



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 12, 2023

5:30 PM

SULLIVAN CHAMBER

~MINUTES~

MEETING

Monday, June 12, 2023

TIME

5:30 PM

PRESIDING OFFICER

Vice Mayor Alanna Mallon

CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Burhan Azeem	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dennis J. Carlone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Alanna Mallon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Marc C. McGovern	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Patricia Nolan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
E. Denise Simmons	<input type="checkbox"/> Remote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Paul F. Toner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5:34 PM
Quinton Zondervan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sumbul Siddiqui	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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

Monday, June 12, 2023

A regular meeting of the Cambridge City Council was held on Monday, June 12, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by the Honorable Vice Mayor Alanna Mallon. Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, adopted by Massachusetts General Assembly and approved by the Governor, this public meeting was hybrid allowing participation in person and via zoom.

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

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

Present-7. Absent-2. Quorum established.

*** Councillor Toner joined at 5:34 p.m. and was in person.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Public Comment

James Zall, 203 Pemberton Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in support of the AHO amendments and offered comments on the housing crisis.

Suzanne Blier, 5 Fuller Place, Cambridge, MA, urged the Council to not support the second AHO amendment and offered comments on how the amendments would negatively impact the City.

David Halperin, 14 Valentine Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in support of the AHO expansion and shared that tall buildings would not be an issue.

David Sullivan, 16 Notre Dame Avenue, Cambridge, MA, shared that they were in favor of the AHO amendments and urged the Council to move forward with them, and that the amendments can be used to address housing in the City.

Young Kim, 17 Norris Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on Charter Right #1 and POR 2023 #109, and asked that the City Auditor conduct an audit of Cycling Safety Ordinance implementation.

Robert Camacho, 24 Corporal Burns Road, Cambridge, MA, urged the Council to vote against the proposed AHO amendments that will destroy the beauty of Cambridge.

Owen Leddy, 260 Harvard Street, Cambridge, MA, from the MIT Graduate Student Union, asked the City Council vote in favor of Policy Order #5 and asked that the Council show their support for Unions.

Marilee Meyer, 10 Dana Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments and concerns on the AHO amendments and BEUDO.

Suzanne Shaw, 46 Clarendon Avenue, Cambridge, MA, shared their strong support for the AHO and shared that the City should step up and support the proposal.

Jana Odette, 176 Larch Road, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on the AHO urged the Council to vote against it.

Lisa Dreier, 38 Cogswell Avenue, Cambridge, MA, spoke in opposition to the proposed AHO and shared that the proposal would be benefiting commercial property owners.

Valerie Anna Bonds, 812 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on the AHO and shared that housing is necessary to provide homes to those who need it.

Federico Muchnik, 82 Richdale Avenue, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on the AHO and noted they were against high-rise buildings for affordable housing and that buildings should help the character of the neighborhoods.

Rabbi Yoni shared they were in strong support of the AHO amendments and for more housing in Cambridge and noted they were in favor of the Franklin Petition.

Merry I White, 6 Cyspress Street, Cambridge, MA, shared that the AHO amendments does not support healthy neighborhoods and a good quality of life and urged the Council to vote against it.

Ann Tennis, 71 Griswold Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on the AHO amendments and shared that housing should promote a better community and asked the Councillors to revisit and revise the amendments.

Ann Stewart, 25-31 Wheeler Street, Cambridge, MA, shared that the Council should look at the finances relating to the AHO and offered suggestions to the amendments.

Itamar Turner-Trauring, 139 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in favor of the AHO amendments and providing more housing units during a housing crisis.

John Chun, 48 Loomis Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke against the proposed amendments to the AHO and noted that little open space will not benefit residents, and the City need thoughtful urban planning.

Kristen Ammons, 3 Florence Street, Cambridge, MA, from UE Local 256/MIT-GSU, shared their support for Policy Order #5 and offered comments on what the Union is negotiating.

Elizabeth Feigenbaum, 82 Normandy Avenue, Cambridge, MA, shared that it is important to be able to provide housing and attend to the quality of life, but does not support the proposed AHO amendments.

Liz Werby, 7 Wright Street, Cambridge, MA, urged the Council to vote against the proposed AHO amendments and asked that the City meet the needs of those who need housing without upzoning.

Doug Brown, 35 Standish Street, Cambridge, MA, shared that the AHO language does not recognize a community census and ask the Council to reject the proposed amendments.

Scott Kilcoyne, 159 Pemberton Street, Cambridge, MA, shared they were in strong support of expanding the AHO and noted that nonprofits have shared what has work and what hasn't worked to move forward to address the housing crisis.

