



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MAY 22, 2023

5:30 PM

SULLIVAN CHAMBER

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MEETING

Monday, May 22, 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"/>	5:41 PM
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 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, MAY 22, 2023

A regular meeting of the Cambridge City Council was held on Monday, May 22, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui. Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, adopted by Massachusetts General Assembly and approved by the Governor, this public meeting was hybrid allowing participation in person and via Zoom.

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

Deputy City Clerk Crane called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Present/Remote*

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Present/In Person

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon - Present/In Person

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Absent*

Councillor Patricia Nolan - Present/In Person

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Present/Remote

Councillor Paul Toner - Present/In Person

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan - Present/In Person

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui - Present/In Person

Present-8. Absent-1. Quorum established.

***Councillor Azeem joined in person at 5:41 p.m. Councillor McGovern joined in person at 5:35 p.m.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Andrew Plumb, 186 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge, MA, spoke on behalf of their clients on APP 2023 #31 and asked the Council to approve the curb cut application.

Itamar Turner-Trauring, 139 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on CMA #6 and shared that the Cycling Safety Ordinance is safer for everyone.

Mark Bowswell, 105 Walden Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on CMA #6, thanked the Council for getting to this point and asked that the sustainability and mobility of all users on the street are taken into consideration.

Kelvin Moses, 907 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on CMA #9 and shared their experience working with an active group of neighbors with the goal of transforming the quad.

Christopher Cassa, 103 Gore Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on CMA #6 and is glad to see the City's investment for safety on streets for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Gleb Bahmutov, 19 Winslow Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on CMA #6 and noted that if people felt safe, they would cycle more.

Darrah Bowden, 21 Pearson Avenue, Somerville, MA, spoke on CMA #6 and was in favor of all bicyclist safety that has happened through the Ordinance.

Nicolas Fernandez, 1 Whittemore Avenue, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on CMA #6 and is looking forward to positive permanent bike changes on Massachusetts Ave.

Randy Stern, 12 Kenwood Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in favor of the continued Council support of the Cycling Safety Ordinance.

Carol Lee Rawn, 59 Larchwood Drive, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on CMA #6 and shared since the Cycling Ordinance has been implemented they have seen an increase in the number and diversity of cycling in Cambridge.

Young Kim, 17 Norris Street, Cambridge, MA, urged the Council to vote against CMA #6 and asked that the City conduct a thorough review to provide an independent and timely oversight of the City's operations.

Joan Pickett, 59 Ellery Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on CMA #6 and asked for more transparency and accountability, and noted that the City has enough data to do their own evaluation.

Ann Stewart, 25-31 Wheeler Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke in favor of CMA 2023 #147 and shared a zoning petition that would result in a mixed use neighborhood would benefit the quad.

Jeffrey Shen, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Mayor Siddiqui, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Daven McQueen, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Simmons, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Meilyn Hug, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Nolan, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Kaelyn Dunnell, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Simmons, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Michelle Liang, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Azeem, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Sophie Coppieters 't Wallant, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Azeem, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Chiamaka Chukwu, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Nolan, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Aliyah Chutkan, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor McGovern, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Tahmid Rahman, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Mayor Siddiqui, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Patrick Carberry, MA,

Graciela Berman Reinhardt, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Carlone, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Isiah Briggs, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor

McGovern, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Isabelle Woollacott, MA, was not present and had someone read comments for them which were on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Nolan, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Mandy W, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Nolan, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Michelle L, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Azeem, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Jared Poole, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Ximena H, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Nolan, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Kengo K, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor McGovern, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

James C, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Nolan, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Vanessa P, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Carlone, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Ruth Hanna, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers

involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor McGovern, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Alan McAvinney, MA, was not present and had someone read comments for them which were on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Mayor Siddiqui, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Madeline Clarke, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Nolan, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Yaakov Rav, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor McGovern, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Megan Root, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Carlone, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Court Reed, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Nolan, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Mallory MacDonald, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Nolan, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Gabriel T, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Azeem, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

E Masten, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use

of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Nolan, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Nathan L, MA offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Carlone, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Madeleine B, MA,

