

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$3,709,949 in funds from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) Grant to the Public Works Public Investment Fund Extraordinary Expenditures account for the Alewife Sewer Separation Program.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-104, regarding making Appleton Street one-way from Highland Street to Huron Avenue.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-24, regarding safety concerns at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Cameron Avenue.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the GBLT Commissioner effective Feb 6, 2017:  
Reappointments: Anna Weick, Mal Malme, Robert Parlin and Aren Stone  
New Appointments - 3 year term: Catherine Grams, Noelani Kamelamela and Gregory MacDonough  
2 year term: Abena Duker, Devontae Anthony Berry Freeland and Silas Weiner
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,300,000 to provide funds for the design, drainage, and installation of new field surfaces at Russell Field and the Graham and Parks School.  
Agenda Item Number 5 Feb 6, 2017  
ORDERED: That \$2,300,000 is appropriated, for the purpose of financing the design, drainage, and installation of new field surfaces at Russell Field and Graham & Parks School; and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the City Manager is authorized to borrow \$2,300,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; and be it further  
ORDERED: Any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less the cost of preparing issuing and marketing them, and any accrued interest received upon the delivery of such bonds or notes, shall be applied to the payment of project costs approved by this vote, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,100,000 to provide funds for the construction of sewer separation, storm water management, and combined sewer overflow reduction elimination improvements within the Cambridgeport Neighborhood.  
Agenda Item Number 6 Feb 6, 2017  
ORDERED: That \$1,100,000 is appropriated, in addition to any amounts previously appropriated, for the purpose of financing the design and construction of sewer separation, storm water management and combined sewer overflow reduction elimination improvements within the

Cambridgeport Neighborhood. Including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the City Manager is authorized to borrow \$1,100,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under G.L. c.44 and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the City unless the Treasurer with the approval of the City Manager determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C; that the Treasurer with the approval of the City Manager is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C or the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or a security agreement and/or financial assistance agreement with the Trust or the Authority and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Authority and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof; and that the City Manager or any other authorized City official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects; and be it further

ORDERED: That any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less the cost of preparing issuing and marketing them, and any accrued interest received upon the delivery of such bonds or notes, shall be applied to the payment of project costs approved by this vote, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,000,000 to provide funds for the reconstruction of various City streets and sidewalks.

Agenda Item Number 7 Feb 6, 2017

ORDERED: That \$1,000,000 is appropriated for the purpose of financing the repair and/or reconstruction of various City streets and sidewalks; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the City Manager is authorized to borrow \$1,000,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; and be it further

ORDERED: That any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less the cost of preparing issuing and marketing them, and any accrued interest received upon the delivery of such bonds or notes, shall be applied to the payment of project costs approved by this vote, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. Amendment to Chapter 8.12.010 of the Municipal Code. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Carlone on Jan 30, 2017.]
2. 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. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Jan 30, 2017.]
3. 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. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Jan 30, 2017.]

## **ON THE TABLE**

4. 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.]
5. 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.]
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. 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.]
8. 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. Placed On Table on motion of Mayor Simmons on Jan 30, 2017.]

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

9. A proposed amendment to the Ordinance entitled "Municipal Code of the City of Cambridge" Chapter 2.125 entitled "Cambridge Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender

