

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$11,000 from the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Salary & Wages account to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Travel & Training account of funds from the FY18 State 911 Department Training Grant and EMD/Regulatory Compliance Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security State 911 Department which will cover costs associated with the FY18 grant allocation.
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$190,000 of additional programming revenue to the General Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will allow the Community Schools to continue programming and pay the increased costs related to contractual services and other costs including bus transportation.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$20,000.00 from Free Cash to Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account for a hitting tunnel at Danehy Park.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. An application was received from Margaret Wheeler, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 41 Magazine Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Response has been received from the neighborhood association.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Cambridge Community Development Department, requesting permission for a temporary banner across 795 Massachusetts Avenue, announcing the Cambridge Food Truck Pilot that will run from Mar 5, 2018 thru Mar 26, 2018 and Aug 6, 2018 thru Aug 27, 2018.
2. An application was received from Department of Public Works, Waste Reduction Program requesting permission for a temporary banner across JFK Street at Mount Auburn Street announcing Citywide Compost Pickup, The banners will be hung from Mar 5, 2018 thru Mar 26, 2018.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding Harvard Square Upzoning Opposition.
2. A communication was received from Dorothea, regarding putting snow plows on garbage trucks.
3. A communication was received from Margaret Tierney Wheeler, regarding opposition of curb cut for 41 Magazine Street.
4. A communication was received from Michael Brandon, 29 Seven Pines Avenue, regarding City of Cambridge Plan E charter.
5. A communication was received from Doug Brown, President, Fresh Pond Residents Alliance, regarding support for Jerry's Pond Policy Order.

6. A communication was received from John Hsia, Dana Street, regarding Cambridge Street bike lanes.
7. A communication was received from Lawrence Cetrulo, regarding Cambridge bike lanes.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Retirement of Jewel Russell M.Ed. as the Executive Director from the Henry Buckner School. Councillor Simmons
2. Resolution thanking ABC Pizza House for their generous support of the winter warming center by donating dinner nightly since the center opened. Councillor Mallon
3. Congratulations to Nikolas Bowie on his appointment to the Faculty of Harvard Law School. Councillor Siddiqui
4. Congratulations to Denise Gharthey's on her appointment as President of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau. Councillor Siddiqui

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to inquire whether the Community Development Department will apply for the Targeted Brownfields Assessment Grant regarding Jerry's Pond. Councillor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Kelley
2. That the Mayor is requested to schedule a Roundtable/Working Meeting for members of the City Council and School Committee for Tuesday, Feb 13, 2018, at 5:30pm in the Henrietta Attles Meeting Room, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, 459 Broadway, to begin discussions on a preliminary budget for fiscal year 2019. Mayor McGovern
3. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department and any other relevant City Department to gain a sense of who is purchasing buildings in Cambridge. Councillor Simmons
4. City Council support for the Rosa Parks MBTA Decal Initiative. Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons
5. That the Office of the Mayor proclaim February 2018 as Black History Month and that the entire City Council go on record encouraging Cantabrigians to take time to learn more about the contributions and sacrifices made by African Americans in Cambridge and throughout the United States. Mayor McGovern
6. That the City Manager explore the possibility of an "ALL WALK" pedestrian signal at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, and River Street. Councillor Mallon, Councillor Siddiqui
7. City Council support of Representative Provost and the Cambridge Legislative Delegation's efforts to pass a Right of First Refusal Bill, with an amendment for cities to provide final implementation modifications as needed. Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Siddiqui
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works on repairing Rufo Road as soon as possible. Councillor Toomey
9. That the City Council go on record encouraging the entire Cambridge community to receive Mr. Buery's keynote address at the 32nd Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther

King Jr., Brunch on Feb 10, 2018 and congratulate the awardees. Mayor McGovern

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Feb 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 14

4:00pm 2018 City of Cambridge Scholarship Awards Ceremony. This ceremony to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Feb 5, 2018

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Jerry's Pond is an artificial pond created in 1870 from a disused clay pit, named for Jeremiah McCrehan (1824-1907) who lived on Rindge Avenue and worked as a laborer and teamster; and

WHEREAS: Jerry's Pond is the last of many clay pits that represent the former brick industry of North Cambridge, and over time has had many uses including as a public swimming hole under the purview of the Cambridge Parks Department from 1913 to 1961; and

WHEREAS: Jerry's Pond is a historically significant and culturally important body of water to North Cambridge and Cambridge

residents, and is currently under ownership of GCP Applied Technologies; and

WHEREAS: Jerry's Pond is the closest green space to the three Rindge Towers, Jefferson Park and additional units along Rindge Avenue representing approximately 3,500-4,000 affordable housing residents in total; and as residents do not have access to this large area of green space, its restoration is an issue of public health, environmental justice, and social equity in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: A community group, Friends of Jerry's Pond, has held community meetings to discuss support for the restoration of Jerry's Pond to once again be a community asset for the thousands of Cambridge residents who live nearby as well as the many people who commute through the area each day by the adjacent Red Line, Minuteman Bikeway, Rindge Avenue and Alewife Brook Parkway; and

