

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following person as a member of the Cambridge Water Board for a term of 5 years, effective Jan 30, 2017: James Burruss and Richard Johnson
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a Constable With Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2017: James Desrosiers
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-109, regarding Cambridge Housing Authority elevator service needs.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-68, regarding donating grants to artist.
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-1, regarding the feasibility of starting a pilot program to install cigarette butt receptacles in areas in Cambridge. Vice Mayor McGovern
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on the Bicycle Safety Work Plan.
7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Massachusetts Formula Grant in the amount of \$144,016.44 funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$86,184.60), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$53,231.84), and to the Travel and Training account (\$4,600), awarded to the Council on Aging Division and will be used to provide transportation for Cambridge seniors to medical appointments and weekly food shopping trips, and will also support one part-time weekend coordinator position, an office aid, a meals assistant, and several instructors who provide services at the Citywide Senior Center.
8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the comprehensive Needs Assessment Report relative to the Community Benefits Ordinance.
9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the results of the biannual City of Cambridge Citizen Telephone Survey for 2016.
10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-110, regarding the Central Square Restoration Zoning Petition.

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. A zoning petition has been received from Richard Harding, et al. to amend 20.800 titled the Mass and Main Residential Mixed Income Sub district to reflect a more appropriate affordable housing contribution and height limitation for this zoning. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Jan 23, 2017.]
2. That the City Manager is requested to hire an independent consultant who shall assess the efficiency and effectiveness

of how all City Departments conduct their work, who will begin implementing whatever necessary adjustments are deemed to be necessary, and who will report back to the City Manager and the City Council on his or her progress in regular monthly intervals. [Charter Right exercised by Mayor Simmons on Jan 23, 2017.]

## **ON THE TABLE**

3. An application was received from CareWell Urgent Care, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 601 Concord Avenue. [Tabled on a motion by Councillor Devereux on Apr 25, 2016.]
4. The City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to organize regular suppers on the second Saturday of each month, starting on the 13th of August, with free food for the Cambridge community in open public spaces throughout the various Cambridge neighborhoods. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Mazen on June 20, 2016. Tabled on a motion by Councillor Mazen on June 27, 2016.]
5. An application was received from the Boston Ballet, 19 Clarendon Street, Boston, requesting permission to hang twenty-three temporary banners on electrical poles in Harvard Square. These banners will promote the Boston Ballet's The Nutcracker. The temporary banners will be hung from Nov 17 to Jan 3, 2017. Approval has been received from the Electrical Department. [Charter Right exercised by Mayor Simmons on Aug 1, 2016. Tabled on motion of Councillor Toomey on Sept 12, 2016.]
6. The City Manager coordinate with the Finance Department, Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, and community stakeholders to outline a proposed system of governance, management, and stakeholder engagement for the Foundry, to be discussed in a public forum with the Council and community. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Oct 31, 2016.]
7. An application was received from Mundo/Lux, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 2 Bow Street. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Cheung on Dec 19, 2016. Placed On Table on a voice vote of 8 on motion of Councillor Cheung on Jan 9, 2017.]
8. City Council support of asking the Cambridge Historical Commission to initiate a landmark designation study process on the Abbott Building in Harvard Square. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Dec 19, 2016. Placed On Table on a voice vote of 8 on motion of Councillor Cheung on Jan 9, 2017.]

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

9. A proposed amendment to the Ordinance entitled "Municipal Code of the City of Cambridge" Chapter 2.125 be amended per the attached ordinance. The question comes of passing to be ordained on or after Feb 13, 2017.
10. A proposed amendment to the Ordinance entitled "Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge" to insert in Article 11.00 a new Section 11.800 Medical Marijuana. [The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Feb 6, 2017. Planning Board hearings were held Nov 1, 2016 and Jan 3, 2017. Petition expires Feb 7, 2017.]

