

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on the COVID-19 vaccination rollout.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to additional information and revised Financial Analysis for the Alewife Zoning Petition.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the City of Cambridge retaining its AAA rating from the nation's three major credit rating agencies. [[Moody's](#)] [[Standard & Poor's](#)] [[Fitch](#)]

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. The Health & Environment Committee met on Oct 13, 2020 to conduct a public hearing to discuss amending the Tree Protection Ordinance based on the findings of the Urban Forest Master Plan Task Force. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN IN COUNCIL FEB 22, 2021]

## **ON THE TABLE**

2. Resolution on the Death of William Leeds. [TABLED BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS IN COUNCIL JAN 11, 2021 CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS IN COUNCIL JAN 4, 2021]
3. Vaccinating CPS Staff Plan PO. [TABLED IN COUNCIL FEB 3, 2021]
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-64, requesting Home Rule language to allow for acoustic live entertainment performances in small businesses under certain conditions without a license. [TABLED IN COUNCIL FEB 22, 2021]
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-63, which requested a review of the granting of an extension for the 605 Concord Avenue project. [CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCIL NOLAN IN COUNCIL FEB 3, 2021; TABLED IN COUNCIL FEB 8, 2021]
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a further response to Calendar Item Number 2, regarding a report on reviewing the granting of an extension for the 605 Concord Avenue project, which was previously answered as Awaiting Report Item Number 20-63 on Feb 1, 2021. [TABLED IN COUNCIL FEB 22, 2021]

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-108, regarding a report on offering early voting in City Council and School Committee Elections. [PENDING RESPONSE FROM LEGISLATURE]

8. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City of Cambridge Law Department to review the above changes to the language of the Domestic Partnerships Ordinance and report back to the Council. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL JULY 27, 2020. TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER SEPT 14, 2020]

## **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Patrick Conte, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 303 Binney Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Response has been received from the neighborhood association.
2. An application was received from TD Bank, requesting permission for 4 (four) awnings at the premises numbered 617 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.
3. A Zoning Petition has been received from Beals Associates Inc. regarding Broad Canal Subdistrict Zoning Petition as submitted with strike outs.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from James J. Rafferty, regarding curb cut application 105729 303-325 Binney Street.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Congratulating Gather Here on its 10th Anniversary. Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Toomey
2. Congratulations to Roger Lau for being hired as the Deputy Executive Director to the Democratic National Convention. Councillor McGovern
3. COVID-19 Memorial Day. Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Simmons
4. Resolution on the death of Arlene Delaney. Councillor Simmons

## **ORDERS**

1. Lowell Street Property. Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui
2. Task Force Transparency. Councillor Zondervan
3. Budget Reallocation Update. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Nolan
4. Shelter Wages. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. The Ordinance Committee met on Dec 16, 2020 to conduct a public hearing on the Alewife Quadrangle Northwest Overlay petition.
2. The Ordinance Committee met on Feb 10, 2021 to conduct a public hearing on the Alewife zoning petition.

3. The Ordinance Committee met on Feb 16, 2020 to conduct a public hearing to continue discussion on the Alewife zoning petition.

A Zoning Petition has been received from Arvind Srinivasan regarding zoning language relative to the Alewife Quadrangle Northwest overlay

#### **COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

1. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, transmitting questions for the COVID-19 update.
2. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui, communicating information from the School Committee.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE (via Zoom and TV)**

##### **Mon, Mar 1**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Thurs, Mar 4**

5:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss with neighborhood groups their successes and challenges and how the City can better support them, as well as ideas related to the Envision plan. (Zoom only)

##### **Fri, Mar 5**

10:00am The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss implementing a condominium conversion ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 8**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, Mar 10**

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will meet to continue discussion on REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE. That the Cambridge City Council pass the Real Estate Transfer Fee Home Rule Petition. POR 2020 #174 of July 27, 2020. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 15**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 22**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 29**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 5**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 12**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 26**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, May 3**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, May 10**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, May 17**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, May 24**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 7**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 14**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 21**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 28**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### **TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Mar 1, 2021