Helen Walker, 43 Linnaean Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on the AHO and noted that due diligence of construction is essential.

James Williamson, Churchill Avenue, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on the AHO and shared their experiences living in affordable housing.

Daniel Tenney, 114 Washington Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in opposition to the proposed AHO amendments and shared that the AHO language is radical and bad zoning.

Julia Schlozman, 41 Walker Street, Cambridge, MA, urged the Council to vote yes to the AHO amendments and shared how not having housing in Cambridge affects families and the environment.

Susan Frankle, 3 Houston Park, Cambridge, MA, urged the Council to build on City owned land and unused commercial buildings and asked the Council to vote against the AHO amendments.

Lorraine Thomas, 111 Magazine Street, Cambridge, MA, shared that the AHO amendments are an opportunity to help those on the affordable housing list.

Elaine DeRosa, 4 Pleasant Place, Cambridge, MA, spoke in support of passing the proposed AHO amendments.

Marcia Stein, 19 Walden Street, Cambridge, MA, shared that it is important to have affordable housing in Cambridge.

Carl Nagy-Koechlin, 52 Carruth Street, from Just A Start, shared their support for the proposed AHO amendments.

Billie Jo Joy, 77 New Street, Cambridge, MA, urged the Council to vote against the proposed AHO amendments and noted that the housing market has been created by policies and can be reformed by policies.

Gleb Bahmutov, 19 Winslow Street, Cambridge, MA, shared their strong support for the proposed AHO amendments.

Patrick Barrett, 41 Pleasant Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments and shared concerns on BEUDO, noting that it will negatively affect property owners.

Tina Alu, 113 ½ Pleasant Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in support of the proposed amendments to the AHO because it would increase more sites across the City for affordable housing.

Justin Saif, 259 Hurley Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on the AHO and offered suggestions on housing in East Cambridge.

Heather Hoffman, 21 Hurley Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on the Fresh Pond Gold Course, BEUDO, AHO amendments,

Daniel Miller, 58 Cherry Street, Cambridge, MA, from MIT GSU, spoke in support of Policy Order #5 and offered comments on the Union and the contract negotiations.

Jacquelyn Fahey Sandell, 8 Clinton Street, Cambridge, MA, urged the Council to vote no on the AHO amendments and shared that they support Councillor Carlene's proposal that was in Cambridge Day and the City needs thoughtful urban planning.

Marie Saccoccio, 55 Otis Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on BEUDO and noted that houses of Worship have been ignored.

Teresa Cardosi, 7 Woodrow Wilson Court, Cambridge, MA, asked the Council to support the proposed amendments to the AHO.

John Pitkin, 18 Fayette Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on bicycling lanes and affordable housing and urged the Council to consider facts before passing the AHO amendments and asked that they pass Charter Right #1.

Christopher Cassa, 103 Gore Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on Charter Right #1 and noted that the goal should be to build a safe network for all residents.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Nolan who made a motion to close public comment at approximately 7:01 p.m.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

SUBMISSION OF THE RECORD

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Carlone who made a motion to accept the minutes from Regular Meetings of the City Council held on February 8, 2021, March 29, 2021, November 22, 2021, and December 13, 2021, and from the Special Meeting of the City Council held on September 27, 2021.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

CITY MANAGER’S AGENDA

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to approve the appointments, adopt the orders and appropriation orders for CMA 2023 #161 through CMA 2023 #167, CMA 2023 #170, CMA 2023 #172, and CMA 2023 #173 and to place the communications on file.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Nolan on CMA 2023 #156 relative to the proposed structure for the Cambridge Community Electricity Program for the period 2024-2025. Councillor Nolan noted that she was excited to see this on the agenda and that it is important that the City do everything possible to reach more people. Susanne Rasmussen, Director of Environmental and Transportation Planning and Meghan Shaw, Cambridge Energy Alliance Director, commented on what is being done to identify and reach those that are not currently participating. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Zondervan who asked what can be done to protect residents from the predatory market. Susanne Rasmussen

responded, noting the City does not have much control over this except to try to get the information out to educate residents. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Azeem who noted that this was one of the most effective ways to reduce carbon emissions and that the City should consider subsidizing this. City Manager Huang responded noting that the City is working to manage the economic justice issue. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Simmons who asked about the community outreach being done. Meghan Shaw responded.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Nolan who made a motion to place CMA 2023 #156 on file.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Zondervan on CMA 2023 #157, relative to a request for authorization of a spending limit of \$150,000 for Fiscal Year 2024 for the Renewable Energy and Greenhouse Gas Reduction revolving fund. Councillor Zondervan noted that he supported this but wanted more detail on what the money would be spent on. Susanne Rasmussen noted that this was technical services and mentioned three items. Iram Farooq, Assistant City Manager for Community Development noted that this has not gone out to bid and it could end up being less.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Zondervan who made a motion to authorize a spending limit of \$150,000 as requested in CMA 2023 #157.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Zondervan on CMA 2023 #158 relative to Awaiting report Item Number 23-31, regarding potential amendments to the Affordable Housing Overlay (AHO). Councillor Zondervan noted that he was pleased to see

