

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-117, regarding data from 2019 Summer Meals Program.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following person as a member of the Human Rights Commission for a term of three years, effective Jan 13, 2020: Olinda Marshall
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as new member of the Historical Commission for a term of three years, effective Dec 18, 2019: Elizabeth Lyster and Caroline Shannon
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the 2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$39,600 to the Grant Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures Account (\$37,089), and the Grant Fund Fire Travel and Training Account (\$2,511) which will fund the purchase of 6 laryngoscopes with a camera attached to a viewable screen to better assess the patient, and also fund the training cost and uniforms for 12 members who will be added to the existing 28 member Cambridge Fire Department Emergency Medical Services Bicycle Team.
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's (EOPSS) Traffic Enforcement Grant Program in the amount of \$37,500 to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account which will fund high-visibility traffic enforcement of motor vehicle laws related to speeding, impaired driving and occupant protection.
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY20 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) STOP Grant for \$46,302.29 received from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) to the Grant Fund Police Department Salaries and Wages account (\$41,250) and the Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$5,052.29) which will provide funds to continue contracting with a civilian advocate to implement the Police Department's Trauma Informed approach to policing.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. An application was received from Scott Kenton, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 9 Pine Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.

ON THE TABLE

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the Surveillance Use Policy and related documents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. 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]
4. Amendment to Chapter 8.12 of the Municipal Ordinances of the City of Cambridge. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING ON OR AFTER DEC 16, 2019 TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER DEC 29, 2019]
5. That the Amendment to Chapter 2.128 Surveillance Ordinance Technology be forwarded to the Public Safety Committee for a hearing. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING ON OR AFTER DEC 9, 2019 TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER DEC 23, 2019]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A Zoning Petition Has been received from Christopher Schmidt, regarding an amendment to Section 2.000 of the Zoning Ordinance.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Bill Green, 67 Hammond Street, regarding prohibition of natural gas infrastructure in New Building.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution Wishing Quick Recovery to Carmen Heller. Councillor Simmons
2. Resolution on the death of Carol Cerf. Councillor Simmons
3. Resolution on the death of Lynne R. (Ellcock) Collins. Councillor Simmons
4. Wishing Emma Watkins a Happy Retirement. Councillor Simmons
5. Resolution on the death of Susan Noonan-Forster. Councillor Toomey
6. Resolution on the death of Dawn M. Pereira. Councillor Toomey
7. Resolution on the death of Lorraine Grassia. Councillor Toomey
8. Congratulations to Binoj Pradhan and Shweta Rajbhandari on their recent marriage. Councillor Toomey
9. Resolution on the death of Thomas F. Courtney. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern
10. Resolution on the death of Dorothy Cherico. Councillor Toomey
11. Resolution on the death of Joseph Nicoloso. Councillor Toomey

12. Resolution on the death of Frederick R. Cruickshank.
Councillor Toomey
13. Resolution on the death of Ethel Rothman. Councillor Toomey
14. Resolution on the death of Dr. Martin Annis. Councillor Toomey
15. Resolution on the death of Flora Athanas. Councillor Toomey
16. Resolution on the death of Anita Butler. Councillor Toomey
17. Resolution on the death of Stephen Latorella. Councillor Toomey
18. Resolution on the death of Mary-Louise Daly. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. Dedication Request for William J. Brathwaite Sr.
Councillor Simmons
2. Supporting Small Business and the Arts through Tourism.
Vice Mayor Mallon
3. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councillor Toomey for a suitable dedication in the vicinity of Mount Auburn Hospital in honor of William Sarchrioni Sr. Councillor Toomey
4. TPO Extension PO. Councillor Zondervan

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Dec 10, 2019 to discuss Mobile Fueling and Fuel pump warning labels.

Order Re: Fuel pump warning labels

Councillor Devereux, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Councillor McGovern, transmitting a memorandum regarding ordaining face recognition technology ban.
2. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, transmitting information from the Jan 7, 2020 Regular Meeting of the School Committee.
3. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, announcing the formal 2020-2021 appointments to the City Council Committees.

