

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following person as a member of the Affordable Housing Trust for a term of three years, effective Feb 6, 2017: Cheryl-Ann Pizza-Zeoli
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the City of Cambridge retaining its noteworthy distinction of being one of approximately 35 municipalities in the United States with AAA ratings from each of the nation's three major credit rating agencies.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an order requesting that each prior City Council authorization to borrow money to pay for capital projects will now use the premium to pay for issuance costs and reduce the amount borrowed for each project in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by the Municipal Modernization Act.

Agenda #3 Feb 27, 2017

WHEREAS: That each prior order of the City Council that authorizes the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects is hereby supplemented to provide that, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by the Municipal Modernization Act, so-called, the premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied.

4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$48,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Finance (Personnel) Other Ordinary Maintenance account. This appropriation will be used to procure consultant services to assist in the hiring of a new Police Commissioner.
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a revised and [annotated version of the Central Square Restoration Zoning Petition](#).

## ON THE TABLE

1. 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.]
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 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

6. 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. The question comes on adoption on or after Feb 20, 2017.
7. 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. The question comes on adoption on or after Feb 20, 2017.
8. 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. The question comes on adoption on or after Feb 20, 2017.
9. 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. [The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Feb 27, 2017. Planning Board hearing held Nov 29, 2016. Petition expires Mar 1, 2017.]

## APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Reviewed.com, requesting permission for two projecting sign at the premises numbered 19 Brookline Street and 147 Green Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.
2. An application was received from Middle East Restaurant, requesting permission for two awnings at the premises numbered 10 Brookline Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.

3. A [Zoning Petition](#) has been received from the owner of the property at Third Street and Cambridge Street to amend the existing zoning at that location to authorize the construction of a 45 unit residential building with small scale retail on the ground floor and parking below grade.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from John Boesen, 25 Suffolk Street, regarding the Central Square Restoration Petition.
2. A communication was received from Rosemary Booth and Jerry “Leary, 303 Third Street, regarding a Tree Task Force.
3. A communication was received from Jay Kiely, on behalf of Forest City Realty Trust, expressing support for the Central Square Restoration Petition.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. That the City Council go on record congratulating Professor Charles J. Olgetree, Jr. for being presented with the prestigious NAACP Chairman’s Award. Mayor Simmons
2. Thanks to Luis Vasquez for his service to fathers in Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
3. Congratulations to Rachael Cobb and Matthew Mazzotta on the birth of their daughter Cecelila Lucia Mazzotta. Vice Mayor McGovern
4. Speedy recovery wishes to Trudy Goodman. Vice Mayor McGovern
5. Speedy recovery wishes to Kelly Dugas. Vice Mayor McGovern
6. Congratulations to the Prospect Hill Academy Robotics Team for winning first place in the MIT Zero Robotics virtual competition. Councillor Devereux
7. Resolution on the death of Judy A. (Calvalho) Kiely. Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
8. Resolution on the death of Walter J. Fabianski. Councillor Maher
9. Resolution on the death of Frank Moretti. Councillor Toomey
10. Resolution on the 10th Birthday Bash of Friends of CRLS. Councillor Toomey

#### **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Mayor to make the Sullivan Chamber and the prior goal setting facilitator, or any professional facilitator, available on a weekly basis for half day or full day City Council goal setting sessions. Councillor Mazen, Councillor Devereux
2. That the City Manager is requested to work with the relevant City departments to determine the feasibility of creating a program in Cambridge with the objective of encouraging residents to explore the selection of food trucks that the City has to offer. Councillor Cheung
3. Cancellation of the City Council meeting of Mar 13, 2017 due to the National League of Cities. Mayor Simmons
4. That the City Manager is requested to reach out to and work with Just A Start, Inc. and other appropriate individuals to facilitate the preservation of the historic stained glass located at 50 York Street, prior to this building’s demolition, and to report back to the City Council on what steps have been taken. Mayor Simmons

5. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City personnel to compile a list of legal resources and a list of frequently-asked-questions for undocumented people living in Cambridge, and to post this information on a new “Immigration Concerns” resource page on the City’s main website and to determine what other specific steps the City can and should take to protect undocumented persons living in Cambridge during the Trump Administration. Mayor Simmons
6. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to determine whether a Stop sign can be re-installed at the intersection of Green Street and Hancock Street, whether there are additional measures the City can and should be taking to make this intersection safer for vehicles and pedestrians alike. Mayor Simmons
7. City Council support of the 10-citizen petition recently presented to the Cambridge Historical Commission, asking for a tiered designation system and other amendments to the Harvard Square Conservation District guidelines and possibly to its boundaries. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Mazen
8. That the City Manager is requested to establish the requirement that all appointments to the City’s commissions, advisory committees, and task forces reflect the City’s diversity and that the Civic Unity Committee is asked to sign off on all such appointments going forward. Mayor Simmons
9. Dedication for Phyllis and Karen Baxter. Vice Mayor McGovern
10. Dedication of the Pemberton Street Dog Run in honor of Charles J. “Charlie” Giacobbe. Councillor Kelley, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Maher
11. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on whether a Municipal ID program could be established in Cambridge. Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Mazen
12. That the City Manager is requested to provide the City Council with a full update on the results of the survey to determine the maintenance and investment needs of Cambridge firehouses. Councillor Cheung
13. That the City Manager is requested to provide an update to the City Council on what progress has been made in meeting the goal of creating 1,000 new affordable units by the end of this decade. Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern
14. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City Departments and industry leaders to generate a report on the potential growth of next-generation wireless technology in the City, to include: the expected footprint of citywide coverage from just one company and what market competition might produce; the integration of public and private infrastructure to support the network; what local standards the City might hope to maintain relative to aesthetics and safety; and how this new technology fits into our Broadband access plans. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Devereux, Councillor Cheung
15. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Director of the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department and other appropriate City personnel to

- determine if a stop sign can be erected at the intersection located between 150 Cambridgepark Drive and 160 Cambridgepark Drive and to determine if additional traffic safety measures are needed in this area. Mayor Simmons
16. That the City Manager is requested to notify the owners of the old Harvard Square Theater that they must respond in writing to the City Manager, within 30 days of receiving said notice, with their long-term plans for this property. Councillor Cheung, Councillor Devereux, Vice Mayor McGovern
17. Amendments to the Zoning Map and Ordinance by creating a new Section 11.900 - Registration of Vacant/Abandoned Buildings; Maintenance and Security Requirements. Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Carlone
18. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ask the Volpe Working Group to consider how the GSA building will be integrated in with the rest of the site and to ask the independent design consultant to be more involved in the urban design process going forward. Councillor Cheung
19. Declare Mar 1, 2017 Cambridge White Ribbon Day, and for the week of Feb 27 – Mar 3, 2017 to be a celebration of the collective work that Cambridge and its partners engage in to put a stop to all gender-based violence in all its manifestations. Mayor Simmons
20. Proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinances regarding rooftop spaces in Central Square. Councillor Cheung, Councillor Carlone

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

1. A communication was received from Councillor Jan Devereux, transmitting three follow-up questions to the City Solicitor regarding the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance.