this moving forward. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor McGovern who explained what the process would be going forward, noting that this will be sent to the Ordinance Committee where there will be a public hearing and an opportunity for discussion and modifications. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Carlone who asked if CDD supported this language and if the analysis is available on AHO projects. Chris Cotter, Housing Director and Iram Farooq, Assistant City Manager for Community Development noted that having an allowance to go taller does not mean that they will. Councillor Carlone noted that he did not support this and that he continues to feel very strongly that the City should be buying whatever land they can. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Simmons who thanked the Affordable Housing Advocates and CDD for their work, noting that this is just the beginning. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Nolan who asked about the change in open space. Iram Farooq noted that overall, the proposed language tries to maximize open space. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Azeem who thanked CDD for their work and noted that there is still a long process ahead. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon thanked CDD and reiterated that there will be plenty of time for conversation moving forward. **The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor McGovern who made a motion to adopt the proposed zoning language relative to amendments to the Affordable Housing Overlay (AHO) as a City Council Zoning Petition.**

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Azeem who made a motion to send the City Council Zoning Petition relative to amendments to the Affordable Housing Overlay to the Ordinance Committee and Planning Board for hearing and report.

Deputy City Clerk Crane called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – No

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – No

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner – No

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Absent

Yes-5, No-3, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Nolan on CMA 2023 #159 relative to Policy Order #81 regarding the Craig Kelley et al. Zoning Petition for residential car sharing and renting of EV charging stations.

Councillor Nolan made a motion to suspend the rules to bring forward Calendar Item 2, Unfinished Business, Ordinance 2023 #2, Craig Kelley et al. Zoning Petition.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

Councillor Nolan made a motion to amend proposed Ordinance 2023 #2, Craig Kelley et al. Zoning Petition by substitution with the language provided by CDD in CMA 2023 #159.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

Councillor Nolan made a motion to ordain, Ordinance 2023 #2, Craig Kelley et al. Zoning Petitions for residential car sharing and renting of EV charging stations, as amended.

See Attachment A.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Zondervan who noted that while he would be supporting this, he has some concern about the potential for unintended consequences. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Carlone who noted that he has concerns that this will be misused and will be voting present.

Deputy City Clerk Crane called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Present

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 – Absent
Yes-7, Present-1, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Nolan on CMA 2023 #160 relative to request for a Legal Opinion on the Charter Review Timeline. Councillor Nolan asked if there could be a separate ballot and noted that a Special Election can be held at any time. Tanya Ford, Executive Director for the Elections Commission and City Solicitor Nancy Glowa responded. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Zondervan who noted that for him the opinion confirmed his concerns with extending the timeline for the Charter Review Committee to do their work. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Azeem who noted that while it might be technically and logistically difficult to have the issue on the ballot with a non-municipal election, he thinks it is possible.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor McGovern who made a motion to place CMA 2023 #160 on file.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Zondervan for questions on CMA 2023 #168, relative to an appropriation of \$250,000 for a conditions assessment and preliminary feasibility study for the City’s property at 119 Windsor Street. Councillor Zondervan also asked for a mini balance sheet showing the free cash appropriations for this fiscal year. Deputy City Manager O’Riordan and City Manager Huang responded.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Azeem who made a motion to adopt the appropriation order and place the communication on file.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Nolan on CMA 2023 #169 relative to an appropriation of \$660,866.80 to support projects to convert inefficient lighting to energy-saving LEDs at the Healy Public Safety Building, Main Library, Alice K. Wolf Building, Longfellow-Broadway School, and the First Street Garage. Councillor Nolan asked how it was possible that we don't already have LEDs everywhere in the City. Deputy City Manager O'Riordan responded. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Azeem who recommended that the City purchase the lights with the capacity to change color as they are fun at parties. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Zondervan for comments to which DPW Deputy Commissioner Nardone responded.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Carlone who made a motion to a adopt the appropriation order and place the communication on file.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Nolan on CMA 2023 #171 relative to an appropriation of \$10,481.00 to provide funds to continue Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program that educates students on the dangers of fire and its effect on people, property, and the environment. Councillor Nolan noted the importance of this type of education and asked if all schools were involved. Acting Fire Chief Thomas Cahill responded.