WHEREAS: Further action towards the restoration of the Jerry's Pond area will proceed most expeditiously with current, accurate and comprehensive data on the environmental hazards on the site given that prior studies are dated and incomplete and that such study can be undertaken via a Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) funded by the Environmental Protection Agency, the goal of which is to "minimize the uncertainties surrounding the actual or perceived contamination associated with these sites"; and

WHEREAS: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has offered the City of Cambridge the opportunity to apply for a Targeted Brownfields Assessment Grant and requires access to the site before determining whether an application can be made, and will ask the City to arrange such access; and

WHEREAS: An Environmental Protection Agency funded study of the Jerry's Pond area has been the subject of discussions with the City of Cambridge's Community Development Department beginning in June 2017; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to inquire whether the Community Development Department will apply for the Targeted Brownfields Assessment Grant regarding Jerry's Pond and make such application within 30 days from the date of this meeting; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact GCP Applied Technologies and ask for access to be granted to the EPA and/or subcontractors to assess the property surrounding Jerry's Pond; and be it further

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

O-2 Feb 5, 2018

MAYOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to schedule a Roundtable/Working Meeting for members of the City Council and School Committee for Tuesday, Feb 13, 2018, at 5:30pm in the Henrietta Attles Meeting Room, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, 459 Broadway, to begin discussions on a preliminary budget for fiscal year 2019.

O-3 Feb 5, 2018

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The City has been taking deliberate steps to plan for the future and lay the groundwork that shall enable Cambridge to continue thriving as an educational, economic, and cultural hub as we head further into the 21st century; and

WHEREAS: In an effort to better plan for the future, the municipal government would be wise to obtain a more comprehensive understanding of the various major investors who are purchasing numerous buildings and properties throughout the city, as these individuals and organizations will influence how this city evolves in the coming decades just as surely as official City policies will; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Community Development Department and any other relevant City Department to gain a greater sense of which

individuals and organizations are making sizable purchases and investments in our community, to determine if there appear to be trends in terms of these purchases and investments, and to report any findings back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-4 Feb 5, 2018

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: February is Black History month, and is a time to acknowledge and honor our country's African American leaders who fought to end legalized racial segregation and discrimination; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) operates transportation via bus lines in Cambridge, Boston, and the Greater Boston area; and

WHEREAS: Rosa Parks' act of protest on a public bus and the subsequent actions of the Civil Rights Movement made the United States a more just and equitable place; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts State Senator Walter Timilty has put forward Bill SD 2460, an act honoring and recognizing the heroism of Rosa Parks; and

WHEREAS: As Bill SD 2460 details, this display shall be demonstrated via L.E.D. display and or decal in the front left window of all MBTA bus transportation vehicles, or in a similar manner approved by the Authority or its designee; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) operates transportation via bus lines in Cambridge, Boston, and the Greater Boston area; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its support for the permanent decal on MBTA buses for Rosa Parks; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its support for a public school art contest to design the image for the permanent decal on MBTA buses for Rosa Parks; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this policy to Senator Walter Timilty and the Asian American Civic Association with appreciation for their continued advocacy for public recognition for our Civil Rights Movement leaders on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-5 Feb 5, 2018

MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The origins of Black History Month date back to September 1915, when Carter G. Woodson, who was receiving his PhD from Harvard, and Minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), charged with researching and publicizing achievements of black Americans; and

WHEREAS: In 1926, the ASNLH, now known as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), sponsored National Negro History week during the second week of February, coinciding with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, to promote school and community events celebrating the contributions of black men and women to our history; and

WHEREAS: In 1976, President Gerald Ford officially declared February as Black History Month; and

WHEREAS: The contributions of black men and women far too often go untaught and unacknowledged in our schools and communities; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is home to one of the oldest African American communities in the nation, and has been home to groundbreaking leaders and history makers such as Maria Louise Baldwin, a Cambridge born activist and educator who was the first African American principal of a public school in the Northeast; Joshua Bowen Smith, an abolitionist and State Representative who commissioned the Robert Gould Shaw Memorial depicting the 54th Massachusetts Regiment of the Civil War, the first African

American Regiment in the Army; and Clement G. Morgan, who in 1896 was the first African American elected to the Cambridge Board of Alderman; and

WHEREAS: In more modern times, City leaders such as three-time Cambridge Mayor Kenneth Reeves, the first openly gay, African American Mayor in the United States, and two-time Cambridge Mayor E. Denise Simmons, the first openly lesbian, African American Mayor in the United States have served and led our community with distinction; and

