

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the City of Cambridge retaining its noteworthy distinction of being one of approximately 33 municipalities in the United States with AAA ratings from each of the nation's three major credit rating agencies.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following person as a Constable With Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2018: Albert Darling
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a new member of the Human Rights Commissioner for a term of three years, effective Feb 26, 2018: Kuong Le
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as a members of the Half Crown-Marsh Neighborhood Conservation District Commission for a term of three years, effective Feb 26, 2018: James Van Sickle, Jo Solet, Maximilian Frank and Rory A. O'Connor
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of of \$27,875.80 in additional municipal access fees to the General Fund Cable Television Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide additional payments to Cambridge Community Television (CCTV).
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a new member of the Conservation Commission for a term of three years, effective Feb 26, 2018: Elyss Magnotto-Cleary
7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request for the City Council vote to approve the use of the new voting equipment and to discontinue the use of the existing voting equipment effective immediately.
Feb 26, 2018
ORDERED: That the City Council go on record approving the use of new voting equipment and discontinue the use of the existing voting equipment effective immediately as required by MGL Chapter 54, Section 34.
8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-16, regarding a report on Inman Square construction.
9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request for an aerial license for a structural canopy to be constructed over a portion of the public sidewalk in front of property located at 21 Erie Street.
10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-86, regarding a report on the enforcement of idling-trains.
11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-88, regarding a report on providing clarification for the benefit of residents, visitors, and business owners on how the City views its obligations and constraints regarding marijuana enforcement and regulations; and Awaiting Report Item Number 18-8, regarding a report on any work that is currently underway regarding regulating adult use marijuana and to suggest next steps to the Council no later than Feb 26, 2018.
12. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$241,830.00 from Free Cash to cover the cost of equipment and medical screening of 17 new firefighters.
13. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$164,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Fire Department Extraordinary Expenditures to replace EMS Coats for all presently employed firefighters, and update 22 sets of bunker gear for present members.
14. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Homeland Security Grant from the City of Boston for \$18,917.77 to the Grant Fund Fire Salary and Wages account. The City has received this grant, as reimbursement, for trainings performed in conjunction with the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI).
15. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) through the City of Boston's Office of Emergency Management for \$50,000.00 to the Fire Department Extraordinary Expenditures account which will be used for dive team and marine unit equipment.
16. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the 2017 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$35,188 to the Grant Fund Fire Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to purchase bicycles and related equipment (carry bags, lights/siren,) as well as uniforms for CFD personnel who will be deployed during planned and unplanned events to facilitate patient access during medical emergencies in our densely populated and congested City.
17. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$5,050.00 to the Grant Fund Fire Travel & Training account which will provide funding to assist in sending Cambridge Fire Department members to a hazardous material conference in Baltimore, MD.
18. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation in the amount of \$2,500 donated from the Carl Barron Awards for Administrative Excellence to the Fire Department, Other Ordinary Maintenance Account which will be used for the Carl Barron Awards for Administrative Excellence, to be awarded to members of the Cambridge Fire Department.
19. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the State Executive Office of Public Safety for \$10,407.00 to the Grant Fund Fire Salaries and Wages account (\$8,207.00), Other Ordinary Maintenance account

(\$1,800.00) and Travel and Training account (\$400.00) to provide funds to continue the Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program.

20. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the State Executive Office of Public Safety for \$3,207.00 to the Grant Fund Fire Salaries and Wages account (\$2,500.00) and Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$707.00) 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.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the Final Landmark Designation Report for the Hovey & Markham Cottages as follows: 2A. Property located at 40 Cottage Street; and 2B. Property located at 44 Cottage Street.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A petition was received from Cambridge Science Festival requesting a temporary banner to be hung across Massachusetts Avenue at Norfolk Street, thirty-eight banners on poles in Harvard Square, eighty-eight banners on poles along Massachusetts Avenue, from Memorial Drive to Harvard Square, ten banners on poles along Broadway, from Ellery Street to Felton Street and ten banners on poles along Cambridge Street, from Trowbridge Street to Hovey Street announcing the upcoming Cambridge Science Festival Apr 13-22, 2018.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street, regarding not allowing money worshippers to overbuild.
2. A communication was received from Roy Russell and Robin Chase, 40 Cottage Street, regarding Landmark designation.
3. A communication was received from Martha Ondras, regarding a forwarded communication from Patrick Herron, PHD on Alewife Pedestrian Bridge.
4. A communication was received from Patrick Herron, Mystic River Watershed Association, 20 Academy St. Arlington, regarding Alewife Pedestrian Bridge.
5. A communication was received from Rashid Hasson, regarding 2018 Fair Housing plus Civil Rights Conference.
6. A communication was received from Jana Odette, 176 Larch Road, regarding bike pattern in front of Skenderian's.
7. Sundry e-mails received on support of the protected bike lanes, relative to Policy Order #4 of Feb 12, 2018 Council Meeting. Copies are on file for review in the City Clerk's office.
8. A communication was received from Tichaona Chinyelu, 812 Memorial Drive, regarding Beer and Wine License for Mobil gas station at Rive and Memorial Drive.
9. A communication was received from Eric Grunebaum, Envision Alewife Working Group, 1 Broadway, regarding transit issues.
10. A communication was received from Ed Beucler, 37 Cottage Street, regarding Landmark Designation.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Retirement of Mary E. "Marybeth" Cosgrove from the City Clerk's Office. Mayor McGovern
2. Retirement of Elaine DeRosa from the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Simmons, Mayor McGovern
3. Resolution on the death of Esther Richards. Councillor Simmons
4. Resolution on the death of Samuel Bixler. Mayor McGovern
5. Congratulations to the Fayerweather Street School on the occasion of the second annual Children's March & Love Rally. Mayor McGovern
6. That the City Council congratulates Omari Thom, the founder of Fair America, for his activism and engagement which supports progressive candidates, particularly on issues of immigration. Councillor Mallon
7. Resolution on the death of former Cambridge Police Officer and President of the Policeman's Association Joseph Bellissimo. Councillor Mallon
8. Happy 60th Birthday to Sandra Murrell. Councillor Simmons
9. Happy 60th Birthday wishes to Cheryl Vass. Councillor Simmons
10. Speedy Recovery wishes to Kathleen Walcott. Councillor Simmons
11. Resolution on the death of Maria D. Cabral. Councillor Toomey
12. Happy 20th Wedding Anniversary to Renee and Jamie Townes. Councillor Simmons
13. Resolution on the Death of Evelyn Bynoe. Councillor Simmons
14. Best wishes to Phyllis Newton on her retirement from the Fletcher Maynard Academy. Councillor Simmons
15. Congratulations to Patrick Wardell on the birth of his first grandchild, Rowan Patrick Cook. Councillor Simmons
16. Happy Birthday wishes to Alice Pedro. Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Toomey
17. Resolution on the death of Leda Massie. Councillor Toomey
18. Happy Birthday wishes to Nadine Simmons. Councillor Toomey
19. Retirement of Frederick Powell from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department. Mayor McGovern
20. Congratulations to Spare Change News on its 25th Anniversary. Mayor McGovern
21. Resolution on the death of Vanu Bose. Councillor Zondervan
22. Congratulations to Noah Weinberg and Lila Berinsky on the occasion of receiving a Disney Summer of Service grant to combat climate change. Councillor Zondervan
23. Resolution on the death of Richard E. Brimley. Mayor McGovern
24. Congratulations and thanks to William B. "Bill" King on the occasion of his retirement. Mayor McGovern