Henry Vumbaca, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor McGovern, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Sharona Bollinger, MA, was not present and had someone read comments for them which were on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor McGovern, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Melanie Abrams, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor McGovern, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Bri J, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor McGovern, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Rafeya Raquib, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Azeem, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Mari Arrindell, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Simmons, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Amari Butler, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers

involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Simmons, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Samuel Evans, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Dylan Y, MA, was not present and had someone read comments for them which were on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Nolan, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Kojo A, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Simmons, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Cole Stevens, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Carlone, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Amina Adeyola, MA, was not present and had someone read comments for them which were on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Amiri Rivera Sillah, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Carlone, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

Matthew Kennedy, MA, offered comments on Policy Order #88/Charter Right #2 and asked for answers and transparency in the police incident involving Arif Sayed Faisal and Officers involved in use of force incidents and urged all the Councillors, specifically Councillor Simmons, to vote yes on Councillor Zondervan's original Policy Order and vote against the proposed amendment.

John Chun, 48 Loomis Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments on CMA #147 and offered suggestions on the proposed zoning.

Scott Kilcoyne, 159 Pemberton Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on the Cycling Safety Ordinance and is in favor of the City continuing to move forward on projects that are helping to transform the City in a positive way.

Doug Brown, 35 Standish Street, Cambridge, MA, spoke on CMA #9 and thanked those who have supported the continued effort to get the zoning right, offered suggestions on zoning, and urged the Council to move forward.

Justin Saif, 259 Hurley Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments and concerns on CMA #9 and noted there should be more homes included in the petition that the City desperately needs.

James Williamson, Churchill Avenue, Cambridge, MA, shared that there should be more transparency with releasing the Police Officers name involved in the Arif Sayed Faisal incident.

Suhas Kodaii, 7 Seagrave Street, Cambridge, MA, urged the Council to support CMA #9 to help the housing crisis and meet housing goals.

Heather Hoffman, 213 Hurley Street, Cambridge, MA, shared that they were happy to see funds going towards food pantries, offered comments on Cuba, curb cuts, PRAB, and tree canopy.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Vice Mayor Mallon who made a motion to close public comment at 7:39 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 - No

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-8. No-1. Motion Passed.

SUBMISSION OF THE RECORD

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui, recognized Councillor Azeem who made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes of the Regular City Council Meetings of January 10, 2022, February 28, 2022, March 7, 2022, April 4, 2022, April 25, 2022, May 2, 2022, May 23, 2022, June 6, 2022, June 27, 2022, May 8, 2022 and May 15, 2022.

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 – Yes
Yes-9. Motion Passed.

CITY MANAGER AGENDA

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt the appropriation orders for CMA 2023 #139 for \$98,000, CMA 2023 #140 for \$100,317.50, CMA 2023 #141 for \$15,000, CMA 2023 #142 for \$15,000 and CMA 2023 #143 for \$37,132.70.

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 – Yes
Yes-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner on CMA 2023 #144, a communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the third annual Cycling Safety Ordinance (CSO) Progress Report. Councillor Toner stated his intention is to submit a Policy Order at the next meeting asking to look more in detail in terms of data such as bicycle counts, car counts, and tracking of accidents for future reports. Councillor Simmons stated that she is pleased with the additional information that is included in the report. She noted the concerns raised by senior citizens and said she would like to see senior citizens included in the conversation. Councillor Zondervan asked about the remainder of Main Street from Albany Street to Kendall Square. Ms. McKenna stated that Main Street will be completed through a series of projects. Councillor Carlone said his hope is that in future reports, he would like to see some numbers to show that we are making progress. Councillor Nolan reminded her colleagues that this is a progress report on timelines, not on the success or implementation of the CSO. She spoke about improvement in communications with residents. Ms. McKenna said that she is proud of how communication and outreach has been increased. Vice Mayor Mallon said that this is a great way to look at how the City is making progress. She agreed that she would like to see more data.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner who made a motion to place CMA 2023 #144 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 – Absent
Councillor Patricia Nolan - Yes

