

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a State Executive Office of Public Safety Grant in the amount of \$10,386 to the Grant Fund Fire Salary and Wages account (\$8,286), Grant Fund Fire Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,800), and the Grant Fund Fire Travel and Training account (\$300) to provide funds to continue the Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program.
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a State Executive Office of Public Safety Grant in the amount of \$3,200 to the Grant Fund Fire Salary and Wages account (\$2,500), and the Grant Fund Fire Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$700), to provide funds for the Senior SAFE Program.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$1,750 to the Grant Fund Fire Travel and Training account.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$50,000 from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Fund Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Traffic, Parking and Transportation Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and anticipated medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for the remainder of the fiscal year for Traffic and Parking personnel injured in the performance of their duties.

ON THE TABLE

1. Airplane Noise Reduction Update on noise and vibrations from a concentration of low-flying airplanes originating at runway 33L at Logan Airport continue to disturb many residents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$600,000 to provide funds for the installation of a new boiler at the Solomon Building at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School and other related improvements. [QUESTION COMES ON ADOPTION ON OR AFTER DEC 24, 2018]
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,000,000 to provide funds for the design and reconstruction of the Tobin School building. [QUESTION COMES ON ADOPTION ON OR AFTER DEC 24, 2018]
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to proposed amendments to the following ordinance: and proposed amendments to Chapter

14.04 of the Cambridge Municipal Code (the "Fair Housing Ordinance"). Fair Housing (passed to a 2nd Reading) [AWAITING HOME RULE LEGISLATION-BEFORE PROPOSAL CAN BE ORDAINED]

5. 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]

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Jennifer Craig, regarding rebuilding our tree canopy/revising tree laws.
2. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street, regarding no more drab scenarios.
3. A communication was received from Robert Levin, 11 Remington Street, regarding destruction of trees on Magazine Beach.
4. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding Charles River, Magazine Beach boat dock update.
5. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, regarding harms technology can cause to humans.
6. A communication was received from Gaurab Basu, regarding supporting the resolution for a green new deal.
7. A communication was received from Judy Johnson, 55 Antrim Street, regarding supporting the Green New Deal.
8. A communication was received from Janet Wyman Coleman, 7 Lancaster Street, regarding supporting the Green New Deal.
9. A communication was received from Sara Mae Berman, Sharon DeVos, Jonathan Harris, and John Pitkin, regarding announcing the 2-year Inman Square "improvement" project.
10. A communication was received from Pamela Post, regarding supporting 350 MA Cambridge Green New Deal.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Retirement of Susan Marccone from the Finance Department. Mayor McGovern
2. Congratulations to Grace and Josh Zakim in the birth of their son Leo Patrick Zakim. Mayor McGovern
3. Resolution on the death of Bob Richards. Mayor McGovern, Councillor Toomey
4. Resolution on the death of James Carl Ludwig. Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of Eleanor "Honey" Haley. Councillor Toomey
6. Congratulating Y2Y on Acceptance into Social Innovation Forum. Mayor McGovern
7. Resolution on the death of Arminda Vieira. Councillor Toomey

8. Resolution on the death of Elaine Camplese. Councillor Toomey
9. Congratulations to Kathy Mitchell on her retirement after 37 years of dedicated service to our City's most vulnerable communities. Councillor Mallon
10. Resolution on the death of David Costa. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. Creating Gender X on Cambridge Birth Certificates. Mayor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Mallon, Councillor Siddiqui
2. That the Ordinance Committee hearing on Tree Protections scheduled for Jan 9, 2019 be televised. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Zondervan
3. Joint City Council/School Committee Roundtable. Mayor McGovern
4. Accessing revenue generated from new short-term rental legislation. Mayor McGovern
5. That the City Manager work with the Cambridge Arts Council and Department of Finance to allocate a percentage of hotel/motel tax revenue and adult use cannabis tax revenue to the arts in the FY20 budget. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
6. That the City Manager work with the Cambridge Arts Council, Traffic and Parking Department, Community Development Department, and Central Square Advisory Committee to establish the Central Square Improvement Fund and allocate no less than 25% of funds generated to the arts. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
7. That the City Manager work with the Cambridge Arts Council and Community Development Department to make the appropriate updates to the City's 1% for arts ordinance. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
8. Support Green New Deal. Councillor Zondervan, Mayor McGovern, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Siddiqui
9. Water Mains Age and Maintenance Update. Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor McGovern
10. City Manager is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to prepare a draft Home Rule petition for a Real Estate Transfer fee. Councillor Carlone, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Siddiqui
11. Joint City Council/School Committee Roundtable for Feb 26, 2019 on the Tobin/VLUS school design. Mayor McGovern
12. Amendment to the Municipal Code to create a new Chapter entitled "Cycling Safety Ordinance". Mayor McGovern, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone
13. Volpe Project Updates. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone

14. Major Public Building Projects Selection Committee Representation. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for a public hearing held on Dec 5, 2018 to explore the legal options Cambridge does and does not have when permitting existing, new and emerging mobility platforms in Cambridge.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Zondervan and Vice Mayor Jan Devereux, Co-Chairs of the Health and Environment Committee for a public hearing held on Dec 4, 2018 to discuss reviewing the preliminary LiDAR-based canopy study results from Apr 1, 2018 and to discuss potential reasons for the precipitous decline in our tree canopy and any other related matter.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from City Clerk Donna P. Lopez, transmitting a communication from Councillor Mallon, transmitting notes of the meeting of the Mayor's Arts Task Force.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Jan 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Jan 8

5:00pm The Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the Port Infrastructure Project and ways to mitigate the impacts of this important project on the neighborhood, including the basketball court at Clement Morgan Park, and any other related matter. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Jan 9

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the proposed amendment to the Municipal Code in Chapter 8.66 entitled "Tree Protection" to amend section 8.66.40 entitled "Applicability" and by adding a new section 8.66.055 entitled "Procedure for other projects". (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Jan 15

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a petition from John Gargano on behalf of his client Hercules Kalogeropoulos, Cambridge Mobile Sound and Security, to amend the Zoning Ordinance Map in the area of 234 Monsignor O'Brien Highway, from the existing C-1 to Business A. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Jan 30

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing discuss a petition filed by Joseph T. Maguire, Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. to amend the Zoning Ordinance by creating the Grand Junction Pathway Overlay District adjacent to the Grand Junction Railroad right-of-way between Binney and Cambridge Streets. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Feb 5

1:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a petition filed by the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge in Article 5.000 to convert flat concave roofs to greenhouse/glass porch. (Sullivan Chamber)

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a petition filed by the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinances in section 4.22 to allow for a Special Permit for the alteration of a single, two-family or accessory structure in existence as of January 2019 to provide one accessory apartment if the appropriate conditions are met. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting - Budget Submission (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 1

9:00am Finance Committee hearing to discuss proposed FY20 City Budget (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 7

9:00am Finance Committee hearing to discuss proposed FY20 City Budget (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 8

6:00pm Finance Committee hearing to discuss FY20 School Department Budget (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 9

9:00am Finance Committee hearing to discuss proposed FY20 City Budget (if necessary) (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting - Budget Adoption (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Jan 7, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: On Jan 1, 2019, a new law took effect in New York City that allows residents and parents to indicate a third gender category “X” on birth certificates, allowing transgender and gender non-binary people born in that City to amend their birth certificates without having to go through burdensome medical and administrative barriers; and

WHEREAS: New York City joins the states of Oregon, California, Washington and New Jersey in offering a third gender category on birth certificates, granting residents more control in defining for the government who they are and affirming their humanity and dignity; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge strives to be a welcoming community to all—including our transgender and gender non-binary friends and neighbors—a goal that the Council can advance by joining other jurisdictions in offering a third gender category and removing barriers for residents born in this city to amend their birth certificates; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Solicitor be and hereby is requested to draft a home rule petition to the state legislature that would allow the City of Cambridge to begin to offer a third gender category “X” on birth certificates, and to collaborate with the LGBTQ+ Commission on this effort.

O-2 Jan 7, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to televise and record the Ordinance Committee hearing scheduled for Wed, Jan 9, 2019 at 5:30pm on tree protections.

O-3 Jan 7, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to schedule a Roundtable/Working Meeting for members of the City Council and School Committee for the evening of Tues, Feb 12, 2019, at 5:30pm in the Sullivan Chamber, City Hall, for the purpose of holding a preliminary discussion on the Cambridge Public School department budget for fiscal year 2020; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City departments to televise and record the Roundtable/Working Meeting on Feb 12, 2019.

