

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a COVID-19 update.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Arantxa Ortiz as a new member of the Commission on Immigrant Rights & Citizenship for a term of three years, effective Jan 11, 2021.

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. Resolution on the death of William Leeds. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS IN COUNCIL JAN 4, 2021]

## **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]

## **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. A request was received from Adam Brailard representing Santandar Bank, regarding Revocation of Bond #106054492 for Santandar Bank, 125 Mount Auburn Street. Response from the Inspectional Services Department has been received confirming said sign has been removed.
2. An application was received from Michael Malmberg representing Daily Table, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 684 Massachusetts Avenue approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, regarding the Cambridge City Council's okaying of \$18M to buy school's 4-acre field.
2. A communication was received from Carol O'Conner, James III, Thomas March and Michael Fitzgerald, regarding thanking the Council for the resolution for James E. Fitzgerald.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Congratulations to Deondre Starling for Community Impact. Mayor Siddiqui
2. Resolution on the death of Zelma Bostick. Councillor Simmons
3. Congratulations to Mayor Marty Walsh. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey

## **ORDERS**

1. That the regular City Council meeting scheduled for Jan 25, 2021 be a Roundtable/Working meeting to discuss the 2020 Cambridge Resident Survey. Mayor Siddiqui
2. Lighting Up City Hall for a National Moment of Unity and Remembrance. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey
3. Policy Order re Dedication Request for Eurie Stamps, Sr. Councillor Simmons
4. That the City Manager and his staff prepare a memorandum outlining any federal, state or municipal law that restricts the City of Cambridge from allocating direct financial assistance to residents, non-profit agencies or small businesses and to develop a plan to offer direct financial assistance to Cambridge residents, non-profit organizations and small businesses suffering during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Simmons
5. That the City Council go on record asking the MBTA to reconsider bench bars at the Central Square T. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Human Services & Veterans Committee met on Nov 12, 2020 to discuss homelessness.
  - A. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested short term measures to fund, support unhoused members of the community including public showers, portable toilets, hand washing stations and food programs until further notice. Councillor McGovern
  - B. That the City further investigate renting space from the New England school of English to house appropriate members of our unhoused community. Councillor McGovern
2. Ordinance Committee met on Nov 19, 2020 to discuss on the KSURP Zoning Ordinance Amendment.
3. Ordinance Committee met on Jan 5, 2021 to continue discussion of the KSURP Zoning Ordinance Amendment petition.
  - A. That the KSURP zoning petition filed on Sept 17, 2020 is hereby amended by substitution. Councillor Carlone
  - B. A Zoning Petition has been received from Cambridge Redevelopment Authority regarding a Zoning Ordinance to reflect the proposed changes to the KSURP.

## **COMM. AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

1. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, Communicating information from the School Committee.

## **HEARING SCHEDULE (via Zoom and TV)**

### **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 11, 2021

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

ORDERED: That the Regular City Council meeting scheduled for Jan 25, 2021 be a Roundtable/Working meeting to discuss the 2020 Cambridge Resident Survey.

O-2 Jan 11, 2021

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: President-elect Joe Biden's inaugural committee plans to honor those who died in the coronavirus pandemic

by lighting up the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool on Jan 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS: President-elect Biden's inaugural committee is asking communities around the country to light up buildings or ring church bells at 5:30pm on January 19th in a "national moment of unity and remembrance" to memorialize the lives lost to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: As of Jan 4, 2021, the City of Cambridge has lost 110 residents to COVID-19, and we mourn both the tragic loss of those lives lost from our community and the 343,000 nationwide pandemic deaths; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager is hereby requested to light up City Hall on Jan 19, 2021 at 5:30pm to join in the national moment of unity and remembrance for all the lives lost to COVID-19.

O-3 Jan 11, 2021

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider placing an appropriate dedication marker in the vicinity of Brookline Street between Emily Street and Valentine Street in honor of the late Eurie Stamps, Sr.; 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-4 Jan 11, 2021

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Charter establishes no criteria regarding allocation of City funds to non-municipal entities assisting residents and small businesses; and

WHEREAS: The financial status of Cambridge public funds is virtually unequaled in the Commonwealth, while maintaining relatively low city real estate taxes and high savings; and

WHEREAS: The City Manager and his staff claim there are restrictions on the use of municipal funds that prevent the City from allocating direct financial assistance to non-profit and small business entities; and

ORDERED: Even before the Covid-19 pandemic approximately 18 percent of Cambridge residents lived below Federal Poverty Guidelines, including 30 percent of African American and Latinx families, many of which reported being hungry at some point in the year, could not pay their rent, or had no day care/pre-kindergarten programs for their children; and

WHEREAS: According to the 2020 Resident Opinion Survey "Almost one-third of respondents (32 percent) say someone in their household lost employment income since the mid-March 'lockdown,'" with job loss twice as high as the norm (64 percent) among Latinx residents and significantly higher among African-American residents (45 percent); and

WHEREAS: The City Council and Administration recognize the dire need to help financially stabilize our residents, small businesses and non-profit organizations during this time of crisis; and

WHEREAS: The federal and state governments are allowed to provide direct financial assistance to residents and small businesses, yet the Cambridge City Council is told city governments cannot do the same; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager and his staff prepare a memorandum outlining any federal, state or municipal law that restricts the City of Cambridge from allocating direct financial assistance to residents, non-profit agencies or small businesses; and be it further

ORDERED: That if no such restrictions exist, that the City Manager immediately develop a plan to offer direct financial assistance to Cambridge residents, non-profit organizations and small businesses suffering during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

O-5 Jan 11, 2021

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Recently, a bench in the [Central Square Red Line T stop](#) had armrest bars installed on it by the MBTA; and

WHEREAS: Interventions such as adding bars to benches have been cited by researchers, design professionals, and homeless community advocates as instances of [hostile architecture](#), which are implemented—unintentionally or intentionally—to make public spaces unwelcoming to homeless residents; and

WHEREAS: Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many homeless residents feel less safe in traditional settings such as shelters and are [seeking out](#) alternate locations to sit or rest a few hours; and

WHEREAS: The MBTA has noted that new accessibility guidelines issued in May call for intermediate armrests on benches and that it must respond to concerns of all residents in the design of its stations; and

WHEREAS: The MBTA has expressed a willingness to look into these recent changes and work with the City of Cambridge to see if there are modifications that would work for all residents; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in asking the MBTA to reconsider the configuration of bars on benches at the Central Square T station to represent a design that works for all residents by addressing accessibility concerns without making life more challenging for unhoused residents.