

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Surveillance Technology Impact Report regarding video recording devices on school buses.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request for authorization to allow the Purchasing Agent to award a five (5) year contract to a successful bidder on the School Bus Transportation Bid.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of new members and reappointments of the following persons as a members of the Human Services Commission for a term of three years, effective Mar 2, 2020. New Members: Collin Fedor, Christopher Fischer and Kathleen Kelly. Reappointments: Julie Asher, Christine Elow and Rev. Lorraine Thornhill.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the [Harvard Square Conservation District Study Committee report](#).
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-157, regarding the Cambridge Police Department Procedural Justice Dashboard.
6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$15,000,000 from Free Cash to the Affordable Housing Trust to assist in preserving affordability of units at Fresh Pond Apartments at 362 and 364 Rindge Avenue.
7. 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.
8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an update on the proposed Eversource substation on Fulkerson Street.

ON THE TABLE

1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the City Solicitor, Community Development, Public Works, Inspectional Services and any other related departments to review the proposed amendments regarding the prohibition of Natural Gas Infrastructure in New Buildings. [TABLED ON JAN 27, 2020]
2. A communication was received from City Clerk, Anthony I. Wilson, transmitting a compilation of the Surveillance technology Impact Reports tabled by the City Council on Feb 24, 2020. [TABLED ON FEB 24, 2020]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. 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]
4. A Zoning Petition has been received from Suzanne P. Blier regarding Harvard Square Zoning Petition. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING ON FEB 18, 2020, TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER MAR 2, 2020]
5. A re-filed Zoning Petition has been received from Joseph T. Maguire of Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. transmitting a proposed revised amendment to the zoning ordinance by creating the Grand Junction Pathway Overlay

District. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING ON FEB 10, 2020, TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER FEB 24, 2020]

6. That section 11.202(b) of Article 11.000, entitled SPECIAL REGULATIONS, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge, be amended the table as follows: Jan 28, 2020 (Annual Adjustment) \$19.10 (amended to \$20.10) per square foot. [PASSED TO A SECOND READING ON FEB 24, 2020, TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER MAR 8, 2020]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Alexandra Offiong, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 53 Bow Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.
2. An application was received from the Community Development Department requesting permission for a temporary banner across JFK and Mount Auburn Streets announcing Cambridge Energy Alliance from Mar 23, 2020 thru Mar 30, 2020.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Michelle Lower, regarding Unfinished Business Grand Junction Pathway Overlay Zoning Petition.
2. A communication was received from Maria S. A. Sorensen, regarding Harvard Square Overlay District.
3. A communication was received from Breakthrough Greater Boston, regarding support for the Alexandria Real Estate Zoning Petition.
4. A communication was received from Karim Tanveer, regarding feasibility study for Municipal Broadband.
5. A communication was received from Ann Fleck-Henderson, 113 Richdale Avenue, regarding Policy Order #7.
6. A communication was received from Jeanne E. Koopman, 248 River Street, regarding Policy Order #7.
7. A communication was received from Mark Nahabedian, regarding Policy Order #7.
8. A communication was received from Laura Conrad, regarding Municipal Broadband Feasibility Study.
9. A communication was received from Andy Hachett, 57 Magee Street, regarding Policy Order #7.
10. A communication was received from Alexander Roederer, regarding support of Municipal Broadband.
11. A communication was received from Pat McCarthy, regarding Policy Order #7.
12. A communication was received from Mark Schneider, regarding Policy Order #7.
13. A communication was received from Paul Blainey, regarding Broadband Municipal and otherwise.
14. A communication was received from Margie Yates, regarding Municipal Broadband.
15. A communication was received from Daniel C. Cohen, regarding Policy Order #7.
16. A communication was received from Rob and Mary Joan, 131 Huron Avenue, regarding Municipal Broadband.