O-4 Jan 7, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The recently approved "[AN ACT REGULATING AND INSURING SHORT-TERM RENTALS](#)," signed by the Governor on Dec 28, 2018, allows a city to impose a local excise upon the transfer of occupancy of a room in a short-term rental located within that city by an operator at a rate of not more than 6 percent of the total amount of rent for each such occupancy; and

WHEREAS: Chapter 337 of the Acts of 2018 also allows a city to impose a community impact fee of not more than 3 percent of the total amount of rent for each transfer of occupancy of a professionally managed unit that is located within the city, and upon a short-term rental that is located within a two-family or three-family dwelling that includes the operator's primary residence; and

WHEREAS: The legislation requires that not less than 35 percent of the community impact fee collected under this section shall be dedicated to affordable housing or local infrastructure projects; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to review the recently adopted "AN ACT REGULATING AND INSURING SHORT-TERM RENTALS" to ensure compliance with Cambridge's short-term rental ordinance, and to report back to the Council on the steps necessary to impose and access revenue generated from the excise and community impact fees.

O-5 Jan 7, 2019

COUNCILLOR MALLON
MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: A robust and stable funding source is necessary to maintain a thriving arts community; and

WHEREAS: The FY19 City Budget allotted only \$1,068,210.00 for the Cambridge Arts Council and Public Celebrations budgets combined; and

WHEREAS: Key FY19 objectives of the Arts Council are to promote and support artists as well as commission and conserve public art, both of which take significant financial resources to accomplish effectively so that artists are paid living wages for their work; and

WHEREAS: There are opportunities in the City Budget to increase municipal funding for the arts, including allocating a percentage of the projected \$14,400,000.00 of the City's hotel/motel tax revenue (which in June will include additional revenue generated by the implementation of the short term rental ordinance) in FY20, as well as a percentage of the additional 3% tax imposed on adult use cannabis sales; and

WHEREAS: According to a 2015 [Arts and Economic Prosperity Report](#), the total revenue generated for local government in Cambridge due to spending by arts organizations and their audiences in that year was \$7,038,000.00, showing a robust return on investment in the arts; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Arts Council and Department of Finance to explore options for allocating at least 15% of the City's hotel/motel tax revenue in FY20 to the arts, as well as allocating a percentage of the additional 3% municipal tax imposed on adult use cannabis sales to the arts; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council in time to inform the FY20 budget process.

O-6 Jan 7, 2019

COUNCILLOR MALLON
MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Central Square is our City's Arts and Culture District, a designation awarded to the Square by the Massachusetts Cultural Council in 2011; and

WHEREAS: Cultural Districts come with only limited State funding, as the \$3.5 million allotted is divided between 329 local cultural councils, averaging approximately \$4,500.00 to each cultural district per year; and

WHEREAS: This amount of State funding is helpful but not sufficient in funding cultural district initiatives in Central Square and for example, the recent and very popular Mural Project that was sponsored by the Central Square Business Association in partnership with the Cambridge Community Foundation had a total cost of over \$140,000.00; and

WHEREAS: Section 20.304.6 3(b)(1.)(i) of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance establishes the Central Square Improvement Fund, which waives minimum parking and loading requirements if the developer makes a cash contribution to the fund in an amount equal to fifty (50)

percent of the cost of construction of the parking spaces not provided; and

WHEREAS: One of the allowed uses for funds paid to the Central Square Improvement Fund is “programming, events, and infrastructure that contribute to the Cultural District established in Central Square”; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Arts Council, Traffic and Parking Department, the Community Development Department, and the Central Square Advisory Committee to establish the Central Square Improvement Fund; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Arts Council and the Central Square Advisory Committee to implement a distribution procedure for funds paid into the Central Square Improvement Fund, with no less than 25% of funds paid being allocated to the arts; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-7 Jan 7, 2019

COUNCILLOR MALLON

MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: In 1979, the City of Cambridge enacted its 1% for arts ordinance, which requires that 1% of all construction costs for public projects are allocated to on-site public art; and

WHEREAS: This ordinance is now over 40 years old and aspects such as site-based public art, the accessibility of the art, and the art discipline that is being funded and created have yet to be revisited; and