**HEARING SCHEDULE**

**Mon, Feb 27**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Feb 28**

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)

**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)

**Mon, Mar 6**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, Mar 8**

3:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code in Chapter 8.12.010 entitled “Selfservice station regulations.” (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 13**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Thurs, Mar 16**

3:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a zoning petition filed by Richard Harding et al to amend the Central Square Overlay District by amending Sections 20.307.8.1(a) and (b) and 20.307.6.2(a). This hearing to be televised. (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, and any other changes to the existing leaf blower ordinance that the City Council may wish to consider. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 27**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, Mar 29**

3:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to strike out Section 8.23 entitled “Nonconformity” and substitute in place thereof a new Section 8.23. This hearing to be televised. (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)

**Mon, Sept 11**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Sept 18**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Sept 25**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Feb 27, 2017

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The recent City Council goal setting session provided a detail oriented look at the size of scope of the City Council goal setting process; and

WHEREAS: It became clear during the City Council goal setting session that a few or even several other sessions would be necessary to complete the work; and

WHEREAS: This is urgent work due to the impending budget process; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Mayor to make the Sullivan Chamber and the prior goal setting facilitator, or any professional facilitator, available on a weekly basis for half day or full day City Council goal setting sessions; and further be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record committing to weekly sessions starting in February until the City Council goals have been finished in an exhaustive and professional manner.

O-2 Feb 27, 2017

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Food trucks play a vital role in the City’s burgeoning culinary scene; and

WHEREAS: Cities like Somerville have organized weekly “mini food truck parks” during the summer to encourage residents to explore their selection of local food trucks; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge could benefit greatly from organizing such an event; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the relevant City departments to determine the feasibility of creating a similar program in Cambridge with the objective of encouraging residents to explore the selection of food trucks that the City has to offer.

O-3 Feb 27, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Council meeting scheduled for Mar 13, 2017 be canceled due to the fact that the members of the City Council will be in Washington, DC for the National League of Cities.

O-4 Feb 27, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to reach out to and work with Just A Start, Inc. and other appropriate individuals to facilitate the preservation of the historic stained glass located at 50 York Street, prior to this building’s demolition, and to report back to the City Council on what steps have been taken.

O-5 Feb 27, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: As President Trump continues [to issue Executive Orders intended to round up and deport undocumented immigrants](#), people in diverse, progressive communities like Cambridge have been growing increasingly alarmed at the prospect of themselves, their friends, or their neighbors being subjected to harassment and/or intimidation from Immigration and Customs Enforcement [ICE] officers; and

WHEREAS: Increasing numbers of Cambridge residents have been anxiously reaching out to City representatives in greater frequency, seeking advice on what legal rights and legal protections they may have if they do encounter ICE officials; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City personnel to compile a list of legal resources and a list of frequently-asked-questions for undocumented people living in Cambridge, and to post this information on a new “Immigration Concerns” resource page on the City’s main website; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to determine what other specific steps the City can and should take to protect undocumented persons living in Cambridge during the Trump Administration, and to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-6 Feb 27, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: A number of residents have reached out to voice concern about speeding vehicles in the area of the intersection of Green Street and Hancock Street; and

WHEREAS: These residents have noted that there used to be a Stop sign located at this intersection, but it was ultimately removed for reasons that are unclear, and since that time, the frequency of speeding motorists has increased, leaving neighbors in the area feel unsafe; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to determine whether a Stop sign can be re-installed at the intersection of Green Street and Hancock Street, whether there are additional measures the City can and should be taking to make this intersection safer for vehicles and pedestrians alike, and to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-7 Feb 27, 2017

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: Section 2.78.180 of the Cambridge Municipal Code states that, “any ten registered voters of the City may petition the Historical Commission to initiate...the process of designating a landmark or neighborhood conservation district or amending or rescinding any such designation theretofore made”; and

WHEREAS: On Jan 31, 2017, a 10-citizen petition was presented to the Cambridge Historical Commission, asking that the City Manager appoint a study committee to review the language of the Harvard Square Conservation District and amend its goals and guidelines, including adding a tiered designation system for historic buildings; and

WHEREAS: Buildings within the Harvard Square Conservation District vary in significance, with certain buildings deserving a greater level of protection due to their architectural, socio-cultural, and historical importance to Harvard Square and the City of Cambridge as a whole; and

WHEREAS: The current guidelines for the Harvard Square Conservation District have no designations, treating all buildings with the same level of protection, unless they are landmarked or their storefronts are designated as historically significant; and