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The creation of affordable housing is a top priority for the City Council and Cambridge residents; and

WHEREAS: City-owned lots provide cost-saving potential, and the Council has repeatedly expressed interest in [building on City-owned lots](#) since 2016; and

WHEREAS: The parking lot at 25 Lowell Street is a City-owned lot that gets little use, and is directly next to transit, with access to a park and ample open space; and

WHEREAS: There appears to be adequate space to build housing on the site without changing the existing historic building, which is on the lot owned by the City and currently occupied by the Cambridge Arts Association and the New School of Music; and

WHEREAS: Affordable housing on the west side of Cambridge was identified as a City goal and the Lowell Street site is in an ideal location for consideration as a site for increasing the affordable stock in West Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: By building on City owned land, the land acquisition costs are zero, potentially allowing for a financially viable affordable housing project of small to medium size; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to invite the existing tenants, Cambridge residents, and neighborhood members to participate in exploratory discussions on best use of the parking lot; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments including the Community Development Department and Law Department to explore whether the City-owned Lowell Street parking lot is a good site for affordable housing.

O-2 Mar 1, 2021

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

WHEREAS: The City Manager has [appointed](#) a task force to examine the Future of Public Safety in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Agendas, recordings, and minutes from the first two meetings of the task force have not been made available to the public; and

WHEREAS: This lack of transparency and public access is a direct contradiction to the stated goals of the task force of “widespread engagement” and working collaboratively with the City Council; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to immediately make available all meeting materials of past and future meetings of this task force, and to publicly notice all future meetings so that the public can observe; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record renewing its commitment to transparency and public engagement as the Future of Public Safety conversation develops.

O-3 Mar 1, 2021

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: In June 2020, the City Manager agreed to implement a policy [order](#) passed by the Council placing a temporary hold on filling police department vacancies while beginning the hiring process for the following positions (as stated in the original order):

1. The hiring of a new case manager in the City Manager’s Housing Liaison Office
2. The hiring for a new Associate Housing Planner, Preservation and Development Housing Planner, new Compliance and Asset Manager, part-time inclusionary Housing Assistant
3. The hiring for a social worker in the Central square library,
4. To provide funding for additional leadership for Equity and Culture
5. The hiring for two new Birth to Third Early child positions; and

WHEREAS: These positions were carefully chosen to reflect Council priorities ahead of staffing up in the police department and the total salary of these positions equaled the increase that had been requested by the police department in the FY21 budget (\$2.5 million); and

WHEREAS: As the FY22 budget cycle begins, and as the Cambridge Police Department [begins](#) to staff up, the City Council would like to be updated on the progress made on the aforementioned hires; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide an accounting of the June 2020 budget agreement, including which of the positions listed above have been filled and if savings from leaving some police

department positions vacant were used to fund the new positions; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council as soon as possible on this matter.

O-4 Mar 1, 2021

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that some of the staff at the 240 Albany Street shelter are not earning a living wage for their work; and

WHEREAS: Staff at shelters that have entered into a contract with the City are paid a living wage ([\\$16.46/hour](#)) as required by the City’s Living Wage [Ordinance](#), including the facility at Spaulding and the Warming Center; and

WHEREAS: Councillors have heard numerous reports of guests being treated disrespectfully and being denied necessary services at the shelter, and that morale is very low among the staff who are doing difficult work during a historic pandemic; and

WHEREAS: As the City considers adding long term non-congregate shelter options for the unhoused, there is an immediate need for improvements to the services currently being provided through the shelter system, including paying all shelter workers at Albany Street the wages that they deserve; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to present options to the Council to ensure that the staff at Albany Street are properly compensated for their work, and that guests are treated with the respect and dignity they deserve; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the Council on this matter as soon as possible.