

RECONSIDERATION LIST

1. Legal Opinion on Portland's Relocation Assistance Ordinance (Reconsideration filed by Mayor McGovern)

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Public Weighers for calendar year 2019 to operate scales at CJ Mabardy Co./MICH-LIN, 50 Mooney Street: Charles J. Mabardy, Joseph Mabardy, Jr., Danial Pasquarosa, James Mabardy, Nicholas Santolucito, Adam Boivin, Bryan Burdge, Jo Ann Del Vecchio and Kevin McCormack.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Public Weighers for calendar year 2019 to operate scales at Boston Sand & Gravel Co, 500 Front Street: Alan Bishop, Wei Li, Kyle Patterson, Henry Doan, Walter Staples, Sam Magna, John Ehrenkranz, Mike Denahy, Mike Gilroy, Scott Prentiss, Joe Olsen, Greg Silva and David Kelley.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, requesting that the City Council vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64N, Section 3 ("G.L.c.64N, §3"), which is the state law that allows municipalities to impose a local excise tax of up to 3% on retail sales of cannabis within the City.

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ORDERED: That the City of Cambridge accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64N, Section 3 to impose an excise tax on the retail sales of cannabis for adult use at the rate of three percent (3%).

4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-104, regarding a report on a list of streets where it is recommended that the speed be reduced to 20 MPH.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. An application was received from Citizens Bank, requesting permission for a 1 illuminated projecting sign and 7 awnings at the premises numbered 822 Somerville Avenue, approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and no abutter response.
2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City departments to conduct a formal and professional financial assessment of the additional value created for the owner/petitioner by up-zonings for developments of more than 50,000 square feet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. 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]

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. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone and Councillor Craig A. Kelley, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Jan 9, 2019 to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code in Chapter 8.66 entitled "Tree Protection" to amend section 8.66.40 entitled "Applicability" and by adding a new section 8.66.055 entitled "Procedure for other projects."

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Nicholas Faillace, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 32 Vineyard Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No neighborhood association in area 13.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street, regarding technology that ruins human life vs. the technology of the creator of all existence that is inside of you.
2. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding alleged pending tree protections.
3. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding I90 rebuild project - Secretary's designation of "preferred" alignment.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Anna Rossini. Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Council go on record recognizing February 2019 as Black History Month in the City of Cambridge. Councillor Simmons
3. Resolution on the death of Francis J. Judd Sr. Councillor Toomey
4. Congratulations to Valerie Beaudrault on the occasion of her retirement from Simmons College. Councillor Simmons
5. Retirement of Paul Burke from the Cambridge Police Department. Mayor McGovern, Councillor Mallon
6. Congratulations to Jordan Rosenthal on her Dean's List Recognition for the Fall 2018 semester. Councillor Mallon
7. Retirement of Michael Hughes from the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor McGovern

8. Congratulations to Cambridge NAACP Women Leaders.
Mayor McGovern

ORDERS

1. Dedication sign in honor of Tom and Ray Magliozzi.
Mayor McGovern
2. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate City departments to make the necessary provisions to televise and record the Ordinance Committee hearing on the "Tree Protection" proposed amendment scheduled for 5:30pm on Thurs, Feb 14, 2019. Councillor Kelley
3. That the City Manager confer with Eversource and the appropriate City departments to undertake a series of studies and analyses related to finance, health and safety, building design, and long-term electricity needs before the construction of a substation in East Cambridge. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Siddiqui
4. That the City Manager work with the Cambridge Arts Council and the Community Development Department, particularly the Economic Development Department, to conduct inventories of both local arts organizations and private foundations that may support them. Councillor Mallon, Mayor McGovern
5. That the Central Square Massachusetts Avenue sidewalk maintenance/repairs and replacement tree planting become part of the River Street/Barron Plaza project to bring Central Square back to the original circa 1990 intent. Councillor Carlone, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Mallon
6. City Council support of traffic safety bills SD.847/HD.1653, SD.1461 and SD.1383/HD.1534. Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor McGovern
7. Proclaim Feb 12, 2019 as Darwin Day in Cambridge. Councillor Zondervan, Mayor McGovern, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Carlone
8. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City departments to televise and record the Economic Development and University Relations Committee hearing on Feb 13, 2019, beginning at 12:00pm so that those residents who are interested in the topic but unable to attend the hearing will be able to view the discussion on their own time. Councillor Siddiqui
9. That the City Manager is requested to investigate the possibility of setting up an assistance fund/program to help low-income and/or elderly/disabled residents manage bed bug infestations. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan
10. Declare the month of June as Caribbean-American Heritage Month in the City of Cambridge. Councillor Zondervan, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Siddiqui