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to determine why there continues to be significant audio and video difficulties during live internet broadcasts of City Council meetings, how these difficulties can be resolved. Councillor Simmons
2. That the City Manager and the Mayor's Office are requested to direct the new bicycle lane working group, once it has been convened, to hold a series of "listening sessions" at the senior buildings throughout Cambridge in order to ensure that our senior residents, who might otherwise be unable to attend the various hearings to weigh in on this issue, will have adequate opportunities to have their voices heard on an issue that could have an outsized impact upon them. Councillor Simmons, Mayor McGovern
3. Cancellation of the Regular City Council Meeting Mar 12, 2018. Mayor McGovern
4. That the Regular City Council Meeting on Mon, Apr 9, 2018, be changed to a Roundtable/Working Meeting for the purpose of discussing the draft version of the Climate Change Preparedness & Resilience Plan for Alewife. Mayor McGovern
5. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City departments to create additional Safety Zones for safer streets. Councillor Zondervan, Vice Mayor Devereux
6. Proclaim Mar 1, 2018, as Cambridge White Ribbon Day, and the week of Feb 26 to Mar 2, 2018, a celebration of the work of Cambridge and its partners in a cohesive effort to end all gender-based violence in all its manifestations. Mayor McGovern
7. That the City Manager is requested to consult with City staff on the feasibility of initiating a formal transit study and action plan of the Alewife area in response to unanimous concerns of the Envision Alewife Working Group regarding the need for a pedestrian/bicycle/shuttle bridge from the Quadrangle area along Concord Avenue across the railroad tracks to the Triangle area on Cambridgepark Drive and a commuter rail stop which would be critical to create neighborhoods that are safe and healthy for residents and businesses. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Carlone
8. Dedication Marker for Katherine "Kitty" Knox. Councillor Simmons
9. Dedication Marker for Renae D. Gray. Councillor Simmons
10. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with an explanation of the causes of the Cambridge Common drainage problems. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Zondervan, Vice Mayor Devereux
11. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Cambridge Police Department to increase enforcement of relevant parking laws around the Enterprise Rent-A-Car location at 25 River Street. Mayor McGovern
12. City Council support to expedite the relocation of the Cambridge District Court from Malden back to its originally assigned jurisdiction within the City of Cambridge.

Councillor Simmons, Councillor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Toomey

13. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with an explanation of why it took so long to repair the public toilet in Harvard Square and what proactive methods are being taken into consideration to prevent this interruption of service from happening again, at either the Harvard Square or the Central Square public toilet. Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor Devereux
14. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department regarding what further improvements can be made to improve safety for all users of the intersections of Walden Street with Concord Avenue, Garden Street and Sherman Street. Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Carlone
15. That the City Manager ensure that appropriate measures have been taken to allow residents at 808/812 Memorial Drive to voice their concerns about a proposed Mobil Gas Station liquor license before any action is taken by the License Commission. Councillor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Mayor McGovern
16. Declare Feb 28, 2018, in conjunction with Rare Disease Day, be recognized as Henri A. Termeer Day in the City of Cambridge. Mayor McGovern
17. That the City Manager is requested to direct the City Solicitor to draft language for a home rule petition for a Cambridge Right of First Refusal Legislation. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Siddiqui
18. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department to develop a timeline for the next Incentive Zoning Nexus Study. Councillor Siddiqui, Mayor McGovern, Councillor Simmons
19. That the City Manager is requested to work with City staff to provide easily accessible needle safety information, to include emergency needle or syringe removal and disposal contacts, on the City's website. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Carlone
20. Proclaim Feb 28, 2018, to be Rare Disease Day in the City of Cambridge, in recognition of the research and education that remains in finding cures for patients the world over. Mayor McGovern
21. City Council endorsement of H.3610, "An Act Temporarily Preventing Firearm Access for Extremely Dangerous or Suicidal Individuals." Mayor McGovern, Councillor Mallon

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Deputy City Clerk, Paula Crane, transmitting a report for a City Council public hearing held on Tues, Feb 20, 2018 for the purpose of the City Council and the public to view the new voting equipment purchased by the Election Commission.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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)

Tues, Mar 20

5:00pm Housing Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Mar 22

4:00pm Neighborhood & Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 27

2:00pm Civic Unity Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Mar 28

12:00pm Economic Development Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 10

5:00pm Housing Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting Budget Overview (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 1

9:00am Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the FY2019 City Budget (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 8

9:00am Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the FY2019 City Budget (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 9

6:00pm Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the FY2019 School Department Budget (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 10

9:00am Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the FY2019 City Department Budget if Needed (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 14

4:00pm 2018 City of Cambridge Scholarship Awards Ceremony This ceremony to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 15

5:00pm Housing Committee (Sullivan Chamber)
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting Budget Adoption (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

TBD 2018 Volunteer Awards Ceremony (Sullivan Chambers)

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 26, 2018

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long been invested in making it as easy as possible for residents and those interested in viewing City Council meetings to do so via broadcasting these meetings on television and on the City’s website; and