Councillor Nolan made a motion to adopt the appropriation order and place the communication on file.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor McGovern who made a motion to suspend the rules to allow reconsideration on all votes taken relative to the CMAs.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent
Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor McGovern who made a motion to reconsider all votes taken relative to the CMAs as a block.

Deputy City Clerk Crane called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – No
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – No
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – No
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – No
Councillor Patricia Nolan – No
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – No
Councillor Paul Toner – No
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – No
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Absent
Yes-0, No-8. Absent-1. Motion Failed.

CALENDAR/CHARTER RIGHT

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Azeem on Charter Right Item 1, POR 2023 #109, that the Transportation and Public Utilities and Neighborhood & Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committees work with the City Manager and appropriate city departments and staff, to hold a joint hearing to receive input from city staff and the community to review the effectiveness and develop recommendations on methods to collect data and establish measurable benchmarks and standards as it relates to the Cycling Safety Ordinance. Councillor Azeem noted that he supports the intent of the original policy order and is offering an amendment by substitution to address some concerns that have been raised. The proposed amendment by substitution was displayed on the screen. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Toner who said he supports the amended language but again stated very clearly that the intent of the original language was to have a joint committee meeting to see what types of data we should be collecting. Councillor Toner further commented that if anyone has questions about his intentions, they should ask him and not make assumptions. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Nolan who noted that she would support the amended language and that it is important to have smart goals. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Zondervan who said he did not think there was a need to collect data. The Chair, Vice Mayor

Mallon recognized Councillor Carlone who said he supports the amended language and shares Councillor Nolan's position of having smart goals for everything we do and that he looks forward to the joint committee meeting discussion. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor McGovern who noted that he appreciated the intent of the original policy order language and the willingness of the sponsors to be flexible and support amended language and that he would be happy to have them join as cosponsors.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Toner who made a motion to amend the proposed amendment by substitution to POR 2023 #109 by adding Councillor Toner, Councillor Carlone, and Councillor Nolan as cosponsors.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Azeem who made a motion to amend POR 2023 #109 by substitution. See POR 2023 #109, Attachment B.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

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

CALENDAR/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to place all Eighty-Six Communications on file.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent
Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

RESOLUTIONS

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to adopt the orders for Resolutions 2023 #170 through 2023 #175 and 2023 #177, making them unanimous upon adoption.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent
Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Nolan on RES 2023 #176, congratulating Deputy Superintendent Dr. Carolyn Turk on her retirement from the Cambridge Public Schools. Councillor Nolan noted that she had worked with Dr. Turk and would like to be added as a sponsor. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Toner who also noted he worked with Dr. Turk and would like to be added as a sponsor. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor McGovern who praised the work of Dr. Turk. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon noted that Dr. Turk was an asset to the community and wished her well in retirement. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Simmons who spoke about Dr. Turk's extraordinary work on behalf of students and noted that Dr. Turk always had Cambridge at the center of her mind, thoughts, and actions.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Toner who made a motion to add the entire City Council as cosponsors.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to adopt RES 2023 #176, congratulating Deputy Superintendent Dr. Carolyn Turk on her retirement from the Cambridge Public Schools, as amended.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

POLICY ORDERS

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Zondervan on POR 2023 #115, Proposed amendment to BEUDO.

Councillor Zondervan made a motion to suspend the rules to bring forward POR 2023 #116, Fossil Fuel Free Demonstration Pilot.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

Councillor Zondervan spoke on POR 2023 #115 and POR 2023 #116.

Councillor Zondervan made a motion to table POR 2023 #115.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – No

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Absent

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

Councillor Zondervan exercised his Charter Right relative to POR 2023 #116.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Zondervan on POR 2023 #117, Golf Course Demographic Information PO. Councillor Zondervan spoke on the matter and indicated it is simply a request for some information. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Toner who stated that he had spoken to the Manager of the Golf Course, and they do not collect some of the information being requested. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon also recognized Councillor Nolan and Councillor Carlone for comments and stated that she thinks the collection of this data is a waste of resources and noted that it is not collected from other amenities that the City offers.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Zondervan who exercised his Charter Right relative to POR 2023 #117.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Carlone on POR 2023 #118, that the City Manager is requested to amend the Cambridge Math Circle budget up by \$100,000 annually. Councillor Carlone spoke about what this organization does and the number of students that it reaches and the impact it has on so many students. He noted the positive impact on students of color and girls, often changing their view of math giving them the opportunity to learn it and enjoy it.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Nolan who noted that she supports this and made a motion to amend the policy order to be added as a sponsor.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Toner who questioned if we would be doing the same for all private programs and stated he wanted to get more information before voting.