11. That the City Council go on record in enthusiastic support of Authentic Caribbean Foundation's efforts to implement the engagement strategy of the United States-Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act (H.R. 4939), in Massachusetts. Councillor Zondervan, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Siddiqui

LATE ORDERS

12. City Council support of "An Act promoting housing opportunity and mobility through eviction sealing (SD 526 and HD 3815 HOMES)." Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sumbul Siddiqui, Chair of the Economic Development and University Relations Committee, for a public hearing held on Dec 12, 2018 to discuss formation of a city commission dedicated to providing a forum for exploring and addressing the concerns of undergraduate, graduate, post-graduate and other post-high school students in Cambridge.
2. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Alanna Mallon and Councillor Sumbul Siddiqui, Co-Chairs of the Human Services and Veterans Committee, for a public hearing held on Oct 25, 2018 to discuss the Summer Food Program Update.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone and Councillor Craig A. Kelley, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Jan 15, 2019 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 existing C-1 to Business A.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from City Clerk Donna P. Lopez, transmitting a memorandum from Councillor Kelley regarding Tree Removal Comments.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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)

Thurs, Feb 14

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code to amend Chapter 8.66 entitled "Tree Protection" in section 8.66.055 entitled "Procedure for Other Significant Tree Removals" by adding new sentences at the end which reads, No such permits will be issued for one year subsequent to ordination except for dead, diseased or dangerous trees. Any tree removed in violation of this section shall require a payment into the tree replacement fund as per section 8.66.060. (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. This hearing will be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

2:00pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the MBTA's Better Bus Project report as it relates to proposed changes to bus lines and service throughout Cambridge. (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)

Wed, Feb 27

2:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing to review unsolved and/or aging homicide investigations in Cambridge, to include "cold" case work

and limitations, legal or tactical, on sharing relevant information with the general public. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code in Title 12 entitled "Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places" by adding a new chapter 12.22 entitled "Cycling Safety Ordinance". (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 5

6:00pm Housing Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Mar 6

1:00pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss how Transit Benefits Ordinance are used in other cities to further sustainable transportation goals, and whether Cambridge could benefit from implementing a Transit Benefit Ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Mar 13

3:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss under what circumstance the City of Cambridge might be interested in submitting a home rule petition to allow the City Council or another branch of Municipal Government to define, if, where and how public consumption of cannabis might be allowed in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Mar 20

4:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the implications of identity theft and cybercrime on local residents and businesses to include Cambridge Police Departmental responses to these events and possible proactive measures to help people protect against such crimes. (Ackermann Room)

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 Feb 4, 2019

MAYOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider a request for a sign dedication in honor of the late Tom Magliozzi and his brother Ray, both of NPR’s “Car Talk” radio program fame, on the outside wall of DeGuglielmo Plaza, potentially in the shape of a ‘57 Chevy; 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 Feb 4, 2019

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City departments to make the necessary provisions to televise and record the Ordinance Committee hearing on the “Tree Protection” proposed amendment scheduled for 5:30pm on Thurs, Feb 14, 2019.

