

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on COVID-19.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the biennial City of Cambridge Resident Telephone Survey for 2020.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Zoning Petition which amends Article 8.000 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance.

In Article 8.000 Nonconformity, add a Section 8.22.2(d) that reads as follows:

- d. In all districts the Board of Zoning Appeal may grant a special permit for the alteration or enlargement of a preexisting dimensionally nonconforming detached single-family dwelling or two-family dwelling, not otherwise permitted in Section 8.22.1 above, but not the alteration or enlargement of a preexisting nonconforming use, provided that there is no change in use and that any enlargement or alteration of such preexisting nonconforming detached single-family dwelling or two-family dwelling may only increase a preexisting dimensional nonconformity but does not create a new dimensional nonconformity. In order to grant the special permit the Board of Zoning Appeal is required to find that the alteration or enlargement shall not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming structure to the neighborhood, and that the alteration or enlargement satisfies the criteria in Section 10.43.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-72, regarding keeping Riverbend Park opened beyond Dec 27, 2020. [Both DCR and the City agree that extending Riverbend Park beyond the normal mid-November end date and including both Saturdays and Sundays has been successful and well used, and has benefited the community. However, emerging resource constraints for DCR make it infeasible to continue this program beyond the end of 2020.]

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Policy Order re Covid-19 Vaccines. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN IN COUNCIL DEC 21, 2020]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-108, regarding a report on offering early voting in City Council and School Committee Elections. [PENDING RESPONSE FROM LEGISLATURE]
3. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City of Cambridge Law Department to review the above changes to the language of the Domestic Partnerships Ordinance and report back to the Council. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL JULY 27, 2020. TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER SEPT 14, 2020.]
4. That Chapter 2.78, Article III, Section 2.78.150 of the Cambridge Municipal Code, entitled "Definitions for Article III" be amended. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL DEC 21, 2020]

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding traffic count at Mass Ave. and Walden Street intersection area.
2. A communication was received from Alisa Khan, regarding urging you to vote tonight in favor of in person schooling and revised reopening metrics.
3. A communication was received from Lee Farris, regarding Cambridge Residents Alliance Concerns with Cabots's Alewife NW Quadrangle up zoning petition.
4. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding Mishandling of out communications "More Proof of Non-Existent" Tree Destruction on the Charles River with the Constant Cambridge City Council Support.
5. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding Cambridge Goal of Reducing Car Ownership by 2020.
6. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding 40B project. Process for 2072 Mass Ave. Comprehensive Permit case.
7. A communication was received from Young Kim, regarding letter to the Mayor 40B Pel process.
8. A communication was received from Robert J. LaTrémouille, regarding more proof of "non-existent" tree destruction on the Charles Ricer by DCR.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Erina Columbo. Councillor Simmons
2. Resolution on the death of Charles M. Burke. Councillor Toomey, Councillor McGovern
3. Resolution on the death of James Revanis. Councillor Toomey
4. Resolution on the death of Wilma Hughes. Councillor Simmons
5. Resolution on the death of William Leeds. Councillor Simmons
6. Resolution on the death of Anna M. (Sico) Fennell. Councillor Toomey
7. Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Zondervan

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Law Department to draft Home Rule Petition language for a Fire Cadet Program similar to the language used in the Police Department Home Rule Petition. Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Simmons
2. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councillor Toomey for a street corner dedication in the vicinity of the corner of Carlisle Street and Prospect Street in honor of the late Neil Tobin. Councillor Toomey
3. That the Cambridge City Council formally expresses its interest in joining other cities actively pursuing digital equity and internet access by signing up for Next Century Cities. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan

4. That the City Council go on record supporting the School Committee in aligning School opening and closing with the “Schools and Path to Zero” framework with the goal of opening up all schools for in person learning, and supporting all efforts to include as many students as practically possible for at least some in person learning, with the goal of full time in person learning as soon as it can be done safely. Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Economic Development & University Relations Committee met on Nov 19, 2020 to discuss challenges and opportunities that exist in City purchasing, procurement and programs for MWBEs and other historically disadvantaged businesses and non-profits in Cambridge.
 - A. That the City Manager, City Solicitor, and Purchasing Department confer to provide a report on the possible implementation of a sheltered market program here in Cambridge. Vice Mayor Mallon
2. The Public Safety Committee met on July 7, 2020 to conduct a public hearing on the Cambridge Police Department's Use of Force Policy and related matters.

