

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the [Final Landmark Designation Report for the Lechmere National Bank building at 225/227 Cambridge Street.](#)
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the [Final Landmark Designation Report for the Hovey & Markham Cottages located at 40 and 44 Cottage Street.](#)
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY18 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) STOP Grant for \$40,000 received from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) to the Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide funds to contract with a civilian advocate to help implement the Police Department's Trauma Informed approach to policing.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Sustainable Materials Recovery grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$38,800 to the Grant Fund Department of Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance Account which will be used toward the purchase of food waste collection bins for the citywide curbside organics program.
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-111, regarding the feasibility of implementing neighborways.
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-02, regarding repairs and maintenance of the elevators at Fresh Pond Apartments.
7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-01, regarding a report on possibility of a supermarket opening at 20 Sidney Street.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. 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 Gail Gannon and Family, Thanking the City Council for the resolution on the passing of Thomas M. "Jake" Gannon.
2. A communication was received from Carla M. Bregman, 14 Athens Street, regarding Skenderian Bike Path problem.
3. A communication was received from Patrick Peterson, 21-1/2 Inman Street, regarding Opposition to case L-126, 40 Cottage landmark designation.
4. A communication was received from Brad Harkavy, 122 Henry Street, regarding historical landmark designation of 40 Cottage Street.
5. A communication was received from Joseph Poirier, Seattle, WA 98119, regarding Historical Landmark designation at 40 Cottage Street.

6. A communication was received from Jeffrey Rosenblum, 161 Raymond Street Apt. 3, regarding Case L-126-40 Cottage Street Historic Landmark Designation.
7. A communication was received from Stephen Oakley, 30 Whitney Avenue, regarding Renovations of 40 Cottage Street.
8. A communication was received from Sandy Wells, William Wells and Colleen Gillard, 82 Magazine Street, regarding 40 Cottage Street, L-126.
9. A communication was received from Adriane Musgrave, 48 Haskell Street, regarding Historical Landmark designation of 40 Cottage Street.
10. A communication was received from Annemarie Gray, 40 Cottage Street, regarding Historic landmark designation of 40 Cottage Street.
11. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding 190 Allston Interchange Project.
12. A communication was received from Jackie King, 40 Essex Street, regarding opposition of historical landmark designation of 40 Cottage Street.
13. A communication was received from Doug Healy, 36a Rice Street #2, regarding historic landmark designation of 40 Cottage Street.
14. A communication was received from Charlotte E. Karney, 41 Granite Street, regarding historical landmark designation of 40 Cottage Street.
15. A communication was received from Saul Tannenbaum, 16 Cottage Street, regarding urging rejection of Historic Commission case L-126.
16. A communication was received from Charlotte E. Karney, 41 Granite Street, regarding historic landmark designation of 40 Cottage Street.
17. A communication was received from Benjamin Holt, regarding historical landmark designation of 40 Cottage Street.
18. A communication was received from M. Carolyn Shipley, regarding Section 8 tenant, Andrei Korotounov.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Happy 80th Birthday wishes to Patricia Dottin. Councillor Simmons
2. Congratulations to Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on being named Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers "Person of the Year". Councillor Toomey
3. Resolution on the death of Benvinda DaRosa. Councillor Toomey
4. Resolution on the death of Martha A. Barrell. Councillor Toomey
5. Happy Birthday wishes to Councillor Sumbul Siddiqui. Councillor Mallon
6. Resolution on the death of Sophie Duggan. Councillor Toomey
7. Resolution on the death of Mathilde Sheehan. Councillor Toomey
8. Congratulations to Eric Maynard for receiving the Frederick Douglass Isaacs Jr. Lay Leadership Award. Councillor Siddiqui