17. A communication was received from Walter McDonald, 172 Magazine Street, regarding Policy Order #7.
18. A communication was received from Andre Mayor, 79 Pemberton Street, regarding Municipal Broadband.
19. A communication was received from Joan Krizack, 79 Pemberton Street, regarding Policy Order#7.
20. A communication was received from Maria Christopher, 38 Parker Street, regarding Municipal Broadband.
21. A communication was received from Claire Silvers, 26 Mead Street, regarding Municipal Broadband.
22. A communication was received from Michael Matson, regarding full support for the Affordable Zoning Overlay.
23. A communication was received from Chris Danielewski, 2301 Massachusetts Avenue, regarding Municipal Broadband Feasibility Study.
24. A communication was received from Robert Camacho, 24 Corporal Burns Road, regarding Affordable Housing Overlay.
25. A communication was received from Galen Mook, regarding support of the proposal for Alexandria Properties.
26. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding the Harvard Square Upzoning.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Wishing Robert Travers, Jr. a Happy Belated Birthday. Councillor Simmons
2. Resolution on the death of Richard Gonci. Councillor Nolan
3. Resolution on the death of the Honorable Albert "Al" Burns. Councillor Toomey
4. Resolution on the death of Robert Buckley. Councillor Simmons
5. Retirement of Susan Lapierre from the Cambridge Savings Bank. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. Dedication Request for Brother Blue and Ruth Hill. Councillor Simmons
2. Policy Order re Preparations for Coronavirus Outbreak. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Nolan
3. That the Mayor is requested to schedule a Roundtable/Working Meeting for members of the City Council and School Committee for Thurs, Mar 24, 2020. Mayor Siddiqui
4. That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with the Economic Development Division of the Community Development Department to prepare a report on any steps it has taken to work towards developing a Vacant Storefront Registration Policy. Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone
5. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct staff to begin including a "Racial Equity Impact Statement" on all relevant agenda items including, but not limited to, appointments, appropriations, ordinances, legal opinions, policies, procedures and regulations, beginning on Mar 9, 2020. Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler
6. City Council support for legislation that would allow for the adoption of fees on the transfer of real estate for use in

creating new funding for affordable housing trusts, including H.2457, H.2552, and the consensus bill. Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, transmitting information regarding preserving the affordability of the Fresh Pond Apartments. Mayor Siddiqui

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Feb 24

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

Tues, Feb 25

3:00pm Roundtable/Working Meeting the purpose of discussing legislative priorities (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Mon, Mar 2

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

Tues, Mar 3

6:00pm The Housing Committee will meet for a hearing to receive an update from the Cambridge Housing Authority, Community Development, Affordable Trust Fund, Just a Start and Homeowners Rehab, Inc. on the state of Affordable Housing in Cambridge and challenges and opportunities facing the City over the next two years. (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

No date specified

No time specified The Neighborhood & Long Term

Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the timeline, scope, and budget of the Tobin/Vassal Lane School Project and how it fits onto the long term plan for all school buildings in the City to accommodate expected enrollment changes of the next 10 to 20 years and to receive an update on the legislative office plans. (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Wed, Mar 12 (Note: Is this Wed, Mar 11 or Thurs, Mar 12?)

5:30pm Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee will meet to continue discussion on extending the contract of City Manager Louis A. DePasquale beyond January 2021. (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Mon, Mar 16

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

Tues, Mar 17

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will meet for a hearing on a petition to amend the definition of family in the Cambridge zoning ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber - televised)

Mon, Mar 23

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

Mon, Mar 30

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

Mon, Apr 6

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

Mon, Apr 13

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

Thurs, Apr 16

5:30pm The Health and Environment Committee to hear a progress report and recommendations from the Climate Resilience Zoning Task Force. (Sullivan Chamber - [televised](#))

Mon, Apr 27

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

Mon, May 4

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

Mon, May 11

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

Tues, May 12

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

Wed, May 13

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

Mon, May 18

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

Mon, June 1

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

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Mar 2, 2020

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Robert Smyth for an appropriate dedication in the vicinity of Harvard Square in honor of Brother Blue and his wife Ruth Hill; and be it further

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

O-2 Mar 2, 2020

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR NOLAN

WHEREAS: Federal officials and health experts are [increasingly sounding the alarms about the likelihood that the United States will be seeing an outbreak of the coronavirus](#) at some point, and that the major questions now facing us are when will this happen and how severe will the impact be; and

WHEREAS: We have seen how this illness has been [impacting other communities across the globe](#), and it would be wise for Cambridge to proactively determine what steps we can take, as a community, to minimize the risks and

fallout of any potential local outbreak of this illness; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Executive Director of the Public Health Department and other relevant City personnel to determine what measures the City must take to prevent an outbreak of the coronavirus, what measures must be initiated to minimize the risk to our community if the pandemic spreads to Massachusetts, and to report back to the City Council on this matter no later than the Mar 16, 2020 meeting of the City Council.

