

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Massachusetts Formula Grant in the amount of \$173,998 funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$109,283), Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$57,915), and to the Travel and Training account (\$6,800) which will be used for the Council on Aging Division to provide transportation for Cambridge seniors to medical appointments and weekly grocery shopping trips and will also support an activities assistant, an office aid, a meals assistant and several wellness/exercise instructors and group facilitators who provide services at the Citywide Senior Center.
2. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of additional funds for the Community Learning Center's Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education/Community Learning Services state grant in the amount of \$33,425 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account which will be used to increase part time staff hours for follow up, collection, tracking and entry of outcomes in LACES (the state database), for assessments; and for part time staff participation in CLC teams' work, and for the newly hired ESOL/CAN teacher to familiarize herself with the program curriculum and to tutor students to pass the MA certificate exam and will also be used to pay for staff hours for education and career advising and curriculum coordination.
3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of new Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) funds for the YWCA family shelter in the amount of \$8,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to provide educational enrichment (tutoring, school vacation programs, educational software and events) to children and teens residing in its DHCD funded family shelter during the July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 contract year.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Family Policy Council for a term of 2 years, effective Feb 24, 2020: Hiba Eddaif and Irene Hill.
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the State Executive Office of Public Safety for \$3,125 to the Grant Fund Fire Salaries and Wages account (\$2,500) and Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$625) to provide funds for the Senior SAFE Program that educates seniors on the dangers of fire and its effect on people, property, and the environment.
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the State Executive Office of Public Safety for \$10,655 to the Grant Fund Fire Salaries and Wages account (\$8,855), Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,500) and Travel and Training account (\$300) to provide funds to continue the Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program that educates students on the dangers of fire and its effect on people, property, and the environment.
7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-143, regarding a report on a pilot program with the Cambridge Housing Authority of assigning security officers with CHA premises in and near Central Square and The Port.
8. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$500,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures Account for continued design of improvements to the DPW complex.
9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-128, regarding ways the City is combating the city-wide rodent issues.
10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-2, regarding a report on maintenance plan for public area bins on Cambridge Street with an emphasis on cleaning open-trash receptacles more frequently.
11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-14, requesting an update on the Lechmere Station closure, the replacement bus service, and the community outreach that is planned.
12. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to adopt the Incentive Zoning Contribution Rate Zoning Petition.
13. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the Getting to Net Zero Action Plan Fiscal Year 2019 progress report.
14. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the revised Surveillance Technology Impact Reports.

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. A re-filed Zoning Petition has been received from Joseph T. Maguire of Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. transmitting a proposed revised amendment to the zoning ordinance by creating the Grand Junction Pathway Overlay District. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING ON FEB 10, 2020, TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER FEB 24, 2020. (Deadline is Mar 9, 2020.)]
4. A Zoning Petition Has been received from Suzanne P. Blier regarding Harvard Square Zoning Petition. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING ON FEB 18, 2020, TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER MAR 2, 2020. (Deadline is Mar 10, 2020.)]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from the Traffic and Parking Department requesting permission for a temporary banner across JFK at Mount Auburn Street to inform people about the 20 mph speed limits that are being implemented the banner will be hung from Mar 2, 2020 thru Mar 16, 2020.
2. An application was received from Rock and Roll Daycare, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 190 Concord Avenue approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Gregg Moree, 25 Fairfield Street, regarding investing actions of Sal DiDomenico and the Carpenter's Union regarding the Everett Casino.
2. A communication was received from Beverly A. Courtney, regarding grateful appreciation for the kind expression of sympathy in the passing of her husband Tom Courtney.
3. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street, regarding Central Square being renamed Starlight Square.
4. A communication was received from Katie Chalinor, regarding Gas Ban.
5. A communication was received from James Minor, regarding Cambridge Linkage Fee.
6. A communication was received from Anna Henchman, 85 Fayerweather Street, regarding support for the Gas Ban Ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Manikka Bowman and Jeffrey Myers on the birth of their daughter Zyla Elaine Myers. Councillor Simmons
2. Congratulations on the Birth of Olympia Groban Robinson. Vice Mayor Mallon
3. Thanks to Hilton's Tent City for their participation in this year's Warm Hearts for Warm Feet wool sock drive, and for being a local business that truly embodies Cambridge's values. Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui
4. Congratulations to Maria Fontellio on her recent promotion to Branch Manager of Eastern Bank in Watertown. Councillor Simmons
5. Happy 30th Birthday wishes to Michael Crossen. Councillor Toomey
6. Resolution on the death of Frederick A. Centanni. Councillor Toomey
7. Retirement of Donald Paine from St. Mary Parish. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. 100% Affordable Housing Overlay Zoning Petition 2020. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works and other relevant City Departments to determine the feasibility of limiting the number of Saturdays and holidays any one developer can be permitted for any one construction project. Vice Mayor Mallon
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with Director of Cambridge Public Libraries to determine the feasibility of eliminating late fines. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon
4. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with all relevant City departments and agencies to implement an appropriate shut down time and lighting to add to the plan at Glacken Field. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Nolan, Vice Mayor Mallon
5. That the Department of Conservation and Recreation reconsider a road diet and protected bike lane for Gerrys Landing Road. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Nolan
6. That the City Manager is hereby requested to confer with relevant City departments and the MBTA on the feasibility of implementing additional dedicated bus lanes, as well as fully separate protected bicycle lanes. Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui
7. That the City Manager is requested to produce a Request For Proposal for the municipal broadband feasibility study that was called for by the City's Broadband Task Force in

