

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$7,870 in additional municipal access fees to the General Fund Cable Television Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide additional payments to Cambridge Community Television (CCTV).
2. Transmitting communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Cambridge Food Pantry grant received from the Cambridge Health Alliance for \$15,000 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to support the Cambridge Food Pantry Network.
3. Transmitting communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$190,000 in additional Community Schools revenue to the General Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account. Funds will allow the Community Schools to continue four additional weeks of programming that includes bus transportation and other contractual services.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a member of the Council on Aging Board for a term of 2-years, effective Mar 1, 2017: Ashley Thibault
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the revised and annotated version of the Central Square Restoration Zoning Petition.
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the Planning Board to adopt the Inclusionary Housing Zoning Petition with some suggested additional considerations.
7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a response to Council Order Numbers 13, 14, 15 and 18 dated Jan 23, 2017, regarding Inclusionary Housing Zoning Petition, received from Assistant City Manager for Community Development Iram Farooq.
8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-102, regarding zoning and building code restrictions as they relate to rebuilding properties destroyed in the Dec 3rd fire and Awaiting Report Item Number 16-105, regarding what measures can be taken to rebuild the homes impacted by the fire that may be non-conforming with the current zoning code.

CHARTER RIGHT

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. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Feb 6, 2017.]

ON THE TABLE

2. 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.]

3. 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. Placed On The Table on voice vote of six members on motion of Councillor Toomey.]
4. 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.]
5. 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.]
6. 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.]
7. 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.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.

11. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Susan and Iain Stewart, regarding bus shelter in residential zone.
2. A communication was received from Connie Biewald, opposed to having lit advertising at the bus shelter at the intersection of Aberdeen avenue and Huron Avenue.
3. A communication was received from Liz Keating, regarding snow melt in Larch Road Park.
4. A communication was received from Thomas L. Evans, Executive Director, Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, regarding the CRA 2017 Forward Fund.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Happy 90th Birthday Wishes to Barbara Toomey. Councillor Toomey
2. Congratulations to the Community Art Center for 80 years of service to residents of the City of Cambridge and the vital role they play in the lives of our youth. Councillor Toomey
3. Congratulations to Mel Poindexter on his new role as the National Committeeman for the Massachusetts Democratic Party. Mayor Simmons
4. Happy 30th Birthday wishes to John Gargano. Councillor Toomey
5. Wishing Ken Reeves a Happy Birthday. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Department of Public Works, the City Arborist, and any other appropriate City department to establish a Tree Task Force to better protect the urban canopy. Councillor Devereux

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Jan Devereux, Chair of the Economic Development and University Relations Committee, for a public hearing held on Jan 12, 2017 to review City Ordinance 12.08.010 regarding sandwich board and A-frame signs.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone and Councillor Leland Cheung, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for an additional public hearing held on Feb 2, 2017 to discuss the Central Square Restoration Zoning petition.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Feb 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Feb 14

10:00am The Economic Development and University Relations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the Retail Strategic Plan and similar issues related to the retail environment in Cambridge. (City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway, 2nd Floor Conference Room)

6:00pm Roundtable between the City Council and the School Committee to have a preliminary discussion on the FY18 School Department Budget. (Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)

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 4:00pm. (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 13, 2017

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The health of our urban tree canopy continues to be threatened by the drought conditions that the region has been experiencing; and

WHEREAS: Street trees offer significant protection against the adverse impacts of climate change, but are also at risk from increasingly frequent and intense weather events, including droughts, high temperatures, and damaging storms; and

WHEREAS: Though efforts have been taken by the City to increase the frequency of tree watering, to plant trees that can withstand the stress of climate change in an urban setting, and to increase public awareness about tree care and stewardship, more aggressive efforts are needed; and

WHEREAS: An online petition has come to the City Council and the Department of Public Works, accompanied by over 100 signatures, to form a Tree Task Force to support the Department of Public Works in their efforts to better protect street trees; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Department of Public Works, the City Arborist, and any other appropriate City department to establish a Tree Task Force to better protect the urban canopy; and be it further

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