ORDERS

1. Confer with the dedication Committee to consider a request from Clare Garman for a bench dedication in honor of Helen and Walter Fabianski. Vice Mayor Devereux
2. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department and the Cambridge Public Health Department regarding the current status of zoning language and public health regulations for the keeping of hens and food cultivation and proposed next steps to advance the Urban Agriculture initiative. Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor McGovern
3. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Department of Public Works to report back to the Council on the success of the Polystyrene Ordinance, including implementation, enforcement, and remaining concerns among the business community. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Siddiqui
4. That the City Manager and the Mayor's Office are requested to establish a new working group consisting of a diverse set of stakeholders, including cyclists, drivers, pedestrians, small business owners, EMS/first responders, and City Officials to discuss the results of the protected bike lane pilot using clear evaluation criteria, and how best to construct a cohesive network in the future. Councillor Mallon, Councillor Kelley, Mayor McGovern
5. That the City Manager is requested to create additional opportunities for the community to evaluate and understand the plan to redesign Inman Square and to provide input, including: walk-in clinics between now and the next community meeting and making more details available online including alternative designs considered but deemed unworkable, traffic simulations, and other relevant data or information. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Siddiqui
6. That the City Manager is requested to contact the Chief Justice of the Housing Court, Timothy F. Sullivan, and urge him to strongly consider all options for siting the Housing Court in Cambridge, including but not limited to the Juvenile Court located on Third Street. Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Siddiqui
7. That the City Manager is requested to report on progress and efforts made to date to provide greater access to internet services citywide for low income residents. Councillor Zondervan, Mayor McGovern, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Simmons

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Carlone and Councillor Kelley, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for an additional public hearing held on Jan 24, 2018 to discuss the Zoning Petition filed by Peter Kroon, et al, to amend Section 20.50 of the Zoning Ordinance in the "Harvard Square Overlay District" dated Sept 28, 2017.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Marc C. McGovern, transmitting an amendment to committee alignments regarding the membership of the Neighborhood

& Long-Term Planning; Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee.

2. A communication was received from Mayor Marc C. McGovern, transmitting a communication on Highlights from School Committee Meeting of Feb 6, 2018.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Feb 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Feb 13

5:30pm City Council and School Committee will hold a Roundtable/Working Meeting to begin discussions on a preliminary School Department budget for fiscal year 2019 This meeting will be televised (Henrietta Attles Meeting Room, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, 459 Broadway)

Tues, Feb 20

5:00pm The Housing Committee (Sullivan Chambers)

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)

Mon, July 30

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Feb 12, 2018

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Clare Garman for a bench dedication in the vicinity of Blair Pond in honor of Helen and Walter Fabianski; 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 12, 2018
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: After a detailed process and discussion, the City Council ordained a beekeeping zoning amendment and the Cambridge Public Health Department promulgated accompanying [beekeeping regulations](#) in December 2017; and
WHEREAS: In the general discussion of Urban Agriculture in Cambridge, the City Council has worked with staff on zoning language and public health regulations related to keeping hens and cultivating food; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Community Development Department and the Cambridge Public Health Department and report back to the City Council on the current status of zoning language and public health regulations regarding the keeping of hens and food cultivation, and proposed next steps to continue to advance the Urban Agriculture initiative in Cambridge.

O-3 Feb 12, 2018
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR CARLONE
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The City Council passed an amendment to the Municipal Code (Chapter 8.70), entitled "Prohibition on the use of Polystyrene Based Disposable Food containers" in October 2015; and
WHEREAS: Enforced by the Department of Public Works, the Polystyrene Ordinance took effect on Oct 20, 2016; and
WHEREAS: Polystyrene is a type of plastic that includes Styrofoam and is expensive to recycle and is not biodegradable, and has been shown to leach harmful chemicals into food and beverages; and
WHEREAS: The ordinance applies to all food and beverage establishments that serve food or drink in single-use disposable service-ware, which includes cups, plates, bowls, hinged or lidded containers, straws, cup lids and utensils; and
WHEREAS: The purpose of the Polystyrene Ordinance was to reduce waste and protect the health of our residents and consumers; and
WHEREAS: It has been over one year since the Polystyrene Ordinance took effect, and it will be useful to the Council to hear a report on implementation and enforcement, as well as remaining concerns and challenges facing the business community; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Department of Public Works to report back to the City Council on the success of the Polystyrene Ordinance, including implementation, enforcement, and remaining concerns among the business community.