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

The Chair recognized Councillor Zondervan on CMA 2023 #145, an appropriation of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) Community Connections Grant, in the amount of \$230,070.35 to the Grant Fund Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures account. Funds will contribute to the purchase and installation of Bluebikes Bikeshare equipment. Councillor Zondervan stated that he looks forward to completing the installations, but he noted that there are enough Bluebike Stations in The Port. He asked how it is decided to pick these five locations and are there other locations that are being looked at in the Wellington and Port area. Iram Farooq stated that they look at where the demand is greatest. She stated that staff is focused to ensure that the stations throughout the City and are not clustering just in super high demand areas. She said that it is important to maintain connectivity. Councillor Zondervan stated the possibility of working with the Cambridge Housing Authority to place a station outside the Pisani Center. He asked when the City will get e-bikes. Ms. Farooq stated that there they are working with all of the member communities who own the system collectively, as well as Lyft, to deploy e-bikes. She said that there is a desire to advance but there are different levels of desire. They are working with all the communities and Lyft to figure out the pricing strategies. City Manager Huang added that the team is working hard on e-bikes but there are two core challenges: capitalizing the system regarding purchase of e-bikes and equity considerations on the expense of operating e-bikes. Councillor Azeem stated that there were prior discussions of having Bluebikes available within ¼ mile of every residence. He asked if there is a timeline to achieve that. Ms. Farooq responded that she does not have that information readily available.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan who made a motion to place CMA 2023 #145 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 – Absent
Councillor Patricia Nolan - Yes
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes
Councillor Paul Toner - Yes
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan - Yes
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-8. Absent-1. Motion Passed.

Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor McGovern who made a motion to suspend the rules to be recorded in the affirmative on CMA 2023 144, a communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the third annual Cycling Safety Ordinance (CSO) Progress Report.

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 – Yes

Yes-8. No-1. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan who made a motion to place CMA 2023 #144 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 – Yes

Yes-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair recognized Councillor Carlone on CMA 2023 #146, an appropriation of a grant in the amount of \$100,000 received from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to the Grant Fund Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures Account. Funds will support the cost of two 19 dock Bluebike stations and bicycles that were placed at the Kennedy/Longfellow School and Twin City Plaza. Councillor Carlone said that he believed that this was supposed to be used for therapy and helping people with gambling addiction. Ms. Farooq explained that there is a separate grant program as it relates to transportation mitigation which is the pool of funds that this is tapping into.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Carlone who made a motion to place CMA 2023 #146 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 – Yes

Yes-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair recognized Councillor Toner on CMA 2023 #147 relative to the proposed Alewife Overlay District: Quadrangle (AOD-Q) Zoning Petition and Design Guidelines. Councillor Toner thanked City staff, working group members, community members and property owners for their work. Councillor McGovern thanked all who participated and volunteered their time. He said that he would like to look at opportunities for more height in the Alewife area because he is unsure how the City will meet its goal of 12,500 units by 2030. He asked Ms. Farooq how this will make a dent in the 12,500 units. Ms. Farooq responded that the City did start with wanting to figure out what this area needs to contribute which was done in the original Alewife District Plan. She said that they have exceeded that sum in this version in terms of housing creation. Councillor Nolan stated that this was restricted to the triangle which was prompted by the purchase of 29 different parcels of land by one owner. Councillor Zondervan stated that there are some things that he would like to consider changing but he looks forward to the longer discussion. Councillor Carlone asked if the urban design drawing reflects the current zoning. He said that if not, he hopes that it will get updated. He said that the 1.5 bonus cannot be evaluated unless you have an urban design drawing that shows what the City wants and believes is the most logical way to implement the project. Councillor Azeem stated that he has many thoughts but feels that this is a very strong base. He thanked all participants for their diligent work.

The Chair recognized Councillor Toner who made a motion to adopt the proposed language in CMA 2023 #147 as a City Council Zoning Petition and forward to the Planning Board and Ordinance Committee for hearing and report.