Councillor Toner exercised his Charter Right relative to POR 2023 #118.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Azeem on POR 2023 #119, City Council Support for MIT GSU's right to a fair contract. Councillor Azeem spoke on the importance of the City Council showing its support. The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Toner who noted that he supported all the resolutions but had concerns with the whereas statements.

Councillor Toner exercised his Charter Right relative to POR 2023 #119.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Nolan on POR 2023 #120, that the

Home Rule Petition titled “Petition for an Act Authorizing the City of Cambridge to Employ Automated Enforcement within the City of Cambridge” be forwarded to the General Court for adoption. Councillor Nolan noted that the petition speaks for itself, and she has discussed this with Commissioner Elow who is supportive.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Zondervan who made a motion to amend POR 2023 #120 to add the entire City Council as cosponsors.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Nolan who made a motion to adopt POR 2023 #120 as amended.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor McGovern on POR 2023 #121, City Council support for Bill No. H. 2019-Ollie’s Law. Councillor McGovern noted that this legislation is needed because there is currently no State oversight of breeders or daycare facilities. **Councillor McGovern made a motion to amend POR 2023 #121 to add the entire City Council as cosponsors.**

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor McGovern who made a motion to adopt POR 2023 #121 as amended.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor McGovern on Committee Report #1, Ordinance Committee meeting held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, on the Zoning Petition received from Charles Jessup Franklin et al. Councillor McGovern made a motion to accept the report and place it on file.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent

Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

ROUNDTABLE/WORKING MEETING MINUTES

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Azeem who made a motion to accept the minutes of the Roundtable/Working Meeting held on February 9, 2021, and place them on file.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent
Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor McGovern who made a motion to place Communications From Other City Officers, COF 2023 #101, and COF 2023 #102 on file.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent
Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

LATE ITEMS

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Nolan who made a motion to suspend the rules to allow a late filed policy order, POR 2023 #122 relative to putting recommendations related to the work of the Charter Review Committee on the ballot.

Deputy City Clerk Crane called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes
Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes
Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – No
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Absent
Yes-7, No-1, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Nolan on late filed Policy Order POR 2023 #122, see Attachment C.

Councillor Nolan noted that she was bringing forth this late order because of additional questions raised related to the legal opinion received relative to the Charter Review Committee timeline.

Councillor Nolan made a motion to adopt POR 2023 #122.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Present
Councillor Paul Toner – Yes
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – No
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Absent
Yes-6, No-1, Present-1, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

ADJOURN

The Chair, Vice Mayor Mallon recognized Councillor Toner who made a motion to adjourn.

Deputy City Clerk Crane 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 – Absent
Yes-8, Absent-1. Motion Passed.

The Cambridge City Council adjourned at approximately 9:46 p.m.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Ordinance 2023 #2, Craig Kelley et al. Zoning Petition for residential car sharing and renting of EV charging stations, ordained as amended.

Attachment B: POR 2023 #109, adopted as amended.

Attachment C: Late Filed POR 2023 #122.

Attachment D: Written communications received during public comment.

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

https://cambridgema.granicus.com/player/clip/523?view_id=1&redirect=true&h=c488d5d60d09f6613e792786555c3082



City of Cambridge

ORD 2023 # 2
IN CITY COUNCIL
June 12, 2023

That the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge be amended on a Zoning Petition by Craig Kelley et al. to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge to add these new use categories: "M. Shared Vehicle" and "N. Publicly-accessible, Privately-owned Electric Vehicle Charging System," with definitions included for "Shared Vehicle" and "Publicly-accessible, Privately-owned Electric Vehicle Charging System,"; and to insert "Yes" next to all such uses in all zoning districts except Open Space; and to amend Section 6.20 "Offstreet Parking Regulations" to add as follows: "6.21 (a). Publicly-accessible, Privately-owned Electric Vehicle Charging Systems may be installed in any parking space conforming to the dimensional and other requirements of Article 6.000, or, if not, are lawfully nonconforming."

In City Council June 12, 2023.

Adopted by

Attest:- Diane P. LeBlanc, City Clerk

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane P. LeBlanc".

Diane P. LeBlanc,
City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-2 – FINAL PUBLICATION
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three
AN ORDINANCE

That the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge be amended on a Zoning Petition by Craig Kelley et al. to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge as follows:

Amend Article 2.000 Definitions as follows:

Publicly-accessible, Privately-owned Electric Vehicle Charging. An electric vehicle charging system and its attendant off-street parking space that is made available from time-to-time for use by other individuals in need of an electric vehicle charging system for personal use.