WHEREAS: Within the past two years, the City has invested a great deal of resources in upgrading our ability to broadcast our City Council meetings, yet the online broadcasts continue to be plagued by various technical difficulties, which have continued to frustrate the efforts of those wishing to view our meetings online; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City personnel to place a contact number on the City Council’s website for the public to call when experiencing difficulties in viewing City Council meetings online; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to determine why there continues to be significant audio and video difficulties during live internet broadcasts of City Council meetings, how these difficulties can be resolved, and to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-2 Feb 26, 2018

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has indicated its intent to move forward with creating a bike infrastructure network, and with the public discussions around how to make our streets safer for bicyclists, motorists, and pedestrians, and with evaluations of how to best establish a bicycle lane infrastructure continuing throughout the city, it is imperative that the City make deliberate efforts to ensure that the voices of all stakeholders, including those residents like our senior citizens who may have difficulties in making it out to attend public hearings, are heard and factored into all decisions going forward; and

WHEREAS: On Feb 12, 2018, the City Council [voted in favor of establishing a new working group consisting of the various stakeholders](#) to determine how to best move this conversation forward; and

WHEREAS: It is vitally important that this working group hear from the young and old, the able-bodied and those with mobility impairments, in order to find an appropriate resolution that factors in the various needs, concerns, and viewpoints throughout this community; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager and the Mayor’s Office be and hereby are requested to direct this new bicycle lane working group, once it has been convened, to hold a series of “listening sessions” at the senior buildings throughout Cambridge in order to ensure that our senior residents, who might otherwise be unable to attend the various hearings to weigh in on this issue, will have adequate opportunities to have their voices heard on an issue that could have an outsized impact upon them.

O-3 Feb 26, 2018

MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The 2018 Congressional City Conference hosted by the National League of Cities will take place in Washington, D.C., from Mar 11 through 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS: A majority of City Councillors will be attending the Conference, making quorum impossible; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Regular City Council Meeting scheduled for Mon, Mar 12, 2018, be and hereby is cancelled.

O-4 Feb 26, 2018

MAYOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the Regular City Council Meeting scheduled for Mon, Apr 9, 2018, be and hereby is changed to a

Roundtable/Working Meeting for the purpose of discussing the draft version of the Climate Change Preparedness and Resilience Plan for Alewife.

O-5 Feb 26, 2018

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The City's recently adopted Vision Zero Action Plan will create much needed safety zones which will lower the speed limit to 20 MPH in the five major squares in accordance with [Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90, Section 18B](#); and

WHEREAS: The Vision Zero Action Plan also calls for exploring additional safety zone locations and "including safety zones in the toolbox of traffic calming solutions" over the course of the next three years; and

WHEREAS: Recent close calls, accidents, and fatalities in our City have highlighted the need for more immediate intervention and the urgent creation of safety zones not only in the five major squares, but also more broadly across the city including (but not limited to) areas containing schools, parks, youth centers, small residential streets, senior centers, senior housing, public housing, or anywhere else in close proximity to land-uses serving vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS: In 2016, the City Council [voted in support](#) of posting advisory speed limit signage to encourage that motor vehicles travel at a speed lower than that which is required by law, but no further action was taken on the matter and the concept of advisory speed limit signage was not included in the Vision Zero Action Plan; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Police Department recently received a \$50,000 grant to support and supplement speed enforcement and traffic safety; and

WHEREAS: Research has shown that increasing the enforcement of speed limits and other traffic laws reduces crash rates and traffic injuries; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with City Staff to explore the possibility of accelerating the timeline for establishing safety zones on roads adjacent to land-uses serving vulnerable populations, including (but not limited to) the aforementioned examples, from a 3 year goal to something more immediate in accordance with [Chapter 90, Section 18B](#); and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with all relevant City staff and departments to examine the feasibility of posting advisory signage to broadly encourage a motor vehicle speed limit of 15 MPH in areas serving vulnerable populations; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with all relevant City staff and departments to examine the feasibility of increasing enforcement of our traffic laws prominently and immediately, including but not limited to stronger enforcement of: running red lights in safety zones, illegal right turns on red, speeding, and failure to yield to pedestrians at crosswalks.

