

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$301,785 in the General Fund between School Department statutory accounts as follows: \$301,785 from the Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the School Salaries & Wages account (\$124,168) and to the Travel & Training Account (\$177,617). During the course of the school year, the School Department allows principals and department administrators to move funds across statutory categories within their budgets to better meet their educational needs.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointments of the following members of the Conservation Commission for a term of 3-years, effective Feb 1, 2020: Purvi Patel, Ted Pickering and Kaki Martin.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment and re-appointment of the following persons as members of the Recycling Advisory Committee for a term of 3-years, effective Feb 10, 2020: Appointments: Leah Beckett, Holden Cookson, Catrina Damrell, Shirley Elliott, Sakiko Isomichi, Lindsay Levine, Scott MacGrath, Audrey Ng, Richard Nurse, Diane Roseman, and Suzanne Wong. Reappointments: Ilana Bechick, Debby Galef, Rob Gogan, Martha Henry, Susy Jones, Debby Knight, Janet Mosley, Laura Nichols, Meera Singh, Quinten Steenhuis, Mary Verhage, and Kristen Watkins.
4. Transmitting communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$1,200,000 from Free Cash, to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures Account for expanded tree planting and continued implementation of the Urban Forestry Master Plan recommendations.
5. Transmitting communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$20,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used for the support of the math enrichment programs provided by Cambridge Math Circle, a nonprofit organization and the Martin Luther King Day morning math festival.
6. Transmitting communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$150,000 of Community Schools additional revenue to the General Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account. Funds will allow the Community Schools to continue programming and pay the increased costs related to contractual services and other costs including bus transportation.
7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-

159, regarding safety concerns at the intersection of Walden and Saville Streets.

8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to amending the Cambridge Municipal Code to insure a Welcoming Community Ordinance.

## **ON THE TABLE**

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

2. 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]
3. TPO Extension PO [Passed to a Second Reading on Jan 27, 2020. To Be Ordained on or after Feb 10, 2020]
4. That the Cambridge City Council amend the Municipal Ordinances of the City of Cambridge to insert a new Chapter 2.129, entitled "WELCOMING COMMUNITY ORDINANCE" [Passed to a Second Reading on Jan 27, 2020. To Be Ordained on or after Feb 10, 2020.]

## **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from One Linkage LLC, requesting permission for an A Frame sign in front of the premises numbered 1759 Massachusetts Avenue.
2. An application was received from Greg Leppert, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 147 Otis 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.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Katherine Tsiakkirou McMillan, regarding Metropolitan Cybersecurity World.
2. A communication was received from Robert J. LaTremouille, regarding Harvard Square Upzoning (Blier and others), Ordinance Committee changes.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution on the death of Americo "Skippy" Raposo. Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of Dominic "Pat" DiCardio. Councillor Toomey
3. Congratulations to the 2020 Award Recipients of the Cambridge NAACP's 34th Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Brunch, on Sat, Feb 15, 2020. Mayor

Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Zondervan, Vice Mayor Mallon

4. Congratulations to Cayla Marvil and Andrew Jones on being named on Forbes' 30 Under 30 List in the Food & Drink Category. Vice Mayor Mallon

## ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to work with the residents of the Agassiz neighborhood in furthering this important neighborhood conversation and in helping make a determination as to how to arrive at an appropriate, official name change for this neighborhood. Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui
2. That the City Manager is requested to rename the maintenance area within the Ryan Garage at 147 Hampshire Street in honor of Sydney Cox, with this becoming known as the "Sydney James Cox Maintenance Facility. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey
3. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councillor McGovern to find a suitable location near Roosevelt Towers to honor Randy Thomas. Councillor McGovern
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City departments on the feasibility of instituting a program to install rings on parking meters to expand bicycle parking options. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui
5. City Council support of the full Massachusetts Indigenous Legislative Agenda. Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Human Services and other relevant departments to determine the feasibility of both expanding the Head Start program hours and adding additional scholarships to improve access to high-quality, early childhood educational resources. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Councillor McGovern
7. That the City Council go on record calling for the Parliament of India to uphold the Indian constitution by repealing the Citizenship Amendment Act, stopping the National Register of Citizens, and taking steps towards helping refugees by ratifying various UN treaties on refugees. Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Nolan

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Report of the Ordinance Committee - Committee Meeting - Dec 10, 2019 3:00 PM  
Present: Carlone, Devereux, Mallon, Siddiqui, Zondervan
2. Report of the Ordinance Committee - Committee Meeting - Feb 5, 2020 5:30 PM

Present: Carlone, Mallon, McGovern, Nolan, Siddiqui, Simmons, Sobrinho-Wheeler, Toomey, Zondervan

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### Mon, Feb 10

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

### Tues, Feb 11

5:30pm Roundtable/Working Meeting for members of the City Council and School Committee to begin discussions on a preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2021. (Attles Meeting Room, CRLS - televised)

### Wed, Feb 12

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

### Tues, Feb 18

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will meet for a hearing on a petition to amend the definition of family in the Cambridge the zoning ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

