

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on Covid-19 vaccination rollout.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following new members of the Commission on the Status of Women, effective Feb 8, 2021 for a term of three years: Sucharita Varanasi, Hiwot Behabtu, Sandra Middleton, Shamika Naidu and Rhonda Greene.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the new appointment of the following person as a member of the Conservation Commission for a term of three years, effective Feb 8, 2021: Michelle Lane
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to new appointments and reappointments to the Community Benefits Advisory Committee effective Feb 1, 2021 for three year terms.
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Community Benefits Stabilization Fund to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance for the purpose of entering into grant agreements with nonprofit organizations to provide services to vulnerable residents during the COVID-19 emergency and recovery.
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-52, regarding a report on what impact the Executive Order on Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping may have on the City of Cambridge.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-63, which requested a review of the granting of an extension for the 605 Concord Avenue project. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCIL NOLAN IN COUNCIL FEB 3, 2021]
2. Policy Order re Renaming Fairmont Avenue. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS IN COUNCIL FEB 3, 2021]
3. Eliminating Hostile Architecture. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR NOLAN IN COUNCIL FEB 3, 2021]
4. Retirement of CCTV Executive Director, Susan Fleischmann. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY VICE MAYOR MALLON IN COUNCIL FEB 3, 2021]

ON THE TABLE

5. Resolution on the Death of William Leeds. [TABLED BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS IN COUNCIL JAN 11, 2021;

CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS IN COUNCIL JAN 4, 2021]

6. Vaccinating CPS Staff Plan PO. [TABLED IN COUNCIL FEB 3, 2021]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. 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]
8. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City of Cambridge Law Department to review the above changes to the language of the Domestic Partnerships Ordinance and report back to the Council. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL JULY 27, 2020. TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER SEPT 14, 2020]

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Suzanne Blier, regarding support of our advisory committees or Boards to voice our concerns in this attached letter. The letter was initiated by the Cambridge Highlands Neighborhood Group and addresses concerns we all share about planning in the city and its impacts.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Earl Moore. Councillor Simmons
2. Resolution on the death of Ezra Vogel. Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui
3. Thanking the Expert Advisory Panel. Councillor Nolan, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Zondervan
4. Alexander Joseph "Zandy" Bard Death Resolution. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons
5. Resolution on the death of Ziporrah Wiseman. Councillor Nolan

ORDERS

1. Retail Table of Land Use Update PO. Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui
2. Support for Universal School Meals. Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui
3. Support for Lifting Our Kids Out of Deep Poverty. Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons
4. Redesigning Cambridge Voting Stickers. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
5. That the City Manager instruct his staff to develop a ten-year infrastructure plan for the City Council that outlines all future needs and plans for infrastructure, public safety and public services. Councillor Carlone

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Vice Mayor Mallon, regarding Data Collection from Transportation Network Companies. Vice Mayor Mallon
2. A communication was received from Vice Mayor Mallon and Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting Family Policy Council – Language Access. Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui
3. A Communication has been received from Mayor Siddiqui, transmitting Information from the School Committee.
4. A communication was received from Councillor Dennis Carlone, transmitting Coming to Terms with Climate Change’s Relentless, Long-Term Fallout by Jonathan Shaw (Harvard Magazine Nov-Dec 2020).

HEARING SCHEDULE (via Zoom and TV)

Thurs, Feb 4

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to conduct a public hearing on the Green Roofs zoning petition. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Feb 9

6:00pm Roundtable/Working Group Meeting of the City Council and School Committee (Virtual)

Wed, Feb 10

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to conduct a public hearing on the Alewife zoning petition. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Feb 11

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to conduct a public hearing a petition to amend Article 8.000 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Feb 17

2:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee and the Housing Committee will conduct a joint hearing to discuss the elimination of single and two-family only zoning and restrictions on the type of housing that can be built city-wide. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Mar 4

5:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss with neighborhood groups their successes and challenges and how the city can better support them, as well as ideas related to the Envision plan. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Feb 8, 2021

VICE MAYOR MALLON

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The City published a [Commercial Land Use Classification Study](#) in 2015, and the City Council adopted a [2018 policy order](#) asking the City to develop a timetable to update [the Table of Land Use](#) to reflect recommendations from the 2015 study; and

WHEREAS: By clarifying the definitions of certain uses, expanding or creating new uses to reflect the changing face of retail, and removing onerous requirements, updating the table of land use is a critical way the City can reduce the burden of starting or expanding a small business in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: At the [July 30th, 2020 Economic Development and University Relations Committee hearing](#), the Community Development Department (CDD) unveiled the proposed Retail Uses Zoning Ordinance and heard feedback from committee members; and

WHEREAS: CDD incorporated that feedback by making adjustments to the Retail Uses Zoning Ordinance petition, and presenting a related Home Occupations Zoning Ordinance petition at a follow-up [Economic Development and University Relations Committee hearing on Sept 30th, 2020](#); and

WHEREAS: The Ordinance Committee was slated to discuss the Retail Uses Zoning Ordinance petition and the Home Occupations Zoning Ordinance petition on Dec 17th, 2020, but [the meeting was cancelled](#) due to adverse weather conditions, causing the petitions to expire before they could be ordained; and

WHEREAS: Updating the Retail Table of Land Use has been a long, labor-intensive process, and as the struggles of the small business community have only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that the City Council move forward with the refile of these petitions in an efficient and intentional way; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the attached proposed zoning amendments to the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance to update the Retail Table of Land Use be referred to the Planning Board and Ordinance Committee for hearing and report.