WHEREAS: The national theme for Black History Month in 2018 is "African Americans in Times of War," we are encouraged to think about all the African American men and women who served in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars; as well as Cambridge's Clifton Merriman, who served in France during World War I, and who eventually became the first African American to serve as Assistant Postmaster in Cambridge, for whom the Central Square Post Office is now named; Marvin Gilmore, who served in World War II; Red Mitchel, who served in World War II; Moses Moore, who served in Korea; and Kenneth Headly, who served in Vietnam; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Office of the Mayor officially proclaims February 2018 as Black History Month and that the entire City Council goes on record encouraging Cantabrigians to take time to learn more about the contributions and sacrifices made by African Americans in Cambridge and throughout the United States to our collective history, from politics to education, from business to activism and in the arts, and in so many other areas; and further be it

RESOLVED: That Cambridge residents are encouraged to celebrate and appreciate African American history not just during the month of February, but throughout the year; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Cambridge residents are encouraged to attend at least one of the many events occurring throughout this month.

O-6 Feb 5, 2018

COUNCILLOR MALLON
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The Central Square intersection of Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, and River Street is one of the busiest intersections for vehicles and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS: Pedestrians that have the "WALK" signal to cross Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, and River Street are often in the pathway of vehicles turning right on red, even though intersection signage prohibits this action, or vehicles turning right after their light turns green, but before the opposing pedestrian signal turns from "WALK" to "STOP"; and

WHEREAS: This creates a dangerous traffic conflict that could be mitigated by stopping all traffic with an "ALL WALK" pedestrian signal; and

WHEREAS: Making this change would establish a consistent signal pattern for both vehicles and pedestrians, as the intersection of Inman Street and Massachusetts Avenue down the road is also an "ALL WALK" intersection; and

WHEREAS: We have a responsibility under the City's Vision Zero plan to ensure our intersections are operating in the safest way possible; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to explore the possibility of reconfiguring the traffic lights and pedestrian signals at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, and River Street to stop all traffic and allow for an "ALL WALK" pedestrian signal.

O-7 Feb 5, 2018

COUNCILLOR CARLONE
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: State Representative Denise Provost is the lead sponsor of House Bill 3017, An Act to Preserve Affordable Housing Through a Local Option Tenant's Right to Purchase; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Legislative Delegation, including State Senator Pat Jehlen, State Representative Mike Connolly, State Representative Marjorie Decker and State Representative Dave Rogers are all signed on as sponsors to said bill; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge recently promoted the idea of tenant's right of first refusal as part of their affordable housing strategy but no substantive measures have been taken thus far in city government; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge and the entire region is facing an affordable housing crisis; and

WHEREAS: The Right of First Refusal bill represents an opportunity for home ownership and limited displacement at no cost to property owners; and

WHEREAS: Final implementation can be modified by each city as needed to eliminate onerous burdens on property owners; and

WHEREAS: The deadline to report bills out of committee at the statehouse is Wed, Feb 7; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on the record in support of Representative Provost and the Cambridge Legislative Delegation's efforts to pass a Right of First Refusal Bill, with an amendment for cities to provide final implementation modifications as needed; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record requesting the State Delegation propose said amendments for the benefit of renters and homeowners; and be it further

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

O-8 Feb 5, 2018

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of City Council that Rufo Road in East Cambridge is in need of repair; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works on repairing Rufo Road as soon as possible and report back to the City Council.

O-9 Feb 5, 2018

MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: On Saturday, Feb 10, 2018, the Cambridge Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), will sponsor its 32nd Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Brunch at the St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church Christian Life Center, from 11:00am to 2:00pm, 85 Bishop Richard Allen Drive, Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Branch, NAACP this year has invited Deputy Mayor Richard Buery of New York City to be the Keynote Speaker at this year's MLK Brunch; Deputy Mayor Buery is the principal architect of New York Mayor Bill De Blasio's universal prekindergarten program for all of the four-year-old children in New York City; and

WHEREAS: Mayor Bill De Blasio and Deputy Mayor Richard Buery were able to accomplish this phenomenal task in the first 9 months of Mayor De Blasio's first term in Office, we are pleased and excited to have him come to Cambridge to address our gathering; and

WHEREAS: The late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. left us with a great deal of guidance about what America must do to be

made whole—he was clear that equity for children and families is a most important commitment; and

WHEREAS: This year's Annual Cambridge Branch NAACP Brunch will also include the recognition of several awardees: Representative Marjorie Decker, Martin Luther King Leadership Award; Bishop Brian Greene, Community Award; Manuel Fernandez, NAACP Education Award; and Reverend Rashaan Hall, Esq., Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Drum Major for Justice; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record encouraging the entire Cambridge community to receive Mr. Buery's keynote and congratulate this year's awardees at this year's 32nd Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Brunch.