022, to discuss how to expand the availability of electric vehicle charging across the City and to review the effectiveness and accountability built into the City's existing Green Fleet Policy. The meeting was Called to Order at 10:00 a.m. by the Chair, Councillor Nolan. 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA and by remote participation via Zoom.

**Deputy City Clerk Crane called the roll.**

Councillor Nolan – Present  
Councillor Azeem – Absent  
Councillor Caralone – Present  
Councillor McGovern – Absent  
Councillor Zondervan – Present - Remote  
**Present – 3 Absent – 2. Quorum established.**

Councillor Nolan gave opening remarks and stated that this meeting is to continue the ongoing efforts to combat the climate crisis and move Cambridge towards fulfilling its climate goals. She introduced Kathy Watkins, Acting Commissioner of the Department of Public Works (DPW), and invited her to introduce DPW staff present.

John Nardone, Deputy Commissioner, DPW and Irina Sidorenko gave a summary of a PowerPoint presentation titled "Cambridge Clean Fleet." (**ATTACHMENT A**).

Councillor Zondervan asked a question about the biofuel mix and where is the City going in that regard? Mr. Nardone stated that DPW has been using B20 as it works best for DPW. They have been reducing that down to B5 during the colder winter months. He said that they will continue to monitor. He said that as those fuels become better, they will take a look at how to improve this.

Vice Mayor Mallon stated that Ms. Watkins referenced that in order to have the capacity for electric vehicle fleet, the DPW needs a permanent home with a place to install necessary infrastructure. Ms. Watkins said that it is a significant concern as they continue to look for space

for DPW so that they can do expanding programs and electrification. She said that the amount of space and infrastructure associated with electrifying the fleet, they need to be somewhere where there is a consistent expectation that they will be there ten years from now and not on a year-to-year lease. Finding permanent space that the City has control over is a big part. Ms. Watkins said that the Hampshire Street site is very congested and is not sufficient for operational needs.

Councillor Nolan discussed accelerating the capacity of the police department to implement electric vehicle options, noting that police departments across the country are using specially outfitted Chevy Bolts and Teslas that have been available for several years. Councillor Nolan noted that the City should be accelerating electric vehicle purchasing timelines and discussing electric vehicle options during every vehicle purchase. Councillor Nolan also discussed the delay of the update to the Green Fleet policy, noting that in a committee meeting in 2018, an update was promised in 2019. Now that the updated policy report is promised in 2023, Councillor Nolan emphasized building in accountability to the policy.

Susanne Rasmussen, Director of Environment and Transportation Planning, Community Development Department (CDD) introduced CDD staff present. She gave a summary of a PowerPoint presentation titled "City of Cambridge Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure." (**ATTACHMENT B**).

Councillor Nolan stated that she would open Public Comment. It was noted that Sebastian Stern left the Zoom and Marilee Meyer did not join the Zoom.

Councillor Nolan acknowledged Councillor Carbone and Councillor Zondervan for questions/comments.

The following individuals were also present to answer questions: Owen O'Riordan, Acting Deputy City Manager, Kathy Watkins, Acting Commissioner, John Nardone, Deputy Commissioner, Ellen Katz, Fiscal Director, Irina Sidorenko, John Keeter, Tom Rowlings, Department of Public Works, Susanne Rasmussen, Director of Environment and Transportation Planning, Charles Creagh, Bill Deignan, Transportation Planner, Seth Federspiel, Energy Planner, Community Development Department, Nancy Glowa, City Solicitor, Elliott Veloso, City Solicitor's Office, and Maija Benjamins, Sean Tully, Gerhard Walker, Chad Gandolfi, Mark Baldwin, and Sophia Zhang, Eversource.

Councillor Nolan invited Eversource representatives to introduce themselves to talk about pole mounted chargers and respond to any concerns.

Maija Benjamins, Director of Strategic Project Development, introduced Sean Tully, Manager of Electric Mobility, Chad Gandolfi, Engineering Standards Group, and Mark Baldwin, Director of Electric Field Operations, Eversource.