O-6 Feb 26, 2018

MAYOR MCGOVERN

HEREAS: White Ribbon Day is recognized in Massachusetts on Thurs, Mar 1, 2018, and the White Ribbon Campaign is an internationally celebrated movement inviting men to join the fight against all gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS: Every sector of our population, regardless of race, culture, income, and lifestyle, is impacted by violence against women and all forms of gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge will continue to work to stop all forms of violence through its numerous innovative programs and initiatives throughout the city, including the formation of the male-led Mending Cambridge group, which works to engage men and boys

in ending violence against women and all gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS: On White Ribbon Day, Mending Cambridge will engage men and boys as agents of change on an issue historically addressed by women by hosting an interactive dialogue about sexual harassment on Mar 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS: A spotlight of a white ribbon will be illuminated on City Hall upon passing of this resolution for the week leading up to White Ribbon Day; and

WHEREAS: White Ribbon Day will reinforce Cambridge's commitment that violence against women and all gender-based violence is not tolerated—this, in turn, will promote healthier gender attitudes and overall community health; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Mayor Marc McGovern and the City Council go on record proclaiming Mar 1, 2018, as Cambridge White Ribbon Day, and the week of Feb 26 to Mar 2, 2018, a celebration of the work of Cambridge and its partners in a cohesive effort to end all gender-based violence in all its manifestations; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to City Manager Louis DePasquale, Chief Public Health Officer Claude Jacob, Cambridge Police Commissioner Branville G. Bard, Jr., and Cambridge Rindge and Latin School Principal Damon Smith on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-7 Feb 26, 2018

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Since November of 2016, a master planning process for the City of Cambridge, called Envision Cambridge, has been underway beginning in Alewife; and

WHEREAS: To support the work of City staff and hired consultants, several working groups of residents and community stakeholders have been formed, including a 14-member Envision Alewife Working Group, whose charge is to "...help guide the Alewife district study and develop comprehensive and actionable recommendations for the area"; and

WHEREAS: As work has progressed, the views of the members of the Envision Alewife Working Group have at times diverged from those of city staff and consultants, though all involved are advocating for the best possible plan to enhance this neighborhood for housing, economic development, open space, and transportation; and

WHEREAS: All 14 members of the Envision Alewife Working Group signed a letter dated Nov 29, 2017 expressing concerns over the lack of transit and access improvements being presented for the area, especially given the large scope of development that has been completed, is in process, and is being envisioned for the future; and

WHEREAS: A draft of this letter was presented at a City Council Roundtable Meeting regarding Envision Cambridge held on Nov 20, 2017 at which time members of the City Council generally shared the view that it is essential to include plans for a bridge crossing the railroad tracks to connect development on Concord Avenue to development on Cambridgepark Drive, the Alewife T station, and a potential long-discussed Commuter Rail station at Alewife; and

WHEREAS: The unanimous letter by the Envision Alewife Working Group, attached to this Policy Order, is here being formally submitted to the City Council, as the Envision Cambridge planning process gives our City a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a well-connected, green, diverse, and accessible community that balances the need for affordable housing, commercial space, open space, fabrication/light industrial space, and transit access; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has an opportunity to continue to be a leader in transit-oriented development; and

WHEREAS: In this neighborhood, there will be approximately 20,000 residents and employees, adjacent to a commuter rail line and subway station, but only half have convenient and safe access to the subway station and none have access to a commuter rail line at Alewife; and

WHEREAS: It is critical that we include transit access as a key part of the Envision Cambridge plan; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record supporting the letter presented by the Envision Alewife Working Group in stating that a pedestrian/bicycle/shuttle bridge from the Quadrangle area along Concord Avenue across the railroad tracks to the Triangle area on Cambridgepark Drive and a commuter rail stop are critical to create neighborhoods that are safe and healthy for residents and businesses; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with City staff on the feasibility of initiating a formal transit study and action plan of the Alewife area in response to these unanimous concerns of the Envision Alewife Working Group, and report back at a Transportation and Public Utilities Committee hearing to be scheduled in early spring 2018.

O-8 Feb 26, 2018

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Katherine T. "Kittie" Knox was a bicycling pioneer who resided in Cambridge in the late 1800s who brought down barriers of racial and gender-based discrimination, and it is only fitting that the City should find a location in the city to place a suitable marker to commemorate her life and legacy; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward this order to the Dedication Committee for review.