WHEREAS: A two-tiered system would allow for the designation of certain buildings as “significant,” giving them greater protection similar to that of an historic district, and allowing other buildings to remain “contributing”; and

WHEREAS: This distinction between “significant” and “contributing” buildings has been San Francisco’s model for commercial areas within their Conservation District; and

WHEREAS: The petition presented to the Cambridge Historical Commission also requested that the appointed study committee consider further adjustments to the Conservation District guidelines, including the need for night light studies accompanying any proposed development, requiring the Historic Commission to hold at least two public hearings before approving any demolition, requiring all plans to be uploaded to the Commission’s website for easy public viewing, reviewing the Conservation District boundaries, and hiring a court reporter to take minutes, consistent with the Planning Board and BZA procedures; and

WHEREAS: This petition will be discussed at the Historical Commission’s meeting on Mar 2, 2017; now therefore be it  
RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby goes on record in supporting the 10-citizen petition recently presented to the Cambridge Historical Commission, asking for a tiered designation system and other amendments to the Harvard Square Conservation District guidelines and possibly to its boundaries.

O-8 Feb 27, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to establish the requirement that all appointments to the City’s commissions, advisory committees, and task forces reflect the City’s diversity and that the Civic Unity Committee is asked to sign off on all such appointments going forward.

O-9 Feb 27, 2017

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider a request from Vice Mayor Marc McGovern for a corner dedication for Phyllis and Karen Baxter.

O-10 Feb 27, 2017

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of Charles J. “Charlie” Giacobbe, a longtime resident of Cambridge until his passing on Dec 23, 2016; and

WHEREAS: Charlie was a friend to animals in this City, sharing his home with numerous dogs, including Duke, Harry, and Jerry who survives him; and

WHEREAS: Charlie participated in North Cambridge Stabilization Committee meetings wherein neighbors discussed the installation of a dog park against the train tracks behind the tennis courts on Pemberton Street; and

WHEREAS: Charlie kept up discussion of the possibility of this dog park with other local dog owners for years and was thrilled when it finally came to be; and

WHEREAS: Charlie was an important member of the local dog owner community, helping other owners to train and otherwise support healthy dogs (such as feeding them carrots); and

WHEREAS: Charlie used his connection with dog owners, in and out of the new dog park, to help build a stronger North Cambridge community; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider a request from Councillor Kelley, Councillor Maher, and Mayor Simmons to name the Pemberton Street Dog Run in honor of Charlie Giacobbe; 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 Giacobbe family, his wife Dorothy and daughters Anne Marie and Christina, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-11 Feb 27, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: On Jan 20, 2016, the City Council passed a policy order asking that the City explore the feasibility of implementing a Municipal ID program in the city; and

WHEREAS: Municipal ID programs are designed to give individuals, such as the homeless or undocumented residents, a valid proof of identity when they are interacting with law enforcement personnel, applying for jobs, seeking medical assistance, going to the library, or opening bank accounts; and

WHEREAS: These Municipal ID programs have also come to be viewed as an increasingly important tool for municipalities who wish to protect their residents from the possibility of increased targeting and harassment by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS: On Sept 19, 2016, the City Manager provided an initial response on some of the challenges that would exist

in establishing such a program, yet the underlying question of whether there is a feasible means of establishing this program remains unanswered; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on whether a Municipal ID program could be established in Cambridge, and what steps would be necessary to carry this out.

O-12 Feb 27, 2017  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Last spring, the City conducted an independent infrastructure survey to determine the maintenance and investment needs of Cambridge firehouses; and  
WHEREAS: Considerable time has passed since the City Council has received an update on the results of the survey; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with a full update on the results of the survey.