Peer-to-Peer Carsharing. An off-street parking space which is used for the storage of a privately-owned vehicle that is made available from time-to-time for use by other individuals in need of an automobile for personal use. Peer-to-Peer Carsharing is distinct from Carsharing and shall not be subject to the provisions of Section 6.24 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Amend Article 4.000 Use Regulations as follows:

Article 4.32 Table of Use Regulations; Transportation, Communication & Utility Uses:

[illegible]

Article 4.40 Footnotes to the Table of Use Regulations:

62. Provided, however, that no more than two (2) Publicly-accessible, Privately-owned Electric Vehicle Charging systems shall be permitted on a lot.

In City Council June 12, 2023.

Ordained as amended by a yea and nay vote:-

Yeas 7; Nays 1; Absent 1.

Attest:- Diane P. LeBlanc, City Clerk

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Diane P. LeBlanc", with a stylized flourish at the end.

ATTEST:-

Diane P. LeBlanc, City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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Calendar Item # 1
FIRST IN COUNCIL
~~June 5, 2023~~
June 12, 2023

COUNCILLOR TONER
COUNCILLOR CARLONE
COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: In 2015 Cambridge's Bicycle Plan laid out a vision for a bikeable city which was updated in 2020, and the City Council adopted Vision Zero in 2016, and the Cycling Safety Ordinance (CSO) was passed in 2019 and amended in 2020 to add timelines and the city has now installed or is close to completing 14.54 miles of separated and partial build bike lanes across the city; and

WHEREAS: This policy order is not meant to delay CSO projects, now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Transportation and Public Utilities and Neighborhood & Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committees work with the City Manager and appropriate city departments and staff, to hold a joint hearing to receive input from city staff and identify the community to review the effectiveness and develop recommendations on methods to collect data and establish measurable benchmarks and standards to make our streets safer and more efficient including and not limited to:

- Cycling activity and automobile traffic pre and post-installation, through the use of Eco Totems or other methods installed across the city
- Safety data and the number of pedestrian, cyclist, and automobile accidents and injuries
- The impact of new road infrastructure on the community.

In City Council June 12, 2023.
Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-
Yeas 7; Nays 1, Absent 1
Attest:- Diane P. LeBlanc, City Clerk

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Diane P. LeBlanc", written in a cursive style.

Diane P. LeBlanc,
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

O-8
FIRST IN COUNCIL
June 12, 2023

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to have the legal department answer the following questions related to the timeline on voting a possible charter change:

- Has the Secretary of State in Massachusetts approved charter revision ballot questions by municipalities to be voted on the same day as state elections as long as separate ballots are issued?
- If a charter revision is a rewrite of a charter would the Massachusetts Attorney General office allow the charter to be changed under G.L. c. 43B section 10 (a)?
- How often have charter changes been approved and voted upon by Massachusetts municipalities in a special election separate from a usual municipal election?

In City Council June 12, 2023.

Adopted by a ye and nay vote:-

Yeas 6; Nays 1; Present 1; Absent 1

Attest:- Diane P. LeBlanc, City Clerk

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Diane P. LeBlanc".

Diane P. LeBlanc,
City Clerk

ATTACHMENT D

Taylor, Bernice

From: agm <agmshh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 5:37 PM
To: City Council; City Clerk; City Manager
Subject: Forwarding letter, with my own as well.

I am passing this message on as a Cambridge Resident Arthur Moore, currently residing at 27 Larchwood Drive.

Larches Neighborhood Email



I am sending a copy of my letter - to urge more of you to write to the city council, city clerk and city manager - before tomorrow night's CC meeting - on the need for studying the effects of the present installation of bike

lanes. citycouncil@cambridgema.gov cityclerk@cambridgema.gov citymanager@cambridgema.gov

For us on and near this stretch of Brattle Street, the timing is important for any flexibility and reversibility of the design that is needed for more safety. We already have the safety island at the Fresh Pond Lane intersection and the actual loss of functioning parking for the handicapped and loading at The Larches and The Birches buildings at 240 to 250 Brattle. Tires have been damaged on the safety island. One neighbor overheard a responder to the fire on Lexington Ave. last Saturday that they were slowed down by the safety islands at Lowell and Appleton.