Commission" be amended to "Cambridge Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Plus Commission." 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 Saul Tannenbaum, 16 Cottage Street, regarding municipal broadband.
2. A communication was received from Martha Velie-Gass, 101 Aberdeen Avenue, regarding the bus shelter at the corner of Aberdeen and Huron Avenues.
3. A communication was received from Edward Murray, regarding bus top advertising.
4. A communication was received from Laura Mattal, regarding the bus shelter on Aberdeen Avenue.
5. A communication was received from Dr. James Jennings and Ms. Lenora M. Jennings, 122 Aberdeen Avenue, regarding the Aberdeen Avenue bus stop.
6. A communication was received from David Bowen, Lancaster Street, regarding new bus shelter on Aberdeen Avenue.
7. A communication was received from Karlene Salguero, regarding lit sign on Aberdeen Avenue.
8. A communication was received from Ira Nichols-Barrer, 188 Upland Road, transmitting support for the Central Square Restoration Petition.
9. A communication was received from Doug Brown, 35 Standish Street, regarding bike safety update.
10. A communication was received from Ned Carson, transmitting support for Central Square Restoration Petition/Sater Petition.
11. A communication was received from Kris Wilton, regarding bus shelter advertising in residential areas.
12. A communication was received from Scott Weathers, urging to protect Cambridge's status as a sanctuary city.
13. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street, regarding childbirth.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Congratulations to Lilly Senna for her Acceptance to Berklee School of Music. Vice Mayor McGovern
2. Congratulations to Jason Reynolds for being named a finalist for the 2017 Charlotte Huck Award. Councillor Cheung
3. Congratulations to Susan Goodman for being recognized with a 2017 Orbis Pictus Honor Book designation by the National Council for Teachers of English. Councillor Cheung
4. Condolences to Emily Dexter on the death of her father. Mayor Simmons
5. Get Well Wishes to Bob Marshall. Mayor Simmons

## **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relative City departments to investigate the possibility of creating an exemption from the fee increase for senior citizen dog owners. Vice Mayor McGovern
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to install proper signage at major points of entry to the city stating Cambridge's commitment to the 25 mph speed limit and to bike safety and to confer with City departments to discuss increasing the usage of electronic signage. Councillor Toomey
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff about the possibilities of using salt in a more judicious manner, finding non-salt options or removing excess salt when the ice threat has stopped while the salt still remains. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Devereux
4. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Department of Public Works to set and meet a firm 2017 deadline for fully completing all remaining parts of the Huron A, Huron B, and Concord Avenue contracts, provide a full accounting of all costs (to-date and future) compared to the original contracts and budgets and schedule a community meeting as soon as possible to update the public on the schedule and budget for completing the project, as well as a complete list of all remaining punch list items for each of the contract areas. Councillor Devereux
5. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Director of the Parking, Traffic, and Transportation Department to explore whether designating the portion of Windsor Street between Cambridge Street and Webster Avenue as "one way" would decrease the opportunities for future accidents in this area, and to report back to the City Council. Mayor Simmons
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor's Office and provide an update on potential Surveillance Ordinance language. Councillor Cheung, Mayor Simmons
7. That the City Manager is requested to work with the relevant City staff to make available the City's GIS system data regarding the total number of parking spaces designated as resident-permit only by street address, the total number of residential off-street parking spaces by street address, and the total number of cars registered in Cambridge by street address. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Mazen

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

1. A communication was received from Councillor Craig A. Kelley, transmitting an update on the Mayor's Special Advisory Committee on Neighborhood-Based Resiliency.

## **HEARING SCHEDULE**

### **Mon, Feb 6**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, Feb 13**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Wed, Feb 15**

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct an additional public hearing to a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code in chapter 8.28 entitled "Restrictions on Youth Access

to Tobacco Products" and on "Definitions for Prohibition of Smoking in Workplaces" to expand the definition of "Workplace" to include construction sites. (Sullivan Chamber)

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. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Wed, Feb 22**

7:00pm The Public Safety Committee will hold a public working group meeting to gather feedback on a short term rental policy for Cambridge. These findings will be communicated to the Public Safety Committee during a meeting scheduled on Mar 1, 2017 at 4:00 PM. (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)

### **Thurs, Mar 2**

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct an additional hearing to discuss a petition by the City Council to amend provisions of the Zoning Ordinance related to Inclusionary Housing, including the insertion of new definitions in Article 2.000 and the substitution of revised zoning text for the current text to Sections 11.200 through 11.206. This hearing to be televised. (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 June 2016, 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)

**Tues, May 2**

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2018 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, May 8**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, May 9**

6:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2018 School Department Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, May 10**

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2018 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Thurs, May 11**

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2018 City Budget. (IF NECESSARY) This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, May 15**

4:00pm 2017 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)

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 Feb 6, 2017

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Many seniors in our community are on fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS: Many costs, from housing to medication continue to rise; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is raising fees for dog licenses which may prove to be a burden on seniors; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relative City departments to investigate the possibility of creating an exemption from the fee increase for senior citizen dog owners.