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 – Yes

Yes-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair recognized Councillor Zondervan on CMA 2023 #148, an appropriation of the FY2023 Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Grant received from the Massachusetts Office of Grants and Research, in the amount of \$50,853.64 to the Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$50,853.64). Funds from the grant will be used to support Advanced Intervention and Suicide Prevention training, provide funding for mental health professionals and spiritual leader services, and fund the development and enhancement of CISM team publications and website. Councillor

Zondervan questioned why the City is conducting suicide prevention and mental health support through the Cambridge Police Department. Commissioner Elow responded that this is specifically for police officers and their wellbeing. Councillor Zondervan questioned if this is for police officers to conduct suicide prevention for police officers themselves. Commissioner Elow responded in the affirmative. She said that when a critical incident happens, these teams respond to the Police Department where the critical incident takes place and conduct debriefings and help officers recover from these incidents. Deputy Chief DeMarco explained that this team was built

in 2016 by 8 departments, including Cambridge who really started this team. He said that they are now up to 18 departments in 14 communities and three counties. There are 100 members. He explained that critical incident stress management work is not only done with law enforcement, but with non-sworn-in staff as well as the Emergency Communications Department. Councillor Zondervan stated his full support.

Councillor Zondervan made a motion to adopt the appropriation and place CMA 2023 #148 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 – Yes

Yes-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair recognized Councillor Toner who made a motion to suspend the rules to bring forward Charter Right #2 POR #88, that the City Manager is requested to work with the relevant departments to establish a policy of releasing the names of the officers involved in any use of force incident, up to and including those incidents resulting in injury or death.

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 – Yes

Yes-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair recognized Councillor Zondervan who shared comments from Dr. Angela Davis's speech from the Martin Luther King Brunch regarding racism. He stated that in her speech, she asked a pointed question. How is it possible that despite centuries of struggle for liberation, racism has persisted and continues today. The answer she offered was ideology which does the work on racism's behalf. Councillor Zondervan stated that ideology animates his colleagues to offer these whitewashing amendments. He asked if the City Council will show solidarity or will the City Council insist on whitewashing this Policy Order. Councillor Toner offered an amendment by substitution which was shared on the screen for Councillors and public to review. He stated that this is not an attempt to whitewash anything. He noted his concern regarding releasing anyone's name before a final report is received. He said that the goal is put a forward-looking Policy Order together. Councillor Nolan stated that she is not changing her support for the substituted Policy Order. When asked by Councillor Toner, City Manager Huang

updated the City Council. He stated that on February 23, 2023 when the District Attorney announced that the inquest process was started, it is his understanding that that the District Attorney's team has completed their work and it goes to an independent judge outside of Middlesex County to schedule and then begin proceedings which will be private but the family and involved officer are invited to attend. Upon completion of the proceedings, the judge will write up a report with a recommendation for/against an indictment. The report will become public, including all evidence and the names of the officers involved. He said that he has not received any additional updates. Commissioner Elow stated that PERF has been on scene and has been interviewing officers, detectives, and command staff. She said that she is in daily communication with Tom Wilson, who has taken the lead from PERF. She stated that the Police Department is as anxious as the City Council to have a firm policy in place. Vice Mayor Mallon. She stated that she feels that the City needs to release the names of the officers involved in the interest of transparency and accountability. She noted that an unwritten policy is not a policy. She stated that she will not support the substituted order. Councillor Simmons acknowledged the need for a clear written policy around how the Cambridge Police Department release the names of officers involved in incidents leading to fatalities. She stated that she will not support the Policy Order by Councillor Zondervan. She noted that it is critical that the investigation be allowed to conclude before the City Council takes further action. She said that Councillor Toner's language will help to bring clarity in establishing policies governing how the Cambridge Police Department should release names of officers involved in any future incident that results in death. Councillor McGovern questioned that if a policy was created, would it be retroactive? Would it apply to this incident? City Manager responded that the City would cross that bridge when necessary. Councillor McGovern stated that the City needs a policy before it releases the officer's name. Councillor Carlone stated that he is inclined to agree with some form of Councillor Toner's substituted Policy Order. He noted that it will take time to get it right. Mayor Siddiqui stated that as it relates to a formal policy, there should be something in writing. She stated that she does not support the substituted Policy Order. Councillor Toner said that his intention is that no police officer's name be released until the final report comes out from the judge and the District Attorney's Office. Councillor Zondervan said that the substitute Policy Order is sloppy and misleading in construction. He asked his colleagues to vote no on the substituted Policy Order. Councillor Azeem stated that releasing the officer's name is important. He asked the City Manager what he feels are the differences between the two Policy Orders and where this policy review is heading. City Manager Huang stated that it is clear that he feels that there is a strong consensus to push the City and Police Department to have a more formal policy and share it post haste. **Councillor McGovern made a motion to amend the substitute Policy Order to unstrike the first two WHEREAS and put them back into the substitute order.** Councillor Zondervan stated that Councillor Toner's intent is not to release the name of the officer involved. He suggested that the City Council vote on the substitute Policy order and then consider amendments to the original Policy Order. **The Chair recognized Councillor McGovern who made a motion to amend the substitute Policy Order to add back the first two WHEREAS paragraphs.**