Karen



Karen Falb <karenfalb@gmail.com>

11:30 AM (22 minutes ago)

to citycouncil, cityclerk, City

We need more than **"You'll get use to it"** - a retort by the head of the DTPT on a community zoom this past year to potential problems seen by citizens about the Brattle Street bike lanes Project. In fact, although many concerns about the position of safety islands at Lowell and Appleton were voiced, the raised safety islands were installed and have become an issue not only to vehicle drivers daily but to the responders of a fire on Lexington Ave. Saturday June 3rd with slowing them down (this was heard voiced by a responder). Sharp granite edges of the islands, yes, are puncturing tires. How many? We don't know. In fact, we and the city don't know a lot.

We need more than the head of the traffic department's disregarding of the city's own crash data - as was done on a Brattle Street community zoom. The data was not acknowledged and the subject quickly changed.

We need more than the fiasco of the never meeting Traffic Board with new members. And all this after the CCouncil not immediately heeding the petition rule posted online

for assembling the Board. Here is another "in fact", the Garden St. Brattle St. petitions of September were never acted upon. We need more than lip service to the Cyclist Safety Ordinance Advisory Committee (organized by the Dept. of Human Services and City Manager) - without safety data, it seems that such a committee is really not needed - and so volunteer members are not really expected to actually affect changes.

We need to trust the now seemingly untrustable City Council - certainly data on safety before and throughout the planning has been needed - and is needed especially right now before the installation of the bike lanes from Sparks Street to Mt. Auburn Street to Belmont St. There is a need for flexibility and reversibility for increasing safety on the streets. The need is best demonstrated by statistics and videos of street use behavior.

Karen Falb
245 Brattle Street

Taylor, Bernice

From: Joanne Cipolla <fishweasel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 5:38 PM
To: City Council; City Clerk; City Manager
Subject: cycling lanes po 109

i am sending a copy of a neighbor's plea to you as i heartily agree with all she says, and could not say it better.

please, please, take a moment to consider what a mess is in progress right now.

i have almost been hit several times by cars and cyclist having to swerve and not having enough room.

sincerely,
joanne moore
27 larchwood drive

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Taylor, Bernice

From: Santhi Hariprasad <santhi.hariprasad@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 5:42 PM
To: City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: Please support the affordable housing overlay

dear city Council,

I am a Cambridge resident and strongly support the affordable housing overlay. I hope I can count on your vote for it!

Thanks, Santhi

Taylor, Bernice

From: jatennis@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 6:03 PM
To: City Manager; City Clerk; Farooq, Iram
Subject: AHO 2 - CDD SUGGESTIONS - READ JUNE 12, 2023

City Manager, City Councilors, Iram

Affordable housing... needed and wanted by all.... But at what cost – not necessarily financial...

I have read the amendment; I have spoken in public comment and now I have read CDD's suggested language

I do not understand why this amendment only gives the housing developers one alternative.

Why is it prejudiced against setbacks, porches, yards and the types of affordable housing that make real neighborhoods and real communities?

Ever since this amendment first came before City council – we have all heard that different numbers of people are on the

Waiting list. We know you realize that there will always be people on the waiting list, but that is no excuse to ram Through this amendment without thinking it through carefully.

Affordable housing become available through basic attrition, like people moving, passing away, etc.

Councilors please revisit and revise this amendment. We need and want affordable housing with porches, yards and open space so it is easy to know your neighbors.

And live in a community

Councilors – you can do this. Take the time to make your Affordable housing amendment is best for the entire city

Thank you

Taylor, Bernice

From: ann stewart <ahstewart@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 6:06 PM
To: City Council; City Clerk
Cc: Farooq, Iram
Subject: Stewart comment on AHO2 CDD review

To: Mayor, Vice-Mayor, City Councilors, and City Clerk

CC: Assistant City Manager, Community Development

From: Ann Stewart, 25-31 Wheeler Street

Re: CMA 2023 #158 AHO2: CDD's Review of Proposed Amendments to the AHO and Additional Suggested Amendments

Date: June 12, 2023

Right off the bat, CDD states that funding fully affordable building of larger size requires substantial financing subsidies from multiple sources.

CDD also states that mass timber is an emerging construction technology which could be useful for building affordable housing in the future.

Even if the Commonwealth approves the technology, the overall cost of construction will depend on labor shortages, the prices of construction materials, supply chain problems, and the drive to reach net-zero.

We always hear that Cambridge is a rich city. But...

Will you need to expand the definition of affordable to include middle-income?

Will you need to include a certain percentage of market-rate? And...

How will you make certain that the amendment does not discriminate against the very people you are trying to help?

I want the amendment to say:

"Only corridor locations serviced by frequent public transit service qualify for AHO permitting, or, at a minimum, only those with frequent public transit qualify for reduced parking minimums."

"Prohibit larger lots from being chopped up to avoid the open space requirement entirely."