O-13 Feb 27, 2017  
MAYOR SIMMONS  
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: On Jan 5, 2015, the City Council [passed a policy order](#) asking that the City commit to constructing 1,000 brand new affordable housing units in the City by the end of this decade; and  
WHEREAS: On Sept 21, 2015, the City Manager [reported back on the feasibility of achieving that goal](#), with the Director of the Community Development Department writing in a memorandum that "...a production goal of 1,000 units in five years would be a significant increase to the City's historic rates of affordable housing creation," and that "[n]ew tools would be needed to achieve this goal;" and  
WHEREAS: The need to increase the amount of affordable units in the community remains a pressing matter, and there remains a significant appetite amongst the City Council and the community they represent for the City to pursue more aggressive strategies in not only maintaining but in expanding the stock of affordable units throughout Cambridge; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide an update to the City Council on what progress has been made in meeting the goal of creating 1,000 new affordable units by the end of this decade.

O-14 Feb 27, 2017  
COUNCILLOR KELLEY  
COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Entrepreneurial internet providers are rolling out a new generation of high-speed internet access that relies on "millimeter-wave" radio broadcasting, a shift from fiber optic cable service used by FiOS or Google Fiber; and  
WHEREAS: While capable of communicating significant amounts of data wirelessly, the millimeter wave technology has a limited range that requires a high density of transmitters in an area for reliable coverage; and  
WHEREAS: Two of these companies are already making inroads in Cambridge, with the Boston-based Starry Internet company piloting a program here, and Georgia-based Mobilitie, Inc. currently petitioning the Pole and Conduit Commission for right-of-way installation of their 5G

wireless broadcasters at numerous locations around the City; and

WHEREAS: The FCC is currently developing new guidelines for such installations that may preempt local regulations, or as Verizon urged in a letter to the Commission, to "use its authority...to require localities to negotiate fair, responsible, and timely [right-of-way] agreements;" and  
WHEREAS The density of transmitters required by the 5G coverage, magnified by the number of competing providers, may cause further crowding on the City's already cluttered pole infrastructure, raising aesthetic and safety concerns (as the FCC acknowledges); and  
WHEREAS: City bodies, including the Council and Pole and Conduit Commission have little guidance on how the economic and service advantages of this new technology stack up against its associated concerns; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City Departments and industry leaders to generate a report on the potential growth of next generation wireless technology in the City, to include: the expected footprint of citywide coverage from just one company and what market competition might produce; the integration of public and private infrastructure to support the network; what local standards the City might hope to maintain relative to aesthetics and safety; and how this new technology fits into our Broadband access plans; 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-15 Feb 27, 2017  
MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: A number of residents living in the Cambridgepark Drive neighborhood have voiced concerns about the dangerousness of the intersection at the access road between 150 Cambridgepark Drive and 160 Cambridgepark Drive, in which a number of pedestrians report having nearly been hit by speeding cars; and  
WHEREAS: These residents have also voiced concerns about food trucks parking in that area during the afternoon hours, with the placement of these trucks obstructing the view of motorists near that intersection and increasing the possibility of collisions with pedestrians; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Director of the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department and other appropriate City personnel to determine if a stop sign can be erected at the intersection located between 150 Cambridgepark Drive and 160 Cambridgepark Drive, to determine if additional traffic safety measures are needed in this area as well, and to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-16 Feb 27, 2017  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG  
COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX  
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The old Harvard Square Theater at 10 Church Street has been a blight on the thriving Harvard Square community for quite some time; and  
WHEREAS: The property owner has been unresponsive to the City's repeated requests to do something with the property; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to notify the owners of the old Harvard Square Theater that they must respond in writing to the City Manager, within 30 days of receiving said notice, with their long-term plans for this property; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with all the available options the City can take to rid Harvard Square of this eyesore.