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 – Yes

Yes-8. No-1. Motion Passed.

Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan who made two amendments to the substitute Policy Order. The first amendment is that in the first ORDERED after the words resulting in injury or death to add a comma and include the word “retroactively.” The second amendment is in the second ORDERED, to insert the words at the end of the paragraph “with such a policy and the names of the officers involved in Faisal’s killing.”

Councillor McGovern asked that the City Council vote separately on the two amendments by Councillor Zondervan.

Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan who made a motion to amend the substitute Policy Order in the first ORDERED to add a comma and include the word “retroactively” at the end of the paragraph.

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 - No
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – No
Councillor Paul Toner - No
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan - Yes
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

Yes-6. No – 3. Motion Passed.

Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan who made a motion to amend the substitute Policy Order in the second ORDERED to insert the words “with such a policy and the names of the officers involved in Faisal’s killing” at the end of the paragraph.

Deputy City Clerk Crane called the roll.

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

Yes-3. No-6. Motion Failed.

Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner who made a motion to adopt the amended substitute order.

Deputy City Clerk Crane called the roll.

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

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon - No
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan - Yes
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes
Councillor Paul Toner - No
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan - No
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – No
Yes-5. No – 4. Motion Passed.

CALENDAR

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan relative to APP 2023#24 relative to permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 96 Otis Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. Councillor Zondervan stated that he did have the opportunity to speak with the proponent. He encouraged him to speak with Ms. Hoffman and he did not. He stated that he will vote in the negative on this matter. **Councillor Zondervan made a motion to call the roll on adoption of his curb cut.**

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 – Absent
Councillor Patricia Nolan - Yes
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes
Councillor Paul Toner - Yes
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan - No
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

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

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui stated that there is one application from Andrew Plumb, APP 2023 #31, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 96 Henry Street Unit 1; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Response has been received from the neighborhood association.

CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Simmons who made a motion to place 42 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 – Absent
Councillor Patricia Nolan - Yes
Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes
Councillor Paul Toner - Yes
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan - Yes
Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes
Yes-8. Absent-1. Motion Passed.

RESOLUTIONS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt the orders for RES 2023 #152, RES 2023 #153, RES 2023 #154, RES 2023 #155, RES 2023 #156, RES 2023 #157, RES 2023 #158, RES 2023 #159, RES 2023 #160 and RES 2023 #161 and make 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 – Absent
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-1. Absent-1. Motion Passed.

POLICY ORDERS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt POR 2023 #91, POR 2023 #94 and POR 2023 #94.

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

The Chair recognized Councillor Azeem on POR #2, Removing Cuba from the State Sponsors of Terrorism List. Councillor Carlone, as the lead sponsor, stated that this is a game of politics on a national level. People are suffering. He said that this is a policy to encourage some movement on this issue. Councillor Azeem stated his support for the Policy Order.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt POR 2023 #92.