O-9 Feb 26, 2018

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge lost a beloved resident, activist, and inspiration when Renae D. Gray passed away on Jan 24, 2017, and it is only fitting that the City should find a location in the city to place a suitable marker to commemorate her life and legacy; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward this order to the Dedication Committee for review.

O-10 Feb 26, 2018

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: Since the completion of the Cambridge Common renovations, the paths across the park do not drain properly, and are therefore prone to collecting water in pools; and

WHEREAS: This pooling poses both comfort and safety issues to the public as the puddles, of various depths, create inconvenient obstacles for pedestrians in warmer weather that become truly dangerous when frozen during colder weather; and

WHEREAS: Residents have been reporting that the paths' drainage has been problematic since their installation and have been inquiring as to when the issue will be addressed and the drainage problems fixed; and

WHEREAS: In email exchanges with City Staff which have been ongoing for over a year, it was stated that the City was working with MassDOT and the contractor with an expectation to have the issue resolved by Spring of 2017, but excess water is still an ongoing issue; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with an explanation of the causes of the Cambridge Common drainage problems, an expected date that the paths will be redone so that they drain properly, and any lessons City staff may have learned about the renovation process so that future contractual work does not result in similar problems.

O-11 Feb 26, 2018

MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The Central Square branch of Enterprise Rent-A-Car (25 River Street) that fronts Western Avenue, River Street, and Franklin Street has been observed to park commercially operated vehicles so that they encroach upon the sidewalks around the facility, obstructing the public way for pedestrians; and

WHEREAS: Residents have repeatedly voiced their concern to Enterprise Rent-A-Car over the practice, which places pedestrians closer to traffic as they walk around parked commercial vehicles, reduces sidewalk width below ADA compliance, and converts portions of the public way to commercial use; and

WHEREAS: Despite these appeals, commercially operated vehicles continue to be recorded obstructing the public way; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department and the Cambridge Police Department to increase enforcement of relevant laws around the Enterprise Rent-A-Car location with the goal of compliance; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to issue a cease and desist letter to Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

O-12 Feb 26, 2018

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MALLON

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: For the past eight years, the Cambridge District Court has been relocated to a building in Medford, a move that has made it significantly difficult, in some cases prohibitively so, for too many Cambridge residents looking to utilize the Court's services who have been unable to travel out to that location; and

WHEREAS: Far too many members of the Cambridge community, particularly those who have been impacted by domestic violence, have reported that traveling to Medford is a significant enough burden that many have not been able to avail themselves of the Court's services, and this can have far-reaching and negative repercussions upon their lives; and

WHEREAS: Numerous local domestic violence advocates have impressed upon the members of the City Council the importance of relocating the Cambridge District Court back to its originally assigned jurisdiction within the City of Cambridge, and while there has been some discussion about this return to Cambridge hopefully taking place in 2020, far too many people will be negatively impacted in the meantime; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record expressing strong support to expedite the relocation of the Cambridge District Court from Malden back to its originally assigned jurisdiction within the City of Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the members of the Cambridge Delegation to the State Legislature, and to Judge Roanne Sragow, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-13 Feb 26, 2018

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The public toilet in Harvard Square is an important public amenity in a high traffic area and has recently experienced service interruption due to frozen pipes caused by January's frigid temperatures; and

WHEREAS: The toilet suffered from the same type of service interruption from frozen pipes during last year's frigid winter; and

WHEREAS: The public toilet project was complex in both its siting and construction and took more than one year to complete and open for public use; and

WHEREAS: An update posted on the City's website stated that the repairs would be completed early in the week of Feb 4th but those repairs did not happen on time; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with an explanation of why it took so long to repair, and what proactive methods are being taken into consideration to prevent this interruption of service from happening again, at either the Harvard Square or the Central Square public toilet.