Mr. Tully stated that as it relates to pole mounted chargers, Eversource is looking for a holistic solution to the garage-orphan issue for constituents and residents that do not have garages or driveways to charge an electric vehicle. They are looking at a number of different solutions, pole-mounted being one of them. He said that there are many parts of Cambridge where there are not overhead systems in the area. He said that Eversource does have pole-mounted and overhead infrastructure in the City. He said that there are other areas that may be fed from the underground. Some of the operational considerations that Eversource has goes around third-party attachment. He said that as it relates to transfers, having these on the poles would exacerbate double pole issues. Other issues that need to be worked through would be around the radius of the pole that is occupied by some equipment. Also, there are currently some regulations around utility pole-mounted metering on which they would need to work with the Electrical Department. In addition, it

would need to be determined that when restoration is needed, who would be responsible for replacing and moving those chargers so they would be able to get customers back online.

Maija Benjamins said that the major question is who owns the infrastructure. She said that currently, Eversource requirements with the DPU state that Eversource cannot own it. She noted that she believes that it was the City's intent for Eversource to own the infrastructure which is not possible.

Vice Mayor Mallon stated that as it relates to pole-mounted EV chargers when she looks the Melrose, MA pilot with National Grid, she is not seeing some of the concerns that Eversource is bringing forward. She said that the City should push back on Eversource to be more aggressive in competing with National Grid on instituting a pilot because we are not going to meet EV charger goals without some innovative solutions that exist. She asked City staff if anyone followed-up with staff in Melrose, MA. Ms. Rasmussen stated that Cambridge has been speaking with Melrose staff and they participate in the regional conversation about EV installation. She said that Melrose is very satisfied. Ellen Katz added that as a Melrose resident and active member of the Melrose Energy Commission, it was a very innovative and fast pilot program put in place in Melrose. She said that she has heard very positive things. She said that she has not heard any negative feedback.

Vice Mayor Mallon asked about EV chargers at City Hall. Kathy Watkins responded that she expects that this would be designed over the next year or so. She said that the City is looking at 3 EV stations.

**A motion was made by Councillor Carlon to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.**

Councillor Nolan – Yes

Councillor Azeem – Absent

Councillor Carlon – Yes

Councillor McGovern – Absent

Councillor Zondervan – Yes - Remote

**Yes - 3 Absent – 2. Motion to extend passed.**

Maija Benjamin stated that of the 13 charging stations that have been installed in Cambridge, 7 have been funded through Eversource's program which includes the underground construction piece. She pointed out that there are other solutions besides the pole top charging piece which would require changes to zoning and permitting. She asked that Cambridge work with Eversource to look at other solutions as well.

Mark Baldwin stated that Eversource continues to look for solutions to pole-mounted systems.

Councillor Nolan gave an update on a Home Rule Petition from 2019 which was based on a Boston Home Rule Petition to allow charging as of right in condo developments across the city, is now in its third reading and the hope is that it will pass. In addition, she said that the idea of allowing a resident who has a charger in their garage to allow another to use their driveway to charge their car is proceeding.

Councillor Nolan asked if the 51% utilization on EV infrastructure included nighttime utilization. Ms. Rasmussen said that is 24-hour utilization rates.

Councillor Nolan asked if the City can re-use the 100% green plus Cambridge Electricity Aggregation Program to ensure that the electricity going into the chargers is 100% renewable. Ms. Rasmussen said that the chargers are not enrolled in the aggregation.

Councillor Zondervan asked about the zoning needs that Ms. Benjamins spoke of. Ms. Benjamins said that there would be changes required and Eversource is willing to work with the City on these issues.

**A motion to adjourn was made by Councillor Carbone.**

Councillor Nolan – Yes

Councillor Azeem – Absent

Councillor Carbone – Yes

Councillor McGovern – Absent

Councillor Zondervan – Yes - Remote

**Yes – 3 Absent – 2. Motion to adjourn passed at 12:11 p.m.**

ATTACHMENT A: Presentation titled “Cambridge Clean Fleet.”

ATTACHMENT B: Presentation titled “City of Cambridge Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure.”

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Article 10.000, Section 10.12, shall be amended to read:

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