O-4 Feb 12, 2018
COUNCILLOR MALLON
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: In October of 2015, the City of Cambridge outlined its plans for "complete streets" in its Bicycle Report with the goal of making our roadways friendly to all modes of transportation, be it cyclists, drivers, or pedestrians; and
WHEREAS: A key element of the Bicycle Report was the addition of separate bicycle facilities, namely protected bike lanes; and
WHEREAS: To meet this goal and expand the network of protected bike lanes, lanes were installed on Cambridge Street in the summer of 2017 as part of the Cambridge Street Bicycle Safety Demonstration Project; and
WHEREAS: During community meetings prior to their installation, the lanes were presented to residents as a pilot program that would be open to changes after the public had sufficient time to use and give feedback on the bike lanes; and

WHEREAS: The addition of the protected bike lanes caused significant changes to the design and traffic pattern of Cambridge Street; and
WHEREAS: These changes have generated a high level of discourse amongst neighbors, cyclists, drivers, business owners/their patrons, and pedestrians regarding their design and implementation; and
WHEREAS: The consistent feedback received by City Councillors from many of our residents since the start of the pilot has indicated that the Cambridge Street lanes have not yet met the City's goal of increasing safety for all; and
WHEREAS: There previously existed a Cambridge Street Stakeholder Group made up of diverse interests that had input prior to the installation of the Cambridge Street bike lanes; and
WHEREAS: Now that the lanes have been in use for eight months, there is a strong desire from our residents to have an additional outlet for community conversation and input regarding the design and implementation of the Cambridge Street bike lanes; and
WHEREAS: Cambridge Street, as a major transit corridor, has the potential to be a model for other bike lanes in the City's planned network; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager and the Mayor's Office be and hereby are requested to establish a new working group consisting of a diverse set of stakeholders, including cyclists, drivers, pedestrians, small business owners, EMS/first responders, and City Officials to discuss the results of the protected bike lane pilot using clear evaluation criteria, and how best to construct a cohesive network in the future; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager and the Mayor's Office be and hereby are requested to consult with the Community Development Department and the Traffic and Parking Department to use the continued and constructive feedback received from our residents and the working group to re-evaluate the safety features of the Cambridge Street bike lanes, and ensure future bike lanes meet the City's goal of "safe streets for all."

O-5 Feb 12, 2018
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: There is broad agreement from all stakeholders that safety, quality of life, and alignment with the City's Vision Zero goals should be of the utmost concern when it comes to the upcoming Inman Square construction; and
WHEREAS: Some confusion and discontent now exists in the community, in part because the design process did not fully communicate the trade-offs and challenges inherent to redesigning Inman Square; and
WHEREAS: Specific concerns include: last minute cancellation of smaller working groups at the 1/31 public meeting deprived people of achieving a deeper understanding; the "no left turn" option was dismissed on the spot without time to process the challenges of that option; critical details about the alternative design have not been made available to the public including other alternatives considered, reasons for particular design choices, and assumptions about behavioral choices people will make in traffic; and
WHEREAS: A recent University of Vermont study found that Cambridge's tree canopy declined by 7% from 2009 to 2014; and
WHEREAS: The city's own Climate Vulnerability study showed that Cambridge as a whole and Inman Square in particular is vulnerable to the Urban Heat Island Effect, which is exacerbated by any decline in tree canopy which occurs; and
WHEREAS: Citizen's advocacy helped uncover additional opportunities to plant trees in Inman Square as part of the project, inside the Springfield parking lot; and
WHEREAS: Possibilities may remain to further refine and improve the plan through public input on areas of concern that are broadly shared among the community, including safety, transit improvements, climate protection, and other improvements; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to create additional opportunities for the community to evaluate and understand the plan and to provide input, including: walk-in clinics between now and the next community meeting and making more details available online including alternative designs considered but deemed unworkable, traffic simulations, and other relevant data or information; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to reach out broadly to members of the community to make them aware of these additional opportunities in an effort to be as inclusive as possible; 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-6 Feb 12, 2018

