

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a recommendation in accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) that the Cambridge City Council adopt an order for the Statement of Interest Form for the replacement of windows at the Cambridgeport School Building located at 89 Elm Street.
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$500,000 from Free Cash, to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures Account for upgrades to the Department of Public Works (DPW) Simard building which will be used for space reconfiguration and HVAC improvements on the second floor of the building, and will address ongoing heating, cooling and ventilation issues, which have become more prevalent with the addition of staff related to expanded programs and initiatives.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Recycling Dividends Program grant in the amount of \$97,500 to the Grant Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used for various of the City's recycling programs including the mattress recycling program.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$250,000 in additional projected sewer revenues to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to provide funds for the purchase of a Catch Basin Cleaning Truck.
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$300,000 from the Parking Fund balance to the Public Investment Fund Finance Extraordinary Expenses Account, to be used for a new Hybrid Vehicle Lottery Program for owners of Cambridge taxicab medallions.
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a home rule petition to the state legislature that would lower the voting age to sixteen (16) in municipal elections.

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ORDERED: That the City Council petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact the attached Home Rule Petition entitled: AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO ENABLE SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD RESIDENTS OF CAMBRIDGE TO VOTE IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, recommending the appointment of the

following person as a member of the Cambridge Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for a term of 5-years, as recommended by the Greater Boston Labor Council: Louis Bacci, III.

8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the Mayor's recommended appointments of the following member of the Family Policy Council, effective Feb 3, 2020 for the 2020-2021 Council term: Vice Mayor Alanna Mallon and School Committee Member Ayesha Wilson.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Report of the Neighborhood & Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee - Committee Meeting - Dec 19, 2019 5:30 PM. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Zondervan on Jan 27, 2020]
2. That the City Manager work with the Carnival Committee to enhance the Cambridge Carnival event, allocate the necessary funds, and develop a comprehensive public safety plan, including contingency plans so that the event can take place in a secure time and place, even in the presence of significant threats that can be anticipated. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Zondervan on Jan 27, 2020]

ON THE TABLE

3. That the City Manager is requested to direct the City Solicitor, Community Development, Public Works, Inspectional Services and any other related departments to review the proposed amendments regarding the prohibition of Natural Gas Infrastructure in New Buildings. [Tabled on Jan 27, 2020]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. 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]
5. TPO Extension PO. [Passed to a Second Reading on Jan 27, 2020. To be ordained on or after Feb 10, 2020]
6. That the Cambridge City Council amend the Municipal Ordinances of the City of Cambridge to insert a new Chapter 2.129, entitled "WELCOMING COMMUNITY ORDINANCE". [Passed to a Second Reading on Jan 27, 2020. To be ordained on or after Feb 10, 2020]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from MIT Visual Arts requesting permission for (32) thirty two temporary banners on poles on Ames Street, Main Street and Broadway announcing MIT List Visual Arts Center on Feb 5, 2020 thru Apr 28, 2020.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding Harvard Square Upzoning Proposal, destruction west of JFK Street.

2. A communication was received from Mothers Out Front, regarding Prohibition of Natural Gas Infrastructure in New Buildings.
3. A communication was received from BRA Consulting Engineers, regarding Proposed Municipal Ordinance on Prohibition of Natural Gas Infrastructure in New Buildings.
4. A communication was received from The Combined Cambridge Business Associations, regarding the City Council's proposed ban on natural gas.
5. A communication was received from Emmanuel Lusardi, regarding leadership welcoming City Ordinance would include asking about its long delay.
6. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, regarding changing Central Square to Starlight Square.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Stephen Angier. Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of Filomena Cerqueira. Councillor Toomey
3. Resolution on the death of Maria Mourato. Councillor Toomey
4. Retirement of Mary Hart from her role as Chief Information Officer for the Information Technology Department. Mayor Siddiqui, ~~Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Zondervan~~
5. Congratulations to Elizabeth Speakman, Coordinator of the Domestic and Gender-Based Violence Prevention Initiative, on receiving the Innovation Award from the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance and the Victim Witness Assistance Board. Mayor Siddiqui
6. Resolution on the death of Agostinho Bairos. Councillor Toomey
7. Retirement of Lieutenant Kenneth J. Hugh from the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to review the roles, responsibilities, and compensation of City Council Aides with an eye toward designating this as a full-time position. Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone
2. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, the Community Development Department and any other relevant City departments to work in conjunction with the MBTA to provide an update on the Lechmere Station closure, the replacement bus services and the community outreach they plan on executing. Councillor Toomey

3. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works and any other relevant City departments to update the Council on the plans for the Cambridge Recycling Center. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Zondervan
4. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to work with the residents in the vicinity of Eustis Street to implement traffic calming measures on this street. Councillor Toomey
5. Improvements to STR Ordinance to Enhance Compliance. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Carlone
6. Thanking Charlotte Moore and Eileen Caves for their Art Exhibition titled "The Olive Trees are Weeping: Visions of Occupied Palestine through Fiber Art and Photographs" and City Council solidarity with the people of Palestine. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui
7. Recognizing February 2020 as Black History Month in the City of Cambridge, and that the City Council encourages residents across the community to delve into the many contributions that African-American citizens have made in Cambridge since this city's earliest days. Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting a memorandum regarding the School district will be offering a Halal meat option to students at all Elementary and Upper School sites.
2. A communication was received from Councillor Simmons, transmitting a letter from City Manager Louis A. DePasquale, who is serving formal notice of his desire to enter into formal negotiations with the City Council to extend his contract with the City beyond January 2021.
3. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, transmitting information from the Jan 28, 2020 School Committee Budget Retreat.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Thurs, Jan 30

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to reconvene its hearing on the Harvard Square Zoning Petition. (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Mon, Feb 3

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

Tues, Feb 4

10:00am The Government Operations/Rules and Claims Committee will meet to discuss potential amendments to the Rules of the City Council. (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Wed, Feb 5

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to reconvene its hearing on the Alexandria Grand Junction Pathway Overlay District. (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Mon, Feb 10

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

Wed, Feb 12

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet for a hearing on an order to amend section 11.202(b) of the zoning ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Tues, Feb 18

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet for a hearing on a petition to amend the definition of family in the Cambridge the zoning ordinance. (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 Feb 3, 2020

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The position of individual staff assistants for each City Council member was first introduced in 2006, with the role being envisioned as a part-time position that

would focus primarily upon researching and drafting policy orders; and

WHEREAS: This role has, in the ensuing years, greatly expanded and evolved, with Council Aides managing the schedules of their Council members, conducting constituent intakes and triage, planning and participating in Committee hearings, representing their Council member in public and private meetings, serving as liaisons between their Council members and other elected officials, and serving as an additional conduit between the municipal elected officials and their constituents, in addition to their originally outlined duties; and

WHEREAS: As new technologies over the past two decades have created the expectation that elected officials are to be accessible and responsive virtually any time of day, the role of a City Councilor in Cambridge has expanded and evolved, and the role of the Council Aide has similarly evolved, with the work now encompassing a wider range of responsibilities and the time commitment demanding far more than the allotted 30 hours per week, and the individuals serving in these roles have demonstrated a commitment to public service and working to benefit the Cambridge community; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge, which has long prided itself on serving as a model for treating employees in all roles, and from all walks of life, fairly and equitably, now has the obligation to review the role, function, and compensation of the Council Aide position to ensure that those serving in these roles are being fairly and adequately compensated for the work they perform; and

WHEREAS: The individuals who serve as Council Aides come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences, each bringing different and valuable skill sets and perspectives to their roles, and they each ultimately contribute to the professionalism and responsiveness that the City Council as a whole prides itself in delivering to its constituents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review the roles, responsibilities, and compensation of City Council Aides with an eye toward designating this as a fulltime position, and to report back on this matter to the City Council prior to the start of the FY21 budget discussions.

O-2 Feb 3, 2020

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Lechmere MBTA Station in East Cambridge will be closed for a year beginning in the spring as part of the Green Line extension project; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, the Community Development Department and any other relevant City departments to work in conjunction with the MBTA to provide an update on the Lechmere

Station closure, the replacement bus services and the community outreach they plan on executing and report back to the City Council on this matter no later than the Feb 24, 2020 City Council meeting.

O-3 Feb 3, 2020

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: As part of the City's Zero Waste Management plan which was finalized in 2019, it was recommended that the City reconsider the role and purpose of the Recycling Center located at 147 Hampshire Street behind the Department of Public Works in 2020 and consider implementing a mobile Recycling Center within the next three to four years; and

WHEREAS: The current site which is intended to provide a safe and efficient way for residents/businesses to dispose of items that cannot be recycled curbside and to leave items for reuse is often not accessible to residents due to the high volume of users and the lack of parking; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works and any other relevant City departments to update the Council on the plans for the Cambridge Recycling Center in a timely manner.