HEARING SCHEDULE (via Zoom and TV)

Mon, Jan 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Jan 5

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to continue discussion of the KSURP Zoning Ordinance Amendment petition. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Jan 6

5:00pm The Public Safety Committee will meet to conduct a public hearing on the Cambridge Police Department inventory list. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Jan 12

1:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing to receive updates from the Community Development Department, the Cambridge Housing Authority, Homeowners Rehab, Inc., and Just A Start on the work they are currently engaged in, and the impact of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic upon their operations. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Jan 13

2:00pm Economic Development & University Relations Committee will meet to discuss the proposed Vacant Storefront Policy, and other strategies to address vacant storefronts in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Jan 4, 2021

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: On October 21, 2019, the Cambridge City Council unanimously voted to ask the City Solicitor Home Rule Petition language for a Fire Cadet Program, as well as determine the feasibility of instituting and funding a Fire Cadet Program in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: In Fall 2019, the Cambridge Police Department officially unveiled the Police Cadet Program, which is designed for Cambridge residents between the ages of 18-23 who are interested in pursuing a career in public safety that offers excellent salaries, benefits, and provides a meaningful way to serve our community; and

WHEREAS: The Police Department has seen an increase in Cambridge residency and diversity in the first class of the Police Cadet Program; and

WHEREAS: Members of the Cambridge Fire Department leadership and the fire safety team have expressed interest in creating a similar cadet program to provide a pathway into the Fire Department for Cambridge residents, as well as increase racial and gender diversity; and

WHEREAS: Members of the community have also voiced their desire to see a Cadet Program in the Cambridge Fire Department, providing an additional pathway for graduating high school seniors and college-aged residents to pursue a career in civil service; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston was recently granted a [Home Rule Petition](#) to create a Fire Cadet Program; and

WHEREAS: Considering the work that has already been done to start a Fire Cadet program in Cambridge, it's advantageous for the City Council to ask the Law Department to submit a Home Rule Petition as soon as possible; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Law Department to draft Home Rule Petition language for a Fire Cadet Program similar to the language used in the Police Department Home Rule Petition.

O-2 Jan 4, 2021

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councillor Toomey for a street corner dedication in the vicinity of the corner of Carlisle Street and Prospect Street in honor of the late Neil Tobin; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward this order to the Dedication Committee for their review and approval.

O-3 Jan 4, 2021

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Internet access is indispensable in the 21st century and a persistent digital divide in Cambridge has only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has repeatedly expressed its commitment to improving digital access in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: [Next Century Cities](#) (NCC) is a non-profit with the goal of helping cities realize the full power of truly high-speed, affordable, and accessible broadband, with a network of over 200 cities that work together and share ideas; and

WHEREAS: The [principles](#) that drive NCC - that everyone deserves fast, affordable, and reliable internet access - are shared by the City Council, and their commitment to helping Cambridge find the best path forward given its unique situation would benefit the Council's work in pursuing municipal broadband; and

WHEREAS: More than 200 municipalities across the country are members of the network, including Boston and seven other Massachusetts municipalities; and

WHEREAS: NCC membership costs nothing, does not obligate a municipality to take any specific action, and provides resources and support for municipalities interested in digital equity and accessible broadband; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council formally expresses its interest in joining other cities actively pursuing digital equity and internet access by signing up for Next Century Cities.

O-4 Jan 4, 2021

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The COVID-19 pandemic has hit families in Cambridge Public Schools acutely, with school closures affecting every family and all staff, leading to the most challenging educational environment in memory; and

WHEREAS: There has been an explosion of information on how the coronavirus is transmitted, what measures are effective at limiting the danger of transmission, and how to contain the spread such that epidemiologists now understand much more than was known over the summer; and

WHEREAS: Evidence is mounting on the harm done by extended complete school closures and remote learning for many students, with growing concern about the adverse impact on low-income students and vulnerable populations including students with disabilities and special education needs; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge School District is one of the most highly resourced in the Commonwealth, and the City Council has approved additional resources to ensure the safety of staff and students, and the district has improved ventilations systems in schools, monitored air quality, consulted with experts on ensuring the safety of all and has a comprehensive protocol in place to assure the health of all; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Public School leadership has held meetings with experts to review appropriate metrics to determine when schools may be safely opened for all students who want to be in person for as much time as possible and revised metrics are under discussion by the School Committee; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting the School Committee in [aligning School opening and closing with the "Schools and Path to Zero" framework](#) with the goal of opening up all schools for in person learning, and supporting all efforts to include as many students as practically possible for at least some in person learning, with the goal of full time in person learning as soon as it can be done safely; and further be it

ORDERED: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the School Committee upon passage.