August 2016. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Report of the Public Safety Committee - Committee Meeting - Jan 22, 2020 5:00pm regarding a meeting on the Surveillance Technology Impact Reports.
 - A. A communication was received from City Manager Louise DePasquale regarding Surveillance Technology Impact Reports.
 - B. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the Surveillance Use Policy and related documents.
 - C. A communication was received from Louie DePasquale, City Manager, regarding Supplemental Information for Public Safety Committee Meeting on Jan 22, 2020.
2. Report of the Ordinance Committee - Committee Meeting - Feb 12, 2020 5:30pm regarding a hearing on an amendment to the Incentive Zoning Ordinance.
 - A. That section 11.202(b) of Article 11.000, entitled SPECIAL REGULATIONS, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge, be amended the table as follows:
Jan 28, 2020 (Annual Adjustment) \$19.10 per square foot.
Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone, Councillor McGovern
3. Report of the Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee - Committee Meeting - Feb 4, 2020 10:00am regarding a meeting to review the City Council's Rules for the 2020-2021 Legislative year.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from City Manager Louis A. DePasquale, transmitting Surveillance Technology Impact Reports.
2. A communication was received from Councillor McGovern, transmitting a memorandum with comments on refilling the 100% Affordable Housing Overlay Zoning Petition 2020.
3. A communication was received from Councillor Dennis Carlone, transmitting Proposed Amendments to the Harvard Square Overlay District Zoning Petition.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Feb 24

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

Tues, Feb 25

3:00pm Roundtable/Working Meeting the purpose of discussing legislative priorities. (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)

Mon, May 4

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

Mon, May 11

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

Tues, May 12

9:00am The Finance Committee will meet for a public hearing on the FY21 budget. (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Wed, May 13

5:00pm The Finance Committee will meet for continued public hearings on the FY21 budget. (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Mon, May 18

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

Mon, June 1

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

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Feb 24, 2020

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the [below proposed zoning ordinance establishing an Affordable Housing Overlay](#) be submitted by the City Council, and that it be referred to the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board for public hearings,

as provided in Chapter 40A, Section 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to wit:

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council amend Section 2.000, DEFINITIONS, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge amended to insert the following definitions alphabetically:.....

Affordable Housing Overlay Zoning Petition

Inserting a new section 11.207, **AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVERLAY**, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge, to read as follows:-----

O-2 Feb 24, 2020

VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: The City Noise Ordinance [prohibits construction](#) before 7am (9am on Saturdays and holidays) and after 6pm, and construction is never permitted on Sundays; and

WHEREAS: By prohibiting Sunday construction, and limiting the number of hours construction can occur on Saturdays and holidays, the City has demonstrated a value for minimizing noise pollution during times when many residents are more likely to be at home; and

WHEREAS: As the number of Saturdays and holidays any one developer can be permitted for construction is not limited, the excess noise can be disruptive, unwelcome, and burdensome for those residing nearby; and