WHEREAS: As construction costs have increased over time, the 1% rule has not been equally applied, as the City often meets the 1% mandate for less expensive projects, but fails to reach this benchmark for other, more costly projects where the amount allocated to public art would be much greater; and

WHEREAS: It has been recently unclear as to whether or not a \$100,000 cap for the arts applies, as this cap appears nowhere in the ordinance but has been imposed on select projects over the years; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Arts Council and Community Development Department to determine:

- Which projects have met the 1% threshold and which have fallen short
- Why the 1% threshold is met with certain construction projects but not others
- The origin of the \$100,000 cap, and whether or not it still applies to current projects
- Equity considerations related to site-based art, such as whether the art is publicly accessible (in the case of the

King Open School), or whether art is concentrated in select neighborhoods

The distribution method of funds and whether it can be adjusted to account for ensuring that all mediums and disciplines of art, including live performance art, receive funding; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council on this matter as soon as possible.

O-8 Jan 7, 2019

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

MAYOR MCGOVERN

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Shortly after the 2018 midterm elections, there was a groundswell of grassroots support for a [proposal](#) from then Rep-elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez to create a “House Select Committee on a Green New Deal”; and

WHEREAS: Such a [Green New Deal](#) would address the climate crisis at the scale of intervention called for by the recent IPCC [special report](#) on climate change, a report that was [ultimately rejected](#) by the US and other oil exporting countries at COP 24 in Poland last month; and

WHEREAS: Such a Green New Deal would also create many new jobs for hard working Americans who have been left behind by globalization and automation; and

WHEREAS: Sunrise Movement and other advocacy groups organized more than 250 [visits](#) to district offices around the country around this issue in just over a month’s time, winning the support of [more than](#) 40 members of congress including both members of Cambridge’s House delegation, Ayanna Pressley and Katherine Clark; and

WHEREAS: House Democratic Leadership has since [proposed](#) the creation of a “Select Committee on the Climate Crisis” which will not explicitly be charged with creating Green New Deal legislation, will not have subpoena or legislative powers, and will include legislators who have accepted contributions from or who have themselves made significant investments in the fossil fuel industry, including in leadership positions; and

WHEREAS: This proposal from House Democratic Leadership does not address the climate crisis with the urgency that is required to avoid the worst consequences of climate change including extreme heat, drought, fires, flooding, natural disasters, and poverty; and

WHEREAS: The United States is indeed already experiencing these impacts, from devastating hurricanes in [Puerto Rico](#) and [Texas](#) to the “Camp” [wildfire](#) in California that demolished an entire town; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in full support of a Green New Deal that includes both a rapid shift away from fossil fuels and creating jobs for American workers in renewable energy and associated industries; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record urging our Congressional Delegation to continue advocating for such a Green New Deal and to make addressing the climate crisis a top priority in 2019 and beyond; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Rep. Katherine Clark and Rep. Ayanna Pressley on behalf of the entire Cambridge City Council.

O-9 Jan 7, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: On Dec 23, 2018, a City water main burst on Craigie Street; and

WHEREAS: Several properties in the vicinity had extensive water damage and property owners have questions about the cause of the pipe's failure and the emergency response protocol; and

WHEREAS: There have been at least three other water main breaks recently, including ones on Pleasant Street, Clay Street, and Inman Street; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consider the possibility of holding an informational meeting with affected community members; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Water Department and the Department of Public Works to report to the City Council on the age of City water mains and the status of any preventive maintenance and replacement plans, including the installation of cathodic protection to prolong the usable lives of pipes.