O-2 Feb 6, 2017

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to install proper signage at major points of entry to the city stating Cambridge's commitment to the 25 mph speed limit and to bike safety; and be it further

ORDERED That the City Manager confer with appropriate City departments to discuss increasing the usage of electronic signage to increase driver awareness of bike safety practices and to report back to the City Council.

O-3 Feb 6, 2017

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The City uses salt in its efforts to keep City streets, sidewalks, and pathways clear from ice and snow and to make the City as safe as possible for pedestrians and cyclists; and

WHEREAS: Icy surface conditions pose a real danger to everyone travelling by any mode in the City; and

WHEREAS: Salt is bad for dogs' paws and has negative impacts on vegetation and other things, to include the streets themselves; and

WHEREAS: It can be difficult to find the balance between using enough salt to keep surfaces appropriately ice-free but not so much that surfaces are sheathed in salt, with its attendant negative impacts; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff about the possibilities of using salt in a more judicious manner, finding non-salt options or removing excess salt when the ice threat has stopped while the salt still remains; and be it further

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

O-4 Feb 6, 2017

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The West Cambridge sewer separation project successfully met its December 2015 legal deadline for separating the Concord-Huron area's stormwater and sewer infrastructure, but street and sidewalk reconstruction and tree planting are not yet complete; and

WHEREAS: The construction, which began in November 2012, was originally scheduled to be completed by the end of 2016, but is now projected to continue indefinitely into 2017; and

WHEREAS: The project has disrupted the neighborhood for 4-1/2 years and many residents have questioned whether the contractors have been penalized for project delays and lapses in quality; and

WHEREAS: There has been no public report on the total projected cost of the project compared to what was originally anticipated, as well as the reasons for any cost overruns; and

WHEREAS: With similar work beginning soon in The Port, it will be helpful to take stock of the process, specifically in regards to communication and project management, to ensure a smooth process for The Port; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Department of Public Works to set and meet a firm 2017 deadline for fully completing all remaining parts of the Huron A, Huron B, and Concord Avenue contracts, and to provide a full accounting of all costs (to-date and future) compared to the original contracts and budgets; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested and staff to report back to the Council on the above and schedule a community meeting as soon as practically

possible to update the public on the schedule and budget for completing the project, as well as to provide a complete list of all remaining punch list items for each of the contract areas.

O-5 Feb 6, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that in recent months, several car accidents have taken place on Windsor Street between Cambridge Street and Webster Avenue; and

WHEREAS: This area is a narrow, heavily congested triangle in which multiple vehicles are routinely parked and commercial traffic often congests the streets, and residents have raised concerns that many of the accidents that have occurred might well have been avoided if this narrow road only allowed for traffic to flow in one direction; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to explore whether designating the portion of Windsor Street between Cambridge Street and Webster Avenue as "one way" would decrease the opportunities for future accidents in this area, and to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-6 Feb 6, 2017

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: On Nov 21, 2016, the City Council passed a Policy Order forwarding language for a potential Surveillance Ordinance to the City Solicitor's office to be vetted and transcribed in a way that would allow it to be ultimately referred to the Ordinance Committee for consideration at a future hearing; and

WHEREAS: Considerable time has passed and the City Council has not seen the vetted language of the potential ordinance; now therefor be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor's office and update the City Council on the vetting process.

O-7 Feb 6, 2017

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: Discussions about the City's parking policies would be better informed by more transparent and up-to-date data on the supply and demand of spaces available for residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the relevant City staff to make available as soon as practically possible on the City's GIS system the following data: the total number of parking spaces designated as resident-permit only by street address, the total number of residential off-street parking spaces by street address; and the total number of cars registered in Cambridge by street address.