O-3 Feb 4, 2019

COUNCILLOR MALLON

MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: In 2018, Eversource purchased a plot of land in East Cambridge adjacent to Alexandria Real Estate’s proposed Metropolitan Pipe site, as well as the Linden Park neighborhood, and the Kennedy Longfellow Elementary School; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a goal to encourage distributed district energy generation and transition away from fossil fuel-based energy to renewable energy sources; and

WHEREAS: Public utility companies are not subject to municipal zoning regulations; however, it is still vital to ensure that the proper health and environmental impact studies have been conducted by the public utility company; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with Eversource and the appropriate City departments to ensure that Eversource has undertaken the following analyses and impact reports before moving forward with the construction of their substation:

- A financial disclosure and analysis of how the cost of the site in East Cambridge and construction of the substation will potentially impact costs for ratepayers, who have already faced increases this winter, particularly since the site alone, without construction factored in, cost Eversource \$13 million
- A study demonstrating why this substation is required and how it affects the City’s goals of moving towards alternative energy sources, such as renewables
- An environmental impact study of the health and safety impacts of locating a large substation adjacent to a residential neighborhood and elementary school
- Renderings that show building and site design, and indicate the substation’s footprint, height, and other critical design features;
- Long term electricity demand projections for the City of Cambridge including, if available, the predicted need to expand or add other substations in Cambridge in addition to the planned substation at Fulkerson Street to satisfy anticipated future need for electricity;

and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to make the results of these analyses and impact reports widely available to the public with an emphasis on the direct abutters of the site; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Community Development Department and the Department of Public Works to report on how the construction of this substation will impact the City’s move towards renewable energy; and be it further

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

O-4 Feb 4, 2019

COUNCILLOR MALLON

MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Cambridge is home to numerous arts organizations which provide our community with public art, arts and cultural events for residents, financial and professional support for artists, workforce development skills through the arts, advocacy opportunities for artists, and much more; and

WHEREAS: Many of these organizations rely heavily on private funding to cover their operating expenses; and

WHEREAS: Arts organizations in the Greater Boston Area rely on only a few large private foundations, whereas other major cities are home to a greater number of private donors, which reduces the disparities and competition amongst arts organizations; and

WHEREAS: Many Cambridge-based arts organizations have trouble acquiring funding sources outside the Greater Boston Area, as there is an assumption that their location in Cambridge comes with

the benefits of robust financial resources both from private donors and municipal funding; and

WHEREAS: As the City looks for new ways to invest in the arts, we should not overlook the existing arts organizations – whether they are known to the City or not - some of which have been serving our community for decades; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Arts Council and the Community Development Department, particularly the Economic Development Department, to conduct a City-wide survey of all existing arts organizations and their main mission; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager work with the Cambridge Arts Council and the Economic Development Department, to identify private foundations who have been regular contributors to arts organizations in the City; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager work with the Arts Council to publicize the results of the arts organizations inventory on the City's website, Arts Council page, or other easily accessible public platform, so that individual artists can access a clearinghouse of networks and communities, and so that private donors have information about organizations which they can support; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-5 Feb 4, 2019

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MALLON

WHEREAS: Asphalt is an unsightly and temporary solution for brick and concrete sidewalk repair; and

WHEREAS: Many sidewalks in Cambridge that used asphalt as a temporary paving solution have become permanent fixtures; and

WHEREAS: Central Square in particular has many asphalt patches (45 totaling over 600 square feet along Massachusetts Avenue), as well as areas of missing brick pavers (4 totaling 25 square feet), dead or missing trees (15), and other needed repairs (broken concrete, lack of stone dust between pavers), which convey an “uncared for” image to citizens and the general public; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has initiated a public way upgrading along nearby River Street and Central Square's Carl Barron Plaza that was recently approved by the City Council as a \$34 million project; and

ORDERED: That the above Central Square Massachusetts Avenue sidewalk maintenance/repairs and replacement tree planting become part of the River Street/Barron Plaza project to bring Central Square back to the original circa 1990 intent.

