



City of Cambridge

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FIRST IN COUNCIL
March 2, 2026

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR ZUSY
COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is committed to ensuring that residents can fully understand, engage with, and participate in public meetings and decision-making processes; and

WHEREAS: Timely access to meeting agendas and supporting documentation — such as presentations, background memos, and related materials — allows members of the public to prepare informed public comment, follow discussions more effectively, and remain meaningfully involved in civic matters; and

WHEREAS: While many City departments and boards regularly publish detailed agendas and accompanying materials in advance of public meetings, the level of detail and timing of publication can vary, and not all meetings consistently post supporting documents ahead of time; and

WHEREAS: Residents have noted that the City's website, though robust, can present inconsistent navigation paths to meeting information, with some links leading only to an agenda and others leading to full packets of materials — making it difficult for users to reliably locate all relevant documentation; and

WHEREAS: Improving consistency, transparency, and ease of access would strengthen public trust, enhance civic participation, and support the City's long-standing commitment to open government; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all relevant departments, boards, and commissions to strive to publish, whenever practicable, meeting agendas and all supporting documents, presentations, and related materials sufficiently in advance of public meetings to allow residents time to review and prepare; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to assess opportunities to improve the consistency of how meeting information is posted and accessed on the City's website – including clearer navigation paths, standardized posting practices, and improved user-friendliness – and report back to the City Council on recommended steps in a timely manner.

In City Council March 2, 2026.

Adopted by Affirmative

Vote of Eight Members:-

Attest:- Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paula M. Crane".

ATTEST:-

Paula M. Crane
Interim City Clerk

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