

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, requesting approval of 1) a disposition order permitting the City of Cambridge (the "City") to lease the Harvard Square Kiosk to the Tenant currently occupying the premises on a short term basis for a period of three months with three three-month extension options to be offered in the sole discretion of the City Manager; and 2) an order approving a diminution of the requirements of Section 2.110.010 of the Municipal Code to relieve the City of the requirements of that section.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-126, regarding the River Street Infrastructure and Streetscape Project.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-81, regarding a report on opening a public building during extreme heat events.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-27, regarding a report on audio and video difficulties during live broadcasts of Council Meetings.
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-88, regarding a report on conducting a comprehensive evaluation of inclusionary tenants' experiences with particular emphasis on biased practices.
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-120, regarding the focus of Envision Cambridge goals during community presentations.
7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-97, regarding a report on updating vacant property database and reviewing strategies presented in the Storefront Vacancies Best Practices Report.
8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-128, regarding creating a small business Saturday strategy for the 2019 holiday season.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. 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]
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]

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Lucas James Lincoln Gibson, regarding the state of the City's public and community spaces, and the ways in which the zoning board and City Planners decide what kind of buildings, establishments, and operations are permitted to be built within City limits.
2. A communication was received from Friends of Inman Square, regarding concerns about and objections to the city's Current Plan for the square.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution on the death of Roy J. Glauber. Vice Mayor Devereux
2. Resolution on the death of Leonilde Alves. Councillor Toomey
3. Resolution on the death of Anthony "Paul" Jarosiewicz. Councillor Toomey
4. Resolution on the death of William A. Nadeau. Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of Virginia (Paiva) Sousa. Councillor Toomey
6. Retirement of Donna Cabral from the Community Action Agency of Somerville. Councillor Toomey
7. Congratulations to Professor Margo Lindauer on her appointment as a Bellow Scholar. Councillor Siddiqui
8. Retirement of Marie Killackey from the Print Shop and Mail Room. Mayor McGovern
9. Retirement of James Cassidy Sr. from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department. Mayor McGovern
10. Retirement of Timothy MacDonald from the Water Department. Mayor McGovern
11. Retirement of Kathleen Mitchell from the Department of Human Services Programs. Mayor McGovern
12. Retirement of Robert Reardon from the Assessing Department. Mayor McGovern
13. Appreciation to Many Helping Hands 365 for organizing the Martin Luther King Jr. Cambridge Day of Service. Mayor McGovern
14. Resolution on the death of Paul Wilson. Councillor Zondervan

## **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City personnel to compile a report outlining how a prolonged Federal Government shut-down may impact the people of Cambridge. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Mallon, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Siddiqui
2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the City Solicitor to review the language of Boston's Electric

- Vehicle Charging Station Home Rule Petition and propose similar language for the City Council to consider. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Carlone
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Managing Director of the Water Department on whether the department is monitoring aged pipelines to prevent unexpected breaks and if information on the age of the pipes is readily available. Councillor Toomey
  4. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department, Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and Department of Public Works to determine what facilities, parking changes, and other improvements to the pavement conditions are possible to make Cambridge's stretch of Webster Avenue a Complete Street. Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Siddiqui
  5. That the Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning Committee hold a public hearing to explore the feasibility of Transit X and their potential to provide an affordable, equitable, safe, practical, congestion-reducing, and eco-friendly public transportation solution for our community. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone
  6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and the City's legal services providers on establishing a system of information-sharing and/ or alternative method for making available that data which may be of beneficial use to the City in analyzing displacement. Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Mallon, Councillor Carlone
  7. That the topic of revamping the Memorial Tree Program be referred to the Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Devereux
  8. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department and the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) to explore the feasibility of designing the next iteration of the Cambridge Community Electricity program. Councillor Zondervan, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Mallon, Councillor Siddiqui

**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 18, 2018 to explore the responsibilities and capacities of CPD officers or other officers working in Cambridge under CPD authority, such as out-of-town officers working a construction detail, to respond to bike related collisions.

2. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sumbul Siddiqui, Co-Chair and Councillor Alanna Mallon, Co-Chair of the Human Services and Veterans Committee, for a public hearing held on Oct 30, 2018 to receive an update of existing/in progress workforce development programs.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS**

1. A communication was received from City Clerk Donna P. Lopez, transmitting a communication from Councillor Carlone transmitting his comments on the Alewife Urban Design.