O-10 Jan 7, 2019

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Affordable housing continues to be a major issue in the City of Cambridge that constituents demand our government addresses; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge's Comprehensive Housing Plan issued a recommendation for a Real Estate Transfer Fee; and

WHEREAS: House Bill 4196 "An Act supporting affordable housing with a local option for a fee to be applied to certain real estate transactions" received a favorable review from the House Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government and is now moving forward to the House Committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling with a recommendation that it pass; and

WHEREAS: The Metro Mayor's Coalition Regional Housing Task Force, composed of 15 cities and towns, including

Cambridge, has identified implementing a local transfer fee as a key strategy; and

WHEREAS: The Envision Housing recommendations have listed the local real estate transfer fee as a high priority; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council proposed a municipal transfer fee ordinance on Feb 29, 2016, and was supported unanimously but there has been no progress since then; and

WHEREAS: The City of Somerville passed a Home Rule petition for a transfer fee that was reported favorably out of the Massachusetts House Steering, Policy and Scheduling Committee; and

WHEREAS: The City of Provincetown's voters approved a 0.5 percent transfer fee in 2010 that was rejected by the state legislature, but representatives from Provincetown have advocated for said fee every year since; and

WHEREAS: The City of Pittsburg instituted a .5 percent transfer fee in 2017 that they estimate will generate \$10 million in revenue annually; and

WHEREAS: The City of Toronto instituted a transfer fee that contributed about \$640 million to the city's operating budget in 2017 alone; and

WHEREAS: The affordable housing crisis affects the lives of millions of residents around the country, and Cambridge has consistently led the way in addressing local, state and global problems; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council consider a Real Estate Transfer Fee Home Rule Petition for residential and commercial properties sold over \$2 million, with the funds raised allocated to the Affordable Housing Trust for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the city; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager instruct the Assessor's office to provide data on possible revenue generated from a transfer fee and the impact on the housing market; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to prepare a draft Home Rule petition for consideration by the Ordinance Committee for further deliberation and discussion.

O-11 Jan 7, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to schedule a Roundtable/Working Meeting for members of the City Council and School Committee for the evening of Tues, Feb 26, 2019, at 5:30pm in the Sullivan Chamber, City Hall, to discuss plans for the Tobin/VLUS school design and construction process.

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City departments to televise and record the Roundtable/Working Meeting on Feb 26, 2019.

O-12 Jan 7, 2019
MAYOR MCGOVERN
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has adopted a Complete Streets policy and has formally committed to Vision Zero, with goals of eliminating transportation fatalities and serious injuries, as well as continuing to reduce the crash rates for all modes; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Bicycle Plan, adopted in 2015 and currently undergoing further revision, was developed “to enable people of all ages and abilities to bicycle safely and comfortably throughout the city,” and set goals to:

- 1) Make a significant shift towards bicycling as a sustainable transportation mode;
- 2) Create a transportation system that is safe for users of all ages and abilities; and
- 3) Innovate and be an early adopter of best practices in bicycle infrastructure; and

WHEREAS: Although progress has been made on certain streets to expand bicycle infrastructure and improve safety for all modes of transportation, a network connecting these segments and allowing residents to commute and recreate by bicycle safely, security, and comfortably is not yet complete; and

WHEREAS: Promoting bicycle ridership will also allow the City to pursue parallel objectives in improved health for cyclists (especially seniors), reducing the carbon footprint of residents, decreasing traffic congestion, and expanding accessible infrastructure for residents who cannot afford to own or maintain a car; and

WHEREAS: The attached ordinance is intended to help the City achieve the goals it set in the Cambridge Bicycle Plan, and to increase bicycle ridership, decrease motor vehicle speed and the number of trips taken by single occupancy vehicles, and promote public health, safety, and sustainability; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the attached “Cycling Safety Ordinance” be forwarded to the Ordinance Committee for discussion and recommendation.

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

In the Year Two Thousand and Nineteen

AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to the Ordinance entitled “Cambridge Municipal Code.”

That the Municipal Code of the City of Cambridge be amended by adding in Title Twelve entitled “Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places” a new Chapter 12.22 entitled “Cycling Safety Ordinance,” which reads as follows:

Chapter 12.22 Cycling Safety Ordinance

Section 12.22.010 Short Title

This Chapter may be cited as the “Cycling Safety Ordinance” of the City of Cambridge.

Section 12.22.020 Purpose

This Chapter seeks to eliminate fatalities and injuries on City streets in accordance with the City’s Vision Zero goals through safety improvements and the construction of a connected network of permanent separated bicycle lanes across the City.