O-14 Feb 26, 2018
VICE MAYOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Walden Street experiences a high volume of traffic between Concord Avenue and Sherman Street and is apt to be clogged with bumper-to-bumper traffic at peak hours; and
WHEREAS: The intersection of Walden Street and Garden Street is in close proximity to a school, playground, and park; and
WHEREAS: Walden Street at Garden Street has a relatively new curb extension on one side, but a raised four-way crosswalk was considered at one point; and
WHEREAS: The intersection of Walden Street and Sherman Street also is very busy, and is further complicated by a large construction project on the Northwest corner that blocks sight lines and often obstructs or narrows the road and sidewalks; and
WHEREAS: A new development is beginning on the Southeast corner of Walden Street and Concord Avenue on the site of the former gas station, which may further compromise safety for people moving through the intersection and using the sidewalks; and
WHEREAS: None of these four busy streets offers any protection for people on bikes; and
WHEREAS: Residents have expressed concerns about safety of all three of these intersections; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department and report back to the City Council on what further improvements can be made to improve safety for all users of the intersections of Walden Street with Concord Avenue, Garden Street and Sherman Street.

O-15 Feb 26, 2018
COUNCILLOR MALLON
COUNCILLOR CARLONE
MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: It has come to the City Council's attention that the Mobil Gas Station, located at 808/812 Memorial Drive, has applied for a malt and wine beverages liquor license; and
WHEREAS: The application for said license has been met with significant opposition from the residents of 808/812 Memorial Drive, with many residents voicing concerns that the increased availability of alcohol in this location could potentially negatively impact them, particularly school-age/minor children, religious communities, and seniors who live there; and
WHEREAS: No other gas station in Cambridge has been granted a license to sell alcoholic beverages of any kind; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the License Commission and any other relevant City department to take appropriate measures to ensure that the residents of 808/812 Memorial Drive are given adequate opportunity to weigh in with their concerns prior to any final decisions on this matter.

O-16 Feb 26, 2018
MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has been graced with many luminary individuals throughout our centuries, forming a lineage of innovators and leaders, entrepreneurs and humanitarians who

helped give shape to our community as they reshaped the world and its people; and
WHEREAS: To this line we commit Henri A. Termeer, a pioneer and revolutionary in the biotech field, whose inspiration stimulated the development of an industry, and whose life's work transformed the lives of those who suffered hopelessly with rare genetic diseases; and
WHEREAS: Termeer spoke of Massachusetts' "responsibility to lead, to use the talents and capabilities [our state] built over many years," sentiments he manifested in promoting a "patient centric" approach in building the rare disease industry, and as CEO of Genzyme, co-founder of the Network for Excellence in Health Innovation, and member of the MIT Corporation, all based here in Cambridge; and
WHEREAS: In addition to his contributions to science and medicine, Termeer was known for his thoughtfulness, philanthropy, and endless energy which he dedicated to helping others aspire in the healthcare industry to be bold, and think big; now therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the Mayor and City Council of Cambridge do hereby honor the life and example of Henri A. Termeer, who reminds us all to give more, to question further, and to strive harder in pursuit of an end to the maladies and inequities of this world; and be it further
RESOLVED: That His Honor the Mayor, on behalf of the entire City Council, hereby declares that Feb 28, 2018, in conjunction with Rare Disease Day, be recognized as Henri A. Termeer Day in the City of Cambridge, a City that he helped to make synonymous with biotechnical innovation; and be it further
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Henri A. Termeer Tribute Committee, and to his family, his wife Belinda, and children Adriana and Nicholas on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-17 Feb 26, 2018
COUNCILLOR CARLONE
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: State Representative Denise Provost is the lead sponsor of House Bill 3017, An Act to Preserve Affordable Housing Through a Local Option Tenant's Right to Purchase; and
WHEREAS: Representative Provost's bill was not successfully passed through committee, leaving cities to find solutions to the affordable housing crisis; and
WHEREAS: The Cambridge Legislative Delegation, including State Senator Pat Jehlen, State Representative Mike Connolly, State Representative Marjorie Decker and State Representative Dave Rogers, are all signed on as sponsors to said bill; and
WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge recently promoted the idea of tenant's right of first refusal as part of their affordable housing strategy but no substantive measures have been taken thus far in city government; and
WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge and the entire region is facing an affordable housing crisis; and
WHEREAS: The Right of First Refusal bill represents an opportunity for home ownership and limited displacement at no cost to property owners; and
WHEREAS: Cities such as Washington D.C. have enacted similar legislation that provides renters an opportunity to become homeowners; and
WHEREAS: Cities in Massachusetts have the right to file home rule petitions for innovative measures not yet considered by the State; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to draft language for a home rule petition for a Cambridge Right of First Refusal Legislation.