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 – Absent

Councillor Patricia Nolan - Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner - Present

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan - Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

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

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Toner on POR 2023 #93, regarding the request for a legal opinion on the MWRA Switch. Councillor Zondervan, as lead sponsor, stated that this Policy Order does not ask us to switch to MWRA. It asks for a legal opinion. He noted that it would be useful to get a formal legal opinion from the City Solicitor on why it would be illegal for the City of Cambridge to permanently switch our water supply to the MWRA. Councillor Toner stated that he has no interest in the City of Cambridge switching to MWRA. He said that he does not want to tie up the Law Department with the request for a legal opinion. He stated that he will be voting no on this matter. Councillor Azeem stated that he feels that the Cambridge water supply is fine but noted that this is a good legal question. Councillor Simmons stated that she will not be supporting this Policy Order. Councillor Carlone stated that he will be voting in the affirmative on this matter.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt POR 2023 #93.

Deputy City Clerk Crane called the roll.

Councillor Burhan Azeem – Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon - No

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Absent

Councillor Patricia Nolan - Yes

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – No

Councillor Paul Toner - No

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan - Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – Yes

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

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Zondervan on POR 2023 #96, regarding the favoring of the filing of the Home Rule Petition entitled: AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO INCLUDE A BALLOT QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 MUNICIPAL BALLOT RELATIVE TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER regarding electing the Police Review Advisory Board. Councillor Zondervan

stated that this proposal will amend the Charter to create a democratically elected Police Review and Advisory Board that would be comprised of members directly chosen by the people of Cambridge. He said that this will address the concerns raised in the aftermath of the killing of Arif Sayed Faisal. He said that a Charter change is necessary to turn it into an elected body. Vice Mayor Mallon said that there has never been one conversation about this matter publicly. She said that there is a way to work together with one another and the public around process and ideas like this. She stated that she will not support this Policy Order. She encouraged Councillor Zondervan to hold a meeting when proposing something as drastic as a Charter change. Councillor Zondervan stated that there is a Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for the following week and it is a regular occurrence to introduce legislation and then discuss it.

Councillor Toner made a motion to Move the Question.

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 - No

Councillor E. Denise Simmons – Yes

Councillor Paul Toner - Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan - No

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – No

Yes-6. No-3. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt POR 2023 #96.

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 - Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui – No

Yes-1. No-8. Motion Failed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui, recognized Councillor Zondervan on POR 2023 #97, that the Amendments to Protect Family Inclusion and Relationship Diversity be forwarded to the Ordinance Committee for discussion and recommendation. Councillor Zondervan said that this proposal would add family and relationship structure to the list of protected categories in the Municipal Code so people in diverse family and structures are protected and recognized in the full scope of the City's Anti-Discrimination Law.

CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui, recognized Councillor Zondervan on POR 2023 #987, that the City Manager is requested to work with the Law Department to provide a legal opinion on whether the City could fund affordable housing construction through a bond issue.

Councillor Zondervan said that this issue recently came up in budget discussions. He said that the administration stated that the Law Department determined that the City could not fund affordable housing construction through a bond order. He said that a Policy Order that recently passed unanimously never received a formal response. He asked that the Law Department share their opinion in writing so that the City Council can understand why this is not legally permissible. Councillor Nolan said that it was surprising to hear in the Budget Hearing that this is not something that is legal to do. She stated her support for the Policy Order. Councillor Azeem stated his support for the Policy Order. Councillor Carlone stated his support for the Policy Order.

Councillor Azeem made a motion to amend POR 2023 #98 by adding himself as a co-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 – Yes

Yes-9. Motion Passed.

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to adopt as amended POR 2023 #98.

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 – Yes

Yes-9. Motion Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui, noted that there were no Committee Reports on the City Council agenda.

ROUNDTABLE/WORKING MINUTES

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui recognized Councillor Azeem who made a motion to accept the Roundtable/Working Meeting minutes of February 8, 2022, February 14, 2022 and May 24, 2022.

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 – Yes
Yes-9. Motion Passed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui made a motion to Place on File COF 2023 #95 and COF 2023 #96.