### Wed, Feb 19

10:00am The Government Operations Committee will meet to discuss extending the contract of City Manager Louis A. DePasquale beyond January 2021. (Ackermann Room - televised)

### Mon, Feb 24

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

### Mon, Mar 2

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

### Mon, Mar 16

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

### Mon, Mar 23

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

### Mon, Mar 30

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

### Mon, Apr 6

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

### Mon, Apr 13

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

### Thurs, Apr 16

5:30pm The Health and Environment Committee to hear a progress report and recommendations from the Climate Resilience Zoning Task Force. (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

**Mon, Apr 27**

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

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Feb 10, 2020

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: On Apr 8, 2019, the [City Council passed a policy order asking the City Manager](#) to direct City staff to compile a full accounting of streets, schools, and public buildings that may be named in honor of those who have ties to the American slave trade with a view toward renaming these; and

WHEREAS: The intent behind this endeavor was and is not to erase the sometimes complicated history of our city – certainly, we must acknowledge that even some of our country’s most [celebrated historical figures engaged in acts that would surely earn](#) them condemnation in contemporary society – but to force us to more honestly confront our history and the questions of whom we choose to celebrate, how we understand the fullness of their lives and their actions, and whether there are other, lesser-known but no-less-important figures we ought to be lifting up and celebrating in the ongoing desire to more fully understand our city’s history; and

WHEREAS: On June 10, 2019, the [City Council passed a related policy order](#) asking the City Manager to establish a working committee to review the monuments, memorials, and markers throughout Cambridge to determine whether any of these commemorate those who were linked to the slave trade or engaged in other similarly shameful acts, to determine which individuals – particularly women, people of color, and those from other historically marginalized communities – should be newly recognized with a monument, memorial, or marker; and

WHEREAS: Related to this larger, ongoing discussion, a meeting of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council on Jan 14, 2020 featured a discussion amongst neighborhood residents who feel that the time has come for this neighborhood to be renamed from one that honors Louis Agassiz – [whose work has been used by white supremacists since the 1800s](#) to justify their shameful and misguided positions – to one that honors someone the neighborhood can be rightfully proud of, [such as Maria L. Baldwin](#) or another lesser-known light from our city’s rich past; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to work with the residents of the Agassiz neighborhood in furthering this important neighborhood conversation and in helping make a determination as to how to arrive at an appropriate, official name change for this neighborhood; and be it further

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

O-2 Feb 10, 2020

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Sydney Cox worked for the City of Cambridge’s Department of Public Works for 45 years, 35 of which were spent as Master Mechanic in charge of the Department’s fleet of vehicles, and throughout his years of service, he displayed extraordinary dedication to his city, his colleagues, and his job; and

WHEREAS: Born, raised, and educated in Cambridge, Sydney oversaw the municipal garage during a time of extraordinary change, as mechanical systems modernized, trucks and cars saw increasingly complex computerization, hybrid and battery/electric vehicles became more widespread, and the development of diagnostic tools, fleet management systems, and other systems assisting in the efficient repair and maintenance of a large fleet of diverse vehicle types were all adopted; and

WHEREAS: Throughout all those changes and the ensuing new challenges they brought, Sydney never lost a beat, never stopped working hard, and continued to shine as a truly wonderful individual who has been greatly loved by his colleagues throughout the Department of Public Works, and across the entire City; and

WHEREAS: In honoring his dedication, loyalty to his home city, and years of exemplary service to that city, it would be only fitting for the City to commemorate Sydney’s decades of service with a lasting tribute; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to rename the maintenance area within the Ryan Garage at 147 Hampshire Street in honor of Sydney Cox, with this becoming known as the “Sydney James Cox Maintenance Facility;” and be it further

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

O-3 Feb 10, 2020

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councillor McGovern to find a suitable location near Roosevelt Towers to honor Randy Thomas; 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-4 Feb 10, 2020

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge committed in the [2015 Cambridge Bicycle Plan](#) to encourage bike ridership amongst its citizens by expanding bike facilities; and

WHEREAS: Parking facilities appropriate for bicycles are often lacking or inadequate, especially in the City's most urban areas; and

WHEREAS: The 2015 Cambridge Bicycle Plan stated, "Providing bicycle parking also encourages people to use their bicycles as transportation; people are more likely to use a bicycle if they are confident that they will find convenient and secure parking at their destination"; and

WHEREAS: The 2015 Cambridge Bicycle Plan stated a goal of 10% of all trips in Cambridge will be by bicycle by 2020, with an increase to 20% of all trips by 2030; and

WHEREAS: Other cities use [parking meters](#) to expand bicycle parking options by installing a ring which makes it easier for two bicycles to be locked to a single meter without limiting access of drivers to pay for parking; and

WHEREAS: Installing a ring on parking meters will be significantly less expensive and less intrusive than installing separate bicycle parking rings; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City departments on the feasibility of instituting a program to install rings on parking meters, where they would be most needed, and how quickly it might be implemented; and be it further