O-6 Feb 4, 2019

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Cambridge has adopted Vision Zero, and is committed to identifying and eliminating preventable causes of traffic fatalities and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS: In addition to Cambridge's own policies and regulations, state laws will have a major effect on the City's ability to protect road users' safety and eliminate traffic fatalities; and

WHEREAS: Three significant traffic safety bills are currently under consideration by the Massachusetts legislature; and

WHEREAS: One of the three bills, SD.847/HD.1653: An Act to reduce traffic fatalities, would ensure basic, necessary traffic regulations to guarantee safety, such as lowering speed limits to 25 mph on certain state roads, setting a safe passing distance of vulnerable road users of at least three feet, and requiring safety measures like side guards, additional mirrors and backup cameras for state-owned and contracted trucks; and

WHEREAS: The second of the bills, SD.1461: An Act relative to automated enforcement, would give cities and towns, including Cambridge, the option to allow red light cameras and speed cameras to be placed in certain locations, an enforcement tool that has been proven to reduce speeding and serious crashes in states where it has been implemented; and

WHEREAS: The last of the three bills, SD.1383/HD.1534: An Act to prevent driver distraction and motor vehicle fatalities, would require that usage of mobile devices while operating a motor vehicle be hands-free; and

WHEREAS: These three bills have the strong support of advocacy groups such as the Vision Zero Coalition, Livable Streets Alliance, Walk Boston and are co-sponsored by members of the Cambridge delegation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in supporting these three traffic safety bills (SD.847/HD.1653, SD.1461, and SD.1383/HD.1534), and encouraging the Cambridge legislative delegation to continue to act in support of these bills; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge legislative delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-7 Feb 4, 2019

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

MAYOR MCGOVERN

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Feb 12, 2019, is the anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin in 1809; and

WHEREAS: Charles Darwin is recognized for the discovery of natural selection as the mechanism by which biological evolution occurs; and

WHEREAS: Darwin's discovery of natural selection continues to serve as the foundation for ongoing advances in science, health, philosophy, art, education, and many other areas of modern life; and

WHEREAS: Darwin's strength of character is evident in the great courage, wisdom, and honesty required to explore and publish the findings supporting natural selection as the mechanism by which biological evolution occurs in the face of at times strong opposition to these ideas; and

WHEREAS: The anniversary of Darwin's birthday is an appropriate period on which to celebrate, reflect, and act on the principles of intellectual bravery, perpetual curiosity, and hunger for truth, which contribute to the well-being of all people; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has long been a leader in scientific research, technology innovation, and education, in the cause of human progress; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record declaring Feb 12, 2019 as “International Darwin Day” in Cambridge, in recognition

of the important contributions Charles Darwin made to our civilization during his life; and be it further
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Secular Society of MIT on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-8 Feb 4, 2019
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The Economic Development and University Relations Committee will hold a public hearing on Wed, Feb 13, 2019 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm to receive an update on progress made to date on the retail strategy plan and vacant storefront initiative; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City departments to televise and record this hearing in its entirety so that those residents who are interested in the topic but unable to attend the hearing will be able to view the discussion on their own time.

O-9 Feb 4, 2019
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: Bed bug infestations have been increasing from near eradication to high levels over the past two decades and are the number one most difficult pest to control; and

WHEREAS: Eradicating bed bug infestations is difficult, complicated, costly, and time consuming as they are very resilient and resistant to many common pesticides, and the process is further complicated by the need for affected residents to work with family members, roommates, adjacent neighbors, landlords or management staff, and pest control professionals, the challenge of possibly moving heavy furniture and other items and the difficulty of allocating shared costs for what can be a very expensive process; and

WHEREAS: One Cambridge family has been fighting them off since Spring of 2018, has undergone four separate treatment methods totaling more than \$6,100.00, and is still not confident they are permanently gone; and

WHEREAS: More information is available in this recently submitted City Council Communication from Officers in the form of a [memorandum](#) (Jan 28, 2019); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the possibility of setting up an assistance fund/program to help low-income and/or elderly/disabled residents manage bed bug infestations, perhaps similar to the City's snow shoveling assistance program, and report back to the City Council on this issue.