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Rachel Weidenfeld, transmitting opposition to downzoning petition.
2. A communication was received from Ira Nichols-Barrer, 188 upland Road, preserve Mass + Main housing density.
3. A communication was received from Parker Heckner, 105 Norfolk Street, transmitting opposition to downzoning petition.
4. A communication was received from Patrick W. Barrett III, transmitting support for Policy Order #16 of Jan 23, 2017 regarding license/permit waivers for acoustic performances for small businesses.
5. A communication was received from Sonali Duggal, 23 Murdock Street, regarding keeping height limits on Mass & Main.
6. A communication was received from Fernando Daniel Hidalgo, 23 Murdock Street, against reducing build height limits at Mass & Main.
7. A communication was received from Luke Edson, transmitting opposition to Mass and Main downsizing petition.
8. A communication was received from Dan Weissman, a Cambridge resident who opposes downzoning in Central Square.
9. A communication was received from Elaine O'Reilly, 95 Cushing Street, oppose downsizing attempts in Central Square.
10. A communication was received from Deborah Ruhe, Executive Director, Just-A-Start Corporation, 1035 Cambridge Street, regarding down zoning in Central Square.
11. A communication was received from Jeff Byrnes, voicing disagreement with the petition to downzone Central Square.
12. A communication was received from Annie Michaelis, 188 Upland Road, please do not downzone Central Square.
13. A communication was received from Carolyn Fuller, 12 Douglass Street, regarding Richard Harding, et al Zoning Petition.
14. A communication was received from Guy Stuart, 8 Florence Street, regarding down zoning of Central Square.
15. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street, regarding the essence of metaphysical awareness.
16. A communication was received from Raj Dhanda, owner of 96 Winthrop Street, transmitting opposition to Marijuana Dispensary at 98 Winthrop Street "The Red House."

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to the winners of the Glocal Challenge. Vice Mayor McGovern
2. Resolution on the death of Renae Gray. Mayor Simmons
3. Thanks to the volunteers and staff that made Winter Family Fun Day a huge success. Councillor Cheung
4. Congratulating LiquiGlide on their recent success. Councillor Cheung

## ORDERS

1. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on the City's Community Choice Electricity Aggregation Plan. Councillor Cheung

2. Amendment to Chapter 8.12.010 of the Municipal Code. Councillor Cheung
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Urban Agriculture Task Force and report back to the City Council on a full update on their progress. Councillor Cheung
4. That the City Manager is requested to work with the MBTA to install a shelter on Aberdeen Avenue without advertising or lighting comparable to what was originally there and to consult with City staff to develop a policy that prohibits advertising and illumination on bus shelters in residential areas citywide and as well as in the Parkway Overlay District. Councillor Devereux
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works with the intention of addressing sidewalk accessibility issues along Granite Street between Pearl and Brookline Streets as a result of street trees heaving sidewalk panels. Councillor Toomey
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department, the Department of Public Works (DPW) and any other relevant City department and report back to the City Council on ways the City can help small businesses offset other costs, included but not limited to, the possibility of DPW picking up trash from these small businesses during their regular routes. Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Cheung
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Finance and Law Departments to draft a Home Rule petition that would allow Cambridge residents to easily round up their sewer/water bill to help support local non-profit organizations. Councillor Cheung
8. That the City Manager is requested to work with the relevant City Departments to develop a system to allow Parking and Transportation Demand Management surveys and energy audits to be more easily accessible to the public. Councillor Cheung, Vice Mayor McGovern
9. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and any other relevant City department to survey of city residents, work, and visitors to determine who is interested in parking in the City. Councillor Cheung, Vice Mayor McGovern

## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a response to an Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by John Hawkinson alleging violation to attorney client privileged redactions of executive session minutes of the City Council for Aug 1, 2016, Oct 13, 2016 and the Oct 31, 2016.

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### Mon, Jan 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Jan 31

2:30pm City Council Public Goal Setting Session (Sheraton Commander, 16 Garden Street)

### Thurs, Feb 2

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct an additional public hearing to discuss the Central Square Restoration Petition. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 6**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 13**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, Feb 15**

5:30pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss next steps on bike and transit safety in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 27**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, Mar 1**

4:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing to draft language for short-term rental regulations to be forwarded to the Ordinance Committee. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 6**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 13**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 20**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, Mar 22**

3:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to receive an update from City Staff on recent changes regrading leaf blowers made since a hearing held in June2016, including enforcement, the purchase and pilot of green landscaping equipment, plans for a pilot program in spring 2017 to use green equipment in two parks, and any other updates on efforts the City is taking in regards to leaf blowers. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 27**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Apr 3**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Apr 24**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, Apr 26**

3:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to receive an update on the City’s urban forestry programs, tree inventory and maintenance, planting programs, the role of the Committee on Public Planting, the impacts of the drought on the urban forest, and any other matters related to trees. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, May 1**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, May 8**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, May 15**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, May 22**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 5**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 12**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 19**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 26**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Aug 7**

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Jan 30, 2017

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Considerable time has passed since the City Council has received an update on the City’s Community Choice Electricity Aggregation Plan; now therefore be it ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the relevant City Departments and report back to the City Council with a full update.