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 – Yes
Yes-9. Motion Passed.

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui asked if there are any late Resolutions.
Deputy City Clerk responded that there none.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui asked if there are any late Policy Orders.
Deputy City Clerk responded that there are none.**

**The Chair, Mayor Siddiqui asked if there were any announcements from the City Councillors.
There were none.**

ADJOURN

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

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 – Yes
Yes-9. Motion Passed.

The Cambridge City Council adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS: Written communications received during public comment.

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

https://cambridgema.granicus.com/player/clip/511?view_id=1&redirect=true&h=6f1ad19ef84d723d2af38b5fa67b7flc

Taylor, Bernice

From: Christopher Certo <cjcerto@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2023 5:43 PM
To: City Council; Huang, Yi-An
Cc: info@cambridgebikesafety.org; City Clerk
Subject: Bike Lanes

Hi,

Cambridge showcases the best the area has to offer for bike lanes. As someone who has been riding here since before the cycling ordinance, I absolutely love the changes to our community and I feel safer riding.

I'd love to see Cambridge take the next step and focus on building more permanent cycling infrastructure instead of quick build. The additional safety is worth it. I routinely see damaged flex posts that wouldn't stop a smart car, let alone the trucks that plague our streets.

If we want to encourage more riders, the additional safety from truly separated lanes is worth it. Cambridge has come a really long way, but if we don't keep pushing, the unrelenting drivers will halt our progress and run us over at the same time.

Thanks!
CJ

Taylor, Bernice

From: Carol Lee Rawn <clrawn@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2023 5:51 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: info@cambridgebikesafety.org
Subject: Comments re. May 22 Agenda Item No. 6

Thank you for the opportunity to speak re. CMA #6. I am a Cambridge resident and would like to thank City staff and the City Council members that have been supportive of cycling for the tremendous improvements in cycling infrastructure in Cambridge. As the Safety Ordinance has been implemented and more safe cycling infrastructure has been put into place, I have been happy to see a significant increase in the number and diversity of cyclists in Cambridge. From a personal standpoint, I feel much safer biking in Cambridge, and am comfortable going to an increasing number of locations and businesses by bike – businesses I would not have visited if driving had been the only option.

Facilitating safe cycling provides many benefits for city residents, including public health, quality of life, reduced congestion, and equity benefits. Further, encouraging alternative modes of transportation is a critical part of reducing Cambridge's carbon footprint, as our report from the Cambridge Climate Crisis Working Group recognized. I strongly urge the City to continue and accelerate its work to make Cambridge a safer place for cyclists and pedestrians by fully implementing the Ordinance.

I also strongly support partial reconstruction, including separated bike lanes, of Mass Ave. – a critical artery for the city. The reconstruction will not only enhance cyclist safety but also pedestrian safety and improve the bus experience for Cambridge residents.

Again, thank you for your work on this critical initiative.

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Best, Carol Lee

Taylor, Bernice

From: ann stewart <ahstewart@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2023 6:00 PM
To: City Council
Cc: City Clerk; Farooq, Iram
Subject: CMA 2023 #147 (Alewife Rezoning Petition)

To: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Councilors, Cambridge City Council

CC: City Clerk

From: Ann Stewart, 25-31 Wheeler Street, and Ann Tennis, 71 Griswold Street

Re: CMA 2023 #147

Date: May 22, 2023

The Highlands-Quad Neighborhood Association and the Fresh Pond Residents Alliance have a history of working with the city and the Council. Councilors, you passed the moratorium so that the Quad could be rezoned. Iram, Melissa, and CDD staff, thank you for organizing the working group meetings.

We want a zoning petition that will result in a neighborhood and community that assures the best mix of small business, housing, civic, retail and labs, and open spaces with protection in perpetuity, and is guided by the urban design principles of livability, walkability and connectivity.

As written, this petition ignores a major priority of our neighborhood associations. While we agree that the bridge over the MBTA tracks and an Alewife commuter rail station are the top priorities, the Terminal Road connection is an immediate priority.