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

O-5 Feb 10, 2020

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge believes that the culture of Indigenous peoples is one to be promoted, that the history is rich, diverse, and worthy of celebration, and that the actions and policies of European colonizers of the Americas destroyed a part of that culture, and inhibited the promulgation of it for generations to come; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge understands the moral imperative of condemnation of these actions, as we now know them to be violations of justice in the eyes of international, domestic, and moral laws; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Rindge and Latin School decided in 1989 to change its mascot from the Warriors to the Falcons due to the offensive nature of Indigenous mascots and the stereotypes they perpetuate; and

WHEREAS: The City Council [adopted](#) a policy order on June 6, 2016, stating that the second Monday of October

henceforth be commemorated as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Cambridge, in recognition of the Indigenous people's position as native to these lands, and the suffering they faced following European conquest of their land; and

WHEREAS: The City Council [adopted](#) a policy order on June 24, 2019, to find suitable location other than the Sullivan Chamber where the state flag may be displayed in compliance with state law, recognizing that the symbolism on the state flag is a painful reminder of the history of oppression and genocide indigenous peoples suffered at the hands of the colonists; and

WHEREAS: The Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning; Public Facilities, Arts, and Celebrations Committee will continue to discuss ways to establish a more robust celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day in Cambridge; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting the full Massachusetts Indigenous Legislative Agenda, which includes the actions mentioned above already taken by the City, along with the support for two bills, which call for improving Indigenous educational outcomes (H.444) through the creation of a permanent commission relative to the education of Native American residents of the commonwealth, and protecting Native American Heritage (S.1811/H.2948) by ensuring that Native American objects of cultural patrimony held in governmental, municipal or non-profit collections are not sold for profit; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward copies of the [Massachusetts Indigenous Legislative Agenda](#) to the Cambridge delegation on behalf of the entire City Council, imploring them to advance the agenda for a vote before the State Legislature.

O-6 Feb 10, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: In February 2014, former Cambridge City Manager Richard Rossi appointed an Early Childhood Task Force and charged it with developing a set of recommendations for how the City could better ensure that all children receive high quality early education and care, beginning with prenatal care and extending through third grade; and

WHEREAS: For many Cambridge families, finding high quality, full-day, year-round, affordable early childhood services is difficult and presents considerable financial hardships; and

WHEREAS: At the City Council and School Committee's Joint Roundtable Meeting on Early Childhood on Dec 2, 2019, the key findings and recommendations from the



Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program Study Report were discussed; and

WHEREAS: This included discussing what ongoing support the City could provide to Cambridge families while the development process for a universal pre-kindergarten program remains underway; and

WHEREAS: The current, limited hours offered by the Cambridge Head Start program present a barrier to many Cambridge families who would otherwise wish to participate in its programs; and

WHEREAS: Fifty-four children in the city have received scholarships to high-quality preschools to date; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with the Department of Human Services and other relevant departments to determine the feasibility of both expanding the Head Start program hours and adding additional scholarships to improve access to high-quality, early childhood educational resources for children and families in Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council on this matter in time for consideration in the FY21 budget process.

O-7 Feb 10, 2020

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that on Dec 11, 2019, the Indian parliament [passed](#) the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), which for the first time uses religion as a criterion for Indian citizenship; and

WHEREAS: While the far-right Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi claims this policy will help refugees fleeing religious persecution from neighboring countries, it blatantly discriminates against citizenship based on religion, favoring Hindu, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi, and Christian immigrants, while excluding Muslim people; and

WHEREAS: In August 2019, Modi's right-wing government [forced](#) nearly two million people in the northeastern state of Assam to prove with documentary evidence their Indian citizenship or face detention at mass prisons and detention camps that the Indian government has begun to build and fill; and

WHEREAS: A nationwide expansion of this policy could strip hundreds of millions of people (disproportionately Muslim, oppressed castes, women, indigenous and LGBTQ+ communities) of their citizenship rights with no option to be re-naturalized; and

WHEREAS: Protests in India against this policy have faced repression including reports that in the state of Uttar Pradesh, police [fatally fired](#) live ammunition at

demonstrators and arrested thousands, and reports that police [destroyed](#) Muslim homes in several cities; and

WHEREAS: In September 2019, President Trump [hosted](#) a "Howdy Modi" rally in Houston alongside Prime Minister Modi, in what the Washington Post ominously reported was, "the largest-ever gathering with a foreign political leader in the United States," demonstrating the growing threat of far-right racist politicians building solidarity around the world; and

WHEREAS: Harvard graduate students and other activists [recently staged](#) a 24-hour protest in Harvard Square in condemnation of these actions; and

WHEREAS: The Modi regime's repressive and racist policies are inconsistent with Cambridge's values as a city that welcomes South Asian communities of all castes and religions; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing solidarity with Cambridge's South Asian community regardless of religion and caste, acknowledging the pain and hurt felt by members of the South Asian community as a result of these policies, and opposing the National Register of Citizens and the Citizenship Amendment Act in India; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record calling for the Parliament of India to uphold the Indian constitution by repealing the Citizenship Amendment Act, stopping the National Register of Citizens, and taking steps towards helping refugees by ratifying various UN treaties on refugees; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging our congressional delegation to support legislation censuring the Republic of India for adopting these policies; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy to Cambridge's Congressional Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.