WHEREAS: While new construction, especially new residential units, should be made available for use as soon as reasonably possible, it cannot be at the expense of the health and wellbeing of residents in surrounding areas; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with the Department of Public Works and other relevant City departments to determine the feasibility of limiting the number of Saturdays and holidays any one developer can be permitted for any one construction project; and be it further

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

O-3 Feb 24, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: Cambridge Public Libraries serve as a vital resource for our residents, particularly for vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS: In 2019, 5,748 Cambridge library patrons were blocked from accessing certain library services, such as checking out, checking in, and renewing materials, because they had accumulated over \$10 in library late fees; and

WHEREAS: 14% (2,402) of blocked Cambridge library patrons are under the age of 18, suggesting that a substantial number of youth are not able to access certain library services due to the burden of library fines, despite the

Libraries' policy of not charging late fees on children's and young adult's materials; and

WHEREAS: In Cambridge Public Libraries, adult items currently incur a [ten cent fine](#) for each day an item is returned or renewed past its due date; and

WHEREAS: Commonwealth Catalog and Interlibrary loan adult items currently incur a \$2.00 fine for each day an item is returned or renewed past its due date; and

WHEREAS: Imposing late fines does not hold a significant monetary benefit, as Cambridge Public Libraries charged \$77,870 in library fines in FY19, less than .07% of the total library budget of \$12.5 million a year; and

WHEREAS: Costs associated with administering library fines, including the costs of staff time, mailings, and more, also reduce the revenue accrued from imposed library fines; and

WHEREAS: Many other municipalities, including [Phoenix, AZ](#); [Dallas, TX](#); and [Chicago, IL](#) have experimented with eliminating late fees for all or some patrons in their own public libraries; and

WHEREAS: These municipalities have had a lot of success with eliminating late fees, experiencing [increased rates of material returns](#), [increased library patronage](#), and [increased library access for low-income residents](#), who may have difficulty paying late fines, and

WHEREAS: Other municipalities have experimented with eliminating late fines only for certain groups, such as [youth](#), seniors, or [those with ADA accommodations](#), [capping library fines at a low amount](#), [creating "amnesty days" where late items can be returned without the charge of late fees](#), or [asking for volunteer time or food donations in the place of money](#) with success; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with Director of Cambridge Public Libraries to determine the feasibility of eliminating late fines in Cambridge Public Libraries, or other alternatives that would result in the same benefits to Library patrons; and be it further

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

O-4 Feb 24, 2020

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

VICE MAYOR MALLON

WHEREAS: As a result of the Vassal Lane School reconstruction, the West Cambridge Little League is being relocated to Glacken Field; and

WHEREAS: West Cambridge Little League will go from the use of three fields to two fields; and

WHEREAS: Glacken Field is less centrally located for the program and will involve potentially later start times; and

WHEREAS: The West Cambridge Little League has requested lights on the proposed field closest to the existing lights at

the tennis and basketball courts adjacent to Glacken Field; and
WHEREAS: Lights would allow the West Cambridge Little League, which plays on weeknights and practices on Saturday and Sunday, to play games an hour later thereby starting games later and getting more use of the fields; and
WHEREAS: The current plan does not include lights; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with all relevant City departments and agencies to implement an appropriate shut down time and lighting to add to the plan at Glacken Field.

O-5 Feb 24, 2020

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: In May 2018, after two years of sustained community outreach and public engagement, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) published the [Mount Auburn Street Corridor Study](#), a comprehensive report on planned roadway improvements to the intersection of Mt. Auburn Street, Fresh Pond Parkway, and Gerrys Landing Road; and
WHEREAS: Among the list of [shared objectives](#) established by the study's stakeholders were goals to "calm traffic, provide clarity, and reduce crashes and severity of crashes," to "improve connectivity and air quality, and expand mobility choices," and to improve "safety, access, parking, and comfort for bicycles"; and
WHEREAS: A critical piece of DCR's planned short-term safety improvements at this intersection was a "road diet" of curb extensions and traffic flow readjustments; and
WHEREAS: This plan also included a two-way protected bicycle lane that would have extended to the Charles River along Gerrys Landing Road, providing safe bicycle and pedestrian connectivity to the Eliot Bridge and Dudley White Bike Path along the river; and
WHEREAS: In a public plan update meeting on Feb 4, 2020, DCR announced its intention to postpone the consensus road diet and bike lane portions of its short-term plan in favor of a road layout that preserves the current, dangerous traffic patterns; and
WHEREAS: A two-way protected bike lane along Gerrys Landing Road would constitute a vital segment of connectivity as envisioned in the 2015 Cambridge Bicycle Plan; and
WHEREAS: Pedestrian and bicyclist safety should be a major priority at this intersection to best protect youth at nearby schools, elderly residents at the adjacent Cambridge Homes assisted living facility, and those seeking services at Mt. Auburn Hospital; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has recorded [29 crashes](#) at the intersection in question since 2017, one resulting in injury to a pedestrian and one in injury to a bicyclist; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record asking the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to reconsider its decision for these streets under the department's control in Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) as well as the members of Cambridge's state legislative delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-6 Feb 24, 2020