O-17 Feb 27, 2017  
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

ORDERED: That the following amendments to the Zoning Map and Ordinance be referred to the Planning Board and Ordinance Committee for hearing and report:

- Create a new Section 11.900 – Registration of Vacant/Abandoned Buildings; Maintenance and Security Requirements

### **11.900 MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY OF VACANT OR ABANDONED BUILDINGS**

**11.901** *Statement of Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to reduce the prevalence of abandoned or vacant buildings throughout the City of Cambridge and to issue standards by which property owners should seek to maintain a building in the instance that it is not occupied. Boarded buildings and long-term vacancies in residential and non-residential areas discourage economic development, lower property values, and can pose safety hazards to neighboring properties.

#### **11.902** *Applicability of Regulations.*

**11.902.1** *Definition.* A building shall be defined as vacant or abandoned if it is (1) unoccupied and unsecured; or (2) is unoccupied and secured by boarding or similar means or; (3) is unoccupied and unsafe as defined by Section ### of this code; or (4) has been unoccupied for over 90 days.

For the purposes of this Section 11.902.1, a building shall not be considered vacant or abandoned if (1) there is a valid building permit for repair, rehabilitation, or construction of a building on a parcel and the owner completes the repair, rehabilitation, or construction within one year from the date that the initial permit was issued; or (2) the building complies with all codes, is ready for occupancy, and is actively being offered for sale, lease, or rent.

#### **11.903** Requirements of Residential Properties

**11.903.1** *Registration of Residential Properties* The owner of a vacant or abandoned residential property shall, within (1) 90 days after it has become vacant or abandoned or (2) within 30 days of receiving a Notice of Registration Requirement from the City, register the residential properties with the Inspectional Services Department. The form shall describe the methods by which the owner has secured the property against unauthorized entry, provide a contact phone number for the owner or party responsible for maintenance, state whether there is fire and liability insurance coverage, and provide such other information as the Department deems necessary. Registration shall be required on an annual basis. Upon satisfactory proof to the Department that a

vacant residential space is and has been occupied for at least thirty (30) consecutive days, the space will be unregistered. Proof of occupancy is at the discretion of the Department.

#### **11.903.2** *Residential Maintenance Requirements*

- (A) The exteriors of building(s)/structure(s) on a vacant or abandoned property shall be painted and maintained in a way that does not exhibit any evidence of vacancy. The vacant or abandoned property shall be maintained free of graffiti, tagging, or similar markings.
- (B) The yard(s) of a vacant or abandoned property shall be maintained in a way that does not provide evidence of vacancy.
- (C) No person shall use plywood to secure real property that is deemed vacant or abandoned. The window(s) and door(s) shall be intact and operable and shall be maintained in a way that does not provide evidence of vacancy.
- (D) Instances of rotting of building(s)/structure(s) located on a vacant or abandoned property shall be corrected so that that no rotting is visible, with the exterior painted and kept in good aesthetic condition.

#### **11.903.3** *Residential Security Requirements*

A vacant or abandoned property shall be maintained in a secure manner so as not to be accessible to unauthorized persons. This includes, without limitation, the closure and locking of windows, doors, gates, and pet doors.

#### **11.904** Requirements of Commercial Properties

**11.904.1** *Registration of Commercial Properties* The owner of a vacant or abandoned commercial storefront shall, within (1) 90 days after it has become vacant or abandoned or (2) within 30 days of receiving a Notice of Registration Requirement from the City, register the commercial storefront with the Inspectional Services Department. The form shall describe the methods by which the owner has secured the storefront against unauthorized entry, provide a contact phone number for the owner or party responsible for maintenance, state whether there is fire and liability insurance coverage, and provide such other information as the Department deems necessary. Registration shall be required on an annual basis. Upon satisfactory proof to the Department that a vacant commercial space is and has been occupied for at least thirty (30) consecutive days, the space will be unregistered. Proof of occupancy is at the discretion of the Department.

**11.904.2** *Commercial Property Maintenance Requirements* The storefront and façade of a vacant or abandoned building shall be maintained in a way that does not provide evidence of vacancy.