**HEARING SCHEDULE**

**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. This hearing will be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Jan 28**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Jan 29**

3:00pm The Civic Unity Committee shall meet to receive an update from the City on its efforts toward establishing Pay Equity, and to receive an update on the City's efforts around Diversity Training throughout the City's workforce. (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. This hearing will be televised. (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 as it relates to rainwater and flat roofs. This hearing will be televised. (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. This hearing will be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 11**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Feb 12**

5:30pm Roundtable/Working Meeting between the City Council and School Committee to conduct a preliminary discussion on the Cambridge Public School Departmental budget for FY20. This meeting will be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, Feb 13**

12:00pm Economic Development & University Relations Committee will conduct a public hearing to receive an update on the progress to date on the retail strategy plan and vacant storefront initiative. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 25**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Feb 26**

10:00am Human Services and Veterans Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the lessons learned from the death of Laura Levis, and to discuss what measures are being enacted to instill a greater level of confidence in local Cambridge Health Alliance centers to prevent another occurrence of this nature. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm Roundtable/ Working Meeting between the City Council and School Committee to discuss plans for the Tobin/VLUS school design and construction process. This meeting will be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 4**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Mar 5**

6:00pm Housing Committee (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 14, 2019

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Beginning at midnight on Dec 22, 2018, the [federal United States Government entered into a partial government shut-down](#), and as of the first week of 2019, this shut-down has remained in effect; and

WHEREAS: While partial government shut-downs [have occurred numerous times over the past two decades](#), rarely extending beyond two weeks, there is no clear sense of when this current shut-down will end, nor how the people of Cambridge might be negatively impacted if this is not quickly resolved; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City personnel to compile a report outlining how a prolonged Federal Government shutdown may impact the people of Cambridge, particularly focusing upon our most vulnerable residents, and what contingency plans the City may need to consider if this shut-down continues beyond January; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on this matter to the City Council in a timely manner, and to post his findings on the City's website in a prominent location.

O-2 Jan 14, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Electric vehicles (EVs) are becoming more affordable to own and rent, and numerous Cambridge residents are choosing this more environmentally friendly personal transportation option by purchasing or leasing electric vehicles; and

WHEREAS: A lack of accessible and public charging stations remains a barrier to more widespread EV adoption in urban centers; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston recently passed a Home Rule Petition that prohibits a homeowner's association, condominium association, or other similar governing association from unreasonably preventing an owner from installing an electric vehicle charging station "on or in areas subject to their separate interest, on or in areas to which they have exclusive use, or on a

common element, so long as it is within a reasonable distance of the dedicated parking spot”; and

WHEREAS: In addition to the City’s commitment to install 6 additional public EV charging stations in 2019, a similar Home Rule Petition from Cambridge could go a long way to increase the supply of EV charging infrastructure, and could make operating an electric vehicle more convenient and feasible for residents, including those who do not have private driveways or garages; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult the Community Development Department, Inspectional Services Department, and any other applicable City department on this matter; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to review the language of Boston’s Home Rule petition and propose similar language for the City Council to consider at an upcoming meeting; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council as soon as possible.

O-3 Jan 14, 2019

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: On Nov 3, 2014, the Council unanimously adopted a [policy order](#) for the City Manager to confer with the Managing Director of the Water Department on whether the department is monitoring aged pipelines to prevent unexpected breaks and if information on the age of the pipes is readily available to which there was no report back to the Council; and

WHEREAS: Recent water main breaks have raised awareness about the age of some water main infrastructure; and

WHEREAS: Water main breaks are disruptive and predicting them may or may not be possible; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Managing Director of the Water Department and report back to the City Council on whether the department is monitoring aged pipelines to prevent unexpected breaks and if information on the age of the pipes is readily available.

O-4 Jan 14, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: At the Nov 27, 2018, Transportation and Public Utilities Committee hearing, it came to the attention of the Committee that a short stretch of Webster Avenue from Cambridge Street to the Somerville line could be a crucial missing link for Cambridge’s Bike Network and Complete Streets; and

WHEREAS: Cyclists traveling between Cambridge and Somerville use this route heavily, and many have commented on the abrupt change in street design that leaves riders exposed to more dangerous conditions once they cross into Cambridge from Somerville; and

WHEREAS: Giving this stretch of Webster Avenue a consistent treatment would create an essential link from the planned protected bike lane on Cambridge Street through to Union Square, via Somerville’s current Webster Avenue protected lane; and

WHEREAS: Two new developments on this block will bring more residential activity to the corridor, making it increasingly important that this be a multi-modal street; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Community Development Department, Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and Department of Public Works to determine what facilities, parking changes, and other improvements to the pavement conditions are possible to make Cambridge’s stretch of Webster Avenue a Complete Street; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on this matter.

O-5 Jan 14, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Boston recently ranked in the top 10 worst cities in the United States for traffic congestion, and [in 2017](#) ranked seventh worst in the country and nineteenth worst in the world, with effects radiating throughout the metro area including Cambridge; and

ORDERED: That the Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning Committee be and hereby is requested to hold a public hearing to explore the feasibility of [Transit X](#) and their potential to provide an affordable, equitable, safe, practical, congestion-reducing, and eco-friendly public transportation solution for our community.