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: As of July 1, 2017, the Boston Housing Court was expanded to include the jurisdictions covered by Cambridge, Somerville, and Newton District Courts and was re-named the Eastern Division of the Housing Court Department; and

WHEREAS: This new law required that the Eastern Division of the Housing Court have at least one session each week in Middlesex County; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge District Court is one of the busiest district courts in the state; in Fiscal Year 2017, 622 eviction cases were filed in Cambridge District Court, making it the 5th busiest district court in the state in terms of eviction cases filed; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge District Court was relocated from Thorndike Street, Cambridge to Route 16 in Medford, which is out of reach for many low-income residents; and

WHEREAS: Having a housing court in Cambridge is critical for low-income residents who are limited in mobility access; and

WHEREAS: For the month of January 2017 alone, there were 73 eviction cases filed in Cambridge District Court, of which 30 were defaults by tenants who could not make it to their hearing and were thus subject to physical displacement on 48 hours' notice; and

WHEREAS: Housing Court provides judges with expertise in housing matters, access to a tenancy preservation program, court mediation, and a lawyer of the day for low-income residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact the Chief Justice of the Housing Court, Timothy F. Sullivan, and urge him to strongly consider all options for siting the Housing Court in Cambridge, including but not limited to the Juvenile Court located on Third Street; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a copy of this Policy Order to the Cambridge State Legislative Delegation for consideration and support on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-7 Feb 12, 2018

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

MAYOR MCGOVERN

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Digital access has become a necessity and one of the fundamental equity issues of our time; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has expressed a continuing desire for the City to work on digital access issues since 2005; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge school system has started to distribute Chromebooks, computers that are specifically designed to require internet access; and

WHEREAS: Many children in our community at all grade levels do not have access to affordable internet at the speeds required to complete assignments and take full advantage of the many online resources, including those provided by our schools; and

WHEREAS: A recent [Stanford study](#) indicates that internet access plays an important role in closing the achievement gap; and

WHEREAS: [The city's 2015 "Blue Ribbon Commission on Income Inequality"](#) found that during focus groups, many residents cited "the cost of internet as an issue" and recommended looking at ways to improve digital access, particularly for low income residents; and

WHEREAS: Comcast offers an affordable option within Cambridge city limits (Internet Essentials) which at 15 MBPS does not meet the FCC's official definition of broadband internet (25 MBPS); and

WHEREAS: Free internet options exist in Cambridge including WiFi hotspots in Kendall Square, near MIT, Harvard Square, and municipal libraries, though these options are not always available or convenient for students and working adults; and

WHEREAS: Recent changes at the federal level by the FCC including the repeal of net neutrality and the end of Lifeline, a policy which was designed to help low income families specifically, are likely to raise the cost of internet access even further for consumers over time; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report on progress and efforts made to date to provide greater access to internet services citywide for low income residents, including:

- any available data on uptake of Comcast's Internet Essentials offering
- plans for expanding free WiFi hotspots throughout the city
- potential for wireless broadband options and their ability to help low income residents
- The status and operational health of the WiFi system installed by the city in Newtowne Court in 2007
- planned course of action based on the [Cambridge Broadband Task Force recommendations and Tilson Report](#) options 1, 2 and 3; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on future actions to be taken which will improve digital access throughout the city and ensure that every Cantabrigian has internet access that is affordable, reliable, and secure.