O-18 Feb 26, 2018
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI
MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: In September 2015, the City of Cambridge amended Section 11.200 of the Zoning Ordinance after the completion of the Incentive Zoning Nexus Study in January 2015; and

WHEREAS: The Incentive Zoning Provisions require that large non-residential developments make a financial contribution to the Affordable Housing Trust in order to mitigate the impact of these developments on the need for affordable housing in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The 2015 Nexus Study recommended increasing the housing contribution rate to \$12 per square foot, with an annual rate increase of \$1 per year over three years, in addition to another annual increase based on the Consumer Price Index; other recommendations from the study included expanding the incentive requirements and removing the special permit requirement so that the requirements would apply to all large non-residential developments; and

WHEREAS: The Zoning Ordinance states “the City shall initiate a reevaluation of the Housing Contribution Rate and any other aspect of these Incentive Zoning Provisions at an interval of no less than three (3) years from the time the rate was last amended by the City Council; and

WHEREAS: Such reevaluation shall include a report provided to the City Council reviewing economic factors including but not limited to development activity, commercial rents per square foot, employment growth, housing trends measured in terms of, but not limited to, vacancy rates, production statistics, and prices for dwelling units, and the nexus between Incentive Projects and housing”; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department to develop a timeline for the next Incentive Zoning Nexus Study; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on progress regarding the study by April 2018.

O-19 Feb 26, 2018
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Improperly discarded syringes and needles are a City-wide safety concern; and

WHEREAS: Residents have reported finding syringes and needles on sidewalks, streets, and in parks and are unsure of what to do when they come across them; and

WHEREAS: There are some resources set up to assist residents such as the Cambridge Police Department or Cambridge Fire Department who will respond to calls, and some self-disposal kiosks at health centers and the Police Department, but a clearly defined and publicly understood 24/7 needle response option does not exist; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City and Cambridge Public Health Department staff to create a formal 24/7 response program for residents to report, and the City to remove, dangerous syringes and needles; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with City staff to provide easily accessible needle safety information, to include emergency needle or syringe removal and disposal contacts, on the City’s website; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this issue.

O-20 Feb 26, 2018
MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Rare Disease Day is an annual awareness day dedicated to educating the general public about rare diseases and their associated challenges, including what patients, families, and caregivers face each day in battling these diseases; and

WHEREAS: People with rare diseases have tremendous unmet needs, including misdiagnosis, long wait times time to receive correct diagnosis, and limited treatment options; and

WHEREAS: The theme for Rare Disease Day 2018 is research, an endeavor in which Cambridge stands at the forefront globally with large portions of our residents, workforce, and research institutions dedicated to advancing biotechnical solutions for diseases that afflict humankind; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That His Honor, the Mayor, on behalf of the entire City Council, proclaims Feb 28, 2018, to be Rare Disease Day in the City of Cambridge, in recognition of the research and education that remains in finding cures for patients the world over, and with optimism that the answers to those challenges may be found in Cambridge.

O-21 Feb 26, 2018
MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR MALLON

WHEREAS: The epidemic level of gun violence in our nation reflects a failure of leadership to take meaningful steps to protect Americans, including the most vulnerable in our schools; and

WHEREAS: As our student populations have so powerfully articulated, it’s time for our elected officials to act to prevent future attacks; and

WHEREAS: Legislation filed by State Representative Marjorie Decker would allow Massachusetts courts to issue an “extreme risk protection order” to “suspend or surrender” firearms in the possession of individuals posing a risk to themselves or others, taking into account whether the individual: has recently made a violent threat against self or others; demonstrated a pattern of violent acts against others; is suffering from dangerous mental health issues; violates an abuse prevention order; has been convicted of domestic violence; and/or has unlawfully or recklessly used a firearm; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council endorses H. 3610, “An Act Temporarily Preventing Firearm Access for Extremely Dangerous or Suicidal Individuals,” sponsored by Representative Marjorie Decker, and commends her for taking a leadership role to protect the residents of this City and of the Commonwealth from further gun violence; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Representative Marjorie Decker on behalf of the entire City Council.