Starting this August and continuing through 2024, the 525 luxury and affordable rental units behind Trader Joe's are coming on the market. Traffic and Parking says it will put a new light at the Fawcett Street Concord Avenue intersection. By itself that is not enough to discourage more bicyclists and drivers from taking shortcuts through the Trader Joe/CVS shopping center.

We know that the City and Eversource are finally discussing the Terminal Road connection, but bureaucratic process moves slowly.

Please make sure that the zoning petition is the gold standard of urban planning. It is your legacy for our future.

Thank you.

Taylor, Bernice

From: Ellen Mei <ellenwmei@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2023 6:59 PM
To: City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: Support Policy Order 96

Dear Councillors,

My name is Ellen Mei, resident at 383 Prospect St. I am writing in favor of Policy Order #96, proposed by Councilor Quinton Zondervan, for the City Council to advance the home rule petition that amends the Police Review and Advisory Board from an appointed to a democratically elected board. While this is but one demand related to accountability for Arif Sayed Faisal's murder on January 4th, and would be a slow step to justice, this provides one component of the systemic change needed to ensure that the city and police department cannot just sit on their hands in the wake of the murder of a community member. After all, Commissioner Elow's statement from February 14, 2023 stated that the police officer involved in the shooting did nothing wrong. An elected board, made up of community members who are in touch with Faisal's family and feels their pain, would never have come to such an unjust conclusion.

The Police Review and Advisory Board was established in 1984 to immediately investigate citizen complaints against police. Almost 20 years ago, the PRAB ceded its power to provide oversight to the police department. It is impossible and illogical to expect the police department to conduct independent investigations of itself and adequately discipline officers who harm communities. The board is ineffective and lethargic, as pointed out by a Cambridge Day article on March 31, 2023. Cambridge residents are not lethargic and would not allow the police to do whatever they please, as evidenced as the abundance of residents speaking at the 5/22/23 meeting tonight and over the past several months for police accountability.

As laid out in the policy order, advancing this home rule petition to November's ballot, rather than waiting for the charter review committee to finish their review will allow Cambridge residents to elect their board starting in 2025. Waiting for the charter review commission to make this recommendation would prevent Cambridge residents from electing their board until 2027. I urge the council to advance the policy order and allow residents to more directly provide oversight to the police instead of relying on a lethargic board or having to come to city council meetings to submit their pleas to deaf ears. This policy order does not override the work of the Charter review committee and indeed bolsters it.

I urge you to support Policy Order #96. Our community cannot stand by while police kill our neighbors without any scrutiny or remorse.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Ellen Mei

Taylor, Bernice

From: John Chun <John@DrChun.com>
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2023 7:30 PM
To: City Council
Cc: City Clerk; Farooq, Iram
Subject: Max Height for CMA 2023 #147 Alewife Overlay District: Quadrangle (AOD-Q) Zoning Petition and Design Guidelines

TO: City of Cambridge City Council
FROM: John Chun, 48 Loomis St
DATE: May 22, 2023
SUBJECT: CMA 2023 #147 Alewife Overlay District: Quadrangle (AOD-Q) Zoning Petition and Design Guidelines

Good evening. I'm John Chun from 48 Loomis St. I'm here to speak on CMA #147 the Alewife Quadrangle Zoning Petition.

The Quad is in a flood zone, landlocked by all sides except Concord Ave with a single westbound and two eastbound lanes leading to the rotaries that are congested most of the day. There is no guarantee if and when the often talked-about commuter train stop or a bridge to Alewife would be built.

The proposed zoning with max residential height of 12 stories and 145 feet under special permit and PUD are too tall for the Quad North and South, resulting in too high of density. I'm not opposed to the height along the railroad tracks. However, for the rest of the Quad, the height should be limited to 6 stories or 75 feet as in the Quad West and similar to the Finch affordable housing on Concord Ave, which is a model design and size for the rest of the Quad. This combined with ample open space will create a great neighborhood.

I have expressed this in the past as a member of the Zoning Working Group with little success. I'd like to ask you to consider this as you review the proposed zoning.

Thank you.

John Chun