O-2 Jan 30, 2017

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Chapter 8.12.010 of the Municipal Code is written as: “The dispensing of motor fuel by means of self-service automated dispensing systems shall be permitted at any authorized gasoline station that has service bays and offers automotive repairs. All installations shall comply with the regulations promulgated by the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations in the Commonwealth.”; and WHEREAS: Chapter 8.12.010 of the Municipal Code should be amended to read as follows: “The dispensing of motor fuel by means of self-service automated dispensing systems shall be permitted at any authorized gasoline station. All installations shall comply with the regulations promulgated by the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations in the Commonwealth.”; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council pass this amendment on to a second reading.

O-3 Jan 30, 2017

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Considerable time has passed since the City Council has received an update from the Urban Agriculture Task Force; now therefore be it ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Urban Agriculture Task Force and report back to the City Council on a full update on their progress.

O-4 Jan 30, 2017

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The MBTA bus shelter on Aberdeen Avenue will be replaced with one that includes illuminated advertising as part of the MBTA’s contract with JCDecaux; and

WHEREAS: Residents were not consulted in the decision to install a new type of shelter and were notified only a week prior to when the existing sheltered was removed on Dec 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS: Aberdeen Avenue is a low-density residential street (zoned Res-B) and the bus shelter is located at the northeast end near Huron Avenue, directly in front of homes on Aberdeen and just a few hundred yards from Fresh Pond Reservation; and

WHEREAS: Residents have complained that the addition of commercial advertising and lighting compromises the residential character of their area and represents a substantial change of conditions over which they had no say; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the MBTA and the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to install a shelter without advertising or lighting comparable to what was there originally; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with City staff to develop a policy that prohibits advertising and illumination on bus shelters in residential areas citywide and as well as in the Parkway Overlay District and report back to the Council.

O-5 Jan 30, 2017

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works with the intention of addressing sidewalk accessibility issues along Granite Street between Pearl and Brookline Streets as a result of street trees heaving sidewalk panels.

O-6 Jan 30, 2017

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City Council and City of Cambridge value and support our small businesses; and

WHEREAS: Small businesses are struggling due to losing customers to big box stores and Internet shopping, as well as rising rents; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has implemented many socially conscious initiatives including banning plastic bags and polystyrene; and

WHEREAS: These initiatives, although positive in the battle against climate change, have added additional expenses to our small businesses; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has previously discussed providing trash services to small business but the City still currently does not; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department, the Department of Public Works (DPW) and any other relevant City department and report back to the City Council on ways the City can help small businesses offset other costs, included but not limited to, the possibility of DPW picking up trash from these small businesses during their regular routes.

O-7 Jan 30, 2017

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: On Dec 8, 2014, an order was put before the City Council asking the City Manager to confer with the Finance and Law Departments to draft a Home Rule petition that would allow Cambridge, and any other city wishing to do the same, to enable residents to easily round up their sewer/water bill to help support local nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS: A Home Rule petition was not filed; and

WHEREAS: Local non-profits play an important role in our community and continue to struggle to secure capital project funds; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Finance and Law Departments to draft a Home Rule petition that would allow Cambridge residents to easily round up their sewer/water bill to help support local non-profit organizations; and be it further

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

O-8 Jan 30, 2017

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge prides itself on being a hub of innovation; and

WHEREAS: It is currently difficult to access the Parking and Transportation Demand Management surveys and energy audits; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the relevant City Departments to develop a system to allow Parking and Transportation Demand Management surveys and energy audits to be more easily accessible to the public.

O-9 Jan 30, 2017

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The City Council has an obligation to effectively regulate parking in the City; and

WHEREAS: Parking in the City is an issue that the City Council works on every session; and

WHEREAS: The City Administration and City Council would benefit greatly from having accurate data on who is interested in parking in the City while drafting City policy; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and any other relevant City department to survey of city residents, work, and visitors to determine who is interested in parking in the City and to report back the findings to the City Council.