O-2 Feb 8, 2021

VICE MAYOR MALLON
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The cost of school meals for low-income children has long been a barrier to proper nutrition, and as the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated hunger, [14.9% of children in Middlesex County](#) are now experiencing food insecurity; and

WHEREAS: Schools have traditionally used means testing to determine who qualifies for school lunch, but means testing can be invasive, and fails to capture and address the needs of students whose families barely exceed income limits, and who struggle to pay for even reduced price school meals; and

WHEREAS: As schools have shifted to online learning, school meal sites that are open to everyone have been created to ensure students do not go hungry, and have successfully demonstrated that means testing is not necessary; and

WHEREAS: The recently introduced [HD.1161](#) and [SD.519](#), An Act Relative to Universal School Meals, would strip away means testing in schools and make school meals free to all students; and

WHEREAS: Having reliable access to free school meals will not only enhance a child's academic performance, but protect their physical and mental health as well, while removing the stigma around students' economic status, creating a more equitable educational environment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting HD.1161 and SD.519, An Act Relative to Universal School Meals; and be it further

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

O-3 Feb 8, 2021

VICE MAYOR MALLON
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
MAYOR SIDDIQUI
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The Commonwealth offers cash grants to low-income families through Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC), and to disabled or elderly residents through Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children (EAEDC); and

WHEREAS: These cash assistance grants are a lifeline for low-income residents, but with a maximum TADC grant of just \$652 per month for a family of three, and a maximum EAEDC grant of just \$334 per month for an elder or disabled person, these grants are far too low to meet basic needs; and

WHEREAS: A historic 10% increase to these cash assistance grants was implemented earlier this year, but Governor Baker's [proposed FY2022 budget](#) would eliminate that increase, even though these benefits are desperately needed during a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS: [HD.1158](#) and [SD.430](#), An Act to Lift Kids Out of Deep Poverty would raise the amount granted to families, seniors, and disabled residents through TAFDC and EAEDC by 20% each year until the grant reaches 50% of the federal poverty level; and

WHEREAS: These cash assistance grants would then be increased each following year at the rate of inflation; and

WHEREAS: These increases would ensure that our vulnerable, low-income residents have the financial support they need to keep afloat, and as many residents are struggling due to the pandemic, these grants could serve as a powerful tool in the Commonwealth's economic recovery; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting HD.1158 and SD.430, An Act to Lift Kids Out of Deep Poverty; and be it further

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

O-4 Feb 8, 2021

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Election Commission provides voters with an “I voted” sticker after their ballots are cast during election season; and

WHEREAS: These stickers are an important symbol for Cambridge voters, and indicate to others that they’ve participated in their civic duty, and are worn by residents with pride; and

WHEREAS: Cities around the country, such as San Francisco and Chicago, have designed stickers in a variety of languages, many of which reflect the demographics of their constituencies; and

WHEREAS: In Cambridge, the design of our voting stickers only displays the phrase, “I voted,” in English; and

WHEREAS: Our residents speak several languages, including Spanish, Amharic, Bengali, Haitian Creole, Chinese, Portuguese, among others; and

WHEREAS: In the fall, we conducted widespread voter engagement and outreach strategies to increase voter turnout, especially in neighborhoods of color and multi-language family households; and

WHEREAS: One of the ways to continue increasing voter turnout and excitement, is to provide “I voted” stickers that reflect the culture, languages and people of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Engaging Cambridge Rindge and Latin School students in designing a new sticker that reflects the soul of Cambridge is a great way to civically engage our young scholars, and to provide residents with a sticker to wear with pride after voting in local, state and federal elections; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager confer with the Executive Director of the Election Commission on the feasibility of new stickers for future elections; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager coordinate with the Executive Director of the Election Commission, the Board of Election Commissioners, Cambridge Public Schools, and Mayor’s office to develop a design contest in partnership with CRLS students.

O-5 Feb 8, 2021

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The recent debate over the proposed electrical plant on Fulkerson Street revealed a lack of city planning with regards to civic infrastructure needs, public safety, and neighborhood concerns; and

WHEREAS: Low density residential neighborhoods should not be subjected to industrial power plants as Eversource proposed on Fulkerson Street, and should instead be prioritized to industrial and commercial centers, which are

the districts principally requiring infrastructure expansion; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has not been updated on our infrastructure demands and proposed strategies to meet those needs including but not limited to fire station locations, climate protection, school expansion, open space, clean energy, and other important public safety needs; and

WHEREAS: The City Council stated their support for municipal broadband internet, which requires a detailed plan for construction and implementation; and

WHEREAS: The City Council should be kept informed and given notice well in advance of any public safety or infrastructure changes that will impact the community; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager instruct his staff to develop a ten-year infrastructure plan for the City Council that outlines all future needs and plans for infrastructure, public safety, and public services; and be it further

ORDERED: That the ten-year plan be updated every five years and that annual reports shall be created that summarize any meaningful infrastructure needs and proposals for the Council to fully understands the city’s status.