O-4 Feb 3, 2020

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Many residents in the vicinity of Eustis Street have voiced concerns about the street having become a major artery for vehicles, which has led to the lower end of the street (between Arcadia Street and Harris Street) to become plagued with potholes and deteriorating to an unsatisfactory condition; now therefore be it

WHEREAS: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to work with the residents in the vicinity of Eustis Street to implement traffic calming measures on this street; and be it further

ORDERED That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works on repairing Eustis Street, and to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-5 Feb 3, 2020

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The Council's Short-Term Rental (STR) Ordinance (#1397) took effect on Apr 1, 2018, with the purpose of regulating short-term rentals in the city and to ensure that short-term rentals "will not be a detriment to the character and livability of the surrounding residential neighborhood;" and

WHEREAS: Despite Cambridge's enforcement efforts and compliance on the part of good-faith operators, perhaps hundreds of units are still removed from the residential market and offered on a short-term basis in violation of the ordinance, a practice which has been identified in other municipalities and by the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Tenant Displacement as driving housing instability; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to return to the Council recommended amendments to Cambridge's existing STR Ordinance to assist in enforcement to include advertising registration numbers, data sharing, and removing illegally rented units.

O-6 Feb 3, 2020

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that as part of their ongoing "On the Wall Gallery" program, the Central Square Branch Library will host an exhibit called "The Olive Trees are Weeping: Visions of Occupied Palestine through Fiber Art and Photographs"; and

WHEREAS: The exhibit will feature the work of two Cambridge residents, Charlotte Moore, a fiber artist, and Eileen Caves, a photographer; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Caves' installations will document her time volunteering in the Aida Palestinian Refugee Camp, a 0.071 square mile area just north of Bethlehem in which 5,500 Palestinian refugees have taken up residence; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Moore's artwork explores human barriers and why people can't achieve their own cultural identities and personal preferences and what damage is caused by the barriers in their lives; and

WHEREAS: For the last few years she has concentrated on pieces that express the effect of political actions that create humanitarian crises and has focused in particular on conditions in the Palestinian West Bank and the isolation of Gaza; and

WHEREAS: The residents of Aida and 57 other UN-recognized Palestine refugee camps, whose 1.5 million residents generally face dire living conditions and human rights violations; and severe economic and political oppression, including structural poverty; dangerous overcrowding; inadequate healthcare; regular violent clashes between armed forces along the nearby West Bank Barrier; deteriorating water, electricity, and sewerage infrastructure; and restricted mobility rights, [among other forms of system violence](#); and

WHEREAS: Children of the West Bank and Gaza are uniquely vulnerable and subject to the abuse of unlawful detentions and fatal clashes between armed groups; and

WHEREAS: On numerous prior occasions, this body has resoundingly affirmed its support for human rights across

the world, including most recently for the people of Kashmir ([POR #329](#)); now therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record thanking Charlotte Moore and Eileen Caves for assembling this exhibit, which will not only enrich the artistic life of our community, but will also raise awareness for the struggles of Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank; and be it further
RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record declaring its solidarity with the people of Palestine.

O-7 Feb 3, 2020

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Tonight's meeting of the City Council is taking place at the start of Black History Month 2020; and

WHEREAS: Black History Month's origins date back to September 1915, when [Carter G. Woodson](#) and [Jesse E. Moorland](#) founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), which was charged with researching and publicizing the achievements of Black Americans, and which sponsored [National Negro History Week](#) during the second week of February in 1926; and

WHEREAS: As important as this public recognition of the countless contributions made by African-American citizens to the United States was, it would frustratingly take another half-century before President Gerald Ford would formally declare February to be recognized as Black History Month; and

WHEREAS: In the ensuing decades, Black History Month has been designated as a time when communities all across the country make a point of recognizing, highlighting, and celebrating the achievements made by African-American citizens to our country, and to bring those individuals who had otherwise gone under-recognized and underappreciated out of the shadows and into the full mainstream of the American Story where they belong; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has been the home of many groundbreaking African-American leaders and history makers over the past two centuries, including the likes of Maria Louise Baldwin, Clement G. Morgan, Sandra Graham, and countless others who have helped shape this amazing community; and

WHEREAS: While the people of Cambridge should be delving more deeply into all the parts of our history, including the contributions made by African-Americans, throughout the entire year, we should nevertheless make a concerted effort during Black History Month to shine a spotlight on the contributions to our shared story that was made by the African-American individuals who walked these paths before us; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record recognizing February 2020 as Black History Month in the City of Cambridge, and that the City Council encourages residents across the community to delve into the many contributions

that African-American citizens have made in Cambridge since this city's earliest days.