Ordinance

Chair – Councillor Carlone, Chair – Councillor McGovern, Vice-Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Zondervan

Finance

Chair – Councillor Carlone, Chair – Councillor Simmons, Councillor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Zondervan

Government Operations/Rules and Claims

Chair – Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Zondervan

Housing

Chair – Councillor Simmons, Chair – Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Vice-Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan

Economic Development and University Relations

Chair – Vice-Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Zondervan

Human Services and Veterans

Chair – Councillor McGovern, Vice-Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey

Health and Environment

Chair – Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler

Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning; Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations

Chair – Councillor Nolan, Councillor Carlone, Vice-Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan

Transportation & Public Utilities

Chair – Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Vice-Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Zondervan

Civic Unity

Chair – Councillor Simmons, Councillor Carlone, Vice-Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Toomey

Public Safety

Chair – Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone, Vice-Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler

The Mayor shall serve as ex-officio member of all Committees of the City Council.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Jan 13

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

Mon, Jan 27

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

Mon, Feb 3

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

Mon, Feb 10

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

Mon, Feb 24

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

Mon, Mar 2

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

Mon, Mar 9

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

Mon, Mar 16

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

Mon, Mar 23

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

Mon, Mar 30

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

Mon, Apr 6

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

Mon, Apr 13

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

Mon, Apr 27

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

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Jan 13, 2020

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council be and hereby is requested to confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Angela Brathwaite for a street dedication in honor of her grandfather, William J. Brathwaite Sr., in the vicinity of Washburn Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue; 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-2 Jan 13, 2020

VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: The Arts, tourism, and local small businesses are heavily intertwined, as non-resident arts and culture event attendees spend an average of \$42.53 on meals, souvenirs, ground transportation, and other expenses for each arts and

culture event they attend in Cambridge, excluding the price of admission; and

WHEREAS: During the FY20 budget hearings, the City Council requested that the Cambridge Office of Tourism, the Cambridge Arts Council, and the Economic Development Division of the Community Development Department meet regularly to coordinate efforts to strengthen the local small business community and the Arts through tourism; and

WHEREAS: Since then, these entities have been meeting regularly, with a representative from the City Manager’s Office in attendance; and

WHEREAS: Having an update on the work that has been done at these meetings would grant meaningful insight during the FY21 budget process; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City, Manager be and is hereby requested to report back to the City Council on the work that has been done during these meetings prior to the FY21 budget hearings.

O-3 Jan 13, 2020

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 suitable dedication in the vicinity of Mount Auburn Hospital in honor of William Sarchrioni 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 13, 2020

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Cambridge’s tree canopy has shrunk by nearly 20% over the last decade; and

WHEREAS: Amendments made to the Tree Protection Ordinance (TPO) last year which restrict the removal of “significant trees” on private property will expire on March 11, 2020 if no action is taken; and

WHEREAS: On November 12, 2019, the city and consultants presented a thorough and impressive report to the Health & Environment Committee on a long term approach to reversing the canopy decline, rooted in recommendations from the Urban Forest Master Plan Task Force which met 13 times between June 2018 and April 2019; and

WHEREAS: The report, which contains numerous recommendations on lasting changes that should be made to the TPO, was originally scheduled to be released in June 2019 but was delayed; and

WHEREAS: The report is excellent and deserves careful deliberation and discussion by the city council, and it would be a great disservice to rush this conversation in an attempt to overhaul the ordinance ahead of the March 11, 2020 expiration date; and

WHEREAS: At the same time, it would be a travesty to let the temporary amendments to the TPO expire without any new language, as doing so would almost certainly result in a massive citywide culling spree, worsening our canopy decline and erasing any positive impact the temporary amendments might have had; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That section 8.66.055 of the municipal ordinances of the City of Cambridge, entitled "Procedure for Other Significant Tree Removals" be amend by substitution to read as follows:

"For any significant tree removal not subject to 8.66.050, a permit will be required from the City Arborist. In all cases, the City Arborist shall keep a record of the type and size of tree removed, the reason for the removal, photographs of the tree documenting the reason for removal, the date, the contractor(s) involved, and the name and address of the property owner. No such permits will be issued until December 31, 2020, except for emergency circumstances, significant utility infrastructure projects undertaken pursuant to State or Federal regulations or programs, for City park projects, or where a tree poses significant negative impact to an adjacent existing structure, or for dead or dangerous trees, or where a lot is of such density with existing trees that the removal of certain significant trees is considered beneficial to the health of the tree canopy. Any tree removed in violation of this section, prior to December 31, 2020, shall require a payment into the tree replacement fund as per section 8.66.070 according to a schedule as follows: 10% of the replacement value for property owners who qualify for the City of Cambridge residential real property tax exemption, no fee for property owners that receive established forms of financial assistance, and the full replacement cost in all other circumstances. The value to be paid into the tree replacement fund shall be equivalent to the cost of purchasing, planting, watering and maintaining said Replacement Trees for a period of not less than five years."

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing a clear intent to pass comprehensive amendments to the TPO, based off the recommendations of the task force, well ahead the new proposed deadline of December 2020.