Section 12.22.030 Definitions

- A. **“Adequate Directionality”** shall mean (1) a two-way street with a separated bicycle lane or lanes that allow bicycle travel in both directions, or (2) a one-way street with a separated bicycle lane or lanes that allow bicycle travel either in the direction of the flow of vehicular traffic or in both directions.
- B. **“Connectivity”** shall mean the provision of a Permanent Separated Bicycle Lane system that reflects desired routes between all major origins and destinations in the city.
- C. **“Cambridge Bicycle Plan”** shall mean the plan adopted by the City of Cambridge in October 2015 to create a framework for developing a network of complete streets, and which is entitled “Cambridge Bicycle Plan: Toward a Bikeable Future”.
- D. **“Five-Year Sidewalk and Street Reconstruction Plan”** shall mean the City of Cambridge Department of Public Works’ five-year work plan of May 1, 2018, as it may be amended from time to time.
- E. **“Improvements”** shall mean the construction of new City-owned streets, or the reconstruction of an existing City-owned street, including but not limited to full depth reconstruction, expansion, and/or alteration of a roadway or intersection. Improvements shall not include routine maintenance, repairs, restriping of the road surface, or emergency repairs to the surface of a roadway (collectively “Maintenance”), provided that existing bicycle lanes will be restored to existing conditions or better.
- F. **“Permanent Separated Bicycle Lane”** shall mean a bicycle lane separated from motor vehicle traffic by a permanent vertical barrier that shall remain in place year-round, including but not limited to granite or concrete barriers and raised curbs, provided, however, that the bicycle lane need not be separated from motor vehicle traffic by a permanent vertical barrier for short stretches to accommodate crosswalks, curb cuts, accessible parking, intersections, and public transportation, and provided further, that existing bicycle lanes may be temporarily removed during construction of Improvements or Maintenance, so long as they are restored to existing conditions or better.
- G. **“Separated Network”** shall mean the proposed set of bicycle facilities identified in the Cambridge Bicycle Plan

(Figure 5.14), or any plan superseding it, provided, however, that any such plan shall maintain Connectivity.

Section 12.22.040 Requirements

- A. Whenever Improvements are made to a City-owned street under the City's Five-Year Sidewalk and Street Reconstruction Plan, the City Manager shall cause such Improvements to comply with the Cambridge Bicycle Plan, or any plan superseding it; provided, that if Improvements are made to a segment of the Separated Network, a Permanent Separated Bicycle Lane with Adequate Directionality shall be installed along that segment.
- B. Full compliance with the provisions of Subsection A above is not required where the City Manager can demonstrate through a written alternatives analysis, to be made public, why it is impractical to comply with the provisions of Subsection A above, and where there will be a loss of Connectivity if the provisions of Subsection A are not complied with, how Connectivity could be otherwise advanced, if possible. Full compliance with the provisions of Subsection A above will be considered impracticable only in those rare circumstances where the City Manager determines that the characteristics of the physical features or usage of a street, or financial constraints of full compliance prevent the incorporation of a Permanent Separated Bicycle Lane with Adequate Directionality.

O-13 Jan 7, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The Government Services Agency (GSA) awarded MITIMCO the contract to construct a new Volpe Center facility for the U.S. Department of Transportation to replace the existing federal buildings on the Volpe site in Kendall Square in exchange for the right to redevelop the rest of the 14-acre parcel; and

WHEREAS: As a federal facility, the new Volpe Center will not be subject to the zoning or special permit requirements set out in the PUD-7 Zoning District that the City Council created in October 2017; and

WHEREAS: Under the terms of the exchange contract, MITIMCO must complete construction of the new Volpe Center before redeveloping the rest of the site; and

WHEREAS: As yet, no information has been shared with the Council or the public about the design of this building, its size and siting, or the schedule for its construction and completion; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to seek and share regular project updates from the GSA and MITIMCO on the new Volpe Center, and to report back as soon as possible.

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COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Major public building projects in the City, such as the construction or substantial renovation of a school, fire station, or other public facility, are conducted with the guidance of Selection Committees; and

WHEREAS: Selection Committees determine the architects and designers who will oversee construction processes for these projects; and

WHEREAS: The public has a major interest in the outcome of these projects, as well as in the ability of the selected companies to mitigate and minimize construction impacts in project areas, and deserves that their interest be represented; and

WHEREAS: The public could and should be represented by having at least one City Councillor on the Selection Committee for any major public building project; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consider how to provide public representation on such major project Selection Committees and report back to the City Council on how this will be accomplished.