The interior of a storefront, when visible to passersby through storefront windows, shall be maintained in a way that does not exhibit evidence of vacancy.

No person shall use plywood to secure real property that is deemed vacant or abandoned.

The storefront shall remain free of trash, garbage, junk, debris, any accumulation of newspapers, circulars or flyers, and discarded items.

#### **11.905** *Fee Structure*

A responsible party shall be designated during the registration process and shall pay the initial registration

fees and an annual renewal fee by Jan 1st each following year that the space remains vacant. The fees are intended to recover the costs of administering this section and shall be assessed by the Department annually.

If a property remains vacant or abandoned in excess of 180 days, a monthly fine will be imposed. The monthly fee shall be 4.17 percent of the assessed value of the property.

If a responsible party fails to pay any fee imposed pursuant to this section by the due date, the City is authorized to take action to collect fees including a ten percent (10%) per month late payment penalty.

**11.906 Inspections** The Inspectional Services Director or his or her designee are authorized to conduct inspections to enforce the provisions of this section.

**11.907 Pervasive Vacancy** Should a property remain vacant or abandoned for a period in excess of two (2) years, the City Manager shall commence eminent domain evaluation for report to the Council.

O-18 Feb 27, 2017

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: MIT was awarded the contract by the GSA to develop the Volpe site in November of 2016; and

WHEREAS: We are in the beginning phases of the design process for the development; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ask the Volpe Working Group to consider how the GSA building will be integrated in with the rest of the site; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ask the independent design consultant to be more involved in the urban design process going forward.

O-19 Feb 27, 2017

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: [White Ribbon Day](#) shall be recognized throughout the Commonwealth on Wed, Mar 1, 2017, in support of the international White Ribbon Campaign movement that encourages men to join the fight against all forms of 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 MENDING CAMBRIDGE, a men's leadership group that engages men and boys in challenging stereotypes around masculinity and becoming active allies in working to end gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge will continue working in the collaborative spirit that it is renowned for, engaging different City departments, universities, non-profits, and other community service providers to work together in battling this issue on every front; and

WHEREAS: These groups will use White Ribbon Day as an opportunity to draw attention to this campaign, and to engage men and boys throughout Cambridge as agents of change on an issue that has historically been mainly addressed by women; and

WHEREAS: By recognizing White Ribbon Day, Cambridge will reinforce its commitment to loudly declare that violence

against women and all gender-based violence has no place this community, and the City will continue to work hard to promote healthier gender attitudes and overall community health; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council formally go on record in declaring Mar 1, 2017 to be Cambridge White Ribbon Day, and for the week of Feb 27 – Mar 3, 2017 to be a celebration of the collective work that Cambridge and its partners engage in to put a stop to all gender-based violence in all its manifestations; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to City Manager Louis DePasquale, Chief Public Health Officer Claude Jacob, Acting Cambridge Police Commissioner Brent B. Larrabee, and Cambridge Rindge and Latin School Principal Damon Smith on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-20 Feb 27, 2017

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The Ordinance Committee is currently developing guidelines for rooftop spaces in Central Square; and

WHEREAS: There has been interest in extending similar provisions to suitable locations in Harvard Square; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council refer the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to the Ordinance Committee and Planning Board for a hearing and report:

Addition of 20.54.7

20.54.7 Exempting rooftop spaces from FAR

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Ordinance, the Gross Floor Area of open-air spaces on the roofs of buildings, such as roof gardens, terraces, walk ways, including open and enclosed egresses, covered staircase head houses, or observation spaces shall be exempted from Gross Floor Area and FAR limitations upon the granting of a special permit by the Planning Board in the Business B district of this overlay. In granting the special permit, the Planning Board may place further requirements on the design or operational aspects of spaced exempted pursuant to this paragraph, including hours of operation, range of activities permitted, signage, sound mitigation, lighting, or other measures to ensure that the use of the space is consistent with the intent of the section.