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

VICE MAYOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: Public transit is an important transportation option for Cambridge residents, with [nearly one-third](#) of residents commuting via public transit and lower-income commuters being [disproportionately likely](#) to depend on bus service; and

WHEREAS: Traffic in the Boston Metropolitan Area, including Cambridge, [has gotten worse](#) in the preceding years and has had serious negative effects on Cambridge residents and contributed adversely to climate change; and

WHEREAS: One study in Cambridge [has demonstrated](#) that nearly 60% of commuters are travelling by bus on some stretches of streets while more than 97% of the vehicle traffic on those same streets are cars and only 3% are buses; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge streets including Massachusetts Avenue between Western Avenue and Memorial Drive [have been identified](#) as having both high bus ridership and significant delays in bus service; and

WHEREAS: Bus lanes have been shown to be effective in improving bus service, shortening commute times, and reducing overall traffic in the areas they have been implemented; and

WHEREAS: Bus lanes need to be implemented concurrently with fully separate protected bicycle lanes in order to achieve safety, access and equity for all users; and

WHEREAS: Many of Cambridge's major streets, including Massachusetts Avenue, have space for dedicated bus lanes, protected bicycle lanes, and sidewalks that are fully separated from each other and from other motor vehicle traffic, provided that space is allocated more equitably; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with relevant City departments and the MBTA on the feasibility of implementing additional dedicated bus

lanes, as well as fully separate protected bicycle lanes, on Massachusetts Avenue and other street corridors with high bus ridership; and be it further

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

O-7 Feb 24, 2020

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The City Council has passed three orders requesting the City Manager allocate funds for a comprehensive feasibility study of municipal broadband; and

WHEREAS: Internet access is indispensable in the 21st century, and while Cambridge is seen as a technology and innovation hub, the City suffers from a lack of internet provider competition, and has unusually low speeds and service, prompting over 1,300 residents to sign a [petition](#) calling for the City to take action; and

WHEREAS: Between 50 and 60 percent of low-income households in Cambridge do not have [access to broadband](#), creating a significant disadvantage for seeking employment, educational opportunities, and when looking to access timely information in regard to City services; and

WHEREAS: The cost of broadband has a significant impact on the operations cost for local businesses and startups, creating an additional hurdle for their ability to survive in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has included “Equitable” and “Innovative” in its [goals and guiding principles](#), striving to provide equal opportunity to all residents and supporting the people and institutions that are inventing new ways to make life better; and

WHEREAS: Over 50 cities and towns across the country, including seven in Massachusetts, have already implemented a city-wide municipal broadband network; and

WHEREAS: The majority of these municipal networks have surpassed their signup goals since implementation, including Longmont, Colorado (pop. 95,000), where an attempt to reach 37 percent of the market within five years has resulted in 54 percent of the market utilizing the municipal network in less than that time; and

WHEREAS: Municipal broadband is unlike other services that cities provide free of charge, because while residents will save up to 50% on their internet costs and receive faster and more reliable service, the City’s investment in broadband will also pay for itself overtime; and

WHEREAS: The City Manager appointed a Broadband Task Force in 2014, which spent over two years evaluating the options the City had at its disposal, and recommended a feasibility study to understand the costs of such a program since no meaningful estimate exists at this time; and

WHEREAS: The Digital Equity working group will provide valuable findings regarding the digital divide in Cambridge, but that work must not delay understanding the cost and feasibility of establishing municipal broadband; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to produce a Request For Proposal for the municipal broadband feasibility study that was called for by the City's Broadband Task Force back in August 2016, and to report back on this matter to the City Council no later than May 1.