



City of Cambridge

POR 2026-35
FIRST IN COUNCIL
February 9, 2026

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR AL-ZUBI
COUNCILLOR ZUSY
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

- WHEREAS: On June 28, 1993, the City of Cambridge and MIT entered into an agreement resulting in the opening of the CASPAR shelter in an MIT owned building located at 240 Albany Street in Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: Since its opening, 240 Albany Street has only undergone minor, as needed, maintenance and is in need of major renovations; and
- WHEREAS: Homelessness and substance use continue to be an ongoing issue in Cambridge, resulting in the need for expanded services to support our vulnerable community members; and
- WHEREAS: 240 Albany Street has the potential to be expanded to meet these growing needs; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to begin discussions with MIT, CASPAR, the co-chairs of the Human Services and Veterans Committee, all relevant city departments and the shelter residents to develop a plan to renovate and expand 240 Albany Street in order to provide additional low threshold shelter, housing and day time services, while accommodating shelter residents impacted by the construction closure with housing and support, including low threshold options.

In City Council February 9, 2026.

Adopted by a ye and nay vote:-

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Attest:- Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Paula M. Crane
Interim City Clerk