"Help low and middle income tenants in the towers build equity through home ownership."

Of course, in the end the amendment is *your* urban planning legacy, and not mine. Please take time now to get it right.

Thank you.

Taylor, Bernice

From: Erin McHugh Saif <emchughsaif@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 6:18 PM
To: City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: Please Support Amendments to the 100% Affordable Housing Overlay

Dear esteemed members of City Council,

Please support the proposed amendments to the 100% Affordable Housing Overlay. These amendments will make more sites viable for our local non-profit affordable homebuilders to acquire and allow more affordable homes to be built on acquired sites. The amendments will allow funds from our Affordable Housing Trust to go further and create more homes. Leaders from Just-A-Start, HRI, the Cambridge Housing Authority, and now CDD have all reviewed and offered their strong support for these amendments.

We badly need more affordable housing for the thousands of Cambridge families on our affordable housing waitlists. Good and hard working parents, first responders, teachers and critical community members need this housing. We also need to do more to meet our Envision goals for affordable housing.

I live in East Cambridge near several taller CHA buildings, including the Truman Apartments within the neighborhood (not on a corridor OR in a square), and they completely blend into the fabric and character of my neighborhood—no one even notices these buildings are there. I urge you to support these amendments to improve our community and the quality of life that should be available to all.

Thank you,
Erin Saif
Hurley Street, East Cambridge

Taylor, Bernice

From: Judy Silvan <judysilvan@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 6:33 PM
To: City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: VOTE NO on AHO amendment

As a 30 year resident of Cambridge, who is a townie (as in not affiliated with a university), and as a middle class person, I am AGAINST the AHO amendment. I am asking you to vote NO on this amendment and not allow it to pass in the future.

Human beings need to see the sky through their windows; poor people need townhouses and beauty, trees and open areas for their affordable housing. The trees that were cut down at Jefferson Park made climate change WORSE and guess who has suffered?!

People who are black and brown. People who have been discriminated against historically. People who, because of being discriminated against, get environmentally shafted in addition to all the other trauma of oppression and racism they face daily.

All of us, from middle class families to poor families, deserve to have a nice and environmentally sound city, where traffic flows easily, where bike riding and driving are both safe, where old large trees can thrive, where people feel safe and able to move around freely.

Cambridge is a lovely city but is becoming more and more polluted and congested. The bike lanes have made me afraid to ride my bicycle and almost got me killed when driving and trying to make a Left hand turn off MA Ave in North Cambridge.

Building regulations are NOT FOLLOWED by developers as they stand now; why would you as a CITY COUNSELOR want to increase impoverished, racist, polluting policies by allowing more sky scrapers, more floors on buildings, smaller and more crowded units with lower ceilings within the units? Why not treat people and our environment well and put greed aside so your role in our local government is used to make policies designed to keep developers honest? Why not vote according to how you would want your own adult children to live—with shade from mature healthy trees and nice apartments and a fair housing market?

Thank you for VOTING NO on AHO amendment.

Warm wishes,

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Taylor, Bernice

From: Jess Sheehan <jess.sheehan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 6:39 PM
To: City Council; City Clerk
Subject: this is getting goofy

Dear Council,

Listening in on today's meeting, I heard a housing opponent refer to publicly-subsidized homes affordable to those making low and middle incomes as "the unfettered free market." It's one of several deeply silly comments opposing the AHO.

People can make whatever mouth noises they want, but no one is obligated to take them seriously.

I'd like to thank the supporting councillors for their diligence and commitment. Opposing councillors, *please* re-evaluate the extremely strange ideological - not to mention linguistic! - company you're keeping.

Sincerely,
Jess Sheehan
48 Fairmon St.

Taylor, Bernice

From: Elissa Warner <eewarner88@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 6:59 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: safety issues with bike lanes on Brattle St from Mason St. to Mt Auburn St

Dear City Council,

The reconstruction of Brattle St. from Mason St. to Mt Auburn St. is hazardous to say the least. When driving down Mason St. from Garden St. to Brattle, a driver has to look in three directions for cars, left, front, right plus left and right for bikers. After checking all five options, moving through the intersection to right onto Brattle, bikes coming from left at high speeds put themselves and others in harm's way while accelerating through intersection. A light for cyclists would greatly improve safety for all here.

Porter Sq. has lights for bikes. Countries like Denmark and Holland where bike usage is very heavy have lights for bikes. This is a safe way for all to use the roads.

Separated bike lanes are just a beginning. Cyclists have to take precautions while biking as well as drivers when driving. The challenge of safety for all has to be shared by all.

Thank you,

Elissa Warner