O-10 Feb 4, 2019
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: June is National Caribbean-American [Heritage Month](#), a time to recognize the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States; and

WHEREAS: This special month features events that celebrate the rich culture, traditions, and history of Caribbean people in the United States; and

WHEREAS: There is a long history of Caribbean-American people living and working in Cambridge; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council declare the month of June to be Caribbean-American Heritage Month in the City of Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Authentic Caribbean Foundation and the Institute of Caribbean Studies on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-11 Feb 4, 2019
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: As part of Caribbean-American Heritage Month, the annual Caribbean-American Legislative Week which will take place in Washington D.C. on June 18-22, 2019; and

WHEREAS: Former President Barack Obama [signed into law](#) the United States-Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act (H.R. 4939), which mandated the creation of a multi-year strategy for expanding and improving U.S. relations with the various governments of the Caribbean region, including in areas of security, diplomacy, prosperity, energy, education, and health; and

WHEREAS: The strategy was [released](#) by the State Department in 2017, and groups like the Authentic Caribbean Foundation, based in Boston, have since worked tirelessly to support implementation and engagement at the local, state, and federal level; and

WHEREAS: Authentic Caribbean Foundation will hold a forum on Feb 15, 2019 at the Massachusetts Statehouse to discuss the many opportunities Massachusetts has to contribute to implementation of the strategy, primarily in the areas of education, health, and trade; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging our entire Congressional Delegation to support implementation of the engagement strategy; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in enthusiastic support of Authentic Caribbean Foundation's efforts to implement the strategy in Massachusetts; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to our entire Congressional Delegation, Authentic Caribbean Foundation, and the Institute of Caribbean Studies, on behalf of the entire City Council.

TEXT OF LATE ORDERS

O-12 Feb 4, 2019
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR MALLON
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Since 1988, over 1 million eviction cases have been filed in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: Once a case is filed, it becomes part of that tenant's eviction "record", which documents the tenant's history of ever having sued or been sued by a landlord; and

WHEREAS: In 2013, the Massachusetts Trial Court began placing eviction record information online, making a tenant's court record history easily accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS: While the Trial Court's intent was to provide parties with remote access to manage their cases, the unintended consequence in making this eviction record information publicly

available without expiration, is that it is being used as a free and unregulated tenant screening service; and

WHEREAS: The fact that these records are publicly available with unrestricted access has many organizations and tenants deeply concerned about the impact on people's ability to obtain housing, credit, and employment, now and in the future; and

WHEREAS: Regardless of fault, outcome, or underlying basis for a court filing, possessing any record of an eviction filing can present a serious barrier to a tenant's ability to secure housing, as the mere fact that they were party to an eviction or housing case may give a landlord reason to reject their application; and

WHEREAS: Significant research has shown that vulnerable and marginalized populations—such as those who are low-income, people of color, women, and children (as they are often named on guardians' complaints)—are at increased risk for eviction and therefore disproportionately impacted by having a publicly available eviction record tied to their identity; and

WHEREAS: If an eviction case is not the fault of the tenant, is dismissed, or ends with a tenant satisfying an agreement, these records should not be made public; and

WHEREAS: Only in cases in which a landlord wins on merit or a tenant breaks an agreement and is evicted by a constable should eviction records be made publicly available online or reported by a tenant screening company; and

WHEREAS: SD 526 and HD 3815 HOMES “An Act promoting housing opportunity and mobility through eviction sealing” will protect tenants from being unfairly branded with an eviction record if there exists no judgment against them, if they were not evicted, or were not at fault; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in support of “An Act promoting housing opportunity and mobility through eviction sealing (SD 526 and HD 3815 HOMES);” and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this order to the Cambridge Legislative Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.