O-6 Jan 14, 2019

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: At the Dec 10, 2018 meeting of the City Council, the Community Development Department presented its response to Awaiting Report #18-58 dated May 21, 2018, a report on its eviction data collection which assembled publicly available data retrieved from Massachusetts court system electronic records on eviction complaints filed between 2013 and 2017; and

WHEREAS: The Community Development Department noted that although it does have a host of anecdotal data on factors causing forced displacement, such as instances of tenants vacating due to rent increases, the lack of sufficiently available and quantifiable data makes it difficult to determine direct causes for displacement; and

WHEREAS: The City Council observed that--in addition to the [need for a more fastidious process of data collection and analysis](#) by the Community Development Department—the City’s legal services partners may be an excellent source for further quantitative data that might serve to better inform the City’s understanding of eviction trends and patterns and consequently its targeted prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS: The City would therefore greatly benefit from working with its legal service provider partners to establish a mechanism and/or protocol for sharing detailed eviction outcomes data (see attachment for list of example variables); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and the City’s legal services providers on establishing a system of information-sharing and/or alternative method for making available that data which may be of beneficial use to the City in analyzing displacement; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-7 Jan 14, 2019

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: Cambridge’s memorial tree program provides individuals the opportunity to enhance and beautify the community with trees while providing a lasting means for remembering a loved one or an important event; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has experienced a severe decline in tree canopy over the last decade and there is a need to engage people in planting and caring for trees; and

WHEREAS: Currently, participants pay \$200 for a 2-3 inch caliper tree which does not include a memorial marker of any sort; and

WHEREAS: Participation in this program has been extremely low over the last decade, and City Staff are actively considering ways to increase utilization including eliminating or reducing the fee, providing a memorial plaque, and/or creating a digital map of memorial trees throughout Cambridge, among other things; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That this matter be referred to the Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee for further discussion on how to increase participation in this important program.

O-8 Jan 14, 2019

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN  
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX  
COUNCILLOR MALLON  
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Recent climate change reports from the [IPCC](#) and the [Federal Government](#) indicate that our current efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions are insufficient to achieve the goal of limiting warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius as agreed to by the entire world in Paris in 2015; and

WHEREAS: The City’s Net Zero action [plan](#) includes a short term (1-4 years) “Custom Retrofit Program” action that contemplates funding energy efficiency improvements in local buildings to obtain greenhouse gas emission reductions; and

WHEREAS: The Net Zero action plan includes an action to explore a “Local Carbon Fund” that contemplates local carbon offsets that fund energy efficiency projects in the city; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Community Electricity [Program](#) is starting a new 24-month electricity supply contract with Direct Energy effective Jan 15, 2019; and

WHEREAS: The new program will collect a small amount of money, \$0.002/kWh, from participants in the Standard Green and 100% Green Plus options as permitted by the [Commonwealth](#); and

WHEREAS: Standard Green will receive greener electricity than available through Eversource Basic Service by supporting the construction of new local community solar projects; and

WHEREAS: The Standard Green price will change to 11.12 cents/kWh, which is lower than Eversource’s January 2019 through June 2019 residential price of 13.704 cents/kWh; and

WHEREAS: 100% Green Plus (a new and improved version of the 100% Green option) will continue to receive 100% renewable electricity through the purchase of renewable energy certificates (RECs) from existing renewable energy projects in New England and will receive additional solar electricity from the local community solar projects; and

WHEREAS: The 100% Green Plus price will be 11.94 cents/kWh, also less than Eversource’s winter 2019 Basic Service price of 13.704 cents/kWh; and

WHEREAS: Rate payers who already receive a means-tested discount from Eversource retain the same discount as part of the CCE program; and

WHEREAS: Around 660 of approximately 39,000 CCE subscribers (< 2%) chose the 100% Green option in 2017/2018, after considerable outreach and marketing by city staff and local community organizations; and

WHEREAS: Building local community solar projects is an even more effective means to transition our energy supply to 100% renewable energy than buying RECs; and

WHEREAS: Building local community solar projects will benefit Cambridge residents by making cheaper, renewable energy available to community members who cannot put solar on their own roofs; and

WHEREAS: The new CCE program design is a significant improvement upon the previous program design and an important step towards the goal of achieving 100% renewable energy supply by 2035 set by the council in 2017; and

WHEREAS: Providing additional options in 100% Green Plus in the future, may inspire more people to participate, helping to overcome the challenges of outreach; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Community Development Department and the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) to explore the feasibility of designing the next iteration of the CCE program (which would start in 2021) to include the following characteristics:

1. An opt-out program (“Standard Green”) that collects no more than the difference (if positive) between the contracted electricity cost and the prevailing Eversource basic service rate, with the extra funds going towards community solar projects in Cambridge (“Community Solar Fund”).
2. An opt-in program (“100% Green Plus”) that charges no more than \$0.05/Kwh in addition to the contracted electricity cost, and thereby provides rate-payer donated funds to be used for the following purposes (“Community Energy Fund”):
  1. Additional Funding for the Community Solar Fund.
  2. Energy efficiency projects that benefit means tested, low-income tenants and homeowners, by reducing their energy bills;

and be it further  
ORDERED: That this matter be referred to the Health and Environment Committee for further discussion.