O-3 Mar 2, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to schedule a Roundtable/Working Meeting for members of the City Council and School Committee for Thurs, Mar 24, 2020 at 5:30pm in the Henrietta Attles Meeting Room at the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, 459 Broadway, to follow up on discussions from the Feb 11, 2020 City Council and School Committee Roundtable Meeting regarding the school budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

O-4 Mar 2, 2020

VICE MAYOR MALLON

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: At the Economic Development and University Relations Committee Hearing that was held on Apr 30, 2019, the Committee discussed strategies to address vacant storefronts; and

WHEREAS: The City Council later adopted a [Policy Order](#) on June 24, 2019 asking the City Manager to work with the Community Development Department, the Assessor's Office, and the City Solicitor's Office to develop a Vacant Storefront Registration Policy; and

WHEREAS: The City has a vested interest in mitigating the effects of long-term storefront vacancies by creating a Vacant Storefront Registration Policy, as vacant storefronts are harmful to the vitality of our local Squares and business districts, and can hurt other small retailers and restaurants, while negatively impacting customer experience; and

WHEREAS: According to the [Retail Strategy of the City of Cambridge](#), published in August 2017, the retail vacancy rate is expected to increase in the coming years, so it is crucial that the City Council begins to address this issue before the situation becomes dire for our local business community; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with the Economic Development Division of the Community Development Department to prepare a report on any steps it has taken to work towards developing a Vacant Storefront Registration Policy; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back during the Economic Development and University Relations Committee on the matters above by its' next hearing to be scheduled this spring.

O-5 Mar 2, 2020

COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER

WHEREAS: The City Council recognizes that Cambridge is a city of great diversity with a rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS: The City Council recognizes the history of racism in our country which has led to ongoing disparities in education, job attainment, housing, public health, and many quality of life indicators for people of color; and

WHEREAS: The City Council recognizes that racial inequities have long been ingrained and institutionalized in the policies and practices of many agencies, governmental and otherwise; and

WHEREAS: The City Council recognizes that census and [neighborhood](#) profile [data](#) from the city shows that the black population of the Port has declined by 7.4% since 2013; and

WHEREAS: The City Council recognizes that racial disparities persist in the educational outcomes of children attending Cambridge Public Schools, as measured by MCAS results, including a 2019 grade 3 [literacy rate](#) of 44% for black students and 80% for white students; and

WHEREAS: The City Council recognizes that the [most recent data](#) available from the Cambridge Health Alliance shows significant racial disparities in health outcomes for black men in the city, specifically a higher overall death rate, a higher death rate due to cancer, a higher hospitalization rate due to diabetes, and a higher HIV infection rate; and

WHEREAS: The City Council recognizes that there is only one black-owned liquor license in the entire city, and that black and brown-owned businesses are an unacceptably low percentage of total businesses in the city, representing at most 33 out of 136, or less than 25% of the businesses in the self-reported diversity [directory](#); and

WHEREAS: The City Council recognizes that issues of racial equity must be addressed proactively and deliberately in the course of decision-making, and past City Councils have actually discussed the need for the City to proactively view all decision-making through the lens of asking how each decision might impact the City's minority communities; and

WHEREAS: The City Council recognizes the need to unpack seemingly neutral policies and practices to determine whether they are contributing to racial inequity or improving racial equity; and

WHEREAS: The City Council is interested in exploring and instituting methods that have worked in cities around the country to update, eliminate, or create government policies, practices, and programs specifically to dismantle existing racial disparities; and

WHEREAS: The City Council acknowledges that it might not always be clear what the potential impacts of their decisions will be on racial equity, but is committed to applying a racial equity lens in a systematic way in its decision-making processes with the goal of continuing to build a more inclusive, equitable, vibrant, and healthy community for all Cambridge residents; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record committing itself to systematically and deliberately applying a racial equity lens in its decision-making henceforth; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct staff to begin including a "Racial Equity Impact Statement" on all relevant agenda items including, but not limited to, appointments, appropriations, ordinances, legal opinions, policies, procedures and regulations, beginning on Mar 9, 2020.

O-6 Mar 2, 2020

MAYOR SIDDIQUI

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The creation and preservation of affordable housing continues to be a top priority of the Cambridge City Council, as many residents continue to struggle with continually rising housing costs in the city; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has increased funding for the Affordable Housing Trust in recent years to provide the Trust needed resources to carry out its mission of creating and preserving affordable housing, and has expressed interest in identifying new sources of funding for the Affordable Housing Trust; and

WHEREAS: There is now legislation before the General Court which would establish flexible local options that allow for cities and towns to charge fees on the transfer of real estate to generate funding for municipal affordable housing trusts; and

WHEREAS: Legislation before the General Court includes H.2457 "An Act empowering cities and towns to impose a fee on home sales over one million dollars to support affordable housing", and H.2552 "An Act establishing local options for generating housing monies" in addition to pending consensus legislation drafted by the sponsors of H.2552 and H.2457; and

WHEREAS: The adoption of such legislation which would establish provisions through which the City Council might establish real estate transfer fees in Cambridge if that were advisable to increase funding for the Affordable Housing Trust; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of legislation which would allow for the adoption of fees on the transfer of real estate for use in creating new funding for affordable housing trusts, including H.2457, H.2552, and the consensus bill; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Cambridge Legislative Delegation.